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Crowd packs Huron Twp. hall to hear update on Waltz Bridge

By Bob Mytych

Independent Special Writer

More than 70 people packed the board room at the Huron Township Hall on Sept. 20, to hear news about the closed Waltz Bridge in New Boston.

Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous assembled the town hall meeting with Huron Township Supervisor David Glaab and Wayne County representatives. The nearby CSX train distribution company was invited but did not send any representatives.

Wayne County Department of Public Services representative Mike Gorman provided a timeline for the total replacement of the bridge, which will be completed by December 2018 at a cost of \$5.4 million. The County says replacing the bridge will give it a 60-year life span, while a proposed \$3.9 million repair project for the 85-year-old bridge would be considerably less in longevity. After reviewing the two options, the county decided replacement offers the longest life while being the most cost effective.

Gorman said that bridges in Michigan are inspected on a regular basis every two years and the Waltz Bridge came in at number three on the state's list and was being inspected annually until it was shut down June 1 because it is simply unsafe.

Gorman said that over the past few months Commissioner Haidous, the county, and township officials have worked together to get the project moved to the top of the list for 2018, and the money is already in the budget for next year and will be approved next month. Gorman said that requests for proposals for new bridge designs will be sent out soon and bids will be expected to be returned in November, and by January all permits, soil samples, and Army Corps of Engineer approval should be in place to start construction in April or May of next year.

Out of 215 bridges inspected, five had to be shut down, including one in Northville.



Independent photo by Bob Mytych

There was standing room only at the Huron Township Hall as people gathered to hear about the bridge into New Boston.

Only a handful of people offered public comment. They said not having the bridge has a hard impact on businesses, as well as public safety.

The CSX Railroad, which has several crossings throughout the township, is an ongoing issue with long closures, some up to 45 minutes at a time. Even longer. The Township's Public Safety dispatch had recently installed cameras at these railroad

intersections so it can route police and fire response accordingly. The cameras are available to the public in an app available off the township's website.

Supervisor Glaab said that the township administratively has sent the railroad all of the issues and problems and is expecting a response in three weeks. Supervisor Glaab said that the Township will be getting back with CSX and the township's board meet-

ings and website will keep the public up to date on these issues and the timeline for the bridge as the project begins. No follow-up meeting was announced for the bridge or with the railroad.

In closing comments, Supervisor Glaab asked the public to support the local businesses in town while the bridge is out, to support them like never before.

League of Women Voters introduces candidates to voters

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne introduced to voters the five candidates running for two open seats on the Belleville City Council in the Nov. 7 election. The public forum was held Sept. 20 in the mini-auditorium at Belleville High School.

Virginia Belinski, a League of Women Voters member from Sumpter Township, served as moderator. After each candidate had given a brief, opening remark, she asked a series of ten questions that had been written on cards by members of the

audience or submitted before the forum. Each candidate was called upon to answer each question.

Participating in the forum were incumbent candidates Jesse Marcotte and Tom Fielder and newcomers Kelly Bates, Gwen Hooks, and Jeff Vernon.

Marcotte and Fielder are lifelong residents of the Belleville area. Bates has lived in Belleville for three years; Hooks, five years; and Vernon, two years.

When each was asked about future political aspirations, they all said they were just interested in serving Belleville except Bates, who said after serving on the city council she would like to run for state representative or county commissioner.

When asked about Doane's Landing and what to do about the seawall failing, each replied that the city council was currently on a good path in working with the condo owners to repair the seawall. Vernon said

he was concerned about the park at the site and how to use it in the future.

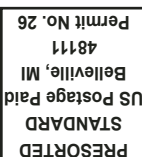
When Belinski asked the candidates' opinions of the Downtown Development Authority and whether it should be retained, they all agreed it was a valuable program, except for Vernon who said he is still trying to figure out the DDA.

They agreed the most pressing problem in the city was its finances and suggestions varied on how to fix it.

When asked how to improve business on Main Street, Vernon lashed out about the city having no vision. He said he tried to build a business, but he was not allowed to distract drivers with lights. He had to have a "little tiny sign" that people couldn't see. "I've been yelling about it for two years," he said.

Hooks said there was a lot of work to be done and Bates said they needed to

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SECOND FRONT PAGE



The BHS Class of 1957 gathered for a class picture, marking 60 years since graduation.

Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman



Members of the Belleville High School Class of 1950 posed for a photo during the BHS All-Class Reunion on Sept. 16. From left, seated, are Theresa Murphy Cochran, Mary Carol Van Buhler Slagle, Shirley Porzondek Carnahan, and Theresa Polzin Schwalm. Standing, from left, are Kenneth Carnahan, Rev. James Cochran, Priscilla Snyr, Leonard Snyr, Charlotte Mason Anton, Cornell Anton, and Shirley Lukomski.



Neal Griffin, BHS Class of 1943, was present from the oldest class represented along with his wife Thelma.

Romulus City Council approves bond sale for 34th District Court

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its Aug. 28 meeting, the Romulus City Council unanimously approved a notice of intent to issue 25-year capital improvement bonds of no more than \$17 million to pay the cost for acquisition, construction, furnishing, and equipping a new facility

for the 34th District Court, along with the necessary parking and site improvements.

34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green, Judge David Parrott, Judge Brian Oakley, and Magistrate Al Hindman were present in the audience, along with the city attorney, bond counsel, and other officials.

Councilwoman Sylvia Makowski said this supports the relationship Romulus has had for a long time as the host community for the court.

"Not only is it lucrative for us, but this project will be fully funded by the court fees," Councilwoman Makowski said. "There's a commitment there. No money

from the city of Romulus general fund will go toward this."

Makowski said the city has a history with the court and, "They put out a budget plan every year and they achieve it every year. The risk to this is virtually none."

Bond Counsel Patrick McGow said the
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OPINIONS

Editorial

Animals in need finally get OK for help from Sumpter

"It's been a really hard year," said Marcy LaFramboise after Tuesday's regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees.

The regulations thrown up by Sumpter Township planning consultants have cost money that Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue didn't have.

The township has limited the number of dogs the no-kill rescue could house at 25.

All FMAR wanted was to put up more kennels to rescue more dogs. But, the township went into opposition mode against the group that was helping its police department deal with strays.

On Tuesday, Pete and Marcy LaFramboise and a few supporters waited patiently at the third public meeting on the request to help more local dogs. This time there was no discussion by the board and the FMAR request was finally approved – after a year of delay.

We remember when Van Buren Township gave Pete and Marcy a hard time when they were volunteers in the VBT Animal Shelter. We remember when they organized FMAR about 20 years ago while sitting around their dining room table in VBT with some rescued pets in crates in their living quarters.

They decided to leave VBT and relocate in Sumpter, which, at the time, welcomed them with open arms. Well, time changed and Sumpter wasn't as welcoming lately.

But, on Tuesday, FMAR got Sumpter's blessing and for that we are grateful.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Sandy Askew died Tuesday morning and a memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at First United Methodist Church of Belleville. She donated her body to science. A wonderful artist, Sandy was in charge of the Food Closet at the church for many years.

I received an email: "This is about that stupid road hazard in front of the Bayou Grill that needs to go. I have seen people not even look and just walk across thinking because that sign is there to yield to pedestrians that they don't have to wait for traffic to clear.

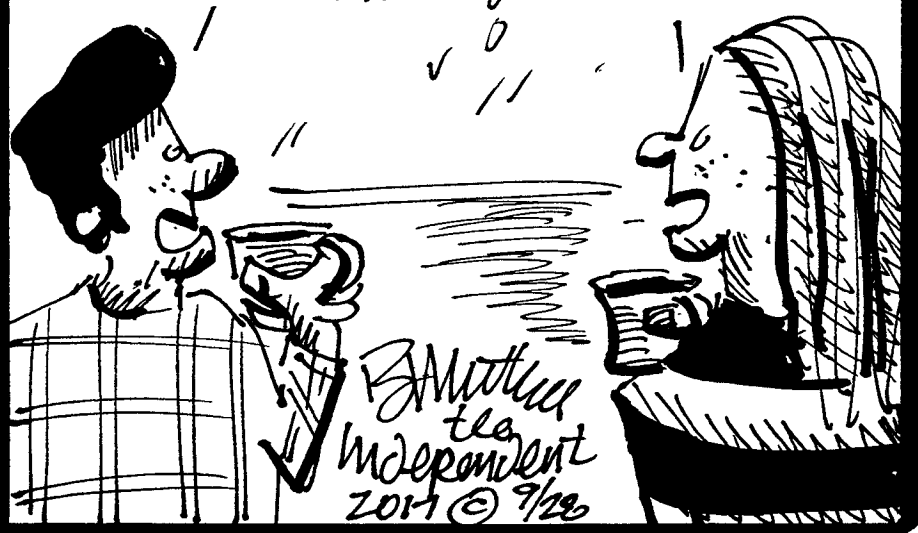
"I was near that area and heard a guy scream 'STOP' at a vehicle and then begin to yell and cuss at the people inside the vehicle saying that the sign says "STOP". The people in the truck looked scared as this guy was ranting. I rolled my window down and yelled at him saying the sign does not stay stop – it says yield. That sign has no place there. I have never seen something like that anywhere. I mean really, how many crosswalk signs does little Belleville need and still need that road hazard?"

