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HCMA Clydesdale team to be part of Saturday's parade

The 2017 National Strawberry Festival Parade will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at Belleville High School, head towards Five Points on W. Columbia Avenue and then come down Main Street to the museum.

Virgie Stoltz is grand marshal.

A big attraction is sure to be the six-Clydesdale horse team and wagon presented by the Huron-Clinton Metroparks to promote their 13 Metroparks.

The horses belong to Greenwood Farms, located in Memphis and owned and operated by Chuck and Cindy Cryderman.

Parade chairman Judge Tina Brooks Green announces the following entries also have registered to be in Saturday's parade:

- City of Belleville elected officials
- Sumpter Township Board
- Van Buren Township Board
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- Sumpter Fire and Police
- Van Buren Fire and Police
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- Van Buren Education Association



From last year's parade.

Independent photo by Bob Mytych

Belleville National Strawberry Festival welcomes you to town

By Joan E. Bodnar, Executive Director
Belleville National Strawberry Festival

The 41st-annual Belleville National Strawberry Festival would like to welcome you to a weekend of family fun. The Belleville National Strawberry Festival is one of Southeastern Michigan's premier summer events presented by Meijer.

As executive director I would like to thank the City of Belleville, the police and fire departments, the boy scouts, our sponsors, board of directors and everyone who has worked so hard to make the festival a success.

The festival has five venues: Main Street, St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville Presbyterian Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Victory Park. Main Street features crafters, carnival midway, vendors, and a children's area featuring a White Tiger Exhibit.

On Saturday starting at 11 a.m. there is a parade. Belleville Central Business Community brings juried crafters to Main Street.

Trinity Church features all things strawberry: pies, breads, jam, and more. They also feature their famous sloppy joe lunches Saturday and Sunday.

St. Anthony's features bingo, food, entertainment and a beer tent, plus much more. There is also a carnival on their grounds sponsored by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Belleville Presbyterian Church features tours of its church on Saturday and Sunday. It is one of the original seven Martha Mary Chapels built by Henry Ford and his wife to honor their mothers.

The festival offers free shuttle service with free parking at the Belleville Presbyterian Church on Belleville Road. The trolley will make stops at all five venues.

On Sunday is the annual Cinnamons' Father's Day Car Show at Victory Park.

Come on out to enjoy a weekend of family fun for everyone. Again, thank you to all who helped with this year's festival.

Four to compete for title of Strawberry Festival Queen

Four young women will compete for the title of 2017 Strawberry Festival Queen at a 7:30 p.m. pageant Friday at the Belleville High School Auditorium.

Contestants are Ashley Everett, 18, a

Westland man drowns in Belleville Lake during Saturday night swim

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The body of Richard Edwin Johnson, 61, of Westland was pulled from Belleville Lake by the Van Buren Township Dive Team at about 9 p.m. Saturday near Horizon Park.

VBT Detective Donovan McCarthy said officers interviewed people on the boat and others with him to get the story of what happened.

He said Johnson and friends were taking Johnson's boat for a first spin on the lake after it had been repaired.

They had been moored just off Fireworks Island and hadn't been on the island, Det. McCarthy said.

They were 40-50 feet off the east side of the island when two of his guests jumped in the water for a swim. When they got back on the boat, Johnson decided to go for a swim and dived head first into the water and swam away from the boat.

Det. McCarthy said they reported Johnson appeared to get fatigued, so one of his guests threw him a life jacket, but he was unable to reach it because of the wind and current.

At that point the boat was not anchored and was drifting, McCarthy said.

The guest in the water was helped by a different boat and they called 9-1-1.

Fire Chief Amy Brow said when Johnson didn't surface at about 7:30 p.m., they called 9-1-1 and, after about an hour and a half of searching, the dive team recovered him using sonar.

They launched the boat into the water after 5 p.m., McCarthy said.

He said there were no alcohol containers in the boat and there is no reason to believe alcohol was involved. An autopsy and chemical tests will take about four weeks, he said.

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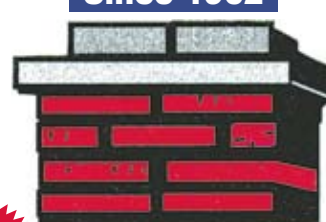
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

School Board selects Gerick to fill out term vacated by Frazier

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education unanimously selected Darlene Honie Loyer Gerick to serve out the vacant term of Sherry Frazier, who recently resigned.

Gerick's term will run through Dec. 31, 2018.

The board received five applications for the seat and interviewed all five on June 6. After the interviews, board members whittled the number of candidates to two and made the final selection at the end of Monday's regular meeting.

The finalists were Gerick, who came in just behind the winners in the November election, and Lisa Wysocki, a Canton teacher who has never run for the school board. Others interviewed were Victor De Libera, Elizabeth Doemer, and Katerina Tyner.

Board President Keith Johnston began Monday's discussion on the candidates and said Gerick received 6,900 votes and took the time to run. He said Wysocki is more than qualified and has a solid resume.

Johnston said Gerick spent time and money to run for the position and 6,900 people voted for her.

Secretary Kevin English said the board had sent extra questions to the two finalists and the way she answered the last question was the clincher for him. He said Gerick "outweighed all the evidence in the room."

"It's not just the number of voters, but she rose to the top with her answers," said Trustee Susan Featheringill.

Trustee Featheringill made the motion to appoint Gerick to the position and English seconded the motion. The six board members present voted unanimously to approve the motion.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said Gerick will be sworn in this week and will be able to sit on the board for its next meeting, which is a budget hearing at 6 p.m., Monday, June 19.

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

- Witnessed the Van Buren Education Foundation give \$20,000 in grants to teachers for their classrooms: \$3,000 to Belleville High School, \$1,600 to McBride, \$2,900 to Owen, \$3,700 to Rawsonville, \$2,600 to Edgemont, \$1,400 to Haggerty, and \$4,800 to Tyler. The grants were given at the end of the school year this time, so teachers can have their new equipment up and running for the first day of school in the fall. There were 80 applications;

- Watched five student members of DECA explain their program and how it is helping them become more confident public speakers and make them eligible for



Darlene Honie Loyer Gerick

scholarships. Noah Copeland, incoming president, led the group's presentation. BHS teacher Jason Butka is sponsor;

- Approved purchasing more Chromebooks from CDWG at a price not to exceed \$81,600 to be used to begin replacing older, worn-out technology and to move toward one-on-one computing;

- Heard Plant Operations Director James Williams give a report on all the property owned by the district. He was directed to sell the portable units at 414 Sumpter Road, get an appraisal on the warehouse and the Career Tech Center building, and see if anyone is interested in buying the West Willow property. The rest of the properties – those on Denton, Morton Taylor, and Elwell roads -- will remain in the ownership of the district because they aren't costing anything and are an investment;

- Approved purchase of a 2017 Ford Transit 250 MR Van from Atchinson Ford in an amount not to exceed \$30,809.64 to replace a van that has been taken out of commission due to wear and safety concerns. The maintenance employees have been utilizing a pick-up truck in lieu of this van, Williams said. He said this has made the work process slow down, as tools can't be carried and left in the back of the truck due to potential theft. The bid is part of the state consortium pricing. When asked how soon they could get the van, Williams replied, "If you approve it, we'll have it tomorrow";

- Approved purchase of \$148,320 worth of cafeteria tables from SPD Commercial Interiors for Owen, McBride, Savage, Tyler, and Rawsonville schools. Finance Director Shareen Barker said the district

has been directed to pay down its food service fund budget;

- Approved purchase of a walk-in freezer from low bidder of three bids, HPF Services Equipment (a nonprofit part of Great Lakes) for \$45,732 out of the food services budget. The bid includes removal of the former freezer;

- Approved renewal of membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 2017-18 school year for BHS and McBride Middle School;

- Approved renewal of membership in the Michigan Association of School Boards for the 2017-18 school year at a cost of \$7,479. Board Secretary Kevin English pointed out that one of the MASB benefits is the SET-SEG insurance pools which resulted in returns of \$101,892.11 to the district;

- Approved a resolution adopting a Section 125 Flexible Fringe Benefits Plan for the district employees, effective June 13 and administered by American Fidelity. Barker said this allows employees to contribute to benefits and the IRS requires the resolution to continue the plan;

- Approved the second reading and approval of board policy updates and new policies as presented by Trustee Featheringill, a member of the board policy committee. The updates are recommended by NEOLA to keep up with changes in the laws;

- Approved use of school buses for the Boys & Girls Club this summer, with President Johnston abstaining from the vote because he is on the club's board of directors. The buses will be leased at the going rate of \$35 per hour plus \$1 per mile. The trips will be to Comerica Park in Detroit, Skatin' Station II in Canton, Turtle Cove Water Park at the HCMA park on Savage Road, possibly Adient in Plymouth, and Rolling Hills Water Park in Ypsilanti;

- Heard Virginia Gears ask if new teachers were getting mentoring because she has heard rumors they aren't. Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun said it is part of the law now that this must be done. Curriculum Director Jeff Moore said they haven't done as much this year, but they have plans to improve the mentoring for new teachers;

- Heard Angela Mears ask about the number of teachers that have left the district this year compared to last year. Madyun said fewer teachers are leaving this year than in the past and the HR department knows why. He said he will formally present a report on the four-year trend at the next meeting. Mears suggested a sign be put up to announce "Under New Management" at the district to encourage new teachers. Featheringill added another sign could say, "Safe to Enter." They referred to recent history under the former

superintendent when many teachers left the district;

- Heard Barker announce that they are seeking pizza bids and the school district has a waiver so that it doesn't have to use only wheat crust for the pizza, as in the past;

- Heard Madyun say they have identified two teachers, two transportation department employees, and one custodian who have perfect attendance and they will be honored. He said the employees have used no sick days or personal days;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak say the recent graduation ceremony was well done and enjoyable. He also said the district honored 12 employees who were retiring with a total of 238 years of service; and

- Went into closed-door session for a personnel evaluation of Supt. Kudlak.

Barbara Miller tells VBT: Community's culture needs a plan

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A large crowd stuffed itself into the second-floor meeting room of the Belleville Area Museum on June 6 as the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees held an off-site board meeting in downtown Belleville.

The township owns the property site and the museum building, which in the past had served as the township hall.

The museum currently is looking for funds from the township board to connect the main museum building to the former fire hall in back so more storage space can be established.

At the end of the meeting, Barbara Miller, a VBT resident and attorney who has her office in downtown Belleville, spoke under Public Comment.

She asked Supervisor Kevin McNamara and the board to consider approving establishment of a committee to study best use of the fire hall and expansion of use of the historical museum. If approved, she suggested soliciting applications for the committee from the community at large.

Miller said the community has many healthy cultural groups, including the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, Community Chorus, Music Committee, Community Band, and the Western Wayne Quilt Club.

She said there are many groups, but they are just beginning to grow. She said the museum could have its use expanded as a cultural center or have its use limited.

"It shouldn't happen like Topsy, with no plan," Miller said.

She said particularly since the library is

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

It's Strawberry Festival time in Belleville

Every community seems to have a festival and in Belleville it's this week end's Belleville National Strawberry Festival.

There are no strawberry farms in the city of Belleville and few in the surrounding area. In Washtenaw County, next door, Rowe's has a great strawberry farm where you can pick to your heart's content.

But, strawberries are a tradition in Belleville and this actually had roots back in the day when there were many local strawberry farms.

There are a few strawberries to find in town for the festival. The Masonic Temple downtown and Trinity Episcopal Church on Belleville Road always have strawberries. And, of course, St. Anthony Catholic Church, which puts on a real, hometown festival on its grounds, has strawberry desserts of every kind.

There are carnivals and craft and business vendors and a grand parade that is always fun. The annual Father's Day car show put on by Cinnamons at Victory Park on Sunday is always a hit.

And, the queen's pageant is held at Belleville High School Auditorium Friday night, so the new queen can reign over the parade on Saturday.

If you decide to stay in town for this huge event, be sure to visit the pets from Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue outside Higgerson Funeral Home. Festival would be a good time to get a new pet.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A reader brought in a June 7 copy of *The Monroe News* that had a small item that concerned Van Buren Township.

The story said a .38 special revolver with a wooden grip was stolen from a home in the 9700 block of South Dixie Highway, Erie Township. Later VBT Police recovered it when a Belleville man attempted to register it.

