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Sumpter Township Clerk Clarence Hoffman dies at 79

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

Sumpter Township Clerk Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr., a Sumpter Township elected official for more than 24 years, died Friday at the age of 79.

Clerk Hoffman had been absent from township meetings since April and it has been learned he didn't want anyone to know of his illness, so family members said he was fine when asked.

It was announced there will be services for the family only, with nothing open to the public. But, on Tuesday, the family

announced the public would be welcome from 10:30 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 20, with the service at 11 a.m. at Higginson and Neal Funeral Home in downtown Belleville.

Hoffman was married with four children and four grandchildren and has been a Sumpter resident all of his life. He retired from the Ford Motor Co. after 44 years of service.

Hoffman was a veteran, 32nd Degree Mason, and a Shriner. He has a long career of public service in Sumpter Township. He served as supervisor for four years, clerk for 14+ years, treasurer for two years, and

trustee for four years. He was a member of the Constable Association for 10 years and was vice president of the Wayne Division. He was a member of the Michigan Democratic Party, Sumpter Seniors, Lions Club, and Association of Wayne County Clerks.

Hoffman was one of the founding members of Nourishing Gardens Food Bank and Outreach Program, developed in 2003 to help low-income residents in Sumpter Township with emergency food and other services provided at no cost.

He also was a member of CAF5, the Community Assistance Foundation, program

started to assist families in need in the five communities served by the 34th District Court.

In the 2016 election, Supervisor John Morgan removed Hoffman from the Morgan Team and replaced him with Hoffman's former Deputy Clerk Esther Hurst.

All the rest of the Morgan Team won, except in the clerk's race, where Hoffman was reelected.



City approves adding local Civil War soldiers to monument

By Rosemary K. Oztman
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Nineteen new names will be engraved on the Veteran's Memorial at Horizon Park in Belleville, hopefully in time for Veteran's Day ceremonies this fall.

At its regular meeting on Monday, the Belleville City Council voted unanimously to approve adding the names of 19 local soldiers who were killed in action in the Civil War. The council was told the back of the monument was left blank from the beginning so their names could be added.

Cornell Anton, representing Veterans of Foreign Wars #4434 and Polish League of American Veterans #167, made the request to move forward with the plan to add the names.

First, he gave a background of the memorial. He said Glenn Silvenis was mayor and he approved building a memorial, but said not to use public funds. So, two ladies hit the streets and raised \$90,000 in donations. Ten years later it was rebuilt and the Belleville DDA footed the bill.

"In looking at \$180,000 that went into the memorial, not one dime came from Van Buren Township or Sumpter Township, but the city has been more than generous with changing the flags and taking care of the monument," he said.

Anton said on the front there are the names of 51 people who didn't make it home. He said he and Councilman Tom Fielder are telling the stories of these soldiers, two at a time at annual Memorial Day services.

Anton said he went to a recent meeting at the Belleville Area Museum, called "Bring

Our Boys Home," a presentation on those local boys who died in the Civil War.

"Ginger Bruder and a group of young ladies presented 19 families whose boys died in the Civil War," Anton said. He noted at the last Memorial Day ceremony a call was made for donations to get their names engraved on the memorial and \$84 was collected.

He presented the list of names that will be engraved, starting with Sirel T. Chilson, who was a 19-year-old who lived in Van

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VBT LDFA hears township's plan to fight Visteon to the end

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara told members of the Local Development Finance Authority at its July 11 meeting that the township will fight Visteon over the looming bond payments, but will be getting money together to make the payments if necessary without extra millage on the community.

LDFA board member Doug Peters, who recently had been a part of a closed-door session with the township board on the Visteon issue, urged Supervisor McNamara

to notify the public of the status of the litigation against Visteon with a press release or statement.

Peters asked that the township's intention to fight this until "hell freezes over" should be announced, since there is a lot of talk about Visteon in the community and the potential of the residents having to pay for the bonds with a millage.

"It's obvious there is too much at stake," said McNamara. "We are going to fight this all the way."

He referred to the Visteon bonds that are coming due in 2019 and the LDFA of VBT

is obligated to pay them.

The township has been suing Visteon to have it handle the upcoming bond shortfall and a recent Appeals Court decision ruled that the township has no claim that it is damaged until it actually suffers loss.

McNamara said the township will be making appropriate cuts to services so as to not have any millage increases. He emphasized that does not include cuts to public safety.

He said the township has a considerable surplus and he plans a five-year "smoothing" which includes other departments living within their budgets.

He said there is general overhead that needs to be covered and the supervisor's position and those with required acts of governance, like the clerk's office which is required by law. Also the treasurer and assessor are required by law.

"Anyone who can operate off the general fund, we're trying to get off the general fund," McNamara said.

"We're doing fee structures on how to get off the general fund," he said. "We plan on moving money to begin saving for the payments and five to seven years of litigation."

Peters, a world-famous attorney who is now retired, said he foresees six to ten years of litigations because, "They're going to fight all the way, too."

Peters asked what the plan is if they get stuck with the inevitable bond payments and McNamara said the township would lend the money to the LDFA for payment.

"He's putting in place things he can do and not sacrifice services," said LDFA chairman Michael Dotson.

McNamara said, "We've got 30 groups

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SECOND FRONT PAGE



Sumpter Twp. planners again delay action on Abraham project

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Another angry crowd gathered July 13 to hear the Sumpter Planning Commission's decision on whether to recommend special exception use approval for William Abraham's project on 67 acres at 23600 Carleton West Road.

But, they were disappointed, again, as the commission voted unanimously to postpone action to a future, unspecified, meeting because, "It looks like we have more work to do," in the words of Commissioner Jim Clark.

The township's planning consultant, Christopher Atkin of Carlisle Wortman, said the plans need to be fine-tuned to comply with township ordinances and state and county laws.

Atkin promised to fax information to Abraham on the details of the changes needed.

William Abraham of New Boston had applied for a special exception use permit for his Abraham Filming Company and Family Entertainment.

He told the township he wants to create a seasonal camping (50-100 sites) and family entertainment area. It will be on about 67 acres of mostly wooded land, zoned Agricultural. 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.

Planning consultant Atkin 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.

At the June 8 public hearing, about 25 residents were present at the two-hour, contentious session with many voicing their opposition. Nine letters of opposition were read into the record.

After this public hearing, the commission voted to table for more information on questions of wetlands, emergency vehicle access, and access to the site, since it has zero road frontage and is landlocked with two easements to Carleton West Road.

Abraham told the commission he is working on his daughter's July 22 wedding



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

William Abraham and his daughter, Arielle, are trying to get permission to start a campground on their property on Carleton West Road in Sumpter Township.

at the site and he invited them to come out to get an idea of what he is doing.

Abraham told the *Independent* that he has a movie coming out that he made on his Sumpter property: "A Nightmare on Haunted Hill." He said there is a trailer of it on YouTube. They got together with school kids to make the movie, he said.

Haunted Hills was put on by Abraham

on the property in the past and that was what the neighbors' referred to in their protests: noise, traffic, possible crime, and disruption to the rural community.

After Abraham left the commission meeting on July 13, members of the audience complained about how only 25 people were alerted by local distribution of

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Members of the Sumpter Township Planning Commission consider the request of Abraham Filming Company and Entertainment to put a campground on its property on Carleton West Road. From left are Commissioner Joy Cichewicz, Deputy Clerk Janet Hoffman (recording secretary for the commission), planner Christopher Atkin, Commission chairwoman Jane Stalmack, Commissioners Jim Clark, Virginia Belinski, Jay Bardell, and Mary Sherwood, and Township Trustee Matthew Oddy. Not shown in the picture are Commissioners Tyrone Borden and Richard Pokerinski, who were seated on the far left.

OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT Fire Dept. gives chilling report to township board

The Van Buren Township Fire Department's 30-year-old ladder truck has been decertified by the state and if there is a fire at either senior high rise in the city of Belleville, VBT would not have a ladder truck to respond. Adjoining fire departments could send ladder trucks, but that would take 20 minutes to respond.

This is part of the report VBT Fire Chief Amy Brow and Lt. Curt Lunsford gave to the board at Monday's work/study session. This means VBT can't live up to mutual aid agreements with adjoining departments or tend to the four-story buildings at Grace Lake. Lt. Lunsford suggested selling Rescue 1 and Engine 4, which would bring a total of \$200,000. He said with that and the \$120,000 the department had set aside for the FEMA grant (they just found out they didn't get) they could buy a brand-new aerial trunk which currently is being built. That cost would be \$346,000. This is just a "stick" truck, which means it is only a ladder with no water. That would have to be provided by other trucks, the way the current VBT truck operated. The \$1 million truck with a bucket that we rode on during a demonstration a few years back is not even being considered.

VBT Supervisor McNamara stressed that the citizenry is safe with the trucks being used. Well, sort of. If you live in a high rise in Belleville, this news is a bit disconcerting. VBT budget sessions are coming up. Hope for the best.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On Saturday, after the Family Fun Day had closed around 2 p.m. at Graham Park in Sumpter, Sumpter Police Chief Eric Luke, who was just leaving the event with his family, got a phone call.

When he turned around and came back to the Parks and Recreation volunteers, they sensed it was bad news, and it was. He told them of the death of Township Clerk Clarence Hoffman. They were shocked and I was shocked when I was told the news, too.

Apparently, Clarence wanted a private funeral service because that's what he's getting, with no public hoopla. But there are a lot of us who loved Clarence who want to honor him.

