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Many of the First Ladies posed for a picture before Saturday's presentation of "First Ladies of the White House" at the Van Buren Eagles. In the back row, from left, are Kathy Graham as Eleanor Roosevelt, Fay Taylor as Bess Truman, Sherrie Wasen as Betty Ford, Shelli Gueli as Julia Gardener Tyler, Jeanette Quackenbush as Harriet Lane, Diane Cullen as Nancy Reagan, Roseanne Ogger as Edith K. C. Roosevelt, Rachel Koslowski as Rachel Jackson, Kay Pickup as Laura Bush, Diane Moore as Sarah Childress Polk, Roxanne Deverich as Mary Todd Linclon, Virginia Truran as Barbara Bush, Patty Wessling as Lucretia Garfield, Nancy Godard as Julia Dent Grant, Tela Fountain as Melania Trump, Kathy Foscolo as Grace Coolidge, and Sue Koehler as Dolly Madison. In front, from left, are Gloria Dougherty as Mamie Eisenhower, Nancy Shrove as Abigail Fillmore, Kathy Smith as Ida McKinley, Eileen Graham as Helen Taft, Omana West as Michelle Obama, and Gayle Bellamy as Martha Washington.

Eagles get a sold-out house for lively lesson in American history

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

There was sex and violence and several assassinations as part of Saturday's American history lesson at Van Buren Eagles #3996. It was a sold-out house.

"First Ladies of the White House" featured costumed women playing 32 First Ladies, 17 men playing presidents, and 13 speakers taking turns reading details of the lives of the First Ladies. The two-hour, lively show ended with everybody holding hands and singing "God Bless America."

Ginger Bruder, a Willis resident, said she has always loved history and Ohio is her home state. She said she'd been thinking about doing a presentation on the First Ladies of the United States and last November she got serious about it.

A lot of presidents had lived in Ohio, so she and her husband Keith Bruder visited several presidential homes, libraries, and museums in Ohio to get fresh information for the show. They even had a private tour of the home of President Warren G. Harding in Marion, Ohio.

Many of the facts shared at the show were new to history buffs, with one infidelity being recently confirmed with DNA testing, Bruder said.

"People thought Bill Clinton was bad," said Bruder, pointing out several of the presidents were womanizers.

"Martha Washington" was played by Gayle Bellamy and her story included information that George Washington had a "wandering eye."

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

During the break in Saturday's two-hour production of "First Ladies of the White House" at the Van Buren Eagles, pausing for a photo, from left, were guests Van Buren Township Trustee Sherry Frazier and Belleville attorney Barbara Miller. They joined actor Keith Bruder (in his costume as John Wilkes Booth) and script writer and producer Ginger Bruder.

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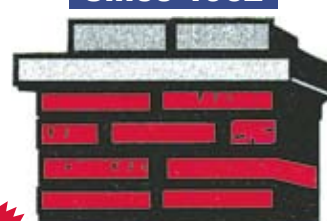
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

School Board tables McBride paving contract

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After about an hour and a half of discussion on Monday, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education tabled any action on an “incompatible in office” charge against Trustee Sherry Frazier that affects the paving of McBride Road.

Although the board had already voted to take \$90,000 out of the general fund for its share of paving of McBride in front of the middle school, School Supt. Pete Kudlak has delayed signing the contract with Van Buren Township because it could be illegal to do so since Trustee Frazier also serves on the VBT Board of Trustees.

Supt. Kudlak said the contract is ready to be signed by the district and should have been signed a week and a half earlier to stay within the tight schedule set up by the township for the project. Since an 80% grant of \$750,000 by Wayne County was at stake, the work on McBride has to be completed this construction season or the money goes back to the county.

“I didn’t want to sign until this was straightened out,” Kudlak said.

Kudlak said the district already has an attorney opinion from its law firm Collins Blaha saying serving on both boards causes an incompatibility since a contract is involved. Another attorney was invited to address the board on the subject.

Attorney Brad Banasik, who works for the Michigan Association of School Boards in Labor Relations and Policy, gave a long presentation on Public Act 566 of 1978 that addresses conflict of issue questions. He pointed out there are about 20 exceptions to the law.

Banasik told the board being legally incompatible is a big conflict. Abstaining and disclosure does not solve the problem, he said, adding removal from one of the two offices is necessary.

He said when there are competing interests between two offices it is a breach of duty of public office.

Banasik said an individual couldn’t legally challenge Frazier’s position on two boards, but someone could go to the county prosecutor or attorney general and a warrant could be issued.

He said acts taken by the board with an invalid member are not valid.

“Why did the township let her run, if it wasn’t legal?” asked Trustee Simone Pinter.

“We didn’t have a contract then,” Kudlak said.

“You cannot correct an incompatible office,” Banasik insisted.

“I abstained from both votes [in the township and at the school board],” Trustee Frazier said. “We’re not competing

to pave the road ... Wayne County is at the center...”

She said they are not even at the point of having public hearings on the special assessment district for other property owners on McBride. She said they are being asked to assess themselves \$500 a year for five years or so.

“I would like to see the contract,” Frazier said. “Van Buren Township is just acting as a facilitator.”

Frazier asked what if the homeowners pull out of the SAD and the deal doesn’t go through.

Kudlak said the township said it has 65% of the property owners who have signed the petition.

Banasik told Frazier, “When you abstain, you’re breaching your duty of office.”

Frazier pointed out that board president Keith Johnston told her she would abstain in the vote on McBride and she did.

“I left the room when it was discussed at the township,” Frazier said. “I have reached out to the attorney general and prosecutor and I have not heard back.

“Who’s going to question my action?” Frazier asked. “I’m not making any money on it. The township’s not making any money on it.”

“You can’t be on both sides of a contract,” Banasik said.

“A lot of things could still fall through,” Kudlak said. He asked if Frazier had to resign from one or the other post before the contract is in place and Banasik said that point comes when the board is asked to vote on the contract.

Kudlak said the board voted on that already and Frazier abstained.

“We’ve had bad advice from attorneys in the past,” Frazier said. “It’s an interpretation.

“I don’t want to quit,” Frazier said. “I was brought up if I start something I finish it. Do you think the county prosecutor would enforce this?”

“Somebody who might oppose the assessment could go to the prosecutor,” Banasik said.

“If it falls through, then she steps down,” Pinter suggested. She said by the time the county acts on it everything would be over.

“I didn’t even think I’d get elected,” Frazier said of her run in the township. “I did get through the primary and in November I had the clerk call the attorney general and he said there was no conflict of interest because I was representing two different entities.”

Trustee Susan Featheringill said they could subtract one vote if it had been a 4-3 vote on the paving, but it wasn’t. The rest of the board all agreed.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Members of the Belleville High School Robotics Club and their teachers posed for a picture after demonstrating their robot to the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education at Monday’s meeting. Their robot spit out the \$7,200 check from the Van Buren Civic Fund that will pay for a robotics class at McBride Middle School. At left are members of the Civic Fund: Sharry Budd, Craig Atchinson, and Carol Thompson, plus, in back, School Supt. Pete Kudlak.

“I try to do my best for the students,” said Frazier, now wiping tears away. “I never missed a meeting of this board or the other board. My husband was a teacher ... I owe it to the people who elected me ... I do my homework as a board member... I have people who call me ... yell at me.”

Kudlak got up from his seat at the board table and brought a tissue to Frazier.

“The staff and community is a driving force for me,” Frazier continued. “I was on the board in the ‘80s and ‘90s and when my husband became ill, he suggested I get back on the board.

“I was elected to do a job. Now that I’ve got Haggerty saved, I’d like to see the Savage fiasco completed ... and we’re far from the end of that...”

