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## Donald Hazel Swinson arrested for pulling gun

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Donald Hazel Swinson, 76, of Sumpter Township was arraigned Feb. 17 at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and weapons felony firearm (using a weapon to commit a felony).



Swinson

Nelson Po, who lives next door to Swinson, said Swinson came on Po's property the afternoon of Feb. 15 and pointed a gun at him after Po had a verbal argument with Swinson's adult granddaughter over the side-yard fence concerning her dogs. Po said the granddaughter also pointed a gun at him, but she has not been charged.

Swinson's probable cause conference is set for March 1 at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court. The preliminary exam is scheduled March 8. Bond was set at \$10,000/10% and Swinson bonded out.

Sumpter Police Chief Eric Luke said at about 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 15 Sumpter police responded to a residence in the 45000 block of Harris Road on the report of a verbal dispute between neighbors that escalated when one neighbor brandished a handgun and threatened the other.

Upon arrival, Officer Jim Cayce took statements from those involved and also was provided a video recorded on the cell phone of Swinson's granddaughter. At the conclusion of the investigation, officers took Swinson into custody for felonious assault.

Swinson is the father of Sumpter Township Trustee Don Swinson, whose daughter was not involved.

Po is being prosecuted in Wayne County  
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Tim Katona of Sumpter Township, standing right with his award, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Reining Horse Association at its Winter Meeting in Fort Worth, TX, on Feb. 10. Seated, in front from left, are his father John Katona, his mother Charlotte Anton, and his stepfather Cornell Anton. Besides Tim's wife Cindy and his sister Pam Melton, present were his brother-in-law Mike Melton, his nephew Matthew Melton and his wife Victoria, who is pregnant with twins. Also pictured are eight clients from the Belleville area who paid their own way to Texas to celebrate his award: Becky Shannon, Pam Schembri, Roberta Kirouac, Debbie Mosher, Tim Heckman, Carla Rodriguez, Bonnie Bayley, and Michele VanHartesvelt.

## Tim Katona earns NRHA Lifetime Achievement Award

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Tim Katona, who, with his wife Cindy, has run the Katona Reining Horses business on Bemis Road in Sumpter Township for more than 30 years, was honored with a national award in Fort Worth, TX, on Feb. 10.

He was presented with the National Reining Horse Association's Dale Wilkinson Lifetime Achievement Award.

Besides close family members, a group of his clients flew from Belleville to Fort Worth to witness the presentation.

In receiving his award, Katona introduced his father John, who put him on his first

horse when he was five. Also present was his mother, Charlotte Anton, who worried throughout the years about his safety with horses, and his stepfather Cornell Anton, who said he is very proud of Tim.

After his graduation from Belleville High School in 1974, Katona worked at quality control at Ford Motor Company for the summer, long enough to be able to buy a pick up truck and head to Texas.

His parents wanted him to go to college, but he told them, "I want to be a horse trainer." His dream was to study with famous trainer Shorty Russell. His parents relented and bought him a camper top for his truck. Then, they tearfully waved goodbye to him as he set off for Texas on his sister's birthday, Sept. 25.

Russell, who trained Katona, called in his regrets to the recent awards ceremony since his daughter was getting married that day.

Katona said his goal has always been to help people show horses at whatever level and his successes have been both local and national.

Presently he is training two horses for Wayne County Executive Warren Evans at the Katonas' 25-acre spread at 44641 Bemis Road that includes multiple pastures, a 20-acre producing hay field, a main barn with more than 25 stalls, indoor and outdoor arenas, and a blacksmith shop.

Katona, a NRHA Professional, maintains a very successful non-pro and youth clientele and enthusiastically promotes the sport of Reining. Katona was instrumental in the establishment of the very first approved youth classes. He announced he was starting classes and Bob Evans called him down to his Ohio ranch and they put a judges' school together for the youth and held the first judges' training

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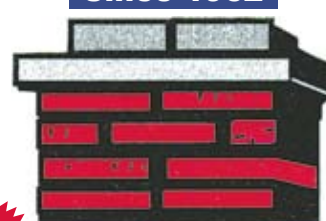
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## VBT asks public to apply to use \$750,000 in county road funds

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

When Van Buren Township spent some \$750,000 of Wayne County Local Roads Initiative funds in 2015 to renovate Venetian, Dewitt, and Jeanette streets and the entrance to Walden Woods, other subdivision residents complained.

"Why didn't you offer it to us?" they asked and township officials said next time they get money they will ask for applications for all qualified projects.

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara wants to make sure that everyone interested in using this second round of county money to fix their streets knows they can apply for consideration. Deadline is March 3.

Ron Akers, director of the VBT Department of Planning and Economic Development, said the county has for a second time allocated \$750,000 to repair, resurface, or reconstruct existing local township residential zoned roads under Wayne County's jurisdiction within VBT.

The county requires 20% matching funds of the total cost of the project and in the first project the residents paid that percentage.

Homeowner associations can apply and those roads without HOAs may call Akers at (734) 699-8913 to discuss their applications.

Akers said McBride Road, the gravel road in a residential area in front of McBride Middle School, is estimated to cost about \$900,000 to upgrade and would take the whole county allocation.

He said he has talked to a couple of residents on McBride who may circulate petitions asking if they are interested in forming a special assessment direct to fund their share.

The roadway is usually rutted because of the heavy school buses that travel to and from the school and the poor drainage of the road. Parents regularly complain about how difficult it is to get to the school in their cars.

In the spring of 2016, the school district thought it could use sinking funds for its share of the roadway reconstruction, but had to back off the project when it learned sinking funds could not legally be used.

"It is the township's intent to allocate the project funds as equitably as possible for the project," Akers said.

"If there are more applications than can reasonably be funded, the township will review the requests based on eligibility, the condition of the roads, and the amount of funding which can be provided by the subdivision/homeowners.

"Using this method, the township will make a determination as to how the eligible

funding will be allocated."

Akers explained the road situation.

He said local residential roads in VBT are either public roads owned by Wayne County or they are private roads which are owned privately by the owners who front upon it.

For public roads owned by Wayne County, the county receives money from the State of Michigan (Act 51 funding) in order to provide ongoing maintenance of the local roads.

Due to the large amount of paved roads in the county and limited financial resources received from the state, Wayne County has not always had the resources to pay for improvements to local residential roads in townships, Akers said.

Historically, if residential road improvements needed to be made, the residents would have to pay for improvements to local residential roads in townships, he said.

"Due to this there have been many local roads which are in need of repair or restoration," Akers said.

He said the county funds are required to be used to repair, resurface, or reconstruct existing Wayne County owned residentially zoned roads in townships in Wayne County. These roads must be determined by Wayne County to be ineligible to receive federal aid funding or are determined by Wayne County to be federal-aid challenged.

Wayne County considers federal-aid challenged roads to be roads which are technically eligible for federal aid funding, but will likely never be chosen for federal funding due to factors like low traffic counts, right-of-way constraints, lane-width restrictions, etc. Most Wayne County owned residential roads in VBT qualify for these funds, Akers said.

The application letters should include the name of the subdivision interested in the program, contact information for a representative, and the amount of funds the subdivision can contribute toward the potential road project.