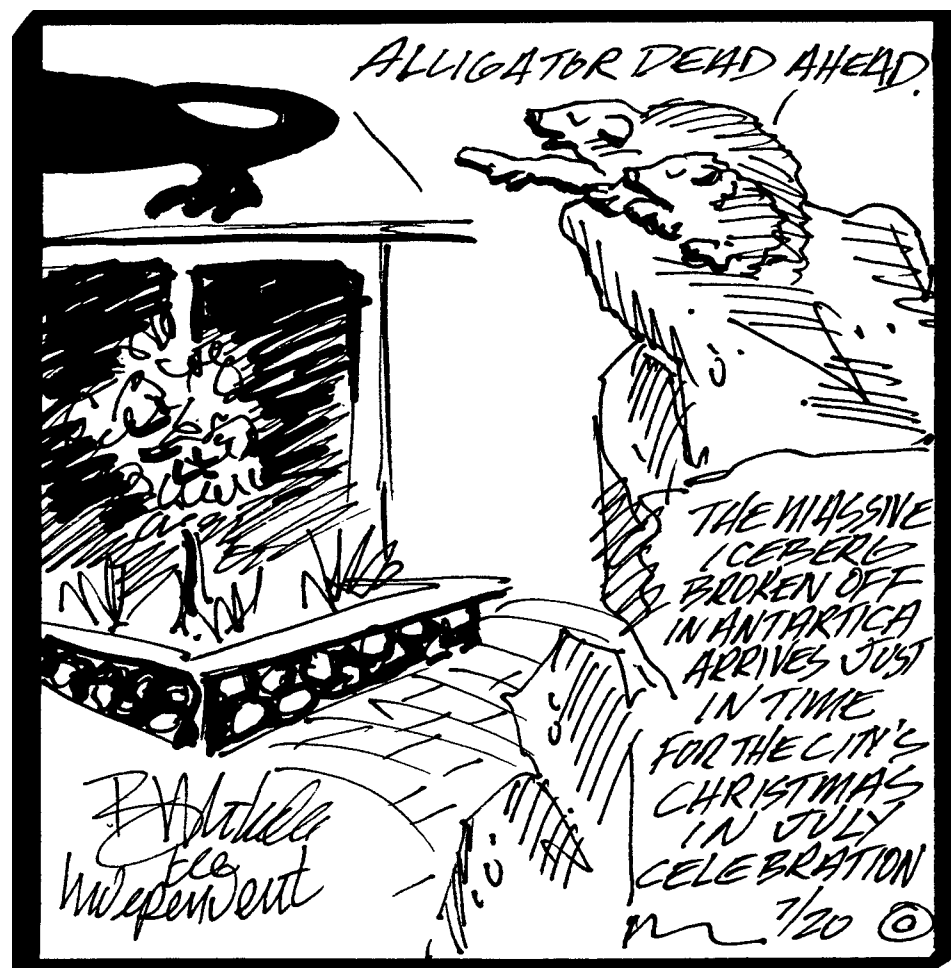
At Monday's Belleville City Council meeting, Councilman Tom Fielder said Clarence was one of the founders of the CAF5 group that helps those in need. They had flipped many pancakes together in the many fundraisers.

Also at Monday's work/study session, Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright honored Clarence's memory and the board planned a moment of silence in his honor at their regular meeting the next day.

School Board president Keith Johnston said he and Clarence were very close. I remember all the newsletters and other Sumpter items printed by Keith at his print plant in Romulus. I remember Clarence saying he was going over to talk to Keith about this or that printing.

Keith said Judge Oakley and others were very sad to hear of Clarence's passing and had asked about the arrangements.

Clarence had been an elected township official for many years. Everyone knew



him. But, he was a private person, as well, and he didn't want people to know the details of his illness or how he was doing.

I remember when Clarence told me that the Bessie Hoffman School on Willow Road was named after his mother, the first African-American school board member in the Lincoln Schools. He said he felt he should continue his mother's good work in the community, and he did.

I will miss you, Clarence.

At Monday's VBT meeting, Jerry Bies of Bemis Road wanted to ask about the quarter-mile of new asphalt put on Bemis Road, just east of Sumpter Road. He wanted to know why they stopped and when they were going to finish the road.

There are big bumps at the beginning and end of the paving, and it's getting to be really annoying to a lot of people.

Another man called our office on Tuesday to ask about that asphalt and it was discussed last week at the Sumpter Township board of trustees meeting.

Bemis is the dividing line between VBT and Sumpter and neither township was given any information by the county on the asphalt and what to expect in the future. Bemis is a county road and the county does the road maintenance.

Bies said he had sent correspondence to County Commissioner Al Haidous, but he has yet to get a response. Sumpter officials said Haidous is not answering their calls on

the paving, either.

At the VBT meeting, there was a suggestion from the audience that the answer may be that Wayne County Executive Warren Evan's horse is being kept at a ranch just at the end of the paving and, perhaps, the paving was done to smoothe his drive from his Washtenaw County ranch. Sounds right to me.

Meanwhile, the road surface of Bemis Road is getting worse and people have to drive over the double-yellow line to stay out of the worsening potholes, especially on the eastern end.

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said he would look into that situation.

VBT Trustees Sherry Frazier and Paul White carried a big box into the board's work/study meeting on Monday. At the end of the session, before the board went into executive session with an attorney, Sherry invited everyone to have a cupcake that celebrated Leon Wright's new honor of being the Clerk of the Year in Michigan. She congratulated Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery, as well, since Joanne had made the official nomination for the honor.

More celebration is expected by the board, but this was a great beginning.

Congratulations, Leon.



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Letters

You're invited to 'Christmas in July'

To the Editor:

As the Director of Our Father's Child Care, located at 111 South Street, I'd like to personally invite members of the community and their families to celebrate "Christmas in July" with us on Friday, July 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is a FREE event that will include a firetruck and police car, vacationing Santa, games, snacks, crafts, giveaways, story time with our local librarian, as well as some fun for parents too!

See a complete schedule for the day at our website, www.ourfatherschild.com. We hope to see you there!
God bless you,

Megan Holmes
Director / Our Father's Child, Belleville

League sets Back-to-School Family Fun Day

To the Editor:

The Sumpter Progressive Civic League is sponsoring our second-annual, Back-to-School Family Fun Day Aug. 19 from 2 to 5 p.m. It will be held at Graham Park in Sumpter Township at Sumpter and Wear roads.

We will be giving away backpacks and school supplies for the school-age children of Sumpter. You must register to receive supplies. You can register at (734) 461-1767.

Please come out and spend the afternoon. We will be serving refreshments and there will be activities, games, and prizes.

Karthea Murry Hanible
Sumpter Progressive Civic League

Web site to practice driving knowledge

To the Editor:

When my granddaughter was going for her driving permit test I took it upon myself to do some research and make sure she not only had the tools she'd need to pass the test (and save me the headache of driving back and forth to the DMV), but make sure she had the knowledge she'd need to be a safe driver.

In doing so, I came across DrivingOffice.com -- a site that has practice tests for each state; which she used to quiz herself and prepare for the actual exam. The site was a perfect complement to her driver's education course. I was inspired to share it

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with you when I saw your page.

She used a few other driving permit tests, but found this one to be the most useful to her purposes and attributes it to her success in passing the first time (she spent hours studying the practice road signs tests). I pray she retains the knowledge and stays safe!

I figured I'd share this site as a useful resource so others looking to test their knowledge for the permit test; and thought if you found it useful as well, you might consider sharing it as a resource for others to try?

Bree Harman

Bemis Rd. RR crossing is in terrible shape

To the Editor:

I'm a resident of Van Buren Township that resides on Bemis Road. Both my husband and I travel across the railroad crossing between Sumpter Road and Rawsonville Road daily. The status of these particular railroad tracks are terrible! It appears that the rails are being replaced as they've been laid next to the track for weeks and on top of that the asphalt approaching the tracks has been "cut into" in preparation for the replacement of the rails.

We both understand the importance of keeping the rails in good working order but, communication could've been made regarding the status of repair and ETA of how long the approach to the railroad tracks would be in disarray.

I'm surprised that I haven't read any articles in the *Independent* regarding any concern from any other locals that travel Bemis Road on a regular basis, or that there hasn't been any complaints of vehicles getting damaged.

Concerned Citizen

Thank you, St. Jude

To the Editor:

I would like to "Thank St. Jude" for hope, support, and prayers answered. In Prayers, S.J.

Thank you to St. Jude

To the Editor:

Thank you, St. Jude.
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Birthdays

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July 26 – Marsha Bogardus
July 27 – Hubert Stubbs
July 28 – Lisa Douglas, Ashley King
July 30 – Brandon Smith

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Obituaries



Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr.

CLARENCE J. HOFFMAN, JR.

(August 20, 1937 -- July 14, 2017)
Mr. Clarence Joseph Hoffman, Jr. passed away Friday, July 14, 2017. He was born August 20, 1937 in Detroit, Michigan a son of Clarence J. and Barbara Beatrice (Monroe) Hoffman.

In February of 1968 he was married to Janet Marie Clark in Ohio. They have been long time residents of Sumpter Township.

Mr. Hoffman proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era. His service continued by holding every political office in Sumpter Township, currently holding the position of Clerk. He had also been a police officer for Sumpter Township. Mr. Hoffman was an active member of the Michigan Democratic Club, the Michigan Township Association, and CAF5. He was a 32nd degree Master Mason of the Masonic Lodge and a member of the Shriner's. Mr. Hoffman was a founding member of Nourishing Gardens Food Bank in Sumpter. But most importantly he was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Prior to his retirement in 2000 he had been employed by Ford Motor Company as a tooling engineer for 44 years.

