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## Worst storm in DTE history leaves tri-community powerless

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

About 12 hours of hurricane-force winds on Wednesday, March 8, left the Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Sumpter Township areas without power – some through Monday, March 13, and beyond.

DTE announced this was the worst storm for the company in its 100-year history and the tri-community was the worst-hit in Michigan. Electrical companies from surrounding states poured into the area to help. The first priority was getting the downed electrical lines secured. Then it was getting power back to some 700,000 customers.

Police and fire fighters were kept busy tending to live wires and blocked roadways.

At about 3 p.m. March 8 in the midst of the windstorm, at Willow Run Airport in Van Buren Township, a chartered MD83 that was to take the University of Michigan basketball team and band to Washington, D.C. for a playoff game skidded off the

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Photo courtesy Van Buren Township

On Wednesday the storm collapsed the carport behind Van Buren Township hall. No vehicles were inside.



Photo courtesy Van Buren Township

In the midst of the storm, a pole fell on and demolished a car in the VBT parking lot..



Independent photo by James Otzman

At the Rawsonville Woods clubhouse on Thursday morning a large tree limb rested on the children's play scape.



Independent photo by Bill Otzman

In Hillside Cemetery on Saturday a large pine rests on headstones after being uprooted by Wednesday's storm.



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The metal fence at Hillside Cemetery along Denton Road was twisted open by large branches from a tree dislodged by the storm.



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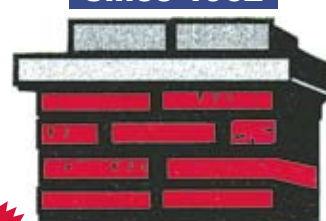
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## Supervisor McNamara tells of new grants for Van Buren Township

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

After all the business was done at the March 7 regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Supervisor Kevin McNamara had some announcements.

He said the township got a \$30,000 Parks and Recreation grant for the Iron Belle Trail to begin the easement process for a trail along East Huron River Drive from the Metro Park entrance to the Belleville City limits.

Supervisor McNamara said he would like it to continue on the other side of the city to Rawsonville Road.

The Iron Belle Trail is a trail that runs from Belle Isle Park in Detroit to Ironwood in the Upper Peninsula. This 1,273 hiking trail is 72% complete and is the longest designated state trail in the nation. A 774-mile biking route is also a part of the project and it is 58% complete.

### CDBG summer works grant

Supervisor McNamara also announced that the township received a \$50,000 summer works program grant.

He said they were hoping to pair this with another grant and it was being kept

secret. He explained that 10% of the federal Community Development Block Grant funds were being retained by the county to put together grants for housing rehab for low to moderate income property owners through the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency.

He said just before the township meeting he went backstage in Dearborn where County Executive Warren Evans was getting ready to give his state of the county address. He said he asked Evans if he could announce the grant that VBT was a part of and Evans said he could.

He said VBT got together with four other communities – Huron Township, City of Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Garden City – for the Western Wayne Region Housing Rehab Program.

This community group received \$300,000 to share. McNamara said VBT Treasurer Sharry Budd was on the committee to select the winners.

Ron Akers, VBT director of planning and economic development, said the agency also offers access to building services and income counseling for low-moderate income residents.

Treasurer Budd said July 1 is the beginning



Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara read a lengthy proclamation to mark the retirement of Sophia Zoller after 28 years of service as one of the original members of the VBT Downtown Development Authority. Zoller said she is uncomfortable driving in the dark and so she will give up her post as DDA secretary to give someone else a chance to serve.

of the CDBG year and so that's when the money would be available.

"Thanks to the supervisor for going after these grants," said Trustee Reggie Miller.

McNamara said the township doesn't get all \$300,000 in that CDBG grant and has to share it with the other four. But the community that spends it first gets it, he said.

He said there are more interesting reports coming in the future.

In other business at its March 7 meeting, the board:

- Heard Trustee Miller announce that ALDI's grand opening was set for March 9. She said she had contacted ALDI and asked them to come, originally suggesting the former Farmer Jack building;

- Approved the last step needed to get Menard into construction of its new building just north of Walmart – special land use for a home improvement store with outdoor sales and storage of landscaping and home improvement supplies. Trustee Paul White made the motion to approve, saying "I am especially proud to make the motion." Trustee White said in 2010 he called Menard in Wisconsin and started the process that eventually led to Menard building in VBT. "Nobody's happier than I am," he said;

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## Belleville planners tie 4-4 on Davenports' request for special use

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The Belleville Planning Commission locked in a 4-4 tie, which meant Davenport Development LLC did not get approval to construct a building at 337 Main Street for two service businesses.

The ordinance calls for 50% retail and there was no retail proposed.

At its regular meeting on March 9, the commission considered Davenport's application for special approval/use for the building and after more than an hour of discussion voted.

Commissioner John Juriga made the motion to grant Davenport a special use permit at 337 Main Street for professional administrative office uses. It was seconded by vice-chair Michael Hawkins. Voting yes were Juriga, Hawkins, Michael Renaud and Randy Priest. Voting no were Henry Kurczewski, Matthew Wagner, Becky Hasen, and chairman Jones.

At the last meeting, commissioner Kelly Bates announced she would not be at the March 9 meeting because she was going to Florida.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said Davenport could appeal the vote and ask for another vote at a meeting where all the members were present.

Davenport's architect Wayne Hoppe presented the proposal for the 5,600 square

foot building on .32 acre, which now is vacant. Davenport closed on the property purchase on Dec. 16, 2016 from Russell H. and Ada K. Minges for a total cost of \$45,000.

The proposed use was 1,866 square feet for Edward Jones investment advisors and 3,734 square feet for Moving the Mitten real estate group. Number of employees on largest shift was three at Edward Jones and five at Moving the Mitten. Hours proposed were 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fourteen parking spaces are planned in the rear with the dumpster and its enclosure in one. Entry to parking is through the alley.

"We stuck to our master plan on other blocks," said chairman Jones in beginning the discussion, adding the commission was reminded by the planning consultant of the dangers of spot zoning.

"How can that be spot zoning?" asked vice-chairman Hawkins. He pointed out the goal is a walkable downtown. He said all the retail stores downtown close at 6 p.m., "except for the liquor stores."

"I'm concerned that we have vacant buildings downtown," said commissioner Hasen.

DPW Director Rick Rutherford said Kassab's place is uninhabitable right now and, "We have things going on with that."

"In the '70s there was Ballard Florist, a car dealership and other buildings and

then it was decided to put a big bank on the whole city block," said Hasen. "Times have changed... I'd rather have Crafted on Main Street."

The Davenport representative said a lot of Crafted's customers come from those visiting the Secretary of State in that shopping strip.

"I sell houses, the most expensive item you can buy," said Therese Antonelli of Moving the Mitten, suggesting real estate was retail.

"I don't like one business moving from one spot to another on Main Street," commissioner Juriga said, noting the Mitten is already on Main Street.

Architect Hoppe pointed out that this is a company that is tripling its space from 1,300 to 3,600 square feet.

"New construction tends to have a magnetizing effect," Hoppe said.

Chairman Jones said he is hoping that another business, without a special use permit, will come along. With the new library coming, perhaps someone will want to be near the library.

"We have two tenants who want to move to Main Street," Hoppe stressed.

"We granted special approval to Burhop," Hawkins said, referring to Burhop's expansion on Davis Street.

City Manager Kollmeyer asked Antonelli if she wants to expand and she replied that

they really needed a lot more room. She now is at 245 Main.

"I heard that Safety Track, my neighbor, may be moving," she replied, noting it turned out Safety Track is not moving and she is between a great chiropractor and Safety Track, with no room to expand.

Antonelli said she was searching Van Buren Township and talked to developers and went to Cherry Hill in Canton. Then someone told her to talk to Davenport and she did.

She said a retail company can't afford the rent of this new building, but she can.

"There's not even a little bit of retail in there," Jones said. "For a special use, you'd have to be close."

"We tried to get retail, tried to buy a franchise and we were turned down twice," said the Davenport representative.

"This community will not support retail," said a second woman from Moving the Mitten. "We are busting at the seams."

She said people from out of town come to their business and rave about Belleville, which they didn't know about before, and they go to the restaurants here.

"I appreciate you," Jones said. "The problem is with Davenport. They have two offices and no retail. We gave them one story [instead of the required two stories]. Now they want it changed again."

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# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Library project delayed by storm, contract approval

The electrical power outage at the Belleville Area District Library March 8 caused a delay in approving a contract with selected construction manager O'Neal Construction of Ann Arbor.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the library board, chairwoman Sharon Peters explained that the power outage delayed a meeting concerning the contract and then the library attorney John Day had an emergency and had to leave town.

The library board expected to have a proposed contract to approve with O'Neal at Tuesday's meeting, but it didn't. Three O'Neal representatives attended the meeting anyway to introduce themselves to the board and to say they would be willing to attend any special meetings set.

The board expects a building committee meeting with its attorney and O'Neal representatives. A special board meeting was set for 7:30 p.m. April 4, to finalize the contract so they can get started.

It's mostly an AIA standard contract, but Day wanted to figure out which AIA version was best for Belleville.

"I'm the last one to try to slow things down," said chairwoman Peters, "but we have to take our attorney's advice.

She said they were "just a half step behind where we intended to be." Architect Dan Whisler said he expects the ceremonial groundbreaking to be in early 2018, but there will be digging around before then. The \$14 million bond sale is April 10. The project is inching forward.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

After we mentioned the little book Johnny Vawters gave to me to read about the Tuskegee Airmen, Phyllis Smith loaned me a book she had that was written by someone she met at a flying event.

It is called "Red Tail Captured, Red Tail Free: The Memoirs of a Tuskegee Airman and POW." The author is Lt. Col., USAF, ret. Alexander Jefferson of Detroit.

The author also is an artist and there are dozens of his drawings of the German prison camp, his plane, and other military details. This was a very interesting book and I learned a lot about a lot of things. Thank you, Phyllis.

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The National Council for Home Safety and Security announced its Safest Cities in Michigan for 2017. Adrian Township, Grosse Ile Township, Oakland Township, Thetford Township, and Hamburg Township are the Top 5.

Our tri-community didn't make the Top 5 or the Top 50, either.