Former school board member Scott Russell told the board he believes it’s important for the elected officials to read the contract and he would suggest tabling action until board members read the contract.

“I’m not an attorney ... potentially the contract is with Wayne County,” Russell said. “By pressuring Ms. Frazier to quit, you would be pushing out an elected official without the opportunity to get all the facts.”

“I voted for Mrs. Frazier,” said board president Johnston. “We just want to follow the law ...”

Kudlak insisted the contract is with the township because of the special assessment taxes.

Parent Angela Mears suggested: “Sign the contract. Move forward and let the legal process follow, if there is one.”

“The whole thing could have been handled differently,” Frazier said. “I

felt harassed, somewhat bullied, by our attorney.” She said after a recent meeting one of the township attorneys threatened to report her to the prosecutor and she would end up in jail.

“I don’t want to resign and if one part falls through, I could have still been on the board,” Frazier said.

“If I fall on my sword to get McBride paved, that’s a good thing, as far as I know,” Frazier said.

Kudlak said the next step in the paving is May 16 and that needs a signature on the contract in order to get paving done in October or November.

“I’m not going to negate any options open,” Frazier said.

“How is the township not in trouble for this?” Pinter asked. “They’re not even looking into it.”

Kudlak presented two motions for the board to consider. One was to rescind the previous motion to enter into the contract for McBride with the \$90,000 cost and the other was to move forward with the contract, acknowledging potential liability to the district.

“I didn’t want to sign the contract and we get sued for twice that amount,” Kudlak said. “There are two motions: Rescind or go forward with potential liability.”

“I feel comfortable with rescinding the vote now,” Johnston said.

“The law is up to interpretation,” Frazier said. “I’ll do whatever...”

“If the homeowners commit and then I resign, don’t everybody jump up and say hooray,” Frazier said. “I hope the homeowners will agree so McBride can be

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Van Buren Eagles host history lesson for community

One observer said Saturday's "First Ladies of the White House" show at the Van Buren Eagles could easily be turned into a hit Broadway show.

Ginger Bruder, who stoically fought her way back to health from a stroke, gathered the information from raw sources and wrote the script for the show. Then, with the help of Barb Tomlinson and Maria Kasten, she produced the performance.

Dozens of people volunteered to act in the show and on Saturday it was presented in a lively fashion.

There were gunshots and dancing and reports of infidelities of U.S. Presidents by their First Ladies. There were so many details that heads were spinning.

And, the actors threw themselves into their roles. There were special dresses in special colors and wigs that took hours to prepare in the right styles.

The assassinations were unexpected with guns shooting blanks and men running hither and yon.

Too bad high school students don't get to see American history like this. They would be entranced.

Thank you, Ginger and Keith Bruder and the Van Buren Eagles for bringing the residents of the White House to life in a down-to-earth way.

The presidents and First Ladies were ordinary human beings who found themselves in positions of leadership and some were more up to the task than others. Thanks for the history lesson.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

John Delaney bought a frozen pizza at Aldi's on Belleville Road and took it home to cook. But, he found no directions on the pizza on how to cook it and no expiration date. He thought he'd call the store and find out how to cook it.

He looked up the store number and found it is a national number. Anyone wishing to call Aldi's must use this one number. Delaney said it's to save money. Their associates won't have to be bothered with answering the phone which will keep their prices low, he said.

He said they ask for an email, but he didn't want to wait 24 hours for someone to answer him by email when his pizza was in the oven.

Delaney said he finally got through to customer service. He said he paid \$2 for the pizza and they offered to give him \$12. He told them to keep their \$12 and that he would go to the media. He said they offered him money after he said he would call the FDA and State of Michigan with his complaints.

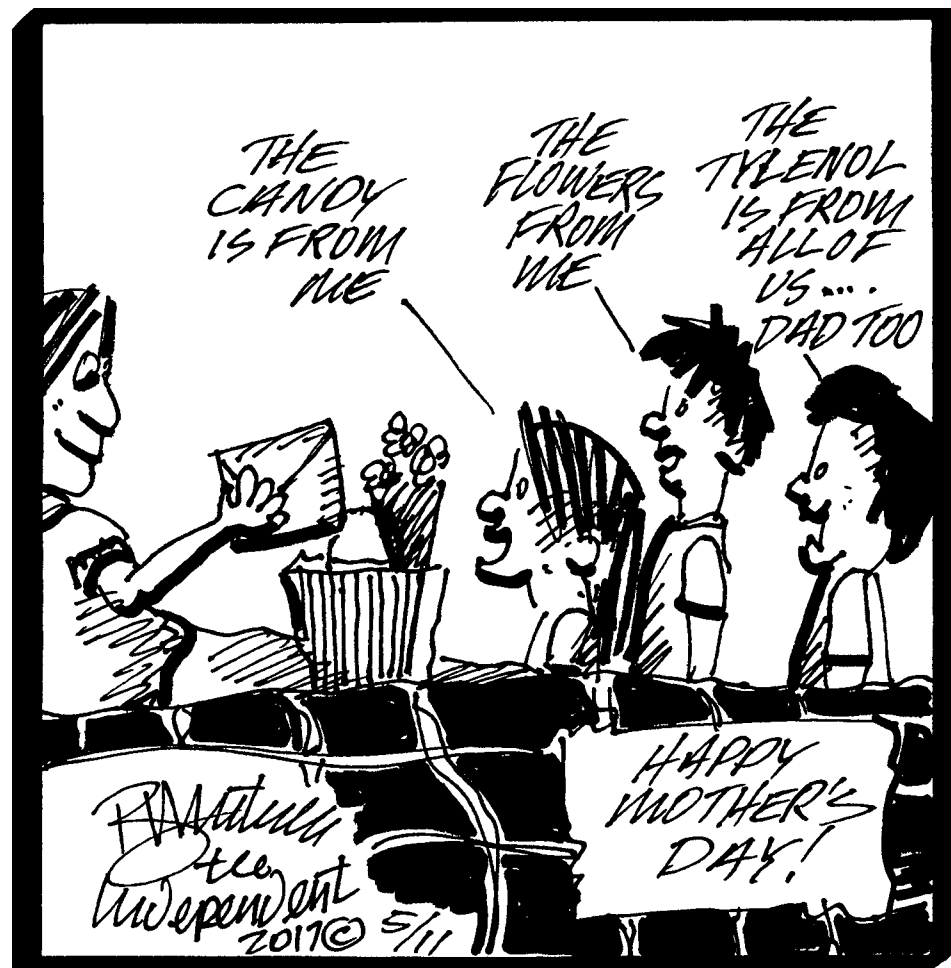
He said he tried to talk to someone higher up in supervision, but callers cannot talk to anyone higher than customer service.

He said there was no manufacturer's number on the package under the bar code.

He said he tried to cook his pizza using the time on another pizza, but it still was raw so he threw it out. He didn't want to get sick from it.

"It was a very bad experience," John said. He wanted the public to know about how it is at Aldi's.

We received a brief note in a subscription



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"Hi, Rosemary. I noticed you advised your readers again this week that the IRS NEVER CALLS ON THE PHONE. This was true for a while but is about to change.

"The IRS in the past used private collectors and those attempts failed miserably. Unfortunately, Congress hasn't learned from its mistakes and is once again going to use private collectors. These private collectors were notoriously rude, threatening and untruthful. If you check this link you will see confirmation of the contracting. <https://www.irs.gov/uac/newsroom/new-private-debt-collection-program-to-begin-next-spring-irs-to-contract-with-four-agencies-taxpayer-rights-protected>

"The notice says taxpayers will be notified of transfer to a private collector, but there are reasons why the letter might not be received -- moving being the primary reason. These private collectors troll the internet and call anyone that looks like it might be the person they are looking for or someone who might KNOW the person they are looking for. They will then call repeatedly.

