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## Two minors allegedly set trailer on fire

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Two minors, aged 13 and 14, allegedly were playing with fire, set some cardboard ablaze, and burned down an abandoned trailer at 8705 Belleville Road.

Large billows of black smoke drew attention to the emergency for miles around just after noon on Wednesday, June 14.

Van Buren Township Fire Chief Amy Brow said police took the two minors into custody.

Fire fighters were called to the old Central Outlet Sales trailer, referred to as an old garage next to a mobile home park.

Chief Brow said fire fighters couldn't open the hydrant in front of the fire site and had to stretch lines south past Armstrong Funland all the way to Tyler Road.

At one point, Belleville Road had to be briefly closed for the safety of the fire fighters, she said.

Chief Brow said the black smoke was made up of unburnt soot and the particulates are toxic. Motorists reported the rubble smoked for days.

VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazy said the two juveniles were interviewed and then requests for juvenile court warrants were submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for four felony charges: conspiracy to commit arson, preparation to burn, arson, and breaking and entering with intent to commit arson. Lt. Bazy said they were arraigned Friday and currently are in the juvenile court system.

### Rollover accident

In an unrelated incident, Chief Brow said around noon on Sunday, there was a rollover accident at I-275 and Ecorse Road. Nobody was injured, she said.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Evelyn Kasperek, seated center, was named 2017 Strawberry Queen at Friday's pageant at the Belleville High School Auditorium. From left are Paige Spitznagel, second runner up; Janay Stuckey, first runner up; Queen Evelyn Kasperek; and Ashley Everett, third runner up. Each one of the four rode in a different convertible in Saturday's parade.

## Evelyn Kasperek named Strawberry Festival Queen at Friday pageant

Four candidates competed for the title of 2017 Belleville Strawberry Queen and Evelyn Kasperek, 16, an upcoming senior at Washtenaw International High School, is the winner.

Queen Evelyn did a Polish folk dance for her talent presentation. She is the daughter of Vikki and Martin Kasperek of Sumpter Township and she has been doing Polish dances since she was a small child.

She is involved in student government and the international baccalaureate program. Evelyn is interested in possible careers in political science, law, and cosmetology. She volunteers at a foster closet and is involved with the Ann Arbor League of Women Voters.

First runner up was Janay Stuckey, 16, a student at Belleville High School. She is the daughter of Shaylett and Jayson Stuckey of

Van Buren Township.

She enjoys cheerleading, is a member of the National Honor Society, participates in Relay for Life, and would like to become an orthodontist. As her talent, she sang a Celtic Prayer.

Second runner up was Paige Spitznagel, 17, daughter of Kim Kowalski and Tony Spitznagel of Sumpter Township. She will be a senior this fall at Belleville High School. She has worked at Frosty Boy for several years. Paige would like a career as an anesthesiologist. Among her school activities are volleyball, Interact Club, Tiger Table Tennis, and the Student Leadership Team. Her hobbies include figure skating.

As her talent she recited a poem that she wrote: "A Million Strong."

Third runner up was Ashley Everett, 18, a graduate of BHS. She is the daughter of Lorie Everett of Belleville.

She would like to be a spy in the CIA or FBI after finishing college. She volunteers at the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue and enjoys bowling, band, and volleyball. She also likes camping and amusement parks. She played the clarinet as her talent.

## VBT board wants to fill Cobblestone basements

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

In a June 5 closed-door session, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees discussed the ongoing problems with the six open condominium basements at Cobblestone Ridge.

The basements have been open since 2007 and the board was considering removing the basements at township expense to make the area safe for children, among other concerns.

As a last chance for the builders, the township issued a building permit on Nov. 18, 2016 after one of the basements, long open to the weather, was certified by an engineer as being safe. The permit expired May 18 after no work at all was done at the site. After 30 days, the township had not heard from the builders.

At this point a six-month extension of the permit was not possible because it had not been sought.

Township attorney Angela Mannarino pointed out the 2011 and 2015 agreements with Sheldon Acquisitions, LLC, provided a safety net for VBT if Sheldon did not complete the buildings. Sheldon and VBT agreed that the basement foundations would be removed, either by Sheldon or at Sheldon's expense.