To identify the safest cities in Michigan, the council reviewed the most recent FBI Uniform Crime Report statistics along with its own population data and internal research. It eliminated any cities that failed to submit a complete crime report to the FBI and removed cities with populations under 5,000. The City of Belleville population is around 4,000.

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When the windstorm knocked out power last Wednesday, the Van Buren Public Schools closed school for Thursday and Friday, which ruined a lot of events. Some schools had to cancel their guest reader day and Owen's Career Day was cancelled, as well. They are in the process of rescheduling.



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It was announced at Monday's school board meeting that the Belleville High School football team has been invited to play at the University of Michigan football stadium on Aug. 24. Mark it on your calendar. It'll be a good time to see the stadium if you haven't already been.

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Also School Supt. Pete Kudlak said they had six people stay overnight at the Belleville High School Warming Center the first night, and 15 stayed the second night. He said some people just came in to take showers, charged up their cell phones or tablets and then went home to care for their pets in their dark homes.

He said one night a church brought over some food, which was nice.

The Warming Center shut down on Sunday since people stopped coming.

Police and fire fighters throughout the area also made well-being checks on people they knew were alone and maybe in need of some help.

At Sumpter Township's meeting on Tuesday, it was announced a township employee took two senior citizens into the employee's home to keep them warm until the power went back on. The employee wishes to remain anonymous.

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Angela Netro reports that she, too, was threatened over the internet by someone who used the same details and language that someone used against Van Buren Public

School Board of Education president Keith Johnston when he was threatened.

She said at first she was startled and frightened, but then figured out it was a scam. The guy said he was in a local motel and was watching her every move – just like the guy who threatened Keith had emailed.

Judge Oakley told Keith he was sure it was a scam and he was right.

Somebody was just trying to scare people half to death and get them to send money. Easier than getting a job, I guess.


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At Tuesday's library board meeting, architect Dan Whisler said that a lot of the storm water catch basins are all "silted out" at the site for the future new library – mostly in the alleyway. He said he has to get more information on the catch basins – about where they go.

They may be "feeding something downstream" and the library may have to clean them out. Or, perhaps, those catch basins can all be torn out. More information is needed before they start catch basin work.

In another matter, library board member John Juriga said the Methodist Church, across the street from the library, has given library patrons permission to use its parking lot during library construction.





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## Letters

### Thank you for looking after us at Columbia Ct.

To the Editor:

Thank you to the Belleville Fire Department and Belleville Police Department for looking after the residents of Columbia Court.

On the afternoon of March 8, fire fighters did a room-to-room check of residents to make sure everyone was OK during the violent wind storm.

Then, the next day, Officer Jeff Wickham of the police department checked to see if anyone was stuck in the elevator on the sixth floor. Just one elevator was working.

Thank you for your concerns. We appreciate it.

Residents of Columbia Court  
 Belleville

### Tell DTE: We need an updated power grid

To the Editor:

First I would like to thank all the DTE and out-state crews for working long, hard and cold hours restoring our power after last week's wind storm.

But with that said, WE ALL need to get on DTE management. We have a mid-20th century power grid in the 21st century.

DTE needs to get off its butt and upgrade this system like what other parts of the country are doing. They need to bury lines in some areas, move others, or reinforce, if needed.

I know weather can be tricky but other parts of the country deal with worse weather than we do, but their systems are more updated and easier to repair when something is wrong.

DTE made us get Smart meters to help them, they say. But what I saw over the last week is DTE and out-state crews driving up and down roads trying to look for down wires. I overheard one crew on Friday say that our lines are like looking for a needle in a haystack.

So please, once again thank the DTE crews, but get on management with letters, phone calls to them and our law makers. Tell them we want a more updated system to prevent this or at least help facilitate repairs quicker.

Thank you,

Allen Babosh

Van Buren Township Resident

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### Robinson asks Judge Boykin to reconsider

To the Editor:

This is a letter I sent to Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Boykin:

Honorable Judge Boykin:

Before I ran for public office in 2016 I did not realize the climate of systemic paranoia by employees in Sumpter Township, Michigan, government. People whispering and afraid to talk because every word is recorded. I understand that security must be maintained at all times. But personal conversations are and have been used against employees.

Me being excluded from the proceedings in your courtroom by Sumpter Township Police Officer Toth is further example of intimidation, hostility, and lies. I have no interest in Mr. Nelson Po court proceedings in your courtroom except as a report for my monthly newsletter. I have covered Mr. Po's court proceedings since 2015 in district court in Romulus and circuit court proceedings in Detroit.

Police Officer Toth wants to intimidate and harass me like he does many others in Sumpter Township and wants to deny me my right as a concerned township resident to observe the court proceedings in your courtroom by saying I'm a potential witness. To my knowledge I'm not listed on any witness list by the prosecution. I have no interest or knowledge of Mr. Po's marijuana grow business. All I know he is a licensed care giver as reported in the *Belleville Independent* newspaper and channel 7 news. Please allow me to attend all court proceedings in this case in your court.

Thanks for your attention in advance.

Ronald Barrington Robinson  
 Sumpter Township

### Saginaw Valley names Dominique Charles, Emily Conley to Dean's List

UNIVERSITY CENTER, MI – Dominique Charles and Emily Conley of Belleville were named to the Dean's List of Saginaw Valley State University for the fall 2016 semester. There were 2,047 students whose academic achievement earned them spots on the list.

To be eligible for the Deans' List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

### Hayman, Rosa earn degrees at WMU

Belleville residents Raymonte Lamar Hayman, Jr., and Dominic Andrew Rosa received Bachelor of Science degrees from Western Michigan University during fall graduation ceremonies on Dec. 17 in Kalamazoo. Hayman earned his degree in Aviation Science and Administration. Rosa earned his degree in Biology: Secondary Education.



## Birthdays

March 4 -- Kitty Chudzinski  
March 5 -- Kati Argo  
March 6 -- Jim Chudzinski  
March 13 -- Doug Brown  
March 21 -- Kristy Yoskovich, Bruce Ross, John Teasdale  
March 28 -- Jazzman Marie Long



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# Obituaries



James Russell Kovalak

**JAMES RUSSELL KOVALAK**  
(December 27, 1943 – March 2, 2017)  
James Russell Kovalak, age 73, of Willis, MI, passed away peacefully Thursday evening, March 2, at his home. He was born on December 27, 1943 in Monroe, MI to George James Kovalak and Mary Alice Adams. He met his sweetheart Carol Hustyi in his teen years, taking a job at the Hustyi Greenhouse. They were married on June 19, 1965 at St. John's Church, Ypsilanti, and would have been celebrating 52 years of marriage this year. Together they have four children, nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews. In 1967, together they founded Jim Kovalak Excavating, Inc. with only a dump truck and a backhoe, which began their nearly 50-year journey working together in business. Jim's passion was his business and he worked every day alongside his sons Jim Jr. "Booie" and Steven to transform their small family business into his lifelong dream. In the early 1980s they bought and restored an old general store turning it into the popular family restaurant The Pickle Barrel, currently known as Bone Heads. He was a proud member of the Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club, where he enjoyed showing off his own collection of classic cars and admiring others. He was also a proud member of the NRA, the Michigan Septic Tank Association, and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Whittaker. He loved everyone deeply and treated everyone he knew as family.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents George and Mary (Adams) Kovalak and a brother Thomas James Kovalak. He is survived by his wife, Carol (Hustyi) Kovalak, his children: Sharon (Greg) Schultz, Teresa Kovalak, Jim (Meghan) Kovalak, and Steven (Sarah) Kovalak; his grandchildren: Kayla, Julia, Sarah (Joe) Haas, Monet, Erik, Jackson, Madelynn, Isabelle, and James; his great-granddaughter Olivia; and his siblings Nancy Kovalak and Jean (Doug) Kovalak. Visitation was held at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home in Milan. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, March 6, at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Whittaker Road. Burial followed at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church. [www.ochalekstark.com](http://www.ochalekstark.com)

**ETHAN FRANCIS GRAHAM**  
(July 10, 1979 – March 11, 2017)  
Age 37 died in Belleville. Survived by father James H. (O'Sun) Graham of Ann Arbor; mother Caroline Dempsey of Belleville; brother Kryn (Shannon) Graham; and niece Savannah. Celebration of Life to be announced.

**More Obituaries on page 8**




Richard Allan Martin

**RICHARD A. MARTIN**  
(November 10, 1934 – February 22, 2017)  
Richard (Dick) Allan Martin, longtime Belleville resident, passed away on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. He was born on November 10, 1934 in Detroit, MI to the late Purdie and Louise (Filban) Martin. Dick proudly served in the U.S. Army, in the Korean War, where he earned several medals including the Purple Heart. At a young age, Dick enjoyed working beside his father mastering the use of tools, and learning the art of woodworking. While attending Cody High School, Dick played on the baseball and football teams. Upon graduation he worked at General Motors. He then became a salesman for Wright Tool Corporation, and later held the position of Vice-President of Sales for K-Tool Corporation. In his retirement years, he enjoyed working on computers. Dick liked to spend time with family and friends, often attending BHS sporting and musical events. He spent time researching his coin collection, and also enjoyed golf, bowling, fishing, reading, traveling, and occasional trips to the casino. Dick is survived by his wife, Bonnie (Mills) Martin; his children Amber (Tristan) Motz, and also Darlene, Dennis, Daniel and Kenneth Martin; a brother Robert (Loraie) Martin; three brothers-in-law; five sisters-in-law; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a son in infancy.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, April 29, 11 a.m., at Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville, MI, with Pastor Ian Reed Twiss officiating. Military Honors will follow under the auspices of the VFW Post #4434 Honor Guard, Belleville, MI. Interment will be in the Trinity Memorial Garden. Luncheon will follow in the Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall. Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW Post #4434 Veterans Honor Guard, P.O. Box 994, Belleville, MI 48112-0994. Please indicate Dick Martin in the memo. Please sign his online guest book and share a memorable story with his family at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).

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# Obituaries



Genevieve "Jean" Cooper

## **GENEVIEVE 'JEAN' COOPER**

(May 6, 1923 – March 13, 2017)

Genevieve "Jean" Cooper, age 93, of Saline, MI, and formerly of Whittaker, passed away Monday, March 13, 2017 at home.