34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green is the chairwoman of the Strawberry Festival Parade and also puts together the Applefest Parade in New Boston. When I told her I was very excited to see the Huron Clinton Metroparks' Clydesdale horse team and wagon scheduled for Saturday's parade in Belleville, she said they had been at the Applefest and they were very impressive.

Some concern is being shown over Applefest and its parade this year since the Waltz Road bridge at the south entry to New Boston has suddenly been closed. The county said it will be closed for six months for repairs, but some people have estimated it will be more like 12 or 18 months.

On Tuesday at about 11:30 a.m., the Van Buren Township fire truck was sent to McDonald's on Rawsonville Road because the woodchips in front of the restaurant were smoking. When the fire truck got there it was reported somebody had already put out the fire.

At about 3 p.m. Monday, a loud bang was reported in the area of Savage and Haggerty roads in VBT. Police investigated and even went to Huron Valley Steel down the road to see if they could discover the cause of



the noise. Nothing.

Someone in our office suggested it might have been an exploding target. They make a really loud noise when you shoot at them and hit them, I'm told.

Neighbors to the old green building on East Huron River Drive in Belleville are delighted to hear that someone is interested in buying and rehabbing the building, which has fallen into decay.

It was recently owned by Chesley Odom and after he died it was forlorn. People wanted it torn down, but Belleville Building Official Rick Rutherford said nobody would take responsibility for owning it and so the city couldn't move forward.

Now, somebody owns it and the city had the brush cut down and can bill the property owner.

I remember when Chesley got that building for storage of his treasures and had it painted green – even the roof. He said he had the idea to put the address in great big numbers on a slant on the front of the building and it would look really great.

It never got that far. But it would be nice if the building could be rehabilitated rather than torn down.

Friday is the last day of school – a half day -- and people will be seeing lots of students who regularly hit the downtown at the end of the school year. Since it's Strawberry Festival they'll probably just

blend in with the crowd.

Got another complaint about Hillside Cemetery. This time, the base of a headstone is cracked and the headstone is at a precarious angle. It's the headstone of Maxine and George Heifner, who were very instrumental in founding the *Independent* and working very hard to get it running smoothly.

Every time I think of George, I remember him taking pictures of the annual bridge walk by climbing up on the bridge and shooting down for a better picture. He was a Marine who served in the Pacific and a warm, kind person.

Maxine, a staunch Republican, loved to argue with the Democrats at Van Buren Township and to keep an eye on them. Former Supervisor Dave Jacokes would start clenching his jaw whenever Maxine got up to speak, which she did regularly. (The 12 owners of our paper include Democrats and a Libertarian, as well as Republicans.)

Well, Maxine's family member was disappointed with the response she got when she went to city hall to ask about the gravesite. Too bad Maxine isn't here to give them a good talking to.



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Letters

Different opinion of sculpture by Hayward's

To the Editor:

Rosemary, may I respond to the letter in last week's *Independent* written by the person who interpreted the sculpture near Hayward's as seeming to be a man putting his hands up because of the threat of a gun.

My reaction is quite different. When I look at the statue I see a happy and proud ancient Greek Olympian celebrating his victory as he crosses the finish line. Perhaps we could form a group of volunteers, walk Main Street, and share interpretations of all the statues. A note-taker could write up the results for a delightful newspaper article.

Dee Crowe
Van Buren Township

Thanks, Dr. MacDermid for Free Library in VBT

To the Editor:

Van Buren Parks and Recreation would like to thank Dr. John MacDermid, member of the Belleville Rotary Club, for his kind donation of a Little Free Library! The Little Free Library, which Dr. John MacDermid built, has been placed at Quirk Park near the pavilion on Quirk Road.

Little Free Library is the registered trademark of the Little Free Library organization. The official Little Free Library motto is "Take a Book, Return a Book." Participants are encouraged to take any book they wish and to also leave a book for another participant.

Thank you, Dr. MacDermid, for your kind donation!

Jennifer Zaenglein, deputy director
Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation

Thank you to Gutters for my gutter repair

To the Editor:

I recently needed a gutter repair. Being a senior, I was very concerned at such a repair, fearing the expense. A friend gave me the number of "Gutters," 697-0806. They came at the time they said, did the repair (minor), smiled and said, "No charge."

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There are good people out there. Once again, thank you.
Irene Hamilton, Belleville

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Call comes about computer I never had

To the Editor:

Another scam.

Tuesday afternoon [May 30] I received a call from "London" phone, #122-637-4049 about my computer. I merely said hello because I have a lady friend in England and I thought it might be her. I would not have answered otherwise. I hung up without saying another word.

Please note: I have no computer and never did. Interesting, isn't it?
Maris Gourley
Belleville

We need to improve healthy food access

To the Editor:

At a time when clothes, tablets and diapers can be ordered online at the push of a button and delivered within 24 hours or less, it's hard to believe there are millions of people in Michigan that don't have access to nutritious, healthy fruits and vegetables. But, it's true.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1.8 million people in Michigan, including over 300,000 children, live in communities with inadequate access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Scarce access to fresh, healthy food isn't an inner-city problem or a rural issue — it's both. From the Upper Peninsula to the streets of Detroit, far too many Michiganders live miles away from a grocery store, corner store or farmers' market that's stocked with fruits and vegetables.

This glaring need could be met if the legislature includes funding for the Michigan Corner Store Initiative in their budget. The Michigan Corner Store Initiative would allow communities to invest in improved health, job creation, and economic development by expanding farmers' markets, grocery stores, and corner stores so they can offer fresh fruits and vegetables to underserved areas of the state.

Obesity increases the risk of cancer, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and other health outcomes, such as dying at an early age. When fresh fruits and vegetables are readily available, children and adults develop better eating habits and better overall health, including a decreased risk of obesity. And every child deserves access to fresh fruits and vegetables so they can grow up healthy and strong.

Sue Wade
Van Buren Township

Save the internet

To the Editor:

Save the Free and Open Internet.

Sharon Bauerle
Maybee

Van Buren Twp., Van Buren Public Schools to start chess club

Van Buren Township has formed a community partnership with Van Buren Public School Superintendent Pete Kudlak in establishing a chess club at Owen Intermediate and McBride Middle School for their students this fall.

Both the township and the school recognize the cognitive and behavioral benefits of chess and are working to bring these benefits to as many students as possible throughout the school year by joining forces and working together to get this program off the ground.

School Supt. Kudlak noted that students throughout the Van Buren Public School District are encouraged to participate in the chess club, no matter where they live.

Committee organizers include Kevin Fite of the Detroit Institute of Arts, VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara, community activist Barbara Miller, VBT Trustee Reggie Miller, VBT Executive Assistant Dan Selman, VBT Clerk Leon Wright, and VBT Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Jennifer Zaenglein.

The dates for the chess clubs are set for Mondays, beginning at 3:40 p.m., Oct. 9, at Owen and on Wednesdays, starting at 2:40 p.m., Oct. 10, at McBride in the media center at each school.

Supt. Kudlak said the district will set up registration forms in the fall for those wishing to sign up for the chess club.

The idea of a chess club was first introduced by Barbara Miller at a library board meeting that she was attending along with Trustee Reggie Miller.

Reggie explained that the next day, she called Barbara and asked her if she could take her idea forward to Leon Wright to support the idea of a startup club in Van Buren Township since VBT had possible space.

Trustee Miller immediately got in contact with Clerk Wright who was very supportive of the idea. Barbara then put Reggie in contact with Kevin Fite, the Chess Club director at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Reggie then set up a meeting with Kevin McNamara, Leon Wright, Pete Kudlak and Kevin Fite to meet with everyone on March 27. Next, Deputy Director Jennifer Zaenglein, immediately jumped on board to assist and has been very instrumental in getting the program launched.

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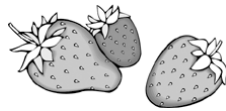
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Obituaries



Maryann S. Hernandez

MARYANN S. HERNANDEZ

(May 9, 1953 – June 8, 2017)

Maryann S. Hernandez, age 64, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Thursday, June 8, 2017 at her home. She was born May 9, 1953 in Detroit, MI, daughter of Francis and Ruth Cote. Maryann retired from General Motors after 34 years of loyal service at the Toledo, OH plant. She enjoyed home improvements, gardening, collecting angels and word search puzzles. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family. Mrs. Hernandez is survived by her husband of 22 years, Simon Hernandez, Jr.; daughter Diane (Philip) Blaser of Livonia, MI; 3 grandchildren, Steven (Katlyn) Cote, Joshua Cote and Danielle Blaser; 2 great-grandchildren Mya Cote and Steven Cote II; 2 brothers Theodore Cote of Grand Rapids, MI and Richard (Asa) Cote of Lakewood, CO. Maryann is also survived by her dogs Willie and Junior, cat Smoky, and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Heather Goodman in 2010, brother Francis, sister Diane, also two dogs, Fred and Buddy. Visitation was Saturday 5-8 p.m. and Sunday 12-7 p.m. with a 6:30 p.m. rosary at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. The funeral service was Monday, June 12, 2017 at 11 a.m. with Father John Hedges officiating. Interment followed in Denton Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the wishes of the family.

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Edward A. Kuehn

EDWARD A. KUEHN

(May 13, 1979 – June 4, 2017)

Edward A. Kuehn, age 38, of Belleville, June 4, 2017. Beloved son of David and the late Della. Dear father of Katherine and Edward. Brother of Amanda. Mother of his children Wendy Kuehn. Funeral services from The Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, was Saturday, June 10, 5 p.m. Visitation at the funeral home was Friday, June 9, 1-9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. till time of service. Cremation took place. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com.



Roger Dale Ayers

ROGER DALE AYERS

(November 5, 1950 – June 7, 2017)

Roger Dale Ayers, age 66, of Taylor, MI, died peacefully with his family by his side on Wednesday, June 7, 2017.

Roger is the loving husband of Pamela M. Ayers; father of Roger (Jennifer) Ayers, Jr. of Farmington Hills and Renee (Josh) Lear of Canton, GA. He is the proud grandfather of four wonderful grandchildren: Nicole, Matthew, Samantha, and Roger.

Roger is survived by his siblings: Bet Sirdan of Westland, Phyl (Lindy) Reeves, Deb (Clark) Calvary of Garden City, and Butch (Georgia) Ayers of Westland; and also by numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws, and extended family. Sadly, he is preceded in death by his mother, Ruth Ayres.

Roger enjoyed woodworking in his garage with his good buddy, Ron. He also enjoyed having long, meaningful discussions with his children, but most of all he loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Visitation was Thursday June 8, 2017 3-8 p.m., with a Funeral Service Friday June 9, 2017 at 11 a.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home 460 East Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111, (734) 697-4500.

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JAMES ROBERT MANIER

(June 1, 1935 – June 3, 2017)

Age 82, of Van Buren Township. Served in U.S. Air Force. Father of four, grandfather of eight, great-grandfather of two. Survived by sister Mabel Manier. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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SHARON THOMSON

(June 18, 1948 – June 7, 2017)

Age 68 of Taylor. Survived by 6 children, 15 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, mother, and sister. Visitation and service was June 8 at Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Chapel, 19865 Sumpter Road, Belleville.

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• Monday, June 19 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education special budget meeting at 6 p.m. at Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, June 20 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, June 21 -- Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

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To the Editor:

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L.G.

Thank you, St. Jude

To the Editor:

Re: St. Jude Novena

St. Jude's Novena

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Belleville planners OK microbrewery as home occupation on Wabash

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Two teachers received approval from the Belleville Planning Commission to set up a microbrewery in their detached garage and operate it as a home occupation. They plan to call it "3 Ring."

Melissa Zemper (also known as Eli Zemper) said she and her husband Drew bought the home at 74 E. Wabash Ave. after it had gone through foreclosure and they rehabbed the home.

She said it is at the end of a dead-end street and backs up to the feed mill property. The house next door is zoned residential, but the buildings at the end of the block and behind are zoned commercial.

She said they plan to brew fewer than 1,000 barrels annually for commercial distribution. She said that is the legal cap for their microbrew category, but they plan fewer barrels.

"We both are school teachers with 10-month-old twins," Zemper said.

They will have no tap room on the property, she said. In the future they might look into setting up a tap room somewhere.

The couple asked for special land use under home occupations for R-2 zoning.

The house is 1,256 square feet in size and she estimates the now-vacant garage as about 500 square feet.

Zemper said she needed the city to approve the project so she can get federal approval, as well.