Mannarino said since Sheldon does not have a building permit and is not in compliance with some of the requirements, under the agreement, it is up to the board to decide how to proceed.

On June 19, VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara sought board support for a resolution that would order the township to start removing the six basements and filling them with clean sand at a cost of \$111,000 to the township plus \$2,000 for fencing repair.

A lien would then be put on the property.

But during Monday's work/study session where the resolution was discussed in open session, board members disagreed on how to move forward, although they all wanted the basements taken care of. They were concerned about a law suit and large

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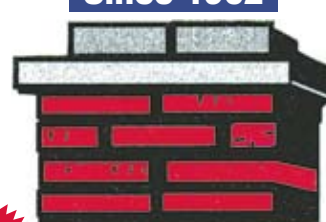
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## Sumpter seeks to repeal marijuana provisional center amendment

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees took to heart its attorney's recommendation to repeal the provisional center zoning ordinance enacted in 2015.

Attorney Rob Young said the procedure is to send the request to the planning commission, which will hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to the board.

At its regular board meeting June 13, Young said the ordinance is obsolete and the licensing part doesn't even exist in the township any more, since under new laws all licensing is in Lansing.

He referred to the Michigan Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA), approved by the state in September.

He said in March 2015 in anticipation of further changes to the Medical Marijuana Act by the state, the township passed the ordinance. Now, Sumpter has to figure out the proper action.

Young said the Michigan Township Association recommends clearing out ordinances pertaining to medical marijuana zoning on provisional centers.

He said the township may decide not to opt into MMFLA changes for provisional centers.

He said Van Buren Township and Canton are opting out of the provisional center changes. Municipalities to the east may opt in, he said.

Although the issue was not on the agenda for action, the board voted to refer the ordinance to the planning commission, asking it to consider repealing of the provisional center zoning ordinance enacted in 2015.

Trustee Matthew Oddy said caregivers are not a part of the provisional centers and caregivers' growing is approved by the



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at its June 13 meeting unanimously approved hiring new paid-per-call fire fighters, pending their physicals. From left are fire fighters Bradley Hollister, Laura Bratby and Fire Chief Joe Januszyk. Bratby said she was an EMT in Indiana and moved to Sumpter two years ago. She has a small daughter now, but says she misses being a fire fighter. Hollister is a security officer who completed two tours to Afghanistan with the military and now serves in the National Guard. He moved to Sumpter three years ago and has 37 acres.

state.

Trustee Oddy said if the township opts into the centers in the future, it can get a new ordinance.

In other action at the June 13 meeting, the board:

- Approved purchase of a 2017 Ford F-250 Regular Cab 4x4 pick up truck at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 from Atchinson Ford in Van Buren Township, with Trustee Don Swinson abstaining because he works at Atchinson and worked on the quote;

- Approved the fire fighters using Station #1 for their annual chicken broil on Sept. 10 at noon;

- Approved hiring new paid-per-call fire fighters Laura Bratby and Bradley Hollister,

pending results of their physicals;

- Approved the bid of Absolute Heating and Cooling, Inc., to replace the inoperative old furnace system in the octagon building at 23465 Sumpter Road (future site of a library) at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. The warranty is for 10 years. The air conditioning unit also will be assessed. The cost will be taken out of the general fund and they will find out later if they can use the money in the present library account or get money from the district library budget. The board also agreed to hire Hennessey Engineers to conduct a survey and title search on the property;

- Heard attorney Young and Deputy Treasurer/Supervisor Karen Armatis tell

about the problems with the U.S. Post Office in Belleville in getting water bills delivered in a timely manner. Some bills are never delivered at all. Young said the township is working with the residents who didn't get bills and the treasurer's office is trying to work it all out. Young said he is not trying to be critical of the Post Office;

- Amended the agenda to add a closed session to get a short update on negotiations on the Fraternal Order of Police union contract;

- Heard Fire Chief Joe Januszyk invite the public to watch the Survival Flight land on the fairgrounds at 7 p.m., June 21. They will be training police and fire fighters;