## Nina Vekima graduates from Davenport Univ.

Davenport University announces that Nina Vekima of Belleville has officially completed a degree in business, technology, health professions or urban education at the end of the fall 2016 semester.

Davenport will host Commencement on April 30, where students will participate in graduation ceremonies in downtown Grand Rapids.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Belleville Moose Lodge #934 and Women of the Moose, Chapter #1135, purchased cases of Tommy Moose stuffed animals for local police departments to be used to comfort children in traumatic situations. The presentation was Feb. 15 at the Moose Lodge in Sumpter Township. From left are Craig Daroci, Governor of the Moose; Tina Watts, Senior Regent of Women of the Moose; Sumpter Police Chief Eric Luke; Belleville Police Officer Sarah Dzagulones; and Belleville Police Cpl. Todd Schrecengost. More than 120,000 of the 12-inch-tall plush animals have been delivered by the Moose, without cost, to police, fire, hospital and other emergency workers. The Moose purchased a case of Tommy Moose stuffed animals for each department -- Sumpter, Belleville, and Van Buren -- but Van Buren did not acknowledge the letter about the presentation or send anyone to accept the donation, said Robert Coutts, Moose Lodge administrator.

## Senior director wants to change September Days name for Baby Boomers

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Senior Director Lynette Jordan told the township board that she wants to change the September Days Senior Center name so it doesn't reflect getting old.

She said Baby Boomers don't like the word "senior" and say, "I'm not getting old." She wants to attract the Boomers.

Jordan said 20 cities have changed the names of their senior centers to reflect a place to stay active and connected, rather than a place of older people.

She said in Canton the center is now Club 55 and another place is called Next.

Jordan said the senior center has evolved and they have an arthritis class and Zumbo Gold, for members aged 50+ to 100+.

She put the notice about a possible name change in the Winter 2017 September Days Newsletter and asked seniors to put their name ideas in the suggestion box at the center. At the Feb. 6 township board work/study session she announced she had more than 20 replies, so far.

She told the board that Virginia Melcher founded September Days in 1976 and

they had 300 members. She said she called Melcher who said she looked at the seasons reflected by Parks and Recreation programs and determined September Days was an appropriate name.

Jordan said Melcher is not in favor of changing the name.

Jordan said now there are 1,600 members and 30 programs weekly. If you count each participant in a program, there are more than 20,000 participating, she said.

VBT Trustee Reggie Miller said the name change is very important and called it a "rebranding."

Jordan said she wants the name to reflect fitness, health, and socialization and make the center inviting.

"It won't change unless the board votes to change it," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara. He asked board members to give her ideas on names.

"If we don't like it, it stays the same," Supervisor McNamara said.

Although Jordan's name change suggestion wasn't on the board's work/study agenda for Feb. 6, McNamara added it with the consent of board members so it could be discussed.

# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### City Council plans to move quickly on Harbour Pointe sts.

"It will be brutal," Mayor Kerreen Conley predicted of a public meeting to discuss a special assessment district to redo the concrete streets in Harbour Pointe subdivision. She hopes to have this meeting in late March.

At Tuesday's meeting, the city council learned the construction costs would be \$1,749,924. If a special assessment district is set up, the cost would total about \$1,825,000, which includes a bond attorney, financial consultant, and other fees.

If you divide the total by the number of parcels – 95 – assessment per parcel would be \$19,211. If the cost is determined by frontage – totaling 8,264 feet – assessment per frontage foot is \$221.

These costs were determined for a 10-year SAD. The council wants to look at 15 or 20 years because the cement streets should last that long. There still are some questions before they move forward. The council wants the sidewalks and infrastructure fixed at the same time.

Harbour Pointe, where the mayor lives, has the worst streets in the city – except for Greylock, which mainly serves Edgemont School. The mayor said she wants to be able to present the "worst case scenario" when she meets with residents so there are no surprises. And, she wants it on a "faster track" since it has been in the discussion phase since last fall. All it takes is for the neighbors to agree.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The Mayors' Ball held at the Belleville Yacht Club recently raised \$50,000 for the Belleville and Romulus Boys and Girls Clubs. John Juriga, who helped start both the Romulus and the Belleville clubs, said he understands a very generous BYC member paid for all the alcohol served, the rental of the building, and other expenses, so the ticket sales and auction money could all go to the clubs.

He said the 240 tickets at \$100 a head were sold out before the event even started and everyone had a great time.

Juriga was overwhelmed and very happy when he reported the total. I remember the night he came to the school board meeting, years ago, to report he had a million dollars donated from an anonymous donor to start the Belleville Boys and Girls Club. Later, the donor was revealed to be Richard and Patricia Donahey and the club was named after them.

When he stopped by to give me the total last week, Juriga was on his way to tell Patricia Donahey the good news. Richard passed away Nov. 1 at the age of 88.

The Belleville Boys and Girls Club is housed in Edgemont Elementary School, 125 S. Edgemont St.

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At the Feb. 14 meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board, board member Joy Cichewicz, who is a librarian in Ypsilanti, said that students from a class came into the library and one of the things they had to do was see a newspaper. Most had never seen a newspaper before, she said.

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We've had trouble finding the school board



videos cablecast on Comcast TV channel 19, so I asked School Supt. Kudlak about it before the last school board meeting. He said he would check into it.

I have asked for a schedule in the past so I could share it with our readers who may like to monitor how their taxpayer dollars are being spent, but can't be at the meetings in person. Meeting attendance is very low these days.

Supt. Kudlak contacted me to say the meetings are cablecast at noon and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. I checked it out at 5 p.m. last Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and the picture was cablecast all right, but on all three days there was no sound!

I reported this to Supt. Kudlak on Friday afternoon and he replied: "That is very disappointing. I will see what we can do. Clearly it needs to be usable footage (with sound) to serve the community."

Parent Angela Mears regularly records board meetings and puts pictures of them on the SavageStrong/Van Buren Strong Schools Facebook Page, with written reports on the board business. This is done on the night of the meeting. Many people we know don't use Facebook, but for those who do that could be an alternative way to learn about the board meetings anytime.

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A teacher came to me to report on a camera that was put in the third-floor teacher break room at the high school over Christmas

break to try to catch someone who had been stealing things. The teachers didn't know the camera was there, but once they did, they complained and the camera was removed. The teacher was concerned this was going to be swept under the rug and wanted to know if Supt. Kudlak knew about it and followed through. Also, he wondered if there was anywhere in the school building for teachers to have private conversations.

I asked Supt. Kudlak about it and he said the camera was legal, but they did an investigation and it was a poor decision to install it during this time when the administration is trying to build trust within the district.

He said, "The tape was never looked at and it has been resolved with the union and the teachers involved. I don't feel any ill intent was in play, however, we need to think carefully on how things will be perceived before we do them."

He said administrators were talked to about "how we need to treat our staff."

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We had some record-breaking high temperatures over the week end and it sure had everyone thinking spring was here. Not so fast. I think more snow is coming.

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**Letters**

**African American Genealogy program cancelled for Feb. 23**

To the Editor:

With our sincerest regrets, the library must cancel the African American Genealogy program scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 23.

We would like to encourage everyone who was interested in this program to register for the instructor's full genealogy workshop, which is coming up in April. The class is an ongoing series of four sessions scheduled for every Wednesday evening of that month. In addition to the basic genealogy skills presented in that course the instructor will include information and resources specific to tracing African American ancestry that would have been presented in this separate program.