Zemper said she had researched the project in great detail. She said the five-gallon soda canisters will fit in their minivan for their deliveries. There will be no additional traffic and there will be no sign.

They will outfit the garage so they can brew in there and store the product. It will be climate-controlled, she said, and noted the federal government will come out to make sure everything is being done right.

Commissioner John Juriga said there would be no danger to the neighborhood, but there will be the sweetness of barley and hops in the air.

She said her only neighbor said that would not be a problem.

She said they got approval to have a microbrewery at the old VFW on Michigan Avenue, but that didn't work out.

"I think Belleville could do well with a microbrewery ... if we get enough positive response. The beer industry is very

competitive," Zemper said.

She said they want to "dial in" three or four beers.

She said she and her husband Drew teach in a high school -- Washtenaw Technical Middle College -- inside Washtenaw Community College. She said he teaches chemistry and she teaches English and that's why she is the spokesperson for the project.

She told the commissioners that they brew outside now.

Zemper said they want to run a brewery with an educational focus, with a rotating student tap.

She said Michigan is No. 6 in the nation for microbrewery and microbreweries attract beer tourism dollars.

"Every local dollar touches six hands before it leaves," she stated.

Zemper said millennials don't have a lot of money, but they treat themselves to inexpensive things such as beer.

As far as being inspected by the federal, state, and local governments, she said she's used to being investigated. She said as a school teacher she's been fingerprinted seven times.

She said she knows that they will have to keep scrupulous records. There is a \$6.32 excise tax per barrel collected quarterly, but there was some confusion over whether that was a state or federal tax.

In her application, Zemper wrote: "Distribution of beer to local establishments will generate economic development for local businesses and attract more consumers to area."

Commissioner Juriga made the motion to approve the special-use permit and the rest of the commission seconded the motion in unison. It was unanimously approved.

Zemper thanked them and excused herself from the meeting to go put her twins to bed.

In other business at the half-hour meeting, the commissioners agreed to have a long discussion on the proposed Master Plan update at the next meeting, which is July 13. Because of all the meetings and comment periods involved, it was suggested the public hearing on the Master Plan would not come until September or October.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said she recently met with Wayne County Executive Warren Evans' chief of staff and he asked her what keeps her up at night. She said she told him that would be the Belleville Road Bridge. She said the sidewalks were caving

into the road and that was county property.

She said he asked if the bridge was compromised and Kollmeyer said she told him she didn't know, but you can see the rebar.

Commissioner Kelly Bates said the other day she saw people in yellow vests and hard hats out on the bridge. It looked like they were inspecting the bridge.

Bellino, Zorn introduce bills allowing military spouses teaching certifs.

Teachers married to active duty military personnel stationed in Michigan would be able to immediately teach in the state under legislation sponsored by Sen. Dale Zorn and Rep. Joe Bellino.

"Michigan is home to 2,160 active military members, including 1,068 in the U.S. Coast Guard alone," said Bellino, R-Monroe. "That brings a lot of spouses to the Great Lakes region that had successful professional careers elsewhere. The least we could do, while their military spouses are protecting our state and country, is help them continue their careers in the classroom."

Senate Bill 365 and House Bill 4582 would create a new path for an active duty military spouse to gain temporary employment as a teacher in Michigan.

"We are increasing attention on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education in our schools, because these core areas of study are critical to the future of our state," said Zorn, R-Ida. "Unfortunately, Michigan is facing a shortage of teachers in many of these subjects. Our reforms would enable teachers to come to Michigan with their active-duty spouses and quickly put their skills to work helping us provide every student with an education that prepares them for success."

The bills would require the Michigan superintendent of public instruction to grant a one-year, temporary teaching certificate to an individual who:

- Is married to a member of the armed forces on active duty in Michigan;
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- Shows proof the spouse is assigned to a duty station in Michigan with official active duty orders.

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Senate Bill 365 has been referred to the Senate Education Committee and House Bill 4582 has been referred to the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

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Parker Springer first BHS student to take part in Schoolcraft program

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Parker Springer, a junior at Belleville High School, was introduced at the regular June 6 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees as the first student to take part in a new dual enrollment program at the high school.

VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said the program is put on by BHS and Schoolcraft College, allowing the student to earn 20 credit hours toward an associate's degree while still in high school.

Parker has a 3.5 grade point average, is enrolled in Advanced Placement classes, and plays in the marching band.

Director Laurain said Parker will study firefighter skills during his junior and senior years at BHS and prepare himself to be a paid-on-call fire fighter. Laurain said he hopes Parker will work for the VBT Fire Department.

Parker is the son of Dean Springer and Kathleen Springer, who served as an emergency dispatcher at VBT for ten years.

Parker said he has been interested in fire fighting for some time and is glad to be able to take advantage of the program.

In other business at the June 6 meeting that was held at the Belleville Area Museum, the board:

- Heard VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara announce that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has approved the township's request to acquire the DNR property on the lake north of the Belleville Bridge. Now they will find out a price, he said. "Our idea of use is in accord with their uses," he said. Later in the meeting he said the MDNR will take 60 days for appraisal, put together a land transaction agreement and a comment period. "After that, we get the property," he said;

- Approved special land use for the Belleville Yacht Club to build a Tiki Bar on the lake behind the main building at 831 E. Huron River Drive. VBT Supervisor McNamara was recused from participating in discussion on the project and the vote, since he is a member of BYC. Trustee Reggie Miller led the meeting for this item because Supervisor McNamara had left the room. "I'm glad I'm not the only one with a conflict of interest," said Trustee Sherry Frazier jokingly as McNamara walked away from the table. The day before at the work/study session, Trustee Frazier said she tried to join the BYC, but they told her,

"No women allowed";

- Approved the second and final reading of an ordinance amendment on Waterways, adopting state regulations, but allowing them to be processed locally in district court. Supervisor McNamara said this is "taking state law and putting a kinder, gentler slant on it so people don't end up with a misdemeanor on record for life";

- Approved the first reading of rezoning parcels at 4941 Michigan Ave. from C (Local Business) and C-2 (Extensive Highway Business) to C-1 (General Commercial) to make way for a gas station, drive-through restaurant, and market. This is at the northwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Denton Road;

- Approved the professional services contract between the township and Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Inc. for general engineering services. Dave Potter and Kamran Qadeer, principal and senior vice-president, were present to answer any questions on the company, which has 400 employees. McNamara said in negotiating the contract he had asked the company to reduce their rates by 5% and it did;

- Approved the professional services contract between the township and McKenna & Associates to provide general planning services. McKenna has been the township's planners for many years and has committed to keeping the 2015 fees through the end of 2018;

- Approved an agreement between the township and Van Buren Public Schools regarding the paving of McBride Road, with Trustee Sherry Frazier making the motion and Trustee Reggie Miller seconding it. At the work/study session a day earlier, Supervisor McNamara declared Frazier will make that motion and a surprised Frazier agreed that was a good plan, "Since I had to bite the bullet." She referred to being forced to resign from the school board to satisfy the school district that the McBride agreement would be legal and without challenge. At the regular meeting after making the motion, Frazier said, "Unfortunately it cost me my seat on the school board ... for the good of the community and the school district, I resolved it as amicably as I could, though I didn't agree with my removal." Trustee Reggie Miller said, "You stepped aside so the project could move forward. She should be recognized";

- Approved declaring the township's intent

to establish a special assessment district (SAD) for the McBride Road Improvement District and schedule the necessary public hearings. Supervisor McNamara said no costs will be absorbed by the township. He said technically the county funds for the project had to be used last year and VBT got an extension. He said, "as long as we get started we can complete it in the spring";

- Without discussion approved the attorney's recommendation regarding Visteon litigation. A long closed-door session on the subject was held June 5;

- Watched a demonstration of the township's new phone app. It is free and allows the public to keep up to the minute on township information;

- Heard Barbara Miller, a VBT resident and attorney who practices in Belleville, ask for the supervisor and board to consider establishing a committee to look into the best use of the fire hall behind the museum and an expansion of use of the historical museum. McNamara said he would set up those meetings;

- Heard McNamara state that Sovereign has announced potential construction of a new building at the Grace Lake site and it has hired an architect. McNamara said they plan to build a building similar to what they have now at the site, "but it's not a done-done deal." Matthew Best, deputy director of planning and economic development, said his department has been told that they will be dropping off their plans on Friday (June 9);

- Heard McNamara announce that VBT did host a tire disposal day the previous Saturday and 800 tires were brought in; and

- Heard Trustee Frazier report that she and Trustee Miller went to Sen. Hopgood's environmental meeting at Belleville High School the previous evening and listened to information about a butterfly house in Westland. She suggested the VBT Downtown Development Authority consider putting a butterfly house in the Placemaking project now under way. Trustee Miller said Brenda Stumbo of Ypsilanti Township talked of the importance of pollinators. Best said VBT has a pollinator pocket program and

whenever there is a new development, the township arranges for pollinator pockets. This includes Mayser Polymer and Menard. He said as new developments occur, this will continue. He said the goal is that every square mile in the township have a pollinator pocket.

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Registration is now under way for parents of children ages 4-7 to learn how to call 9-1-1 with Andy the Ambulance.

This a free program put on by Huron Valley Ambulance that will run from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 17, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, and on Monday, Aug. 7, at the Van Buren Township Fire Department.

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With the middle of June upon us and area greenhouses winding down for the season there are specials and sales going on this weekend. That includes offers of buy two-get-one-free on annual flats, gallon perennials, and three-inch perennials at Garden Fantasy Greenhouse on Tyler Road. Others in the area include Robson's Greenhouses on Haggerty Road north of Tyler, Pinter's Flowerland and Banotai's Greenhouse on Rawsonville Road, and Zywicki Greenhouse on Willow Road.

Open Arms Lutheran Church on Belleville Road is taking registration for its 2017 Vacation Bible School. It runs June 19-22, beginning with dinner at 5:30 p.m., program at 6 p.m. and child pick up at 8 p.m. each night. Register online at www.openarmscenter.com or call (734) 699-5000. The Bible School program is titled Maker Fun Factory, Created by God, Built for a Purpose. Visit them on Facebook, too.

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This weekend marks the 41st Belleville National Strawberry Festival with all kinds of fun, family activities along Main Street, at St. Anthony's Church on East Columbia, Belleville Presbyterian Church and Trinity Episcopal Church on Belleville Road. Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter Township will have pets available for adoption under the canopy at Higginson & Neal Funeral Home on Main Street. The parade starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Music Lakeside Concert Series gets underway next Thursday, June 22 with the Paul Keller Orchestra, with Sarah D'Angelo, beginning at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park on High Street. Concerts are free. Rain location is the Belleville United Methodist Church across the street. To see the entire summer concert line-up see the insert in today's paper or visit www.musiclakeside.com or www.bacaart.com.

The Ville Café at 859 Sumpter Road in Belle Plaza is offering half-price entry (\$2.50) during Strawberry Festival with games, music, dance floor, pool table, study area, chess, and computers with free Wi-Fi. A cash snack bar will also be available. Call (734) 391-8442

Today's paper features the Belleville Council for the Arts' Music Lakeside concert schedule for the summer, as well as the Tractor Supply's Father's Day Sale advertisement. To learn how you can have your flyer inserted into the newspaper, call me at (734) 699-9020.

VBT Planners approve preliminary site plan for 7850 Haggerty Road

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

In a 16-minute meeting on May 10, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission voted unanimously to grant preliminary site plan approval so Van Buren Investors, L.L.C. can build an addition to the back of an existing building at 7850 Haggerty Road.

The site is about 4.49 acres, just south of the intersection of Ecorse Road, and houses Continental Canteen. They plan to build a 17,477.34-square-foot addition to the west side of the existing 50,988.31-square-foot warehouse building.

Most of the details of the project had been worked out in advance between the developer and the township, but they have to add three more trees and put a dense row of shrubs around the perimeter of their storm water pond.

The Van Buren Township Fire Department also requested a new fire hydrant to be put in the parking island/curb area just south of the fire department connection. This is to allow for access to the rear of the building during fire operations and not block the driveway if obtaining water supply for the sprinkler system is needed.


Dave Nummer of Wade Trim engineers said the addition did not comply with hydrant coverage standards (entire building within 250 feet as the hose lies).

Jill Frohlich, facilities manager for Continental, said they did not expect a fire hydrant to be added and they would have to dig to the road which is very expensive.

Nummer said he would work with the applicant to make it as short as possible.