She was born May 6, 1923 in Providence, RI, the daughter of Anthony and Caroline (Ibello) Rossi. On February 14, 1946, she married Valerian J. Cooper in Detroit and he preceded her in death January 12, 1991.

Jean was a long-standing member of 70 years of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Whittaker, where she was a member of the Council on Catholic Women for many years and also served as a lector, worked funeral dinners, was the church bookkeeper and sang in the choir. She worked in various banks in Ypsilanti, Belleville and Canton as a mortgage loan officer. Jean was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include one daughter Valerie Cooper of Tecumseh; three sons, David Cooper of Ypsilanti, Richard (Maribeth) Cooper of Jerome, MI and Robert (Linda) Cooper of Grass Lake, MI; five grandchildren, Kristopher, Julie, Jason, Amanda and Lauren; three great-grandchildren, Olivia, Liliana and Knox; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, one son Joseph and numerous brothers and sisters.

The funeral mass will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 16, 2017 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 9425 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti, with Fr. Mike Petroski as celebrant. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the church. Envelopes are available at Stark Funeral Service where the family will greet friends 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2017 and the rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. There will also be visitation at the church from 10 a.m. until time of mass Thursday.



Harvey H. Stabnau

## **HARVEY H. STABNAU**

(March 25, 1923 – December 13, 2016)

A Celebration of Life service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25, 2017 with Rev. Jim Walker officiating at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, (734) 697-4500. Visitation one hour prior to service. Memorial donations to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital or Arbor Hospice.



Thomas W. Ursiny

## **THOMAS W. URSINY**

(June 29, 1936 – March 12, 2017)

Thomas W. Ursiny went home to be with the Lord on March 12, 2017 at the age of 80. He has been a resident of Romulus, Michigan for 48 years. Thomas was born June 29, 1936 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He was the son of the late John M. Ursiny and Elizabeth B. (Shephard) Ursiny.

Thomas was very passionate about serving the Lord. In recent years he has been a member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Belleville, and he taught Sunday school for many years at Calvary Baptist Church in Romulus. He enjoyed working on Volkswagens, going to car shows, sitting in his back yard watching the birds, and pulling his grandchildren's wagon with his tractor. Thomas loved spending time with his family.

To cherish his memory he leaves his wife Ruby M. Ursiny of Romulus; one son Scott A. Ursiny of Ionia; two daughters Ella M. (John) Sandefur of Romulus and Amy L. (Joshua) Elwart of Romulus; two brothers Charles "Bud" (Erda) Ursiny of Coulter, Pennsylvania and Robert Ursiny of Duffy, Pennsylvania; one sister Ida Rose Grissom of Pennsylvania; sixteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter Marcy S. Parker who passed away in 2001; three brothers John Ursiny, Frank Ursiny, and Harvey Ursiny; and three sisters Phyllis Leader, Betty Shawl, and Marjory Melegari.

Friends gathered from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday March 14, 2017, at Crane Funeral Home, 36885 Goddard Rd., Romulus, Michigan 48174, (734) 941-9200. There was a visitation at 10 a.m. at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, located at 42682 Ecorse Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111, on Wednesday March 15, 2017 with the funeral service starting at 11 a.m. with Pastor Jason Crawford officiating. Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

Those who wish, may contribute to Mount Calvary Baptist Church. Online guests may leave condolences, share a photo, or light a memorial candle by visiting [www.cranefuneralhome.net](http://www.cranefuneralhome.net).



Heather Lynne Pence

## **HEATHER LYNNE PENCE**

(September 6, 1986 – December 13, 2016)

A Celebration of Life ceremony has been arranged for 4 p.m., Sunday, March 19, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, (734) 697-4500. Heather's family will greet guests from 2 p.m. and until 5 p.m. after the service.



Barry R. Bennett

## **BARRY R. BENNETT**

(July 8, 1952 – March 13, 2017)

Barry R. Bennett, age 64, died on Monday, March 13, 2017 at his home in Belleville, MI. He passed away peacefully listening to his favorite songs, surrounded by his loved ones reminiscing of a life full of wonderful memories he gave to all of us.

Barry, A.K.A. "Bear", was born to Michael and Beulah Bennett on July 8, 1952. He grew up in Augusta Township with his parents and six siblings. He graduated from Lincoln High School and devoted his life to his family. Bear was a dedicated, generous, and caring father, husband, grandfather, brother, son, uncle, cousin, and friend. His infectious laugh caused a ripple effect to all those who heard it. There wasn't much that made him happier than helping people, especially his grandchildren, who he always thought of whether shopping for snacks, bringing them thrift store treasures, or making sure they had toys and jackets. He loved spending time outdoors with them gathering sticks for whittling or a fire, tinkering with tools, and working on projects in his garage. He had a love for music- his favorite radio station was 94.7. Westerns were his favorite TV shows. He will be remembered as a selfless and carefree spirit, who made our world a brighter place.

He is survived by three children, Barry Bennett (Cindy) from Inkster, Andrew Bennett (Jen), and Kerri Leirstein (Ricky) from Belleville; six grandchildren, the love of his life, his sisters and brothers, as well as many other extended family members. He was preceded in death by his parents.

All are welcome to a Celebration of Life on Friday, March 17, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Augusta Woods clubhouse, 8330 N. Brookston Dr., Willis, MI.

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## U.S. Navy Band coming to Ann Arbor's Pioneer High School March 17

America's Navy is coming to Ann Arbor, one of 23 cities in nine states to host a performance by the United States Navy Band during its 2017 tour -- one of the signature outreach programs of the U.S. Navy.

The United States Navy Concert Band performance is scheduled for 7 p.m., March 17, at Pioneer High School.

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Dr. Yvonne Craiger, DVM, will be holding a one-day dog vaccine clinic this Sunday, March 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. at her former location at 19435 Sumpter Road, Suite 2, across from Sumpter Ace Hardware.

Services include Rabies for \$15, DHPP for \$20, and DHPP-L4 vaccines for \$25. Cash only please.

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The Independent welcomes Faith Assembly Church of Belleville to our weekly Church Directory. The church, located at 894 East Huron River Drive, presents a Family Bible Study on Saturday nights, from 7 to 8 p.m., but starts with free dinner at 6:15 p.m. Visit them on Facebook and online at [www.faithassemblybelleville.com](http://www.faithassemblybelleville.com).

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The Fourth-Annual Belleville Soup Project presentation will take place on Wednesday, March 29, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the BHS Commons. A supper will be provided by Angel Food Catering. How it works is students of BHS New Tech have teamed up with the Belleville DDA to present ideas and project suggestions for Downtown Belleville, followed by a vote from

the public in attendance and the winning project would then receive DDA funding. Admission tickets at the door are \$15 for adults, \$7 for students.

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

• **Thursday, March 16** – Michigan Senator Patrick Colbeck will meet with the public at 6:30 p.m. in Rose's restaurant in Canton. Bring your concerns about state government.

• **Friday, March 17** – Every Friday Penny Bingo players are needed at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd. from 12:15 to 2 p.m. Come a little early.

• **Friday, March 17** – St. Patrick's dinner at the Eagles, 9961 Beck Road. Menu includes corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rutabagas, bread, butter and dessert. Tickets \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Serving from 5 p.m. until 8 or until gone. Entertainment by Whitey. (734) 699-8836

• **Friday, March 17** – The U.S. Navy Band is coming to Ann Arbor's Pioneer High School at 7 p.m. for a free, family-oriented concert. This is one of 23 cities in nine states on its 2017 tour.

• **Saturday, March 18** – The event with Southern Heat Band and spaghetti and chicken dinners at the Moose Lodge has been cancelled.

• **Sunday, March 19** – 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.

• **Sunday, March 19** – You are invited to hear the Belleville Community Chorus presenting its ninth-annual Cabaret performance at 3 p.m. at Open Arms Lutheran Church, 7865 Belleville Road. Free, but donations welcome.

• **Monday, March 20** – Every Monday from 1 to 4 p.m. Pinochle card players are needed at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road. Also Domino players are needed and Hand and Foot card players.

• **Thursday, March 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, March 23** – This is the night of the first class on Family History Research, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 941 South Grove, Ypsilanti 48197. The free class will run for six Thursdays and will teach basic genealogical research and research tools. For information or to reserve a place in the class, call (734) 461-6133, text (734) 660-1971 or email [kbailey@gmail.com](mailto:kbailey@gmail.com).

• **Thursday, March 23** – The Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club hosts its March membership meeting at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fair Grounds Dining Hall on Quirk Road in Van Buren Township. All are welcome. The club represents the communities of Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren townships and the City of Belleville.

• **Thursday, March 23** – State Senator Patrick Colbeck and his district manager Penny Crider will hold office hours for March in Canton from 6 until 7 p.m. at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, in the Community Room. This meeting is open to the public.

• **Sunday, March 26** – 3 Jay's 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.

• **Wednesday, March 29** – Free Community Dinner from 6 to 7 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street. Get to know your neighbors. Everyone welcomed. Info: (734) 697-9288

• **Thursday, March 30** – Free concert at Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Road, at 7 p.m. This is part of the "All about Music" series and features the Boogie Woogie Kid trio for an evening of ballads, blues, boogie-woogie, and jazz from the Swing Era.

• **Saturday, April 1** – The Women of the Moose are having a craft show and bake sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Moose Lodge at the corner of Sumpter and Harris roads in Sumpter Township. There will be about 25 crafters and no vendors. Call Debbie Johnson for information at (734) 325-0440.

• **Sunday, April 2** – To be announced 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.

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# Belleville Plan

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“It’s really not working as well as we hoped,” said commissioner Renaud, referring to the requirement for 50% retail per block. He suggested tweaking the definition for retail to include restaurants. “Holding it to that plan may not be the wisest thing in this city.”

Hawkins said the commission has control of what this building will look like and it could be retail in the future.

“Special use is forever,” Jones stated.

“Looking at Gary Snarski’s building [Century 21], it is big and he doesn’t need it that big,” Hasen said. “I hope you can stay downtown.”

“If I need less space, I’ll go to Davenport and ask to sublet 1,800 square feet for retail,” Antonelli said, noting it is being built for three businesses.

Hoppe said that lenders for construction projects need tenants for the buildings.

“We’ve got two tenants,” Hoppe said. “Do you want a new building?”

Jones said this would set a precedent and the next person who comes in might want, and might get, a special use approval.