Mr. Hoffman was the beloved husband of Janet for 49 years. Dear father of Barbara (Douglas) Laura, Dyann Hoffman, Janet R. Hoffman and Clarence J. Hoffman, III. Fond grandfather of: Adriana Laura, Natalie Laura, Kobe Gary and Brooklynn Gary. Mr. Hoffman was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2017 from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the service at 11:00 a.m. at the Higginson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., (734) 697-9400. Burial will follow at Chapel of Memorial Gardens, Sumpter Township. The family has requested memorial contributions to Nourishing Gardens Food Bank, 24831 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 in lieu of flowers.

Please keep the Hoffman family in your thoughts and prayers.

MARIE L. WALTERS

(September 17, 1937 - June 27, 2017)
A Memorial Service for Marie L. Walters of Van Buren Township, will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 5, at Community United Methodist Church, 11160 Olive St., Romulus. A luncheon will follow.



ANDREW 'RAE' THOM

(September 20, 1927 - May 22, 2017)
A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 28, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Rd. Family will greet guests one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions to the church.
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Obituaries



Herbert Robb, M.D.

HERBERT JAMES ROBB, M.D.

(October 2, 1921 – July 10, 2017)

Herbert Robb, age 95, passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Mary Grace (Hartsock) Robb; his sons Eric (Elaine, granddaughters Emily and Diane), Jeffery (Kimberly) and David (Michele, grandsons Nathan and Ian, granddaughters Olivia and Audrey); and daughters, Leslie (John, granddaughters Beth, Laura and Kelly) and Lynne Irwin (David).

Herb was born to Dr. Herbert F. and Katherine Robb October 2, 1921 and raised in Belleville, Michigan. He graduated from Belleville high school in 1939. He then received both his Chemistry and Medical Doctor degrees from the University of Michigan in 1945 in the accelerated war program. Following his internship at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, he then served in the U.S. Army in Tacoma, Washington at Fort Lewis and Madigan hospital corp. while reaching the rank of Captain.

Herb and Mary Grace were married in Tacoma at Madigan Chapel November, 6, 1946. Following his military service he returned to Detroit where he completed a General Surgery residency at Wayne State University's Receiving Hospital in 1954. Herb next completed a fellowship in microcirculation surgical research at Wayne State University. Herb held multiple appointments, some of which included: Director of Microvascular Research at Wayne State University; Director of Surgical Research at Hutzel Hospital; and Chief of Peripheral Vascular Surgery and Director of the Vascular Fellowship, both at William Beaumont Hospital. Herb authored or coauthored over 68 academic medical articles. He was very interested in the role blood cells and platelets play in shock, wound healing, heart disease and stroke. Herb created 16 research movies on these topics.

He liked to work with his hands and figure out how things worked. He built his own kayaks and paddled them on Belleville Lake as a young boy. Later as an adult he taught himself to do plumbing, electrical, and carpentry work, restoring old buildings and houses which became "Robb family projects". He was a kind and great teacher as these "projects" were the source of wonderful family time and memories as well as imparting invaluable lifelong skills and values to his children and grandchildren. Herb had an infectious childlike enthusiasm for learning from and sharing with others. He imparted in his children the reward and value of hard work and the job well done. He often said, "think positive" and "always leave a place better than you found it". He was slow to anger and kind to a fault. He was a friend to all who met him and he will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Franklin Community Church in Franklin, Michigan.

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James D. Jarvis

JAMES D. JARVIS

(January 16, 1967 – July 13, 2017)

Age 50, resident of Ypsilanti, passed away on Thursday evening, July 13, 2017 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Superior Township.

James Jarvis is the beloved fiancé to Kathleen Bingham, loving father of Douglas Jarvis of Ypsilanti, Alexander (Breanna) Jarvis of New York, Renee (Erik) Bingham of Carleton, Sarah (Eric) Bingham of Belleville and the proud grandfather of Gage, Blake and Derek. He is also survived by his siblings, George (Anne Bowers) Jarvis Jr., of Union City, Emma Lou (Dennis) Longo of Ypsilanti, Melinda Smith of Belleville, Rhonda (Jeff) Budd of Coldwater and his mother, Barbara Jarvis. Sadly, he is preceded in death by his father, George Jarvis (d.1986).

James graduated from Belleville High School in 1985, then went on to obtain a degree in culinary arts from Wayne County Community College. He enjoyed playing video games and watching sports, but most of all he loved spending time with his family and his dog "Rocky". A funeral service was held at 1 p.m., Monday, July 17, 2017 in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. 734-697-4500. The Jarvis family had visiting hours from 4-8 p.m. Sunday and from 11 a.m. until the service on Monday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the wishes of the family.

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Harry Fordham

HARRY FORDHAM

Harry Fordham died peacefully on July 12, 2017, aged 74, at his home in Belleville MI. Husband of Patricia Kalasz. Preceded in death by sister Jane Smawley (July 2017) and step-daughter Devonne Kalasz (January 2008). Survived by step-daughters Joyce Luna, Stephanie (Ted) Mull, Michelle Beaudrie, and Jennifer Kalasz. Grandfather of 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Harry spent his career as a Journeyman Pipefitter, and was a member of Ann Arbor UA Local 190. Nicknamed "Dirty Harry," he was always ready to tell a joke, exchange stories, and share a laugh. Harry enjoyed his motorcycle, fishing, playing pool, and NASCAR races.

A memorial with family will take place on July 22, 2017. The family asks that all those who knew Harry, celebrate his life by taking the time to enjoy some of the things that Harry liked to do, and think of him fondly. In lieu of flowers, you may donate to your favorite charity in Harry's name.

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Obituaries



George Leonard Ostrowski

GEORGE LEONARD OSTROWSKI

(November 2, 1930 – July 8, 2017)

George Leonard Ostrowski, of Palm Harbor, Florida, died Saturday, July 8, 2017 at age 86. He was born November 2, 1930 at home in Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, to parents Albert and Frances (nee Krzewinski) Ostrowski. He grew up in Belleville, Wayne County, Michigan and graduated Belleville High School in 1949 as Class President. He served in the US Army from 1951-1953 as CPL(T) in AUS ORD. George began working jobs at an early age, eventually becoming a regional traveling salesman for Draw-Tite until he retired.

George married his high school sweetheart Elsie Edna Smith in 1951 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Belleville, and recently celebrated their 66th anniversary. They were active members of St. Anthony's Church and the Belleville community. They moved to Florida in 1980 to be with their children and grandchildren, and became active members of Light of Christ Catholic Church in Clearwater. He enjoyed family gatherings, card games, and Polkas!

George is survived by his wife Elsie; his daughters: Gail (Richard) Baird, of Palm Harbor, and Denise (Wayne) Carr, of Dunedin, Florida; his son Mark (Mary) Ostrowski, of Oldsmar, Florida; his grandchildren: Steven (Katie) Ostrowski, of Larkspur, Colorado, and Lisa (Eric) Dynes, of Jacksonville, Florida, and Katie (Carter) Leffen, of New York, New York; his great-grandchildren Helen, Vivian, and Simon Ostrowski, and Ethan Dynes; and his brothers Frank (Carina) Ostrowski of Belleville, Michigan and Albert (Pauline) Ostrowski of Comins, Oscoda County, Michigan. He was predeceased by his parents, 3 sisters (Marcella, Rose, Isabel), and a brother Casmer.

Viewing was Wednesday, July 12, at Curlew Hills Memory Gardens, Palm Harbor. Funeral Mass is Thursday, July 13, at 10:30 a.m. at Light of Christ Catholic Church, Clearwater. Interment will follow at Curlew Hills Memory Gardens. Brunch will follow at the home of Mark and Mary Ostrowski.



Laurence Michael O'Sullivan

LAURENCE MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

(April 27, 1934 - July 5, 2017)

Laurence Michael O'Sullivan of Van Buren Township died peacefully at his home on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 83 years of age.

Laurence is the beloved husband of Mary for fifty-five wonderful years; proud father of Maureen (David) Papin of Belleville, Laurence (Amy Cutting) O'Sullivan of Ypsilanti, Sheila (Ty) Patton of Belleville and Martin (Lori Antieau) of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; cherished grandfather of Brendan, Ryann, Brian, Meghan, Abigail, Matthew, Isabella, Cormac, Tristan, Declan and Owen; and dear brother of Sheila Broderick of Northville. He is preceded in death by his parents, five siblings, and their spouses.

Born on April 27, 1934 in the town Sneem in County Kerry, Ireland, to Laurence and Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Laurence and his siblings moved to the United States in the mid-20th century. Laurence proudly served in the United States Army and settled with Mary in the Belleville area to raise their family. He was a twenty-five year employee of Wayne Co. Road Commission as a journeyman painter.

Mr. O'Sullivan had deep faith and was a devoted parishioner of St. Anthony's Church of Belleville. He was also proud of his Irish heritage. He enjoyed Irish music, Gaelic football, especially "Kerry Football" and traveling back to Ireland. Also, he enjoyed hitting golf balls and was an avid cyclist into his 70s. He also enjoyed reading. Mostly, he cherished times with Mary and his family.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 8, at St. Anthony's Church of Belleville, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. Mr. O'Sullivan laid in state one hour prior to Mass. Interment followed at Knollwood Memorial Park of Canton.

Visiting hours were Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville, 734-697-4500. The rosary was prayed at 7 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

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Dianne Marie Krause

DIANNE M. KRAUSE

(May 25, 1950 – July 15, 2017)

Dianne Marie Krause, age 67, long-time Belleville resident, passed away Saturday, July 15, 2017 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born May 25, 1950 in Detroit, MI, daughter of Raymond Duncan & Elsie Matilda (Frale) Parent.