Nummer also noted that the existing storm sewer system appears to be surcharged (structures surveyed full of water). He said he believes this may be due to clogging at the detention pond and they will review the storm system in more detail once the reason for surcharge has been identified in engineering review.

Also at the meeting were Continental's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Jim Belisle and architect Derek Slupka.



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Independent photos by Rosemary K. Oztman
Shawn McKelvey, left, and Kevin Gillespie were presented with life saving awards for their parts in saving the life of Catherine Sandifer who was in the passenger seat of a vehicle that rolled into Belleville Lake on April 28 at Sandy's Marina in Van Buren Township.



VBT Fire Fighter Daniel Walters, center right, also was honored with a life saving award by VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain, right, in the rescue of Catherine Sandifer. Receiving the award for their father Fire Dept. Captain Ken Floro who could not be present were his children, from left, Francesca, Anthony, Sophia, and Vincent Floro.

VBT honors Gillespie, McKelvey, Walters, Floro for saving a life

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At the beginning of the June 6 regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain presented life-saving awards to the four people who worked together to save the life of Catherine Sandifer on April 28 at Sandy's Marina.

Director Laurain said Kevin Gillespie of Sandy's Marina in VBT and Shawn McKelvey, a resident of the city of Belleville, ran to the aid of Sandifer who was in the passenger seat of her vehicle that had rolled into Belleville Lake at the

marina. The vehicle had spun around in the water and the passenger side window was pressed tight against the dock.

Gillespie and McKelvey were unable to pull her out as the vehicle sunk into the lake, so they held onto her from the dock to keep her head above water so she wouldn't drown.

Fire Fighter Daniel Walters and Fire Department Captain Ken Floro arrived. They put a rope around her and were able to get her out.

The woman is in her 70s and recently had surgery. She was not able to help herself out.

"They all worked without regard for their own safety," said Director Laurain. "It was an extraordinary effort for all involved."

He presented certificates to Gillespie, McKelvey, and Walters and to the children of Capt. Floro because Floro was unable to be present for the meeting. Standing in for their father were Anthony, Vincent, Sophia, and Francesca.

After the meeting, Jackie Floro said her husband had stressed to the family that if the civilians hadn't done everything they did there would have been a very different end to this story.

Some people don't feel they can step forward to help, but these men did and that is why Sandifer is alive today, she said.

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until all of the bike helmets are given away. Information at (517) 373-7800 or email senhhopgood@senate.michigan.gov.

• **Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 16-18** – National Strawberry Festival in Belleville.

• **Saturday, June 17** – Romulus Historical Society is holding its annual flea market from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt Street, Romulus 48174. Furnish your own tables. Information: Cathy Morse (734) 941-6361.

• **Sunday, June 18** – M 3 musical performance from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Tuesday, June 20** – The Belleville Area Museum's annual garage sale and antiques appraisal day. The garage sale will run 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The appraisal day will be 4-6 p.m. inside the museum.

• **Thursday, June 22** – Free Community Dinner from 6 to 6:30 p.m. at Willow United Methodist Church and God Works Family Soup Kitchen, 36925 E. Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. www.willowchurch.org

• **Thursday, June 22** – Music Lakeside begins for the season at 7 p.m. This week it's Paul Keller Orchestra with Sarah D'Angelo. Free. Horizon Park, Belleville.

• **Saturday, June 24** – State Rep. Kristy Pagan will hold her coffee hour with constituents at 10 a.m. at Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville. Rep. Pagan serves Canton, Belleville, and Van Buren Township. Tell her your concerns.

• **Saturday, June 24** – The annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of Northwestern Wayne County, of which the Belleville group is a part, is at from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Claddagh's Irish Pub, 17800 Haggerty, Livonia 48152. Election of officers is part of the agenda and Barbara Miller and Virginia Belinski are proposed as directors.

• **Sunday, June 25** – Cool Birds musical performance from 2 to 5 p.m. at September

Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Sunday, June 25** – Summer concert by the Belleville Community Band at 3 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street. Information: (734) 699-6350.

• **Monday, June 26** – Farmer's Market runs from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth Street Square in downtown Belleville. It will run the second and fourth Mondays of the month through summer.

• **Thursday, June 29** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. This week it's Jill Jack. Free. Horizon Park, Belleville.

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Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara tells of the closeness and cooperation of the Belleville and VBT communities. He is speaking from a board table set up on the second floor of the Belleville Area Museum on June 6. The township owns the building and the site in downtown Belleville and Supervisor McNamara told the history of the former township hall.



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Sumpter Twp. Planners table vote on proposed project on 67 acres

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Neighbors vehemently object to a proposed project on 67 acres at 23600 Carleton West Road.

After two hours of public hearing on June 8, the Sumpter Planning Commission tabled further consideration until its next meeting on July 13. Commissioners seek clarification and more information on what will be done on the site.

A special exemption use permit is requested by William Abraham of New Boston for his Abraham Filming Company and Family Entertainment.

He told the township he wants to create a seasonal camping and family entertainment

area. It will be on about 67 acres of mostly wooded land.

The proposed use will consist of camping, fishing, bicycling, theater, weddings, graduations, film festivals, drone flying, and paintball games.

Abraham indicated there will be no permanent structures located on the site and any equipment or shelters required for select events will be mobile and only on site for the duration of the specific event.

The township's planning consultant, Christopher Atkin of Carlisle Wortman said by definition most of these types of uses qualify as "passive recreation" — an area of land dedicated to recreational activities that require a low level of development

and preservation of natural areas, and often involves solitary or small group, unstructured activities.

The proposed area for camping and entertainment will be contained in about 27.5 acres. A wooded buffer of 150-300 feet will perimeter the area.

Commission chairwoman Jane Stalmack read nine letters from neighbors into the record of the public hearing opposing the project. Seven residents also spoke against the project.

Abraham said he does not wish to upset the neighbors and he would keep control of the activities.

Neighbors pointed out when Abraham had held Haunted Halloween events on the property there was screaming late at night and other noise, along with trash in the ditches, intoxication and the police being called. There was the theft of a tree stand and someone shooting guns.

Other concerns spelled out by residents included: the loss of peace and quiet in their country setting, using wetlands for these activities, strangers in the neighborhood, loss of privacy with drone flying close to their homes, and a business in the residential neighborhood.

In other business, the commission decided the Accessory Building ordinance that was redone recently was not within reason on the sizes of pole barns and so suggested changes will not be pursued. A revised Accessory Building ordinance was approved last summer and they will stay with that one.



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BHS Class of 1987 sets 30th reunion July 15

The 30th reunion for Belleville High School Class of 1987 is 6 p.m., July 15, at the Van Buren Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 9961 Beck Road, Belleville.

Tickets are available at <http://www.bellevilleclassof1987.myevent.com/>

Samantha Edwards, Zachary Lazar earn B.S. degrees from WMU

Belleville residents Samantha N. Edwards and Zachary T. Lazar earned Bachelor of Science degrees from Western Michigan University in the April 29 spring graduation ceremony.

Edwards majored in Child and Family Development and Lazar majored in Aviation Flight Science.

WMU is located in Kalamazoo.

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On Monday afternoon in 90-degree heat the annual summer car show sponsored by the Bayou Grill was under way for the second week. Also the new Farmer's Market was open. It will run 4-7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays through September in the Fourth Street Square. There were just four vendors on the first day of the market, but Janet Millard, Belleville Central Business Community events coordinator, said she expects the vendors to increase as the harvest season progresses.



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Last Thursday, construction workers were erecting the new Davenport office building at 337 Main St. This picture now is history, as the building quickly grows.

Culture plan

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expanding, the township should look at the museum. For example, the community has no place for children's theater or a civic theater, she said.

"There should be a deliberate plan," she stressed, adding, "This is not a threat, but an opportunity."

As part of a series several years back she had brought former Canton Supervisor Tom Yack to the museum to talk about planning and the cultural life of a community.

"Change is coming and I feel we should plan for it," Miller said.

VBT Trustee Sherry Frazier said Miller is a VBT resident, but has done so much to foster culture throughout the community. She pointed out Miller's work to start the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, Music in the Park, and the community's chorus and band.

She said recently, Miller started the local League of Women Voters and the chess club that starts this fall.

Trustee Frazier said when Tom Yack was supervisor of Canton he did a great job of putting a cultural center together.

Miller suggested getting advice from the township planners who have experience in cultural areas. This would attract young people, she said.

"We need planning to move forward," Miller said.

"I take this very seriously," replied Supervisor McNamara. He said they should look at the expanded use of the museum building and, "It would be up to us whether

we accept the recommendation of the task force." He referred to the township board as making any final decisions.

Belleville City Councilman Tom Fielder, who also is president of the Historical Society, said the point made by Yack in his talk was that governments don't create cultural activity, but can create a site where people can perform cultural activities.

"We have to provide places where cultural events can take place," Fielder said. "Start a dance club? No. Provide a stage where they can perform..."

McNamara said he will set up "those meetings to advance this."

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Dorothy Chizmar Ticknor was feted on her 100th birthday. Guests at the party included, from left, Elliot Sala, Bill Chizmar, and David Sala.

Dorothy Ticknor feted at surprise party to mark 100th birthday

Dorothy Chizmar Ticknor, who graduated from Belleville High School in 1934, was surprised by a 100th birthday celebration put on by family and friends June 10 at Webber's in Ann Arbor.

After living in Belleville and St. Joseph, MI, over the years, she now resides with her daughter Sally Rendell in Chelsea. She also has two sons, Jim Ticknor of Ann Arbor and Tom Ticknor of suburban

Chicago.

Her sister Emma Chizmar Sala of Sumpter Township predeceased Dorothy. Emma's sons David Sala of South Lyon and Elliott Sala of Ypsilanti Township were among those attending the party.

Bill Chizmar, a former principal in the Van Buren Public Schools, is Dorothy's nephew. He also attended the party.

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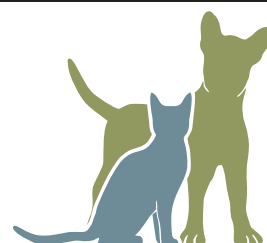
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Court Watching:

Judge Green binds over co-defendants in purse snatching at Meijer

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On June 7, co-defendants Kyle Patrick Burton, 27, and Heaven Leigh Persinger, 25, waived their preliminary exams at 34th District Court on identical charges of larceny in a building on May 20 in a purse snatching at Meijer in Van Buren Township.

Reportedly, one distracted a woman shopper while the other grabbed her purse. They were pursued by police to the Red Roof Inn.

Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green bound them over to circuit court for a June 14 arraignment on the information.

Both were lodged in the Wayne County Jail each on \$25,000 cash bond and were present in Judge Green's courtroom via videos. VBT Detective Donovan McCarthy is the officer in charge of the cases.

Judge Green noted that there was a misdemeanor retail fraud charge against Persinger and if she pled guilty to that the judge would wash out the charge since she has been incarcerated since May 22. Persinger took her up on that and said that was at Walmart on March 3 and they got back all the \$75 worth of items she took.

Persinger told Judge Green that at the time they said she could get out on a tether and Judge Green assigned her to pretrial services.

James Forrest Chapman

James Forrest Chapman, 57, was due at 34th District Court on June 7 for his probable cause conference on the refiled felony charge of assaulting / resisting / obstructing a police officer and the misdemeanor offense of refusing to provide a DNA sample. In the June 2016 incident, Chapman reportedly jumped into Belleville Lake to avoid police.

On June 7, Chapman did not show up for his 9 a.m. court arraignment and at about 11:15 a.m., Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green assigned a bench warrant for his arrest. But, after the police officer in charge of the case, the prosecuting attorney, and the press had left the courthouse, Chapman showed up and Judge Green arraigned him and continued his personal bond.

On June 5, Chapman had been at the 34th District Court to ask Judge Brian A. Oakley to reduce his \$500 cash bond. Judge Oakley reduced his bond to \$2,000

personal recognizance bond (that does not require payment) and ordered the tether put on Chapman to be removed.

Court workers said on June 6, Chapman was at court all day seeking refund of the cash that had been posted for his bond after his most recent arrest.

Chapman is due before Judge Oakley on June 21, which is the motion date set in a similar misdemeanor DNA charge that was attached to a 2015 felony.

Chapman told Judge Oakley he would write a motion requesting dismissal of the 2015 charge. Judge Oakley previously dismissed the charge and the prosecutor's appeal to circuit court resulted in circuit court sending the case back to Judge Oakley.