“We haven’t had great success with this rule,” Renaud said. “These are two quality businesses. Edward Jones is not a flash in the pan and the Mitten is going strong and may cut back in the future.”

Commissioner Juriga said eight or nine years ago, Hoppe drew a plan for a building and the city wanted brick. The owner said no because it added too much cost and moved out of town. Juriga said he talked to the man and he said it was the brick that stopped the project.

Commissioner Priest said the commission should try to stay as flexible as it can.

Jones said the planning consultant said the commission could put conditional special use on it that expires after a few years.

Hoppe said it could be that if a tenant leaves it would revert to the original rules.

Jones said special use stays with the property. He used Five Points as an example that got special use approval to sell a few cars and “now there’s not such a nice group of cars.”

Rutherford said when that property goes vacant they can’t increase the nonconformity.

“You’re concerned about the loan,” Hawkins said to Hoppe.

“And, paying off the loan,” Hoppe replied.

“Would the planning commission be amiable to approving based on special use expiring when the tenant leaves?” Kollmeyer asked.

Commissioner Wagner, who is the chairman of the committee working on an updated master plan, referred to the master plan.

“People say what we tried didn’t work,” Wagner said. “With what the nation and community has been through recently ... Rome wasn’t built in a day... Someone offers us a golden apple and says take it. The city is two square miles. We only have

so many spaces.

“Not every town can be a Plymouth or a Royal Oak ... We have the only lake in Wayne County ... We’re close to two expressways, two airports ... We have to think of the long-range effect ... It’s not that we’re destitute for cash,” Wagner said.

Hoppe said it should have worked. He said he has been working here since 1998. The building at 337 Main burned in 2003. He said the owner wanted to rebuild and couldn’t afford to – and that was 14 years ago.

“Someone is willing to build and it will be beautiful,” Hoppe said.

Jones said he hasn’t seen what it’s going to look like and Hoppe said they haven’t been through the site plan review and haven’t done the drawing.

“I would urge you not to make a decision because you think it’s not going to be as beautiful as you think it should be,” Hoppe said.

Priest said the town has a new high school and a new library is coming.

“Maybe we haven’t hit the top of our game yet,” Priest said.

“That school has been up five years,” Hoppe pointed out.

Wagner said this is the second exception requested for the project and who knows what other exception will be needed, such as parking.

Hoppe said that was true and, “I agree we’re asking for concessions. We’ve seen what happened at Michigan Avenue and Belleville Road, sucking the development away.”

He said they couldn’t afford a two-story building and they can’t find retail.

Renaud said he’s been here 17 years and only one building has gone up and some have gone down.

“We need something,” Renaud said. “Both businesses will bring people to downtown. We should seize this opportunity to get more buildings on Main Street.

“It’s not a huge lot – one-third of an acre. It may have parking-related issues...” Renaud said.

“Caused by our ordinance,” Hawkins said.

“It’s not all of our downtown,” Renaud said. “It’s one-third of an acre.”

“I’m afraid it will set a precedent,” Jones said.

“We have the opportunity to get a building built,” Hawkins said. “We’ll stick with the aesthetics we want.”

“We’re talking about an office that closes at 5 p.m.,” Jones said.

“All these retail stores are closing because shopping now is being done on line,” Juriga said. “That’s my concern.”

Hoppe said they first came to the city in December and there were reports in the paper, but retailers did not contact them.

Juriga said there was enough talking and so he made the motion to approve, which ended in a stalemate.

Antonelli said her current lease is up in June and this decision could cost Davenport a tenant.

The second Mitten representative said

Belle’s Resale found it’s hard for retail on Main Street and now is open only two days a week.

“New construction. The first in 17 years. I don’t understand why the community would put a stop on a beautiful building,” she said.

“Belleville’s losing another business,” said one of the disappointed Davenport representatives.

“It had no retail component at all,” Jones insisted.

Antonelli said she put in the popup shop to show Belleville what could be done and it was never for the money.

“I lost my ass in those popup shops,”

Antonelli said.

At the end of the meeting, Renaud said while he knows some of the members were standing on principle, “I think we did an injustice to three local businesses. I hope we don’t lose them.”

“It’s always good to have a spirited discussion,” Jones said.

Also at the March 9 meeting, Kollmeyer announced that Ron Akers, Van Buren Township’s director of planning and economic development, will be present at the April 17 regular meeting to talk about the Lake Ordinance recently passed by the township.



Photo courtesy ALDI

People were lined up around the new ALDI grocery store on Belleville Road two hours before it opened on March 9. The first 100 people at the store got bags of food items and other awards. The ribbon cutting was at 8:30 a.m. From left are Van Buren Township Trustee Reggie Miller, ALDI store manager Amy Defrank, ALDI District Manager Brittany Robichaud, Trustee Paul White, VBT Downtown Development Authority Assistant Executive Director Lisa Lothringer, an unidentified person, and VBT Trustee Sherry Frazier.

## VBT fire believed to be electrical

The house fire on Cumberland Drive in Van Buren Township on Jan. 14 is believed to have been started by electrical wiring in the garage, said VBT Fire Marshal David McNally. He said the insurance company investigation was leaning toward electrical

wiring, but he has yet to hear back with a final report. He said there was a car in the garage, but the fire started in a place away from the car. The home is in Country Walk subdivision, just off Martinsville Road.

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- Tuesday, March 21 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 22 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 27 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons
- Tuesday, March 28 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development

Authority (DDA) meeting at 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 6:30 p.m.

- Monday, April 3 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 4 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 5 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.
- Monday, April 10 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons

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Westfall has been the athletic director at Lincoln for five years where he also holds the position of head football coach. Along with being a member of the MIAAA, Westfall is an active member of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association. Lincoln High School is a member of the Southeast Conference (SEC) and Chris holds the position of league president.

Fellow SEC athletic director John Roberts has this to say about Westfall: "Chris does an outstanding job leading our 12-school conference through our monthly meetings and taking the lead on many issues that arise. He has done all of this while maintaining his role as the head football coach at Lincoln."

Nicole Holden, principal at Lincoln High School, offers the following support: "Mr. Westfall is a supportive and encouraging mentor for students and coaches. He is always willing to discuss ideas and concerns. He maintains strong relationships within the athletic community and advocates with skill for the SEC and Lincoln Consolidated Schools. Chris has been a pioneer for Lincoln's efforts to redefine our athletic department."

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# Storm

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runway and into a fence. There were 109 passengers and seven crew members on the plane. Some suffered bumps and bruises and there was one set of stitches.

The high winds had caused the air traffic control tower at Willow Run to evacuate and send control to the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. The Detroit airport frequently takes over air traffic control for the space, the FAA said.

The National Transportation Safety Board investigated at the scene and on Saturday the plane was removed from the field. The NTSB continues its investigation into the cause of the crash. The plane was operated by Ameristar Jet Charter, Inc.

The U of M passengers got to the playoffs just an hour before game time and won and on Sunday the team won again to capture the Big Ten Title.

It was a perfect storm for evergreen trees, said Belleville's DPW Director Rick Rutherford. He said with the mild winter temperatures not freezing the ground deeply, the saturated soil, and the shallow root balls of evergreens, the winds that gusted to 78 mph, knocked them down with ease. They were across roads and into houses and across tombstones and broke down a fence at Hillside Cemetery.

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara and Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Pete Kudlak set up a

warming center at Belleville High School's athletic department for those who were without power. This was in cooperation with the City of Belleville and Sumpter Township. The high school was a central location, Supervisor McNamara said. He said 30 people worked to get the shelter set up and let people know about it.

It was a warm place to stay with a microwave to use and people could take showers if they brought their own towels and soap. By Sunday afternoon, most of the power had been returned to local homes and people stopped coming to the shelter, so it closed, Supt. Kudlak said.

Those that stayed at home had a hard time, since temperatures dipped to the teens Friday night and into the week end. Then it started snowing on Monday morning and drivers were spinning out on Interstate 94 – one west of Haggerty eastbound at 7:20 a.m., a spinout in the median near Rawsonville Road at 7:56 a.m., and another spinout in eastbound traffic at the rest stop shortly thereafter. There were lots of vehicle accidents all morning.

Belleville's DPW Chief Rutherford said Mary Talaga in Belleville, a popular school crossing guard and widow of Belleville Fire Chief Tony Talaga, had three pines come down in her yard. She said she and Tony bought and planted the trees when they were little sticks about a foot tall.

In Sumpter there was a field fire reported at about 11 a.m. Wednesday on Bemis Road across from Regency Kennel and Belleville Fire Department was called as mutual aid. Then, Belleville FD was cancelled in route

because Sumpter FD found just a smoking field and put it out.

Belleville then proceeded to its call at 110 W. Wabash where multiple wires were down at a pine tree near a home. Then a pole with a transformer on it was reported as about to fall at 46333 Bemis.

Another transformer fell into the ditch at Robson and Belleville Road.

Meanwhile, Van Buren Township fire fighters were at several wires-down calls at

Beck and North I-94 Service Drive, Quirk Road, and Cadillac Asphalt on the North I-94 Service Drive.

A resident of Lighthouse Pointe apartments called to say half the complex was out of power and so the emergency lights didn't work and someone covered the electronic keyholes so everyone could get in.

On March 8, in the midst of the storm, a carport blew down behind the VBT hall and a pole fell on and demolished a car.



Independent photo by Bill Oztzman

On Saturday and Sunday a dozen or more trucks staged at Savage Elementary School parking lot to help DTE's effort to bring power back to 700,000 customers.

## Sumpter Planners to set up workshop to consider future land use

By Rosemary K. Oztzman  
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission will set a workshop session to consider future land use as part of the updated master plan being assembled.

At the commission's regular meeting March 9, zoning administrator Chris Atkin of Carlisle Wortman, said his firm has worked on the master plan for several years as the consultants changed.

Sumpter Trustee Matthew Oddy, who sits on the commission, said the work started in 2014 with Laura Kreps and then they were waiting for the results of the public survey.

"And, it snowballed from there," he said, noting the commission became occupied with other matters. Meanwhile, the consultant then changed to Matthew Lonnerstater and now to Atkin.

Atkin said he would check with the others about the status of the master plan work and see if things have changed since those parts were written.

"We probably can get this buttoned up quickly," he said.

