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Bryant new principal at Rawsonville

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Tracy Causey-Bryant, who has been working as an instructional coach at Savage Elementary School for the past two years, is the new principal of Rawsonville Elementary School.

At Monday's regular meeting, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education voted unanimously to approve a one-year contract for Bryant. Her salary is \$95,977.46, with benefits on top of that.

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Belleville Bridge Walk, Taste of Belleville are today

The annual Belleville Bridge Walk and Taste of Belleville are scheduled for today, Thursday, Aug. 17.

The Bridge Walk starts at 5:30 p.m. at Doane's Landing and the city has invited people to dress up as Rosie the Riveters. This event, sponsored by the City of Belleville, usually goes on rain or shine with lots of umbrellas in tow if it rains.

After the brief walk over the bridge, walkers pose for a group photo at the Welcome to Belleville sign near Hayward's and then proceed to the Taste of Belleville at Horizon Park.

The Taste, which runs from 6 to 8 p.m., is sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community. It has a rain date of Aug. 24 in case it turns out to be too rainy for outdoor dining on Aug. 17.

The Lucky Ducky Rubber Duck Race, sponsored by the Belleville Rotary, is scheduled to launch in Belleville Lake at 6:30 p.m.



Independent photo by Bob Mytych

Emily Kruschlin of Belleville poses with Zoe on the final day of the Wayne County Fair last Saturday. It's Kruschlin's final year with the Belleville 4-H Club.

Haidous, Glaab to set meeting on Waltz Bridge

By Rosemary K. Otzman *Independent* Editor

Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous said he is working to set up a meeting for members of the public interested in learning about details of repair work on the Waltz Road Bridge in New Boston.

The meeting is also expected to address ongoing problems with the CSX railroad tracks that are often blocked in Huron Township.

On Tuesday, Commissioner Haidous said he is working with Huron Township Supervisor David Glaab and hopes to hold the meeting at the Huron Township Hall. include county technical staff and engineers to talk about the bridge and, hopefully, representatives of the railroad to discuss that problem.

The date has yet to be set and that's

He said he wants to have the meeting

The date has yet to be set and that's because he wants to make sure he gets all the county people together to bring all the facts to the public.

He said CSX will be invited, but he doesn't know if they will come. He said he had bad experiences with the railroad blocking streets when he was Mayor of Wayne. And then, Congress passed a bill that municipalities can't issue tickets to railroads. Tickets were what worked in Wayne. Also, Congressman John Dingell helped Wayne at the time, Haidous said.

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Commissioner Haidous said he has had many calls and emails to his office from people upset about the bridge being

suddenly closed for repairs on June 1.

He said he called Wayne County Executive Warren Evans on Friday to tell him of the problems this bridge closing is causing and Evans said he is making it a priority project.

"He said he will work with me and push for its completion," Haidous said.

Haidous said he talked to officials in the county road department and they said when they assessed the damage on the bridge it turned out to be more than they thought it would be. They have to replace all of the four bearings, he said.

A lot of engineering work is necessary before repairs can begin, he said.

People are concerned about fire trucks, police, and ambulances having to travel long detours since the bridge is closed, causing delays of vital services. Also, businesses in New Boston are suffering from the closure.

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National Heritage Academies to boost student safety up a notch

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Ketura Godfrey, principal of Keystone Academy in Sumpter Township, said National Heritage Academies, which manages Keystone, "is taking it up a notch for student safety."

Principal Godfrey told the Keystone school board at its Aug. 10 meeting that at the recent weeklong Leadership Summit in Grand Rapids, a mother from Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut spoke on the shootings in her school that left 20 students and six adults dead.

Godfrey said a person from NHA is now assigned to each of the 84 schools it operates to help focus on student safety.

An additional buzzer will be installed at the entry door and a new procedure called Drive Line will be instituted. Keystone does not have school buses and so parents deliver and pick up their students.

Each car will be given a number card that hangs from the rear-view mirror and as that car comes up in line at the door, an attendant will plug in that number which posts the student's name and the student is released from the school building.

No longer will students wait outside because of the danger that could bring, she

Godfrey noted that the Sumpter Township police chief's sons will be in the building and so she will ask the police chief to come in to assess the safety of the school and have his officers come in and learn about the school's operation and layout.

She said attendants will see the cards and punch in numbers to release the students. Staff also has walkie-talkies, she said.

In other business at the Aug. 10 meeting, the board:

• Heard Godfrey report that 768 students



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Vesta Losen, left, was sworn in Aug. 10 for her sixth three-year term on the Keystone Academy school board. She was appointed by Bay Mills Community College, which granted the charter to the school. She is sworn in by board vice-president Susan Meland. Losen has been on the school board since she helped start the school 15 years go and she has served as president of the board for the last several years. Losen of Van Buren Township also started Bethany Day Care and Kindergarten, but has retired from work at Bethany. Losen had been an elected member of Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, but when her efforts were blocked to improve curriculum in the district, she chose not to run for reelection, but to work to start a charter school.

are enrolled for fall classes with a waiting list of 179. First day of school is Sept. 5. A Back-to-School event is 4-6 p.m. Aug. 23. When discussing those students for whom English is a second language, Godfrey said the largest EL group was Romanian and now there are also children from Nigeria and Taiwan:

• Reviewed results of the Parent Satisfaction Survey that showed 66% overall satisfaction from 596 respondents. Board members questioned the slightly lower satisfaction scores in the bullying and discipline questions. Godfrey explained that some parents want to know how a student was punished and are unhappy

when she says that is a privacy issue;

- Read a letter from 34th District Court Judge David Parrott congratulating Principal Godfrey and Keystone Academy for their recent award from NHA. He said the education of children is important to keeping America free;
- Approved the revised Emergency Use of Seclusion and Restraint policy to be in alignment with the Michigan Board of Education policy;
- Approved the certification of authority confirming compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act for funding year 2017 and approved the 2018 letter of agency for E-rate funding;
- Approved the Teacher Evaluation and Employee Certification Warranty Resolution, as required by Bay Mills Community College, authorizer of Keystone's charter;
- Approved the 2017 NHA Board Symposium on Oct. 12 at The Dearborn Inn, with an optional Oct. 11 evening reception at Eagle Tavern in Greenfield Village for travelers. Besides informational sessions and speeches, board members will be having lunch with JC Huizenga, NHA Founder and Chairman;
- Approved staying with Presque Ile Academy (PIA) in Onaway through July 1, 2018 for fingerprint-based criminal history record information for background checks for any individual who may be hired for full- or part-time employment and others to work under contract for the academy. Keystone has been with PIA since 2012 and the cost is going up from \$25 per record to \$35 per record. NHA currently is assessing Michigan State Police's new system for the process; and
- Approved the School Improvement Plan.