"I have gotten calls myself from private collectors and they made all the threats possible and violated the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act by telling me way too much about the person they were looking for, even after I told them that person didn't live at my house and that I didn't know where they were.

"I wish to remain anonymous in providing you this information. (I am a retired IRS tax collector.)"

The Belleville Area District Library has announced that it is not holding its annual Garden Walk this summer. The next one will be in July 2018. They said the "Dally Down the Alley Garden Walk" last summer was so popular that they wanted to have another like it in a different neighborhood. It is taking some time to get all the gardeners on board and solidify plans.

The library is getting ready for the big solar eclipse on Aug. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. and it will be having a viewing party. It will be an 80% solar eclipse and there will be a 7:30 p.m., July 18 session at the library to talk about it with EMU Physics Professor Jesse Mason. This will be the biggest solar eclipse that Michigan has seen in almost four decades.



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Letters

PO Carriers Food Drive is Saturday, May 13

To the Editor:

Saturday, May 13, marks the PO Carriers Food Drive. All donations from the Belleville Post Office will go to The Belleville Food Closet located at the First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, in downtown Belleville.

Last year, our community donated \$16,962 worth of canned goods. That is 9,320 pounds of food. This allowed us to supply the food closet for close to six months. It is our largest contributor of canned foods.

We are blessed with a giving community. For this reason, we are asking for your help once again.

There are several ways to help. On May 13, you could place some canned food items at your mailbox and your mail carrier will pick it up and transport it to the Belleville Post Office. It will be weighed there and sent to The Belleville Food Closet. We need drivers, with a van or truck, to move the food to the fellowship hall at the church.

There we will be sorting the canned goods and checking their peak freshness dates from noon to 6 p.m. You can certainly help as we have an overwhelming number of cans to be checked.

We need other volunteers to box up the shopping cart items.

You do not have to come for the entire six hours. Any time you can spend will be greatly appreciated.

We hope to exceed last year's total, so we do need all the help we can get.

Janette K. Renton
The Belleville Food Closet Director

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To the Editor:

This Saturday, May 13, marks the 25th anniversary of the United Postal Service and National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive. We want to thank you for past participation and hope that this is another successful year.

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To the Editor:

Now that I have come up for air from my grief at losing my son, I wanted to say many thanks to Bev, Jim and Marie at Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home. They truly went above and beyond at providing a comforting environment to pay last respects to my son.

We had a large group and they made sure that every need and nuance were expertly, efficiently and beautifully handled. I had asked everyone to dress casually in jeans and a favorite band T-shirt to honor my son. I was so surprised and appreciative that they too dressed that way to honor Aaron.

Whatever I requested, no matter how insignificant, they took care of with the utmost care. They provided many special thoughtful tokens to comfort us and listened attentively to our requests. In the future, they will ALWAYS be who handles my family's funeral home needs.

Thanks again, Bev, Jim and Marie for your utmost care. You made a very tragic event into a respectful dignified celebration of life.

Robin Keller

Thank you, St. Jude

To the Editor:

I would like to say thank you to Van Buren Township resident Gina for the St. Jude Novena. As promised, I prayed every day for the past week and my prayer was answered. I will keep a copy of it close to me and remember that this helped my family in a time of need:

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Ray, Belleville resident

To the Editor:

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Van Buren resident

To the Editor:

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Obituaries






Peter F. Bukis

PETER F. BUKIS
(November 11, 1922 – May 3, 2017)
Mr. Peter F. Bukis of Belleville passed away on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. He was born on November 11, 1922 in Detroit, Michigan a son of Constantuce and Josephine (Marileseunas) Bukis. On September 13, 1944 he was married to Sally Wisniewski in Denver, Colorado. They made their home in Sumpter Township in 1945 after Peter was honorably discharged from the Air Force which he proudly served in during WWII. Mr. Bukis loved to hunt and fish. He enjoyed picking apples from his orchard and mushroom hunting. He took great pride in the cabin that he built up north for his family. Mr. & Mrs. Bukis were lucky enough to be able to spend 18 winters at their residence in Florida. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his family. Prior to his retirement in 1981 Mr. Bukis was employed as a Wayne County Sheriff. Mr. Bukis is survived by his loving wife of 72 wonderful years, Sally; his children Ronald (Brenda) Bukis, Denise (Bernie) Bukis and David (Jeanne) Bukis. Loving grandfather of 7 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by 4 sisters and 1 brother. Visitation for Mr. Bukis took place on Friday, May 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Rosary. A funeral mass for Mr. Bukis was held on Saturday, May 6, at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia, Belleville, with Rev. Fr. Thomas Cusick officiating. Burial followed at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock, Michigan. Please keep the Bukis family in your thoughts and prayer at this time.
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Free, 6-week class on family history research to begin May 18 in Ypsi

Kathy Bailey, a retired teacher of Willis, will be presenting another series of free classes to teach participants how to find information on their families for personal enrichment and to share with their families. The series of six classes will be on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. May 18 through June 22. The classes will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 941 South Grove Road, Ypsilanti 48197. The class will teach how to search huge online databases, including FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com. The class also will include technologies for doing research, organizing family information, and learning of records that are available for various locations worldwide during different periods of time. To reserve a place in the free class call or text Bailey at (734) 660-1971, or email her at kbailey@gmail.com.

Francis J. Bokor, Jr.

FRANCIS J. BOKOR, JR.
Francis J. Bokor, Jr., age 77, of Ft. Pierce, FL, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away May 4, 2017 at home surrounded by his loving family under the care of Arbor Hospice. Beloved husband of Nora Bokor, Loving father of Keri (Brian) Howell, Traci Bokor and Linzi (Russ) Thomas. He is also survived by his brothers Ron and Steve Bokor. Frank proudly served in the Air Force for 4 years. He retired from Ford Motor Company after 42 years of service as a welder. Frank loved getting attention and he had a good sense of humor with a generous heart. His strong Faith in God and family was the core of his happiness. He was so proud of his home and loved gardening along with fishing, bowling and playing cards. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He is preceded in death by his first wife Joanne, his parents Francis and Anne Bokor and his brother Timothy. Arrangements made by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. His cremation will take place at "The Witness Crematory" located inside of Michigan Memorial Funeral Home. Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017, St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Belleville. Instate 11:30 a.m., Service 12:00 p.m. Luncheon to follow from 1-3 p.m. at Woodlands of Van Buren, 39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne, MI 48184. In lieu of flowers, donations in his honor may be made to Arbor Hospice Care.
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Jack C. King

JACK C. KING, SR.
(March 25, 1927 – May 6, 2017)
Jack C. King, Sr., age 90, a longtime Belleville resident, died peacefully early Saturday morning, May 6, 2017, at the Genesis Sylvania care and rehabilitation center in Sylvania, Ohio. Jack is the loving husband of Dorothy for sixty-eight wonderful years; dear father of Jack, Jr. (Gloria) King, Ed (Christine) King and Stanley King. Mr. King is also survived by his cherished granddaughter, Kari King. A proud World War II veteran in the European Theater of Operations, Mr. King was also a retired member of the UAW Local 735. In keeping with Mr. King's wishes, a simple cremation has been arranged. No public services have been arranged.
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Bessie Elizabeth Stiver

BESSIE ELIZABETH STIVER

(January 25, 1930 - April 18, 2017)

Bessie Stiver, age 87, of Belleville, MI, passed away on Tuesday, April 18, after a brief stay in hospice. She was born in Bedford, PA to Harry and Louise Bridenthal.

