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## Frazier resigns from school board over McBride paving

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
*Independent Editor*

Sherry Frazier, who was elected to both the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education and the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, resigned her position on the school board during Monday's meeting.

Then, the school board voted 6-0 on two motions that would rescind the previous motion to participate in the paving of McBride Road and to make a new motion to participate in the paving of McBride with a \$90,000 payment.

The earlier agreement, also was passed on a 6-0 vote, with Trustee Frazier recusing herself from the vote. This vote may have been tainted by her presence on the board, according to the school board attorney who claimed Frazier had an "incompatible office" since she served on both the school board and the township board which were going into a contract on the McBride paving.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said he was fearful the legal question could cost the school district thousands of dollars if the vote was challenged.

At the beginning of Monday's school board meeting, Trustee Frazier asked that item 6 i – McBride Paving be moved up to the beginning of Administrative items.

Frazier asked Board President Keith Johnston what he was going to do and he replied, "A lot has to do with your decision."

"I thought it was your decision," Frazier said of Johnston's alleged desire for her resignation. She said the agenda item has three options. "What are we considering here tonight?"

"It's what you decide," Johnston said. "I don't want you to resign."

"Mr. Johnston, I want to say I resign from the school board," Frazier said and calls of

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*Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman*

34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley, right, knew that Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green would be shaving her hair off instead of waiting for it to fall out through chemotherapy, so he shaved his head first to show solidarity with her in her battle to regain her health. On May 11, Judge Oakley had his head shaved at the barber shop and sent a Selfie to Judge Green to show her. She said she was touched. On May 12, Judge Green had her hair shaved at the salon at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. After that, 34<sup>th</sup> District Court's on-staff court-appointed defense attorney Jeff Bowdich also had his head shaved to show support for Judge Green. "It is what it is," Judge Green said of her diagnosed stage-three breast cancer, with two serious markers, that will be fought with chemotherapy, followed by surgery, radiation, and long-term medication. She has adjusted her chemotherapy schedule to keep her on the bench at court. Judge Green also plans to direct the Strawberry Festival Parade this year, as usual.

## 'We're Still Country' Country Fest ready in Sumpter Township

The carnival opens behind the community center at 5 p.m. Friday to kick off the beginning of the 2017 Sumpter Township Country Fest, which runs through Monday.

In previous years the carnival opened on Thursday, but this year Friday is opening day.

The 2017 theme is "We're Still Country."

On Friday, "The Detroit Drive" band offers live music beginning at 4 p.m. followed by Denise Davis and the Motor City Sensations Band at 8 p.m.

The beer tent opens at 5 p.m., along with the baby contest, bingo, silent auction, and raffle sales. PNC's Grow Up Great Mobile Learning Adventure is from 4-7 p.m.

Saturday kicks off with the annual parade at noon, starting at Sumpter Road and Judd and heading south to the fairgrounds on

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## Memorial Day service set at 2 p.m. Monday at Veterans' Memorial

There will be no motorcycle ride as a part of this Monday's 2 p.m. Memorial Day Service at the Veterans' Memorial on High Street in downtown Belleville.

Shelly Brown Chudzinski, director of David C. Brown Funeral Home, said this year the motorcycle club that usually staffs the ride as it sets up at Wayne County Community College was unable to continue.

There was not enough time to find another group to set up the ride this year. She said if another club shows interest the ride could be reinstated next year.

This year the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Polish League of American Veterans are in charge of the ceremony. As was started last year, there will be special stories told about two of the local veterans whose names are engraved on the monument. And, members of those veterans' families will be present to hear their loved one honored.

Sponsoring the Memorial Day service, as always, is David C. Brown Funeral Home and Brown Family Center.

## Van Buren Public Schools seek applicants for school board seat

Due to the May 22 resignation of a board member before the expiration of her term (which is Dec. 31, 2018), Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education needs to fill her seat for the remainder of the term.

The board has just 30 days to fill her seat.

If you are a resident of the school district interested in filling this vacancy, fill out the information on an application form and submit to the superintendent's office no later than 4 p.m. Friday, June 2.

The applications will be reviewed by the school board at a June 5 special meeting and interviews held on June 7 at a special meeting. A decision will be made at the June 12 board meeting.

Application forms are available at the superintendent's office and on the district website. For more information, call the superintendent's office at (734) 697-9123.



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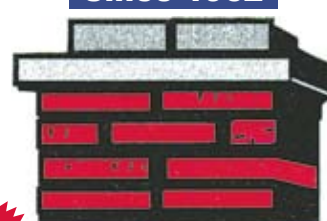
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## School Board

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"No, no, no," came from the audience.

"It's such a hard thing to do," Frazier said.

"I have so much passion for the school and I've done so much."

She listed how she stopped the secretaries from being privatized and stepped up when the former superintendent went overboard with his control.

"I gave a voice to the community and they used it. I think I have made a difference."

She said her daughter isn't speaking to her because of all the turmoil Frazier is suffering over the issue.

"It's been great. We have great students ... I'm going to put VBT on the map. I'm going to try to be a great trustee," Frazier said, wiping away tears. "I'm so tough usually."

"Always so passionate about the school," Supt. Kudlak noted.

"I want you to be part of Commencement on Friday," Johnston said and the audience stood and applauded Frazier.

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara was present to support Frazier, since she still served as a township trustee.

"When she was elected to the VBT Board, Sherry Frazier asked me if she should leave the school board," McNamara said. He said he told her no because in just a short time the township was partnering with the schools in after school stuff and working together.

"She just fell on the sword to fix a dangerous road and people who ride on it will be grateful to her," McNamara said. "She told me six months ago she would be happy to get McBride paved."

Frazier asked the remaining school board members that when they fill her spot they consider the candidate who lost by getting "seven votes" fewer than Johnston.

(She obviously referred to Darlene Loyer Gerick, who earned 300 votes fewer than Johnston, and was the next candidate in line.)

As Frazier was leaving the building with McNamara, VBT resident and former head custodian for the district, Reg Ion, chastised the board.

He told them of his problems with this district over his grandchildren's schooling and why his grandchildren now are enrolled in Keystone Academy. Then, he addressed Frazier's issue.

"It shouldn't have come to this," Ion said. "You've humiliated her and degraded her." He said the McBride paving will have a down side when the drivers speed 50 miles an hour down the smooth road. No sidewalks are planned.

"What you did was wrong and that's why I don't support you," Ion said.

"We did nothing wrong," Johnston replied.

Then the board passed motions rescinding the original motion when Frazier was on the board and then a second motion to approve the contract with VBT for the McBride paving. A third option, the motion to proceed on the paving acknowledging the potential liability to the district, was not considered.

Later in the meeting, Supt. Kudlak said, "We were fortunate to have Sherry as a board member. She was an unwavering supporter of the kids and school. That's the voice we'll be replacing. She will be missed. It's a big loss."

"It needed to happen to get McBride paved," he said.

Trustee Susan Featheringill said she is sad for the loss of Sherry and her passion.

"It exudes from her," Featheringill said, noting she has sat next to Frazier at the board table for several months. "She gets so involved to do whatever she can to make the school better."

She questioned the "odd law" of "incompatibility" and said she thought when people vote people in they should be able to function and there should be a way to look at individual situations.

"It's just difficult," Featheringill said.

"It's buried in contract law," Trustee Alison Bennett said. "You can't be on both sides."

"In our case, both sides wanted the same thing," Featheringill replied. "There was no competition. It was an entire project that both sides wanted. That's what made it even sadder."

"I'm heartbroken the way this was handled," said Trustee Simone Pinter. "The township attorney should have stopped it before she ran. The school had to act on it. I appreciate everything she's done."

Supt. Kudlak said they had 30 days to replace Frazier and the board discussed how to find the right candidate.

Johnston said it could be the next vote-getter, as Frazier requested. They noted that person took the time to run and spent money on the campaign.

Trustee Featheringill said when they filled Martha Toth's seat for three meetings last year they did not interview the candidates. She would like to interview candidates for this seat which would run until Dec. 31, 2018.

Secretary Kevin English said the present board doesn't look like the students, obviously referring to an all white school board and a 58% black school population.

"Not necessarily make that a preference," English said, adding he loves the idea to have a Q and A of candidates.

Johnston said they could ask former board member Brenda McClanahan to apply. He said anyone interested in serving is invited to apply.

The deadline for candidates to apply later was set at 4 p.m., Friday June 2.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

After she resigned from the school board Monday evening, Sherry Frazier was accompanied out of Belleville High School by Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, who said she was still a treasured VBT Trustee. Frazier was invited to take part in Friday's BHS Commencement exercises and she holds a package containing a robe to wear during the event.

## School Board enhances police radio reception in Belleville High School

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education voted unanimously Monday to spend \$41,440.66 out of its general fund to make sure police radios operate clearly in all parts of the five-year-old Belleville High School.

James Williams, director of plant operations, said after construction of the new high school, local police departments ran several training exercises in the building with various scenarios.

This brought to light some "dead areas" for radio signals within in the building. The school district has worked with police to resolve the issue at a lesser cost, but it didn't work.

Therefore, it was decided to move forward with the Michigan Public Safety Communication System Radio Signal Enhancement Project, based on Michigan State Police parameters for public safety radio signals.

ComSource, Inc. was the lower of two bidders, with Herkimer Radio bidding \$72,848.