District Library to present site plan to Belleville Planners

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

The Belleville Area District Library Board plans to present the site plan for the new library building to the City of Belleville on Aug. 24 in hopes of it going before the planning commission at its Sept. 14 meeting.

Meanwhile, a special library board meeting was set for, Tuesday, Aug. 22, to make sure the project is on budget. [That meeting has been cancelled.]

At the Aug. 8 regular meeting of the library board, architect Dan Whisler outlined some changes that were necessary for the schematic design of the building and these have been given to O'Neal Construction which is working on a construction

Whisler said they had to flip the staff lounge with the delivery/receiving area because the northeastern corner is 1½' below the building grade.

"With daily delivery of books, hand trucks, we didn't want to be going up and down stairs," Whisler said, adding he has been thinking about reconfiguring the walls to allow for adding automatic receiving in the future. That would include bins and cost about \$75,000.

Board member John Juriga said they are going to have to dig out six feet of bad fill and replace it with good fill, so they could adjust the grade then.

"It's not been decided yet as what is the most cost-effective way to handle that," Whisler replied, adding they have a challenge because from Charles Street and the H&B building to Roys Street there is a 3'fall across the site.

"This is all stuff we're working through," he said. "We don't have a perfectly level site."

Whisler said he now has a more decorative window pattern which is in keeping with the Belleville ordinance. And, there are some changes in plane —what's going to be pushed in or pulled out, "creating shadow lines to make the façade of the building interesting," which the Belleville ordinance wants.

Juriga said he has been studying up on building designs and is worried about "rain bombs" where water deluges down and floods buildings. He suggested steps to keep the water out.

Whisler said they always slope away from

the building and barrier-free designs are needed to comply with ADA. He said the basement has a 12' ceiling and the floor is at lake level. He said borings hit water at 5' and that is believed to be "perched" water. The basement will have a sump pump.

"We will continue to work on the exterior façade as we work on grading," Whisler said.

He said he expects O'Neal's building estimate on Aug. 11.

At the special meeting Aug. 22, Whisler said he will present the 100% schematic design to the board and hopefully get its blessing so it can be presented to the City of Belleville.

"Hopefully, we'll be on budget. If not, we'll make adjustments," he said.

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...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Editorial

Should taxpayers buy lunches for VBT board members?

Former Van Buren Township Supervisor Paul White, now a trustee, said he was shocked to learn that the box lunches he was told Supervisor Kevin McNamara bought were actually paid for with a township credit card. The taxpayers paid the \$70 or \$80 to Which Wich.

The box lunches were provided for the township board members to eat at the hour lunch break during the second day of budget hearings last week.

At Tuesday's regular meeting, Trustee White said he was sure that was unlawful "and every single person on this board makes enough to buy their own lunch. It's our duty to be responsible for the taxpayers'

The part that really got him, he said, is that at the end of the second day there were two lunches left over. Since he doesn't like to waste food, he took the two extra lunches home and he and his wife ate them for dinner. When he found out the taxpayers bought the food, he announced he would pay the total for all the lunches out of his own pocket.

Other board members said it was considered legal to buy lunches with taxpayer funds if board members are kept working for an extensive period of time. But White said they had an hour break and there are many places up and down Belleville Road to buy lunch and they shouldn't use tax dollars of their residents. White is a bean counter when it comes to tax dollars and we applaud

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

At 34th District Court last week there was an interesting case where a Border Patrol Agent pled guilty to two amended counts of neglecting to perform duties he was supposed to perform. It was a law enforcement officer failing to do two things required by his job, a dereliction of duty. That was in October 2014 at Detroit Metro Airport.

They dropped four other counts in exchange for the guilty pleas.

Prosecutor for this case was a representative from the State Attorney General's Office. Judge Tina Brooks Green asked for the situation around this case and the prosecutor said the border patrol agent at the airport made unlawful use of a computer trying to help out a friend. There may be administrative consequences. He said he would agree to whatever the judge wanted to do as a sentence.

The agent's defense attorney said his client was age 31, married with three children.

Judge Green said she would let his department deal with it and she was not sending him to the probation department. She said the fine was \$500 per count plus \$145 each for the state for a total of \$1,290.

The gentleman who worked with his son to pull the kayak launch sign out of Belleville Lake last summer said if you just go and look at the launch you can see the welds on the aluminum supports there are fatigued and cracked. He said aluminum is weakened when it is welded.

He said the sign snapped off and fell into the lake, just like it did last year. They didn't reuse the sign he and his son fished

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out of the lake but spent some \$2,000 for a new one, which is now in the lake.

He said although a bolt was replaced last year, it's gone again and the support has just one bolt in place holding it. When the fast boats go by, the wakes cause the supports to weave back and forth. That's how the bolt got loosened and fell off, he

Since the city got money from the state to build the canoe/kayak launch, the city is obligated to maintain and repair the

Doug Brown brought in some pictures of the Menards' construction on Belleville Road. He said he has been keeping an eye on the work there and will be taking pictures. I hope he will share some more with our readers as the construction goes

Doug said he used to take pictures of work the Seabees did when he was in the military. When I got to know Doug, he was curriculum director for the Van Buren Public Schools.

Those two days of budget sessions at Van Buren Township were brutal because of all the extra information thrown into the mix. The budget packet presented was 265 pages long. Each department budget started with a promo for the director and what wonderful things the person did. Then it had goals for the next year and lots of verbiage.

LOOK HONEY ... HERE'S THE ROUTE FOR TONIGHT'S BRIDGEWALK AND THAT LITTLE GMILEY THERE IS WHERE THEY SNAP THE OFFICIAL GROUP PHOTO ...

> the amended budget, showing how much was spent to date. There was no amended

budget. I am so old-fashioned. Just the facts

It would have been nice to just have,

maybe, a dozen pages of NUMBERS. And,

would have done me fine. I only was able to attend a few hours each day, but that was plenty.

Be advised: The water/ sewer bill will be going up 5% in January, but VBT will still have the

lowest water rates in all of Wayne County. according to a chart presented.

A resident of High Street in Belleville said he read in the paper about the city workers being praised for cleaning up the brush that was blocking a view of the lake along Horizon Park. He had just returned from a trip. He said they have only done half a job and seem to have forgotten about those who live at the far end of the park.