Dianne was a member of the Belleville Moose Lodge #934 and a very active member of the Van Buren Eagles Aerie #3996. She also enjoyed knitting, crocheting and embroidery and putting puzzles together.

Mrs. Krause is survived by son Carl L. Wheelock of Michigan; daughter Patricia Wheelock of Jackson, MI; 4 grandchildren; three siblings, Michael (Marvel) Parent of Westland, MI, Linda Wassman of Wisconsin and Patrick D. Parent of Sterling Heights, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Oscar Louis Krause on November 24, 2008, also 11 siblings.

Visitation was 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Service began at 5 p.m. Pastor Raymond D. Parent II officiated. Interment was in Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, MI, next to her husband.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and would be appreciated by the family.

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Sen. Patrick Colbeck announces bid to be Michigan governor

Michigan Senator Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton and former senator for Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter, is launching his bid for governor at the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport on Saturday.

The Colbeck for Governor Launch Party will be at the museum, 47884 D Street, Van Buren Township. The launch party tent opens at noon and the launch team will get things will get going at 1 p.m.

The public is invited to meet Sen. Colbeck, get free access to the museum and hear his special guests.

Free tickets are available but limited on Eventbrite.

Supporters from around the state are expected to be on hand rallying behind Colbeck who has represented Michigan's 7th Senate District since 2010. Before a reorganization of districts, he represented the 6th District.

Sen. Colbeck has a background in aerospace engineering and business and is being promoted as a "rocket scientist."

The launch will get a special welcome from speakers Thayrone X of WAAM 1600, Rev. Levon Yuille of Joshua's Trail and Bob Dutko of WMUZ 103.5.

The Yankee Air Museum will be open at 1:30 p.m. for the first 400 Eventbrite ticket holders.

Clint Tarver's hot dog stand will be on site and available for participants to purchase hot dogs, chips, and soda.

Campaign tees, bumper stickers, and buttons will be available for purchase.

Pre-launch parties have been held this week in Northville and Detroit.

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Library Board adds basement to plans for new library building

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting July 11, the Belleville Area District Library approved allocating \$312,000 from the owner's contingency part of the construction budget to pay for adding a partial basement to the new library building that will be constructed on Fourth Street in the city of Belleville.

Building Committee chairwoman Joy Cichewicz said the original plan didn't have enough storage space and it didn't have enough space for the Friends of the Library and their used books. The Building Committee recommended the basement.

"It frees up floor space in the library by moving the utilities to the basement," said architect Dan Whisler of the 2,080 square foot basement. He presented two layouts

for the basement to the board and in the future a decision will be made on the final basement plan. It is intended to be in the area closest to the museum.

Board chairwoman Sharon Peters said the full board needs to know that they had full library staff input and the basement brings a lot of comfort to those who work there.

"This is a foundational change to create the kind of library we want to have," Peters said.

Whisler said the owner's contingency was \$415,000, of the \$13,503,440 construction budget. By removing the \$312,000 for basement cost, there still is \$103,000 left for future changes.

Whisler said if they didn't spend 2/3 of the owner's contingency money, they would have to cut the square foot cost to come up

with the money for the basement.

He said the square-foot cost already has been lowered from \$215 to \$204, and, "We can have a very nice building at \$204."

"We can't afford design at \$196 square foot and would have to save money in the exterior design some way," Whisler said, adding they would have to simplify the façade if they cut the square foot cost that low.

Whisler outlined the major changes made to the plans as they work toward construction drawings, including moving the administrative offices from the second floor to the main floor because of additional space freed up by use of the basement for building support items.

He also said the fireplace has been reoriented to increase storage for the meeting room, a conference room for 10 people was added next to the children's story room, and the boundary was modified between the children's room and staff space.

Also, the amount of shelves available for sales of books by the Friends was doubled from four to eight shelves, a door was added to the little garden, and a small tutoring room was added.

Whisler also said a real trend now is having a space to refill water bottles and that has been added at the water fountains.

He said the toilets will have 1.8 gallon low water usage. The waterless urinals were considered, but if not cleaned with bleach every day, there is an odor.

The Local History room was moved inside the building, away from the natural, ultraviolet light that could degrade historic documents, he said.

"We did not budget for vegetative roofs," Whisler said. "It sure would be nice to be able to look out the window and see vegetation instead of rooftops."

"It would help reduce storm water runoff," he said.

He said two, 900-square-foot areas are designed to allow bumping the building's wall out in 20-30 years if expansion is needed.

Whisler said they started with 31,900 square feet and now are up to 33,220 square feet for the library.

Bad fill beneath site

Whisler said the recent topographical study reports that in the vicinity of the building's footprint, the fill soils are not good. He said about six feet of soil is there that they cannot put the building on.

He said they could dig down six feet, remove the soil and bring in nice fill.

He said the bearing capacity is "less good" if they just make the footings deeper.

They will be working through that problem with the structural engineer to consider the ramifications, he said.

"We have to deal with that," he said. "That's just the nature of construction."

He said the soil borings also show that they hit water at about five feet. He said essentially it is perch water over the clay.

Board member John Juriga asked if the digging would impact the museum next door to the site.

"That's pretty sacred to us," Juriga said.

Whisler said that is done all the time and is not a problem.

Whisler discussed the delay by Comcast of getting back to him with a cost for changes. They already have costs from DTE and AT&T. DTE said it takes six to eight months after it gets its fee to move the power lines.

A motion was passed to pay DTE its \$205,027 and AT&T its \$64,866.66 and go with Comcast as long as it's within the budget.

In other business at the two-hour, July 11 meeting, the board:

- Discussed how design changes should be made and agreed major design changes and approval of contracts always comes to the board, and they trust the Building Committee to make other decisions. They discussed adding Michael Boelter and Deb Green to the Building Committee and heard Peters say, "We can talk about it next time."
- Whisler said to just make sure the board's expectations are clear because, "We want to avoid micromanagement by the full board"; and
- Approved the engagement letter for Alan C. Young and Associates to audit the library financial records for the year ended June 30, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$7,425.



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Shaylett Stuckey Queen of Queens

Shaylett Stuckey of VBT crowned 'Queen of Queens' in New Orleans

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In the International Woman Pageant she achieved the highest scores in the combined categories of evening gown, glam wear, and panel interviews.

Stuckey is the former Mrs. Michigan America 2015 and most recently held the title of Classy Mrs. Michigan for Today's International Woman.

In addition to earning the title of Queen of Queens, she also received the photogenic award and a prize package valued at more than \$10,000, including cash and modeling contracts.

Stuckey is publishing her first book next month and will be the cover model for Julimac Magazine's August edition.

Stuckey holds a bachelor's degree in Business Management and is an entrepreneur and recording artist. Her first solo project "Covered" is available on iTunes.

Married for 23 years with two children, Stuckey involves herself within her community by working with the National Association of Professional Women, eWomen Network, MI Small Business Association, NorthRidge Church, as a PTO president, and as co-director of Belleville's National Strawberry Festival Queen Pageant.

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On Saturday, members of the Sumpter Township Fire Department painted Fire Hall #2, which hadn't been painted in 20 years. Fire Hall #2 is still an active part of the fire department with runs to the south part of the township by the paid per call department. From left are Brian Blackburn, John Krushlin, Colleen Armatis, Walt Thompson, Chief Joe Januszyk, and Jim Stumpf.

Red Cross Blood drive this Saturday at VBT

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Trustee Paul White announced a Red Cross Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, in the Otisville-Sheldon Room at

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He said the need for blood is desperate and the township is happy to help with the Red Cross effort.

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- **Thursday, July 20** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. This week it's The Stubbs Girls. Free. Horizon Park, Belleville.
- **Thursday, July 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.
- **Saturday, July 22** – The tri-community's former state senator, Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, is launching his bid to be governor of Michigan at noon at the Yankee Air Museum. Free tickets at [Eventbrite](#).
- **Saturday, July 22** – State Rep. Kristi Pagan, D-Canton, will hold a coffee hour at 10 a.m. at Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street. Tell her your concerns about state issues.
- **Saturday, July 22** – Ford & Mercury Restorers Club of American Swap Meet at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, Quirk Road, north of the I-94 North Service Drive. Site opens 7 a.m. Car show, swap meet, ladies' crafts, car corral. Information: Rob Martoia, (734) 837-1891.
- **Sunday, July 23** – St. Anthony Men's Club annual golf outing starts at 9 a.m. at Fellow Creek Golf Club in Canton. Entry fee is \$70 per golfers. Includes 18 holes with car, lunch, and awards. Information: (734) 788-3266.
- **Sunday, July 23** – WACO 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.
- **Monday, July 24** – State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, will hold a coffee hour at 7 p.m. at the Canton Township Administration Building, Township Board Room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Tell her your concerns about state issues.
- **Thursday, July 27** – Free Community Dinner from 6 to 6:30 p.m. at Willow United Methodist Church and God Works Family Soup Kitchen, 36925 E. Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. www.willowchurch.org
- **Thursday, July 27** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. This week it's Thornetta Davis. Free. Horizon Park, Belleville.
- **Sunday, July 30** – Bobby Hutch 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, July 30** – Summer concert by the Belleville Community Band at 3 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street. Information: (734) 699-6350.
- **Thursday, Aug. 3** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. This week it's Detroit Elvis. Free. Horizon Park, Belleville.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, July 24 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Administration Building
- Tuesday, July 25 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting at 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 26 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 2 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 8 – Van Buren Township Recreation Committee at 5:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 9 – Van Buren Township

Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday, Aug. 10 – Keystone Academy Board of Education, 6 p.m., Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, Aug. 14 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Administration Building
- Tuesday, Aug. 15 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.