Registration for April's genealogy workshop opens March 13. We hope to see you there!

Amy Greschaw  
Adult Services Librarian  
Belleville Area District Library

**Thank you to Matt for Valentine sweets**

To the Editor:

We had a very pleasant and wonderful surprise last Monday evening, Feb. 13, just the day before Valentine's Day. After being gone a good share of the day for appointments and returning home about 8:30 at night, we opened our door to get our mail and to our surprise, on the threshold between our front door and storm door sat a heart shaped candy dish filled with candy, wrapped and a bow attached.

There was also a valentine's card which read, "Happy Valentine's Day," signed only with the name, Matt. We aren't sure exactly who Matt is, although we have a guess or two, but we do want to tell Matt that he made our day. His kindness and thoughtfulness put a smile on our faces, a sweet treat in our tummy and joy in our hearts. Thank you so very much Matt.

Ray and Betty Fleming  
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**Thanks to St. Jude**

To the Editor:

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## Craft Beer, Wine Taste coming up March 4

To the Editor:

We are less than two weeks away from the BACA Craft Beer & Wine Taste Fest. This event will be held 5-8 p.m., March 4 at the Belleville Yacht Club, 831 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, 48111 and will benefit the BACA Music Lakeside program.

The cost is \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door and includes a sample glass, 10 drink tickets, entertainment by the Village Strings, and food provided by Twisted Rooster. There will be silent auction items, a 50/50 raffle and a "Booze Bucket" raffle.

Vendors will include Ypsi Alehouse, Draught Horse Brewing, Dearborn Brewing, Unity Vibration, Burghdorf Winery, Pentamere Winery, Ugly Dog Distillery, and more!

Tickets are available at the Belleville Yacht Club (BYC), Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Romulus Athletic Center (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday from 6 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.) or by calling Geoff Bush at (734) 776-7596.

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## Belleville Police catch 17-year-old driver, two juveniles in stolen car

On Friday night, Belleville Police chased and apprehended a stolen car that was taken on Feb. 12 out of Van Buren Township.

Police Chief Hal Berriman said Officer Tim Trombley and two reserve officers caught the 17-year-old driver and two juveniles who bailed out of the vehicle which crashed on Henry Street.

Officer Trombley injured his head and ribs after jumping over a fence in the chase to catch the driver. The two juveniles were caught by reserve officers near Belleville High School.

Chief Berriman said Officer Trombley was, "too stubborn to go to the hospital" and stayed on duty. He said the officers did good police work to capture the three.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's office issued three warrants for the 17-year-old driver, but he was yet to be arraigned as the Independent went to press on Wednesday because he was in Washtenaw County facing other charges.

Chief Berriman said he is charged here with possession of a stolen vehicle, resisting arrest, and fleeing and eluding.

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# Tim Katona

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at his Belleville-area ranch. The youth group was added to the NRHA's list of approved classes. In addition, he helped in the formation and organization of NRHA Affiliates in the region.

On their website, the Katonas state: "We also offer equine rehabilitation as well as a complete breeding operation for your mares and stallions. For over 30 years Katona Reining Horses has successfully trained horses and riders to the highest levels, winning various State and World Championships in the Appaloosa Association, ARHA, Buckskin Congress,

and competing successfully in NRHA Futurities and Derbies.

"Successfully matching riders and horses and developing a successful partnership between them has always been one of Tim and Cindy's great passions.

"We are proud to have had over the years numerous world champion reining horses and riders, coming out of our program."



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# Obituaries



Robert Oscar Lincoln

## ROBERT OSCAR LINCOLN

(August 11, 1947 – December 20, 2016)

Robert Oscar Lincoln, 69 of Harrisville, formally of Belleville, passed away peacefully at his home on Dec. 20, following a short illness. Rob was born in Ypsilanti on Aug. 11, 1947. He proudly served in the US Navy in Viet Nam from 1968 to 1972 as a bow gunner on both swift boats PCF 54 and PCF 87. On Dec. 1, 1970 he received the Bronze Star with "V" for his valor and meritorious service in combat. In 2014 he wrote about his experiences in Viet Nam and his contribution to the book "Restoration of a Legacy, Swift Boats and Their Sailors" was published by the Maritime Museum of San Diego, CA. After he got out of the Navy Rob worked as a district manager in Hawaii before returning to Michigan where he worked as a furniture salesman and owned his own furniture business for 11 years. He also went on to receive his BA in Education from EMU.

Rob loved being retired and living in his little cottage on Lake Huron surrounded by nature. He was interested in history and has been long considered the family historian and storyteller. He was very close to his family and often claimed each of them were his favorite relative. The patriotism he learned in the Navy never left him and he continued to pursue his interest in military history until the time of his passing, Rob is preceded in death by his parents, Henry Oscar Lincoln, Leilia (Kingsley) Lincoln and his sister Phylliss Fink. He is survived by his sister, Delores (Lincoln) Packard of Ann Arbor along with many loving, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A memorial service will be held at Westlawn Cemetery in Harrisville on July 1st at 2:00 pm. For further details email [Elizabethbrandt@dslextrema.com](mailto:Elizabethbrandt@dslextrema.com).

Condolences may be sent to Delores Packard, 5654 Silo Ridge Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.



Wanda Aletha Taylor

## WANDA ALETHA TAYLOR

(August 13, 1958 – February 15, 2017)

Wanda Aletha Taylor, age 58, of Belleville, died February 15, 2017 at Beaumont Oakwood Hospital of Dearborn.

Wanda is the beloved mother of Shawn Taylor of Belleville, Michael (Kristian) Taylor of Belleville, Ebony Taylor of Belleville and Patrice Taylor of Belleville; loving daughter of Leo (Wilhelmina) Williams of Carleton; cherished sister of Leo (Carmen) Williams Jr. of Tennessee, Mark (Joyce) Williams of Ohio, Natalie Williams of Carleton, Adele Williams of Carleton and Pamela Williams of Carleton. Wanda is also survived by many loving extended family and friends.

Born on August 13, 1958 in Detroit, Michigan, Wanda was a longtime Belleville-area resident. She enjoyed grilling, gardening, time with her family and mostly, loved her children. She will be missed.

A service will be held at 2 PM, Saturday, February 25, in the main chapel of David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville (734) 697-4500. Elder Todd Patterson of the Elder Water Jehovah's Witnesses will officiate the service. Calling hours have been arranged for Friday from 2 until 8 PM



Rita Koscielniak

## RITA KOSCIELNIAK

(August 24, 1924 – February 18, 2017)

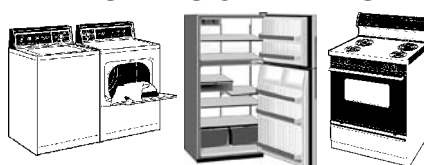
Rita Koscielniak, age 92, of Belleville, Michigan, entered eternal life on Saturday, February 18, 2017, while under the care of Arbor Hospice in Saline, MI.

Rita was born on August 24, 1924, and raised in Detroit. She married Edward Koscielniak in 1946, and the couple moved to Romulus where they raised their three children. Following her retirement from GM Livonia Plant, Rita moved to Belleville where she was active in the local senior center and Red Hat Society.