"Main Street looks so cluttered with all those signs. For that sign to work properly, the crosswalk should be painted and there should be no parking near it so that people can be seen who are in the crosswalk. When I was in Plymouth, Massachusetts, where Plymouth Rock is, they have painted crosswalks, but they are large and there is no parking near them and the speed limit is very slow."

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A reader called Monday morning to report he got another scam call from that guy with the thick foreign accent that says he wants to help you and asks if you want the interest dropped on your credit cards. The reader said he told the caller he only uses one credit card and when he told the caller that the caller asked if he had a debit card.

"Why do you want to know about that?" he asked and the man got angry and hung up. A few days later, the man called back and started the same questioning. When our reader pointed out he had several calls from him in the past and this must be a scam, the man hung up.

The reader called back the number on the caller ID and was informed by a recording that that number is not in service. He said the last four numbers vary each time the man calls, but they all begin with 734-787-xxxx.

The reader said, actually, he hasn't used a credit card in years.

He just wanted to alert other readers about this scam caller and warn them not to give information to people calling on the phone that want to help you.

Richard Smith on East Huron River Drive in the City of Belleville has four black walnut trees on his property and they

are producing a grand bounty this season. He has 30-gallon buckets of walnuts. More walnuts than the squirrels can carry off. More than he can use. If you are interested in black walnuts, let him know.

On Sept. 20, Peace Corps worker Gloria Scheruer spoke at a potluck meeting of the United Methodist Women at Belleville's First United Methodist Church. She told of her experience working with migrant workers' children and their families in the Monroe/Toledo area. She gathered donations for the families, including gently used children's clothing, mittens, towels, and school supplies.

One of the women asked her hair stylist, Louise Fincher at Bladez, if she had anything to donate and Louise gave a large number of items that people have generously dropped off to her at the salon. We have an ad asking for donations of small items such as toothpaste and shampoo that Louise usually takes to the street people in Detroit. She had enough to share with the migrant families.

The Peace Corps worker told a story of a little boy who was so happy to have his own toothbrush instead of having to share with his family.



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Letters

Here's what I know about Jeff Vernon

To the Editor:

I wanted to share my thoughts about Jeff Vernon. When I first met him he was always working on something at the daycare next door. Then, when he opened the candy shoppe, he was still always doing something. He even found time to help cut grass in the summer and sometimes was able to help remove snow in the winter. I remember asking him once, "Why do you clear the sidewalk down the whole street?" His response was something like, "It makes all around us look better."

Jeff is a hard worker, always trying to help others, and I was saddened to hear the candy shoppe was going to close. Even then the candy left over on closing day was given to the children at the Floppy Bunny that year. He always enjoys helping and making people in the community happy. Things I know he has done were bringing a radio station into the city to visit businesses, he helped with the Christmas in July this past year, and I know he has been working to encourage to get people to join the Parks Commission.

His passion for Belleville and a strong small business unity shines through when you ask him what he thinks of the empty buildings around town. He has spoken of plans to reach out to small business entrepreneurs ever since I have known him. He also believes that while programming for kids in the parks is important so is program for seniors. He believes that transportation for seniors to get to social functions, as well as necessary appointments, is also a high priority for a healthy community both mentally and physically.

Kay Atkins

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Editor's Note: Jeff Vernon is one of five candidates running for city council in the Nov. 7 election.

VBALL seeks volunteers to help with program

To the Editor:

The Van Buren Area Little League will be holding elections on Sunday Oct. 8, at Beck Fields starting promptly at 1 p.m. We are looking for a player agent, chief umpire, safety officer, field maintenance director, and a fundraiser/sponsorship coordinator.

These are all volunteer, unpaid positions. If you decide you would like to be a part of the Van Buren Area Little League please remember whatever title you hold is very

important and requires dedication and anything less the children suffer in the end.

VBALL is coming off another successful season with our highest registration at 371 players and the completion of hosting two state tournaments: one at the Boys Intermediate division and one at the Girls 9/10 Softball.

Hopefully, you will consider being a part of a great youth organization.

Thank you,

Marc Littleton

VBALL president

No traffic lane markings at 5 Points is dangerous

To the Editor and City Officials:

I am writing to ask about the traffic lanes at 5 Points, particularly at W. Columbia going to E. Columbia.

When the paving was finished last year, none of the lanes were re-marked. There are also no indications that if you go through on the right lane it ends.

I travel that route every day to school. I go from Church Street to Savage Elementary. Last Thursday as I went through the intersection in the left lane going east, I was almost hit by a pickup truck who also went through the intersection from the right lane.

If I had not been paying close attention to what the truck was doing, my PT Cruiser would have been crushed. I thought they were turning into the gas station. Luckily an accident was avoided by me beeping at them.

I think that there should be the one through lane going east and that the right lane become a right turn only when on W. Columbia.

I tried several times to call City Hall and the Belleville Police non-emergency line to voice my concerns, but only heard a busy signal each time. Maybe this letter will get someone's attention.

Dawn Pollard
Belleville

Thanks for helping with First Step baby shower

To the editor and readers:

The news that you read does make a difference in someone's life!

Thank you, everyone, for contributing and attending a successful third-annual Community Baby Shower recently. Many baby items were collected for the benefit of First Step survivors of abuse and violence.

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Ryan Thomas Fitzpatrick

RYAN T. FITZPATRICK

(September 13, 1993 - September 24, 2017)
Ryan Thomas Fitzpatrick, age 24, life-long resident of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away Sunday, September 24, 2017. He was born September 13, 1993 in Ypsilanti, MI, son of Thomas Raymond & Sara Jean (Robson) Fitzpatrick. Ryan graduated from Belleville High School Class of 2011, where he played baseball and tennis. Ryan loved most sports; bowling, golf, and especially baseball, which he played all his life.

Ryan is survived by his mother Sara (Robson) Fitzpatrick of Belleville, MI, grandmother Maureen (Larry) Bowen of California, girlfriend Amy Sarafian, two sisters Rachel Fitzpatrick of East Lansing, MI and Christina (Christopher) Jordan of Tecumseh, MI, five nieces & nephews; Joshua, Madison, Tami, Elizabeth and Alex. He is also survived by numerous loving aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather Thomas U. Fitzpatrick, father Thomas Fitzpatrick, grandparents Darryl & Jean Robson, and two uncles Mark Robson and Jack Fitzpatrick.

Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Wednesday and continues 1-8 p.m. Thursday with an 11 a.m. Funeral Friday, September 29, 2017 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Interment will follow in Tyler Street Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI.

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- Tuesday, Oct. 3 - Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.
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Obituaries



Wanda Margerith Shirley

WANDA MARGERITH SHIRLEY
(March 24, 1916 – August 3, 2017)
Wanda Margerith Bennett Shirley was born on March 24, 1916 in Williamston, MI. She passed away on August 3, 2017 in Brandon, FL at the age of 101. She was predeceased by her parents Beth and Floyd Bennett, husband Forrest, sister Helene Bishop, and daughter Patricia Farrar. Her survivors include daughter Pamela Ellison (Jack); grandchildren Allan Lilley, Brandon Wiley (Myrlen), and Joel Ellison; great-grandchildren Kody and Alyssa Lilley; and son-in-law James Farrar.

Wanda was raised in Michigan and attended Emmanuel Missionary College where she met her future husband, Forrest. They were married on February 10, 1938 and shared 75 blessed years of marriage.

Her professional career began teaching kindergarten through the eighth grade for several years in a one-room school in rural Michigan. She attended Eastern Michigan College and received her B.A. and M.A. in elementary education. She continued to teach first grade for over 30 years at Edgemont Elementary School and retired in 1977. Student teachers from the University of Michigan were mentored by her. While in Michigan she was a member of the educational sorority Kappa Delta Kappa and continued to be a member once she and Forrest moved to Florida.