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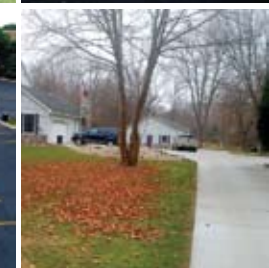
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Enjoying Saturday's Family Fun Day in Sumpter Township are, from left, April Mundo, Sumpter Police Chief Eric Luke, Kim Toms and Jim Posegay of the Sumpter Parks and Recreation Commission, Benjamin and Alexander Luke, and Trully Luke. April Mundo is Trully Luke's mother. The annual Family Fun Day is put on by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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Court Watching:

Nelson Po pleads guilty to attempting to grow 5-45 kg of marijuana

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On June 26, Nelson Po of Sumpter Township entered a plea of guilty to a misdemeanor charge of attempting to deliver/manufacture 5-45 kilograms of marijuana at his Harris Road home.

The plea was accepted by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Michael Callahan, who set a sentencing date of July 17.

Circuit Court Judge Ulysses W. Boykin sentenced Po to one year of probation and \$1,548, payable over a year's time. He could undergo periodic urinalysis upon request of the probation officer.

Judge Boykin also ruled that Po may grow marijuana within state statutes.

Po's retained attorney was Robert Ruark of Canton Township.

A jury trial was ready to begin at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on June 26 when Po was persuaded to take the plea deal to plea guilty to the misdemeanor, instead of facing the jury verdict on the felony charge.

Judge Callahan turned the case over to the probation department for a pre-sentence recommendation.

The reduced charge could have brought up to four years in prison and a \$20,000 fine or both. The original charge would have brought imprisonment for not more than seven years or a fine of not more than \$500,000, or both.

Po, 69, was arrested on Aug. 16 by Sumpter police after they were called to his home by a neighbor complaining of a skunky smell of marijuana. He was freed on personal recognizance bond of \$10,000.

Meanwhile, Po has sued the State of Michigan and Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy for what he says is \$1 million worth of cash and items taken from him by civil forfeiture during that raid. A settlement conference is set for Aug. 8 before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge David J. Allen.

Also, Po has sued Sumpter Township and Police Detective John Toth in civil court over the Aug. 16 arrest.

Po claims conversion, stating the defendants converted, stole, extorted, and/or confiscated Po's personal property on Aug. 16 when they raided his home and medical marijuana business on Harris Road.

Po also faces a misdemeanor charge of disturbing workers at Atchinson Ford in Van Buren Township on Oct. 29, 2015, where he went to talk to Sumpter Trustee Don Swinson about a 2015 raid on Po's marijuana grow operation which is next door to Swinson's father's house.

That misdemeanor case was adjourned until after the felony case was resolved in circuit court.

Rep. Bellino bills targeting illegal delivery of beer, wine now law

State Rep. Joe Bellino's legislation specifying penalties for illegal importation or sales of beer and wine was signed into law July 12 by Gov. Rick Snyder.

The bills become the first new laws sponsored by Bellino during his legislative career, which began in January. He represents the 17th district, which includes Sumpter Township.

The measures increase penalties based on the amount of beer and wine illegally brought into

Michigan or sold in the state while allowing individuals to bring home a reasonable amount for personal use. Only people and businesses licensed by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission can sell, import or deliver alcohol in the state. Generally, previous law penalizes violations with a misdemeanor. Bellino's bill would increase penalties as the amount of beer or wine involved increases. The maximum penalty would be a felony punishable by up to four

years in prison and a \$5,000 fine for violations involving at least 225,000 milliliters – equivalent to about 26 cases of beer or 300 bottles of wine. Penalties would drop to a civil infraction with a top fine of \$500 for violations involving less than 45,000 milliliters – roughly five cases of beer or 60 bottles of wine. People could bring smaller amounts – roughly a 24-can case of beer or a dozen bottles of wine – into Michigan from other states without prior approval.

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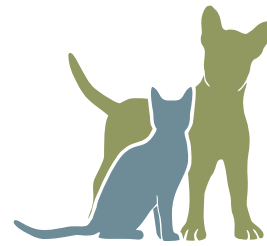
Pretrial for Kenneth Landstrom charges adjourned until Aug. 23

Kenneth Landstrom, the Van Buren Township Fire Fighter charged with three counts of lying to police and one count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, has had his pretrial court session adjourned to 9 a.m., Aug. 23 at 34th District Court.

His attorney is Robert Coutts and the officer in the charge of the case is VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazy.

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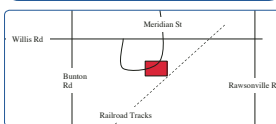
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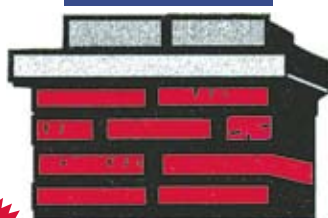
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Quality donations are being accepted July 20-21 by appointment for an estate sale coming up July 27-29 at 14970 Haggerty Road in Belleville. Proceeds will go to the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue based in Sumpter Township. To donate, call (734) 697-0408.

Golfing slots are filling up and sponsorship opportunities are still available for the 18th-annual Gregg Brinkerhoff Scholarship Golf Outing on Aug. 5 at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course. Registration deadline to golf is July 29. For details, call Mike Sampson at (734) 697-0440.

August might be the final month of summer vacation, but it's the peak of the air show season here in the Midwest with the Selfridge Open House on Aug. 19-20 featuring the Air Force Thunderbirds. The base is celebrating 100 years in 2017 and the show is always free. Across the state to the west is the Chicago Air & Water Show featuring the Navy Blue Angels the same weekend, also a free show along Lake Michigan. Then the Blues return to Thunder Over Michigan at Willow Run Airport Sept. 2-4. For ticket info, visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

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Cobblestone residents ask VBT board for help with open basements

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, ten residents of Cobblestone Ridge subdivision again got up to beseech the board, once again, to get rid of the unsightly, dangerous, open basements in their subdivision – which have been there for over a decade.

Phillip Hayes said a basement with four to five feet of water is there and geese have babies and follow their mothers and fall into the basements and die. Rabbits die in the basements. "Everything dies."

He said kids are jumping the fences the township put up to protect them and, "Can you imagine a kid in the basement in four to five feet of water?"

"We are so sorry," said VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

Supervisor McNamara asked Ron Akers, Director of Planning and Economic Development, to explain the current situation.

Akers said a few weeks ago, the township asked Cobblestone developer to do a couple of things to make sure the basements were secure and they responded.

He said Building 1 on the left hand side of the entryway is ready to begin construction. They had a building permit issued in November that the township said had expired.

At a closed-door session after Monday's work/study session, the board discussed the situation and decided to obtain a performance bond of \$25,000 for Building 1. Once the township gets the bond, the builder will have two weeks to start building.

Supervisor McNamara said the 2011 and 2015 agreements were broken. They received a building permit in November and the township said it expired in six months. They say they have two more weeks, McNamara said, and there would be litigation over that if the township pushed.

"We could take out the basements, but then we'd get sued," McNamara said.

He said the builder has to honor the 2015 agreement. The builder has to post a \$25,000 performance bond and if he doesn't follow through, "We will use his money to destroy the basements," McNamara said.

McNamara said he wanted to send an excavator to destroy the basements, but there were arguments against that. He said Brad Byarski is no longer with the group.

Residents of the subdivision told McNamara not to believe that because there have been shifts and shifts of partners.

"There are new members on the [township] board and this company is on a very short leash," said Trustee Kevin Martin. "He won't be able to go on like this."

"I was lied to for 11 years," said resident Rebecca Gray. She had told the board she is ready to move after 11 years because, she is tired. "How he got away with that for ten years..."

"I want to apologize to the residents," said Trustee Sherry Frazier, who took office in December. "How it dragged on for so long, I have no idea." She said the board already authorized \$111,000 to tear down the basements.

Larry Gray said he was the one who suggested his family move to Belleville. He said it is in nobody's interests to keep the basements there. "Either build or tear out the basements," Gray said.

Karen Ford said in the 2015 agreement, they said they were developers, but after the residents hired an attorney, they said they were land owners. If they are land owners there is some \$300,000 or more in homeowner association fees they owe.

"You can't be both," Ford said. "A lie is another name for a broken promise."

"You're making a deal with people like this," Ford told the board.

McNamara said if the township took out the basements and didn't allow them to build, they would be out of business, construction would stop, and the homeowners would be stuck with the final stages of the road construction.

"We told them to sell the property and they came back and asked us to let them build. We've given them two weeks," McNamara said.

Another homeowner said the developer would start to build and then leave the site. One pile of plywood was outside for two years. She said Byarski probably is still the lead guy, according to the way they switch things around.

David McNally, who is VBT Fire Marshal, said he lives in the condos and understands what the township is trying to do. He urged the township to stay on the builder because he has a history of not following up on things.

Ethel Baylor asked who she can call to get an update on the progress with the builder and McNamara asked Akers exactly how long the builder had to comply since the two weeks was set.

Akers said, actually, the township still has to get the performance bond and when it does he will release the building permit. Builder Anthony Randazzo needs to adjust the wording in the performance bond agreement, Akers said.

Trustee Sherry Frazier said, "We should give him one week."

"He has offered to sell, if he got an offer," McNamara said of Randazzo. "We will get with him tomorrow. He has a week."