Rather than just sitting there and fuming. he decided to call me on Monday to vent. He said he pays \$3,000 a year in taxes and he'd like to be able to see the lake, too.

The special meeting set for Aug. 22 has been canceled by the Belleville Area District Library Board. Board members need more budget information.

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Letters

Good people are out there helping others

To the Editor:

I could not let this go. I recently read a story in the *Independent* that made me smile. The story was about a man whose name is Sam Arndt. He hired a man whose name is Michael Wright to work at Burhop's Collision. He was hired to mow grass.

I think many of us in Belleville either know Michael or know of him. Recently, on July 1, he passed out in the middle of Main Street. While many jumped to the conclusion that is was "probably drugs related," Sam listened to Michael about the fact that he thought he had a seizure.

Michael's doctor also signed a report stating that Michael was clean and had no drugs in his system. Sam, from Burhop's Collison, decided to keep him on the job. I so applaud Sam's action to hire him, as we ALL should. Instead of buying more flowers to replace stolen ones, shouldn't we be helping our fellow citizens with disabilities?

He's mowing grass, for God's sake! Yet we are worried he's a drug addict! There is an opioid crisis all around us and most likely right here in Belleville. Michael has been clean for a year!

It's people like Sam that are making it possible for Michael to beat his addiction. I lost a niece to a heroin overdose. It was a very painful experience for everyone, especially for her 10-year-old son.

Please, people, step up to the plate and help people who are in trouble with drugs, disabled, homeless, etc. Let's all be a Sam and maybe help Michael or other people like him. It's our Christian responsibility right here at home.

Thank you for reading this letter.

Rebecca Thornell Van Buren Township

There are still good people in this world

To the Editor:

I had to get a seat for my van. I stopped at the pull-and-take yard. They had one, but I did not have my tools, so this young fella named Manuel came by. He was getting a part for his truck. He said, "I will take the seat for you." Which he did. I offered to pay him. He said no.

The seat was so far back at the junk yard I used a wheel barrel to take it to my van. As I was walking out the door to take it to my van, here's Manuel again leaving in his truck. He said, "Do you have someone to



install it for you?" He said, "Let me do it for you." Still would not take any money. What a blessing.

There are still good people in this world. Manuel from Ypsi, I know God will bless you for your kind act with many blessings. I am forever grateful.

Charlie Crispell Sumpter Township

Lindell put new downspout on my home

To the Editor:

I'm writing today because I want to publicly thank Lindell Home Improvements for their wonderful service on my home. Their company did a superb job of installing a new downspout on my home in Belleville. I contacted many companies in my search for home repair and every single one before Lindell Home Improvements said the job was too small for them to do. This company was the incredible exception.

I also want to publicly thank the lady who recommended the company to me as she saved me so much time in doing so and she led me to a great company service that, if need be, I will be using again.

As a senior citizen on a fixed income, I cannot ever thank their company enough for helping me as well as they did. If you are ever in need of any home repair, then I highly encourage you to contact Lindell Home Improvements, as you will not regret it. This hometown business is one that deserves our community's support. Again, their work and customer service was absolutely outstanding.

If you wish to contact them, the phone number to do so is (734) 697-0806.

Many thanks and cheers to happy repairs.

Barbara Brasington Van Buren Township

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Aug. 21 -- Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 22 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, Aug. 23 Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 28 Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons
- Tuesday, Sept. 5 Van Buren Township work/study meeting at 4 p.m. and regular meeting at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 6 Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 11 Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons

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District Library

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"Whatever the figures of the [construction] estimate, we have to live within the budget," Whisler said.

Whisler also presented ideas for a live roof and brought in a 25-pound block of sedums. He said it is instant gratification with the tray system, where the plants are already in place and don't have to spread out from individual plantings. He said they used this tray system on the Ferndale Public Library.

Whisler said it would be nice to look out the upper window and see plants rather than a black roof below. It would cost about \$75,000 and maybe it can be put in the plans as an option if it can be afforded.

Juriga said he has called State Rep. Kris Pagan and Congresswoman Deb Dingell's offices for possible grants and plans to go to the Ford Motor Company for \$75,000 since Ford has live roofs.

In other business at the two-hour, Aug. 8 meeting, the board:

- Approved payment of \$23,151.08 to Comcast for work on the site. The board already paid AT&T and DTE for work. This total is \$66,705.66 under budget;
- Heard a presentation by Whisler on the possibility of relocating the old library roof to the Fourth Street Square to use as part of the shading project there;
- Discussed the timing of work on the Sumpter site. Whisler said after the site plan is presented to the City of Belleville for the main project, they will start planning the Sumpter details. He proposed setting an opening date, maybe July 1, and work back from there in timing the work;
- Heard chairwoman Sharon Peters give information on initial steps taken to work with the Belleville Area Council for the Arts to marshal existing energies for art in planning art for the new library. Whisler said they will need a group shaking trees to raise money to buy the art and another group that would select the art. He said the library in Ypsilanti wanted to use local art. He said they are looking at places in the new building for art on a wall, sculpture, outdoor sculpture in the children's garden,

permanent art, and, perhaps, rotating art;

- Heard Library Director Mary Jo Suchy report that the Belleville Lions Club donated \$1,000 to the library for books in braille, as well as books to add to the large-print collection. She said the library will host a Solar Eclipse Viewing Party from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21. Free solar glasses from NASA will be available. In case of clouds or rain, the library will have a live feed from NASA. Also, Jonathon Richards, a part-time librarian, has planned an introduction to chess workshop for children ages 10 and up on Saturday, Sept. 30. Suchy said she will seek assistance from Friends of the Library in obtaining chess board for
- Learned the Library Network Board approved a seven-year automation contract with TLC Carl. The tentative date for going live with the new system is April 2, 2018.

this event; and





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A check for \$3,000 was presented to Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman, left, from the Norfolk Southern Foundation on Aug. 9. Center is Keith Bennett, Norfolk Southern Supervisory Special Agent, and Kevin Seymour, Canadian Pacific Supervisory Special Agent. Bennett said the donation to the police department was because the railroad goes through this community and Belleville supports them. He said recently a girl near the high school was thought to be pointing a gun at the train and police responded. It turned out it wasn't a gun, but a bong, Bennett said. He said even Sumpter Police came to help with the incident.

Attention Young Golfers: Free clinic

A free, three-day golf clinic for boys in grades 7-12 will be held at Harbour Club Golf Course from 2 to 5:30 p.m., Aug. 22, 23, and 24. This is done in association with Belleville High School Golf. Call Assistant Coach Williams for more details and leave voice mail: 1-734-612-1657.