He said the planning commission would make a recommendation to the township board and once the board approves there are some 60 days for surrounding communities to comment on Sumpter's plan.

"The clock starts ticking," he said.

Atkin said he would check things out with his coworkers and then propose a date for the workshop.

In other business in its half-hour meeting

March 9, the commission:

- Heard Atkin report he has forwarded the solar panel ordinance to township attorney Rob Young for review. He said he created it as a special land use in an Industrial district;

- Heard Oddy report that attorney Young is working at clarifying wording for the township's original marijuana ordinance now that the state has updates. "I thought it was simple," Oddy said, referring to changing details. "I thought it was pretty simple," he said. "Not when you give it to lawyers," noted Commissioner Jim Clark;

- Heard Oddy report he also asked attorney Young to get more information on the new medical marijuana law that goes into effect next Dec. 17. Oddy said he wanted to know how much money the township would get if it opted into having marijuana businesses in Sumpter. Atkin said every week he gets drop-ins and phone calls from people interested in a marijuana business in Sumpter; and

- Heard chairwoman Jane Stalmack ask if the township has ordinances on wind turbines and outdoor furnaces. Atkin said he would check.

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# VBT

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- Pulled the March 1 prepaid list out of the Consent Agenda and approved it separately, with the \$110 payment for a passport for Clerk Leon Wright removed. Supervisor McNamara said Clerk Wright asked that it be removed. Wright will reimburse the township for the cost. After discussion, Supervisor McNamara said Wright received a \$600 check from the Association of Wayne County Clerks to attend the conference. "I think he did a good job, but made a mistake," McNamara said;
- Approved the purchase of Dell EqualLogic Disk Storage Array out of the Information Technology Capital Outlay budget as part of the Consent Agenda;
- Heard Dawn Dayton, public relations person for the Van Buren Civic Fund, announce the fund had donated \$7,432.71 to Belleville High School for video equipment and \$4,800 to the Belleville Lacrosse Athletic Association for helmets and practice equipment. Members of the Civic Fund standing with her were Mark Laginess, Carol Thompson, Craig Atchinson, and Sharry Budd. Dayton said the Van Buren Civic Fund was started in 2004 with a donation from Visteon and the fund has granted \$450,000 to different local organizations since then. Trustee Sherry Frazier said the Civic Fund improves the quality of life in VBT. Dayton said the Civic Fund's annual fund raiser, the Detroit Tigers Alumni Softball Game, will be held May 30 on the field behind township hall;
- Presented Sophia Zoller with a framed proclamation honoring her work for the township on the event of her resignation as secretary from the VBT Downtown Development Authority, where she has served 28 years, from the beginning of the DDA when it first was seated on March 27, 1990. She had been secretary since March 1992. She also served on the Environmental Commission beginning in 1985. Zoller said she feels she should resign because, "It gets dark too quick" and she doesn't feel safe driving in the dark;
- Approved the reappointments of Craig Atchinson and Chris Brown and the appointment of Dawn Chappell to the DDA with terms to expire March 9, 2021;

- Approved the final reading of Ordinance 02-21-17 (1) to grant exclusive use and enjoyment of township owned property around Belleville Lake to the abutting property owners. Supervisor McNamara said there have been seven attempts to get ordinances passed for the lake and this has been "20 years in the making, at least";
- Approved the final reading of Ordinance 02-21-17 (2) to amend the VBT Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92 to add a new article regarding the Belleville Lake Shoreline Districts;
- Approved the final reading of Ordinance 02-21-17 (3) to amend the VBT Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92 to rezone those portions of township-owned Belleville Lake parcels that are located below the 655-foot contour line (1929 NGVD) or "Brow of the hill" to Belleville Lake Shoreline Districts;
- Heard Trustee Reggie Miller ask if the township could send a letter of thank you to all the members of the lake ordinance committee and McNamara said that was a good idea and they would;
- Approved the first reading of Ordinance 03-07-17 to amend and replace Ordinance 12-01-15 Article V – Coal Tar Products, Sec. 42-151 through 42-158, with new Article V – Coal Tar Products, Sec. 42-151 through 42-159. The amendments establish a lower PAH limit, a sealcoat applicator registration, and enforcement procedures. Treasurer Sharry Budd thanked the Environmental Commission for all their work on this coal tar ban and also the late David Wilson who initiated the ban. VBT was the first community in the state to ban coal tar sealants and soon others followed;
- Heard Treasurer Budd announce that there will be no drive-through dog clinic this year because they lost their veterinarian (Dr. Gerald Graf retired) and haven't got one to take his place. She said the dog licenses go on sale at the township on April 1;
- Heard John Delaney criticize, once again, the way the agenda was set up six years ago that allows people to talk about agenda items only before the agenda items are discussed by the board. People can't comment effectively if they don't know what is being presented, he said;
- Also heard Delaney ask about the fifth amendment to the landfill host agreement with Waste Management. McNamara said

they are negotiating and the township is hiring Plante Moran to review the Waste Management books for third-party validation of the dollars and tonnage involved at the Woodlands landfill. He said the township has used Freedom of Information Act requests of "pretty much" every landfill in the state and, "We will have the Bible on host agreements";

- Heard Ernie Tozer say the original host agreement states the golf course cannot be used for landfill or landfill-related use, but the fifth amendment to the agreement allows the landfill to expand there. McNamara said the township put in deed restrictions

and once the landfill is removed. "taxes immediately go to 9 mills, We pay five mills, they pay four... Landfills are a nuisance to me, but we can use the money to build things for the community." McNamara quoted former Trustee Jeff Jahr who said, "Landfill income has become a drug to this township." McNamara added that Canton spends its landfill money for amenities for the community and the residents pay high taxes." McNamara said most VBT residents want the landfill instead of higher taxes. "I'm sorry for the township," Tozer said. "I'm very disappointed."

## Employees thank school board for free classes at Pryde Athletics

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Five school employees thanked the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education for the wellness program they have been given since January 2016.

At Monday's school board meeting Abdul Madyun, Director of Human Resources, explained the district has been offering a few programs to employees to promote wellness and safety.

He said all employees have the option of attending two classes per week at Pryde Athletics in Belleville and it has been very well received. He said the district pays for the sessions.

He said 60 employees have signed up.

Five employees got up at various times throughout the board meeting to expand on how the exercise programs at Pryde have improved their lives and given them more energy. A paraprofessional said she lost more than 50 pounds.

"It's been a positive influence," Madyun said.

He also said 50 staff members have been trained so far in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) in a program in conjunction with Van Buren Township Recreation Department. Any employee interested may sign up and the daylong, Saturday training session is paid for by the school district.

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

- Heard a presentation by Savage Elementary School Principal Lisa Preuss and four teachers on new programs at the school to build a positive environment. She said the school now averages 95% monthly attendance rates. There was a long presentation and a video show on Class DoJo, a computer program free to teachers that includes students taking pictures of each other, teachers sending pictures of students home to their parents, and a focus on several moral teachings, such as persistence. Preuss said every grade and all the staff is involved in DoJo;
- Heard the first reading of about 60 pages of board policy updates. Most were changes mandated by changes in state law;
- Heard School Supt. Pete Kudlak

announce that James Williams, director of building and grounds, has two more bids to get for work to demolish the ECDC building and build a parking lot. Once the costs are in, the board can decide what it wants to do there;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak list his six goals, a part of the abbreviated evaluation process he is undergoing;

- Approved the hiring of Nicole Beckham as a Human Resources Specialist in the Administration Building as of March 15; Lynda Kime for Payroll in the Administration Building as of March 27; and Jane Stalmack as Special Projects Coordinator at the Administration Building as of March 13;

- Heard Trustee Sherry Frazier state that attorney bills for January have come in and they are \$30,691.75. She said taking this much away from the educational budget to pay attorneys is "shameful;"

- Heard a report from board member Kelly Owen on the BHS band that went to Indianapolis to perform with 59 other bands from across the country. Trustee Frazier noted that two of the BHS band members were named to the 2017 Honor Band of America;

- Heard a report from teacher Aaron Lange about the BHS Robotics Team that competed in St. Joseph, MI, the team's first competition since organizing. The rookie team was among the top 12 of the 40 teams competing. BHS won the Highest Rookie Seed Award and the Rookie Inspiration Award. "I never cheered for an inanimate object before," Lange said. The team's next competition is April 7-8 at Churchill High School in Livonia;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak announce that district individuals won medals in the recent Science Olympiad; and

- Heard the boys' basketball team won the district game on Friday and made it to the regionals where they lost to Romulus, 72-55. Also, the girls' team won the district title on March 3 and made it to regionals, where they lost in the regional final to Ann Arbor Huron.

Although it was noted on the agenda, a closed-door session to discuss lawsuit # 16-cv-11805 (Savage teachers vs. district) was not held.

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**Court Watching:**

# David Radecki bound over to circuit court on four counts

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Border Patrol agent and former Belleville assistant scoutmaster David Arthur Radecki, 38, has been bound over to circuit court for a March 24 arraignment on the information on two felony charges.

He is facing prosecution for criminal sexual conduct-2<sup>nd</sup> degree (person under 13) and accosting a child for immoral purposes. There are also two misdemeanor charges: aggravated indecent exposure and indecent exposure.

On Friday he was before 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley for his preliminary exam.

The alleged victim offered the only testimony before Judge Oakley ruled there was enough probable cause to bind over to the higher court. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Michelle Ann Jarczewski asked the judge to add an additional charge 750.142c2, but after the testimony, Judge Oakley denied the extra charge.

The exam that had been scheduled for 8:30 a.m. began around 8:40 and the judge gave an order to the *Independent*, the only media present, about suppressing the name of the victim and any details about the victim's identity.

Then Judge Oakley was presented with paperwork saying that Detroit media, which had been expected earlier, finally had arrived and wished permission to enter the courtroom and set up their cameras and microphones.

Judge Oakley denied any other media entering the courtroom since the exam had begun.

The boy, now 13, testified that he was a member of the Boy Scouts in Belleville and that Radecki was assistant scoutmaster. He said that on the day in question (Oct. 1, 2016) he was at the church (St. Anthony Catholic Church) with Radecki and some other scouts. He said Radecki called his mother to say that he wanted to take scouts to the Romulus Athletic Center pool.