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

• Heard a presentation by Rawsonville Elementary School Principal Delria

Crippen and staff which started off with Crippen saying she and the staff are shaken by the resignation of Sherry Frazier from the board, which happened moments before Rawsonville was to take to the microphone. "Mrs. Frazier was highly respected," Crippen said. They went on with their report, noting that Rawsonville has a highly transient population and a recent study showed of those students that enter Kindergarten, only 4% stay at the school until the fourth grade;

• Heard Curriculum Director Jeff Moore introduce those who will fill the two new IT teaching positions: Jason Strzalkowski, who now teaches at McBride, and Stefanie Halliday, a BHS teacher. He said there were 10 candidates for the positions and it was whittled down to two. He said they plan a two-day Educamp the second to the last week of August to give teachers more individual training in computers. There also will be after-school walk-in sessions;

• Heard three-year and five-year updates on the Sinking Fund from Rob Kakoczki of Plante Moran, CRESA. He said they plan to use from \$750,000 to \$950,000 per year from the fund for school projects. He said a project bigger than the usual is coming up in future years. He said engineers just

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# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### School Board rids itself of trustee who seeks answers

When an attorney, paid by the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, threatened to call the police on Sherry Frazier and put her in jail if she wouldn't resign, you could guess it would be just a matter of time until Frazier was pushed off the board.

She wouldn't stop asking questions about why the Savage school teachers law suit isn't settled, a year later, while the district law firm continues to rack up hundreds of thousands of dollars in fees.

Three members of the school board are still friends with the former school superintendent, who Frazier helped to get out of the district. Those were the three that said nothing in her support Monday while she was squeezed into resigning. One did abruptly comment at the end of the discussion that it was just contract law that was at the bottom of the need for her to go.

No one really pressed to question their attorney's opinion. Other attorneys concurred, but there's always another side.

She left with her head held high and VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara holding her arm and singing her praises. Frazier is still an elected member of the VBT board and with all her efforts now focused on VBT, who knows what she may accomplish for the community.

Frazier doesn't give up unless she's convinced it's for the public good.

Let McBride Road be paved.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I am saddened to hear of the death of Rae Thom, who used to run Belleville Taxi. When our paper was young, Rae used to take me up in his plane so I could take pictures of the area to put in the *Independent*. We flew out of the small airport on Rawsonville Road, north of Bemis, and it was always an exciting ride.

I will never forget how careful he was of the plane and how he would methodically check it all over before taking off. He even used a stick to measure fluids rather than relying on the gauges.

We were able to get pictures of the Belleville Bridge being built and also Victoria Commons being developed in that old cornfield. Those were popular subjects, back in the day.

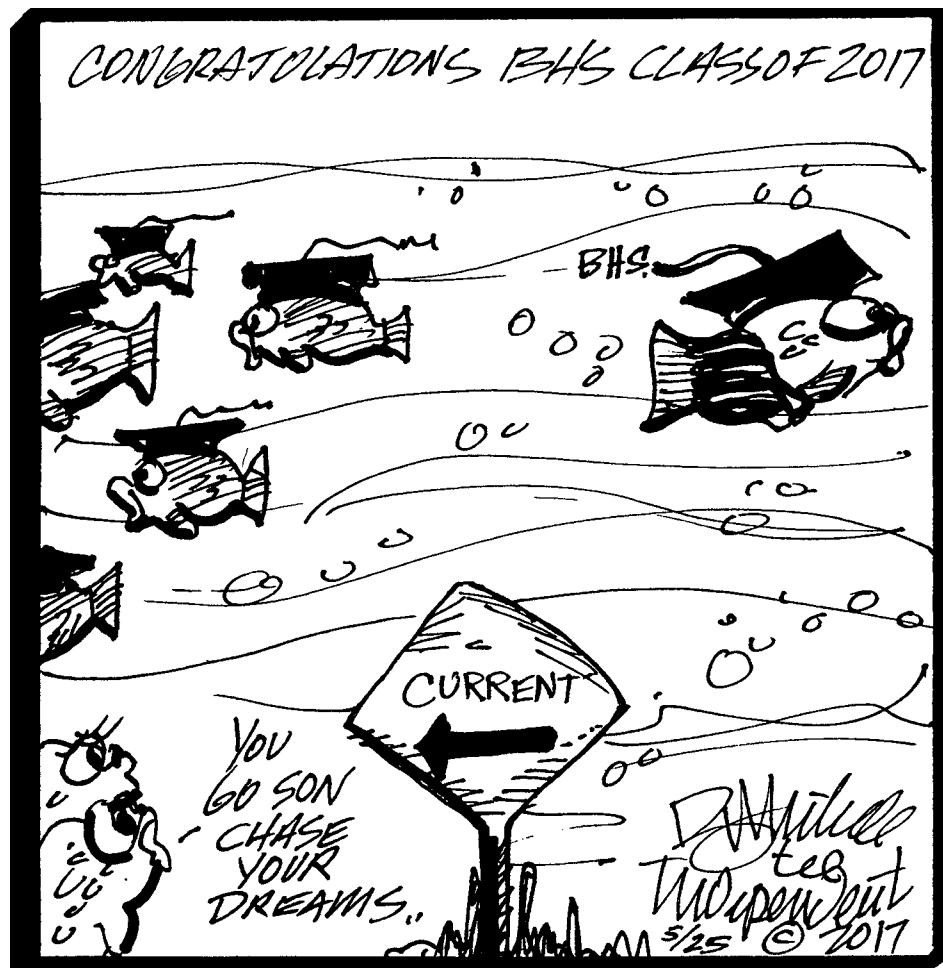
Rae was a special, kind person and we are less for him passing. A memorial service will be held in July.

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One city resident is perplexed why Belleville officials are coming down on him for having a boat in his driveway when a boat has been sitting in the parking lot outside of Johnny's restaurant for more than a month. It's next to the handicap parking sign, he said.

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A mother called me last week to tell me 14 seniors at BHS got left out of this year's yearbook and there are some very upset people. The mother said parents had to pay to submit the pictures to the yearbook and they had to pay to get their senior pictures taken. The 14 pictures missing in the yearbook, which came out May 4, were all from the same photo studio, who says the pictures were all sent by the deadline.



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Deb Green, the retired library director, said she saw yellow caution tape around the clock in the Fourth Street Square on May 18 during a windstorm.

I asked City Manager Diana Kollmeyer about it and she said DPW Director Rick Rutherford was alerted that the clock was weaving back and forth in the wind, so he put up the tape, just in case.

Diana said the clock is held in place by a rod that goes up the middle of it and Rick is looking into whether it needs to be stabilized.

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Mark Rosenthal's latest book "Animal Magic Unleashed" that I bought at the Author's Fair on Saturday at the library was "Adult Rated." You know how some animals get.

The book has short reports and pictures on local animal rescues and shows with a twist and includes stories featuring local police departments. It's fun to read, for the most part. It's easy to get grossed out when you get to the part about trying to save animal babies by cutting them out of dead mothers.

Diane Rosenthal is a very strong woman and handles most of those exotic animals her husband has without flinching.

The Rosenthals and their exotic animals live in Sumpter Township and are known throughout the country.

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The Zoning Ordinance that has been adopted by Van Buren Township is being announced in a small legal notice in today's paper. Be advised: This ordinance is more than 300 pages long and is a complete update of the zoning ordinance, with charts and hyperlinks for easy access to information on the township's website. The ordinance was last completely updated in 1992. Last time I looked, the draft ordinance was on the website, but I'm told the final version will be up for everyone to use any minute.

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VBT Trustee Paul White advises that Senate Bill 298, introduced April 18 by Senators Hertel, Conyers, Stamas, Bieda, Warren, Young and Proos, has been referred to the Committee on Government Operations. The bill designates the Black Swallowtail Butterfly as the official butterfly of the state of Michigan.

It's still in committee, as far as we can tell.

Trustee White points out the Black Swallowtail Butterfly (*Papilio polyxenes*) is found in Riggs Nature Park on Martinsville Road. And, it's also found in his yard on Haggerty Road. He's a big supporter of naming it the state butterfly.

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## Letters

### Thank you to Sumpter and Van Buren Twp.

To the Editor:

The Michigan Chapter of Honor and Remember, Inc. would like to express our appreciation to the Supervisors John Morgan and Kevin McNamara of Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township, respectively, for the cooperation and involvement of their local board of trustees and themselves, in the Honor and Remember Annual Month of May Recognition of our local fallen heroes, whose names are engraved on the All Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park, located on High Street.

Their participation and cooperation in the Month of May Campaign to Honor and Remember all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice from the area that they showed the highest respect and deepest gratitude for those who served and died for their country by taking the time to read the names of our local fallen heroes during their board meetings this month.

These two municipalities joined the City of Perry, MI in being a part of the campaign for this year.

Thank you, again, from the Board of Michigan Chapter - Honor and Remember, Inc.

LeRoy Paige - Director  
E. Wayne Byrum - Assistant Director  
John Aldrich - Treasurer  
Kathy Paige - Secretary  
Colleen Allen - Gold Star Family Coordinator

### Sumpter Twp. scrap tire collection a great success

To the Editor:

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the Sumpter Township residents that participated in the "Scrap Tire Collection" sponsored by Wayne County that took place on Saturday, May 13, at Sumpter Township's Recycling area.

Sumpter Township D.P.S. workers were on hand to collect the many, many tires that were brought in for drop off. The event started at 9 a.m. and went until 1 p.m. There was a constant flow of vehicles dropping off tires.

Sumpter Township D.P.S. employees helped unload and stack 1,077 tires from the residents. Residents were allowed to bring 10 tires per vehicle, per trip for drop off. There were several residents that made more than one trip to dispose of their scrap tires properly.

Hopefully, this will stop some of the dumping of tires in our ditches, road sides, and on vacant properties.

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Again, thank you Sumpter Township Residents for your participation in making this a great success.

Let's Keep Sumpter Clean and Beautiful.