Chapman also is due for a show-cause hearing on June 19 before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Margaret Van Houten concerning all the police reports during probation period from a 2015 case. His hearing on vicious dog and unlicensed dog tickets are set for June 20 at 34th District Court.

Michael Edwin Way

Michael Edwin Way, 39, was brought by Sumpter Police from his Washtenaw County Jail cell to face his probable cause conference on a domestic violence charge before Judge Green.

The incident occurred on Dec. 22 in Sumpter Township. Way's preliminary exam is set for June 28 before Judge Green.

Way told Judge Green he is serving time in Washtenaw County Jail for larceny and violation of probation. He said his sentence is until September, but he may be released within the next few weeks. The attorney standing in for his court-appointed attorney asked for personal bond for Way.

Judge Green said a bench warrant had been issued for Way when he failed to appear in January and then they got a letter from the Washtenaw County Jail that he had been in jail since December.

Sumpter Sgt. Ashby said he had no objection to personal bond.

Way told Judge Green he has no contact with the victim, who is the mother of his children. He said the children were taken away by the state and now are in the custody of a relative.

Kimberly Ann Conard

Kimberly Ann Conard, 52, was charged with operating while intoxicated with an occupant less than 16 and driving while license suspended-2nd on May 10 in Van Buren Township. She was present May 31 for her preliminary exam before Judge

Oakley.

But her court-appointed attorney reached a plea deal for her and the two charges were dismissed in exchange for a guilty plea to operating while intoxicated-2nd. VBT Officer Jeff Stanton is the officer in charge of the case.

Trent Harold-Lee Kelley

Trent Harold-Lee Kelley, 37, is charged with home invasion first degree, aggravated stalking, assault on a police officer, and refusing to be fingerprinted on May 9 in Sumpter Township. He waived his preliminary exam on May 31 and Judge Oakley bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on June 7.

On June 7, an AOI plea was made and a disposition conference will be held June 23 before Judge Deborah Thomas.

Judge Oakley had also noted that Kelley was on probation from the 34th District Court for a July 21, 2016 threats and harassment charge. He was sentenced to 12 months of probation, so Kelley's probation could have been violated.

Kelley is lodged in the Wayne County Jail on bond of \$50,000/10%.

Duryea Lafaunce Parkes

Duryea Lafaunce Parkes, 30, waived his preliminary exam May 31 on a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder on April 6 in Sumpter Township.

He is due in circuit court for an arraignment on the information on June 14. He is free after posting bond of \$50,000/10%.

Court appointed defense attorney is David

Lankford and officer in charge of the case is Det. Toth.

Trevor Chris Stanberry

Charges against Trevor Chris Stanberry were dismissed without prejudice May 31 when the prosecutor's office said it was unable to proceed. Stanberry had been charged with first-degree home invasion, unauthorized driving away of a motor vehicle, and false pretenses in the city of Belleville. He was free on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond and his court-appointed attorney was Shakira Hawkins. Officer in charge of the case was Cpl. Todd Schrecengost.

Robert Michael Sweet

Robert Michael Sweet, 52, was present with two guards from the Michigan Department of Corrections for his preliminary exam on May 31. He waived the exam and was scheduled for an arraignment on the information at circuit court on June 7. His bond was set at \$5,000/10%, but he is already incarcerated.

On June 7 his AOI was adjourned by Judge Deborah Thomas until June 21.

He is charged with unauthorized driving away of a motor vehicle, receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle, unlawful use of a motor vehicle, and larceny in a building on Oct. 25, 2016 in Van Buren Township.

VBT Officer Mark Buxton is the officer in charge of the case.

Olympia Rain Trotty

Olympia Rain Trotty, 22, was due for her preliminary exam on May 31 on a charge

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Court watching

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of assault with a dangerous weapon on Nov. 19, 2016 in VBT. She was free after posting bond of \$5,000/10%.

Earlier that morning the court got a call that Trotty was hospitalized and had surgery for a broken jaw. This was verified. The exam was adjourned until June 14. Det. Donovan McCarthy is the officer in charge of the case.

Kwameh Andre Barnett

On May 31, Kwameh Andre Barnett, 30, waived his preliminary exam on a charge of uttering and publishing in VBT on July 18, 2016. He is due in circuit court for an arraignment on the information on June 14. He is free on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond. Officer in charge of the case is Det. Ken Toney.

Eric Tremaine Casey

Eric Tremaine Casey, 34, was due for his

preliminary exam on June 7 on charges of home invasion-2nd, malicious destruction of property over \$1,000, and larceny in a building on June 7, 2016 in VBT. He was lodged in the Wayne County Jail on \$10,000/10% bond.

On June 7, his case was dismissed by Judge Green.

Jessica Lynn Havasy

Jessica Lynn Havasy, 29, was due for her probable cause conference May 31 on two separate cases. One was home invasion-2nd, stolen property, breaking and entering of a building, weapons/larceny, and weapons on July 26, 2016 in VBT. The second case was home invasion-2nd and receiving and concealing stolen property on Aug. 16, 2016 in VBT.

She was free on two personal recognizance bonds of \$25,000 each.

Court-appointed attorney Robert Zaranek said he called her cell phone without response and, "She's not here. I don't know where she is."

Judge Oakley signed two bench warrants for her arrest.

Julius Antonio Polly

On May 31, Julius Antonio Polly, 27, waived his preliminary exam on a DEA charge of delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance in Belleville on Dec. 20, 2016. He is due in circuit court for an arraignment on the information on June 14. His retained attorney is Marlin Evans.

Robert Vigh

Robert Vigh, 28, waived his preliminary exam May 31 on charges of delivery/

manufacture of controlled substance/marijuana and possession of analogues on May 18, 2015 in VBT. He is free on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond and is due in circuit court for an arraignment on the information on June 14. Det. McCarthy is the officer in charge of the case.

Alexander Carson Wynder

Alexander Carson Wynder, 23, pled guilty to larceny in a building at Benito's Pizza in Belleville and the charge of possession of a stun gun was dismissed by Judge Dana Margaret Hathaway at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on May 31.

Judge Hathaway referred the case to the Probation Department for a pre-sentence report. Sentencing is set for 9 a.m., June 15. Wynder remains in the Wayne County Jail on bond of \$10,000/10%.

Donald Hazel Swinson

Donald Hazel Swinson, 77, of Sumpter Township pled guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and the second charge of felony firearm was dismissed, on June 7 before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Wanda A. Evans.

He was sentenced to SGL Range for six months, 40 hours of community service, fines totaling \$1,498, and probation for one year, six months, starting June 7. The jury trial that had been set for Aug. 7 was cancelled.

Swinson was arrested following the Feb. 15 incident where he drew his gun and pointed it at next-door neighbor Nelson Po following a disagreement between Po and Swinson's granddaughter and her dogs.

Nelson Po

The jury trial for Nelson Po of Sumpter Township was due to begin June 7, but there was an insufficient number of jurors present, so the trial was adjourned at the request of the court to June 15 before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Ulysses W. Boykin. Then it was assigned to Judge Callahan for a June 26 trial. The trial may run three days.

Po is charged with delivery/manufacture of 5-45 kilograms of marijuana.

Jamele Johnathon Belton

Armani Lavel Chivas Karo

Deantwan Rayshawn Woods

Three co-defendants -- Jamele Johnathon Belton, 18; Armani Lavel Chivas Karo, 18; and Deantwan Rayshawn Woods, 20 -- who are charged in the April 29 home invasion in Sumpter Township -- all were arraigned on the information at Wayne County Circuit Court on June 7. Their AOI plea will be discussed at their disposition conference on June 23 before Judge Deborah Thomas.

Belton and Karo are charged with first-degree home invasion and have been released from jail after posting their reduced bond of \$10,000/10%.

Woods, however, is charged with first-degree home invasion, assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to harm less than murder, assault with a dangerous weapon, weapon in a vehicle, and five counts of felony firearm. He remains lodged on \$100,000 cash or surety bond.

Dingell announces \$451,237 regional grant for Ypsilanti Fire Dept.

U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, D-MI, announced the City of Ypsilanti Fire Department will receive a \$451,237 regional grant through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program.

The funding will be used to purchase EMS and training equipment for 16 fire agencies throughout the region, including those in the city of Belleville and Van Buren Township.

"It is critical that local firefighters have the equipment necessary to protect our communities safely and effectively," Dingell said. "This funding will ensure that fire departments throughout our region are equipped with the most up-to-date tools and technology to stay safe on the job."

"The grant will be a great relief for the agencies involved," said Ypsilanti Fire Chief Max Anthouard. "This equipment will enable coordinated efforts, and implementation of new county EMS protocols. We are very happy about this."

Fire departments included in the regional grant include: Ann Arbor Township, Augusta Township, City of Belleville, Dexter Area, Green Oak Township, Manchester Township, Northfield Township, Northville Township, Plymouth Township, Salem Township, Saline area, Scio Township, Superior Township, Van Buren Township, City of Ypsilanti, and Ypsilanti Township.

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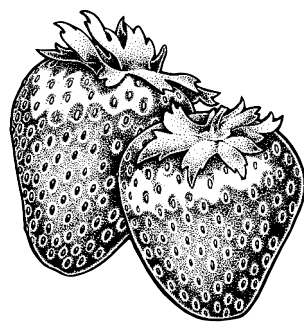
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Huron Twp. Police, Fire Departments honored for life-saving efforts

Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA) was proud to present Officer Keith Nappo of the Huron Township Police Department with a life-saving award for his heroic actions on July, 19, 2016.

Also honored were Corporal Duane Griffis of HTPD and Captain Bradley Bauman of HTFD for their heroic actions on April 22, 2016.

The awards were presented May 23 at HVA's annual Emergency Medical Service Awards Dinner.

Ofc. Nappo

On the evening of July 19, 2016, Ofc. Nappo and his partner were dispatched to Willow Road at the I-275 overpass in New Boston for a call involving a suicidal person. Upon his arrival, the man was found sitting on the overpass railing with his legs dangling above traffic on southbound I-275.

Ofc. Nappo recognized the man as a person he had interacted with in the past. On a previous incident, he had taken the time to speak with the man regarding some recent hardships going on in his life. The man advised Ofc. Nappo that he was contemplating jumping from the railing onto the freeway. Ofc. Nappo used his rapport with the man to convince him to step down from the railing to safety; he was also able to convince the man to seek a medical evaluation.

Police officers regularly find themselves in situations where they deal with people in their lowest moments, HVA noted. The time Ofc. Nappo spent listening to the man in the past more than likely save his life that day.

Cpl. Griffis & Capt. Bauman

On April 22, 2016, the Huron Township

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Members from Huron Township Police and Fire Departments receive life saving awards at Huron Valley Ambulance's annual awards dinner. From left are Huron Valley Ambulance President/CEO Dale Berry, Police Chief Everette Robbins, Huron Valley Ambulance Chairman of the Board William Wise, Officer Craig Griffin, Deputy Police Chief Mark Perkins, Captain Bradley Bauman, and Corporal Duan Griffis.



Members from Huron Township Police and Fire Departments. From left are Fire Chief Jamie Hinojosa, Police Chief Everette Robbins, Officer Duane Griffis, Officer Keith Nappo, Deputy Police Chief Mark Perkins and Captain Bradley Bauman.

Police Department Dispatch Operations Center received a 911 call from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department in regards to a potential murder/suicide possibly taking place at the Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery near Flat Rock.

A woman had kidnapped her sister from a nursing home in Van Buren Township and planned to push her sister into the Huron River and then jump into the river after her.

Cpl. Griffis was dispatched to the incident and was met by other officers from HTPD including Capt. Bauman. Upon arrival at the scene, first responders found one woman in the river; she was submerged up to her neck and in immediate danger.

Cpl. Griffis immediately climbed down a large ledge and onto the wet rocks along the river's edge; he was able to hold the woman's hand keeping her safe until additional help arrived. The river's edge was made of large jagged rocks, and the river levels were high with a very swift current. Cpl. Griffis acted without regard to his own life as he took the necessary

actions to save the life of another.

When Cpt. Bauman arrived at the scene, he immediately initiated an action plan using two ladders from the fire engine to rescue the woman in the river. Cpt. Bauman entered the river to secure the woman in a manner that would keep her from sustaining further injury.