- Heard Supervisor John Morgan thank Trustee Don LaPorte, who is also a fire fighter, for teaching cardio pulmonary resuscitation and defibrillation skills to all the employees in two classes, which included the new 2015 updates and CPR with a barrier mask;

- Heard Supervisor Morgan announce the conversion to LED for all light poles is now complete;

- Approved \$229,712.88 in warrants;

- Heard praise for all the volunteers that pitched in to put on the annual Sumpter Country Fest;

- Heard Mary Ban compliment Jim and Joanne Posegay for the picture boards that show Sumpter is "still country." She said the pictures are a tribute to "what we're all about" and the "country theme really came forth." The picture boards will be on display in the township hall for several weeks; and

- Heard Armatis say they are waiting to see if President Trump is going to cut Community Development Block Grant funds before moving forward to put in the planned automatic back door for handicapped access to the building.

## Millage rate adjusted by Belleville City Council at Monday's meeting

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The millage rate for the city of Belleville originally was 20 mills when the city charter was approved in 1946.

After the Headlee Amendment was enacted in 1978, the city's millage rate has slowly been cut until it was 16.9600 in 2016 and this year it is 16.9362.

The council recently enacted the millage rate as 18.10 mills, but that was a mistake, said City Manager Diana Kollmeyer at Monday's regular meeting of the city council.

She said the higher millage had been given to them from their financial advisor, but that was wrong and they have to approve

the right rate.

The paperwork for the county, prepared by assessor Jennifer Nieman and presented to the council, showed what the rate should be. It also noted the taxable value of all properties in the city was \$86,675,489.

Kollmeyer said the reduction in the millage rate will affect the budget numbers that they approved at the last meeting.

Councilman Jesse Marcotte explained the situation and how the city got from 20 mills to 16.9362 mills. He said Belleville is the second lowest community in Wayne County as far as state value, with only Rockwood being lowest.

"Inkster is double ours," Councilman Marcotte said.

"We're missing 3.1 mills of our budget," he added, suggesting residents talk to their state legislators about what the Headlee Amendment is doing to small towns.

He said communities are looking at creative ways to raise money, referring to Act 33, which was discussed at a recent city council session.

Councilman Tom Fielder also explained the Headlee Amendment and situation of municipalities in the state.

Councilman Fielder made the motion to approve the corrected millage and Marcotte seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There was a bare quorum of three councilmen at the meeting, since Mayor

Kerreen Conley and Councilman Tom Smith were absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria presided.

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

- Approved the 2018 SMART Municipal Credits Contract that will bring \$3,914 for the city's senior/disabled transportation program, with a local match of \$4,501 from the senior transportation budget;

- Approved the request of the Belleville Area Lions Club to use part of Victory Park for its first-annual Picnic in the Park, from 2 to 7 p.m., Thursday, July 20. Lion president Keith McDonald said they want to raise awareness of the club and all its

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# O P I N I O N S

## Editorial

### VBT Board considers where to put trash cans

On Tuesday, Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara called it the most contentious ordinance the township board will ever deal with.

It was pulled from the agenda for more study and changes.

At Monday's work/study session it was discussed at length and with great vigor.

It is Ordinance 06-20-17 (4) that tells township residents where they can put their trash cans.

Supervisor McNamara said the polycarts furnished by Waste Management for trash pickup seem to have become front-yard ornaments.

"Where you place your garbage can is very contentious in this township," he said.

The point of the ordinance is to help VBT become a premier community by spiffing up its image and those polycarts in the front yards just don't look good.

But, what about the lakeside residents whose front yards are back yards and vice versa? They can't park their polycarts in the lake behind their houses.

And what about those on corner lots? Even if they put the polycarts in back of the house the trash can still be seen from the street. Not everyone can hide them in garages. Or, behind bushes.

The ordinance will be tweaked a little and come back to a work/study session in the future before it gets put back on the regular agenda for approval. Tell your board members what you think about this.

### EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A reader emailed me: "You should start a weekly article called The Chapman Watch. He's our very own pint-sized gangster!"

There sure is a lot of public information from the court on the lad.