Obituaries

JOYCE ARLENE LYNCH

(November 8, 1934 -- August 7, 2017) Age 82, of Sumpter Township. Survived by son Randy of Sumpter, step-children, grandsons, step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a sister. Memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com



DALE KENNETH PHIFER

(December 6, 1937 -- August 11, 2017) Age 79, of Van Buren Township. Memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Arrangements by Janowiak Funeral Home. www.janowiakfuneralhome.com

DAVID NAN WILLIAMS

(December 30, 1943 -- August 11, 2017) Age 73, of Belleville. Survived by 2 children, Rebecca and David; three siblings, Jackie, Nancy, and Renay. Cremation rites have been accorded. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

BHS Class of 1957 to hold 60th reunion on Sept. 15 in Romulus

Members of the Belleville High School Class of 1957 will hold its 60th reunion from 3 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15, at the Eagles Nest in Romulus. Dinner will be served.

So far, classmates are coming from California, Colorado, Utah, Florida, and New York. The BHS All-School Reunion is on Saturday, Sept. 16, at the high school.

For more information, call reunion chairwoman Marilyn Martin Jones at (734) 461-6883.

Al-Anon meets every Thursday, 8-9 p.m., at 1st United Methodist

Al-Anon, a group for those who have loved ones suffering from alcoholism or drug addiction, meets from 8 to 9 p.m. every Thursday at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, at the corner of Roys, in the City of Belleville.

One of the Al-Anon members, who has been attending the group for 10 years, said fewer people have been attending lately and if they don't get more they will have to close. "I would hate to have it close," she said.

She said the reduction in members may be because of the free concerts held at the same time in the summer over at Horizon

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Minding **Your Business** with Bob Mytych



The Belleville Cougars are now the Belleville Tigers Youth Football and Cheer and registration for the fall season is under way. The league is for children 6-14 years of age and practices have started, but it's not too late to join. Participants are encouraged to come up to Owen Intermediate School Monday through Thursday, between 6 and 8 p.m. and talk to one of the organization's board members who will be available behind the school. For more info visit their website at www.bellevillecougars.com and on Facebook at Belleville Cougars Football and Cheer. See their ad in today's paper.

The Ford Technology Tour is coming for a one-day event on Aug. 24 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Atchinson Ford on Belleville Road. Registration is required and can be made at their website at www.atchinsonford. net. The tour will feature hands-on opportunities to learn more about drivers and Ford vehicle dashboard technology such as Sync, Applink, Sinc3, Ford Pass, Mykey, Plug-In-Hybrid Technologies, and more. Bring your questions and let the award-winning dealership teach you everything about your Ford car or truck. All registered participants are eligible to receive a \$500 additional rebate on new vehicles until Dec. 31, 2017. See their ad on the back page and call (734) 697-9161.

Tonight is the 22nd-annual Belleville Bridgewalk and Taste of Belleville, all getting under way at 5:30 p.m. at Doane's Landing, followed by a group picture at the Belleville welcoming sign, before heading to Horizon Park on High Street for the Taste of Belleville. There will be 19 restaurants and organizations taking part this year. They include the Belleville Chamber, Culver's, Belleville Kiwanis, Angel Food Catering, Twisted Rooster, Hungry Howie's, Egan's Pub, Benito's Pizza, Prep'd 2 Go, Applebee's, Belleville Community Chorus, Johnny's Grill, China City, C&C Seven Start BBQ, Lunch Box, Zino's Pizza, Van Buren Parks & Rec., Leo's

Coney Island, and Grille Kings Pit Masters BBQ. Tickets are \$1 each and the menu for the event is in today's paper. The Belleville Rotary Lucky Ducky Rubber Duck Race will get under way on the lake at 6:30 p.m. Ducky tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. This year the City of Belleville salutes the local Rosie the Riveters and have invited them in costume to take part in the walk. The evening events are sponsored by the City of Belleville, the DDA, the Belleville Central Business Community, the Tucker Agency, and Twisted Rooster restaurant. I'll be there to once again take the official group photo. Because of the event, there is no Music Lakeside Concert tonight in Horizon Park. The final concert of the season is Aug. 24 and will feature the RFD Boys at 7 p.m.

The Belleville High School Varsity football season gets under way next Thursday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. against Brighton in a game being played at the University of Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$10 each and parking is also \$10. Call (734)

The Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter Township will be offering additional Basic Obedience Classes starting Aug. 30 and running every month through October. The sessions will fill up fast so call (734) 461-9458 for info. The tickets are also available at the shelter or online for the annual Spay-ghetti & No-Balls Dinner fund raiser on Sept. 14 at 5 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road. Tickets are \$10 for adults and children 13 and up, \$6 for kids 12 and under, and free for age 2 and under. Proceeds will go toward the shelter's spay and neuter program. Visit www.fmar1.org for info on how you can support, volunteer, buy tickets to an event, and even learn about pet adoptions.

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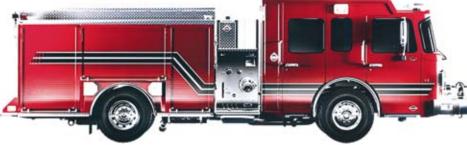
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The official agenda was revised for the Aug. 10 special budget meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees so it could take action on the purchase of two fire vehicles – both for cash. Shown at top, above, is the \$1.32 million ladder bucket truck that will be delivered in February. This will replace the ladder truck the township has that has been decertified by the state. Two fire vehicles will be sold to pay for some of this purchase and the rest will be taken from the landfill fund, said township Supervisor Kevin McNamara. The second new vehicle is a pumper truck whose purchase will be covered by a \$365,000 reimbursement check from MMRMA, the insurance group to which the township belongs. That truck was expected to be delivered Aug. 15 and will be ready to go into service in October.





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Court Watching:

Judge Oakley binds over Jaworski after Belleville officer testifies

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

A preliminary exam was held Aug. 2 before 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley for Dariusz Grzegorz Jaworski, 47, on a charge of operating while intoxicated-3rd and driving while license suspended-2nd in Belleville on April 23.

First witness was Belleville Police Officer Kendra Rose who testified she was out on routine patrol with Reserve Officer Dennis Mowbry at about 1:30 a.m. when they stopped a driver who had come into the city at a very slow rate of speed with the car's passenger headlight out. When they followed the car about a mile, up North Liberty Street to Five Points up South Street, turning around, and back around through Five Points again to Main Street and through a red light.