She was a devout Christian and loved her church. While in Michigan she was a children's Sabbath school teacher, an adult Sabbath school superintendent, pianist, and a member of the choir. She not only played the piano but also the violin.

Wanda treasured her family. She had a wonderful marriage to Forrest and after he passed away, her remaining four years were met with loneliness for him. Her children and grandchildren meant the world to her and she was so happy when they would visit her. Affectionately known in the family as the "Matriarch", she was always available to give her love, comfort, support, and advice whenever needed.

Wanda and her bright sweet smile will be greatly missed by everyone that knew her.

More Obituaries on page 6



Carol Ann Williams

CAROL ANN WILLIAMS

(May 7, 1944 – September 23, 2017)

Carol Ann Williams, 73, long-time resident of Willis, passed away Saturday evening, September 23, 2017, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on Sunday May 7, 1944 in Monroe, MI, daughter of John P. and Frances (Mordenski) Sliwa. Carol graduated from Belleville High School in 1961.

She is survived by her siblings Frances "Jeanne" Elliott (Johnny Clifton) of Macclenny, FL and Rick (Bunnie) Sliwa of Belleville, MI. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Dawn (John) Sliwa of Belleville, MI. Sadly, Carol is preceded in death by her brother, John Sliwa.

Carol is the loving mother to four children: Robert (Kim) Williams of Willis, MI, Jerry Wayne Williams Jr. of Texas, Tom (Sheri) Williams of Montgomery, TX, and Caren (Jimmy) Prater of Palm Bay, FL. She is the proud grandmother of seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Carol was a long-time devoted member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Willis, MI. She was also involved in the St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women (CCW). She was formerly a Lady Knight, an association with the Knights of Columbus, and was a member of the Augusta Township Fire Department women's auxiliary team.

Carol's favorite event in her life was visiting the holy places in Europe. She visited the Black Madonna in Poland, St. Bernadette in France, and the Vatican in Rome. She loved to make quilts and jewelry. She also enjoyed traveling to visit her children across the country and the world. For many years she made special cakes, canned food from her garden, and made her own sauerkraut. She also dabbled in using a saw to fix up her home with her neighbor Jimmie Ladd.

Visitation was from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, September 26, 2017, with a 7 p.m. rosary at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. A Funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 9425 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, with visitation from 10-11 a.m. Interment followed in St. Joseph Cemetery, Augusta Township, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue (FMAR), and would be appreciated by the family.

Van Buren Eagles sets Diabetes Fund Raiser for Saturday, Nov. 4

The Van Buren Eagles #3996 will host a Diabetes Fund Raiser from 5 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Nov. 4.

The event, which is open to the public, will feature a buffet-style dinner and live music by "Rocky Fortune," along with raffles and auctions.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door and are available at the Van Buren

Eagles or online at www.foe3996.com. All proceeds will benefit the Diabetes Research Center at the University of Iowa.

Those with questions may call John or Toni Watkins at (734) 340-8069 or the Van Buren Eagles at (734) 699-8836.

The Eagles' location is 9961 Beck Road, Van Buren Township.

More Letters

BHS Student Council Thanks community

To the Editor and Belleville Community:

Varsity football games are a time to bring the community together, and that is exactly what we accomplished on Friday, Sept. 22. During the home football game, we came together as a school district and community to celebrate our students and schools.

During the Elementary Night football game this past Friday, BHS Student Council organized a parade, which walked around the high school. We had participants from Haggerty, Savage, Rawsonville, Tyler, Owen, McBride, and BHS. We also had participants from the Belleville High School Football team, Girl's Varsity Volleyball team, BHS Pom team, BHS Cheerleaders and various clubs including DECA and Student Council. Also, the BHS 308-member marching band marched and played in the parade. Lastly, many thanks to the Belleville Fire and Police who provide a safe route for our parade.

After the parade, the fun continued. BHS Student Council organized carnival games for the elementary students to play. BHS students monitored and assisted elementary students in playing games and passed out candy to the students. BHS students also painted faces and assisted children with putting on temporary tattoos. The local Army recruiter provided an obstacle course for the students. There were many smiling children running around thanks to the support of the Van Buren community.

Having a school-community relationship is so important to our students and families. Family and community involvement fosters partnerships among schools, family, community groups, and individuals. These partnerships result in sharing and maximizing resources and help children and youth develop healthy behaviors and promote healthy families.

Research shows that when community members are involved in education, students are more likely to adapt well to school, attend school more regularly, complete homework more consistently, earn higher grades and test scores, graduate and go on to college, have better social skills, and have higher self-esteem.

We hope to continue this tradition every year, and that each year the participation from families, students, school staff,

and community members continues to increase.

Belleville High School Student Council

Our experience with Hurricane Irma

To the editor:

This is our story: Hurricane Irma

Irma was a Cat 5 Hurricane heading for the east coast of Florida right over Ocean Village. What were we to do? Then we said let's go to the center of the state. Which we did on Friday. Then they said that Irma a Cat 4 would hit the west side of the State. So we felt good about our choice. We were in Sebring FL, to ride out the storm.

Wrong, the storm went through the center of the state; the eye wall went right over Sebring. It was a bad Sunday night, for five hours it sounded as if an old 707 under full military power was taking off all the time.

God is good and we survived. Of course, we lost power. Monday we left for a hotel in Fort Pierce and obtained a handicap room. Our daughter Christine in Michigan made the reservation for us. So nice to have outside help. As we drove down the center of the State on US-27 all we saw was downed power lines and fruit off the trees and fields of water. We made it to SR-70 to drive east to Fort Pierce. The road was blocked in many places but we got through. We checked in at our hotel by I-95 and drove to Ocean Village. We cleared the road block at the bridge and went to the Village. It was flooded, but not a lot of destruction. Twenty-three inches of rain and 100 mph wind. We lucked out again. Power was on in two days.

Our unit had no damage and we are fine and well. Thanks for all your concerns and prayers.

Tony and Mary Lee Kuchta
Fort Pierce, FL

Editor's Note: Tony graduated with the Belleville High School Class of 1949 and Mary Lee Shaffer graduated from BHS in 1950.

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Thank you for sympathy in our time of sorrow

To the Editor:

The family of Lloyd Trent Varner would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy during our time of sorrow. The lovely cards, beautiful flowers, and kind words that you expressed to our family will always be remembered. Your generous contributions to the Romulus Historical Society memorial fund were greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Family of Lloyd Trent Varner

BHS home games

Here are upcoming Belleville High School home athletic events:

- Thursday, Sept. 28: Freshman Football, 4 p.m. against Fordson; JV Football, 6:30 p.m. against Fordson; Girls Varsity Swim & Dive, 6 p.m. against Garden City

- Monday, Oct. 2: Boys' Varsity Tennis, 4 p.m. against Edsel Ford

- Tuesday, Oct. 3: Boys & Girls Cross Country, 4 p.m., Tri-meet at Van Buren Park; Boys Varsity Tennis, 4 p.m., against John Glenn

Diane Kiessel

Belleville Athletic Secretary

Romulus Citywide Yard Sales set for Sept. 28-Oct. 1

The Romulus City Council approved free Citywide Yard Sales for the week of Sept. 28-Oct. 1, with a rain date of Oct. 5-8. Those having sales can call in their addresses to the city and have them put on a list that is available on the city website and in a printed format. Those who met the city's deadline, were able to have their sale addresses published in *The Eagle*.

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Sumpter Township Board gets information on new marijuana law

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees discussed the issue of medical marijuana for 40 minutes during its work/study session starting at 6 p.m. on Sept. 12.

Wes Crumby of Au Gres Township and Tom Wright, chairman of the Au Gres Township Planning Commission, had been invited by a board member to give a presentation on the issue.

They said they are a free resource that help people get licenses if they are interested or just to be informed if they don't want marijuana in their communities.

As Crumby started his presentation, he was rudely cut off by township attorney Rob Young, who said, "We have been involved in this *ad nauseam* ... We know all of that. The ship has sailed. We've had quite a bit of discussion on this. I'm trying to save you the time."

"Sounds like you already know..." Crumby said. "Have you made a decision?"

Young replied that the zoning ordinance language caused confusion. He said the Michigan Township Association recommended a community make sure nothing is in its ordinance sounds like approving marijuana businesses.

"There was some consternation ... as if I was trying to say the township would opt out..." Young said. "You know we're already out until you opt in."

"I spent extensive time on the phone with the attorney," he said, adding the township could give itself time to opt in in the future.