"We gave him until June 30 and he replied at 5 p.m., June 30," Trustee Frazier said, referring to Randazzo's tactics.

Trustee Paul White asked the residents to have faith in the board. "We're doing everything we can," he said.

"I fear the day that technology will surpass our human interaction. The world will have a generation of idiots."

— Albert Einstein

City Council

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Buren Township. His occupation was teacher. His brother Henry also joined up as a drummer, but was mustered out after a month.

Anton said the cost is \$3,500 to get the names engraved and the engraver has a down payment of \$1,500 of Anton's money to get started.

When asked if he had an online account where people could make donations with PayPal, he said he didn't, but people could write checks, make them out to VFW 4434, and send them to 376 Light Tower Ct., Belleville 48111.

Councilman Fielder said the back of the monument was left open because the original purpose was to put Civil War names there.

Anton said he would also like to see the names of those killed in the Spanish American War and World War I. And what about the Indians war, he asked.

He will be making presentations to the BYC and Rotary, he said, seeking donations.

The names of those from the tri-community killed in action in the Civil War that will be engraved are: Sirel T. Chilson, Seth C. Runyan, Jasper Burt, Roderick J. Biddle, George Martin, James L. Crysler, Cornell Crysler, Deforest Carpenter, Reuben Cory, Lewis Spawn, George E. Jewett, Hiram R. Hunt, Albert H. Tyler, Ira Austin, Joseph Davis, Vincent King, Charles Bucklin, Henry H. Mills, and Robert McQuaid.

On Anton's written request to the city council, he also asked that the rear of the memorial be repaired.

Councilman Fielder agreed the city has to do something to stabilize the site.

In their packets, councilmembers had an estimate of how much it would take to fix the monument, put together by Raymond D Parker, project architect for Hennessey Engineers. The estimate was \$41,200 and with a 10% contingency of \$4,120, it comes to \$45,320.

There was no discussion on the repairs.

In other business at Monday's 75-minute meeting, the council:

- Started the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Sumpter Township Clerk Clarence Hoffman, who died over

the weekend;

- Approved having the administration negotiate a three-year contract with Town Web to host the city's web site. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said she will bring a contract back for their consideration. Clerk Sherri Scharf had compared the bids that came in for the website and made the recommendation to the council. Kollmeyer said the current website was developed by a person on the DDA and the city had to hack into it when that person was no longer with the DDA. Carol Thompson of the DDA has been doing the best she can to help the city with its site since then. Mayor Kerreen Conley said she has been seeking an improved website for years. The cost is expected to be from \$8,000 to \$11,000, including maintenance, for the three years;

- Approved accounts payable of \$171,418.84 and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to Mueller Systems, \$2,750 for annual software maintenance agreement; to Discount Tire, \$740 for tires for Rescue 456 fire vehicle; and to Superior Sales and Distribution, \$512.85 for leak-stop products for the fire department;

- Heard three residents of North Liberty Street voice disappointment that the council did not have the crumbling sea wall on its agenda, as they were previously advised. Kollmeyer said DPW Director Rick Rutherford could not be at that evening's meeting because his daughter got married in Virginia. Robert Vandal said those who own homes along the seawall feel a little in the dark and have been unable to get responses from the city. They have quotes, but if they repair their part, it might damage the city's part. When asked who he didn't get an answer from, he replied, "I sent an email to you, Kerreen," addressing the mayor. Mayor Conley replied her email doesn't work and he needs to talk to Rutherford. Another property owner asked for a copy of the engineering report on the seawall and Councilman Jesse Marcotte said it would be helpful for them to read the report before the August meeting where the seawall will be discussed, and he's sure it's available through Rutherford. "A seawall collapse would not be good," said one of the property owners;

- Heard resident Ruth Bleeker discuss citizen dissatisfaction and impatience with the maintenance of city property, referring

to broken cement, overgrown vegetation, and the looks of city hall. She suggested the city rename Belleville Lake as Hidden Lake, since the vegetation is hiding the lake from citizen view. The sprinkler system at Horizon Park has been broken for five years and they can't fix it because of the cost, but the cost had not been determined, she said. She reminded residents that Tuesday, July 25, at 4 p.m. is the deadline to run for city council;

- Heard Jeff Vernon complain about a street light in front of Hayward's that had been out, he said, for two years; the lack of a fee schedule for the new events ordinance, although it was supposed to be done in July; the suggestion that another DPW worker is needed (Kollmeyer said that is in the works), and folks telling him they are willing to help as volunteers but feel they would be breaking the law if they went on property they didn't own. He also asked how to buy land from the city and he was told a bidding process would have to be set up; and

- Went into closed-door session to discuss pending union negotiations and then came back into regular session to unanimously approve a 2% wage increase for 2017 for the police department employees, retroactive to Jan. 1. Kollmeyer said the increase is in the new budget approved, but the police department budget will have to come up with the retroactive cost of \$4,800 to \$5,000.



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VBT LDFA

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signed up to help," referring to volunteers.

LDFA member John Delaney said until six years ago, there were lots of active volunteers in the township and then the township said it didn't need volunteers.

"Only public safety is looking into grants," Delaney said. "We need to look into grants."

McNamara said the previous week, he, his assistant Dan Selman, and Matthew Best, deputy director of Planning and Economic Development, went through training on the

Grant Finder system. He said 7,000 grants are available.

"This discussion would be well-received by the public," Peters said "Let them know the work is being done."

"Our board agrees with it and we have Sharry Budd as the main architect of our budget," McNamara said.

"There's a new feeling of excitement," chairman Dotson said. "Van Buren Township is moving forward for a new stage of technology."

At the half-hour, July 11 meeting, the LDFA:

- Heard a new building is being planned

for Grace Lake by Sovereign Partners. The 150,000-square-foot building will be on the west side of the lake, kitty-corner to the parking lot. It will be office and research and development space. It has no tenant yet. "Three meetings ago, you said you weren't going to build on spec," Peters said to fellow board member Danylo Dobriansky and Dobriansky agreed: "That's what I said." Board members agreed the economy has changed. The project will come before the planning commission soon, but there is no date for a ground-breaking, which Dobriansky said would be a few months out;

- Heard Ron Akers, director of Planning and Economic Development, announce that the Wayne County Commissioners' Ways and Means Committee will be meeting to discuss budget items at 9:30 a.m., Aug. 22, at Grace Lake. The meeting is open to the public, and McNamara said 40-50 people usually show up, including reporters from Cranes and the two Detroit daily papers. He said the county treasurer, sheriff, and prosecutor sometimes come. He said the county owns 50 or more buildings and he wants them to see Grace Lake and let other people know Van Buren Township has office space out here;

- Heard Dobriansky said he is in the final stages of getting the large sign installed on Grace Lake property along I-275; and

- Heard Delaney ask the board to keep fellow board member Chuck Covington in their prayers. Covington's daughter was recently murdered in VBT.

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a notice this this meeting that day and the day before.

Philip Rossman of Haggerty Road said 25 were alerted by mail but a lot more will be affected and people don't know what's happening that will affect the value of their properties.

Commission Chairman Jane Stalmack said the commission has to send out notices to a certain amount of nearby residents and if they went beyond that, they would also have to go farther for other requests in the future, which would make a burden on the township.

Trustee Matthew Oddy said Abraham paid almost \$1,400 for this consideration, referring to the amount charged by the township for consideration by the planning commission.

"I hope you consider us, also," said a man in the audience, "even though we didn't pay you \$1,400."

"That's chump change," called out another man in the audience. "I'll give him \$1,400 to shut up." The man said he bought his house for \$300,000 and it's going to be worth \$100,000 with a campground next door.

Commissioner Jay Bardell said, "He said if he couldn't put in a campground, he could put in homes."

Trustee Oddy urged the riled audience members to come to the next commission meeting when the issue is on the agenda, but he couldn't say exactly when that would be.

The disgruntled audience slowly and loudly left the meeting room.

In other business at the July 13 meeting, the commission:

- Set a public hearing for 7:05 p.m., Aug. 10, to consider recommending repealing of a township ordinance that regulates operation of a Medical Marijuana Provisionary Center within the township, since the ordinance no longer applies because of changes in state law. Trustee Oddy said this ordinance was designed for caregivers to open provisionary center and "the state didn't do that." He said the new law doesn't allow caregivers to be a part of provisionary centers or the grows.

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Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2017**

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Absent

Mayor Pro Tem Loria Present

Mayor Conley	Absent
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3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations	None
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Council follow up list

Council Member Marcotte asked that the Doane's Landing seawall project be added.

Citizen Comments

Gina Wilson Steward, Western Wayne County NAACP's President, stated that she was doing community outreach and encouraged all to attend their meetings held on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in Garden City.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Marcotte, second by Fielder to approve the regular city council meeting minutes of June 5th, 2017 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

A. Request to Use Victory Park – Lions' Club Annual Picnic

Keith McDonald, president of Belleville Area Lions' Club, presented his request.

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to adopt Resolution No. 17-052 approving Belleville Area Lions' Club request to hold its first annual "Picnic in the Park" on July 20th, 2017 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Victory Park.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. 2017 Millage Rate

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer stated that the amendment to correct the tax rollback cannot be 18.10; the correction per Headlee is 16.9362 mills. City Council members Marcotte and Fielder detailed the reason the state implemented Headlee and how it has created revenue shortfalls for local communities, particularly the City of Belleville.