Peggy Morgan, Treasurer  
Water Liaison, Sumpter Township Board

### Condition of Hillside Cemetery a disgrace

To the Editor:

My husband and I were at Hillside Cemetery on Mother's Day to visit his parent's grave. We were both disappointed by the condition of the cemetery (lack of mowing and trimming around the graves).

There were also flags by veterans' graves that had been knocked over and not picked up. I called the city manager's office and was told that the DPS department only has two workers to do the job and that they are doing the best they can.

I find it disgraceful and uncalled for that the cemetery is in this condition.

Martha Heck

### Volunteers needed for Reality Program

To the Editor:

For the past 16 years, the Belleville Area Women's Club has provided an exciting, fun, real-world-based Reality Program for the eighth-grade students at McBride Middle School, 47907 McBride.

This program provides the students with a glimpse into what their futures could hold and the importance of staying in school, getting good jobs, and being able to provide for their futures.

Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on June 7, with lunch provided by the school. Any time you could help would be appreciated.

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Belleville Area Women's Club

### Belleville DDA sets special meeting for Wednesday, May 24

The City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority set a special meeting for 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 24, to consider, again, its 2017-18 proposed budget.

At its regular meeting on May 17 the motion to approve did not get the needed five votes to pass it. (See story on page 13.)

The budget being proposed is a temporary budget because the DDA and the city have yet to agree on the amount for the Maintenance Agreement.

We'll report on Wednesday's meeting in next week's paper.






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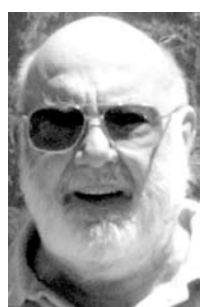
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# Obituaries



Howard "Kiel" Plummer Jr.

**HOWARD KIEL PLUMMER, JR.**  
(September 5, 1935 – May 19, 2017)  
Howard "Kiel" Plummer Jr., 81, of Packard Road, rural Morenci, died early Friday morning, May 19, 2017, at his home, in the company of his wife and son, while in the compassionate care of Hospice of Lenawee. Born in Chester, PA on September 5, 1935, he was the son of the late Howard Kiel and Dora (Fulmer) Plummer. He married Vicki Middleton on September 2, 1957, in Grand Rapids, MI, and she preceded him in death on March 5, 2010. He later married Gloria (nee Gregory) Gardner on February 14, 2015, at his home, and she survives. Kiel graduated high school from Ridley Park, PA, and furthered his education at the University of Michigan, Ferris State, University of PA, and the American University in Washington, D.C. His early professional career was spent as a Chemistry and Physics teacher in Newtown Square and his alma mater, Ridley Park, PA. He later served as an analytical chemist and microscopist for American Viscose Division of FMC Corp, and later at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, MI. Accomplished in his research career, he earned many distinguished awards through his working years, and had earned three US Patents in the automotive industry. Kiel settled in Seneca Township after his retirement in 1998. He served for over seven years as the Seneca Township Supervisor. He enjoyed woodworking and cabinetry, sailing on his yacht in Lake Erie, and always enjoyed dogs. He notably served over 40 years as an usher at the University of Michigan Stadium. Kiel established and sponsored the annual Vicki M. & H. Kiel Plummer Scholarship administered by the Morenci Education Foundation. Surviving in addition to his loving wife, Gloria, are a son, Howard Kiel Plummer III, Ph.D., of Knoxville, TN; an adopted daughter, Terry of MI; three sisters, Marilyn Hull, Trudy Morley, and Cheri Plummer all of PA; a brother, Alan (Patti) Plummer of NC; step-son, Robert (Julie) Gardner of Belleville, MI; step-daughter, Jessica (Nathan) Crain of Glen Burnie, MD; four grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren, Kennedy, Cade, and Noel. In accordance with Kiel's final wishes, cremation will take place. A private memorial celebration in his honor will be held at his home at a later date with the Rev. William VanValkenburg officiating. Arrangements were handled by the Eagle Funeral Home in Morenci. Memorial contributions in honor of Kiel can be directed to Hospice of Lenawee or the Lenawee Humane Society. Friends can share memories and words of comfort with the family online at [www.eaglefuneralhomes.com](http://www.eaglefuneralhomes.com).

**More Obituaries on page 8**



Bruce Henry Saffron

**BRUCE HENRY SAFFRON**  
(August 27, 1950 – May 16, 2017)  
Bruce Henry Saffron, age 66, of Belleville, passed away Tuesday evening, May 16, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Ann Arbor. Bruce is the beloved husband of Roberta for twenty wonderful years; loving father of David (Kathy) Saffron of Cleveland, OH., Charles (Melissa) LaMotte of Dandridge, TN., and Jennifer (Max) Kuhl of Jackson, MI.; dear son of Joelle (the late George) Saffron; cherished grandfather of Tristan Saffron-Cottrell, Ethan Saffron-Cottrell, Samantha LaMotte, Christopher LaMotte and Laith Elayyan; and great-grandchild, Jayce Cooper. Mr. Saffron is also survived by his siblings, Denny (Maxine) Saffron, Dawn (the late Al) Cawley, Blaise Saffron, Scott (Kathi) Saffron and Terry Saffron, along with many loving family and friends. Bruce was born on August 27, 1950 in Pontiac, Michigan. Following graduation from high school, he was employed with General Motors for many years. He was very active in the community. He held memberships with the Van Buren Eagles #3996, Belleville Moose #934, and the Huron Valley Conservation Club. An avid motorcyclist, he also enjoyed playing board games and spending time with his grandchildren. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 22, 2017 in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville (734) 697-4500. Interment followed privately at Washtenong Memorial Park, Ann Arbor. The Saffron family received guests from 2 until 8 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service on Monday. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the American Breast Cancer Association. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

**TAMMY LYNN BRYANT**  
(April 17, 1963 - May 17, 2017)  
Age 54 of Gibraltar, died at her home. Survived by sons Michael and Nick Donnelly; grandson Owen; brothers Patton and Timothy Bryant. Arrangements by Janowiak Funeral Home. [www.janowiakfuneralhome.com](http://www.janowiakfuneralhome.com)

**ANDREW RUSSELL ASHER**  
(September 10, 1968 – May 16, 2017)  
Age 48 of Willis, died from complications of a seizure. Survived by parents Russell and Kathleen of Belleville; brothers Donald and Timothy. Arrangements by Janowiak Funeral Home. [www.janowiakfuneralhome.com](http://www.janowiakfuneralhome.com)

**KENNEDI MEMERING**  
(December 16, 1994 – May 13, 2017)  
Age 22, Van Buren Twp., died at home. Survivors: father Robert, grandmother Sandra Bozarth, grandfather Robert H. Memering. Arrangements by Janowiak Funeral Home. [www.janowiakfuneralhome.com](http://www.janowiakfuneralhome.com)



# Obituaries



Paul Nerswick

## PAUL PHILIP NERSWICK

(September 15, 1953 – May 11, 2017)

Paul Philip Nerswick, age 63, passed away peacefully Thursday, May 11, 2017 at Oak Hill Hospital in Springhill, FL.

Paul was born on September 15, 1953 at Selfridge Air National Guard Base to Paul and Priscilla (Burr) Nerswick. Paul was a life-long resident of Belleville, MI, where he was known as the King of French Fries and Lemonade. Paul was a 1972 graduate of Belleville High School where he was a member of Choir. Paul was very active in the community and involved himself in many charitable organizations, including the Belleville Area Goodfellows as president, Belleville National Strawberry Festival as president, September Days, Rebekah and Odd Fellows, Red Hat Ladies Society, 4-H Clubs and countless other organizations to which he devoted his time.

Paul was a unique soul, very funny, loved to play practical jokes on his friends and family, and would do anything to make someone smile. Paul's passions included hosting parties, cooking, crafting, shopping for a bargain, gardening, fairs, festivals, clowns, theme parks, and carnivals. Paul spent his retirement years in Springhill, FL.

Paul is survived by his sisters Roxanne (Gary Grunst) Cripps of Carleton, MI and Denise (Jesse) Weick of Belleville, MI; nieces Paula Cripps, Kristina Pankey, and Jessy Weick and nephew Charles Nerswick, all of Belleville, MI; and great-nieces Katalina Pankey, Amara Nerswick, Zoey Nerswick, Lilyann Nerswick and Hailey Nerswick; and many countless friends across the country.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved cat Magic Man.

A Celebration of Life Party will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 2017 at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, 410 Oregon Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48198. All are welcome to come share stories and memories, and wear their favorite bright-colored shirt to honor the legendary life of Paul. Paul was cremated and his organs were donated to extend his charitable contributions, even in death.

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# Woman robs Mobil station at Haggerty/I-94 Service Dr.

Van Buren Township police are looking for a woman who held up a gas station without a mask, while wearing a Jason Giambi New York Yankees jersey, No. 25, and brandishing a pistol.

The Mobil gas station, at the corner of

the I-94 Service Drive and Haggerty Road, released a surveillance video of her doing the May 16 nighttime robbery and leaving the store.

The video shows a white woman, believed to be in her 30s, confronting the clerk with a silver and black semi-automatic hand gun.

The clerk told police she stuck the gun under the window by the register and started demanding money, which he gave to her. He estimated he gave her a couple

hundred dollars.

The suspect then entered the passenger side of a red compact SUV and fled the scene.



Jack Denville Fore

## JACK DENVILLE FORE

(March 5, 1924 - May 12, 2017)

Jack Denville Fore, age 93, of Belleville. Died peacefully at the Angela Hospice Residence of Livonia, Friday morning, May 12, 2017.