Cpt. Bauman, Cpl. Griffis and other members of HTFD worked as a team to lift the woman from the water, up the ledge on the river's edge and ultimately to safety. Cpt. Bauman's ability to assess the situation and quickly come up with a plan of action was instrumental in saving this woman's life.

The awards

The HVA Emergency Medical Services awards dinner is held each year during National EMS week to honor HVA Paramedics and EMTs who provide the day-to-day life-saving services of medicine's front line. The dinner also serves to recognize community members and groups who have made life-saving efforts throughout the year.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDINANCE 05-16-17 NOTICE OF ADOPTION

An amendment to the General Code of Ordinances regulating the Township has been adopted by the legislative body of the Charter Township of Van Buren.

A copy of this Ordinance in its entirety may be purchased or inspected at the Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 during the normal business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Adopted: June 6, 2017 Published: June 15, 2017 Effective: July 15, 2017

Chapter 90 - WATERWAYS

ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

Sec. 90-1. – Definitions A-C.

Defines the terms beginning with A through C used in the ordinance.

Sec. 90-2. – Definitions D-L.

Defines the terms beginning with D through L used in the ordinance.

Sec. 90-3. – Definitions M-O.

Defines the terms beginning with M through O used in the ordinance.

Sec. 90-4. – Definitions P-W.

Defines the terms beginning with P through W used in the ordinance.

Sec. 90-15. - Arrest without warrant; cases in which arrested person arraigned by magistrate or judge.

If a person is arrested without a warrant for negligent homicide or an alcohol related operating offense, the arrested person shall be arraigned without unreasonable delay.

Sec. 90-16. - Arrest without warrant; notice to appear in court; time; place; appearance; acceptance of pleas.

When a person is arrested without a warrant for a violation of this Chapter punishable as a misdemeanor, under conditions not referred to in Sec.

90-15, the arresting officer shall prepare a written notice to appear in court containing the name and address of the person, the offense charged, and the time and place when and where the person shall appear in court. The arrested person can request to be arraigned in lieu of receiving the notice.

Sec. 90-17. - Arrest without warrant; nonresidents; recognizance; receipt and summons; failure to appear; deposit of money; report; embezzlement.

If a non-Michigan resident is arrested without a warrant for a violation of this Chapter under conditions not referred to under Sec. 90-15, the officer making the arrest, upon demand of the arrested person, shall immediately take the person for arraignment. If an immediate arraignment cannot be held, the arrested person shall post a bond of not more than \$200.00. The officer making the arrest shall give a receipt to the person arrested for the money deposited together with a written summons. If the arrested person shall fail to appear in court, the bond shall be forfeited. Failure of the officer to deposit the money is embezzlement of public money.

Sec. 90-18. - Violation by officer, magistrate, or district court judge as misconduct in office; removal from office; applicability and construction of MCL 324.80168 and 324.80169.

Any officer, magistrate, or district court judge violating Sec. 90-16 or Sec. 90-17 is guilty of misconduct in office and is subject to removal from office.

Sec. 90-16 and Sec. 90-17 govern all peace officers in making arrests without a warrant for violations of this Chapter.

Sec. 90-19. - Violation of Chapter or rules; penalties.

Unless otherwise specified, a violation of the ordinance is a misdemeanor.

Secs. 90-20—90-25. - Reserved.

ARTICLE II. - BOAT AND WATER SAFETY

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec. 90-26. - Inspection by a peace officer.

Upon the request of the peace officer, the operator of the vessel shall stop and provide information to the officer. A peace officer cannot stop and inspect a vessel bearing a decal unless the officer has reasonable suspicion of a violation of a law or criminal activity. Providing false, forged, fictitious, or misleading verbal or written information identifying the person as another person to a peace officer is a misdemeanor. A peace officer who observes a marine law violation or the commission of a crime may immediately arrest the person without a warrant or issue to the person a written or verbal warning.

Secs. 90-27—90-50. - Reserved.

DIVISION 2. - DISPLAY REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 90-51. – Conditions to operation of vessels; violation; fine.

Except as otherwise provided, a person shall not operate or give permission for the operation of a vessel unless the fees are paid, the certificate of number is on board, and the identifying number and decal are displayed. Violation a civil infraction with a fine of \$500.00 or less.

Sec. 90-52. - Exemption.

There are circumstances under which an owner of a vessel is not required to pay a fee and a vessel is not required to be numbered.

Sec. 90-53. - Application for certificate of number; certificate of title; 15-day permit; fee; “the length of vessel” defined; tax exemption; issuance; delinquent fee or tax; penalty; retention of certificate of number on shore; contents of lease or rental agreement; painting or attaching number; assigning block of numbers; federally documented vessel; decal; issuance of original certificate of number, numbering renewal decal, or other renewal device; numbering system; registration; issuance of certificate of number; historic vessel; refund to owner of non-motorized canoe or kayak; refund and computation of fee.

Except as otherwise provided, the owner of a vessel required to be numbered and to display a decal shall file an application for a certificate of number with the secretary of state. A dealer has certain requirements to follow when a vessel is sold. A person shall not file an application for a certificate of number that contains false information. A dealer who fails to submit an application as required by this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by jail time of 90 days or less, a fine of \$100.00 or less, or both. A fee schedule sets forth the fees to be paid at the time of application. There are penalties to non-payment of the fees. The owner of a vessel is required to paint or permanently attach the number to the vessel. The Secretary of State will issue a decal with the number. The decal is valid for three years.

Sec. 90-54. - Dealer certificates of number and dealer decals.

Dealers are required to apply for certificates of number and dealer decals which must be maintained or displayed. A vessel with a dealer number shall only be operated with the dealer present or permission of the dealer.

Secs. 90-55—90-65. - Reserved.

DIVISION 3. - OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 90-66. - Operation—Generally.

A person operating or propelling a vessel upon the waters of this township shall operate it in a careful and prudent manner and at an appropriate speed. Violation is a civil infraction with a fine of \$500 or less.

Sec. 90-67. - Same—Motorboats by children.

Children less than 12 years old and 12 through 15 years old may operate a

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motorboat if he or she meets specific requirements, including having a boating safety certificate and/or being with a person of a certain age.

Sec. 90-68. - Operation of vessels; rules; violation; fine.

When vessels are being operated in such a manner as to make collision imminent or likely, operators should take certain specified actions. Violation is a civil infraction with a fine of \$500 or less.

Sec. 90-69. - Reckless operation by operator or person being towed.

Reckless operation of a vessel includes operating a vessel in disregard of the rights or safety of others, or without due caution and circumspection, or at a rate of speed or in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger a person or property. Reckless operation also includes carelessly and heedlessly navigating, steering, or controlling him or herself in disregard of the rights or safety of others, or without due caution and circumspection and in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger a person or property. Penalties can include an order prohibiting that person from operating a vessel on the waters of this township for a period of not more than two years or attendance at a marine safety course.

Sec. 90-70. - Operating motorboat at more than slow—no wake speed; prohibitions; exceptions.

A motorboat must be operated at slow-no wake speed if a person is on or in the bow, unless there is bow seating or if a person or portion of a person's body extends beyond the exterior wall of the hull of the motorboat

Sec. 90-71. - Counterclockwise operation.

A vessel shall be operated in a counterclockwise fashion insofar as it is reasonably possible. When towing a person, a vessel shall maintain a distance of 100 feet from any dock, raft, buoyed or occupied bathing area, or vessel moored or at anchor, except when the vessel is proceeding at a slow-no wake speed or when water skiers are being picked up or dropped off.

Sec. 90-72. - Restricted areas.

A person shall not operate a vessel on any of the waters of this township within a lawfully authorized restricted area clearly marked by buoys, beacons or other distinguishing devices as being prohibited to vessels.

Sec. 90-73. - Divers and diver's flag.

Any person diving or submerging in any of the waters of this township with the aid of a diving suit or other mechanical diving device shall place a buoy or boat with a specified flag in the water at or near the point of submergence. A vessel shall not be operated within 200 feet of a buoyed diver's flag unless it is involved in tendering the diving operation. A person diving shall stay within a surface area of 100 feet of the diver's flag.

Sec. 90-74. - Towing—During prohibited hours.

Towing shall not occur during the period of one hour after sunset to one hour prior to sunrise. Violation is a civil infraction with a fine of \$500 or less.

Sec. 90-75. - Same—Persons.

Except as otherwise provided, when operating a vessel towing someone or assisting with towing, a person needs to be able to observe the person being towed and communicate to the vessel. The person being towed needs to be wearing a personal floatation device. Violation is a civil infraction with a fine of \$100 or less.

Sec. 90-76. - Sitting, standing and walking on vessels.

Any occupant or operator of any vessel on the waters of this township shall not sit, stand or walk upon any portion of the vessel not specially designed for such purpose, except when immediately necessary for the safe and reasonable navigation or operation of the vessel.

Sec. 90-77. - Speed limits.

The maximum speed limit on Belleville Lake is 55 miles per hour, unless another speed limit is established. The speed limit within 100 feet of the shoreline where the water is less than three feet deep is slow-no wake speed or the minimum speed necessary for the motorboat to maintain forward movement. A violation is a municipal civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.00, unless the speed limit is waived or the operation is reckless under Sec. 90-69. The speed limit may be waived for authorized marine events.

Sec. 90-78. - Operation of a vessel while under the influence of intoxicating liquors and/or controlled substances.

A person shall not operate a vessel on the waters of this township while under the influence of or visibly impaired by intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, or both; the person has a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or more; of the person has any amount of a Schedule 1 controlled substance in his or her body. The owner of a vessel or a person in charge or in control of a vessel shall not authorize or knowingly permit the vessel to be operated on the waters of this township by a person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, or both, or who has a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or more by weight of alcohol.

Sec. 90-79. - Penalties for violation of section 90-78(a) or (b).

The possible penalties for being convicted of violating 90-78(a) or (b) include community service, jail time, fines, and paying the costs of prosecution. The court shall order the person to undergo screening and assessment to determine whether the person is likely to benefit from rehabilitative services, including alcohol or drug education or treatment programs. The court can order the recommended program(s).

Sec. 90-80. - Penalties for violation of section 90-78(c).

The possible penalties for being convicted of violating 90-78 (c) include community service, jail time, fines, and paying the costs of prosecution. Secs. 90-81—90-95. - Reserved.

ARTICLE III. - REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC LAKES

Sec. 90-96. - Speed limits for certain areas of Belleville Lake.

Specified areas of the lake have a speed limit of 40 miles per hour. Violation is a misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of a fine of \$100, costs of prosecution and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 90-97. - Denton Road Bridge and Belleville Road Bridge; speed limits; penalty for violation of section.

A slow-no wake speed is in effect near the Denton Road Bridge and the Belleville Lake Bridge. Violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or 90 days in jail, or both a fine and imprisonment.

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Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

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Publish: June 15, 2017, June 22, 2017

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PA 188 of 1954 Proceedings
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose property constitutes more than 50% of the total linear foot frontage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren proposes to pave and improve the necessary structures and other work incidental thereto of McBride Road between Quirk Road and Beck Road and to create a special assessment for raising funds for 20 % of total project cost (the balance of funding coming from Wayne County) thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described in the map and includes parcels:

83-062-01-0112-000; 83-062-01-0113-000; 83-062-01-0114-000; 83-062-01-0115-000; 83-062-01-0116-000; 83-062-01-0117-000; 83-062-01-0118-000; 83-062-01-0119-000; 83-062-01-0120-000; 83-062-01-0121-000; 83-062-01-0122-000; 83-062-01-0123-000; 83-062-01-0124-000; 83-062-01-0125-000; 83-062-01-0126-000; 83-062-01-0127-000; 83-062-01-0105-000; 83-062-01-0106-000; 83-062-01-0107-000; 83-062-01-0108-000; 83-062-01-0111-000; 83-062-01-0128-000; 83-062-01-0129-000; 83-062-01-0130-000; 83-062-01-0131-000; 83-062-01-0132-000; 83-062-01-0133-000; 83-063-01-0066-000; 83-063-01-0067-000; 83-063-01-0001-000; 83-063-99-0002-000; 83-063-99-0001-000; 83-062-01-0109-002; 83-062-01-0109-001;

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received plans showing the improvements and locations thereof together with an estimate of the total costs of such construction in the approximate amount of \$927,035 and has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the aforementioned Special Assessment District to supply the required 20% matching funds for the total project and has further tentatively found the Petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, Special Assessment District information and Petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this notice until and including 4 PM on the date of the public hearing hereon and may further be examined at such public hearing.