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to adopt Resolution No. 17-053 amending Resolution No. 17-049 to reduce the millage rate of 18.10 to 16.9362 in accordance with the Headlee Schedule as provided by Wayne County.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. 2018 SMART Municipal Credits Contract

Motion by Marcotte, second by Fielder to adopt Resolution No. 17-054 approving the appropriation of FY2018 SMART Municipal Credits in the amount of \$3,914 with a local match of \$4,501.00 funded with the City's Senior Transportation budget.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 17-055 for accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 totaling \$99,365.72.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 17-056 to recess regular meeting and enter into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to adjourn meeting at 8:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

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Huron School District Operating Millage Renewal Proposal.

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2017 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18.5980 mills (\$18, 5980 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Huron School District, Wayne and Monroe Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 5 years, 2018-2022, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills is levied in 2018 is approximately \$2,069,593 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2017 tax levy)? Yes or No

I, Eric R. Sabree, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 23, 2017 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Wayne County <u>Wayne County, Michigan</u>			
<u>Taxing Authorities</u>	<u>Date of Election</u>	<u>Voted Increases</u>	<u>Yearly Increase Effective</u>
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2016	0.25 mills	2020
Wayne County	November 6, 2008	1.25 mills	2020
Community College	November 6, 2012	1 mill	2022
Wayne County RESA	November 8, 2016	2 mills	2021
<u>School District</u>			
Airport Community			
Schools	May 2013	18 mills	2018 (non-homestead only)
Huron School District	November, 2011	18 mills	2017 (non homestead only)
Lincoln Consolidated	November, 2012	18 mills	2018 (non homestead only)
Schools	November, 2012	.1 mill	2018
Van Buren Township	November, 2016	18 mills	2024 (non homestead only)
School District			

ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOTS are now available and may be obtained from the Clerk's Office, for electors who expect to be absent from the community, physically disabled, cannot attend the polls because tenants of their religion, or are 60 years of age or older. Notice is further given that the office will be open on Saturday, August 5, 2017 fom 8 am to 2 pm. The deadline for acceptance of Absentee Ballot Application in accordance with Section 168.759 of the Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948 as amended.

EMERGENCY ABSENT VOTER APPLICATIONS will be issued to any registered elector at any time prior to 4 pm on Election Day if he/she shall have become physically disabled or shall be absent from the Township because of sickness or death in the family, which has occurred at a time which has made it impossible to apply for Absent Voter's Ballots by the statutory deadline.

Each person voting in the election must be:

- A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age;
- A registered elector of the City or Township in which he or she resides.

Precinct Locations are as follows:

Precinct 3 Sumpter Community Center
23501 Sumpter Road (Corner of Dunn)

Precinct 4 Fire Station #1
20550 Sumpter Road

The polls of said Special Election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on the day of election.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.

Clerk

Sumpter Township

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Sumpter Township Public Notice



TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER NOTICE OF ACCURACY TEST

A Public Accuracy Test will be conducted on the following date and time for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulation equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the Special Election to be held on August 8, 2017 in Sumpter Township, Wayne County.

**The Public Accuracy Test will be held on August 1, 2017 at
10:00 am
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, MI 48111**

The Township of Sumpter will provide in accordance with the Disabilities Act a reasonable accommodation with advanced notice to the Clerk's Office. Candidates and other interested parties are invited to attend. For further information contact: Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk at 734-461-6201.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.
Clerk
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Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township Planning Commission

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the Sumpter Township Planning Commission will be held at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111, on Thursday, **August 10th, 2017** at 7:05 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. for the following purpose:

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE REPEAL OF SECTION 6.55 AND THAT PORTION OF SECTIONS 4.15.2 and 4.16.2 RELATING TO REGULATION, LOCATION AND OPERATION OF MEDICAL MARIHUANA PROVISIONARY CENTER(S)

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING THE USE AND OPERATION OF A MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITY: MODIFY SECTION 2.2 DEFINITIONS, MODIFY SECTION 4.6: AG AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, MODIFY SECTION 4.7: RF, RURAL SMALL FARM DISTRICT, MODIFY SECTION 4.8 R-1, COUNTRY HOME DISTRICT, MODIFY SECTION 4.9: R-2 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, MODIFY SECTION 4.10: MR, TWO-FAMILY AND MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, MODIFY SECTION 4.5 LL, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, MODIFY SECTION 4.16: GL GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, MODIFY ARTICLE 6: SPECIAL PROVISIONS

The full amended sections may be examined at the Township Offices, 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111, during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will also be received at the above address during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet R. Hoffman
Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

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City of Belleville Public Notice



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes July 3, 2017

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE
2. ROLL CALL
Council Member Fielder Absent (excused)
Council Member Smith Present
Council Member Marcotte Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria Absent (excused)
Mayor Conley Present
3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS
None.
4. AGENDA APPROVAL
Motion by Marcotte, Second by Smith to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Smith, Second by Marcotte to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of June 10, 2017 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None.
7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None.
8. GENERAL BUSINESS None.
9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES
Motion by Smith, Second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 17-057, to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 with a correction to the total dollar amount. Changed to \$75,083.53.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
Website Recommendation.
16. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Marcotte, Second by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Respectfully submitted,
Diana J. Kollmeyer, City Manager
Approved: July 17, 2017
Published: July 20, 2017

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Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 27, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm, showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Hurst. Excused absence: Clerk C. Hoffman. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 10 residents.

3. Agenda:
 - A. Motion by Oddy, supported by P. Morgan to approve to add a Closed Session: Pending Litigation Po vs. Sumpter Township and John Toth. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:
5. Minutes: Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Warrants totaling \$155,323.46. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Hurst. Nay: None. Excused absence: C. Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report - Swinson:
 - A. Working on the balance of Sumpter Festival
 - B. Family Fun Day is July 15, 2017 at Graham Park, 12:00 noon
 - C. Menards
- Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Planning/Zoning Report - Oddy:
 - A. Public Hearing last Planning Commission Meeting was tabled for additional information
 - B. Board has asked Planning Commission to consider repealing the Caregiver Dispensary Zoning Ordinance
 - C. Amending current MMMA
 - D. Accessory Buildings
- Motion by LaPorte, supported by Swinson to approve the Planning/Zoning Report. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Attorney's Report - Young: No Report. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Attorney's no report. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Board Response:
 - Senior Report-Hurst:
 - A. Funeral for Walter Krakowiak was June 27, 2017. He was 101 ½ years old great loss to the Seniors
 - B. Special Birthday for Isabelle Atkins who will be turning 100 years old on June 30
 - C. Cardio Drumming Thursday's 9:45 to 10:15 am

- D. June 28, 2017 Birthday Bingo
- E. Make-up Tiger Game will be Thursday, June 29, 2017

- F. Next Tiger game will be August 10, 2017
 - G. Detroit Princess Cruise will be September 15, 2017 the cost will be \$42
- Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Senior Report. Motion carried unanimously.

11. New Business:
 - A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve to purchase a MRX920 Data Coll V3 Plus Mapping and Mobility Software from Ferguson Water Works for no more than \$7,771.00 to replace inoperable Radio Read Equipment. Motion carried unanimously.
 12. Announcements:
 13. Open Floor:
 - A. Virginia Belinski
 - Thank you to ACE Hardware for providing equipment for Cardio Drumming for the Seniors
 - B. Mary Sherwood
 - Tiny Houses
 14. Closed Session: Pending Litigation Po vs. Sumpter Township and John Toth
 - A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to go into Closed Session to discuss Pending Litigation Po vs. Sumpter Township and John Toth at 6:50 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Hurst. Nay: None. Excused absence: C. Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to go back into Open Session at 7:36 pm. Motion carried unanimously.
 15. Adjournment: Motion by LaPorte, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 7:37 pm. Motion carried unanimously.
- Respectfully submitted,
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on June 27, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
Publish: July 20, 2017

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

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

Sunday, July 9:
0111 – threat, N. Timberview Dr.
0141 – noise complaint, Hancock Ave.
0934 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1105 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
1151 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1219 – suspicious activity rept., N. I-94 Service
1233 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1350 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1433 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1449 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anna Dr.
1456 – property damage accident, Dewitt Rd.
1629 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
1636 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
1800 – shooting, Van Born/Belleville
1907 – property damage accident, Cedarhurst Dr.
1915 – trespassing, Independence Ln.
1920 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1929 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1941 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1949 – intrusion alarm, Pond Bluff Dr.
2009 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2029 – abandoned auto, Ecorse/Denton
2153 – fireworks, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
2154 – property damage accident, Haggerty/E. Huron River Dr.
2223 – breaking & entering, Rose Blvd.
Monday, July 10:
0010 – family trouble, Western St.
0106 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
1253 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
1303 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wabash/Hannan
1456 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Truman
1600 – property damage accident, VB Urgent Care
1719 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1927 – suspicious person/vehicle, Moms/Robson
1945 – threat, Maple Dr.
2002 – fraud, Nautica Dr.
2018 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2322 – threat, Arlene Ln.
Tuesday, July 11:
0213 – suspicious person/vehicle, Holly Ln./Ivy
0334 – domestic, Maurice Dr.
0717 – private property impound, Industrial
0831 – 911 welfare check, Kouza Ct.
0845 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0908 – mental subject, Chloe Ct.
1003 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1019 – civil matter, Ironwood Dr.
1021 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1047 – lost property/child, Rawsonville Rd.
1119 – ordinance violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1131 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
1135 – domestic, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1159 – welfare check, Holly Ln.
1249 – civil matter, Arthur St.
1312 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1350 – ordinance violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1412 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren St.
1415 – ordinance violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1617 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1807 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd.
1833 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1840 – juvenile complaint, Tyler/Morton Taylor
2043 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.
2140 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hardwood
2144 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
2245 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.
2257 – trespassing, Parkwood Dr.
Wednesday, July 12:
0128 – domestic, E. Archwood Dr.
0142 – juvenile complaint, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
0323 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0603 – 911 welfare check, Alden Ave.
0633 – civil matter, Lake Point Blvd.
0702 – domestic, Hamilton St.
0811 – ordinance violation, Beckley Rd.
1012 – breaking & entering, Kent Ln.
1045 – ordinance violation, Denton Rd.