Jack is the father of Jerry Fore of Grand Haven, Dennie (Diana) Fore of Jackson, Annetta Fore of Tawas, Diane (Henry) Creps of Ann Arbor, Bonnie (Henry) DeGraw of Belleville and Tommy Fore of Texas; Cherished grandfather of Jack Fore, Barbara Rosiek, Matthew Fore, Henry Creps, Travis Fore, Mark Creps, George Nicula, Christopher Nicula, Richard Wertz, Michelle Wertz and Thane Wertz. Jack is also survived by his numerous great-grandchildren and many extended family and friends. Sadly, he is preceded in death by his daughter, Delores Wertz.

Born on March 5, 1924 in Kentucky, Mr. Fore came to Michigan at a younger age and worked in residential and commercial construction. He proudly served his country during WWII in the Army Air Corps. He was an avid outdoors man who loved hunting and fishing. In keeping with Jack's wishes, a simple cremation has been arranged with no public service planned.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the Disabled Vets.

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# 2017 SUMPTER COUNTRY FEST

## Schedule of Events – May 26<sup>th</sup> - May 29<sup>th</sup>



SUMPTER COUNTRY FEST IS SPONSORED BY  
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### Friday, May 26

*Festival Opens @ 5pm – Close 12 Midnight*

**Carnival Opens/Beer Tent**  
**Live Music – Bernadette Kathryn & The Lonely Days Band**  
**PNC Grow Up Great Mobile Learning Adventure**  
**Baby Contest**  
**Raffle Tickets Available**  
**Bingo**  
**Silent Auction**  
**Live Music – Denise Davis and the**  
**Motor City Sensations Band**

5pm – Close  
 4pm – 7pm  
 4pm – 7pm  
 5pm – 8pm  
 5pm – Close  
 5pm – Close  
 5pm – Close  
 8pm – Close



### Saturday, May 27

*Festival Opens @ 12pm – Close 12 Midnight*

**Carnival Opens/Beer Tent**  
**Parade (From Sumpter Rd. & Judd Rd to Dunn Rd.)**  
**To Be Announced by Randy Brown assisted by Steve Jones**  
**Bingo**  
**Baby Contest**  
**Raffle Tickets Available**  
**Pop Up Story Time – Belleville Area District Library**  
**Parade Presentations directly after Parade**  
**Silent Auction**  
**Tribute To The Legends (Impersonators)**  
**Animal Magic**  
**Michigan Mini Horse Pulling**

12pm – Close  
 12pm  
 12pm – 10pm  
 12pm – 8pm  
 12pm – 5pm  
 1pm – 4pm  
 1:30pm  
 2pm – 10pm  
 2pm – Close  
 2pm & 4pm  
 7pm



### Sunday, May 28

*Festival Opens @ 12pm – Close 12 Midnight*

**Car Show (10am Registration)**  
**Carnival Opens/Beer Tent**  
**Baby Contest**  
**Bingo**  
**Raffle Tickets Available**  
**Silent Auction**  
**Live Music – The Detroit Drive**  
**Truck Demolition Derby (Arena)**

(Adults \$12/Children 12 and under \$4)

**Live Music – TJ Thomas and the Kentucky Strait Band**  
**Fireworks – Music provided by Steve Jones**



12pm – 4pm  
 12pm – Close  
 12pm – 8pm  
 12pm – 10pm  
 12pm – Close  
 12pm – 10pm  
 1pm – 6pm  
 5:30pm

7pm – Close  
 Dusk

### Monday, May 29

*Festival Opens @ 12pm – Close 10pm*

**Carnival Opens/Beer Tent**  
**Live Music – Dal Bouey**  
**Baby Contest**  
**Bingo**  
**PNC Grow Up Great Mobile Learning Adventure**  
**Raffle Tickets Available**  
**Baby Contest Awards & Raffle Winners Announced**  
**Silent Auction Final Bid**  
**Silent Auction Items Picked Up**  
**Auto-Cross/Demolition Derby (Arena)**  
 (Adults \$12/Children 12 and under \$4)  
**Live Music – Yankee Trash Band**

12pm – Close  
 1pm – 5pm  
 12pm – 5pm  
 12pm – Close  
 12pm – 6pm  
 12pm – 5pm  
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 5pm  
 6pm – 8pm  
 6pm

6pm – Close

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Baby Contest - Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> through Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> (Ends at 1:30pm. Winners announced 5:00pm)

Silent Auction - Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> through Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> (Last bid 5pm, pick-up items 6pm-8pm) • Crafters and Vendors - All day Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> through Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

PNC Grow Up Great Mobile Learning Adventure (MLA)-Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 4pm-7pm & Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 12pm-6pm

Pop UP Story Time – Belleville Area District Library Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 1pm-4pm • Animal Magic – Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm & 4pm

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The 2017 Sumpter Country Fest is this week end and there are lots of fun things happening, like the popular parade beginning at noon on Saturday, car show and fireworks on Sunday, and demo derby on Monday. Mark Rosenthal's Animal Magic will perform two free shows on Saturday at 2 and 4 p.m. For a complete list of events and music lineup, see their ad in today's paper and visit [www.sumptertwp.com](http://www.sumptertwp.com).

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter will also be at Sumpter Fest all weekend with many pets available for adoption. Call (734) 461-9458.

The Yankee Air Museum presents Air to Air Photography with Eric Dumigan on Saturday, June 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. Dumigan will be sharing his experiences and tips from his years of capturing photos of various aircrafts and publishing over 300 articles. The program is free and open to the public. Call. (734) 483-4030.

The staff over at Animal Medical Center of Van Buren on Sumpter Road are getting ready for their open house on Saturday, June 10, from noon to 4 p.m. There will be special tours of the state-of-the-art hospital, along with a meet-and-greet with the staff and Veterinarians Scott Driscoll and Amy Dasher. There will be giveaways of Detroit Tiger tickets, food, ice cream, and other prizes. See a demonstration by the Detroit Metro Airport TSA Explosive De-

tection Canine Unit and the work of Magie Joe, a magician. The event is free. Call (734) 699-6510.

Today's paper features an insert from Tractor Supply Co. about its Memorial Day week end sales event. Visit [www.tractorsupply.com](http://www.tractorsupply.com) for store locations. To learn more on how you can have your flyer inserted into the newspaper, call me at (734) 699 9020.

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

## Belleville Meijer store to earn funds for St. Mary Outreach Center

The Belleville Meijer store, at Belleville and Tyler roads, and the Westland Meijer, at Newburg and Warren roads, have agreed to partner with St. Mary Outreach Center in Wayne with the "Simply Give" program from May 14 through June 18.

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## City Council to meet in special session May 30 to discuss budget

The Belleville City Council will meet in special session at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 30, to continue discussions on the 2017-18 city budget. It will have the fire department as the main topic of discussion.

On Monday at 6 p.m., the council met with Plante Moran consultant Kelly Howey to get an overall view of the city's revenue and to discuss needs of the police department.

A 7:30 p.m. June 5 public hearing has been set to consider the proposed budget.

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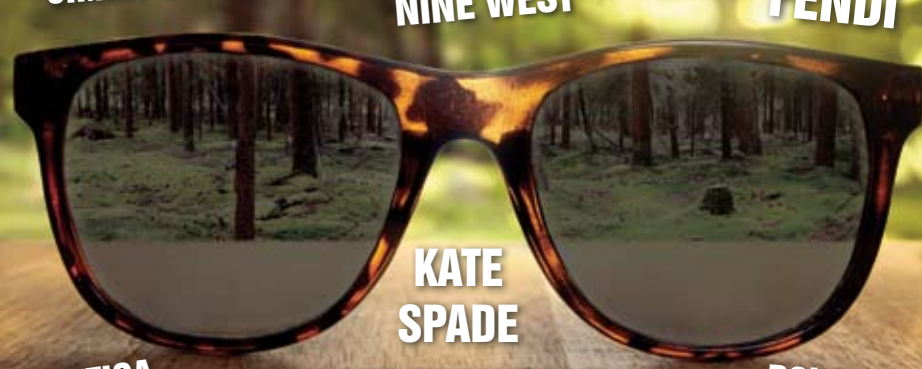
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## Wandering sheep rescued and taken to Carleton farmyard

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Last week the wandering sheep was rescued.

The sheep that has been all alone and hanging out in southern Van Buren Township in fields between Hull and Bemis roads was enticed into a van with another sheep and taken to a farm in Carleton where there are other sheep.

Jim Bevard, a neighbor, said the sheep originally escaped from a farm on Martz Road and the owner didn't come for it.

Marie and Carl Krouse live near where the sheep was wandering and would take out food to it and even bring their dogs to give it some company.

Bevard said he would get corn from the mill and put it out for the sheep. He said the farmers are out there plowing now, so the sheep was taken away before it could ruin anybody's crop.

He said there are lots of coyotes and he worried about that for the sheep.

When people tried to get to the sheep, it would run from those who tried to get to it.

So, when a volunteer from Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue and her friend came to rescue the sheep, they held a mirror up before its face and it came forward because it thought another sheep was there. And, the other sheep they brought helped get the skittish sheep into the van so it could be taken to safety.

Over the last few months, motorists who could see the sheep from the roadway voiced concerns about the sheep's well-being. It was a constant theme on Facebook postings and calls to the *Independent*.

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• **Friday, May 26, through Monday, May 29** – Sumpter Country Fest at the fairgrounds across from township hall, 23480 Sumpter Rd.

• **Sunday, May 28** – Sumpter Country Fest Car Show at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Information: Margaret Rochon, (734) 699-5275. Fireworks at dusk.

• **Sunday, May 28** – 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.

• **Sunday, May 28, and Monday, May 29** – USA Demolition Derby AutoCross, 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, and 6 p.m. on Monday, at Sumpter Country Fest. Information: Sonny Hall, president, (734) 483-0574.