She said they put on their lights to stop the car at Third and Main and he stopped at Fourth and Main. She said he told her it was a friend's vehicle and he had trouble finding the registration and insurance papers. They ran him through LEIN and found he was

Officer Rose detailed the sobriety tests she administered, noting that he failed them. She said he refused to let her look at his eyes for another test of intoxication. She said, "He said he had been drinking and driving and he didn't want to play any more games."

She said she offered him a preliminary breath test and it was .226. She placed him under arrest and took him to Van Buren Township Police Department for booking. Officer Rose said his in-station tests on the Data Master were .29 and .28.

Defense attorney Jinan Hamood called a defense witness to the stand. Leon Harris said he loaned his silver Ford Escape to Jaworski, who was a coworker. He said he drives it from Detroit to Ypsilanti every

day and he's never had a problem with the headlights, which still work fine.

Hamood said there was no basis for the stop if the headlight wasn't out, but the prosecutor said the stop was for more than the headlight.

Judge Oakley bound Jaworski over to circuit court for an Aug. 16 arraignment on the information on his felony charge of OWI-3rd and the accompanying misdemeanor of DWLS-2nd.

Lindsy Jo Kornelson

Lindsy Jo Kornelson, 37, had her preliminary exam adjourned to Aug. 23. She is charged with operating while intoxicated-3rd on June 24, 2013 in Sumpter Township.

Her defense attorney Mays said they want someone from the lab that was used in Pennsylvania to testify. Another witness the defense wants is Sumpter Police Officer Chaim Kozak, who no longer works for Sumpter PD.

Sumpter Police Detective John Ashby is the officer in charge of the case.



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School Board

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Bryant lives in Van Buren Township near Savage Elementary School with her husband, who is employed by the Ann Arbor School District, and their son. She said their



Bethany now and will either go to Savage or Rawsonville when he starts school.

four-year-old goes to

Bryant holds a master of arts in Curriculum and Instruction and three certifications, including Administrative

Certificate K-12. She has worked at the Detroit and Inkster school districts before coming to Van Buren Public Schools in

She was named 2009 Teacher of the Year at Inkster High School and was a Wayne RESA Teacher of the Year Finalist in 2002.

Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun recounted the lengthy procedure used to select the final two candidates for the principal's position. The two were presented to School Supt. Pete Kudlak, who made the final decision.

He said there were 79 applicants for the position, which were reviewed and reduced to 35 in number. A committee of Rawsonville teachers called all 35 and reduced that number to 13. Thirteen were interviewed and that number reduced to five and then to two, which were presented to Supt. Kudlak.

There will be a Back-to-School Kickoff Day from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, at Rawsonville for everyone to meet the new principal.

Madyun said his whole life is about hiring these days and he rolled off a list of positions to be filled, including three special education positions, a German teacher, another math teacher, a media specialist for the high school, and a band teacher for McBride/ Owen, since Evaristo Rodriguez has left.

Karen Johnston, special education director, said they need seven parapros, as well.

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

- Approved awarding the milk bid for the upcoming school year to Sun Valley/ Berkshire Dairy as recommended by the Southeast Wayne County Buying Cooperative Group. Sun Valley/Berkshire have been used for the last two years;
- Approved awarding the bread bid to Aunt Millie's as recommended by the cooperative group after a taste test. Trustee Simone Pinter noted: "I love that bread," and others



- Approved awarding the fresh-made pizza bid to Marco's Pizza after a taste test that was almost unanimous by those testing. Marco's bid was higher than the others bidding - Hungry Howie's and Happy's Pizza – but Marco's was said to surpass the others in taste. Marco's was used last year and they were said to be reliable, always on time, and the pizzas perfectly cut. Pizza Day has the highest number of students buying lunch, followed by Nacho Day and French Toast and Sausage Day;
- Heard Trustee Alison Bennett read board policy updates as the second reading and then the board adopted the policy changes. These changes were reviewed at the July 24 board meeting as the first reading. More updates are coming, as recommended by consultant NEOLA, many to keep in line with new laws:
- Approved the termination of DeAndre Williams from the Buildings and Grounds Department as of July 21 with less than one year of service and approved the hiring of Bradley Melidosian as a custodian as of July
- Approved the termination of Belleville High School teacher Carmen Henry as of Aug. 3 after four years of service for relocation and the hiring of the following teachers as of Aug. 29: Ariel Sanchez, BHS science; Katelyn Steward, BHS French; Matelyn Biggs, McBride ELA; and Kaylee Haisma, BHS New Tech math;
- Heard Trustee Susan Featheringill say she asked for the figure on legal costs for the last school year and it was \$145,512 for the whole year and \$98,000 of that went to "MStep" referring to the lawsuit bought by Savage teachers. Financial Director Barker said in the 2015-16 school year the legal costs were \$283,281. "We're at 50% of the prior year, so we're heading in the right direction," Barker said; and
- Went into closed-door session to consult with an attorney on the law suit brought by Savage teachers last year. No action was taken on the case and the board came back to regular session and adjourned.

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The church is working together with Bob's Old-Fashion Charity Corn Roast who provides the food. Bring the family and have a day of fun with good food and visit with some of the charities the corn roast supports.

Bob's Old Fashion Charity Corn Roast will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, in Canton -- by donation only.

Enjoy all you can eat: roasted corn, hot dogs, baked beans, watermelon, ice cream. cotton candy, snow cones, and a beverage. All without charge to the public. They do however, ask for a freewill donation. All funds raised through donations will be used to assist various charities, including the Canton Lions Club. A 50/50 raffle will also be held during the event.

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Waltz bridge

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Huron Township Supervisor Glaab agreed the situation is a mess and he is working with Haidous. He said Haidous has been very busy with other projects, as well.

Haidous said he wants the public to get all the information available and whether it's good news or bad news, the public has to have the truth.

"We can't leave people in the dark," he

"You can observe a lot just by watching." - Yogi Berra

Birthdays

Aug. 5 – Audrey Tabor

Aug. 17 - Jacob Beebe

Aug. 19 - Peggy Voigt

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Aug. 21 – Lynn McArthur, Stacy Etherton

Aug. 23 – Lynne Mills

Aug. 25 – Christina Brasil

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10. Applebee's

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11. Belleville Community Chorus Brownies 2 tickets Bottled Water 1 ticket

12. Johnny's Grill Pulled Pork Slider 2 tickets

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Court Watching:

Judge Green postpones Chapman's cases for two more weeks

By Rosemary K. Otzman **Independent** Editor James Forrest Chapman showed up at

10:38 a.m. on Aug. 9 for his scheduled 10 a.m. preliminary exam before 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green.