She was preceded in death by her husband Edward Anthony Stiver, several brothers, and a sister. She is survived by sisters June (Vernon) Wright and Ruth (Donald) Jamison, children Ronald (Terri) Stiver, Robert Stiver, Alan (Anne) Stiver, Elaine (Brian) Smith, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Bessie spent most of her adult life in Belleville. She loved spending time with her family and friends. Her favorite place to go was Sam's Place in Belleville, formerly known as the Red Apple Restaurant. She loved going to garage sales. She liked listening to music and loved to laugh. She loved watching birds and couldn't wait to tell you when she saw her first robin of the season. When she was younger, she used to love to yodel and sing. She was very kind and giving and loved to smile and laugh.

A special thanks to all the staff at Henry Ford Allegiance Hospice in Jackson, MI. The care given to our mother and family was outstanding. There will be a celebration of life for Bessie on June 3, 2017 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Brecon Village Memory Support Center, 101 Brecon Drive, Saline, MI 48176. Any donations should go to Henry Ford Allegiance Hospice Home in Jackson, MI.

EUGENE WALTER MITCHELL

(December 1, 1929 - May 7, 2017)

Age 87, Whitmore Lake. Survived by wife Patricia and five children. Family gathering, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at Boek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg. Service 11 a.m., Saturday, May 13, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hamburg.

VBT Public Safety Dept. seeks photos of early township police chiefs

Van Buren Township Director of Public Safety Gregory Laurain wants to get some historical background for his police department and is looking for pictures, suitable for framing, of past police chiefs or directors.

He said the township had constables in the past, but the first police chief was John Willet in 1973. Director Laurain is seeking pictures of:

- Chief John Willet
- Chief George Montgomery
- Acting Chief Gary Holloway
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- Chief Joseph Davies

He said he would like to have the men in suits or uniforms, if possible. Pictures can be forwarded to glaurain@vanburen-mi.org or brought to the police department at Van Buren Township Hall.

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Belleville City Council has two seats up for election on Nov. 7

Belleville City Clerk/Treasurer Sherri Scharf reports there are two, four-year city council seats to be filled in the Nov. 7, 2017 election.

Those seats currently are filled by Jesse Marcotte and Tom Fielder. The deadline to file petitions to be on the Nov. 7 ballot is July 25.

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Speaking of Mother's Day this Sunday, Garden Fantasy is giving a free plant for every mom and there's free coffee and donuts, too, at their greenhouse on Tyler Road at Morton Taylor. They're open until 5 p.m. that day. Leo's Coney Island on Belleville Road is giving Mom free dessert all day, too.

The Belleville Area Kiwanis Club will be selling Mother's Day flowers at the TCF bank on Belleville Road this Friday, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds will go to children's activities. In downtown Belleville on Main Street, the Huron Valley Conservation Association is holding its annual Flower Sale on Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Chase Bank parking lot.

Mae-Ann Photography of Belleville is

running a charity event for the Belleville Wrestling Club to help raise money for equipment and club costs with a Mother's Day theme and other photo packages. Sessions are \$75 for a 20-30 minute shoot with \$15 of each paid session going to the wrestling club. Call Jessica Koweck at (734) 612-6412 to schedule.

Congratulations to the Bayou Grill on Main Street for celebrating its seven-year anniversary on May 3. Watch for its weekly car shows starting next month.

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VBT cases against Chapman dismissed by Judge Van Houten

On Tuesday, May 2, the jury trial was ready to begin at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit in the cases against James Forrest Chapman, 57, of Van Buren Township.

Chapman was charged with assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer and refusing or resisting providing a DNA sample in Van Buren Township on June 3, 2016. Chapman reportedly jumped into Belleville Lake to avoid police. He then refused to give a DNA sample. Another misdemeanor charge on another DNA sample refusal is creeping its way through the 34th District Court.

On May 2, when it was apparent the two VBT police officers who were to testify against Chapman were not present, the Judge Margaret Van Houten dismissed the charges, without prejudice.

Police Lt. Charles Bazy said "without prejudice" means the charges could be refiled and they plan to do just that. He said they will be getting the request to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office shortly.

Lt. Bazy said Officers Mark Buxton and Officer David Champagne were in marine officer school on the other side of the state on May 2 and didn't know the trial was scheduled. The Prosecutor's office did not send them subpoenas, which must be done to assure they are in court.

"The prosecutor's office dropped the ball," said Lt. Bazy.

This case had a jury trial under way in October and Judge Van Houten called a mistrial on Oct. 27 following a health problem in the jury room during lunch break when a VBT officer entered the jury room to help.

That jury trial was reset for Jan. 23 and then reset for May 5, according to reports the *Independent* had. That trial actually began and ended May 2.

Chapman's attorney had tried to have a second DNA misdemeanor charge tied to the first, but was unable to get them linked at circuit court. The DNA charge against Chapman was dropped by District Court Judge Brian Oakley, but the prosecutor appealed that dismissal to circuit court and it was reinstated and sent back to Judge Oakley. He has been delaying the progress on that case until the circuit court case was concluded. The most recent adjournment was until 11 a.m., May 10.

On Feb. 15, Judge Oakley said, "I promise you I will set a date if they delay again."

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Chili Cook Off has record-breaking turnout

To the Editor:

The Southwestern Wayne County Democratic Club is proud to announce a record-breaking turnout for our Chili Cook Off! Our two-time winner Debbie Chamberlain made the trifecta and took first place for the third time with Congressman Dave Curson in a close second by a nose.

Sharon Curson was honored for her service with distinction; she will continue to serve the club as past president.

Residents from all communities (Belleville, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren townships) were in the house. And, speaking of "The House," there was a great Chili Challenge between these State Reps: Kristy Pagan -- Belleville, Van Buren and Canton; Erika Geiss -- Taylor, Romulus and Precincts 4 and 5 of Van Buren; and Darrin Camilleri, representing Brownstown, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron, Trenton and Woodhaven.

All three were committed to taking the title and left it all on the field. Rep. Kristy Pagan kept it healthy with her back seat vegetarian chili that was well received. Rep. Erika Geiss arrived early with a cheering crowd led by her two Geisslings. But, lo and behold, Rep. Camilleri, who was held up in a committee meeting, hit the fast lane on 94 and swooped in with an award-winning chili that left us all begging for a to-go container.

Brandon Dillon, Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, attended on his birthday with State Senator Hopgood, both straight out of Lansing. Judge Mark Slavens and Commissioner Al Haidous rounded out the event with too many local leaders to name.

Many thanks to the executive board and the community for making this a huge success!

Terree O'Neil Darling, president
Southwestern Wayne County Democratic Club



Members of the Western Wayne County Democratic Club posed for a photo at their recent Chili Cook Off. From left, in back, are Vice President David Haener, Treasurer Janice Wright, Corresponding Secretary Debbie Chamberlain (who was the Chili Champ for the third straight year), Sergeant at Arms Chris Turek, Trustee Ronald Barrington Robinson, and Trustee Nathan Miller. In front, from left, are Trustee Sharon Claytor Peterson, Recording Secretary Candace Myshock, State Rep, Darrin Camilleri, and President Terree O'Neil Darling.

It's time to register for HVA Camp 9-1-1

Huron Valley Ambulance announces it's time to register for this summer's Camp 9-1-1, a free, interactive, two-day camp put on by Huron Valley Ambulance for children ages 8-12.

Camp 9-1-1 is set for Aug. 2 and 3 at the Van Buren Township Fire Department; Aug. 17 and 18 at Glaab Individual Financial Planning in New Boston; and six other locations. Camp runs 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.

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It includes information on why police stop

citizens or vehicles, what to do if approached or stopped by a police officer, and what to do at a traffic stop or your home. It explains when police can search without a warrant, use of force, video recording, and your rights if arrested.