• **Monday, May 29** – Memorial Day service at 2 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial in Horizon Park in downtown Belleville. Put on by VFW and PLAV in cooperation with Brown Funeral Home and Brown Family Center. No motorcycles this year.

• **Sunday, June 4** – 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.

• **Sunday, June 4** – Join Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville for a brief ceremony to honor past and present members of the military. Stand to pledge the flag and hear "Taps" played.

• **Saturday, June 10** – Household Hazardous Waste Collection for all Wayne County residents, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Henry Ford College, 5101 Evergreen Rd., Dearborn, just south of Ford Road). Information (734) 326-3936.



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On May 9, Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright, left, put on his fourth-annual student council election at Belleville High School to teach students about voting procedures and the responsibility of voting. This year he was assisted by VBT Trustee Kevin Martin. About 60% of the students participated and a total of 755 ballots were cast. Thirty new voters were registered and 20 election inspector applications were received. Clerk Wright thanked Election Source for making the project possible with the donation of ballots, coding and equipment. Also assisting in the project were Belleville Clerk Sherri Scharf, BHS teachers Connie Testorelli and Felicia Lasenby and the senior student council election workers.

## Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue present recipes from local cooks

A cookbook with more than 160 pages, featuring recipes from local cooks, is being offered as a fund raiser for Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue.

The "FMAR Sweets, Treats & Eats" publication is available for a \$10 donation at the animal shelter, 51299 Arkona Road, east of Rawsonville Road, in Sumpter Township and at the *Belleville-Area Independent* newspaper, 152 Main Street, in downtown Belleville.

The shelter is generally open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday, but call ahead at (734) 461-9458 to make sure someone will be there to help you. The *Independent* is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The cookbook also is available on the website [www.fmar.org](http://www.fmar.org).

The money raised by cookbook donations is earmarked to put new vinyl flooring throughout the cat house.

"You can tell the book was put together by cat lovers by the pictures at the beginning of each section," said Pete LaFramboise, FMAR president.

FMAR said an anonymous donor funded printing of the cookbook, so all the cookbook donations will go to pay for the floor. The cookbook committee, which gathered the recipes and prepared the book content, is made up of Sheila Glick, Katrina Guisgand, Sharon King, and Carol Schimmelpfenneg.

Members of the FMAR board of directors are Pete LaFramboise, president; Marcy LaFramboise, vice president; Cathy Boatin, secretary; Lori Bowerman, treasurer; Sandy Seaton, volunteer coordinator; Bob Smith, shelter liaison; Linda Luke, fundraiser coordinator; and Jessica Hassell, education and media coordinator.



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# Belleville DDA fails to approve proposed budget for 2017-18

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

A preliminary balanced budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year was presented to the Belleville Downtown Development Authority at its May 17 meeting in order to get it approved in time to get it to the city council for the city's budget talks.

The vote was 4-1, which was not enough to pass the budget, since a vote of five is required.

DDA member Alicia McGovern cast the only no vote. Voting yes were chairwoman Rosemary Loria, vice chairwoman Denise Baker, Treasurer

Sabrina Richardson Williams, and Mayor Kerreen Conley. DDA members Jim Chudzinski and Secretary Jim Higgerson were absent.

"We won't have a budget for the city council," said an annoyed chairwoman Loria. "We'll deal with that."

Last May the DDA also did not have a budget ready to be considered during city council budget talks.

At the end of the meeting, Treasurer Williams said they need to know why there was a vote against the budget and, "We need to have that discussion."

"We have to bring it back to another meeting," Loria said.

The proposed budget was distributed to board members just before the meeting and McGovern explained her no vote to the *Independent* after the meeting.

"I'm a numbers person and we didn't have a chance to study the numbers," she said. McGovern runs the local Edward Jones financial consulting group.

DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson presented the budget committee's recommendation to the DDA, explaining the DDA and city were still going back and forth on the Maintenance agreement. She said no revenue growth is foreseen for the coming year.

She said they just replicated last year's budget on a temporary basis and it will be revised later.

The proposed short-term recommendation shows \$676,100 in revenue from captured taxes from the city, Wayne County, Wayne County Community College, Zoo, DIA, and district library.

This is down from \$690,931 in the present year and Thompson noted there is similar tax capture value, yet with a decrease in tax revenue.

"Plante Moran is recommending a conservative revenue estimate due to the Headlee Amendment Rollback which restricts a municipality's tax revenue growth," the recommendation said.

Plante Moran is the city's financial consultant.

As far as expenditures, the Administration total for 2017-18 is proposed at \$57,742, which includes Thompson's salary of \$46,200. The total is down from \$58,035, with Thompson's salary unchanged.

Both the present and proposed budgets have \$5,000 set aside for legal services and \$1,000 for contracted services.

District Maintenance expenditures total \$206,000 this year and is cut to \$185,000 for the coming year.

Contracted Services in District Maintenance went from \$11,000 this year to \$20,000 in the proposed budget because the DDA decided to hire an outside contractor for grass mowing, instead of paying the city for the work.

Also the Capital Projects Contribution that

was \$30,000 in the present contract, was zero in the proposed budget. The recommendation said, "In his review of a new District Maintenance Agreement, the DDA attorney believes this transfer of funds is a violation of the DDA Act."

Also, the 2010 Bond Payments towards the principal continue to rise annually for a next few years, with a ceiling of \$419,920 in 2021.

The 2016-17 bond payment costs on the 2010 Bond were \$350,396 and will be \$369,058 in 2017-18.

The two budgets carry identical totals of \$30,800 for Economic Development. Later in the meeting City Councilman Tom Fielder said from the audience that in the future he would like to see more in this budget item for economic development.

The beginning fund balance for 2016-17 was \$1,120,588 and the proposed fund balance for 2017-18 is estimated at \$1,104,330.

Also, recommendations from the budget committee are \$1,000 each for the National Strawberry Festival, Belleville Area Council for the Arts for Music Lakeside, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce for Winter Fest, Belleville Area Museum for Harvest Fest, BooVille, and holiday programming, plus \$500 toward SOUP 2016.

The Community Program Funding is down from \$6,500 in 2016-17 to \$4,500 in 2017-18.

The Belleville Community Chorus also submitted a funding request, which was not recommended because its concert event is held at the Methodist Church, which is not located in the DDA district, and the application did not meet program guidelines for working with downtown businesses or promotion/advertising plans.

In other business at the 25-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Approved purchase of six waste receptacles with liners at a total cost of \$2,236.73 from Belson of N. Aurora, IL, lowest of four bidders. These will replace two waste receptacles lost due to age and damage, plus add four more for Main Street in the style similar to the 1990's streetscape. There currently are a total of 34 waste receptacles located on Main Street, Horizon Park, Victory Park, Doane's Landing, and Village Park.

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# Van Buren Civic Fund



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Posing for a photo Saturday during Atchinson Ford's "Drive 4 UR Community" event to earn money for the Van Buren Civic Fund were, from left, Carol Thompson, Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, Dwight Kolver, Van Buren Township Treasurer Sharry Budd, Medina and Craig Atchinson, Liz Albrecht, and Bob Hetzel. Craig Atchinson is chairman of the Civic Fund and he said about a year ago the board decided to keep the treasury above \$1 million and use the interest and donations to help the community. He said the treasury totalled about \$1,060,000 before Saturday's events. Saturday's activities included the third-annual Detroit Tigers Alumni Softball game.

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# School Board

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found out that the street in front of the bus garage is school property and will have to be repaired in the future. Trustee Susan Featheringill suggested the district put a suggestion box on the website so people can make suggestions on what needs fixing at the schools;

- Approved the purchase of 216 Chromebooks and six carts to house them at a cost not to exceed \$48,984 for use by McBride Middle School students. Moore said there are 36 Chromebooks in each cart and they will be used at school and not taken home. Sean Garlich said the 11" Chromebooks are very durable;

- Approved the 2018 General Operating

Budget for Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) as presented;

- Approved the designation of Featheringill (or Keith Johnston, if she can't make it) as the board's representative for the RESA election on June 5. She was directed to vote for Mary Blackmon and Danielle Funderburg for seats on the RESA board; and

- Briefly discussed the district's policy regarding cell phone usage. Johnston wanted to look into it because of fears the cell phones might be disrupting education in the classrooms. He was told some teachers have students use the cell phones in class and some require them to be turned off. Supt. Kudlak said in another district schoolrooms have a red / yellow / green sign that indicates whether cell phones can be out or need to be put away.



# City of Belleville Public Notice



## City of Belleville NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2017-18 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET



Notice is hereby given that the Belleville City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 5, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville MI, to consider the proposed 2017-18 City Budget.

The proposed General Fund budget is \$2,200,000 based on estimated sources of revenue, including a proposed 2017-18 City property tax levy of 18.10 mills for general operating purposes.

The City Council has authority to establish the proposed total millage rate of 18.10 mills, the current maximum allowable millage rate permitted by State Statute and the City Charter.

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

The budget includes proposed appropriations for the following funds:

FUND	REVENUES	EXPENDS.
General Fund	\$ 2,085,000	\$ 2,200,000
Major Street Fund	\$ 187,000	\$ 175,000
Local Street Fund	\$ 97,000	\$ 80,000
Cemetery Fund	\$ 71,400	\$ 78,000
Sanitation Fund	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Perpetual Care Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ -0-
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Budget Stabilization Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Public Improvement Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Capital Equipment Fund	\$ -0-	\$ 20,100
DDA Operating Fund	\$ 315,542	\$ 315,542
DDA Debt Service Fund	\$ 369,058	\$ 369,058

A complete copy of the proposed 2017-18 City Budget is available for public inspection during regular business hours at City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan.

Public comments on the proposed budget may be submitted in writing prior to the public hearing, and in writing or in person at the hearing.