And then, his felony charge of assaulting / resisting / obstructing a police officer and two misdemeanor charges of refusing to

furnish DNA samples was adjourned, yet again, this time to 10 a.m., Aug. 23, before Judge Brian A. Oakley.

Here's how it happened.

Judge Green announced when he didn't show up as 10 a.m. approached, "I won't be waiting for Mr. Chapman" and his new, court-appointed attorney Jeff Chilton said he wouldn't be waiting around for Chapman, either. He had yet to meet or talk to his new client.

Judge Green noted that Chapman has a chronic late problem.

Chilton asked for Chapman's phone number and Judge Green said she didn't have it, but possibly Judge Oakley's office had it. Chilton went to Oakley's office and then returned with a report to the court.

Chilton said Oakley's clerk talked to Chapman earlier that morning and she told him to be in court at 10 a.m. Chilton said he called the number he got from Oakley's office and left a message for Chapman to get to court earlier than 10 a.m., if possible, so they could talk.

At about 10:12 a.m., Chilton gave another update on Chapman. He said a person at the number he called had called back and said it wasn't Chapman's number.

Chilton said he has learned that Chapman does "forum shopping" and if he comes in the afternoon, Judge Oakley arraigns in the afternoon and will give him personal recognizance bond for any bench warrant.

Judge Green said they do not allow "forum shopping" at 34th District Court and she will release the court-appointed attorney at

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Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

BID SOLICITATION

- A. Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bids for: Building Demolition of the Early Childhood Development Center at Edgemont Elementary School.
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- C. The Project consists of complete demolition and site restoration of the Early Childhood Development Center Building as indicated on the attached drawings and detailed within the attached scope of work.
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Court watching

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be set. She emphasized that she will sign a bench warrant for Chapman.

scheduled time, Judge Green said.

sent out word through her clerk that, "It's set for today. It's going today!" referring to the preliminary exam.

When Chapman's case was called shortly before 11 a.m., Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Greg Akaraz said he and Chapman's attorney Chilton agreed to adjourn the case for two weeks until Aug.

Judge Green objected, but Chilton asked to address the court.

He told Judge Green that there had been a breakdown in the relationship with Chapman's first court-appointed attorney

and he, Chilton, had been appointed the previous Friday, Aug. 4.

"I was not provided with discovery," he said, referring to the evidence. "As a matter of professional courtesy, I ask for moving of the exam to Aug. 23, 10 a.m. to adequately prepare."

Judge Green agreed and noted it will be going back to Judge Oakley.

"I suggest you are there on time," Judge Green said to Chapman.

Chilton said Chapman has prepared motions on the misdemeanors and would like to place one in the file. Judge Green allowed a motion to be placed in the file and Prosecutor Akaraz said he had been given the motion, as well.

"I will call on Friday," Chapman said to his new attorney.

"I'm sure you will," Chilton said.

The felony charge that is the subject of the Aug. 23 exam is from last summer when Van Buren Township police say Chapman jumped in Belleville Lake to avoid police after a confrontation with another man. Chapman and the other person had both called VBT police.

The case went to trial in circuit court twice. The first trial was declared a mistrial Oct. 27 after a juror suffered a medical problem and a VBT police officer went into the jury room to help her.

Then, when the case went back to a jury on May 2, the VBT officers failed to show up to testify because they said they didn't get subpoenas and were on the other side of the state getting once-a-year marine training offered by the state.

That's when the judge dismissed the charge without prejudice.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's office refiled the felony charge and that is the one proceeding very, very slowly through 34th District Court.

The failure to provide DNA misdemeanors are tied to that police incident in 2016 and to an aggravated stalking charge on Aug. 16, 2015. The new state law requiring police departments to retain DNA samples for anyone arrested for a felony went into effect in January, 2015.

Judge Oakley had dismissed the earlier DNA charge against Chapman, but circuit court overturned his dismissal and sent it back to Oakley's courtroom.

A third DNA refusal charge had been filed against Chapman when he recently refused a sample for the refiled charge. Judge Oakley dismissed that charge at the Aug. 2 session.

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10:30 a.m. and a new date would have to

"I give them a half hour" past the

Judge Green left the courtroom briefly and





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Van Buren Township **Police Dispatch Log**

Out of the 465 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Aug. 6:

- 0044 noise complaint, Peninsular/Nautica
- 0733 narcotics crime, Sandlewood Dr.
- 0903 domestic, E. Archwood Dr.
- 0938 larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
- 1201 larceny, Rawsonville Rd.
- $1316-suspicious\ person/vehicle,\ Tyler\ Rd.$
- 1322 domestic, Old Michigan Rd.
- 1343 larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
- 1646 private property/property damage accident,
- Belleville Rd.
- 1653 fraud, Belleville Rd. 1722 - shooting, Florence Ln.
- 1804 leaving the scene of a property damage
- accident, Jackson St.
- 1837 larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
- 1905 shooting, Hull Rd./Elwell Rd.
- 2037 suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren St.
- 2040 retail fraud, Walmart
- 2103 threat, Maple Dr.
- 2109 suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park 2127 - fireworks, Hoeft Rd./W. Huron River Dr.

Monday, Aug. 7:

- 0054 suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood
- 0400 sexual assault, Jeremy Rd.
- 0506 suspicious person/vehicle, Dalton Dr.
- 0802 suspicious person/vehicle, Hull Rd.
- 1156 malicious destruction of property, Wayne
- Co. Fairgrounds
- 1354 neighbor trouble, Chloe Ct.
- 1355 domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr. 1402 - larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
- 1441 traffic offense, EB I-94/Belleville
- 1508 private property impound, Oak Ln. 1534 – 911 welfare check, Belle Pointe Dr.
- 1539 larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1826 private property impound, Tyler Rd.
- 1836 fraud, Belle Pointe Dr.
- 1853 fraud, Ironwood Dr.
- 1926 disorderly, Denton Rd.
- 2011 retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 2107 noise complaint, Quirk Rd.
- 2130 suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd. / Country Walk Blvd.
- 2142 suicidal person, Elwell Rd.
- 2224 suspicious person/vehicle, Hoeft Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 8:

- 0023 malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse
- 0042 disorderly, Belleville Rd.
- 0330 retail fraud, Belleville Rd. 0355 - suspicious person/vehicle, Southport
- 0902 trespassing, Red Oak Dr.
- 1030 private property impound, Industrial Dr.
- 1050 larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
- 1114 larceny from auto, N. Bellridge Dr.
- 1158 property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /
- Westlake Cir. 1222 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
- 1256 larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
- 1321 mental subject, Brookside Dr.
- 1405 missing person, Martz/Van Buren Estates
- 1516 larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
- 1601 malicious destruction of property, Sumpter
- Rd. / Bemis Rd.
- 1617 road hazard, EB I-94/Haggerty 1745 – juvenile complaint, Ash Dr./Maple Dr.
- 1804 sexual assault, Ash Dr.
- 1928 property damage accident, Independence Ln. N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 2012 juvenile complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
- 2117 suspicious person/vehicle, Yost/Belleville
- 2146 suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 9:

- 0032 suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd. Old Michigan Rd.
- 0047 suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse BP
- 0109 suspicious person/vehicle, Wilson Ave. 0459 - suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Ave. /
- Haggerty Rd.
- 0624 larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr. 0707 - breaking & entering, Belleville Rd.
- 0847 911 welfare check, Andover Dr.
- 1009 abandoned auto, McBride Ave. 1217 - larceny, Belleville Rd.

- 1355 fraud, Belleville Rd. 1534 - fraud, Revere Dr.
- 1543 threat, Quirk Rd.
- 1558 domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr. 1703 - suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
- 1728 property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /
- Springwood Blvd.
- 1900 property damage accident, Belleville /
- Heatherfield Blvd.

- 0014 suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.

- 1252 property damage accident, N. I-94 Service
- 1338 property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
- 1422 larceny from auto, Van Born

- 1810 property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /
- N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1923 property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /
- 2005 suspicious person/vehicle, Nautica Dr.
- 2104 suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
- 2305 narcotics crime, Wayne Co. Fairgrounds
- 0119 suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
- $0544-suspicious\ person/vehicle,\ Barkley\ St.$
- 0740 larceny from auto, Jackson St.
- 0818 larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
- 0851 larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
- 0925 property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
- 0935 larceny from auto, E. Sadie Ln.
- 1031 suspicious person/vehicle, Holly Ln.
- 1221 property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
- Robson Rd.

 - 1614 assault & battery, N. Woodbury Dr.
 - 1619 harassment call, Chatsworth Dr.
 - 2150 operating while intoxicated, Bemis Rd. /
- 2336 suspicious person/vehicle, Maple/Birch
- 2345 suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis Rd.
- Saturday, Aug. 12:
- 0017 fight, Edwards Rd.

- Rawsonville Rd.
- 0938 domestic, Parkwood Dr.
- 1134 larceny, Anna Dr.
- 1243 private property/property damage accident, 1313 - property damage accident, Parkwood Dr.
- 1442 disorderly, Maple Dr.
- 1843 assault & battery, W. Huron River Dr.
- 1920 suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service 1942 - found property/child, Edison Lake

- 1822 suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd00. /
- 1921 overdose, Wayne County Fairgrounds
- 1922 juvenile complaint, N. Timberview Dr. /
- 2133 domestic, Richard Run Dr.
- 2137 juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
- 2336 harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
- Thursday, Aug. 10:
- 0910 malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.

- 1509 larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd. 1559 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /
- 1744 personal injury accident, Ecorse/Marlowe

- 2302 suspicious person/vehicle, Ash Dr.
- 0329 suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
- 0639 property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan
- 0743 larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.

- 1158 fraud, Millington Ct.
- 1419 property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /
- 2031 suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury
- Rawsonville Rd. 2317 - suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan Rd.
- 0039 suspicious person/vehicle, Woodgrove Dr.
- 0107 suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service 0147 - malicious destruction of property,
- 0406 noise complaint, Filmore St.
- 1118 threat, Denton Rd.

- 2304 domestic, Park Estates Dr.

- 0523 -- 911 welfare check, Sumpter/Montague
- 0617 larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
- 0732 larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
- 0919 found property/child, Rawsonville Rd.
- Dr. / Belleville Rd.
- 1354 larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.
- 1442 larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.
- N. I-94 Service Dr.
 - 1858 neighbor trouble, Fret Rd.
- N. I-94 Service Dr.
- Friday, Aug. 11:
- 1148 sexual assault, Truman
- Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
- 1611 traffic offense, Bemis Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
- 1730 fraud, Belleville Rd. 1905 - hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.

- 1223 private property impound, Riggs Rd.
- 1642 suicidal person, S. Bellridge Rd.

- 2018 property damage accident, WB I-94 / Haggerty
 - 2028 property damage accident, Wildbrook Dr.
 - 2134 noise complaint, Madison Dr.
- 2217 traffic offense, NB I-275/Ecorse
- Also on this week's log are 149 traffic stops, 18 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 6:

- 0020 noise complaint, N. Aberdeen Ct.
- 0056 intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr. 0234 - warrant arrest, Sumpter/Hull
- 1322 suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
- 1516 juvenile complaint, Belle Villa 1738 - animal complaint, Dos Rios St.
- 1841 assist fire dept., Main St.
- 1853 suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
- 1905 trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.
- 2118 warrant arrest, Walmart 2119 - noise complaint, Loza Ln. 2212 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell
- 2344 suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia Monday, Aug. 7: 0636 - found property/child, Main St.
- 1000 assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr. 1142 - intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
- 1508 intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave. 1802 - operating while intoxicated, Main/High
- 2028 warrant arrest, Main St. 2106 - suspicious person/vehicle, Dos Rios St.

Cemetery

Liberty St.

Friday, Aug. 11:

- Tuesday, Aug. 8: 0951 - suicidal person, Carmell St.
- 1425-assist other dept., N. Liberty St. 1800 - threat, Menlo Park Dr. 1843 - suspicious person/vehicle, Henry St.
- 1918 suicidal person, Carmell St. 2122 - malicious destruction of property, Hillside
- 2322 noise complaint, Loza Ln. Wednesday, Aug. 9:
- 0021 threat, Loza Ln. 0126 - welfare check, W. Columbia Ave. 1238 - civil matter, Loza Ln.
- 1239 assist fire dept., Owen 1532 - threat, Loza Ln.
- 1710 animal complaint, Dos Rios St. $1804-private\ property\ impound,\ Main\ St.$ 1817 - warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd.
- 1842 family trouble, Loza Ln.
- 2137 follow up by officer, Belle Villa 2221 - suspicious person/vehicle, E. Thornhill Ct.
- 2234 warrant arrest, Loza Ln. 2353 - suspicious person/vehicle, E. Thornhill Ct.

0141 - intrusion alarm, Main St.

1935 - lost property/child, Tyler

2018 - welfare check, Loza Ln.