The boy said he thought other scouts were coming along, but he was the only one with Radecki.

The boy said Radecki, as he drove, asked if the boy would change into his swimsuit in front of him. The boy said he didn't care, but asked if he could use a stall. He testified that Radecki sighed and said he'd be disappointed, so he changed in front of him in the locker room.

When they were in the pool, he said Radecki put his arms between his legs and flipped him over his shoulders in the water and Radecki's forearm touched his penis. That happened twice, he said.

Back in the locker room, he said he was asked to change in front of Radecki again

and he did. The boy said then Radecki asked how big he was and how much hair he had.

The boy said he showed him his penis after pulling his pants down. Then, he said, Radecki showed the boy his penis and it was erect. He said Radecki pulled it up to his stomach with his hands so he could see everything. Radecki said he shaves.

The boy said Radecki told him his penis was big for his age and he needed a shave.

The boy testified that Radecki told him his penis got hard because the boy looked at it.

The boy said afterward while driving in the car, Radecki said, "Don't tell anybody because I could lose my position, my family and my job."

"I didn't think anything of it. I wasn't going to tell," the boy said, adding it made him feel uncomfortable.

Radecki dropped the boy off at his mother's work. He said two men there made comments about the scout leader and the mother called Romulus Police.

Defense attorney David Jones conducted the cross examination and asked the boy if he felt uncomfortable only after the men made comments about Radecki and the boy said no.

Jones pointed out Radecki picked him up and took him to and from scout meetings at least four times because his mother didn't have transportation even though an adult scout leader isn't supposed to be alone with a scout and he could get in trouble. Jones said the boy had been alone with him at least eight times – coming and going – and he never made the boy feel uncomfortable before.

Jones said Radecki never used his hands to grab the boy and the boy agreed. The boy also agreed Radecki never put his hands down the boy's pants. His forearm touched his penis twice in the pool.

The scout leader and the boy regularly talked about girls, and school, and puberty, the boy said. Radecki also showed the boy some tricks on how to wrap a towel around his waist to keep covered while he changed into his trunks, but that didn't work, so Radecki held the towel up for him to change.

At this point, Jones asked for a sidebar with Judge Oakley and then asked anyone under 16 to leave the courtroom. Several young people left.

Jones continued his cross examination of the witness and the boy agreed he told Radecki he was uneasy about being uncircumcised and Radecki told him not to worry about it.

Jones said it is not unusual to see naked men in the shower room. The boy said he was not required to take showers at school.

Jones said Radecki showed the boy his penis, but he was holding it, saying he shaved, but not stroking it. The boy agreed.

Jones said the two changed in opposite corners of the locker room and, "He never put his hands on you, did he?" The boy said he didn't.

After they were done at the pool, Radecki took the boy to Applefest and there they saw Radecki's wife and daughters. "You asked to stay overnight at their house," Jones said, and the boy said he didn't.

Prosecutor Jarczewski asked the witness if Radecki said the boy could spend the night, but his wife and kids wouldn't be back until 11 p.m. The boy said that was true and that he didn't want to stay the night.

The boy also agreed they talked about the size of their organs in the locker room.

Jones said that the man and boy talked

about puberty many times and the boy asked what a normal-size penis for a boy his age was and Radecki said he would check.

Jones gave his reasons why Radecki shouldn't be bound over and said, "I think this case is a huge over-reach."

After he bound him over for trial, Judge Oakley continued Radecki's bond and his tether.

Radecki is a former Belleville resident and 1997 graduate of Belleville High School. He most recently resided in Livonia with his wife and two daughters.

Romulus Detective Harkins is the officer in charge of the case, but Detective Kelly Fragodt filled in for her at this session.

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# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 7, 2017

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Executive Assistant Selman, Economic Development Director Akers and Deputy Director Best, DDA Director Ireland and an audience of twenty three.

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** White moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. [Work Study Session minutes of February 21, 2017, Board Meeting minutes of February 21, 2017, Prepaid List of February 24, 2017, Voucher List of March 7, 2017, Approval of the purchase of Dell EqualLogic Disk Storage Array approved in the Information Technology Capital Outlay budget.] Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Representative of the Van Buren Civic Fund presented a grant to Belleville High School in the amount of \$7,432.71 for video equipment and to the Lacrosse team in the amount of \$4800 for safety equipment. Proclamation to Sophie Zoller for 28 years of service as a member of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and numerous years of service to the community.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Resident expressed opposition to international travel, passport expense, and placement of the public comment section on the agenda.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Budd, seconded by Martin to approve the March 1, 2017 prepaid list noting the Clerk will reimburse the Township for the passport. Motion Carried. Board members expressed a desire to review the travel policy.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Frazier to approve the re-appointments of Craig Atchinson and Chris Brown and the appointment of Dawn Chappell to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) with terms to expire March 9, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Frazier, seconded by Budd to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 02-21-17 (1) an Ordinance to grant the exclusive use and enjoyment of Township owned property around Belleville Lake to the abutting property owners. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried. This Ordinance will grant the exclusive use and enjoyment of Township owned property around Belleville Lake to the abutting property owners. The area is delimited by the Zoning Ordinance 02-21-17 (2) which addresses where the specific exclusive use boundaries are. The property owner shall maintain the lake property in compliance with all existing applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Budd to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 02-21-17 (2) an Ordinance to amend the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 to add a new article regarding the Belleville Lake Shoreline Districts. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried. This Ordinance adds language to the Township's Zoning Ordinance with regards

to the regulation of physical improvements made to the Township owned property around Belleville Lake. It also offers protections to the abutting property owners by grandfathering existing structures and establishes separate regulations for property abutting single family home (BLA zoning district) and multi-family/commercial properties (BLB zoning district). Motion by Martin, seconded by Miller to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 02-21-17 (3) an Ordinance to amend the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 to rezone those portions of Township owned Belleville Lake parcels that are located below the 655-foot contour line (1929 NGVD) or "Brow of the hill" to Belleville Lake Shoreline Districts. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried. This Ordinance amends the Township's Zoning Map to incorporate the BLA (shoreline abutting single family homes) and BLB (shoreline abutting multi-family/commercial properties). Motion by Budd, seconded by White to approve the first reading Ordinance 3-7-17 to amend and replace Ordinance 12-1-15 Article V-Coal Tar Products, Sec. 42-151 through 42-158, with new Article V-Coal Tar Products, Sec. 42-151 through 42-159. Motion Carried. Changes to the Ordinance will include a lower PAH limit, sealcoat applicator registration and enforcement procedures.

Motion by White, seconded by Miller to approve the special land use request by Menard, Inc. to construct a home improvement store with outdoor sales and storage of landscaping and home improvement supplies at parcel V-125-83-061-99-0005-721. Motion Carried. Menards, Inc. had received special land use approval February 17, 2015 but did not commence construction as required and therefore must complete the re-approval process.

**REPORTS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Announcements included: The Township is being awarded a grant from the Wayne County Mental Health Agency in the amount of fifty thousand for a Youth Summer Jobs program, the Detroit Pistons will be at Fire Station #2 on Belleville Rd. March 10, 2017 from 11-12 a.m., the Parks and Recreation Department received a thirty thousand dollar grant for the Iron Bell Trail which will run through the community on Huron River Dr. from the City of Belleville to the Huron Clinton Metro Park, Wayne County has awarded a grant in the amount of three hundred thousand to be shared with Huron Township, City of Belleville, Garden City and Sumpter Township for housing rehab for low to moderate income families, a drive thru dog clinic will not occur in 2017 because a veterinarian is not available to provide the service, the Van Buren Civic Fund will host Play Ball 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Detroit Tigers alumni soft ball game on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at noon 46425 Tyler Rd no admission fee to attend the game and Aldi's will open Thursday March 9, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 8:30 a.m.

**NON-AGENDA:** Comments included: request to include public comment during discussion on business items, opposition to the proposed 5<sup>th</sup> amendment to the host community agreement and desire to investigate possible methane gas revenues.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Miller moved, White seconded to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk  
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor  
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## Court Watching:

# Judge Oakley dismisses case brought from Flat Rock by Huron Police

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

On March 8, a witness was testifying about how the defendant had smashed her head into the wall, punched her in the face, and kicked her repeatedly around the body, until her four-year-old child asked him to stop hurting Mommy and he stopped.

When Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Hillary Zizu mentioned the address of the trailer in which it happened, 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley stopped the testimony in the preliminary exam..

"We don't do Flat Rock," Judge Oakley told Assistant Prosecutor Zizu. "I have no jurisdiction in Flat Rock."

The prosecutor said a portion of the City of Flat Rock is covered by Huron Township Police.

Judge Oakley said that may be, but 34<sup>th</sup> District Court doesn't cover Flat Rock. He said he traveled the 34<sup>th</sup> court district when he was running for reelection and talking to voters and he knows exactly where the boundaries are.

Suspect Fedal Lamont Beasley's defense attorney Adam Devlin promptly made a motion to dismiss the case for proper venue and Judge Oakley granted the motion.

Beasley had been in the Wayne County Jail on charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and domestic violence.

The charges could be refiled by the Monroe County Prosecutor.

### Thomas Gottschalk

Thomas Gottschalk got a plea deal on his charge of assault on Dec. 17 in Van Buren Township and pled guilty to a lesser misdemeanor charge of aggravated domestic violence. His attorney Brian Prain had worked out a deal for a 769.4a (conditional) sentence and if that turns out not to be possible by them finding some charge in his client's background, he would like to withdraw the plea and Judge Oakley agreed.

Gottschalk told Judge Oakley he touched Helen Gottschalk in an offensive manner that caused injury requiring medical attention. Judge Oakley sentenced him to 18 months of probation, with no contact with the victim, and a 52-week domestic violence course. He was sent to the probation department to work out the details of his sentence.

VBT Det. Ken Toney was the officer in charge of the case.

### John Michael Nichols

John Michael Nichols waived his preliminary exam on a charge of operating while intoxicated-3<sup>rd</sup> in VBT and was bound over to circuit court for a March 22 arraignment on the information.

Retained defense attorney is Brian Stacey and officer in charge of the case is VBT Officer Mike Long.

### Joshua Lee Morris

The preliminary exam date for Joshua Lee Morris, 24, was adjourned until March 29. He is facing a felony charge of reckless driving causing death in VBT. His attorney is Murray Duncan and officer in charge of the case is Det. Mark Buxton.