"There are very few options we're given as a township as to whether we want or don't want businesses," Young said. "This is the only one I know that we can say yes or no ... We're not compelled to do something ... We get two to three calls a week about this ... Got an email today asking me to opt into the MMFLA." He referred to the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act of 2016 that goes into effect in December.

Young went on, saying that LARA probably will enact temporary rules on the law before Dec. 15. He referred to the state Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

"You should know what the rules are before you decide whether to opt in or out... Let's see, we need police ordinance, zoning ordinance, inspections to make sure this will be handled correctly... You're going to have drug companies, big companies, by not obtaining illegal grows ... There will be tracking from seed to grow..." Young continued, finally taking a breath.

Crumby said that he knows Sumpter will make its own decision, but communities who choose to opt in early are making a lot of money. He said they dropped off a check for \$78,000 that day for permits for a community.

He said no licenses are expected from the state until the first quarter and then it takes

16 weeks to produce a crop.

Crumby said Bangor Township attracted a large player.

"If you're going to opt in, but you decide to wait and see, you'll be losing money," Crumby said, noting Pinconning has 55 grows.

Crumby's associate Wright said Section 9.6 of the ballot initiative said that if municipalities didn't initially opt in, once the ballot initiative is passed, it can opt in, but the State of Michigan will not allow any more licenses and there could be no facilities for two years.

He said in the ballot initiative, planned for the November 2018 election, licenses under the State of Michigan will be a valuable commodity. If a neighboring community opts in and the ballot initiative passes and you want to opt in ... the first two years after the ballot initiative takes effect the MMFLA will continue in effect. The guy without a license will be boxed out, he said.

When the ballot proposal passes, and recreational marijuana is legal, you will have to be MMFLA licensed first and then two years later it changes, Wright said.

"I work with municipalities all the time," Wright said. "Many townships are doing nothing ... and that's fine if you don't want them... They're scared of the people with the torches and pitchforks."

Wright said Au Gres is a rural township and they are allowing grows in Agricultural and Industrial and have amended the ordinance to allow Light Industrial in Commercial.

He said grows can only be placed in Agricultural or Industrial or unzoned, and provisional centers and processing is up to you.

"Secure transporter and testing? Who cares where they go? You'll never know what they're doing," Wright said.

Treasurer Peggy Morgan asked if the township opts in and in six months or a year wants to opt out, can it stop?

Wright replied: "Say Joe Smith wants to grow in Sumpter Township. The state will get ahold of the clerk or deputy clerk and ask if the township has an ordinance and a

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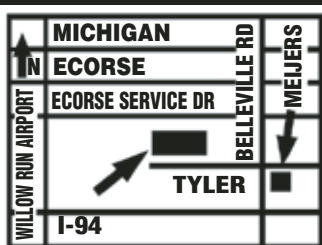
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Rosies posed before the Belleville Bridge Walk with supporters.

Upcoming Guinness World Record event gets support from Carhartt

Yankee Air Museum announced last week that it has gained support from Dearborn-based Carhartt in its effort to reclaim the Guinness World Record for the Largest Gathering of People Dressed as Rosie the Riveter.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, thousands of Rosies are expected to descend on Ypsilanti to participate in the event.

"This is huge!" said Kevin Walsh, Executive Director of Yankee Air Museum. "Carhartt is a name synonymous with quality workwear the likes of which made Rosie the Riveter emblematic of the Arsenal of Democracy during World War II. Having Carhartt as the top sponsor of the Rosie World Record event bolsters our financial ability and confidence to crush the old record. We are very thankful."

Since 2016, the Yankee Air Museum has allowed the Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, CA, to hold the coveted record. Walsh says that generosity will end soon now that Carhartt has stepped up to support the return of the record to its rightful home in Michigan.

Earlier this year, Carhartt honored hardworking women with a special "All Hail Mom, All Hail the Carhartt Woman" video as part of its Mother's Day campaign. Rosie the Riveter was featured during the campaign, and parts of the video were filmed at the Willow Run Bomber Plant. You can watch *All Hail the Carhartt Woman* at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6g0ktm7Eoal>

"This local event is a testament to how Rosie the Riveter continues to influence so many people more than 70 years after she originally inspired millions," said Brian Bennett, vice president of brand creative at Carhartt. "Dating back to the 1940s and beyond, Carhartt has made workwear for hardworking women who can build or fix anything. We're incredibly honored to support an event that celebrates such an important piece of our country's heritage."

The primary mission of any museum is to preserve history, and the Rosie legacy begins at historic Willow Run, site of the B-24 Bomber Plant where Rose Will Monroe, the original Rosie the Riveter worked with thousands of other women.

On the second Saturday in October, Yankee

Air Museum aims to reclaim the World Record. With anticipated crowds of more than 5,000, the event will be held at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center, 799 N. Hewitt, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197. The event is free, and online pre-registration is encouraged at <http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org/rosie-world-record>. The celebration begins at 9 a.m., and Rosies must arrive by 11 a.m. to be counted in the official gathering. Participants of all ages are welcome.

The Guinness World Record group maintains strict standards, making it important for those who wish to be counted to wear the correct costume. The official costume must contain the following four items:

1. Red, polka dot bandanna (not paisley)
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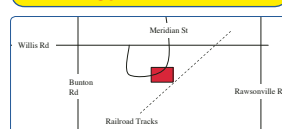
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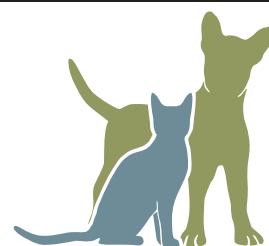
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Sumpter Twp.

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license. If not, no state license is granted.”

Wright said to opt in, the board takes a vote and tells the planning commission to work on ordinances. Then the commission puts language together on police power with information from the township board (Au Gres met in joint session) and then the commission makes a recommendation to the township board.

“A lot of townships are trying to get things adopted ASAP ... They want to cross every “i” and dot every “i” so the state will give licenses,” Wright said.

Wright said Crumby is on the Au Gres Township Planning Commission, too, and in 30 days it was law. He said in Gaylord it was 60 days start to finish. An applicant can get a local license.

Crumby said in October you will be able to start putting in fingerprints. They are trying to get prepared. Maybe they will limit numbers restrictively.

“They probably won’t get licenses until May and then sit on it for 17 more weeks for seed tracking,” Crumby said. “Every year you have to renew.”

A man in the audience, who did not give his name, said the township should stay mindful of the “invisible hand” that removes projects from the smaller investor. He said it takes \$4,000-\$8,000 to apply to the state and they can still say no.

“Many people will fail,” he said. “It’s very expensive and a lot of work ...but there is an opportunity for small investors

but it will scale up real fast and only millionaires will be in ... Those in other states can participate.”

He said a fee for a grower’s license for 1,500 plants is \$10,000 to \$57,000 for one license.

Wright went over, in detail, the way the 3% state excise tax on the product will be distributed.

“If Township A has three facilities and Township B has one, Township A gets 21% more,” Wright said.

“In 2018 everybody knows it’s going to pass,” Crumby said. “It’s going to be recreational.”




Mary Ban, a registered nurse, said THC is very dangerous and leaves deposits in the brain tissue and bone marrow. She said it is a gateway drug and people can be left with no memory, like someone she knew.

The unnamed man in the audience said he learned of medical marijuana for 70-year-old clients who had the choice of opioids or cannabis. He said it is simply a plant and there are kinds for those who choose not to get high. He said the alternative is the current epidemics for opioids.

In other business at the regular meeting, the board:

- Approved the second reading and adopted an ordinance to establish certain zoning classifications for the construction and development of medical marijuana caregiver facilities;

- Approved the second reading and adopted the ordinance to repeal Section 6.55 and portions of Section 4.15.2 and 4.16.2 of the township zoning ordinance.

MONSTER MUTT WALK APPLICATION

Saturday, October 21, 2017

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During the month of October the City of Belleville becomes “Booville”. The Belleville Central Business Community is partnering with Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue (FMAR) to host a **costumed Monster Mutt Walk** from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 21, 2017. The Walk will begin and end on 4th Street by the Belleville Area Museum.

We would like to advance register as many as possible, however, we will take registrations the day of the event. Each dog will receive a goody bag and a gift. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award medals will be given in a three categories: Scariest, Cutest and Best Mutt & Family (family must dress also). In fact, it would be fun for everyone to wear a costume.

The registration fee is \$10/dog plus a can of dog food. The application has enough space to register three dogs. **Please return this application** by mail with your check to my attention at: Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, 248 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111 or drop it off at the Chamber office. You may bring the dog food with you to the event.