Sherri Scharf  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Genevieve Riggs of Van Buren Township was one of the 14 authors selling their books at Saturday's Local Authors Fair at the Belleville Area District Library. Riggs is a retired art teacher of the Van Buren Public Schools who now is substituting in the district.

## 14 local writers take part in library's first Local Author Fair

On Saturday afternoon 14 local authors met with the public and sold and autographed their books at the Belleville Area District Library's first Local Author Fair.

Adult Services Librarian Amy Greschaw met guests at the door of the library and gave them a list of the authors located at tables throughout the library.

Authors taking part were:

- Brian Anderson of Plymouth, author of "Chip Dip," a humorous novel set in a potato chip factory in Detroit's Corktown neighborhood.

- Thomas Blackwell, Ph.D., of Belleville, writer of self-help books that show you how to overcome obstacles and achieve your dreams.

- Zev Lawson Edwards of Detroit, whose teen novel "The New Punk" is set in Detroit and follows a group of orphan boys who struggle to answer the question: Where does an outsider fit in when they don't fit in anywhere at all?

- Constance Haynes of Belleville, has written two books of popcorn recipes: "All Popped Up! 1&2."

- Pamela Kennedy of Belleville had an inspirational memoir, "Coming Out of Utter Darkness."

- Marian Lloyd-Caldwell of Belleville is the writer of many children's books and songs. Mr. Mouse is one of her characters.

- Cheryl Martin, M.A., of Belleville, is a writer of a broad range of literature for all ages that includes poetry, novels, and books of local history.

- Ian Tadashi Moore of Canton is the author of "Zosan," based on a Japanese children's song, featuring Zochi the elephant and illustrations by Moore.

- Donovan Neal of Wixom is an ordained minister who wrote "The Third Heaven," a three book series telling the fascinating

story of the fall of Lucifer.

- Catherine Powers of Belleville is a local poet who was present to promote her book "28 Years Since My Last Confession."

- C. Genevieve Riggs of Van Buren Township, a retired art teacher in the Van Buren Public Schools, was present with her first nonfiction book for children, "An (Unexplained) Avian Adventure." It is based on the time her bird, Mr. Gray, escaped and flew from their home in Country Walk subdivision to across Haggerty Road. The story was featured in the *Independent*.

- Mark and Diane Rosenthal of Sumpter Township, who are known for their Animal Magic animal show, were present with the several books they've written about animals for children and adults, including

"Animal Magic Unleashed," which is adult rated.

- Amy Stilgenbauer of Ann Arbor writes fiction for teens and adults. Her latest is called "Sideshow." Set in 1957, a young woman runs away from a marriage proposal

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- Norma Davis Stoyenoff of Belleville is a writer of mystery and romance and brought her latest: "Cursed by Cupid?"

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## Speed boat crashes into UM rowing crew on Belleville Lake

Van Buren Township Police arrested a suspect shortly after the man allegedly drove his yellow speed boat into a University of Michigan women's rowing crew boat practicing on Belleville Lake.

Police Chief Jason Wright said at about 5:17 p.m., May 17, VBT emergency dispatch received reports that a yellow speed boat had struck a UM rowing crew boat.

The crew was practicing on the lake. After the boat was struck all nine passengers were thrown into the water and swam 75' to shore. The rowing crew's boat was severely damaged and broken into pieces.

The speed boat fled the scene, leaving the women behind in the water. The nine made it to shore where they were assisted by VBT fire fighters and medical personnel. Only one of the passengers reported a minor injury.

Chief Wright said a suspect and a yellow speed boat were located and the operator of the speed boat was arrested by VBT officers for failing to stop at a boat accident.

Chief Wright told Channel 2 News that the driver immediately went to the boat launch and took his boat out of the water, but officers tracked him and his boat trailer down at Huron River Drive and Rawsonville Road.

He was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident, ticketed, and posted bond and was to be arraigned.

"Van Buren Public Safety is thankful that our U of M rowing crew is safe," Chief Wright said.

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## Sumpter Fest

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Sumpter Road. Randy Brown and Steve Jones will be announcing the parade entries from a booth across from township hall. Winners of parade awards will be announced at 1:30 p.m.

The Belleville Area District Library's Pop-Up Storytime will be from 1 to 4 p.m. and impersonators will give "Tribute to the Legends" from 2 p.m. until the fairgrounds close at midnight.

Mark Rosenthal of Animal Magic, based in Sumpter Township and known nationwide, performs at 2 and 4 p.m. without charge to visitors.

Michigan Mini Horse Pulling starts at 7 p.m. Saturday.

On Sunday, the big events are the car show at noon and fireworks at dusk, preceded by the Truck Demolition Derby in the arena at 5:30 p.m., with tickets at \$12 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

TJ Thomas and the Kentucky Strait Band will perform from 7 p.m. to midnight.

On Monday, Memorial Day, there's more fun with continuing events and the Auto-Cross/Demolition Derby in the arena at 6 p.m., with a charge for tickets. The Yankee Trash Band performs from 6 p.m. until midnight.

Winners of the baby contest and raffle winners will be announced at 5 p.m.

There is free entertainment for children throughout the week end. And, there are inflatables and pony rides.

Crafters and vendors are on hand all three days.

For more information, call the Sumpter Township Hall at (734) 461-6201 or visit [www.sumptertownship.com](http://www.sumptertownship.com).

The festival is put on each year by the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission.

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May 27 - Kelly Boelter  
May 28 - Sophia Sloan  
May 29 - Tina Steger, Scott Martin  
May 30 - Wendy Marecle  
June 1 - Nathan Ray Millard, Carol Gomes

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### Court Watching:

## Judge Green binds over Dustin Vermilyea for Creek Bar shooting

Dustin Mathew Vermilyea, 35, was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information in a shooting at The Creek bar in Van Buren Township on Oct. 20, 2015.

Vermilyea's preliminary exam was held May 17 before 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green.

He was charged with assault with intent to murder, assault with a dangerous weapon, larceny from a motor vehicle, weapon in possession of a felon, and using a weapon to commit a felony.

Vermilyea was brought to court from the Central Michigan Correctional Facility in Gratiot County by two officers from the Michigan Department of Corrections. He currently is serving a sentence of 5-8 years on two assault with a dangerous weapon charges from an April 11, 2016 incident.

When Vermilyea was brought before Judge Green from the lockup, there were six police officers in the courtroom keeping close watch on him.

There was one witness called to testify. He said he was playing darts at the Creek Bar and Grill at 50150 W. Huron River Drive when two guys walked into the bar acting suspicious and weird.

The witness said they didn't order anything. One guy – Vermilyea -- stood by the bar and his buddy was walking around looking at things and then walked out. He came back in, exchanged words with his buddy and they walked out.

The witness testified that he could see outside and he saw the buddy crouch down and open a door to a vehicle in the parking lot and enter it. He said he knew it belonged to the guy who lived above the bar, so he went outside.

The buddy had exited the car and was running across the parking lot. The witness said he called out, "What do you think you're doing? That's not your vehicle."

Then, the witness testified, the defendant, who was 40' from the bar in the long parking lot, turned and shot at the witness. The witness said he saw the flash and heard the shot ricochet off the building about 5' to 10' from him.

Then the two took off down Huron River Drive, he said.

He testified the bartender dragged him in and called police, who gave him a photo lineup and he identified the defendant.

Then, Vermilyea's retained attorney Edward Holmberg cross-examined the witness.

The assistant prosecutor asked for bind overs on charges 1, 2, 4, 5, with the charge on larceny from a motor vehicle dropped. Judge Green bound him over and he is due at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on May 31.

There was some discussion about whether to set bond on him, which would put him in the Wayne County Jail while this case proceeds or whether not to set bond and send him back to Gratiot County.

Vermilyea told the judge that he wants to go back to prison while this case proceeds, so the guards took him back.



## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 16, 2017

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Developmental Services Director Akers, Recreation Director Wright and Deputy Director Zaenglein, H.R. Director Sumpter, Public Safety Deputy Director (Police) Wright, Lt. Bazy, Senior Coordinator McBride, Attorney Mannarino, Consultant Sloan and an audience of nine (9).

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the revised Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session minutes of May 1, 2017, Board Meeting minutes of May 2, 2017, Prepaid List of May 5, 2017, prepaid list of May 11, 2017 and the Voucher List of May 16, 2017]. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve the grant award between the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA) and the Township, authorize the Supervisor to execute the agreement and create line items for expenses and reimbursements. Motion Carried. The Township has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$47,497 to fund a summer youth jobs program. Interviews were held on April 27, 2017. The program will offer youth employment opportunities as Community Ambassadors, Junior Administrative Assistants and Camp Counselors in Training who will be supervised by Township Departmental Directors.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Budd moved, Martin seconded to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 5-2-17 (1) the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried. A comprehensive update to the Township Zoning Ordinance was developed over the past two 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. Treasurer Budd thanked the Developmental Services Department Directors, Planning Commission, Planning Commission Ordinance Committee and the Township consultants for their efforts on the project.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the second (final) 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). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. 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 Resolution 2017-09 an extension of Resolution 2016-21 to defer the review of applications pertaining to medical marijuana cultivation facilities from May 20, 2017 to December 20, 2017. Motion Carried. The extended moratorium allows the Township to review recent changes to

the Medical Marijuana Licensing Act pertaining to medical marijuana cultivation facilities.

Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 05-16-17 to discuss an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances Chapter 90 (Waterways) Sec. 90-1 to 90-97. Motion Carried. This amendment to Chapter 90 adopts state law the Township had not previously adopted and allows for adjudication at the District Court level.