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The six Clydesdale horses were a big hit in Saturday's parade and they were right at the beginning. I thought they might be held to the end, since cleanup might be necessary. But, they had a professional cleanup crew and they could be at the beginning.

The horses at the end of the parade, however, did not have a cleanup crew.

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There was a big crowd for the parade Saturday and lots of people came out to enjoy the weather that was a little cooler than last year.

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Reports are that this year's Strawberry Festival as a whole was very pleasant, said Belleville City Manager Diana Kollmeyer. A Shriner seemed to have a health problem and then someone over at St. Anthony's needed an ambulance. She said police guided HVA through the church festival grounds to the person needing it.

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A man from Canton Township came to talk to me about his experience with a neighbor who calls in anonymous complaints about barking dogs, littering, and other made-up infractions. The police come out every time.

He said when police came one time on a barking dog complaint, he had no dogs. Both of his dogs were out of state, at different locations, for training. There were no dogs to bark.



Then, he ran over a sheet of paper while weed whipping and the neighbor called in a littering complaint over the few shreds that were left.

I asked why the neighbor was mad at him and he explained a disagreement over drainage and the neighbor wanted to use his ditch – or something like that. He said if he agreed, his basement could flood.

The man said a friend of his who is a Livonia police officer said his department's policy is to not respond to anonymous complaints after the first three.

The man came to talk to me after reading about Donald Hazel Swinson who pulled a gun on a neighbor. He wanted the name of the defense attorney involved. He said he's not going to pull a gun, but he is very tired of all the anonymous complaints that bring police to his door.

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Mayor Kerreen Conley was absent from Monday's Belleville City Council meeting and City Manager Kollmeyer explained that the mayor was in New Orleans for a Human Resources conference. Conley is HR director for Canton Township.

Kollmeyer offered that the mayor doesn't like New Orleans because she doesn't like the seasoning in the food and especially all the fried food.

"I like fried food," Kollmeyer said.

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Also at that meeting, Jeff Vernon said that he mows some of the empty lots in the city

because they look so bad. Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria pointed out that Jeff was going on other people's property.

Vernon said a guy stopped when he was mowing a vacant lot and, "I asked him if I was going to get arrested and he said no. What did I want? I told him I didn't want anything and he said nothing."

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Gina Stewart from the Western Wayne County NAACP was present at the Belleville meeting to invite city residents to its meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Christian Faith Ministry Church in Garden City. The group represents 23 cities and this is the 15<sup>th</sup> council meeting she had attended.

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At Monday's work/study session at Van Buren Township, Supervisor Kevin McNamara said Clerk Leon Wright and Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery were absent from the meeting because they were at a state clerks' conference in Kalamazoo. He added that Clerk Wright has just been named Clerk of the Year by the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. "It's a big deal," he said. We're sure to get more information on that so we can share it with you.



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## Letters

### Sumpter receives poor service from Post Office

To the Editor:

I'm writing today regarding the extremely poor service we are receiving in Sumpter Township by the United States Post Office.

I'm responsible for the water billing for Sumpter Township. I, personally, take between 1,000 and 2,000 bills (depending on the area to be billed that month) to the Belleville Post Office each month.

I am required to have the water bills separated by zip code, rubber banded in manageable stacks with #33 (no other) rubber bands, 2 bands per stack, 1 vertical, 1 horizontal, and complete the documentation showing total piece count, combined weight of all the bills and the amount of postage needed in our account to cover the postage.

This is to make delivery a smooth-running process. This all sounds like a reasonable task.

Once this process is complete, the Belleville Post Office ships all these bills (even the 48111 local bills) to the City of Detroit Post Office for processing. Twice, in the past year, between the transportation to and from Detroit and the machine that "sorts" these pieces of mail for delivery (which are already sorted by zip code when they are dropped off at Belleville) a large number of these bills have been lost or misplaced for MONTHS or have never been seen again.

The first time this occurred (August 2016), I was told by Belleville Post Office the sorting machine that the bills run through in Detroit broke down while it was loaded with our water bills. So, about 2,000 bills sat in Detroit, in a piece of machinery for days and the ones that did get delivered were delivered after the date they were due.