She is survived by her three children: Gary (Ruth), Cheri Jodoin, and David; grandchildren: Doug, Holly (Ron), and Kelly (Phil); great-grandchildren: Madison, Julian, Alexis, and Ella. Rita was preceded in death by her parents, brother, two sisters, husband, grandson, and son-in-law.

According to Rita's wishes, a cremation will take place and there will be no visitation. The family wishes to express their appreciation to the professionals who cared for Rita and the many kindnesses extended to the family.

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# Obituaries



Paul John Ostrowski

## **PAUL JOHN OSTROWSKI**

(March 25, 1935 – February 16, 2017)

Paul John Ostrowski, age 81, of Sumpter Township died peacefully at his home Thursday morning on February 16, 2017.

Age 81, of Sumpter Township. Died peacefully at his home Thursday morning on February 16, 2017.

Paul is the beloved husband of Betty for 56 wonderful years; loving father of Anthony (Christine) Ostrowski of Chelsea, Anna (Donald) Silvenis of Pinckney, Karen (Stanley) Alexander of Belleville, Christopher (Connie) Ostrowski of Belleville, Paul (Dawna) Ostrowski of Ypsilanti, Patrick (Lynette) Ostrowski of Belleville and Walter (Ginger) Ostrowski of New Boston; proud grandfather of Travis Ostrowski, Miranda Ostrowski, Matthew (Elyse) Silvenis, Jonathan Silvenis, Sarah (Matthew) Laginess, Emily (Drew) Brown, Jessica Ostrowski, Jamie Ostrowski, Jacob Ostrowski, Shelbie (Casey) Jewell, Raechel Ostrowski, Whitney Ostrowski, Levi Ostrowski, Keigan Brimmer, Jamie Berge, Elizabeth Ostrowski and Emma Ostrowski. Mr. Ostrowski is also survived by his great-grandchildren, Sophie Laginess, Finn Laginess, Owen Brown, Autumn Brown, Carmen Silvenis, Rosalie Silvenis, Rylee Jewell and siblings Robert (Rae) Ostrowski of Belleville and David (Diane) Ostrowski of Ypsilanti. Sadly, Paul was preceded in death by his late granddaughter, Addison Ostrowski (d. 2007).

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Pauline, and two brothers, Bernard and Thomas. Born on March 25, 1935 in Belleville to Paul and Helen Ostrowski. Paul was a lifelong Belleville area resident. For over 30 years he was a faithful employee of the Ford Motor Company at the Rawsonville Plant. Paul was a devout parishioner of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Belleville, where he was a Eucharistic Minister and worked in the St. Vincent de Paul ministry. He had a love for the outdoors, including gardening and playing cards, and was the constable for Van Buren Township in the late 1960s. Mostly, Mr. Ostrowski loved his family and spending time with his grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM Monday, February 20 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. The Ostrowski family greeted guests at the church one hour prior to Mass.

A procession with interment prayers followed at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

Visiting hours were Sunday, February 19, from noon until 8 PM in the main chapel of David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. A scripture service was held Sunday at 7 PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to Arbor Hospice or the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



Lois G. Webber

## **LOIS GENE WEBBER**

(August 4, 1935 – February 13, 2017)

Mrs. Lois G. Webber passed away Monday, February 13, 2017 peacefully at her home surrounded by her family. She was born August 4, 1935 in Betsy Layne, Kentucky a daughter of Ned and Lou (Ratliff) Beltcher. On March 13, 2003 she was married to Billy Webber in Toledo, Ohio moving to Romulus from Covington, Georgia in September 2013. Mr. Webber preceded her in death in May of 2013. Mrs. Webber was a member of the Palmer Road Church of Christ, Westland. She enjoyed bingo and reading the *Belleville Independent* from cover to cover every week. She was an avid viewer of "The Young and the Restless." Prior to her retirement in 1980 she had been employed by Griff Brothers of Canton for many years.

Mrs. Webber was the loving mother of Terry (Angela) Ausmus, Connie (Tony) Jones and Carol (Donald) Hahn. Dear grandmother of Jennifer (Andrew) Miller, Stephanie (Todd) Forette, Christopher Boyette, Paul Lehman and Mandi Boyette. Fond great-grandmother of 6 great-grandchildren. Step-mother of Joel Webber and John Webber. Sister of Leonard Belcher and Ann Morgan. Mrs. Webber was preceded in death by her parents, grandson Daine Jones and 3 sisters, Opal Henton, Nadine Ackers and Betty Jo Ledbetter.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 from 5–8 P.M. at the Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville (734-697-9400). Funeral services were Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 11 A.M. at the funeral home. Burial followed services at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West.

The family has suggested memorial contributions to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, Inc., 1169 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48108 in lieu of flowers. [www.hnfhome.com](http://www.hnfhome.com)

## **RICHARD LOGAN KEITH**

(June 11, 1937 – February 21, 2017)

Richard Logan Keith, age 79, of Sumpter Township died February 21, 2017.

Visiting hours will be Thursday, February 23, from 1 to 8 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. A funeral service is set for 11 a.m. Friday, at the funeral home. Family will greet guests one hour prior to the service. Full obituary next week.

## **THOMAS JOSEPH SERBICK**

May 31, 1970 - February 16, 2017

Thomas Joseph "T.J." Serbick, age 46, of Clinton Township, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away in his sleep, at his home, Thursday, February 16, 2017.

Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Saturday, February 25, 2017 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Cremation rites will be accorded.

Full obituary next week.



Hilma I. Bonnici

## **HILMA I. BONNICI**

(October 14, 1928 – February 20, 2017)

Hilma I. Bonnici, age 88, longtime Belleville area resident, passed away Monday, February 20, 2017 at her daughter's home, following a long battle with Alzheimer's. She was born October 14, 1928 in DeKoven, Kentucky, daughter of the late Andrew Jackson & Dolin M. (Piper) Haney.

Hilma was an active and devoted member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville. She was a member of the senior center, and loved playing cards, quilting and needle work. She also enjoyed antiques and flea markets. She is survived by 3 children, Robert (Denyse) Bonnici of the Florida Keys, Kim (Reggie) Ion of Belleville, and Michael Bonnici of Belleville, also 7 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph on September 10, 2003, daughter Marie Bonnici in 1962, also 8 brothers and one sister.

Visitation was 12 Noon until 8 PM Wednesday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. A Funeral Mass will be 11:00 AM Thursday, February 23, 2017 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. The family will welcome guests from 10-11 AM at the church. Father Thomas H. Cusick will serve as Celebrant. Interment will follow in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Hilma's name may be made in the form of Masses, or to St. Vincent de Paul, and would be appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).



Theodore "Ted" Elliott Hooten

## **THEODORE 'TED' ELLIOTT HOOTEN**

(June 13, 1937 – February 14, 2017)

Theodore "Ted" Elliott Hooten, of Belleville, passed away February 14, 2017 at Evangelical Home-Saline. He was 79 years old. Born June 13, 1937 in New Castle, Indiana he was the son of Theodore Gilbert and Maybell (Elliott) Hooten.

Ted owned a shoe store in Belleville, MI called Hoots Boots and won many awards for his displays. After that he bought a Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise also in Belleville that he owned and operated for 35 years. Ted was very active in AA and was proud of his 40 years of Sobriety.