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- Monday, May 15 – JV Baseball & JV Softball, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 16 – Girls Varsity Tennis, 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 17 – Varsity Baseball & Varsity Softball, 4 p.m., double-headers; Girls JV Soccer, 4 p.m.; Girls Varsity Soccer, 5:30 p.m.

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"It got a little bit sordid," Bruder said of her script. On the program, Ginger Bruder is listed as the producer, with co-producers Barb Tomlinson and Maria Kasten.

There was a long, long list of women named in President Kennedy's life. Jackie Kennedy was played by Joyce Rochowiak. Joyce also played Caroline Harrison and Joyce's husband Walt Rochowiak stood behind her as President Benjamin Harrison, another womanizer.

At the beginning of the show, the emcee stated: "Many of these women were more risqué and more naughty than the men."

The actors in the presentations were in

costume and some had speaking parts. Much of the format had costumed speakers at the podium telling the stories of the First Ladies who appeared with their presidents or without.

Each costumed actor, after walking around and greeting guests, settled on a park bench near the podium – and that was where several presidents were shot.

Ginger Bruder said they got special permission from the Eagles to use a gun with blanks for the show.

Keith Bruder played the part of John Wilkes Booth and threw himself to the floor after shooting the President Lincoln character (Eric Kozlowski). While some guests were worried Bruder had hurt himself because he got up and limped away, he said later that it was part of the play. That's what happened after the real Booth jumped to the stage after shooting the president.

Ginger Bruder said the volunteer actors could pick who they wanted to play. When they ran out of Eagles members, they reached out for volunteers from outside the organization. Bruder said that is a good way to get people interested in becoming a member. They participate with Eagles members, have a good time, and then consider joining, she said.

When the First Lady progressed from Virginia Truran as Barbara Bush to Kay Pickup as Laura Bush, members of the audience wondered what happened to Hillary Clinton.

One said she asked a member of the cast where Hillary was and was told nobody wanted to play Hillary.

Ginger Bruder said that was pretty much the case.

The parade of First Ladies ended with Michelle and Barack Obama (Omana West

and Jeff Welcome) and Melania and Donald Trump (Tela and Tom Fountain, with Tom in a bright yellow wig).

The show was a successful fund raiser for the Eagles and throughout the evening as they got to presidents who were Eagles, it was announced with lots of thumbs up.

To promote the event, flyers said: "They may have lived in the shadows, but that doesn't mean their lives were drama-free or boring. If you're a history buff, you'll love this."

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, May 11 – Keystone Academy Board of Education, 6 p.m., Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, May 15 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, May 16 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, May 17 -- Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, May 22 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons

• Tuesday, May 23 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting at 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 6:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, May 24 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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VBT residents question Supervisor McNamara's proposed Lake House

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the end of the May 2 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, a group of residents got up, one by one, to speak to the board about their concerns with the "Lake House" Supervisor Kevin McNamara said he wants to build on the lakeside DNR property north of the Belleville Bridge.

Bob Long of Harmony Lane asked who was going to pay for this, since the DNR is going to require a public fishing dock be a part of the plans.

"All we're doing is talking with the DNR about how much it's going to cost," Supervisor McNamara replied. "We have a vision we'd like to have there."

"Why would you put it there?" Long asked.

McNamara said the township is on the lake and many township residents lack lake access. He said he met with 13 people who didn't like the idea. McNamara said it was on his campaign literature and in his newspaper ad and he only got one negative response to his idea until the other day when he got 13.

"If people in that neighborhood said that they didn't want it, would that matter?" Long asked McNamara.

"It's a community decision," McNamara replied, noting they could provide a Lake House for weddings and reunions and maybe even a splash park.

"Van Buren Park has incredibly bad shoreline slopes," he continued, noting the second entrance to the park is bad and because of the trees you can't even see the lake.

He said the decision would be made by the full board.

"Maybe it'll be put on the prepaid list and it won't matter," said Trustee Sherry Frazier, referring to a previous discussion on a \$562.41 plane ticket to Montreal for Clerk Leon Wright that was preapproved.

Long said there was a potential traffic issue at the site and when the school buses are coming in and out of town there are traffic backups. He mentioned McNamara said they could put in 110 parking spaces on the site.

Carol Pesta said she had a lot of questions for McNamara at the meeting in his office. She asked where the police protection on the lake. There will be drinking and fights and people will have to be picking up the trash that blows.

"Why not bring it up on a vote on a ballot?" Pesta asked.

"We don't know what to put on the ballot," he said.

"It's a done deal already," Pesta said.

Trustee Paul White said Supervisor McNamara came to the board members to say he wants a showpiece on the lake. Trustee White agreed there will be trash on the lake and drugs and the DNR will not give up that property without a fishing pier. He said there should be discussion on what to put on that property.

Pesta said it's going to be commercial with the Lake House being rented out for events. She said there were more than 13 people at the meeting with McNamara and she wished she had a video of the meeting.

"I'm only one member of the board," McNamara said.

White said the supervisor is the administrator of the township and the trustees were supposed to watch how the money is being spent.

Phyllis Johnson got up to say VBT doesn't need another park. She said there were already 15 parks for residents to use and she ticked off her list, which included, the Lower Huron Metropark, Van Buren Park, Victoria Commons Park, Victory Park, French Landing Park, Quirk Park, Riggs Park, Hamilton Park in Haggerty Sub, nearby Willow Metropark, Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter, and more.

"How many parks do we need?" Johnson asked. She said they could put a few park benches, birdhouses on poles, flowering trees and bushes instead of commercial events.

"It could be very, very pretty," she said. "Maybe it could be a welcome to Belleville, serene and beautiful to look at. I'm tired of more blacktop." She said there are a lot of restaurants in VBT and so much hustle and bustle and congestion.

"All of your concerns are heard by this board," said Trustee Reggie Miller. "This is very early in the preliminary stages." She cautioned about announcing things prematurely.

"Can we talk to Trustees Frazier and White?" Pesta asked and McNamara said they could set up meetings with them.

"We're on the losing side," Trustee Frazier said, referring to two previous votes that evening on the airline ticket to Montreal.

After a brief discussion on towing charges, Judy Prescott came up to the podium to speak on the Lake House.

"I made a lot of calls and all agree the traffic would be horrendous with a parking lot on that property," Prescott said, adding traffic is bumper to bumper after 3 p.m. and residents can't get out of the subdivision around Harmony lane.

"Leave it green, not a blacktop," Prescott said. "Please consider a green area. The whole world is talking about green. Even people going in and out of Belleville could see the beauty, not cars parked and paving. You want to make something beautiful."

"Consider us," Prescott said. "Let us know as you're going along."

"Everything would have to be in an open meeting, except the price," McNamara said. He suggested the DNR might like to sell it to the township for a dollar.

Prescott said if the decisions are really going to be made two or three years from now, she wants the board to let the people know. When McNamara said they could put in in the paper, she said that was OK but they should post it on a wall, as well. Others concerned about the project applauded her remarks.

Trustee Frazier suggested a focus group or survey of citizens on the matter, if the land is purchased.

Margo Hibbitts of Sunrise said she's worried about the maintenance and would like to see a five-year plan. She said a nice new fence was put up and she maintains that and pulls the weeds. She said for anyone who lives on the lake, the maintenance is important.

"It's going to be the showplace for Van Buren Township," McNamara said.

Vic Franzoi said the DNR mandates what you have to do there, like the fishing dock. He suggested the township put a fishing dock in Van Buren Park to satisfy the DNR and use this site as a something beautiful.

"Everybody's happy," Franzoi said.

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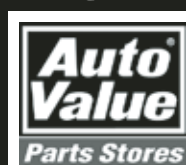
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Donations also may be made at: <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/teamgreen34th>

The Romulus Relay for Life is set for Aug. 5-6 at the track behind the Romulus Senior Center.