Budd moved, White seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the Township and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the Iron Belle Trail and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: Frazier. Motion Carried. The Iron Belle Trail is the longest designated state hiking and biking trail in the nation between Belle Isle Park (Detroit) and Ironwood (Upper Peninsula). The Memorandum of Understanding allows the Township to begin a logistical assessment for the first segment of the 2.5 mile trail, in Van Buren Township, from the Huron Clinton Metro Park on Haggerty Rd. running along Huron River Dr. to Edgemont Rd. in the City of Belleville. Trustee Frazier expressed concern over funding for completion and long term maintenance costs.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the Proposal for Engineering and Landscape Architectural Services agreement between the Township and PEA Inc. for a segment of the Iron Belle Trail and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: Frazier. Motion Carried. PEA Inc. has been the sole source provider for engineering and landscape architectural services for the Iron Belle Trail. Preliminary planning suggests that approximately five easements over private properties will be necessary to complete the project. PEA Inc. will assist the Township in developing preliminary plans and easement documentation services. Their services will be funded by a grant in the amount of \$30,000 received by the Township from the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Frazier moved, Wright seconded to approve the agreement with Zambelli Fireworks Company for the 2017 Fireworks Show. Motion Carried. Bids were received and Zambelli Fireworks Company is able to provide the best variety of fireworks for the \$10,000 budgeted for the display at Beck Ball Fields on June 24, 2017 (rain date June 25, 2017). Donations are being secured to cover the cost of Public Safety services during the Fireworks show.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Announcements included: Free tire disposal day at the Township Hall is June 3, 2017 from 10 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Belleville high school Junior and Senior students interested in becoming a firefighter are encouraged to apply for the dual enrollment program. Those accepted into the program will train at a Van Buren Township fire station, earn 20 college credits through Schoolcraft College and the firefighter one and two certifications upon successful completion. The Township Administrative Offices will be closed Monday May 29, 2017 in observance of Memorial Day, on May 9, 2017 the Clerk's Office hosted the Belleville High School Student Council Election. This event has been a collaboration with the Van Buren Public School District and the Township since 2013. Approximately 60% of the students participated and a total of 755 ballots were cast. Thirty new voters were registered and twenty Election Inspector

applications were received. This year students were surveyed upon exiting the polls on their likelihood of voting in the future. An analysis of the results indicated that over 71% of the participants were highly likely or likely to vote in the future. This project is made possible by the generous donation of ballots, coding and equipment from Election Source. Election Source was also recently selected as the support team for our new voting equipment arriving this fall. Clerk Wright thanked Trustee Martin, City of Belleville Clerk Sherri Scharf, BHS Teachers Connie Testorelli and Felicia Lasenby and the Senior Student Council election workers for another successful event.

**NON-AGENDA:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Budd moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Publish: May 25, 2017



### City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes May 1, 2017

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

#### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

#### 3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations  
Ron Akers from Van Buren Township's Planning and Economic Development Department gave a detailed presentation on the recently adopted Belleville Lake ordinances.

Citizen Comments	None
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#### 4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Smith, second by Loria to approve the regular city council meeting minutes of April 17<sup>th</sup> and the special called meeting minutes of April 25<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### 7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Amendment to Ordinance No. 53-72: Special Assessments

City Manager Kollmeyer stated that the original

ordinance being the Council for consideration was approved in 1953 and has not been changed since.

#### 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Strawberry Festival Policies  
Motion by Loria, second by Marcotte to adopt Resolution No. 17-032 approving the Belleville Strawberry Festival responsibility and administrative policies as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### B. Annual City Wide Yard Sale Dates

Motion by Marcotte, second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 17-033 establishing September 9 and 10, 2017 as the dates for the annual City Wide Yard Sale.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Special Assessment District Cost Sharing for Engineering Specifications  
Mayor Conley stated that if Harbour Pointe residents submitted a petition asking the City to consider a Special Assessment District for street repairs, the first step in determining project costs would be to develop engineering specifications for the bidding process. Mayor Conley then called on council members for a motion.

Motion by Smith, second by Marcotte to adopt Resolution No. 17-034 approving a 50% cost share with the City, not to exceed \$40,000 for engineering specifications.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. FY 2017-18 Budget Presentation  
The first draft of the FY 2017-18 budget was distributed to City Council prior to the meeting. Mayor Conley stated that she and City Manager Kollmeyer will discuss the review and implementation process. In the meantime, she encouraged council members to email any questions or requests for more information to Manager Kollmeyer.

#### 9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Loria, second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 17-035 for accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 totaling \$67,891.77.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### 10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to adjourn meeting at 8:47 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: May 15, 2017

Published: May 25, 2017

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ZONING ORDINANCE NOTICE OF ADOPTION

A zoning ordinance regulating the development and use of land has been adopted by the legislative body of the Charter Township of Van Buren.

The Zoning Ordinance will effect seven (7) days after publication of the notice of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. A copy of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 during the normal business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Adopted: May 16, 2017

Published: May 25, 2017

Effective: June 02, 2017



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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE 05-02-17(2)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ZONING ORDINANCE 06-02-92, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

**The Charter Township of Van Buren Ordains:**

#### SECTION 1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Zoning Map in connection with the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

##### Ordinance No. 05-02-17(2)

A request to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcel V125-83-093-01-0021-001, otherwise known as 40631 Alden Drive, from C-1 (General Commercial) to R-1C (Single Family Residential).

This property is located on the south side of Alden Drive which is located off Haggerty Road between the I-94 South Service Drive and W. Huron River Drive.

#### SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

In the event any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or word of this ordinance is deemed invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion deemed severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

#### SECTION 3. REPEALER.

Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

#### SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect seven (7) days after publication of the notice of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within fifteen (15) days of passage. A copy of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 during normal business hours.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the 16 day of May, 2017.

YEAS: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller, and White

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Adopted: May 16, 2017

Published: May 25, 2017

Effective: June 02, 2017

## Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, May 30 – Special 6 p.m. meeting of the Belleville City Council to work on the 2017-18 budget.
- Monday, June 5 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 6 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m., at the Belleville

Area Museum in downtown Belleville.

• Wednesday, June 7 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.

• Thursday, June 8 – 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, June 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons

## Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Van Buren Public Schools is accepting sealed bids for Walk-in refrigerator/freezer at McBride Elementary including removal and installation. Sealed bids must be received by June 2, 2017 at 10:00 am. Bids received after the above stipulated date and time will not be considered.

Bid documents can be obtained on the district's website or by emailing [purchasing@vanburenschools.net](mailto:purchasing@vanburenschools.net). All bids must be submitted on the forms provided. All bids must be accompanied by a familial disclosure statement. Bids received without a familial disclosure statement will be rejected.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities therein and accept that bid, which best serves the District's interest.

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## Sumpter Township Public Notice



### SUMPTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 7:05 pm, Thursday, June 8, 2017 regarding the request for a Special Exception Use Permit.

#### NATURE OF THE REQUEST

This PROPOSED request for a Special Exception for Abraham Filming Co. Camping and Family Entertainment to have camping, theatre, weddings, paintball games, film festivals, fishing, bicycling, drone flying and graduations.

#### SITE LOCATION

The site for the proposed special exception will be on an unaddressed parcel, parcel number: 81-051-99-0004-713 containing approximately 67 acres located on the west side of Carleton West Road, Belleville, MI 48111. This Public Hearing has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act. 168, Section 0 of 1959 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

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

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.

Clerk

Sumpter Township

Published: May 25, 2017



# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*Out of the 536 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.*

**Sunday, May 14:**  
0004 – disorderly, E. Archwood Dr.  
0032 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
0217 – disorderly, W. Huron River Dr.  
0413 – suspicious person/vehicle, Barkley St.  
0832 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
0856 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty Rd. / Ecorse Rd.  
0918 – property damage accident, Elwell Rd.  
1406 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1525 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1718 – mental subject, Robson Rd.  
1725 – missing person, Denton Rd.  
1932 – family trouble, Ivy Dr.  
1936 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.  
2120 – noise complaint, Rawsonville Rd.  
2127 – found property/child, Bak Rd.  
**Monday, May 15:**  
0108 – abandoned auto, Martz/Hoeft  
0136 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
0148 – malicious destruction of property, Denton  
0329 – assist other dept., Oak Blvd.  
0539 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.  
0807 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Walden Dr.  
0937 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.  
1032 – private property impound, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1117 – private property impound, S. I-94 Service  
1150 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake  
1423 – hold-up alarm, Belleville Rd.  
1431 – assist other dept., Belle Villa  
1658 – property damage accident, Firestone  
1709 – fraud, Greenbriar Dr.  
1809 – property damage accident, Rawsonville  
1816 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
1959 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
2113 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.  
**Tuesday, May 16:**  
0108 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.  
0148 – robbery, Haggerty  
1114 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1401 – fraud, Daniel Dr.  
1456 – 911 welfare check, Old Rawsonville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1504 – fight, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.  
1547 – road hazard, Beck Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
1628 – fraud, Lighthouse Apt.  
1703 – harassment call, Dalton Dr.  
1800 – weapons violation, Hoeft Rd.  
1811 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.  
1942 – property damage accident, EB I-94/rest area  
2055 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2123 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville/Quirk  
2323 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler  
**Wednesday, May 17:**  
0002 – 911 welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.  
0426 – domestic, Savage Rd.  
0819 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0947 – assist other dept., Endicott Ave.  
1209 – suspicious person/vehicle, Revere/Madison  
1227 – fraud, Hardwood Dr.  
1338 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park Dr. / Ecorse Rd.  
1409 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck Rd.  
1717 – lake emergency, Belleville Lake  
1830 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Rawsonville Rd.  
1859 – breaking & entering, W. Huron River Dr.  
1938 – fraud, Hamilton St.  
1954 – domestic, Maple Dr.  
2035 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Independence Ln.  
2110 – domestic, Maple Dr.  
2111 – threat, America  
2148 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
2158 – family trouble, Maple Dr.  
2317 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren St.  
2346 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.