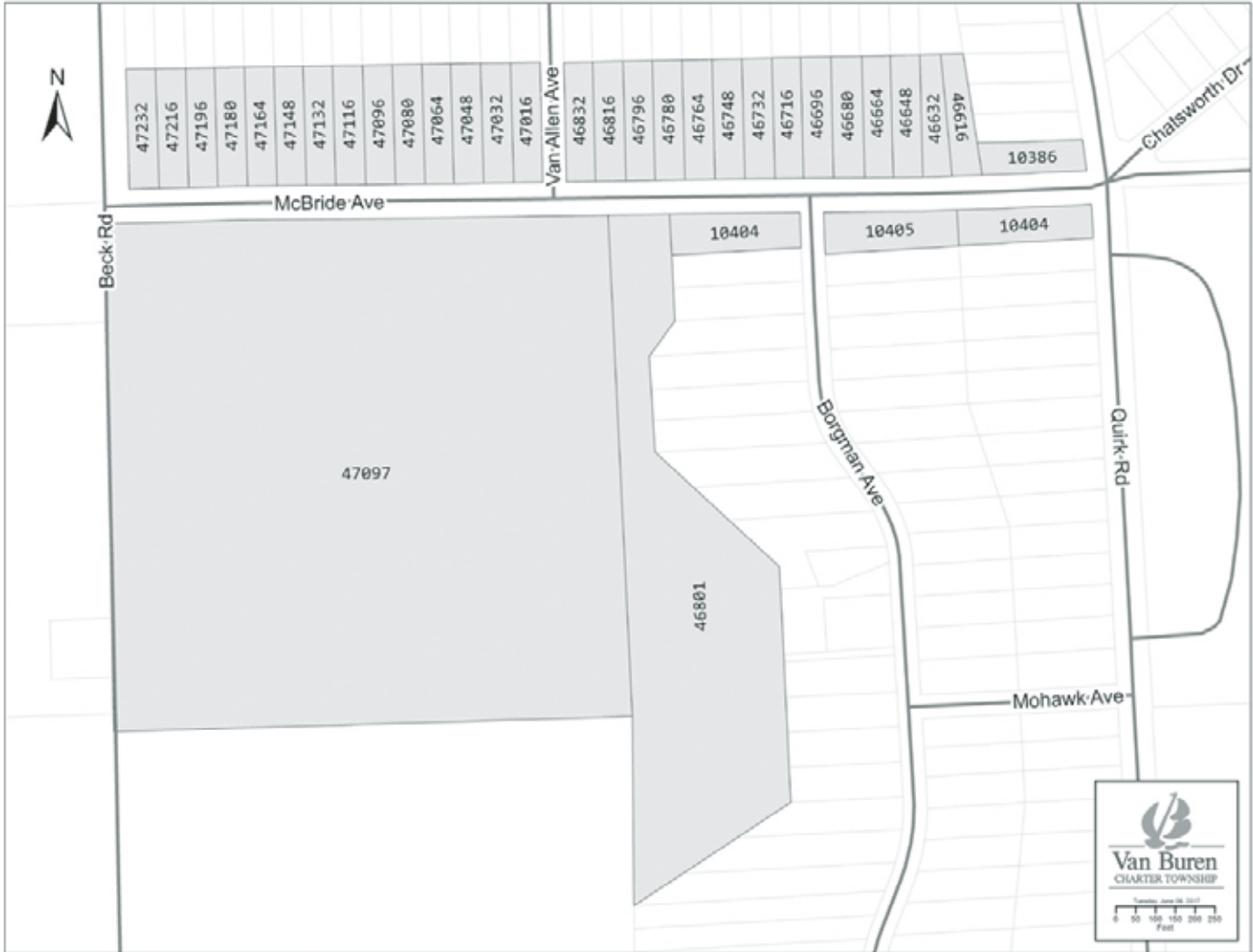
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such Petitions, Plans, District and Estimate of Cost will be held at the Van Buren Township Hall at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 p.m. on June 20, 2017 .

At such hearing, the Township Board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said Board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said plans, estimates and costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AREA MAP FOR MCBRIDE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren
46425 Tyler Road
Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111



Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 6, 2017

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Old Township Hall (AKA Belleville Area Museum). Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Developmental Services Director Akers and Deputy Director Best, Public Safety Director Laurain, Public Safety Deputy Director (Fire Chief) Brow and Deputy Director (Police) Wright, Attorney Mannarino, Public Services Director Akers, Cable Director McCracken, Museum Director Dallos, Executive Assistant Selman and an audience of forty (40).

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

Video presentation on the history of the Belleville Area Museum and surrounding communities.

Tom Fielder, President of the Historical Society and Belleville City Councilman, welcomed the Board and members of the community to the Museum and to the City of Belleville.

Director of Public Safety Laurain gave an overview on the Fire Fighter cadet program in conjunction with Belleville High School, the Township and Schoolcraft College and presented the first candidate to enroll in the program Mr. Parker Springer.

The following individuals were presented awards for commendable and meritorious acts for their life saving efforts during an incident involving a woman trapped in a vehicle that rolled into Belleville Lake on April 28, 2017: Van Buren Fire Fighter Walters, Van Buren Lt. Floro, Kevin Gillespie of Sandy's Marina and citizen Shawn McKelvey.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: White moved, Miller seconded to approve the revised Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session minutes of May 15, 2017, Closed Session minutes of May 15, 2017, Board Meeting minutes of May 16, 2017, Prepaid List of May 19, 2017, Prepaid List of May 25, 2017, Voucher List of June 6, 2017 and approval of the Attorney recommendation regarding Visteon litigation]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor McNamara received a letter indicating the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has approved the Township's application for the lake property located on Belleville Rd. at Quirk Rd. which allows the Township to move forward in the process of purchasing and developing the site and encouraged everyone to download the Van Buren Township Mobile App available at the Google Play Store and Apple Store.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor McNamara requested to be recused from voting and consideration of New Business item #1 due to his relationship as a member of the Belleville Yacht Club.

Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the recusal of Supervisor McNamara from discussion on New Business item #1. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Frazier seconded to approve the appointment of Trustee Miller as chair of the meeting during consideration of New Business item #1. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Special Land Use request for parcel V-125-83-088-99-0005-000 (831 E. Huron River Dr.) so the applicant may construct a detached accessory building. The Belleville Yacht Club is requesting to construct an enclosed "Tiki Bar" accessory building. No public comment was received during the public hearing held by the Planning Commission on May 24, 2017. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 05-16-17 to discuss an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances Chapter 90 (Waterways) Sec. 90-1 to 90-97. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried. This amendment to Chapter 90 adopts state law the Township had not previously adopted and allows for adjudication at the District Court level.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 06-06-17 to re-zone parcel V125-83-021-01-0009-304 (49412 Michigan Ave.) from C (Local Business) & C-2 (Extensive Highway Business) to C-1 (General Commercial). Motion Carried. The primary intent of the applicant (owner) is to rezone the property to allow the ability to construct a gasoline filling station at the property.

Wright moved, Martin seconded to approve the Professional Services Contract between the Township and Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Inc. for General Engineering Services. Motion Carried. The Qualifications Based selection process was followed in the selection of this firm. The Supervisor's Office negotiated the contract.

Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the Professional Services Contract between the Township and McKenna & Associates to provide General Planning Services. Motion Carried. The Qualifications Based selection process was followed in the selection of this firm. The Supervisor's Office negotiated the contract.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2017-11 an agreement between the Township and Van Buren Public Schools for the paving of McBride Road. Motion Carried. The agreement is for the Van Buren Public Schools District to contribute \$90,000 towards the Wayne County Local Roads Initiative project to pave McBride Rd. The funds shall be deposited on or before the Township authorizes preliminary engineering, shall be returned to the district if the project is not completed, and will not be enforced until after the Township has finalized the creation of the Special Assessment District.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve Resolution 2017-12 to declare the Township's intent to establish a Special Assessment District (SAD) for the McBride Road Improvement District and schedule the necessary public hearings. Motion Carried. The purpose of the SAD is to raise the funds for the required 20% match of the Wayne County funds. The Township received petitions indicating over 51% of property owners supported paving McBride. All costs will be assessed against the properties benefitted by the paving. Wayne County will reimburse 80% of the construction costs.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements included: Eight Hundred tires were turned in during the free tire disposal day at the Township Hall on June 3, 2017, Supervisor McNamara thanked Township employees Jonathan Cochenour, Jennifer Price and Noah Caincross for their assistance with this highly successful event, the next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be Saturday, June 10, 2017

from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Henry Ford College, 5101 Evergreen Rd., Dearborn and Sovereign Partners LLC has expressed an interest in constructing a new facility at the Grace Lake Corporate Center.

NON-AGENDA: Resident requested the Township establish a committee to study the best use of the Museum and adjacent old fire station garage and further expressed a desire for the Township to create a cultural plan. Trustee Miller announced that she recently attended Senator Hopgood's Environmental Town Hall Meeting with Trustee Frazier where discussion occurred on Brenda's butterfly habitat in Westland, Trustee Miller expressed a desire to have the Township consider milkweed planting to attract the Monarch Butterfly. Deputy Director Best indicated that the Township requires landscaping around Stormwater detention ponds that attract pollinators. Trustee Martin thanked the Museum Director, Cable Department and Township staff for their efforts in preparing Museum for the Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, Budd seconded to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Publish: June 15, 2017

More Letters

Canton Lions to serve pancakes at Liberty Fest

To the Editor:

The Canton Lions Club Charity Pancake Breakfast will be served at Liberty Fest from 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 17.

It's time for Liberty Fest in Canton where folks come and have three days of fun and entertainment. The Canton Lions Club will be participating in its annual pancake breakfast with sausages, juice or coffee. There is a small charge for the breakfast of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years of age.

Don't know what Liberty Fest is? You are missing out on the fun and great food. Canton Township has designated June 15-17 as the time for all good people to come together for three days in Heritage Park off of Canton Center Rd between Cherry Hill and Summit Parkway.

The chairman, Lions John Anthony, has worked for weeks planning and organizing so all will go well. He understands that this is a fund-raising event and people are dependent on the Lions to assist them in their time of need. The Canton Lions purchase many pairs of eye glasses for kids whose parents cannot afford to buy them. The Club has provided low-vision readers to the Canton Library where individuals can check the readers out of the library for a period of time. They also sponsor two scholarships for visually or hearing-impaired to obtain a college degree. So, you see our work goes on, however, we do need your help by attending fund raising events which allow this valuable work to continue.

It's all a lot of fun and, of course, bring the kids. Pancakes will be cooking on the griddle steaming hot -- and with butter and syrup you have a treat. The Canton Lions

Club has been doing the Pancake Breakfast for many years and asked that the public, as in past years, join in and make this a big success.

The Canton Lions Club is a diverse group of men and women who have come together to earn funds to support those who are less fortunate. This includes the Penrickton Center in Taylor who care for a blind and multiple handicapped child until the child is 12-years-old. The Leader Dog School for the Blind in Rochester. Eversight Michigan who supply corneas so sight can be restored to 3 plus people per day, Seeding Braille Books and the Lions Hearing Center are but a few

The Lions Club meets on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. at Rose's Restaurant on the corner of Canton Center Road and Cherry Hill in Canton.

Lion Bill Van Winkle, (734) 254-9404
govbill1@wowway.com

Military salute is not always by right hand

To the Editor,

Subject: Military salute

Mr. Charles Tackett's astute observation of the hand salute rendered by the fireman/policeman depicted on the Van Buren millage advertising is to be commended.

But, his take on "... salutes are always made with the right hand ..." is flawed.

In the United States Navy and some military protocol this is NOT the case. Per my "Blue Jackets Manual" -- one issued to every Navy recruit -- page 77; Chapter 5, Courtesies, Customs, and Ceremonies, The Salute. "... Salutes are customarily given with the right hand, but there are exceptions. A sailor with his right arm or hand encumbered may salute left-handed, while people in the Army or Air Force never salute left-handed. On the other hand, a soldier or airman may salute sitting down or uncovered (without cap on); in the Navy, a sailor does not salute when uncovered (unless failure to do so would mean embarrassment or misunderstanding), but may salute when seated in a vehicle." There are more sections about being uncovered, on guard, cover never removed while wearing web belt, etc.