Most recently (May 24, 2017) I dropped the billing off at Belleville Post Office, separated, rubber-banded in manageable stacks with all the documentation required. A large number of these bills have yet to be seen again and it is now June 13.

**THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

The residents are not receiving their bills or they end up in someone else's mail box (wrong address or wrong street). Belleville Post Office has received calls from some Sumpter residents questioning the lack of competent service. The answers they get range from saying, we, Sumpter Township, didn't bring them into the Post Office on the billing date, which is untrue and I hold the documentation from the Post Office showing the drop off/billing date of

5/24/17.

I don't know what can be done about this. I do know that we follow the protocol that they (U.S.P.S.) require, but are not getting the service that they promise and we pay for.

A Very Frustrated Water Billing Clerk,  
 Sybil Buchanan, Water Clerk  
 Sumpter Township

### Pioneer Landscaping marks 30 yrs. of service

To the Editor:

Pioneer Landscaping and Lawn Maintenance was established in 1987.

2017 marks our 30<sup>th</sup> year in the landscaping and lawn maintenance business.

Our family would like to thank all of our clients and customers in the City of Belleville, Van Buren Township, and surrounding communities for trusting us to provide you with our services. We look forward to continued growth and maintaining our wonderful customer relationships.

It is truly an honor to live and work in this hidden gem of a community. Thank you again and God bless.

Susan Oberdorf  
 Pioneer Landscaping and Lawn Maintenance

### Thank you to Brent for rescuing 'Yuki' from car

To the Editor:

We would like to send out a Great Big "THANK YOU" to Brent from Martin & Son for helping "Yuki" get out of her car (when she accidentally locked herself in) while waiting for her owner. You guys always come to our rescue when there is an animal and car situation.

We appreciate you all so much.

Your Neighbors,  
 The Staff at Belleville Animal Hospital

### Women's Club holds annual Reality Check

To the Editor:

The Belleville Area Women's Club just completed another Reality Check at McBride Middle School for the eighth-grade students. It was a fun experience interacting and hoping to instill some ground work for them to go out into the world with some added knowledge of how to cope.

We hear bad vibes about the younger generation in our schools. We did not experience this with McBride Middle School students. I am sure it has to do with the excellent teaching staff.

Thank you.  
 Gloria Dougherty, chair  
 Belleville Area Women's Club

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Congratulations to Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright for hitting a hole-in-one at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course on May 28. Wright used an 8 iron on the 134-yard 8th Hole on his way to a round of 82.

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The Belleville Community Band will be performing its first of two summer concerts this Sunday, June 25, 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Charles Street. Admission is free. Their second date is July 30.

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church in nearby New Boston is offering a free community Summer Blast this Saturday, June 24, beginning at 12:30 p.m. with a water slide, games, inflatables, and food. Huron Township's Fire Department will have its obstacle course set up. They're located at 19109 Craig Street, a block off Sibley Road, west of I-275.

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

## Attention: Junior Golfers

The Callaway-Meijer Junior Tour is in progress for boys and girls. Pick up an information packet at Harbour Club Golf Course.

Also, a free mini clinic for all boy golfers who are seventh, eighth, and ninth graders will be held the fourth week of August at the Harbour Club Golf Course.

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## Obituaries



Marion C. Bishop

### MARION C. BISHOP

(May 11, 1941 – June 13, 2017)

Marion C. Bishop, age 76, of Belleville, loving husband and dedicated father, passed away Tuesday, June 13, 2017 peacefully at his home with his family by his side.