Kiwanis Club to sell Mother's Day flowers at TCF Bank Friday, Saturday

The Belleville Area Kiwanis Club will sell Mother's Day flowers at the TCF Bank on Belleville Road from 3 to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 12, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 13.

All proceeds will go to children's activities in the area.

The Belleville Area Kiwanis Club is welcoming new members. The club meets at The Woodstone restaurant from 6 to 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

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"Social media is making us dumber and more divided."

– Al Pscholka

House Appropriations Committee Chair Al PSCHOLKA (R-Stevensville) after he felt comments he made about there not being a "blank check" for the city of Flint were taken out of context.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, May 11** – As part of the Homegrown Knowledge series, "A Bicycle Trip Across North America" will be presented at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library.

• **Friday, May 12** – Charcoal Grilled Steak Dinner, 5-8 p.m. or until sold out at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Van Buren, 9961 Beck Road, Van Buren Township, \$13 includes strip steak, baked potato, salad and a roll. Cash bar. This is a charity event put on by the Van Buren Eagle Riders #3996.

• **Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13** – The Belleville Area Kiwanis Club is selling Mother's Day flowers at the TCF Bank on Belleville Road 3-5:30 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday. Proceeds will go to activities for children.

• **Saturday, May 13** – The Huron Valley Conservation Association is holding its annual sale of flats and pots of flower plants from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Chase Bank parking lot on the corner of High and Main streets in downtown Belleville. Information: Joe Nellis, (734) 646-2201, or Kris Matthew, (&34) 646-3763.

• **Saturday, May 13** – You are invited to visit the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Otisville Room at Van Buren Township Hall. All levels of sewers are welcome and there are lots of different projects.

• **Saturday, May 13** – Roast Beef Dinner at the Community United Methodist Church, 11160 Olive St., Romulus, 5-7 p.m. Donations: \$10 per adult, \$4 for children 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. For carry outs, call (734) 941-0736 after 5 p.m. www.romcomumc.org

• **Saturday, May 13** – Atchinson Ford Car Show Customer Appreciation Day, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. All vehicles welcome. Open to public. Info: Dale Rabe, email mustang2invoice@gmail.com

• **Sunday, May 14** – Southern Echo 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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City of Belleville Public Notice



Hillside Cemetery Advisory Committee

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Flag Placement for Memorial Day 2017
8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 20th



The Cemetery Advisory Committee will be placing American Flags on the graves of all veterans who are buried at Hillside Cemetery on Denton Road.

The flag placement project will begin on Saturday, May 20th at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help place the flags. Each Cemetery section takes only about one hour of work.

Please consider this small sacrifice of time and join us to honor our veterans who fought to keep us free.



Sherri Scharf
 City Clerk/Treasurer

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PUBLIC NOTICE RFP City Website Development The City of Belleville



is accepting proposals for Website Development

Proposals may be mailed or hand-delivered and must be in the City Clerk's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, June 5, 2017 and will be publicly opened at the City Council meeting on June 5, 2017 at 7:30PM.

Each proposal must contain the information described in the Request for Proposals. To request a copy of the RFP, please send a request by mail to the below stated address or by calling 734-697-9323, ext. 7010.

The City intends to evaluate the proposals received and possibly conduct interviews with three or more firms. The City will independently select a firm based on the firm's qualifications and experience.

Seven (7) complete copies of your proposal must be submitted in one or more sealed envelopes showing your name, marked "Website Development Services, and addressed to:

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk
 6 Main Street
 Belleville, MI 48111

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 2, 2017

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Late Arrival (7:11 p.m.): Treasurer Budd. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Executive Assistant Selman, Developmental Services Director Akers, DDA Deputy Director Lothringer, Public Safety Director Laurain and Deputy Director (Fire) Brow, and an audience of nineteen (19).

Supervisor McNamara requested the removal of New Business item #4 [To consider approval of the grant award between the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA) and the Township for the Summer Youth Employment Program (The REAL) and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement] and to move Consent Agenda item #6 [Approval of the Inter-Governmental Agreement between the Township and the City of Belleville for emergency dispatch and lockup services] to New Business item #4. Trustee Frazier requested to move Consent Agenda item #3 [Prepaid List of April 21, 2017] to New Business item #5.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Martin moved, White seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. [Work Study Session minutes of April 17, 2017, Board Meeting minutes of April 18, 2017, Prepaid List of April 26, 2017 and the Voucher List of May 2, 2017]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Trustee White announced that May 15, 2017 is Peace Officers Memorial Day honoring Federal, State and Local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty. It is observed in conjunction with Police Week, May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness month and May 20-26 is National Boating Safety Week. Supervisor McNamara read an article announcing Ms. Lydia Marvaso, current Young Miss America for Pure International Pageants and 8th grader at McBride Middle School, will compete in the International Pageant June 15-18 in Orlando Florida, read a letter from a resident commending the summer youth employment program interview and informational meeting held April 27, 2017, invited the public to attend the National Day of Prayer observance on May 4, 2017 at five points park in the City of Belleville and encouraged everyone to Honor and Remember our fallen soldiers, Board Members read the names of local fallen soldiers, in remembrance, and observed a moment of silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 5-2-17 (2) to rezone parcel V125-83-093-01-0021-001 (40631 Alden Dr.) from C-1 (General Commercial) to R-1C (Single Family Residential). Motion Carried. The intent of the applicant is to eliminate the legal non-conforming use status of the property so they can construct an addition onto their home.

White moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 5-2-17 (1) the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance. Motion Carried. A comprehensive update to the Township Zoning Ordinance was developed over

the past three years and has been recommended for adoption by the subcommittee and Planning Commission. It provides a more user friendly format with hyperlinks, definitions and land use tables.

Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve entering into the regional 2016 Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program and amendment to line item: 101-336-741-000. Motion Carried. In 2016 the City of Ypsilanti took the lead in applying for a regional grant and was recently approved. The grant requires a 10% match by the Township to receive \$74,000 for life-saving equipment specifically for a state of the art CPR assistance device.

Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the Inter-Governmental Agreement between the Charter Township of Van Buren and the City of Belleville for emergency dispatch and lockup services. Motion Carried. The agreement is for three years, provides an annual increase of 2.5%, names each municipality as an additional insured and has been reviewed by Township counsel.

Frazier moved, White seconded to remove payment of air fare in the amount for \$562.41 from the prepaid list of April 21, 2017. Roll call vote. Yeas: Frazier and White. Nays: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Martin and Miller. Motion Failed. Board members expressed the desire to revise the travel policy to address concerns previously expressed over recent expenditures. Board members agreed to bring forth a travel policy for review at the next work study session.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the prepaid list of April 21, 2017. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright Martin and Miller. Nays: Frazier and White. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: The February 2017 Budgetary Report was received. A copy of the report is available at the Clerk's Office for review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements included: September Days Senior Flea Market May 4 & 5 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Township Hall, the N.A.A.C.P. will meet May 8, 2017 at Canton Township Hall and the Van Buren Public Safety Department is distributing a brochure entitled "What to do when stopped by the Police" to area schools, copies are also available at the Township Public Safety Department.

NON-AGENDA: Residents expressed the following: Opposition to a Township "Lake House" and/or development on the DNR site on Belleville Lake with concerns over security, aesthetic view of the lake, traffic congestion, parking and maintenance; and concern over towing services provided by towing companies in Van Buren Township. Supervisor McNamara emphasized that the DNR property on Belleville Lake has not been acquired by the Township at this time. Any decision to purchase and develop the property would be voted on by the entire Board and public input on development would be encouraged.