I recall seeing soldiers, sailors, and airmen with missing right arms (standing or sitting) saluting with their left hand as smartly as ever rendering their honor and allegiance with pride.

Having difficulties with my right shoulder there were/are many times over the past three years, I could not lift my right arm to salute during Honor Guard ceremonies. Therefore, I follow the Navy custom of "... an encumbered right arm or hand..." and render my honors to the departed comrade with love and devotion with my left hand!

So, I guess *always* doesn't make a case -- this time.

Sincerely
Cornell Anton, Jr
Belleville

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 612 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, June 4:

0113 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0120 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
0235 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0246 – malicious destruction of property, Ecorse
0733 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis Rd.
1200 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1223 – juvenile complaint, Anna Dr.
1241 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1257 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Rd.
1318 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Willow Run
1442 – assist other dept., Thornwood Dr.
1903 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Edison Lake Rd.
1930 – property damage accident, VB Estates
1931 – shooting, W. Sadie Ln.
1940 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2208 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
2333 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville
2352 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wildflower Ct.
2354 – disorderly, Parkwood

Monday, June 5:

0108 – larceny from auto, Reedgrass Ln.
0110 – larceny from auto, N. Purple Sage Ct. / Sage Cir.
0111 – larceny from auto, N. Purple Sage Ct. / Sage Cir.
0137 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0243 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan Rd.
0656 – larceny from auto, Thornwood Dr.
0747 – larceny from auto, Wheatgrass Ln.
0843 – found property/child, Tallgrass Ct. / Reedgrass Ln.
0957 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
1031 – fraud, Ecorse Rd.
1107 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1121 – malicious destruction of property, Hull
1336 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bradley Dr. / Daniel Dr.
1337 – juvenile complaint, McBride
1649 – fraud, Ponderosa
1711 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1731 – larceny, Harmony Ln.
1754 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville / Quirk
1818 – neighbor trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1821 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2024 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
2025 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fret Rd.
2204 – family trouble, Village Green Ln.
2255 – juvenile complaint, E. Huron River Dr.

Tuesday, June 6:

0033 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse / Michigan
0144 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sandy's Marina
0603 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
0831 -- noise complaint, Ryznar Dr. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1111 – malicious destruction of property, Peachtree Ln.
1135 – threat, Tyler Rd.
1226 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident
1447 – lost property/child, Belleville
1508 – property damage accident, Belleville
1514 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1545 – malicious destruction of property, Maple
1723 – missing person, Wildrye Ct.
1731 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1842 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
1858 – retail fraud, Rawsonville
1943 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.
2134 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sawgrass Ct. / Sage Cir.
2218 – suspicious person/vehicle, Richard Run Dr.
2227 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fret Rd.

Wednesday, June 7:

0012 – disorderly, Ivy Dr.
0117 – sexual assault, McBride Ave.
0918 – 911 welfare check, Oak Blvd.
0927 – suspicious person/vehicle, Outer Dr.
1126 – assist other dept., South/Davis
1153 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bradley Dr.
1223 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brookview Dr.
1247 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1322 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville
1322 – larceny, Bemis Rd.
1449 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1546 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1600 – threat, Parkwood Dr.
1631 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1638 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1659 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1953 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sage Cir. /

Sawgrass Ct.

2222 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.

2358 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, June 8:

0017 – assist other dept., Henry St.
0508 – noise complaint, America
0547 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edwards Rd.
0700 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1001 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1045 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1205 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
1313 – property damage accident, Belleville / Armstrong's
1441 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sade Ln.
1558 – disorderly, Denton
1626 – neighbor trouble, Bradley Dr.
1718 – fraud, Brookside Dr.
1742 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1802 – hold-up alarm, Tyler Rd.
1845 – robbery, Denton Rd.
1913 – larceny, Denton Rd.
1914 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2000 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck/Van Born
2026 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
2056 – noise complaint, Ryznar Dr.
2151 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
2224 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Walden Dr.
2251 – domestic, Laguna Dr.
2355 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Friday, June 9:

0045 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride/Pierce
0149 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0152 – disorderly, Rawsonville
0520 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
0741 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty
0749 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd. / McBride Ave.
0921 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1005 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak/Lohr
1213 – missing person, Rawsonville
1213 – ordinance violation, Ormond Dr.
1328 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1409 – suspicious person/vehicle, Stonebridge
1412 – missing person, McBride
1441 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1520 – private property impound, Van Born
1530 – domestic, Holly Ln.
1558 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty/E. Huron River Dr.
1649 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1654 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lindsey Dr.
1701 – larceny, E. Archwood Dr.
1726 – breaking & entering, Park Estate Dr.
1745 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Village Center Dr.
2317 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Sadie Ln.
2332 – disorderly, Elwell Rd.
2359 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martz/Hoeft

Saturday, June 10:

0146 – disorderly, W. Huron River Dr.
0211 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.
0239 – domestic, Oak Ln.
0924 – assault & battery, Oak Blvd.
1055 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Water's Edge Ln.
1239 – suspicious person/vehicle, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1449 – breaking & entering, Hull Rd.
1532 – property damage accident, EB Michigan Ave. / bypass

1615 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1727 – lake complaint, Harmony Ln.
1727 – lake complaint, Main/Denton
1835 – narcotics crime, Belleville
1909 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Lake
1922 – suspicious person/vehicle, Mission Pte.
2017 – overdose, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2053 – mental subject, Jeremy Rd.
2135 – domestic, Pond Ridge Dr.
2203 – suspicious person/vehicle, Greenbriar Dr.
2205 – missing person, Ash Dr.
2207 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2335 – noise complaint, Fisher Rd.
2340 – suspicious person/vehicle, WB I-94 / Haggerty

Also on this week's log are 235 traffic stops, 43 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 4:

0014 – suspicious person/vehicle, Menlo Park Dr. / Santa Clara St.
0019 – noise complaint, N. Biggs Ave.
0104 – suspicious person/vehicle, Potter/N. Biggs
0210 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0211 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tuscan Manor
0424 – domestic, Main St.
0846 – assist other dept., Bemis
1522 – property damage accident, South St./E. Davis St.
1651 – disorderly, Sumpter Rd.
1704 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Liberty St./E. Columbia Ave.
1812 – traffic offense, Main St.
1950 – traffic offense, Main St.
1953 – larceny, J&T Crova
2032 – welfare check, Hayward's
2136 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ct.
2211 – misc. complaint, S. Industrial Park Dr.

Monday, June 5:

0003 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0031 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
0055 – noise complaint, Carmell St.
1001 – felony assault, Henry St.
1232 – animal complaint, Belle Villa
1646 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1740 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1940 – suspicious person/vehicle, Henry St.
2353 – vehicle lockout, E. Huron River Dr.

Tuesday, June 6:

0039 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
1216 – fraud, Main St.
1301 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
1729 – property damage accident, E. Huron River
1834 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St./High
1926 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
2153 – civil matter, Henry St.

Wednesday, June 7:

0708 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
0844 – warrant arrest, Menlo Park Dr.
1016 – 911 welfare check, E. Columbia Ave.
1123 – weapons violation, South St./W. Davis St.
1646 – vehicle lockout, Marathon Gas
1725 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1819 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville/I-94
1822 – disorderly, Sumpter Rd.
2219 – disorderly, Belle Villa Blvd.
2349 – disorderly, Belle Villa Blvd.
2354 – disorderly, Henry St.

Thursday, June 8:

0918 – suspicious person, Main St.
1346 – trespassing, Belle Villa Blvd.
1348 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Main St.
1354 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1444 – vehicle lock out, Fourth St.
1725 – domestic, Carmell St.
1927 – narcotics crime, Henry St.
2053 – all misc. complaints, Greylock St.
2110 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bay Pointe
2158 – harassment call, S. Liberty St.
2239 – property check, cemetery/Horizon Park

Friday, June 9:

0843 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
1037 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1231 – fraud, Main St.
1342 – fraud, Main St.
1438 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia

1625 – follow up by officer, Henry St.
1732 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
1804 – family trouble, N. Liberty St.
1813 – noise complaint, Clarence St.
2157 – assist fire dept., S. Liberty St.

Saturday, June 10:

0025 – parking complaint, Belle Pointe Dr.
0054 – parking complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
0244 – all 4100 MICR codes, Main St.
1414 – harassment call, Wabash Ave.
1557 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr. / N. Edgemont Ave.
1631 – assist fire dept., Robbe St.
1713 – traffic offense, Baypoint/Huron River
1724 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1725 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1838 – suspicious person/vehicle, Light Tower Dr.
2130 – disorderly, Henry St.

Also on this week's log are 58 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 4:

0206 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Judd
0224 – well-being check, Brookview
0946 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1048 – citizen assist, out of township
1222 – neighbor dispute, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1425 – fire dept. assist, California
1425 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
1439 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1943 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
2108 – mental health commitment, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.

2114 – weapons offense, Sumpter/Dunn

Monday, June 5:

0039 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0118 – fire dept. assist, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0542 – fire dept. assist, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0623 – assist other agency, 9200 bl. Rawsonville
1119 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1226 – 911 hang up, Clay/Prince
1542 – well-being check, Hampshire
1637 – property damage accident, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1711 – reckless driver, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1830 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2058 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.

Tuesday, June 6:

0155 – assist other agency, out of township
0632 – animal complaint, Carriage Ln.
1320 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1535 – harassment complaint, Rustic Ln.
1557 – prisoner transport, out of township
1649 – animal complaint, Carriage Ln.
1753 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1838 – suspicious incident, Wyoming
1851 – suspicious incident, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1911 – well-being check, Hampshire

Wednesday, June 7:

0809 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
0946 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Sherwood
1011 – alarm, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1055 – fire dept. assist, Creekside
1138 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1156 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
1204 – assist other agency, 24000 bl. Carleton West
1330 – ORV complaint, Karr/Arkona
1411 – fire dept. assist, Creekside
1414 – juvenile complaint, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1506 – breaking & entering, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1629 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane
1648 – neighbor dispute, 19000 bl. Martinsville
2028 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

Thursday, June 8:

0026 – alarm, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0101 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Martinsville
0119 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0134 – assist other agency, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
0316 – noise complaint, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0324 – property damage accident, Elwell/Harris
0605 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1256 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1315 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1440 – fire dept. assist, Creekside
1452 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1641 – property damage accident, 45000 bl. Judd

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1909 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
 1957 – suspicious person, 22000 bl. Fenster
 2119 – well-being check, Sumpter/Kozma

Friday, June 9:
 0027 – noise complaint, Wayside/Rustic Ln.
 0819 – missing person report, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1405 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Martinsville
 1444 – suspicious incident, Sumpter/Bemis
 1603 – assist other agency, out of township
 1914 – reckless driver, Karr/Willis
 1928 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
 1952 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
 2122 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 2216 – ordinance violation, 21000 bl. Martinsville
 2254 – mental health commitment, 22000 Bohn

Saturday, June 10:
 0425 – property damage accident, Bemis/Savage
 0837 – disorderly person, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1258 – ordinance violation, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
 1331 – larceny, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 1404 – animal complaint, Haggerty/Willis
 1434 – alarm, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
 1445 – family trouble, Rawsonville/Oakville Waltz
 1555 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1601 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1756 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 1827 – assault, Mulberry
 1840 – reckless driver, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
 1933 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willis
 2000 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
 2051 – fight, Carriage Ln.
 2208 – suspicious incident, Virginia
 2212 – fight, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

Also on this week's log are 14 follow-up investigations, 45 miscellaneous details, 128 patrol checks, and 26 traffic stops.

Court Watching:

Murder suspect Mark Germano held on \$500,000 cash bond

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

Mark Allan Germano, 44, of Van Buren Township was arraigned June 7 by video from the VBT police lockup on charges of first degree murder and using a firearm to commit a felony.



34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley arraigned Germano and set bond of \$500,000 cash or surety. Germano remains in the Wayne County Jail.

Germano's next court appearance is June 21 before Judge Oakley for his probable cause conference. His preliminary exam is set for June 28 before 34th District Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green.

Germano could get life in prison if convicted of the June 4 murder of Edward Kuehn, 38, who was shot in the head and neck as he sat in his car in the parking lot of Tim Horton's on Rawsonville Road.

Police said this appears to be a domestic issue and the two men knew each other. A weapon was confiscated from Germano when he was taken into custody at his home in the 45000 block of Bemis Road.

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