He is survived by two sons, Theodore Hooten of Phoenix, Arizona and Eric Hooten of Ann Arbor; his longtime companion Linda Blugerman of Maine; his niece Linda Grimmer and her family and his nephew Bob Mood and his family. As well as his best friend Jim Balmer and other friends and extended family.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, February 19 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nie Family Funeral Home, Liberty Road Chapel, 3767 W. Liberty Road Ann Arbor, MI 48103. There will be visitation on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until time of the service.

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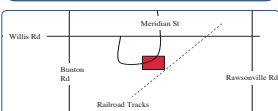


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## Superintendent's Corner

By Pete Kudlak  
Superintendent,  
Van Buren Public Schools



In my eight months here, I have been amazed by the high amount of activity in the community. There is always something going on. I have been equally amazed that the students in our schools have a plethora of options to stay active.

Our High School is abuzz with students in the evenings and on the weekends. Schooling is so much more than just the academic content. It is about each student finding their niche, tapping into their inner passions, competition, teamwork, sense of belonging, service to others, honing autonomy, providing a vehicle for their voice to be heard, failure, perseverance, and accomplishment.

Students that stay active and are connected to the school environment are more apt to succeed. I love that our schools (and community) have a diverse set of options that can appeal to everyone.

In my high school we had a very small

selection of sports or clubs to choose. This allowed for many students to get lost within our already (very) small high school. School was my happy place and I was in the band, drama, student council, played football and ran track just to make it last longer each day. I am sure that I was not alone then and I am sure that we have many students in the same situation now.

The sense of family that comes with each club, sport, or activity is imperative in the development of our youth. They need to spread their wings, make decisions, work hard, and fail knowing that they have strong support behind them.

Clubs often organize organically by interest. We will help each get started and are open to new ideas. The clubs that we think are important may or may not meet the needs of our students. Some of you may even have unique interests and talents that would be wonderful to share.

Our work is to develop the whole child. We work hard to academically challenge our students throughout their time with us. We also work hard to develop self-esteem, confidence, teamwork, creativity, curiosity, and communication skills. All of these are done inside and outside of the traditional classrooms. Extracurriculars are a vital part of what Van Buren Public Schools has to offer. Get involved ... you will be happy you did!

## Charter Township of Van Buren Black History Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, much of Van Buren Township's honor, strength, and distinction can be attributed to the diversity of cultures and traditions that are celebrated by the residents of this great region; and WHEREAS, African Americans have played a significant role in the history of our nation and our community's economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, in 1976 Black History Month was formally adopted to honor and affirm the importance of Black History; and WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time for us to remember the stories and lessons of those who helped build our nation, realizing that Black History is American History, and that it is intertwined with the founding of America. Black History is full of individuals who took a stance against prejudice, advanced the cause of civil rights, strengthened families, communities, and our nation; and

WHEREAS, many distinguished African Americans have made contributions to our local community, including Beverly Jenkins, accomplished author of over 30 novels and nominated in 2013 for NAACP image award; Albert Harris, proprietor of Grandpa's Toys and patriarch of one of the first African American families in Van Buren Township; Charles Covington, local businessman; Leon Wright, entrepreneur and Van Buren Township's first African American board member and clerk; Brenda McClanahan, Van Buren Township's first African American Trustee; and others, such as Leonard Armstrong, Carl McClanahan, Bruce Ross, Sharon Peters, Lisa Martin, and many others that have contributed greatly to the Van Buren community and the betterment of others; and WHEREAS, the Old Indian Trail which ran along the I-94 corridor through the Van Buren area was a stop on the Underground Railroad, most notably William and James' Belle House on Edison Street; as well as the primarily African American Willow Run Village which contributed to the B-24 Bomber Plant; and

WHEREAS, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees encourages all residents to honor the many contributions made by African Americans throughout the region and to participate in the many educational events honoring the contributions of African Americans; and recognize the daily struggles of African Americans past and present; and NOW THEREFORE, I, Kevin McNamara, Supervisor of Van Buren Township, on behalf of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim in the Township of Van Buren the month of February 2017 as Black History Month.

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

**Editor's Note:** The above was read by VBT Trustee Kevin Martin at the Feb. 7 meeting of the board of trustees.

## Man injured in bar fight at Lakeview Tavern, police investigating

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said his department is investigating a fight inside Lakeview Tavern overnight Saturday/Sunday.

A man was knocked down and injured, but got up and went outside. There may or may not have been another fight outside, Chief Berriman said. The man was taken home, but then he collapsed and was taken to the hospital where he is in serious condition.

Officer Jeff Wickham is the officer in charge of the case and he is investigating.

A witness who was supposed to come in and make a statement on Monday failed to come in, Chief Berriman said. He said City Hall was closed for the Presidents' Day holiday, but he was there at the police department. Chief Berriman said he hoped she would come in on Tuesday to help with the investigation.

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# Davenport disappointed his company cut from library construction manager bid

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

At the end of the Belleville Planning Commission meeting on Feb. 9, Steve Davenport of Davenport Brothers Construction voiced his disappointment in the Belleville Area District Library Board's decision on library construction.

He said out of seven who had applied for the general contractor position, two were not selected to come in for interviews and Davenport was one of the two not selected.

"It was surprising to us to be thrown out of the arena so soon," Davenport said, adding he hopes they are looking at local contractors for the site work.

"I made sure the library board knew about local contractors," said Planning Commissioner John Juriga who also serves on the library's three-person building committee which had been meeting that week to select a construction manager to recommend to the full board.

Juriga said the committee met with five different contractors from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 8.

"There are plenty of jobs," he said, noting all of the contractors were well aware of Davenport and the good work it does.

Davenport said the architect is getting \$900,000 for his work and the construction manager will get from \$500,000 to \$600,000, making a total of \$1.5 million to "outsiders."

"All seven were qualified," Davenport said of those on initial library list. "We're as equal as they are. I was disappointed."

He said now the local contractors will have to bid on site work and, "fight among ourselves to get a small portion of the work."

Juriga said it's in the contract that local contractors will be from Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Romulus.

"Outsiders get \$900,000 and bid against no one," Davenport said of architect Dan Whisler's firm.

Juriga said actually, the architect will get around \$800,000, 7.7% of the project.

"These people know of your good work in this area – and Blue Ribbon," Juriga said. "You'll make some decent money on these bids."

Juriga said actually it was inappropriate

to discuss this at the commission meeting and they should come to the next library board meeting to tell board members how they feel.

Steve Davenport was accompanied by his brother Harlan, who did not offer comments.

## Library Board selects construction manager, votes to issue bonds

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

The Belleville Area District Library Board's Building Committee said it spent more than 26 total hours in studying information and interviewing five firms before recommending O'Neal Construction, Inc. of Ann Arbor as the construction manager for the new library.

At its regular meeting on Feb. 14, the board voted unanimously to approve O'Neal and enter into negotiations with the firm for a contract.

Joy Cichewicz, chairwoman of the Building Committee, said in a memo to the board, "The decision was based on many factors, including the firm's experience working on other libraries and on similar projects; the experience, knowledge, and qualifications of the project team; the completeness and clarity of their proposal; their attitude and performance in the interview; their ability to communicate clearly; and their expertise in site logistics."