Board members requested to have towing services utilized by the Township as an informational item at the next work study session.

Trustee White announced the Black Swallowtail Butterfly was recently designated as the State of Michigan's official butterfly.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
 Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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School Board

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paved.”

“Technically, we’ve already voted on this ... so Pete has authority to sign the contract,” Featheringill said. “I don’t see any financial ramifications to the board ... It’s not up to us to say she must resign. It’s up to the attorney general and prosecuting attorney to say there is a breach of office.”

“We didn’t have all the information,” Kudlak said. “I just learned tonight a breach of duty happened when she abstained ... When we voted, we didn’t have all the information.”

“Is Sherry breaking the law or all of us?” Featheringill asked. “The only way for somebody to go to jail is if they say resign and she says no.”

Johnston asked for a motion and when none came, he made a motion himself to

rescind the action by the board on McBride and Trustee Kelly Owen supported the motion.

Voting yes were Johnston, Owen, and Pinter. Voting no were Allison Bennett, Featheringill, and Frazier. Kevin English was absent. The vote was tied so it was not successful.

Johnston then made the motion to table until they get more information and Pinter seconded. The vote passed 6-0.

In other business at Monday’s three-hour meeting, the board:

- Witnessed members of the Van Buren Civic Fund give a donation to McBride Middle School to fund a robotics class with 25 students, one class per semester. The \$7,200 check was presented by a robot from the BHS Robotics Club and club members paused for a picture;

- Heard a presentation on educational projects by members of Owen Intermediate

School staff. Nine staff members were on hand for the lively PowerPoint presentation;

- Received a detailed presentation from Director of Finance Shareen Barker on the proposed 2017-18 budgets of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency. The board will be asked to vote on the RESA budget at an upcoming meeting;

- Approved Schools of Choice, with an unlimited number of openings, for the fall semester of the 2017-18 school year. Applications will be accepted May 15 through Oct. 4;

- Unanimously approved a motion to begin the practice of maintaining video recordings of past board meetings. The district has been maintaining video recordings until the next meeting is held and the minutes from the previous meeting had been approved. This practice was based on a legal opinion about the liability

of maintaining the documents after minutes have been approved;

- Approved the June 30 retirements of Dawn King, after serving in the Transportation Department for 29 years, and Susan Walczak of Haggerty, after serving 22 years in the district. The board also accepted the resignation of Heather Templeton of Rawsonville School as of May 12, after 1.5 years of service; and

- Heard parent Scott Anderson complain about his daughter getting suspended for 10 days after she showed the BHS counselor the Snapchat on her phone. He said his daughter was bullied by the staff and he was not called until after questioning of his child. He had many suggestions for the school board.

Court Watching:

Charges dismissed against Chad Shaw after no witnesses show up

On May 3, 34th District Court Judge David Parrott dismissed charges, without prejudice, against Chad Allen Shaw when he found there were no complainants and no witnesses in the cases against him.

“Without prejudice” means charges could be refiled in the future.

Shaw, 25, was due for his preliminary exam on charges of weapons/firearms/larceny, larceny in a building, and using a weapon to commit a felony on Oct. 2 in Sumpter Township. He was free on \$20,000 personal recognizance bond. Officer Joseph Balowski was the officer in charge of the case and court-appointed attorney was David Lankford.

Judge Parrott noted that fingerprints were still needed in the case and he told Shaw to go get them taken.

Michael Ray Shores

Judge Parrott set a scheduling conference for 11 a.m. May 24 for Michael Ray Shores to give his attorney time to work out a plea deal.

Attorney Michael Vincent said he has been trying to work something out with the prosecutor, but so far has been unsuccessful. He said the delay for a scheduling conference will give them time.

Vincent said the prosecutor wants to set a trial in June and Judge Parrott said he doesn’t care what the prosecutor wants and he makes the decisions in his courtroom.

“There’s a way to work this out and I’ve proposed it and hope it can be worked out,” Vincent told the judge.

Shores is a suspended VBT firefighter who is charged with four misdemeanor counts of larceny by conversion less than \$200 and four misdemeanor counts of false pretenses less than \$200 for allegedly taking money from Van Buren Urgent Care employees who were expecting CPR training they said they never received.

Each charge is a 93-day misdemeanor. He is free on a \$5,000 personal bond. Firefighter Shores is currently suspended from duty without pay pending an internal investigation.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

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SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

9 AM – 1 PM

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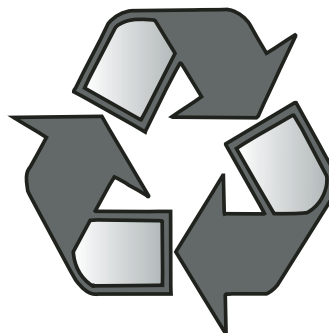
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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 472 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, April 30:
0040 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0629 – suspicious person/vehicle, Holly Ln.
1014 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1022 – larceny, Denton Rd.
1230 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1348 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1421 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1448 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1757 – ordinance violation, Bog Rd./Hoefst Rd.
1834 – narcotics crime, N. Bellridge Dr.
1951 – property damage accident, Belleville/Ecorse
2113 – noise complaint, N. Woodbury Dr.
2116 – narcotics crime, Meadows Cir.
2150 – family trouble, Bradley Dr.
2249 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2257 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2357 – road hazard, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service

Monday, May 1:
0011 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ironwood Dr.
0044 – noise complaint, Hardwood Dr.
1110 – domestic, Rayna Ct.
1401 – ordinance violation, Salem Ct.
1401 – ordinance violation, Salem Ct.
1452 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1843 – threat, Sylvia Dr.
1903 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1929 – property damage accident, E. Main St.
2039 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
2104 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2134 – neighbor trouble, Wheeler St.
2321 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, May 2:
0028 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0310 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1015 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
1028 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.
1041 – fraud, Tyler Rd.
1114 – fraud, Pinewood Ln.
1122 – ordinance violation, Lincoln St.
1153 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1201 – sexual assault, Ironwood Dr.
1308 – juvenile complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1339 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Oak Ln.
1406 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1417 – ordinance violation, Hamlin St.
1423 – suspicious person/vehicle, Burtrig St.
1426 – disorderly, Lighthouse Dr.
1440 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1526 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Denton
1551 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lohr/Bemis
1757 – domestic, Maple Dr.
1851 – assist other dept., Country Walk Blvd.
1857 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
1933 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
2012 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Rd.
2023 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2027 – suspicious person/vehicle, Borgman Ave.
2044 – threat, Lake Villa Dr.
2100 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.
2127 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.
2232 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, May 3:
0043 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bell Square
0457 – disorderly, Harbour Pointe Ct.
0638 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodbury / Haggerty
0641 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
0701 – larceny from auto, Meadows Ln.
0715 – larceny from auto, W. Archwood Dr.
0949 – domestic, Oak Ln.
0953 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1055 – private property impound, Meadows Ct.
1059 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1330 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1451 – ordinance violation, Amanda Dr.

1616 – narcotics crime, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1707 – trespassing, Savage School
1948 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beacontrail
2155 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
2357 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, May 4:
0325 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.
0711 – larceny from auto, E. Huron River Dr.
0716 – larceny from auto, E. Huron River Dr.
1027 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
1045 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1104 – assist other dept., Barkley St.
1310 – fraud, Wildrye Ct.
1358 – ordinance violation, Ecorse Rd.
1536 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1549 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park Dr.