Monster Mutt Walk Rules

- (1) All dogs must be leashed and current on vaccinations;
- (2) No aggressive dogs
- (3) Owners must clean-up after their dogs (bags will be provided).
- (4) No dogs can be left unattended. Owners must keep their dogs in sight & under control at all times.
- (5) Owners are responsible for their dog's actions.

For any questions or concerns, I prefer you contact me via my email: jfavemillard@att.net however, you may also call me at (734) 558-5368 after 3:30 p.m.

Janet Millard, Event Coordinator
Belleville Central Business Community



Student Jalen Burnett teaches his buddy Claire Medley how to play a phonics game.

Buddy Reading Program at Edgemont impacts students

By Stacy English
Edgemont Elementary Teacher

A group of community members made an incredible impact on second-grade students' lives last school year.

At Edgemont Elementary, a Buddy Reading Program had volunteers visiting the school and reading one-on-one with students in my class. For one hour each week, volunteers read with students in the media center and played phonics games.

Connor, a former second grader, explained in his writing, "I know my buddy really cared about me because she took her time with me. I loved the phonics games and just reading with my buddy was my favorite."

In September of 2016, only 57% of students in the Buddy Reading Program stated that they enjoyed reading on a reading interest survey. As determined by the same survey given last June, that number grew to 96%.

Student Makenzie wrote, "I loved the reading games and goodies for the holidays! We are very lucky to have them take time off work to read with us. I just want 10 more minutes to read with my buddy. Please!"

Volunteers have noted that the some of the most valuable parts of Buddy Reading include:

"seeing the joy in their faces when their self-confidence grows" (volunteer Tracy Nota), "the kids realizing that adults enjoy listening to them read and that reading for enjoyment and learning is so important" (volunteer Amy Nemeth), and the positive attention and feedback from adults that students respect and do not always get at home. "They [students] gave back to me by being so loving! It's a wonderful program and I'm proud to be able to participate in it!" stated volunteer Vicky Moore.

If you are interested in volunteering this school year, please contact me at senglish@vanburenschools.net or (734) 697-8002. The Buddy Reading Program will begin the first week of October. If enough volunteers are available, we would also like to create a Math Buddies Program. This program would not be possible without the support of amazing volunteers. Edgemont would like to recognize last year's hardworking group: Ashley Brice, Carol Greig, Kimbria James, Chelsey Kiefer, Leanna Lingenfelter, Claire Medley, Vicky Moore, Amy Nemeth, Tracy Nota, Heather Templeton, Sandy Ward, and Cameron Wesley. We are forever grateful for their service to our future leaders!

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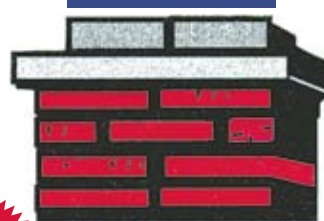
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District Court

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debt service on the bonds will be funded by court fees. He said a couple of years ago the court instituted a fee to pay for this.

He said the city will back up the bonds with the full faith and credit of the city and if there is a shortfall, the city would have to pay.

The auditor from Plante Moran said it's not coming from property tax and they

will look at the situation several times a year. He said the project will be more than \$17 million total and the court already has funds on hand. If the project comes in over budget, the court will be able to cover it between the cash and bond amount, he said.

Romulus City attorney Steve Hitchcock said the court will have \$750,000 in its cash fund when construction begins and if something unforeseen happens, a contingency fund is already in place.

Robert McCraight, Director of the Department of Building and Safety, said they hope to start construction in March after the frost lifts. If they have a late winter, they will start in early spring, McCraight said.

The council also unanimously approved a Memo of Understanding with the court with the purpose of pursuing construction of the new 34th District Court in the City of Romulus with the court paying for it. The agreement allows court officials to adjust the fee schedule throughout the year in case the court revenues were in jeopardy of falling short of repaying the debt.

On Sept. 20, Judge Green said the city is now in the 45-day wait period to see if there is any opposition before selling the bonds. They hope to sell the bonds by the end of the year.

Judge Green said she had promised to visit each of the four other communities in the 34th District Court district to talk to them about the court construction, but she wants to make sure everything is final before she comes.

"We think it's a pretty good plan," Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcoff told the council.

The need to improve the court has been evident for some time, he said, and plans got underway last year to renovate and expand the existing facility. But, when the bids came in at more than \$11 million, the court and city officials agreed a new structure would be better in the long term.

The present court is 30,000 square feet and the new court will be about 45,000 square feet. It will feature another courtroom and enhanced security features.

"Renovating the court wasn't practical," Mayor Burcoff said. "We looked at ways for the court to take us into the future."

According to the most recent plans, the court would be built right next to the present court on the Romulus City campus.

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Other sponsors include Moving the Mitten, Atchinson Ford, Garden Fantasy on Main, Monroe Bank & Trust, Egan's Pub, Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber, Davenport Brothers, Johnston Lithograph, Starbucks Coffee, and Raindog Management.

Doors open at 7:30 a.m. for registration at the campus at 9555 Haggerty Road, Van Buren Township. The simulcast begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 12:30 p.m.

Early registration is \$79 through Oct. 5 and \$99 at the door. The prices are per person, with group discount tickets available through Pinnacle Sales.

Twenty-five dollars of every ticket sold over 100 will be donated to the Van Buren Civic Fund, said Mike Kole of Pinnacle Sales.

Simulcast speakers include:

- John C. Maxwell, leadership expert, bestselling author and coach. He was identified as the #1 leader in business by the AMA and the world's most influential leadership expert by *Inc.* in 2014;

- Dave Ramsey, personal money-management expert and best-selling author, is a personal money-management expert and popular national radio personality;

- Cheryl Bachelder, former CEO of Popeyes® Louisiana Kitchen, Inc., is known for her crisp strategic thinking, franchisee-focused approach, development of outstanding leaders and teams, and superior financial performance. She also most recently was ranked #1 by *Inc. Magazine* in a Top Ten List of the World's Best CEOs; and

- Warrick Dunn, after a 12-year career in the NFL, retired and was approved by the NFL owners to become a limited partner of the Atlanta Falcons. Through Homes for the Holidays, Dunn honors his mother, a

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Kole said Live2Lead is designed to deliver the very best leadership content to inspire and motivate people. It also connects people with other influencers in their community and expands a business network with relationships that produce

tangible results.

For more information call Kole at (734) 516-0221 or email him at mkole@pinnaclesales-llc.com.

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BHS Homecoming football game set for Oct. 6 vs. Garden City

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Beginning at 5 p.m., the public is invited to stop by to tailgate, participate in activities, or purchase food items in the stadium. An alumni booth will give attendees a spot to mingle, reminisce, and share memories of their time at BHS.

Merchandise will be available for purchase to support BHS, athletics, and the band program.

At 7 p.m. the varsity football team will take on Garden City High School, and during halftime the 2017 Homecoming Queen and King will be crowned. It will also be senior recognition night for the marching band members. Admission to the game is \$5 per person.

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Curves of Belleville will be giving away a free month of membership to anyone joining during the month of October in honor of breast cancer awareness month. To learn more, call (734) 697-2000.

In October, Belleville becomes Booville as we celebrate a month of harvest and Halloween. Events will be taking place nearly every weekend leading up to Trick or Treat Main Street on Oct. 31. For a list of events planned so far, visit www.buyitinbelleville.com/boo-ville.


Breakfast with Your Firefighters, an all-you-can-eat pancake fundraiser to benefit fire prevention programs in Van Buren Township, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon at the township's fire station on Belleville Road. The cost is \$5 for adults; \$3 for children 10 and under. The breakfast includes 3 sausage links, coffee, juice, or milk. Call (734) 699-8900 Ext. 9416.

The battle for first place in the Western Wayne Division continues as the undefeated Belleville Tigers, 5-0, play the 5-0 Tractors of Dearborn Fordson at Fordson Friday evening. Kickoff is 7 p.m. and admission is \$5. Go Tigers!

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Candidates

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“re-landscape” how the downtown works and encouraged having someone doing economic development.

Marcotte said many people come across the bridge into Belleville and the city has to give people a reason to stop.

Fielder said businesses are not naïve and do demographic studies to find suitable locations. He urged people to look at the positives in the city: a new high school that doubles as a community center and a new library that will soon be built.

Another question was on how to make Belleville a more diverse community.

Hooks said there is not a lot to attract people her age (36) and the city needs to come up with ways to attract younger people.

Bates disagreed, saying diversity is already a big part of Belleville and when she attends events she sees people of all ages.

Marcotte said the city has to do a better job to have all ages participating, from the youth to the seniors.