He was born May 11, 1941 in Broadhead, KY, the son of James A. and Sarah Ellen Elizabeth (Singleton) Bishop. While attending grade school, he met his childhood sweetheart, Laura Helton. They married on March 31, 1959 in Jellico, TN. They moved to Michigan in 1964 and he began working at Ford Motor Company. Marion loved hunting and fishing. He restored older cars and attended car shows numerous times a week. He was a true family man and would do anything for them. In addition to his loving wife of 58 years, survivors include three children, Marion Ardell (Charlotte) Bishop of Belleville, Laura Elizabeth (Chris) Gibson of Milan, and Lisa Michelle (Jenay Kightlinger) Bishop of Redford; grandchildren Jessica (Dave) Souva, Jeremiah (Tammi) Preston, Meghan (Aaron) Lenzen, Nicole (Larry Love) Bishop, Chris (Amanda) Gibson Jr. and Stacy (DeAngelo Little) Gibson; 15 great-grandchildren, Brenden, Anjelina, Jasmine, Lyla, Jaxen, Tegin, Andrew, Eryn Alexis, Jordan, Laurny, Paul, Karma, Kalani, Kendrick and Isaiah; brothers and sisters, Delray, Alvin, Bobby, Jean, Doug, Genelia and Ernie; brother-in-law Harley (Barbara) Helton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Regina Lorrene Preston, son-in-law Howard Preston, and brothers and sisters, Nellie, Lauvadia, Verdrey, Wanda and David.

The funeral service was 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at Ypsilanti Old Regular Baptist Church, 5667 Denton Road, Canton, with Brother Danny Adams officiating. Burial followed in Denton Cemetery.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the charity of one's choice. Envelopes are available at Stark Funeral Service where the family received friends 1-8 pm Monday and at the church from 10 a.m. until time of service Tuesday. Please sign his guest book at [www.starkfuneral.com](http://www.starkfuneral.com).

### VINCENT DAYCO BOYD

Age 57 of Van Buren Township died suddenly June 10, 2017 at his residence. Funeral service was held Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Chapel, 19865 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, with Elder Riddles officiating. [www.janowiakfuneralhome.com](http://www.janowiakfuneralhome.com)

**More Obituaries on page 8**



Doris Marie Lucas

### DORIS MARIE LUCAS

(September 18, 1931 – June 13, 2017)

Doris Marie Lucas, age 85, a longtime Belleville-area resident, died peacefully Tuesday evening, June 13, at the Cedar Woods Nursing Home of Van Buren Township.

Doris is the beloved wife of the late James Lucas (d.2004); dear mother of James (Debra) Lucas of Ypsilanti and Jeff (Jennie) Lucas of Belleville; cherished grandmother of Kevin, Steven (Gretchen), Robert, Sarah, Christopher, Kristina and Matthew. Mrs. Lucas is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Kyle, Mason, Piper, Kaydence, Liam, Kyle, Kayley and Mitchell, also her great-great-grandchild, Ronan.

Born in Hartland, Michigan, to Frank and Gladys Howe on September 18, 1931. The Lucas family have been longtime Belleville area residents. Doris placed her family always first and truly was devoted to her grandchildren. She also had a passion for gardening and flowers.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 19, in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville, (734) 697-4500. A procession with interment prayers followed at Hillside Cemetery of Belleville.

The Lucas family greeted guests one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the charity of choice.

### PATRICK LEONARD JENSEN

(April 8, 1961 - May 21, 2017)

Patrick (Pat) Leonard Jensen, age 56, of Athens, GA, passed away peacefully Sunday evening, May 21, 2017 at St. Mary's Hospice House in Watkinsville, GA.

Patrick is the beloved father of Crystal, Dalton, Mitchell and Katrina, all of Georgia. Proud grandfather of Christopher and Martha Laster and Thomas and Zachary Strealy, all of Georgia. Cherished brother of Jennifer (Craig) Bell of Imlay City, MI, Kenneth (Tammy) Jensen, Jr. of Westland, MI, Scott (Lisa) Jensen of Hawaii, and Kathleen (Dean) Springer of Belleville, MI. Patrick is also survived by many loving extended family and friends in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Georgia.

Born on April 9, 1961 in Kenosha, WI, to Kenneth L. Jensen, Sr. and Kathy I. (Tennant) Jensen of Belleville, MI. Formerly of Kenosha and Somers, WI. Patrick was preceded in death by his mother Kathy.

Patrick attended Grant, Somers, and Mary D. Bradford Schools in Kenosha County, WI, and Plymouth-Canton High School in Canton, MI. He attained the status of Master Welder during his work career. Pat enjoyed following the Atlanta Braves and "All" wrestling events. He was also an avid "Star Trek" fan. Pat also enjoyed volunteering at the Salvation Army up until his severe illness. Pat lived an adventurous life full of travel and loving experiences.