Morris is free on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond.

### Stephen Peter Kovach

Stephen Peter Kovach, 63, was present for his probable cause conference on charges of operating while intoxicated-3<sup>rd</sup>, driving while license suspended, driving with open intoxicant in the vehicle, and operating a motor vehicle without security (no fault insurance).

His retained attorney Murray Duncan asked for an adjournment of the probable cause conference until March 29 and that was granted.

Officer in charge of the case is Belleville Officer Jeff Wickham. Kovach is free after posting \$15,000/10% bond.

### Samuel Parvu

Samuel Parvu took a plea deal, pleading guilty to a new charge of impaired driving and having his operating while intoxicated (with a controlled substance) charge dismissed. This happened on Rawsonville Road at I-94 on Sept. 15, 2015. Judge Parrott put him on \$1,000 personal recognizance bond.

Parvu told the judge he used to live on Henry Street and now lives in Garden City. Judge Oakley directed him to the probation department for pre-sentence interviews.

### Charles Martin III

Charles Martin III took a plea deal to plead guilty to use of cocaine, a misdemeanor, and the possession of cocaine felony charge was dismissed. This incident was Dec. 30, 2015 on Huron River Drive in VBT.

He told Judge Oakley his father hired defense attorney Stephen Moss, who is very good. Jason Moss was standing in for Stephen and Martin said Jason was very good, too.

Martin said he had a heart attack and he just left Sacred Heart after the 14 days of treatment his insurance would cover and after court he will be entering another facility. He was in jail for one night in the VBT lockup on Tyler Road. Since February he has been out on bond from a similar charge in Washtenaw County.

Judge Oakley put him on 12 months of non-reporting probation and 50 hours of community service by June 1. Court cost is \$500.

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# Adam McGrath among The Citadel's 2018 Summerall Guards

CHARLESTON, SC -- Earning the title Summerall Guard is one of the highest honors that can be achieved by a member of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets at The Citadel.

Each winter, cadets who are juniors endure weeks of rigorous physical training and drilling in an attempt to be named a member of the famous platoon for their senior year.

Consisting of 61 members, all of the Summerall Guards were chosen for their physical stamina and drill proficiency. The platoon's purpose is to exemplify, through a unique series of movements based on the

old German close-order drill, the exactness and thoroughness with which a cadet is trained. The drill, which has never been written down, is performed to a silent count. Each year's platoon takes responsibility for teaching the precise drill to the upcoming unit.

Adam McGrath of Belleville was among 60 other cadets selected to the Class of 2018 Summerall Guards.

Membership is considered a high honor at the military college. Created in 1932, this unit has performed nationally at Disney World, the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., Mardi Gras in New Orleans and St. Patrick's Day in Savannah, Ga. The platoon is named for General Charles P. Summerall, former Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army and Citadel president from 1931 until 1953.

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN SENIOR SPECIALIST JOB OPENING

Van Buren Township Senior Center is looking for a Creative and Energetic Individual with A Personality to match.

Part-Time

Hourly Pay: \$10.00

Go to <http://vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted/>

For full details

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## City of Belleville Public Notice

### City of Belleville REFUSE PICK-UP SET OUT TIME



Per Belleville City Ordinance 01-013 of the Code of Ordinances specifies that **"no trash containers shall be placed at the curbside prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day preceding the scheduled collection day"**.

Penalty for violation is a misdemeanor Punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or imprisonment not to exceed 90 days.

Sherri Scharf  
City Clerk

Publish: March 16, 2017

## City of Belleville Public Notice

### PUBLIC NOTICE City of Belleville's Use of 2017 Community Development Block Grants



The City of Belleville expects to receive \$57,000 in year 2017 CDBG funds. Projects must meet HUD regulations and Wayne County's program guidelines. A public hearing was held on March 6, 2017 to receive comments on proposed uses of these funds.

At the March 6, 2017 City Council meeting, after considering the input from the public hearing, the City Council determined to use the 2017 CDBG funds to meet the City's program objective by funding projects and programs as follows:

#### 1. Senior and Disabled Citizens Services

Location: city-wide

Activity: senior and disabled program services

Amount:	Senior Chore Services	\$ 1,000
	Senior Transportation	9,830
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,830</b>

#### 2. Barrier Free Improvements

Location: city-wide

Activity: ADA Evaluation & Modifications

Amount:		\$40,470
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,470</b>

#### 3. Program Administration

Strategic Planning

		\$5,700
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,700</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$57,000</b>
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This notice is being published in compliance with CDBG regulations.

Sherri  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN JOB VACANCY

**Starting Hourly Wage: \$16.12**

#### General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for a Water Worker I.

Detailed information can be found on the Van Buren Township website.

[www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted](http://www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted)

Only Qualified Applicants Need Apply

#### SELECTION PROCESS

Must successfully complete the written assessment testing as well as an oral interview and background survey.

The Charter Township of Van Buren is an equal opportunity employer.

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# David C. Brown, Shelly Brown Chudzinski earn CFSP recertification

David C. Brown and Shelly Ann Brown-Chudzinski, funeral directors with David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville, have recently qualified for re-certification for the designation of Certified Funeral Service Practitioner by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice.

A number of professions grant special recognition to members upon completion of specified academic and professional programs and "CFSP" is funeral service's national individual recognition.

A select few have distinguished themselves among their peers within the funeral service profession as they continue their education to exceed the highest standards of care.

This achievement is especially notable because David and Shelly have voluntarily elected to participate in quality educational

and service opportunities that far surpass what the funeral service licensing board in Michigan requires.

David and Shelly have committed to a program of lifelong learning to serve families in their community with the level of excellence expected of a CFSP.

Since its 1976 founding, the Academy has had as its goals: 1) to recognize those practitioners who have voluntarily entered into a program of personal and professional growth, 2) to raise and improve the standards of funeral service and 3) to encourage practitioners to make continuing education a lifelong process in their own self-interest, the interest of the families they serve, and the community in which they serve.

To initially receive this award, the

practitioner must complete a 180-hour program of continuing education activities and events. In addition, the practitioner is required to accumulate 20 hours per year to recertify. Credits are awarded by the Academy for work leading to personal and/or professional growth in four areas:

academic activities, professional activities, career review (for retroactive credit), and community and civic activities.

The Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice is based in Buchanan, GA.

## Keystone ranks first of all 83 NHA schools in 'likelihood to reenroll'

The 83 schools across the country which are run by National Heritage Academies of Grand Rapids requires Voice of the Parent surveys each year.

This year, Keystone Academy of Belleville ranked first of the 83 schools in the "likelihood to reenroll" question

to parents. Eighty-nine percent of the Keystone parents gave a positive reply.

At the Keystone Academy school board meeting on Jan. 19, Keystone Principal Ketura Godfrey reported that parents also ranked Keystone high in other questions:

- Satisfied with updates I receive about my child's academic progress, #3 in the company;
- My child's classrooms are orderly, caring and safe, #4 in the company;
- Principals and teachers are accessible to discuss my concerns, also #4 in the company;
- School has high expectations for my child, 88%, #5 in the company.

Principal Godfrey also reported a staff survey on cellphones that gave high scores to: Purpose (92%), Trust (89%), School and Culture (88%), Safety (87%), Growth and Empowerment (85%), and Recognition and Feedback (83%).

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF COAL TAR PRODUCTS ORDINANCE NO. 3-7-17

#### NOTICE OF POSTING

A first reading of a General Code Ordinance 3-7-17 to protect the public health, safety, welfare and preservation of natural resources and wildlife in the township by prohibiting the use of coal tar products. Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:00 p.m. regular Board of Trustees meeting to be held on March 21, 2017 in the Board Room, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

### AN ORDINANCE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE AND PRESERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP BY PROHIBITING THE USE OF COAL TAR PRODUCTS.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ("Township"), COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

**Section 42-151 PURPOSE.** To prohibit the use and sale of pavement sealant products containing >0.1% Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) by weight, including coal tar based sealer in the Township of Van Buren in order to protect, restore, and preserve the quality of its waters and protect the health of its residents.

**Section 42-152 DEFINITIONS.** The addition of definitions specific to the Pavement Sealant Industry and this ordinance.

**Section 42-153 PROHIBITIONS ON USE OF COAL TAR PRODUCTS.** Sets the restrictions on Pavement Sealants with a Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon (PAH) content greater than 0.1%.

**Section 42-154 REGISTRATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR COMMERCIAL APPLICATORS.** Established that all commercial pavement sealant applicators must register with the Township's Building Department in order to apply pavement sealant in the Township.

**Section 42-155 ASPHALT BASED SEALCOAT PRODUCTS.** Lowers the allowable PAH limit from 1.0% to 0.1%.

**Section 42-156 PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT.** Establishes fines and the ability for the Township to request an injunction/equitable relief for violations of this ordinance.

**Section 42-157 SEVERABILITY.** In the event that any one or more sections, provisions, phrases or words of this article shall be found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity or the enforceability of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases or words of this article.

**Section 42-158 CONFLICTS.** If any provision of this article conflicts with any provision of any other township general ordinance or zoning ordinance, the most restrictive provision shall apply.

**Section 42-159 EFFECTIVE DATE.** The provisions of this article shall take effect upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the township.

The complete text of the proposed ordinance is available at the Township Clerk's Office located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111 during regular Business Hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Date of Publication: March 16, 2017

## Public Notice

### COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

On September 28, 2016, the State Board of Nursing indefinitely suspended the license of Katherine M. Becknam Barnes, PA license no. RN534676, of Belleville, MI, based on her conviction of a felony and a crime of moral turpitude.