She said prior public libraries in their portfolio include the Dexter District Library, the Chelsea District Library, and the Ann Arbor District Library, Traverwood Branch.

The committee evaluated proposals from seven firms and interviewed five. Those not interviewed were Davenport Brothers Construction Company and J.S. Vig Construction Company. Davenport's figure was the highest of the seven and J.S. Vig was "in the middle of the pack."

Architect Dan Whisler said the firms were first reviewed based on qualifications and cut the list down to the top five. Then they opened fee proposals, but you couldn't really rank them by fees and costs because the proposals from the different companies had costs in different categories and it was difficult to rate "apples to apples."

Juriga said the Building Committee was unanimous in selection of this one company. "It was amazing," he said.

The board also unanimously passed a resolution authorizing the issuance of not more than \$14 million in bonds.

CPA Ron Traskos was present to explain the bond procedure and he said the bonds will be issued in \$5,000 increments and will be put out for bids for companies for the entire portfolio of \$14 million.

Board member John Juriga asked how much an investor could make if he bought a \$5,000 bond and Traskos said it depended on the interest, but if there was a maximum of 5% interest and if you had a \$5,000 bond, you could make a total of \$250 interest.

Board attorney John Day said the board would sell bonds and have \$14 million and that would be paid off with taxes from the three communities.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said the bond is structured in such a way that the first levy will be placed on the December property tax bill.

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Charter Township of Van Buren  
46425 Tyler Road  
Van Buren, MI 48111

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## Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Feb. 23** – 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](http://www.willowchurch.org)

• **Thursday, Feb. 23** – Join the Belleville-area group of the League of Women Voters at 7 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road. The local group organized a year ago and is made up of members from Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township. Guests welcome. Information: Barbara Miller, (734) 697-4455.

• **Friday, Feb. 24** – The Eagles invite you to Mardi Gras; tickets are \$15. Social hour at 5 p.m., buffet dinner at 6 p.m., band and dancing at 8 p.m. Live Classic Rock music by "Old Skool Detroit." (734) 699-8836

• **Sunday, Feb. 26** – Jay F musical performance from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Saturday, March 4** – The youth of Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, invite you to their Wild Game Dinner. Doors open at 4 p.m., with dinner served at 5 p.m. Ticket cost is \$30. Purchase by phone at (734) 699-3361 or on-line at [www.trinitybell.org](http://www.trinitybell.org). Featured speaker is adventure author Mike Tison.

• **Saturday, March 4** – Spaghetti fund raiser for Jason Basham from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, corner of Sumpter and Harris roads. Music by STEP ASIDE band from 8 to midnight. U.S. Navy Seabee, BHS class of 1996, is facing his third brain surgery to remove a tumor.

"You have to be odd to be number one."

— Dr. Seuss



# Swinson arrest

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Circuit Court a charge with one felony count of delivering / manufacturing 5-45 kilograms of marijuana on Aug. 16 at his home. His jury trial has been set for June before Judge Ulysses Boykin. Po’s attorneys’ motion to dismiss the charges was turned down on Feb. 17.

If found guilty of the charge, Po could be imprisoned for 7 years and/or pay a fine of \$500,000.

Sumpter Township Police already have confiscated about \$1 million worth of possessions owned by Po and his wife Clarita.

Clarita Po is suing Sumpter Township Police Detective John Toth in a civil case before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Robert J. Colombo.

She sued the township, its supervisor, and Det. Toth following the raid in August on her home and her husband’s marijuana grow house. She was jailed and then

released without any charges filed against her.

Sumpter Township and Supervisor John Morgan were withdrawn from the case due to governmental immunity. Det. Toth is the only defendant left in that case. Discovery in that case runs until April 14.

## Trinity youth to host annual Wild Game Dinner on March 4

On Saturday, March 4, the youth of Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, will host their third-annual Wild Game Dinner.

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Featured speaker for this event is adventure author Mike Tison who will share his experiences of being lost on a mountain.

# Sumpter Township Public Notice

## Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 24, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm, showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Swinson, Hurst, Oddy, LaPorte. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 60 residents.

**3. Agenda:** Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only**

**5. Minutes:** Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Warrants:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve Warrants totaling \$1,146,860.13. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, P. Morgan, LaPorte, Oddy, Hurst, Swinson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson:**  
A. Chamber Report: Rewards Ceremony  
B. Menards

C. Parks & Rec: Planning Sumpter Fest, looking for help and new members if anyone is interested. Motion by Hurst, supported by C. Hoffman to approve Parks & Recreation/ Chamber Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy:**

- A. Working on Solar Farm Ordinance
- B. Revamping of Site Plan
- C. Land Use Master Plan

Motion by Swinson, supported by LaPorte to approve the Planning/Zoning Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Attorney’s Report: Young:**

- A. Moose Lodge possible Land Contract extension
- B. Satellite Office location

Motion by Swinson, supported by Oddy to approve the Attorney’s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Board Response:**

- A. LaPorte: Fire Department is accepting applications

**11. Old Business:**

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman to approve to extend Land Contract with Moose Lodge #934 for five (5) years, through 2023 leaving interest rate at 3.0. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, P. Morgan, LaPorte. Nay: Oddy, Swinson, Hurst. Motion carried.

**12. New Business:**

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve to hold a Public Hearing on February 14, 2017 at 6:15 pm at the Township Hall to receive comments

and suggestions for Parks & Recreation Commissions Master Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

**B.** Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve to place Firefighter Jamie Goode on Washtenaw County Technical Rescue Team. Motion carried unanimously.

**C.** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve to promote Officer Beth Egerer to Sergeant Position. Motion carried unanimously.

**D.** Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve to promote Officer Brian Steffani to Sergeant Position. Motion carried unanimously.

**E.** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve to promote Corporal/Detective John Toth to Sergeant/Detective Position. Motion carried unanimously.

**13. Announcements:**

**14. Open Floor:**

**A. Jay Bardell**

- Congratulations to Police that were promoted to Sergeant position
- Firefighter advertisement be placed in the newspaper?

- Solar Farms and Township property

**B. Tim Rush**

- Congratulations to newly promoted Sergeants
- 29200 Martinsville Road

**C. Mary Ban**

- Congratulations to newly promoted Sergeants
- Humane Society any alternative plans?

Roads

- Passing at double yellow lines
- Aldi opening?

**D. Deb Callison**

- Great Police Department

**15. Adjournment:** Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 7:18 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk  
Sumpter Township

### Certification

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township of Trustees on January 24, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk  
Publish: February 23, 2017

# City of Belleville Public Notice

## City of Belleville PUBLIC NOTICE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

The City of Belleville Board of Review will be held on the following dates:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017**

Hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. A second meeting will be on Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **MEETINGS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

Please call (734) 697-9323 ext. 7014 to set up an appointment.

The meetings will be held in the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville. The purpose will be to review the assessment roll and hear any objections. Resident and non-resident taxpayers are permitted to file protests in writing without personal appearance; letters must be received by March 13, 2017.

Sherri Scharf,  
City Clerk/Treasurer  
Publish: February 23, 2017  
March 2, 2017

# City of Belleville Public Notice

## City of Belleville NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Community Development Block Grants

A public hearing is scheduled before the City Council on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, for the purpose of:

### RECEIVING COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

The City of Belleville expects to receive ***approximately*** \$57,000 in year 2017 CDBG funds. Projects must meet HUD regulations and Wayne County’s program guidelines. Additional information is available by contacting the City Clerk’s office, 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111 – phone (734) 697-9323.