Funeral services were handled by the Neptune Society of Atlanta, GA. Special Thanks and Loving Gratitude to all the Doctors, Nurses, and medical staff at both The Athens Regional Medical Center and St. Mary's Hospice House of Athens, GA.

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# Obituaries



Diana Arter

## DIANA ARTER

(December 5, 1963 – June 15, 2017)

Diana Arter, age 53 of Belleville, June 15, 2017. Dear wife of Douglas. Loving mother of Matthew (Sarah) Barnett. Daughter of Jeweldene Ballard and the late George Mink. Stepmother of Krystal Arter. Sister of John and Darrell Mink. Grandmother of Carissa and Natalie Barnett. Cousin to Wendy (Bob) Daves. Funeral Services from The Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Saturday, June 24 at 11:30 a.m. Visitation from the funeral home Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. Burial to take place at Glenwood Cemetery. Family Requests donations to American Breast Cancer Society. Please view memorial and send tributes at [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com).



Richard Edwin Johnson

## RICHARD EDWIN JOHNSON

(January 13, 1956 – June 10, 2017)

Richard Edwin Johnson, 61, of Westland passed away June 10, 2017. He was also known as "Tire Rick."

He left behind the ones he loved: his mother Joyce M. Schlehules, his sons Fredrick Tennant and Timothy Johnson, and daughter Jennifer (Johnson) Ralston.

Richard loved his boat, water, swimming, and working on cars and bikes. He was also known for fixing tires on Sumpter Road years ago. He was a hard worker. He would help anyone. He will be missed.

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From left are Belleville Area Women's Club Scholarship Chairperson Pamela O'Neill and scholarship winners Lauren Rainey, Victoria Perez, Montaya Wall, Arielle Ewing, Lexie Stypelkoski, and Mary Watts.

## Belleville Area Women's Club presents six \$2,000 college scholarships

The Belleville Area Women's Club presented six \$2,000 scholarships during its June 5 business meeting.

Each 2017 Belleville High School graduate applying had to complete an essay and state her goals and ambitions.

The five high school graduate winners are Arielle Ewing, who will attend the University of Michigan; Lexie Stypelkoski, who will attend Eastern Michigan University; Lauren Rainey, who will attend the University of Michigan; Montaya Wall, who will attend the University of Toledo; and Victoria Perez, who will attend Wayne State University.

The club also presented Mary Watts with a \$2,000 Georgia Badgett Mature Woman Scholarship. She will attend Madonna University and continue her education towards a Master's Degree in Acute Care.

Pamela O'Neill, the club's scholarship chairwoman, said the club raises the majority of its scholarship money at its fashion show held each year in April.

"We appreciate the community and the support that its members provide in supporting the fashion show each year," said O'Neill, who teaches mathematics at McBride Middle School.

## Belleville Area Museum Summer Closure is July 22 – Aug. 7.

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## Raccoons visit city hall during week end Strawberry Festival

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Before Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council, City Manager Diana Kollmeyer told the story of the two raccoons who had entered and cavorted around the building during the week end.

She said apparently they had come in a hole in the fascia of the second floor in the old building and through some ceiling tiles that had been knocked down.

Kollmeyer said one was seen sitting on the back of a chair in the hallway by Police Officer Sarah Dzagulones who first screamed and then took a selfie of herself and the raccoon.

Kollmeyer said the two raccoons were caught, taken out to the countryside, and let go.

She said police have heard them scratching on the ceiling of the squad room upstairs for some time.



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This past weekend, Abigail Lorincz graduated as Valedictorian for Michigan Virtual Charter Academy High School. Abbey has been enrolled at MVCA for the past three years after attending Bethany Kindergarten and Keystone Academy. In the fall, she will be attending Baker College of Allen Park where she received the Board of Regents Scholarship and plans to obtain her MBA. Abigail is the daughter of Bob and Renee' Lorincz of Belleville.

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## Cobblestone

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attorney fees.