Fielder said Belleville is already a very diverse community in terms of minorities. He said according to the census, Belleville is the most diverse community, compared with Van Buren and Sumpter townships. And, that happened with no effort at all, he said.

Vernon said they already have a diverse community, but you don’t see them working together. He said he would like to have events, shows, and parties in the parks and, “start using parks in the way they were meant to be used.”

As to a vision for Belleville for ten years from now, most saw it as a thriving, busy community. Hooks said she would like to see it as a place to drive to, not through, and there isn’t much to do on the lake for most people.

Vernon urged people to throw away their Facebook and talk to each other. “I’m from Toledo,” he said, noting he has some anxiety about starting up conversations with people and whether “it the right thing to do.” He said he was brought up to not speak until spoken to.

Should the City of Belleville combine with Van Buren Township? That was the

question that brought unanimous support for keeping a small town, but partnering with VBT to help with finances.

Marcotte said they shouldn’t decrease quality of life by just doing it, without knowing “where we’re going and why we’re doing this.”

Fielder said VBT has five times the voters and if the two communities combined, VBT will have the politics and Belleville will have the name. He said to accomplish a combination, the township has to become a city, because the city can’t become a township. He said this combination isn’t practical right now.

“Voices aren’t heard today. How are they going to be heard in a larger community?” Vernon asked. “We just don’t have money to throw out.”

“There’s something to be said about a small town,” Hooks said. She said there is a little tension between the three communities and VBT has the power and control.

“I don’t think merging is the answer,” Bates agreed, opting for cooperation and participation instead.

When asked if Belleville needs more police officers and fire fighters, Fielder said he trusted the professionals to make those decisions. He said the city has a difficult time keeping police officers because it is a training place and, “We can’t compete with the money across the bridge.”

Vernon said the city could always use more, but it can’t afford that backup.

Hooks said it’s a matter of if it’s a need or a want. She said maybe it’s more about “how to use the ones we have” until council can get more funds.

Bates said a community can always use more police and fire fighters, but they should trust the professionals on staffing. She suggested Neighborhood Watches be organized to help the police.

Marcotte said he would like the police to be able to show up with more than one officer. He said there should be a focus on recruitment and retention. And, he said, the city needs to look into grants and he’s working on some.

When asked about what businesses the candidates would like to bring to town, Vernon said he has a list of the top 25, beginning with coffee roasters and a bakery.



Candidates for the Belleville City Council took part in a forum put on by the Western Wayne County League of Women Voters on Sept. 20 at Belleville High School’s mini-auditorium. From left are Kelly Bates, Jesse Marcotte, Tom Fielder, Jeff Vernon, and Gwen Hooks. The election is Nov. 7.

Hooks said the marketing needs to be “amped up” and the work needs to be done in advance so businesses don’t come in and see the work that needs to be done.

Bates suggested having a town hall meeting to find out what the residents want. She again mentioned having an economic

development director.

The complete League of Women Voters forum will be available on line at www.VOTE411.org and the candidates’ answers to questions will also be on line and available in print form at the library.



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City of Belleville Public Notice

Public Notice City of Belleville Master Land Use Plan Visioning Workshop

The City of Belleville Planning Commission will be holding a Public Visioning Workshop on:

Tuesday, October 10, 2017
Belleville High Commons
501 W. Columbia, Belleville MI 48111
7:30 p.m.

The City of Belleville is currently in the process of updating its Master Land Use Plan. We welcome and encourage your participation in this productive and rewarding exercise. The Master Land Use Plan is the foundation upon which the City's zoning and development policies are built, and includes guidelines for appropriate density of residential development, design standards for non-residential land uses, strategies for protecting natural resources, and improvements to community facilities such as parks. We look forward to seeing you at the workshop. Please contact **Sherri Scharf, City Clerk at (734) 697-9323**, if you have any additional questions.

Sherri Scharf, Clerk
City of Belleville

Published: **September 28 & October 5, 2017**

Public Notice

A public meeting will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on October 30, 2017 at Wayne County Community College 9555 Haggerty Rd, Belleville, MI, 48111 to provide information regarding proposed changes to the Michigan Disposal Waste Treatment Plant (MDWTP) Act 451 Part 111 operating license. MDWTP, located at 49350 North I-94 Service Drive, Belleville, MI, treats hazardous waste to meet federal and state treatment standards and has been in operation for over 30 years. The proposed updates enhance the facility's ability to continue its mission to protect the environment and generally address treatment and storage capacity, locations where treatment can occur, as well as adding treatment technologies and waste codes within the existing footprint of the facility. Questions and requests for special accommodations should be submitted at least 72 hours before the meeting to David Crumrine (734) 521-8032, 17440 College Pkwy Suite #300, Livonia, MI 48152. The public meeting location is accessible to disabled persons. The proposed modifications will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The complete license renewal application may be reviewed at the Van Buren Charter Township, Clerk Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan. Copies of the complete application may be obtained by contacting Ms. Kimberly M. Tyson, Department of Environmental Quality, 517-284-6574 or tysonk@michigan.gov. The MDEQ will review MDI's request and subsequently schedule a future public comment period and public meeting to provide the public an additional opportunity to ask questions and submit comments.



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 Sept. 17 – Geof Bush
 Sept. 20 – Lois Cox, Lila White
 Sept. 21 – Reg Ion, Carla Gibson
 Sept. 22 – Jim Posegay, Luke White
 Sept. 28 – Donnie Roullier, Jr.
 Sept. 29 – Michelle Sobocinski Taylor
 Oct. 1 – Anthony Andreana, Debbie Sweet
 Oct. 2 – Jakleen Ochalek, Nancy Shephard
 Oct. 3 – Susan Cappelli, Pam Faust

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

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Menards construction continues just north of Walmart on Belleville Road, aiming for a February grand opening of the new store.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees Notice of Public Hearing

The Charter Township will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday October 3, 2017 during its regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Township Hall to receive public comment on:

- The 2017 Amended General Fund Budget
- The 2018 Proposed General Fund Budget
- Special Revenue Funds
 1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 2. Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
 3. Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Fund
 4. Landfill Fund
 5. Belleville Area Museum
 6. 9-1-1 Service Fund
 7. Federal Forfeiture Fund
 8. State Forfeiture Fund

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

Copies of the Amended, Proposed and Special Revenue Funds will be available at the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111 six (6) days prior to the public hearing.

In Compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made with advance notice to the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 699-8909

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Sept. 28** – Southwestern Wayne County Democratic Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township. This month’s invited guest is former 17th District (Sumpter Township) State Rep. Bill LaVoy. Pizza provided. All welcome.

• **Thursday, Sept. 28** – 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

• **Sunday, Oct. 1** – Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Turkey Shoots for the month of October begin today at noon at the police gun range on Willow Road. Information: (734) 461-6201.

• **Sunday, Oct. 1** – The 30th Annual Life Chain will take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Five Points in Belleville. Local sponsors are Belleville Church of God and St. Anthony Catholic Church of Belleville. Thousands of people across the U.S. and Canada will stand on the sidewalks to witness their commitment to love and protect the preborn and their mothers. Information: miLIFESPAN.org

• **Sunday, Oct. 1** – “Carol Birds” will entertain from 2-5 p.m. with live music at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Free.

Information: Mike Hoben, (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan, (734) 699-8918

• **Sunday, Oct. 1** – Join Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville for a brief ceremony to honor past and present members of the military. Stand to pledge the flag and hear “Taps” played.

• **Sunday, Oct. 8** – Pet Blessing at 10:15 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road. Snacks for both humans

and animals on the back lawn. A blessing of our furry friends in honor of St. Francis. Then, all who wish to may bring pets into the worship at 10:30.

• **Sunday, Oct. 8** – “Wayco Band” will entertain from 2-5 p.m. with live music at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben, (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan, (734) 699-8918

City of Belleville Public Notice

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR CITY GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Belleville – Wayne County

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, October 10, 2017 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election. Qualified electors may register to vote or change their address as follows:

In Person:

- At the City Hall Clerk’s office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
- At any Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications are available online at <http://www.michigan.gov/sos> and may also be obtained by contacting:

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk
clerk@belleville.mi.us
 734.697.9323 ext. 7010
 6 Main Street
 Belleville, MI 48111

Note: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the City/Township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Qualifications for Registration

1. Applicant is at least 18 years of age.
2. Resident within the City of Belleville’s Corporate Limits for at least 30 days.
3. Citizen of the United States.