**Thursday, May 18:**  
0107 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.  
0108 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
0959 – malicious destruction of property, Martinsville Rd.  
1021 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd.  
1029 – fraud, Hamilton St.  
1105 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.  
1201 – lost property/child, Haggerty Rd.  
1211 – ordinance violation, Stanley Rd.  
1412 – lost property/child, Haggerty Rd.  
1414 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.  
1417 – threat, Victoria St.  
1456 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1536 – threat, Maple Dr.  
1554 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.  
1833 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.  
1855 – hold-up alarm, Belleville Rd.  
1931 – follow up by officer, Haggerty Rd.  
2009 – lake emergency, W. Huron River Dr.  
2023 – suspicious person/vehicle, Chatsworth Dr.  
2114 – trespassing, Rose Blvd.  
2116 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.  
2144 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2246 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2312 – suicidal person, E. Archwood Dr.  
2317 – neighbor trouble, Mida Dr.  
2321 – follow up by officer, Haggerty Rd.  
2351 – road hazard, Belleville/I-94  
**Friday, May 19:**  
0010 – family trouble, Berkdale Dr.  
0815 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Tyler  
0820 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Haggerty  
0956 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.  
1236 – missing person, Haggerty Rd.  
1301 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty  
1431 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.  
1542 – sexual assault, St. Joe’s  
1811 – domestic, Bradley Dr.  
1839 – disorderly, Twisted Rooster  
1845 – larceny, Tyler Rd.  
2025 – follow up by officer, St. Joe’s  
2047 – 911 welfare check, Rawsonville/EB I-94  
2253 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.  
2352 – domestic, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.  
**Saturday, May 20:**  
0000 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
0035 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.  
0053 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr./T-Rex Arms  
0339 – harassment call, Locust Dr.  
0447 – civil matter, Victoria St.  
0511 – disorderly, Rawsonville  
0909 – family trouble, Marlowe Ave.  
0916 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkside Dr.  
0927 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
0931 – lost property/child, Brookview Dr.  
1211 – neighbor trouble, Bog Rd.  
1304 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.  
1426 – hold-up alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
1445 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1611 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
1742 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.  
1742 – property damage accident, Water’s Edge Ln.  
1809 – neighbor trouble, Andover Dr.  
1810 – domestic, Western St.  
1813 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1909 – parking complaint, Vista Dr./Laguna Dr.  
1917 – personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.  
1932 – noise complaint, Walden Woods  
2017 – domestic, Haggerty Rd.  
2027 – neighbor trouble, Brookside Dr.  
2045 – property damage accident, Savage/Sheldon  
2059 – domestic/Haggerty Rd.  
2115 – domestic, Oak Ln.  
2136 – juvenile complaint, Lancaster Dr.  
2303 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.  
2309 – disorderly, S. Bellridge Dr.  
2344 – suspicious person/vehicle, Old Michigan  
Also on this week’s log are 197 traffic stops, which include 51 on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

“Reality leaves a lot to the imagination.”  
– John Lennon

# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, May 14:**  
0000 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.  
0027 – parking complaint, Dos Rios St.  
0342 – suicidal person, Loza Ln.  
0344 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty/Main  
1035 – suspicious person/vehicle, Madelon St. / E. Huron River Dr.  
1139 – fraud, Greylock St.  
1235 – assist fire dept., Light Tower Ct.  
1533 – welfare check, Carmell St.  
1728 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1730 – found property/child, Main St.  
1811 – parking complaint, S. Aberdeen Ct.  
1824 – assault & battery, W. Huron River Dr.  
2309 – property check, Carmell St.  
**Monday, May 15:**  
0119 – animal complaint, Owen St.  
0147 – parking complaint, Carmell St.  
0652 – civil matter, Biggs Ave.  
0832 – found property/child, E. Huron River Dr.  
1341 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.  
1429 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1631 – juvenile complaint, Victorian Ln.  
1909 – parking complaint, High/Church  
2243 – suspicious person/vehicle, Potter Dr.  
**Tuesday, May 16:**  
0145 – parking complaint, Santa Clara St.  
0227 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.  
0351 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton/bridge  
0355 – suspicious person/vehicle, Church St.  
0428 – property check, Belle Villa Blvd.  
0739 – traffic offense, South St.  
0816 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.  
2124 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Denton Rd.  
2323 – parking complaint, N. Biggs Ave.  
**Wednesday, May 17:**  
0012 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.  
0519 – intrusion alarm, Main St.  
0618 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
0936 – civil matter, Loza Ln.  
0953 – intrusion alarm, Main St.  
1216 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1501 – follow up by officer, Main St.  
1718 – assist other dept., High St./Main St.  
1810 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
1827 – ordinance violation, Santa Clara St.  
1841 – property damage accident, South/Davis  
1911 – follow up by officer, Main St.  
2043 – disorderly, High St./Main St.  
2203 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River Dr. / Clarence St.  
2249 – suspicious person/vehicle, South/Main  
**Thursday, May 18:**  
0219 – assist other dept., Church St.  
0316 – assist other dept., Church St.  
0744 – intrusion alarm, E. Waterbury Ct.  
1237 – follow up by officer, Judd Rd.  
1327 – follow up by officer, W. Columbia  
1333 – welfare check, Carmell St.  
1521 – property damage accident, W. Columbia  
1546 – assist fire dept., Main St.  
1753 – misc. complaint, Main St./Fourth St.  
**Friday, May 19:**  
0745 – intrusion alarm, Henry St.  
0825 – abandoned auto, Main St.  
0842 – traffic offense, W. Columbia/Church  
1007 – threat, N. Liberty St.  
1035 – assist fire dept., E. Columbia Ave.  
1140 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville High School  
1356 – parking complaint, W. Columbia  
1610 – disorderly, Carmell St.  
1622 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Thornhill Ct.  
1728 – property damage accident, Main St.  
1800 – assist fire dept., Light Tower Ct.  
1829 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Park  
2003 – property damage accident, E. Columbia  
2031 – motorist assist, Main St./Second St.  
**Saturday, May 20:**  
1658 – intrusion alarm, Third St.  
1727 – breaking & entering, Carmell  
1853 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1932 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.  
2039 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.  
Also on this week’s log are 48 traffic stops.

# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, May 14:**  
0712 – animal complaint, Willow/Sumpter  
0943 – breaking & entering, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1057 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1247 – breaking & entering, 11000 bl. Rawsonville  
1254 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
1550 – breaking & entering, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1708 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.  
2111 – well-being check, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2117 – threats complaint, California  
**Monday, May 15:**  
0053 – warrant arrest pickup, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1131 – alarm, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1445 – animal complaint, Elwell/Willis  
1500 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1517 – juvenile complaint, New Mexico  
2103 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.  
2324 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.  
**Tuesday, May 16:**  
0222 – suspicious person, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
0924 – animal complaint, Bemis/Sumpter  
1404 – civil dispute, Stonecrest  
1539 – alarm, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1552 – breaking & entering, 9800 bl. Rawsonville  
1952 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2137 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.  
**Wednesday, May 17:**  
0950 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Martinsville  
1011 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1116 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1158 – property damage accident, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1255 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1611 – alarm, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1616 – ordinance violation, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1655 – ordinance violation, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1819 – family trouble, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1852 – alarm, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2009 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
**Thursday, May 18:**  
0008 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Clay  
0029 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
0813 – assist other agency, Willis/Rawsonville  
0834 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
0910 – alarm, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1016 – harassment complaint, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1135 – suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1555 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1622 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1638 – threats complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2032 – assist other agency, Willis/Rawsonville  
2339 – family trouble, Pecan  
**Friday, May 19:**  
0220 – warrant arrest pickup, Bemis/Sumpter  
0828 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1104 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1537 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1552 – disorderly person, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1552 – assist other agency, Willow/Clark  
1730 – reckless driver, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1930 – subpoena service, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz  
1933 – subpoena service, out of township  
2020 – subpoena service, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2119 – subpoena service, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.  
2158 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2228 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
**Saturday, May 20:**  
0409 – warrant arrest pick up, 24000 bl. Sherwood  
0912 – subpoena service, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0947 – subpoena service, out of township  
1039 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1420 – civil dispute, Redwood Ct.  
1443 – threats complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1712 – civil dispute, Redwood Ct.  
1832 – ORV complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
Also on this week’s log are 19 follow-up investigations, 42 miscellaneous details, 85 patrol checks, and 51 traffic stops.

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Three new Van Buren Township police officers were sworn in by VBT Clerk Leon Wright on May 15. They are Officers Keith Daniels, Daniel Hernandez, and Kurtis Mowbray. All three have begun training and started the field training program this week.

## School Board considers more updated policies

At Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the board:

- Heard Trustee Susan Featheringill introduce the first reading of new and updated policies for the school board. The second reading and adoption of the policies will be at an upcoming meeting;

- Approved the retirements of non-instructional staff: Sharon Hagerman of Tyler Elementary after 15 years of service and Shirley Brooks from BHS after 17 years

of service; and the resignation of Theresa Dubisky of Edgemont after two years of service. Also, the board approved the resignation of teacher Kathy Knight of BHS, who is relocating, after 21 years; and the resignation of BHS teacher Maggi Bomalaski after less than a year; and

- Went into closed-door session to consider reinstatement of Student A. When the board returned to open session it reinstated the student unconditionally.

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- Distemper
- Parvo
- Bordetella (Kennel Cough)

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(#4)

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