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### City of Belleville Public Notice



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. at J&M Towing, 5760 Belleville Road, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle will be held:

2004 Pontiac, Four-Door, VIN: 2G2WP522741139834

Belleville Police Department  
6 Main Street  
Belleville, Michigan 48111  
By Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Date: March 13, 2017

Publish: March 16, 2017



# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*Out of the 474 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.*

**Sunday, March 5:**  
0928 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.  
1004 – suicidal person, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1116 – fraud, Van Allen Ave.  
1258 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
1308 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1441 – shooting, Elwell Rd.  
1444 – mental subject, Ecorse Rd.  
1452 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1516 – narcotics crime, Country Walk Blvd. / Savage Rd.  
1540 – mental subject, Ecorse Rd.  
1808 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1828 – larceny, Winchester St.  
2049 – family trouble, Denton Rd.  
2135 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
2147 – suspicious person/vehicle, Stonebridge Dr. / Solitude Ln.  
2204 – narcotics crime, Denton Rd.  
**Monday, March 6:**  
0205 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.  
0446 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martz Rd.  
0658 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1114 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.  
1506 – malicious destruction of property, Martz  
1611 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1629 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1707 – fraud, Victoria St.  
1755 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1757 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1853 – family trouble, Mantauck Ct.  
1937 – suicidal person, W. Archwood Dr.  
2058 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
2139 – domestic, Denton Rd.  
**Tuesday, March 7:**  
0110 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0421 – threat, Belleville Rd.  
0513 – robbery, Parkwood Dr.  
0818 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan Rd. / Visteon Way  
0915 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.  
0915 – malicious destruction of property, Monroe Ct.  
1224 – suspicious person/vehicle, Country Ln.  
1220 – property damage accident, Michigan Service Dr./Cemetery Rd.  
1329 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Sunset Ln.  
1452 – repossession, Rawsonville Rd.  
1558 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Purple Sage Ct. / Sage Cir.  
1631 – fight, Maple Dr.  
1834 – property damage accident, Westlake  
2013 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville  
2031 – family trouble, W. Huron River Dr.  
2044 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.  
2102 – property damage accident, NB I-275 / Ecorse Rd.  
2243 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service / Southport  
2322 – noise complaint, Cherry Ln.  
**Wednesday, March 8:**  
0424 – suspicious person/vehicle, Locust Dr.  
0446 – civil matter, Barnwell Dr.  
0733 – larceny, Sumpter Rd.  
0825 – property damage accident, Haggerty / Van Born  
0852 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Martinsville Rd.  
1106 – road hazard, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.  
1111 – ordinance violation, Pebblebrook Dr.  
1111 – ordinance violation, Wildbrook Dr.  
1227 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.  
1310 – abandoned auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1443 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1500 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd.  
1502 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1634 – assist other dept., Willow Run Airport  
1714 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.  
1932 – abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.

1947 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2001 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.  
2127 – holdup alarm, Belleville Rd.  
**Thursday, March 9:**  
0025 – trespassing, S. Cumberland Dr.  
0938 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1048 – civil matter, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1127 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Dellor St.  
1157 – trespassing, Elwell Rd.  
1243 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.  
1537 – lost property/child, Ecorse Rd.  
1632 – fraud, Harbor Ln.  
1636 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1723 – threat, Haggerty Rd.  
1748 – suspicious person/vehicle, Monroe Ct.  
1749 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.  
1851 – fight, Quirk Rd.  
2112 – suspicious person/vehicle, Berkdale Dr.  
2156 – shooting, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2227 – personal injury accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.  
2258 – domestic, Rogers Ave.  
**Friday, March 10:**  
0007 – civil matter, N. Timberview Dr.  
0058 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0637 – personal injury accident, Quirk Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0642 – personal injury accident, Quirk Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0749 – civil matter, Hamilton St.  
0850 – larceny, Lake Villa Dr.  
1207 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.  
1211 – personal injury accident, EB I-94/Belleville  
1256 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1346 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1443 – abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd./Visteon Way  
1450 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Rd.  
1703 – animal complaint, Harbour Pointe Ct.  
1720 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1727 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1854 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2013 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Daisy Blvd.  
2042 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr.  
2130 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
2228 – family trouble, Oak Ln.  
2308 – suspicious person/vehicle, Dalton Dr.  
**Saturday, March 11:**  
0209 – assault & battery, Walden Ct.  
0341 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse Rd. / Sheldon Rd.  
0401 – shooting, Parkwood Dr.  
0739 – hospice death, Sawgrass Ct.  
0807 – personal injury accident, Van Born Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.  
0823 – suspicious person/vehicle, Union St.  
1028 – assault & battery, Van Buren St.  
1141 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1852 – family trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
2002 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.  
Also on this week’s log are 120 traffic stops, with 30 of them being on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, March 5:**  
0822 – intrusion alarm, Carmell St.  
1548 – parking complaint, Breakwater Dr. / Harbour Pointe Dr.  
2044 – assist other department, Main St./Third St.  
2237 – suspicious person/vehicle, Potter Dr. / E. Huron River Dr.  
**Monday, March 6:**  
0017 – property check, Church St.  
0835 – found property/child, Henry St.  
1019 – misc. complaint, McBride  
1404 – warrant arrest, Main St.  
1508 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1518 – property damage accident, Citizens Bank  
1724 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.  
2353 – traffic offense, Main St.  
**Tuesday, March 7:**  
0057 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
0529 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.

1040 – intrusion alarm, S. Aberdeen Ct.  
1053 – malicious destruction of property, N. Biggs  
1449 – traffic offense, Davis/Sumpter  
1651 – abandoned auto, S. Aberdeen Ct.  
**Wednesday, March 8:**  
0027 – parking complaint, Carmell St.  
0458 – assist other dept., W. Huron River Dr.  
0823 – lost property/child, W. Columbia Ave.  
1103 – civil matter, Church St.  
1138 – assist fire dept., W. Wabash Ave.  
1155 – assist fire dept., Montague  
1223 – assist fire dept., Second St.  
1438 – civil matter, Anaheim St.  
1450 – traffic offense, Owen St./Sumpter Rd.  
1455 – road hazard, Main St.  
1659 – trespassing, S. Industrial Park Dr.  
1743 – intrusion alarm, Carmell St.  
1811 – malicious destruction of property, Hillside  
2005 – fight, Carmell St.  
**Thursday, March 9:**  
0022 – malicious destruction of property, N. Liberty St./E. Huron River Dr.  
0118 – parking complaint, Carmell St.  
0312 – intrusion alarm, Main St.  
1032 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.  
1327 – larceny, Harbour Pointe sub  
1656 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.  
1913 – assist citizen, Santa Clara St.  
2020 – welfare check, South St.  
**Friday, March 10:**  
0050 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.  
0146 – parking complaint, Carmell St.  
0244 – parking complaint, Catulpa Ct.  
0251 – parking complaint, Oxford Ct.  
0858 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Main St.  
1018 – assist fire dept., Third St.  
1713 – disorderly, Goofy’s  
2232 – civil matter, N. Liberty Apt. 7  
**Saturday, March 11:**  
0035 – parking complaint, Carmell St.  
0045 – suspicious person/vehicle, Industrial Park Dr./Sumpter Rd.  
0058 – parking complaint, Carmell St.  
0117 – suspicious person/vehicle, Madelon St. / Roland St.  
1035 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.  
2355 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
Also on this week’s log are 55 traffic stops.

# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, March 5:**  
0923 – trespassing complaint, 27000 bl. Karr Rd.  
0955 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1308 – trespassing complaint, Martinsville/Arkona  
1331 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1531 – suspicious vehicle, 42000 bl. Willis Ct.  
1733 – fire dept. assist, California  
1741 – animal complaint, 7000 bl. Oakville Waltz  
1907 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.  
**Monday, March 6:**  
0102 – assist other agency, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.  
0813 – fraud complaint, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
0818 – suspicious vehicle, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1034 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1045 – well-being check, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1051 – suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1052 – property damage accident, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1146 – threats complaint, 8300 bl. Rawsonville  
1442 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township  
1551 – juvenile complaint, Wayside  
2127 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2323 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.  
**Tuesday, March 7:**  
0004 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
0205 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0833 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Judd  
1248 – death investigation, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1315 – animal complaint, Harris/Martinsville  
1329 – subpoena service, 18000 bl. Martinsville  
1416 – assist other agency, Edgewood  
1731 – subpoena service, 18000 bl. Martinsville  
2101 – violation public health code, Tamarack  
2113 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
**Wednesday, March 8:**  
0855 – runaway juvenile, Rustic Ln.  
0948 – alarm, 39000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1019 – juvenile complaint, Carriage Ln.

1118 – traffic hazard, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1157 – traffic hazard, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1230 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1315 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1348 – well-being check, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1452 – fire dept. assist, Redwood  
1543 – down wires, Judd/Dale  
1733 – subpoena service, 18000 bl. Haggerty  
1835 – warrant arrest, Edgewood  
1839 – traffic hazard, Carleton West/Wear  
1856 – assist other agency, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1908 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Sherwood  
1950 – alarm, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2146 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2240 – subpoena service, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
2247 – subpoena service, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
**Thursday, March 9:**  
0535 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0538 – 911 hang up, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
0653 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0808 – down wires, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0841 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0931 – animal complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville  
0937 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0952 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1019 – suspicious incident, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1142 – down wires, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1513 – subpoena service, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1604 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1727 – warrant arrest, Edgewood  
1805 – well-being check, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1844 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1948 – suspicious vehicle, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
2147 – civil dispute, Edgewood  
2357 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
**Friday, March 10:**  
0214 – disorderly person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0742 – property damage accident, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.  
0744 – abandoned vehicle, Willow/Sherwood  
0910 – animal complaint, 6700 bl. Oakville Waltz  
1106 – malicious destruction of property, Magnolia  
1119 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1127 – assault, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1221 – dumping complaint, Elwell/Willow  
1414 – citizen assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1428 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1444 – well-being check, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1627 – well-being check, Willow/Sumpter  
1638 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Bemis  
1842 – well-being check, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1933 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2014 – suspicious vehicle, 8200 bl. Rawsonville  
2105 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.  
2141 – alarm, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
**Saturday, March 11:**  
0256 – suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0833 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1255 – fire dept. assist, Colorado  
1258 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1436 – suspicious vehicle, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1650 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1828 – citizen assist, Martinsville/Willis  
1841 – juvenile complaint, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2127 – civil dispute, Redwood Ct.  
2235 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.  
2322 – assist other agency, out of township  
2333 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
Also on this week’s log are 13 follow-up investigations, 43 miscellaneous details, 192 patrol checks, and 60 traffic stops.

# September Days needs players for Pinochle, Dominos, Penny Bingo

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The Cabaret program features chorus members in solo, duet, and ensemble versions of pop, oldies, show tunes and more. Although the concert is free, donations

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