1739 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service
1815 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1828 – larceny from auto, E. Huron River Dr.
2138 – suspicious person/vehicle, Independence Ln. / Haggerty Rd.
2148 – family trouble, Mantauk Ct.
2233 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
2358 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake

Friday, May 5:
0022 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
1029 – ordinance violation, Beacon Trail
1212 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1305 – neighbor trouble, Quirk Rd.
1319 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1429 – road hazard, Village Green Ln.
1429 – disorderly, Savage Rd.
1440 – larceny, Van Buren St.
1442 – ordinance violation, Quirk Rd.
1827 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1935 – missing person, Denton Rd.
2130 – disorderly, Outer Dr.
2152 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville

Saturday, May 6:
0040 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis/Sumpter
0050 – domestic, S. Woodbury Dr.
0137 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
0210 – fight, W. Huron River Dr.
0752 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Farm Rd.
1024 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1042 – malicious destruction of property, Bentley
1318 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1452 – private property impound, Marlowe Ave.
1854 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1928 – noise complaint, Barnwell Dr. / N. Cumberland Dr.
2039 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
2119 – suspicious person/vehicle, Old Denton / cemetery
2122 – harassment call, McBride Ave.
2335 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Park

Also on this week’s log are 161 traffic stops, which include 23 stops on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 30:
0102 – suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln.
1259 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1419 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1444 – fight, Henry St.
1858 – narcotics crime, Henry St.
1906 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.

Monday, May 1:
1048 – threat, W. Columbia Ave.
1259 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
1346 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1456 – 911 welfare check, Owen St.
1815 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1845 – threat, Henry St.

Tuesday, May 2:
0111 – parking complaint, S. Aberdeen Ct.
0335 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
0739 – traffic offense, South St.
1033 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1430 – suspicious person/vehicle, Light Tower / BHS

Wednesday, May 3:
0232 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0911 – vehicle lock out, Main St.

0951 – operating while intoxicated, Main/First
1104 – fraud, W. Wabash Ave.
1803 – parking complaint, S. Aberdeen Ct.
1916 – civil matter, S. Aberdeen Ct.

Thursday, May 4:
0229 – parking complaint, Belle Villa
0424 – lost property/child, Main St.
0738 – miscellaneous complaints, South St.
0815 – larceny from auto, Potter Dr.
1016 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Biggs Ave,
1953 – threat, Main St.
1423 – parking complaint, Johnny’s
1507 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2352 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, May 5:
0016 – follow up by officer, Main St.
0928 – assist citizen, Main St.
0931 – vehicle lock out, Marathon
1433 – assist citizen, Columbia/High
1450 – assist citizen, Savage
1537 – road hazard, Main St./South St.
2248 – parking complaint, N. Edgemont Ave.

Saturday, May 6:
0805 – found property/child, Loza Ln.
0921 – found property/child, E. Huron River Dr.
0954 – larceny from auto, Potter Dr.
1021 – larceny from auto, N. Biggs Ave.
1028 – larceny from auto, Clarence St.
1047 – found property/child, E. Huron River Dr.
1112 – larceny from auto, Potter Dr.
1120 – larceny from auto, Bedell St.
1153 – found property/child, Robbe St.
1213 – found property/child, Potter Dr.
1225 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.
1309 – larceny from auto, Bedell St.
1348 – larceny from auto, Potter Dr.
1357 – follow up by officer, Potter Dr.
1358 – assist fire dept., Fourth St.
1411 – welfare check, Carmell St.
1648 – domestic, Church St.
1712 – found property/child, Robbe St.
2151 – suspicious person/vehicle, Charles St.
2257 – suspicious person/vehicle

Also on this week’s log are 35 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 30:
0112 – suspicious vehicle, Rustic Ln.
1129 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
1638 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2151 – disorderly person, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Monday, May 1:
0126 – alarm, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0412 – suspicious vehicle, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
0744 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1139 – fraud complaint, Wyoming
1353 – well-being check, Sumpter/Willis
1544 – reckless driver, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1602 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
2122 – suspicious person, Wear/Sherwood

Tuesday, May 2:
0027 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0536 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1020 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1216 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1610 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1708 – neighbor dispute, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1906 – subpoena service, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2026 – subpoena service, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2043 – subpoena service, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
2100 – subpoena service, out of township
2102 – family trouble, Second St.
2206 – suspicious vehicle, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

Wednesday, May 3:
0056 – suspicious person, Mulberry
0856 – suspicious incident, Rawsonville/Willis
1005 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1044 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1120 – threats complaint, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1622 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Clark Rd.
1732 – traffic hazard, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1805 – warrant arrest pick up, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1807 – property damage accident, 24000 bl. Clark
1909 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2132 – warrant arrest pick up, 19000 bl. Sumpter

Thursday, May 4:
0950 – fire dept. assist, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0951 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.

1033 – fire dept. assist, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1118 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1433 – family trouble, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1631 – civil dispute, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1802 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1837 – well-being check, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1927 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2141 – malicious destruction of property, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2207 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Martinsville

Friday, May 5:
0140 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
0805 – well-being check, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1051 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1850 – missing person, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1853 – assist other agency, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1923 – suspicious vehicle, Wear/Elwell
20308 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
2137 – alarm, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.
2140 – missing person recovered, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Saturday, May 6:
0530 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0910 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville
1329 – suspicious incident, Willow/Haggerty
1345 – reckless driver, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1400 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1558 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Arkona
1602 – personal injury accident, 20000 bl. Elwell
1625 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1646 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1739 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 19 follow-up investigations, 27 miscellaneous details, 86 patrol checks, and 29 traffic stops.

Arrest of suspect may solve series of B&Es to autos in city of Belleville

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said the arrest of a 23-year-old male resident of Huron River Drive may solve a rash of breaking and enterings of autos over the last week in the Potter Drive / Huron River Drive area.

Chief Berriman said on Saturday there was a report of a larceny at Benito’s where a woman’s wallet was taken. Officer Sarah Dzagulones reviewed a surveillance video that showed the wallet being taken. She talked to the man in the video and checked his backpack.

The backpack had items taken from autos in the Clarence Street area and other areas. Police got a search warrant and found other items taken from Belleville residents, including a laptop and earphones.

Chief Berriman said the suspect admitted to stealing the items. On Tuesday morning he was in the Van Buren Township police lockup awaiting charges from the Wayne County Prosecutor’s office, which wanted to view the video before making a decision on the charges.

Police hope to get a larceny from a person charge from the Benito’s incident and additional larcenies from autos charges. He said he will release the man’s name after arraignment.

Chief Berriman said last Wednesday or Thursday a Potter Drive resident came in to report items taken from his car. He was hesitant to file a report, but did after the chief encouraged him so police would know the extent of the problem. The man later called to say his wife’s car, also, had been broke into.

He said Officer Jeff Wickham covered more larcenies from autos over the weekend and was working on a number of reports.

In addition, Chief Berriman said the suspect had been ticketed for a number of larcenies from autos in Van Buren Township and reportedly was arraigned on Monday.

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Correction: Eric Luke didn't say engineering cost was 'scam'

Eric Luke made lots of comments at the April 27 special Belleville City Council meeting on a special assessment district to pay for road upgrades in Harbour Pointe, but he didn't make the comment on scams.

In the story in the May 4 *Independent*, I wrote: "Sounds like a scam ... Pay me the money first" and attributed it to him. He said he doesn't recall it being said, "but it wasn't me."

Near the end of the story, on page 9, engineer John Hennessey said, "We can't get detailed numbers until the detailed engineering is done," referring to the \$500 to \$600 per household it would cost.

Someone replied it sounded like a scam even though he knew the council wouldn't

do that. I thought it was Luke who made the comment and I was wrong. I apologize.

Luke said: "I seldom use a word like that to describe an issue and in no way believe anyone from the city or engineering firm is trying to pull a fast one on residents. While I don't agree with the feet dragging for far too long on the street issue, I have known some council members for years and years and respect them as individuals and council members."

Rosemary K. Oztman, editor

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