Pursuant to the program guidelines, the City of Belleville is announcing its program objectives and proposed uses of the ***estimated*** CDBG funds as follows:

### PROPOSED GOALS AND PROJECTS: GOAL: Suitable Living Environment

Location: City-wide

Activity: Senior/Disabled Services	\$ 9,830
Activity: ADA Public Facilities Projects	\$ 40,470
Activity: Senior Chore Services	\$ 1,000

### Program Administration

<b>Strategic Planning</b>	<b>\$ 5,700</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 57,000</b>

Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed projects and to suggest other projects which meet the County’s guidelines.

Sherri Scharf  
City Clerk/Treasurer

POSTED: February 23 & March 1, 2017



## Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



The City of Belleville Police Reserve Unit is holding a Dine-to-Donate event today, Feb. 23, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Bayou Grill on Main Street. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to purchase equipment for the unit.

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Jack Demmer Ford on Michigan Avenue in Wayne welcomes Bill English of

Belleville to their new car sales team. Call (734) 721-2600 and visit [www.jdemmerford.com](http://www.jdemmerford.com).

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Open Arms Church on Belleville Road will be holding a youth bowling and auction fundraiser on Friday, March 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lodge Lanes in Belleville. The cost is \$20 per person and it includes two games of cosmic bowling, shoe rental, and pizza. For tickets and info, call (734) 699-5000.

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Tickets are still available for the Belleville Area Council for the Arts Beer & Wine Taste Fest on Saturday, March 4, from 5

to 8 p.m. at the BYC on East Huron River Drive. Advance tickets are \$35 and \$40 at the door. Festivities include 10 tastings, appetizers, live entertainment by Village Strings, and a live auction. Tickets are available at the BYC and at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. Twenty-one and over only. Call (734) 776-7596. Volunteers are also needed.

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The Belleville Rotary Club will be holding its annual Fat Tuesday Italian Buffet on Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under. The event will feature a variety of pasta and sauces and other Italian items. Pop and Paczki is extra. The public is invited with the proceeds going to youth and tri-community projects. Tickets are available from any Rotarian as well as at the door.

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Congratulations to Van Buren Township Police Officer Adam Byrd, who recently was selected by the African American Leadership Committee as being the 2017 Political Strategist of the Year and is receiving his honor this evening at an awards banquet at the corporate offices of the Leer Corporation in Southfield. Congratulations!

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*Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych with your suggestion at (734) 699-9020. There is no charge to be in this column.*

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP 2017 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

#### NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the

Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, on the following dates:

March 7th, Tuesday  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
(Organizational Meeting)

**No Appeals Heard at this Meeting**

March 13<sup>th</sup>, Monday  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 16<sup>th</sup>, Thursday  
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### **REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT**

Taxpayers/Property Owners may appeal by making an appointment to appear before the Board of Review **OR** by letter appeal (personal appearance is not required).

**Letters of appeal must be received on or before MARCH 15, 2017.**

**Appointments to appeal in person may be scheduled by calling the Assessing Office at 734-699-8946 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by MARCH 14, 2017.**

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers are as follows:

Classification	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	50%	1.0000
Commercial	50%	1.0000
Industrial	50%	1.0000
Residential	50%	1.0000
Developmental	50%	1.0000
Personal	50%	1.0000

Leon Wright  
Van Buren Charter Township  
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Thursday, March 2, 2017

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**Court Watching:**

# Judge Oakley dismisses felony gun charge, sets Tony Standifer free

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

On Feb. 15, after a long preliminary exam with three witnesses testifying, 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley dismissed the felon in possession of a weapon charge against Tony Robin Standifer and the second weapons charge fell away based on the dismissal, leaving Standifer free of charges.

Standifer, 58, was charged after a shooting incident on Jan. 27 at his home at 43624 Willow Road in Sumpter Township.

Standifer’s retained attorney Brian Montoye convinced Judge Oakley that the felony Standifer had been convicted of in the past (receiving and concealing stolen property of \$20,000 or more) and served 93 days for was not the class of felony that prohibits him from possessing a fire arm.

Montoye read the law to the judge and prosecutor that said an “unspecified felony,” such as Standifer’s, makes him eligible to own a fire arm after three years, completion of probation, and payment of all fines. It was not a violent crime, he said.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Greg Akaraz said testimony showed that Standifer told police he shouldn’t have a gun, but Judge Oakley said, “You can’t prosecute someone just because he’s stupid of the law.”

Judge Oakley asked Prosecutor Akaraz to counter the law cited by Montoye and he couldn’t cite anything in opposition at the moment. Judge Oakley said the burden was on the prosecution to oppose the defense assertion.

After the court session, Akaraz said he would appeal Judge Oakley’s ruling because he is sure there is law to support the charges they filed against Standifer.

It all started at about 9:10 p.m., Jan. 27, when Sumpter police were called to a residence at 43796 Willow responding to a call for service after Steven McKinney, Jr. showed up on the back porch of the home drunk and incoherent, according to testimony by Sumpter Sgt. Brian Steffani.

McKinney reportedly told police his S-10 pickup was “across the creek or ditch.” He never said he had been assaulted, according to testimony. Police went out to look for the truck, thinking there may have been a drunk-driving accident, testimony said.

While officers were outside speaking with that homeowner, about a dozen shots of gunfire were heard at the Standifer residence next door.

When they got to that location, officers found a 28-year-old male lying face down in the driveway next to a vehicle riddled with bullet holes with the passenger door open. The male, Erin Standifer, suffered a gunshot wound to the right thigh. He was pulled to a safe location by Sumpter Officer Joseph Balowski, but the injured man was uncooperative with investigators before being transported by ambulance to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

McKinney was taken to a hospital downriver, Det./Sgt. Toth testified.

The homeowner and victim’s father, Tony Standifer, admitted to firing the shots, but gave several conflicting stories as to why, according to testimony. He gave police permission to search his home for evidence concerning what he called an attempt to rob him and then later rescinded permission after police found two weapons, ammunition, and a large amount of cash in the home. After Standifer

was determined to possibly be the victim, the cash was immediately returned, according to testimony.

After finding the wounded son, Sumpter police thought they had an active shooter in the house and called for backup. They could see someone moving inside the house shutting off lights.

Sumpter Det./Sgt. John Toth testified when he got to the scene, it was “chaos,” with officers from Huron Township, Van Buren Township, Huron-Clinton Metropark, and Michigan State Police at the scene, besides the Sumpter officers and Sumpter Police Chief Eric Luke.

After being asked to come out of the house, Standifer came out holding a cell phone to his ear and had one hand raised up in the air. He was put, handcuffed, into the back seat of a Huron Township patrol car, which was a safe distance from the house, and later released.

Standifer was highly intoxicated, but Det./Sgt. Toth testified he could understand what Standifer was saying. He said someone had tried to rob him and he was fighting for his life.

Sgt. Steffani testified there was blood throughout the residence and blood soaking into the carpet in the family room. Tony Standifer had no injuries except to his knuckles, according to testimony.