The November 7, 2017 City General Election will be conducted in all voting precincts of the City of Belleville to vote for the following:

Two (2) City Council Members

APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS are available at the City Clerk’s office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot is **Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the City Clerk’s office.**

Sherri Scharf,
 City Clerk

Publish: September 28, 2017

Public Notice

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF SUMPTER AND VAN BUREN IN THE LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT AREA:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017
FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON TWO (2) LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSALS AND ONE (1) WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSAL (SEE BELOW FOR SUMMARY).

PRECINCTS AND POLLING LOCATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

1. Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Road
2. Moose Lodge, 45476 Harris Road
5. Bessie Hoffman School, 50700 Willow Road

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP

10. Owen Intermediate School (formerly South Middle School), 45201 Owen Street

All polling locations are accessible to voters with disabilities. The ICX (Imagecast) voter assist terminal, Braille and audio instruction are also available in all polling locations.

PROPOSAL SUMMARY:

LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
 OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
 EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE
 AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW
 18.2105 MILLS FOR 6 YEARS

LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
 MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
 FOR PUBLIC RECREATION AND PLAYGROUNDS
 0.0986 MILLS FOR 6 YEARS

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Lincoln Consolidated School District, 8970 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197-9440, telephone: (517) 517-484-7000. You can also obtain the full text of the ballot at your local Clerks office.

WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
 .9719 MILL FOR 8 YEARS

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Washtenaw Intermediate School District, 1819 South Wagner Road, P.O. Box 1406, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106-1406, telephone: (734) 994-8100.

If you have any questions regarding your voter registration or the upcoming election, please visit www.michigan.gov/vote or contact the County Clerk’s Office at 734-222-6730.

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VB School Board approves demolition plan for ECDC building

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At Monday's regular meeting, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approved the plan for the demolition of the Early Childhood Development Building (ECDC) and awarded the demolition

contract to S.A. Torello, Inc. of Port Huron, lowest of seven bidders.

The cost is not to exceed \$75,918 from sinking funds. That includes up to \$10,000 for asbestos abatement and a construction contingency of \$7,000.

The vacant ECDC building is next door to

Edgemont Elementary School. Demolishing the building will allow renovation of the parking lot at Edgemont.

The three-year plan for the project was set at \$500,000 from the sinking funds and with the approved demolition cost, there will be \$424,082 left for the parking lot upgrades.

The recommendation for the demolition was brought by James Williams, director of plant operations, and Rob Kakoczki of Plante Moran CRESA, who works with the district's sinking fund.

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

- Heard Shareen Barker, director of finance, explain the new REI bus camera systems that a committee has recommended buying. She said the cameras on the buses are outdated and replacement parts are scarce. Some of the buses do not have operating cameras and the district's GPS does not work currently on any of the buses. Barker will bring the proposal back to the board for action;

- Heard an informal update on the Superintendent Evaluation by School Supt. Peter Kudlak; and

- Approved the hiring of Janet Parris for food service at McBride as of Sept. 5 and Melissa Rakovitis as a teacher at Savage Elementary, as of Sept. 18.

Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **2:00 p.m. on October 5, 2017**, for the Lighting Replacement Project at Tyler and Savage Elementary Schools. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at Tyler Elementary School, 42220 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111, on **September 27, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**

All bids must be addressed to: Van Buren Public Schools, 555 W. Columbia, Belleville, MI. 48111. Attention: Mr. James Williams.

Bid Security, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the school district. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must also be included. Accepted bidders may be required to furnish performance and payment bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:

<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=11edd8c59a494665b6ea20a359c8769d>

Documents will be available for viewing on **September 20, 2017**. Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki at Plante Moran Cresa at rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com.

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September Days plays pinochle, Penny Bingo

The members of September Days Senior Center in Van Buren Township play pinochle on Mondays at 12:30 p.m. and Penny Bingo from noon until 2 p.m. on Fridays. Every Sunday there is live music from 2 to 5 p.m. The senior center is at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township.



City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 5, 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 (excused)
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS
None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, second by Fielder to approve the agenda with the addition of item 8C – High School Parade.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to approve the regular city council meeting minutes of August 21, 2017 with a correction to item 11: Council Member Fielder commented that Supervisor McNamara had been appointed to the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority Board, not as the replacement for the Director of said Board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Adoption of International Property Maintenance Code.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to open the public hearing at 7:33pm. There were no public comments. Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to close the public hearing at 7:34pm.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Ordinance Amendment – International Property Maintenance Code.

Building Official Rick Rutherford stated that it is necessary to adopt the International Property Maintenance Code because BOCA is now obsolete. Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to adopt Ordinance No. 17-004 approving the International Property Maintenance Code.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Belleville New Tech with DDA – Zombie 5K Run/Walk.

Motion by Loria, second by Marcotte to adopt Resolution No. 17-071 approving High Street closing on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 8am-noon for the Zombie Run.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Van Buren Public Schools Parade.

This event will be a part of the football game honoring elementary students.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to adopt Resolution No. 17-072, approval for a parade on W. Columbia as requested by Van Buren Public Schools.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 17-073 for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 with a total of \$535,237.75 Council Member Marcotte recommended Council approve an over \$500 payable to Action Training carried over from the August 21st meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Loria to adjourn meeting at 7:49 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana J. Kollmeyer, City Manager

Approved: September 18, 2017

Published: September 28, 2017

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Public Safety Director Laurain and Deputy Director Wright, and an audience of four (4).

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

CONSENT AGENDA: White moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session minutes of September 5, 2017, Board Meeting minutes of September 5, 2017, Prepaid List of September 7, 2017, Prepaid List of September 14, 2017, Voucher List of September 19, 2017 and approval of the 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule] Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Trustee White thanked the Public Safety Department for the Family Fun and Public Safety Day held on September 16, 2017 which was well attended. He encouraged residents to participate in next year's event. Clerk Wright read a letter from the Salvation Army thanking the Township for participating in the Back to School Blitz which provided school supplies for students and teachers. Supervisor McNamara read a letter to the Public Safety Department from a resident praising the professionalism of Officers

Hernandez, Fey and Barry in assisting with a difficult and trying case. Public Safety Director Laurain thanked the personnel who assisted in the Public Safety Day and Atchinson Ford, Walgreens, Van Buren Downtown Development Authority, Toby Leis of C.A.L. Plumbing and DTE for their generosity. The next Public Safety Day will be held September 15, 2018 and residents are encouraged to participate in this free event.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Western Wayne County Special Operations Team. Motion Carried. A mutual agreement between the nine communities has been in place since 1985 the Memorandum of Understanding formalizes the partnership.

REPORTS: Trustee White provided a historical report of Ordinance complaints which indicated 443 complaints in 2015, 639 complaints in 2016 and 1217 complaints received to date this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Belleville Chamber of Commerce will host a golf outing on Thursday September 21, 2017 at the Woodlands Golf Course starting at 9:00 a.m.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, Budd seconded to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Published: September 28, 2017

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 522 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Sept. 17:
0204 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0218 – property damage accident, Robson Rd.
0252 – suicidal person, E. Adams
0840 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1241 – noise complaint, Birch Dr.
1247 – abandoned auto, Van Buren/Filmore
1348 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson/Hayes
1657 – narcotics crime, Lighthouse Dr.
1707 – domestic, S. Woodbury Dr.
1836 – suspicious activity report, W. Huron River
1917 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1940 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.
2203 – abandoned auto, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Morton Taylor Rd.
2215 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2251 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.

Monday, Sept. 18:
0028 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler
0834 – property damage accident, Belleville/Van Born
1011 – shooting, Jackson St./Buchanan St.
1133 – narcotics crime, Edward Jones
1310 – 911 welfare check, Edward Jones
1326 – retail fraud, Belleville
1345 – disorderly, Parkside Dr.
1439 – disorderly, Savage Rd.
1441 – threat, Riggs Rd.
1613 – retail fraud, Belleville
1653 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.

1803 – property damage accident, Belleville
1818 – disorderly, Woodbury Dr.
1822 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty
1900 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1904 – juvenile complaint, Michigan/Ecorse
1940 – traffic offense, Belleville/Ecorse
2005 – domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.
2234 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River

Tuesday, Sept. 19:
0032 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0045 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0634 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.
0822 – assist citizen, Main/High
1025 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1045 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1121 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hardwood Dr.
1303 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1457 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1600 – larceny from auto, Park Estates Dr.
1624 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1640 – civil matter, Brandi
1723 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
1812 – larceny, Maple Dr.
1818 – larceny, McBride
1842 – 911 welfare check, Lighthouse Dr.
1947 – retail fraud, Belleville
2007 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bradley Dr.
2208 – domestic, Landmark
2325 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Wednesday, Sept. 20:
0245 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0630 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Kennedy Ct.
0914 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0957 – ordinance violation, Quirk Rd.
1012 – larceny, Tyler
1048 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1530 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1657 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1837 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
2058 – ordinance violation, Jackson St.
2140 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brookside Dr. / Wildbrook Dr.
2321 – juvenile complaint, Colony Ln.
2347 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Harmony Ln.