- Thursday, Aug. 10: 0135 - assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
- 0156 suspicious person/vehicle, E. Thornhill Ct. 0901 - intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Av 1139 - animal complaint, Victorian Ln.
- 1437 larceny, Henry St. 1809 - suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia 1836 - neighbor trouble, Victorian Ct.
- 1840 parking complaint, High/Church 1945 - assist fire dept., Main St./Third St.

2229 - intrusion alarm, N. Aberdeen Ct.

- 0037 welfare check, W. Columbia Ave. 0913 - traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave. 1108 - unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville
- 1333 warrant arrest, W. Columbia Ave. 1350 - assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
- 1428 ordinance violation, Belleville Bridge 1631 - assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave. 2010 - ordinance violation, Main St./High St.
- 2240 vehicle lockout, Main St. Saturday, Aug. 12:

2157 - retail fraud, South St.

0006 - disorderly, Benito's 1012 - miscellaneous complaint, Main/Third

1802 - assault & battery, Henry St

2221 - suspicious person/vehicle, High St.

- 1250 traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave. 1502 - harassment call, Main St.

- 1903 assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave. 1915 – intrusion alarm, E. Thornhill Ct.
- - 2147 assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
 - 2227 suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia

 - 2336 noise complaint, Sheldon Rd./Savage Rd.
 - Also on this week's log are 83 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Oakville Waltz

Waltz Rd.

/ Judd

- Sunday, Aug. 6:
- 0247 family trouble, Carriage Ln.
- 0848 fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
- 1028 citizen assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1123 breaking & entering, 18000 bl. Morton Ave

- 1237 fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1504 well-being check, California/Colorado
- 1749 juvenile complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 2127 well-being check, Virginia
- Monday, Aug. 7:
- 1058 animal complaint, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
- 1716 suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Martinsville 1908 - animal complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
- Tuesday, Aug. 8: 1423 - property damage accident, Sumpter /
- 1521 animal complaint, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.

1755 - civil dispute, Greenmeadow

1837 - child abuse/neglect, Rustic Ln.

- 1901 traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Willow
- 2336 disorderly person, Rustic Ln.
- 0536 property damage accident, Oakville Waltz Carleton West 0805 - fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
- 1055 civil dispute, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd. 1209 - neighbor dispute, 46000 bl. Traskos
- 1353 suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd. 1431 - family trouble, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd

1302 - suspicious incident, Carriage Ln.

- 0044 suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Kozma Rd. 0457 - citizen assist, Harris/Martinsville
- 1458 reckless driver, Rustic Ln.
- 1835 larceny, 44000 bl. Judd Rd. 1911 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.

- 1613 suspicious incident, Sumpter/Bemis
- $0028 {\rm fire} \; {\bar {\rm dept.}} \; {\rm assist, 40000 \; bl. \; Harris \; Rd.}$

- 1913 fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
- 2250 suspicious person, 8700 bl. Rawsonville Rd 2345 - citizen assist, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 0807 suspicious vehicle, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd. 1003 - suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Weimer Dr.
- 1441 found property, Bohn/Elwell 1649 - civil dispute, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
- 1913 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd. 2042 - fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 1431 suspicious incident, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd. 1657 - fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1759 - warrant arrest pick up, Rawsonville/Willis

- 1913 fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 2324 - warrant arrest pick up, 8200 bl. Oakville
- Wednesday, Aug. 9: 0335 - shots fired, Elwell/Judd
- 0916 alarm, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 1638 family trouble, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd 2032 - reckless driver, Hampshire
- 1308 animal complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd. 1332 - civil dispute, Rustic Ln. 1305 - property damage accident, Main St. / N.

1402 - malicious destruction of property, Sumpter

- 1559 warrant arrest pick up, out of township 1750 - property damage accident, Willis/Sumpter
- 0215 well-being check, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd. 0250 - civil dispute, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
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- Thursday, Aug. 10: 0037 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1534 operating while intoxicated arrest, Willis Rawsonville

1830 - fraud complaint, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1940 - mental health commitment, 21000 bl.

- Sumpter Rd. 1957 - missing person, Redwood
- 1344 suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1237 well-being check, First St.
- 2246 civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd. 2249 - shots fired, 23000 bk. Elwell Rd. Friday, Aug. 11:
- 1613 fraud complaint, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
 - Saturday, Aug. 12:
- - 1801 juvenile complaint, Rustic Ln.



Things to do in the Belleville area...

- Thursday, Aug. 17 Belleville Bridge Walk at 5:30 p.m., Taste of Belleville, 6-8 p.m., and Lucky Ducky Race in Belleville Lake, 6:30 p.m. No Music Lakeside.
- Thursday, Aug. 17 Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-6:45 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Rd.
- Friday, Aug. 18 Columbia Court apartments on West Columbia Avenue in Belleville is presenting Mission Day 2017 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The day is full of fun, raising money for senior projects.

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0130 - suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0448 - fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.

0846 - fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.

0854 – 911 hang up, Virginia

0930 - civil dispute, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.

1325 - unauthorized driving away of auto, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.

1339 - fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

1729 - property damage accident, Rustic Ln.

1829 - animal complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville

1943 – runaway juvenile, Rustic Ln.

2051 - operating while intoxicated arrest, Willow / Sherwood

Also on this week's log are 18 follow-up investigations, 29 miscellaneous details, 105 patrol checks, and 28

Health fair, prize drawing, 50/50, food, building tours, bake sale, kids' activities, craft sales, and more.

- Friday, Aug. 18 Today is the deadline to RSVP/pay to attend the reunion for the Belleville High School class of 1977. It will be held Sept. 8 at the Belleville Yacht Club. Information: Tom Smith at (734) 699-1119.
- Saturday, Aug. 19 The secondannual Back-to-School Family Fun Day will run from 2 to 5 p.m. at Graham Park, corner of Sumpter and Wear roads. The Sumpter Progressive Civic League is giving away free backpacks and school supplies to Sumpter students. There will be food, games, and prizes. Students must be registered in advance to get supplies. Call (734) 461-1767.
- Monday, Aug. 21 It's Senior Day at the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. Specials for seniors at each of the 13 parks. At the Lower Huron Metropark in Van Buren Township offers are: Free boat launch, allday Twilight rate for Turtle Cover Aquatic Center, and free beverage or ice cream with meal purchase.
- Thursday, Aug. 24 Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. This week it's RFD Boys. Free. Horizon Park, Belleville
- Thursday, Aug. 24 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

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