The truck parked right next to the west side of the residence had multiple bullet holes in it, Sgt. Steffanti said. He testified it had blood and fatty tissue on the seat. This black Chevy S-10 truck, where Standifer’s son was found by police, was Steve McKinney’s missing truck.

Det./Sgt. Toth said later that he presented details on the whole incident to the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office and it decided to prosecute only on gun charges.

### Terry Eldich Davis

Terry Eldich Davis, 48, was sentenced by video from the Wayne County Jail to 14 days, time served, by Judge Oakley after Davis pled guilty to a misdemeanor of failing to comply with signing a registration form as a sex offender.

He was put on six months of non-reporting probation. Davis gave Judge Oakley his new address in Ypsilanti and the judge ordered him to register with the police as soon as possible after release from jail. He had been charged with a failure to register as a sex offender on Oct. 18, 2014 in Van Buren Township and that charge was dismissed.

### Andrea Leniece Rue

Andrea Leniece Rue, 29, had been charged with felony possession of controlled substance on Sept. 7, 2014 in VBT. The charge was amended to a misdemeanor, being in possession of a hypodermic needle (drug paraphernalia). Judge Oakley sentenced her to 12 months non-reporting probation and \$645 in fines and costs. Her retained defense attorney Russell Anderson went over her past convictions for drug abuse and all the things she had done for her Oakland County sentence which included substance abuse classes, mental health sessions, seeing a psychiatrist once a month, 32 hours of community service, drug testing twice a week, and a new shot she is taking that works. She said she last violated in December.

### Ward Lorne Schuyler

Ward Lorne Schuyler, 48, waived his preliminary exam on discharging a weapon in or at a building and weapons-felony firearm (using a firearm while committing a felony) on Jan. 27 in Sumpter Township. Judge Oakley bound him over to circuit court to face the charges on March 1.

Schuyler was free after posting bond of \$50,000/10%. His court-appointed defense attorney was David Lankford.

### Eddie Al Dusseau

The preliminary exam of Eddie Al Dusseau, 50, on charges of possession of controlled

substance – narcotic or cocaine less than 25 grams and possession of marijuana in the city of Belleville on Nov. 17, 2014 was adjourned to another date at the request of retained defense attorney Michael Vincent. Officer in charge of the case is Belleville Cpl. Kris Faull.

### James Forrest Chapman

Judge Oakley set yet another court date for James Forrest Chapman on a 2015 misdemeanor charge of refusing to give a DNA sample. This session is 11 a.m., May 10.

This charge had been dismissed by Oakley in 2015 and then circuit court overturned Oakley’s dismissal and sent it back to his courtroom. It has been adjourned regularly since then as Chapman’s attorney John Day tried, without success, to get the charge combined with a 2016 DNA refusal charge against Chapman tied to a charge of assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer.

That case is now set for a May 5 jury trial before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Margaret Van Houten.

Chapman, 57, of Van Buren Township, had a jury trial under way on the charges in October and a mistrial was called Oct. 27 by the judge following a health problem in the jury room and the entrance of a VBT police officer to help.

The trial was then re-set for Jan. 23 and now it has been re-set for May 5.

On Feb. 15 Judge Oakley said he was leaning toward dismissing this 2015 case again since it is not combined with the other 2016 DNA case.

An Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor said there is negotiation on a deal on Chapman’s case before Judge Van Houten and they are closer to a plea agreement. He said this case shouldn’t be dismissed now.

Attorney Day is not representing Chapman in the circuit court case.

Judge Oakley said they could adjourn this case until after the jury trial, but Chapman spoke out strongly saying he wanted it dismissed before the jury trial.

Attorney Day took Chapman out into the court hallway and spoke with him privately.

When they returned, Judge Oakley said if he doesn’t grant an adjournment, they would have to hold the exam and then it would be appealed and that is not a good use of court time.

“This is not a high priority case,” Judge Oakley said. “I promise you I will set a date if they delay again.”

## Belleville, VBT Dispatch Logs not available this week due to VBT software update

Ken Dandy, internet technician for the Van Buren Township Police Department, informed the *Independent* on Tuesday morning that there was a delay in getting the police dispatch logs as VBT recently upgraded the CAD software and that upgrade is causing issues with the day logs.

He said as soon as he has them, he would pass them along. The *Independent’s* Tuesday noon deadline came without the logs available. Dandy apologized, saying, “I am working to get it back, but it’s going to be a day or so.”

VBT provides dispatch services and logs for the city of Belleville Police Department, as well as VBT Police. The *Independent* usually receives the logs from Dandy early Monday mornings.

Rosemary K. Otzman, Editor

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## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Feb. 12:

0040 – odor investigation, 17000 bl. Martinsville  
0139 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
0738 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1042 – well-being check, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1133 – breaking and entering, 42000 bl. Willow  
1151 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1347 – assault, Birch Dr.  
1533 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1608 – animal complaint, Karr/Judd  
1847 – traffic hazard, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2020 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2120 – traffic hazard, Martinsville/Clay  
2141 – fire dept. assist, Pecan St.

### Monday, Feb. 13:

0027 – traffic hazard, Sumpter/Judd  
0111 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0920 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1524 – animal complaint, Willis/Wilmot  
1649 – alarm, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1805 – malicious destruction of property, Mulberry  
1814 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.

### Tuesday, Feb. 14:

0402 – alarm, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
0749 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0848 – malicious destruction of property, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1041 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1139 – assist other agency, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1231 – alarm, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1557 – shots fired, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1922 – subpoena service, Carriage Ln.  
1936 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Second St.  
2131 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

### Wednesday, Feb. 15:

0306 – fire dept. assist, Nevada  
0454 – suspicious person, 8200 bl. Rawsonville  
0541 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
0747 – mental health commitment, Sumpter/Willis  
1329 – felonious assault, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1400 – well-being check, 8400 bl. Meadow Springs  
1656 – found property, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.  
1830 – subpoena service, Carriage Ln.  
1942 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2221 – fire dept. assist, Nevada

### Thursday, Feb. 16:

0451 – suspicious person, 8200 bl. Rawsonville  
0927 – property damage accident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0940 – assist other agency, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1003 – death investigation, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1145 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1322 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1433 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1438 – reckless driver, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1500 – assist other agency, 9100 bl. Rawsonville  
1539 – well-being check, Hampshire  
1621 – harassment complaint, 18000 bl. Sumpter  
2212 – citizen assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

### Friday, Feb. 17:

1047 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1153 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1155 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1322 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1724 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1836 – property damage accident, Willow / Sherwood  
1851 – animal complaint, Sherwood/Judd  
2107 – fight, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.  
2242 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz/Clark  
2306 – citizen assist, Haggerty/Oakville Waltz

### Saturday, Feb. 18:

1040 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1050 – abandoned vehicle, Bemis/Sully  
1215 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1359 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1719 – mental health commitment, Timberlane Dr.  
1738 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.  
1828 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1918 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Wear/Elwell  
1921 – mental health commitment, Virginia  
2041 – suspicious incident, 38000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2132 – citizen assist, Rawsonville/Rustic Ln.  
2320 – family trouble, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

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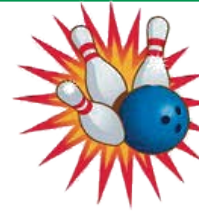
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