Thursday, Sept. 21:
0321 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bentley Dr.
1019 – larceny, Village Green Ln.
1047 – ordinance violation, Milton Dr.

1201 – assist other dept., Outer Dr.
1234 – property damage accident, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1333 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1517 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1530 – 911 welfare check, Tyler Rd.
1613 – fraud, S. Bellridge Dr.
1825 – harassment call, Village Green Ln.
1852 – assist other dept., Melody Ln.
2123 – fraud, Ormond Dr.
2212 – malicious destruction of property, S. Bellridge Dr.

Friday, Sept. 22:
0326 – assist other dept., Loza Ln.
0353 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0646 – road hazard, Martz Rd./Lohr Rd.
0840 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1017 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martz Rd.
1205 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1240 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1302 – fraud, Lancaster Dr.
1330 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1352 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1400 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1426 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1604 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
1605 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
1612 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1711 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1745 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Visteon Way
1834 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Born Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
2002 – assault & battery, Parkwood
2202 – neighbor trouble, Martz Rd.
2119 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
2157 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
2246 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson St.
2319 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2327 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service

Saturday, Sept. 23:
0014 – domestic, Meadows Ln.
0055 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
0357 – 911 welfare check, S. Bellridge Dr.
0551 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0941 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
0955 – larceny from auto, E. Archwood Dr.
1016 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1128 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
1245 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1407 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1544 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Grove Rd.
1606 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Daniel Dr.
1718 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
2030 – shooting, Haggerty Rd.
2056 – suspicious person/vehicle, Country Walk Blvd. / Camden Rd.
2118 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
2119 – disorderly, Elwell Rd.
2248 – suspicious person/vehicle, Country Walk Blvd. / Savage Rd.
2250 – suspicious person/vehicle, Alden Ave.
2333 – liquor/all 4100 MICR codes, W. Huron River Dr.
2346 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.
Also on this week's log are 196 traffic stops, 28 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 17:
1420 – assist fire dept., Madelon St.
1437 – assist fire dept., Bedell St.
1547 – civil matter, Church St.
1857 – civil matter, Main St.
1912 – harassment call, Main St.
1956 – ordinance violation, Village Park
2215 – property damage accident, Wabash Ave.
2238 – suspicious person/vehicle, Horizon Park
2355 – threat, Ashbury Dr.

Monday, Sept. 18:
0317 – parking complaint, Fifth/Main
0406 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
0739 – 911 welfare check, San Carlos St.

1030 – assist citizen, J&T
1058 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1207 – follow-up by officer, Ashbury
1300 – assist fire dept., Main St.
2018 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2147 – neighbor trouble, Menlo Park Dr.
2308 – suicidal person, Carmell St.

Tuesday, Sept. 19:
0108 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.
0631 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
0936 – domestic, S. Liberty St.
1100 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
1107 – transport prisoner, S. Wayne Rd.
1112 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1514 – family trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.
1811 – traffic offense, Main St.
2031 – welfare check, Church St.
2041 – assist fire dept., Main St./Third St.

Wednesday, Sept. 20:
0316 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Liberty St.
0812 – malicious destruction of property, Victorian Ct.
1119 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
1243 – miscellaneous complaint, S. Liberty St.
1617 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.
1813 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2054 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edison Ave.
2228 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.

Thursday, Sept. 21:
0738 – welfare check, Main St./Third St.
0922 – warrant arrest, Main St.
0930 – assist other dept., Belleville/I-94
1112 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
1535 – found property/child, Carmell St.
1626 – intrusion alarm, N. Liberty St.
1810 – miscellaneous complaint, Bramble
2103 – follow up by officer, E. Wabash
2121 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter
2122 – disorderly, Main St.
2236 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River

Friday, Sept. 22:
0311 – 911 welfare check, Loza Ln.
1116 – property damage accident, Citgo
1201 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1226 – property damage accident, Main St./High
1240 – traffic offense, Main St./Second St.
1520 – warrant arrest, Savage
1526 – property damage accident, Main/First
1609 – animal complaint, South St.
1747 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1842 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.
1951 – civil matter, Loza Ln.
2021 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
2211 – disorderly, E. Waterbury Ct.
2241 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Davis/South

Saturday, Sept. 23:
0001 – intrusion alarm, N. Aberdeen Ct.
0011 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
0017 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
0043 – assist fire dept., W. Wabash Ave.
1010 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
1631 – suicidal person, S. Liberty St.
1717 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
2300 – disorderly, Carmell St.

Also on this week's log are 54 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 17:
0109 – juvenile complaint, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
0409 – abandoned vehicle, Willis/Sumpter
0443 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0935 – trespassing complaint, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1529 – civil dispute, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1626 – suspicious incident, Virginia
1859 – neighbor dispute, Carriage Ln.
1918 – assault, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1926 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1951 – suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Martinsville
1959 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.

Monday, Sept. 18:
0652 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0816 – 911 hang up, Carriage Ln.
1143 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1151 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1200 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1307 – malicious destruction of property, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1615 – reckless driver, Judd/Clark

1631 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Martinsville
1734 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1747 – reckless driver, Savage/Harris
1841 – suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1907 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1922 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1944 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Fenster Rd.
1955 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
2031 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Timber Park Ct.

Tuesday, Sept. 19:
0921 – subpoena service, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0936 – subpoena service, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1002 – suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1037 – suspicious vehicle, 51000 bl. Willow Rd.
1258 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1423 – citizen assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1541 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1554 – subpoena service, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1604 – subpoena service, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1742 – subpoena service, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1821 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
1932 – well-being check, Rustic Ln.
1951 – disorderly person, 21000 bl. Fenster Rd.
2018 – subpoena service, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2234 – family trouble, Timberlane Dr.

Wednesday, Sept. 20:
0011 – assault, Timberlane Dr.
0047 – disorderly person, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
0120 – disorderly person, Timberlane Dr.
0514 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
0706 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0950 – fraud complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1246 – reckless driver, Clark/Wear
1314 – fraud complaint, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1411 – citizen assist, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1504 – warrant arrest pick up, Willis/Elwell
1622 – larceny, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1728 – citizen assist, Oakville Waltz/Sherwood
1841 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2114 – ordinance violation, Rustic Ln.
2135 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 21:
0526 – 911 hangup, 4000 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
0709 – property damage accident, 28000 bl. Clark
0903 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1045 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1128 – harassment complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood
1145 – neighbor dispute, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1157 – neighbor dispute, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1214 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1622 – civil dispute, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1706 – disorderly person, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.

Friday, Sept. 22:
0238 – alarm, 8500 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0606 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0641 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
0925 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0933 – breaking & entering, 51000 bl. Willow Rd.
1142 – civil dispute, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1207 – civil dispute, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1302 – alarm, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1309 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane Dr.
1317 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1338 – alarm, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1342 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1608 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1610 – animal bite, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1617 – well-being check, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1636 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1653 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1821 – found property, Third St.
1908 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1944 – suspicious incident, 9600 bl. Rawsonville
2032 – trespassing complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
2049 – suspicious vehicle, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
2108 – trespassing complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
2319 – trespassing complaint, Alaska
2322 – recovered UDAA, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 23:
0552 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1053 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1122 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1256 – alarm, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1258 – alarm, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1306 – breaking & entering, 9600 bl. Rawsonville
1314 – neighbor dispute, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
1324 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1729 – property damage accident, Willis/Sumpter
2024 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2308 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.

Also on this week's log are 16 follow-up investigations, 21 miscellaneous details, 86 patrol checks, and 28 traffic stops.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice



SUMPTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR A ZONING VARIANCE

The Sumpter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 7:00 pm, Thursday, October 19, 2017 regarding the request for a dimensional variance.

NATURE OF THE REQUEST

1. A request for a dimensional variance from Section 5.3(a)(5) of the zoning ordinance. The applicant is seeking a five (5) foot side yard setback for the siting of a proposed accessory structure. The site for the variance is located at 48437 Willis Rd., Belleville, MI 48111.

This Public Hearing has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act. 168, Section 0 of 1959 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.

Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

Published: September 28, 2017

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