1101 – overdose, Denton Rd.
1122 – shooting, Leon Dr./Jeremy Rd.
1215 – property damage accident, E. Huon River
1241 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1300 – malicious destruction of property, Rawsonville Rd.
1315 – ordinance violation, Denton Rd.
1346 – ordinance violation, Denton Rd.
1347 – breaking & entering, S. Schooner Dr.
1500 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Parkwood Dr.
1515 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1515 – ordinance violation, Denton Rd.
1610 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1714 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1730 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1821 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kent Ln.
1831 – personal injury accident, Belleville
1846 – harassment call, Anna Dr.
2140 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2210 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
2226 – abandoned auto, Michigan/Ecorse
2329 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Belleville
2355 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
Thursday, July 13:
0009 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0015 – hospice death, Renton Rd.
0212 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0329 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.
0546 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0713 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0745 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0958 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1024 – property damage accident, Van Buren St.
1116 – private property impound, Haggerty Rd. / Woodbury Dr.
1118 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1121 – ordinance violation, Denton Rd.
1211 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1216 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1223 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1241 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1259 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1337 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wheeler St.
1358 – suspicious person/vehicle, Borgman / McBride
1421 – ordinance violation, Denton Rd.
1428 – fraud, Mida
1459 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1610 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1640 – narcotics crime, Parkwood Dr.
1642 – larceny from auto, S. Cumberland Dr.
1756 – civil matter, Village Green Ln.
1904 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd.
2008 – fraud, Winding Pond Dr.
2207 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd.
2232 – mental subject, Dellor St.
2247 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
2312 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury
Friday, July 14:
0620 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0939 – larceny from auto, Country Walk Blvd.
1009 – larceny, Van Born Rd.
1013 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1109 – 911 welfare check, Ironwood Dr.
1203 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Visteon Way
1211 – private property / property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1215 – miscellaneous complaint, Woodbury Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1235 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1240 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1310 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1331 – fraud, Huron River Dr.
1450 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1457 – fraud, Huron River Dr.
1624 – sexual assault, Oak Ln.
1646 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville
1711 – breaking & entering, Holly Ln.
1803 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1857 – malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.
1949 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
1957 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
2016 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
2114 – retail fraud, Belleville
2210 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2211 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.

2247 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
2249 – disorderly, Edison Lake
Saturday, July 15:
0002 – private property impound, Edison Lake Rd.
0023 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
0207 – property damage accident, NB I-275 / Ecorse
0325 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville
0555 – breaking & entering, Belleville Rd.
0635 – sexual assault, E. Sadie Ln.
0801 – malicious destruction of property, Country Walk Blvd.
0829 – mental subject, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
1156 – malicious destruction of property, Bayshore
1324 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1419 – trespassing, Van Buren St.
1925 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martz Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
2040 – disorderly, Rogers Ave.
2129 – neighbor trouble, Rogers Ave.
2240 – domestic, Sumpter Rd.
2302 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville / Harmony Ln.
2343 – ordinance violation, W. Huron River Dr.
Also on this week’s log are 162 traffic stops, 27 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 9:
0005 – suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln.
0052 – parking complaint, Anaheim St.
0423 – alarm intrusion, Owen St.
0747 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.
1153 – found property/child, Carmell St.
1325 – larceny, Main St.
1542 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Wexford Ave.
1547 – domestic, Carmell St.
1700 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.
1819 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
1834 – road hazard, Denton Rd./Main St.
1900 – property check, S. High St./Church St.
1912 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
2042 – larceny, Carmell St.
2127 – harassment call, Biggs Ave.
2145 – welfare check, N. Aberdeen Ct.
Monday, July 10:
0034 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0531 – property check, Main St.
0842 – missing person, Main St.
1419 – welfare check, Fourth St.
1505 – vehicle lock out, Fourth St.
1705 – property damage accident, Tuscan Manor
2224 – suspicious person/vehicle, Angola St. / E. Huron River Dr.
Tuesday, July 11:
0034 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1710 – welfare check, Second St.
2038 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
Wednesday, July 12:
0733 – miscellaneous complaint, Carmell St.
0811 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1205 – fraud, Sumpter Rd.
1305 – harassment call, Brain St.
1608 – found property/child, Main St./Second St.
1629 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St./Denton Rd.
1703 – property check, E. Huron River Dr. / Potter
1933 – vehicle lockout, Carmell St.
2003 – warrant arrest, Willow/Martinsville
Thursday, July 13:
1608 – warrant arrest, S. Highlander Way
1805 – malicious destruction of property, Menlo Park Dr.
1805 – harassment call, Henry St.
1830 – neighbor trouble, Menlo Park Dr.
1905 – property check, Horizon Park
Friday, July 14:
0930 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1401 – miscellaneous complaint, Village Park
1418 – abandoned auto, Charles Ct.
1613 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1635 – animal complaint, Edison Ave.
1644 – assist fire dept., S. Edgemont Ave.
Saturday, July 15:
0033 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St.
0133 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0217 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
0232 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.

0828 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
1015 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1547 – fraud, W. Columbia Ave.
1607 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
1620 – vehicle lockout, Sumpter Rd.
2048 – trespassing, N. Liberty St.
2116 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
2206 – welfare check, N. Aberdeen Ct.
Also on this week’s log are 67 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 9:
0000 – mental health commitment, 44000 bl. Clay
1354 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
1450 – reckless driver, Willow/Sumpter
1515 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1614 – family trouble, Knollwood
1627 – well-being check, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz
1659 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
2028 – civil dispute, Pecan
2024 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
Monday, July 10:
0101 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
0421 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
1401 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1516 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville
1627 – suspicious vehicle, Timberlane/Rustic Ln.
1635 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1648 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1923 – down wires, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
2241 – suspicious person, 9300 bl. Rawsonville
2300 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
Tuesday, July 11:
1032 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sherwood
1705 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1820 – mental health commitment, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1856 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
2126 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2203 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
Wednesday, July 12:
0003 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0059 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0101 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
0230 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
0611 – suspicious incident, Carriage Ln.
0748 – malicious destruction of property, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0822 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
0854 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
0926 – malicious destruction of property, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1204 – death investigation, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1248 – identity theft complaint, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1317 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1441 – reckless driver, Bemis/Sumpter
1620 – ordinance violation, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1721 – alarm, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1813 – alarm, 46000 bl. Weimer Dr.
1952 – warrant arrest pick up, Willow/Martinsville
2305 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Judd
Thursday, July 13:
0217 – assist other agency, 76000 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
0729 – assist other agency, out of township
1209 – warrant arrest pickup, 21000 bl. Sumpter
1210 – warrant arrest pickup, 21000 bl. Sumpter
1243 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1301 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1316 – juvenile complaint, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1649 – suspicious incident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1656 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1732 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1735 – fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1911 – suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2059 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
Friday, July 14:
0025 – fight, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1041 – breaking & entering, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1123 – breaking & entering, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1211 – fraud complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1312 – animal complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1331 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1658 – civil dispute, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1704 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.

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Denny's Barber Shop/Hot Hair Salon
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Hidalgo's Authentic Mexican Restaurant
Rainbow Massage

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Music Lakeside - July 20 the Stubbs Girls in concert 7pm Horizon Park

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1759 - neighbor dispute, Colorado
2039 - fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2053 - fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
2104 - noise complaint, Carriage Ln.
2111 - fraud complaint, Rustic Ln.
2224 - fireworks complaint, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
Saturday, July 15:
0132 - suspicious incident, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
0156 - alarm, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
0507 - civil dispute, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
0642 - animal complaint, 47000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0812 - civil dispute, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
0926 - civil dispute, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
0929 - harassment complaint, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1028 - animal complaint, 46000 bl. Reed
1236 - animal complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville
1305 - suspicious incident, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1709 - suspicious incident, Savage/Clark
1810 - harassment complaint, Walnut
1819 - citizen assist, Harris/Haggerty
2019 - fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2053 - animal complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2054 - reckless driver, 18000 bl. Martinsville
2209 - well-being check, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
2213 - fireworks complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
2357 - suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
Also on this week's log are 20 follow-up investigations,
21 miscellaneous details, 82 patrol checks, and 33
traffic stops.

Belleville Area Lions Club sets first-annual Picnic in the Park today

The Belleville-Area Lions Club is holding its first Picnic in the Park today, July 20, and plans to have it as an annual event.

The free picnic runs from 4 to 7 p.m. at Victory Park at Five Points in Belleville.

The public is invited to enjoy good food and the entertainment provided by Tyrone "Smoking Keyboard" Hamilton and Nathan "The Axe Man" Sweet.

"Please come out and help raise the awareness of the blind, not only in our community, but around the world," said club president Keith McDonald.

"If the Lions Club has touched your lives, come tell us your story," McDonald said. "Meet the folks and the organizations that help us to help the blind."

He asked members of the public to bring their used eyeglasses and hearing-aids because the Lions will be collecting them at the park.

McDonald invites you to call him for more information at (734) 697-0796. Freewill donations will be accepted.

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