Mannarino said several messages have been sent to Sheldon over the past few months, with no replies.

Matthew Best, deputy director of planning and economic development, said Mr. Randazzo called earlier that day and said he didn't know what was going on.

Attorneys wanted to wait until after the work/study meeting on the issue before returning the call.

After a lengthy board discussion, township attorneys were directed to call Randazzo back and tell him the township is going to start taking out basements, beginning with the worst one, called #9.

They were to report to the board about the contact with the builder.



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Reubein and Thelma Sachs  
June 2017

## Reubein, Thelma Sachs celebrate 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 21

Reubein Edward Sachs and Thelma Agnes (Lajiness) Sachs of Carleton will celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 24 with a party for family and friends at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Monroe.

They were married June 21, 1947 at the same Holy Ghost church.

The couple has four children: Debra (Tom) Griffin of Belleville, Ricky Sachs of Wallbridge, OH, Sharon Mebus of St. Clair Shores, and Diane (Gary) Greenwood of Newport, MI. There are nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Reubein retired from Time Container (Jefferson Smurfit) in 1987 after 44½ years of employment, while also working on his farm, growing wheat, corn and beans and tending to cows, chickens, and pigs.

He served from August 1943 to April 1946 in World War II as a half-track driver in the Army Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion in Germany. He received an Honorable Discharge and the European Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign World War II Medal, Occupation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, and the Sharp Shooter AA Artillery Medal.

Reubein is a lifetime member of the Carleton VFW Post 4093.

Thelma graduated from Monroe High School and worked at Michigan Bell Telephone Company until her marriage. Besides raising their four children, she also drove the occasional tractor to help on the farm and she worked as a nurse's aide at Mercy Memorial Hospital in Monroe until

her retirement in 1988.

Thelma was an American Red Cross volunteer for many years and also a member of the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church Ladies Aide and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary to the Carleton Post 4093.

Reubein and Thelma are members of the Monroe and French Town Senior Citizens.

They both enjoyed many years of hunting, fishing, boating, and travel. They have visited every state in the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska. They spent many winters in Ft. Myers, FL, where they enjoyed dancing, boating, fishing, swimming, and bocce ball.

Thelma has been known as the "Glad Lady" for her beautiful gladiolus which she shares with family, friends, and neighbors. Reubein has been called the "Tomato King" for his wonderful yellow and red tomatoes.

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- **Thursday, June 22** – Free Community Dinner from 6 to 6:30 p.m. at Willow United Methodist Church and God Works Family Soup Kitchen, 36925 E. Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. [www.willowchurch.org](http://www.willowchurch.org)
- **Thursday, June 22** – Music Lakeside begins for the season at 7 p.m. This week it's Paul Keller Orchestra with Sarah D'Angelo. Free. Horizon Park, Belleville.
- **Saturday, June 24** – State Rep. Kristy Pagan will hold her coffee hour with constituents at 10 a.m. at Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville. Rep. Pagan

serves Canton, Belleville, and Van Buren Township. Tell her your concerns.

- **Saturday, June 24** – The annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of Northwestern Wayne County, of which the Belleville group is a part, is at from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Claddagh's Irish Pub, 17800 Haggerty, Livonia 48152. Election of officers is part of the agenda and Barbara Miller and Virginia Belinski are proposed as directors.
- **Sunday, June 25** – Cool Birds 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 25** – Summer concert by the Belleville Community Band at 3

p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street. Information: (734) 699-6350.

- **Sunday, June 25** – Belleville Tigers Youth Football & Cheer, walk-up registration, 12-4 p.m., at Beck Fields, Van Buren Area Little League [www.bellevilletigersyouth.com](http://www.bellevilletigersyouth.com)
- **Monday, June 26** – Farmer's Market runs from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth Street Square in downtown Belleville. It will run the second and fourth Mondays of the month through summer.
- **Thursday, June 29** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. This week it's Jill Jack. Free. Horizon Park, Belleville.
- **Sunday, July 2** – No music today at the Van Buren Township September Days Senior Center.
- **Sunday, July 2** – 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.
- **Thursday, July 6** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. This week it's One Love Reggae Band. Free. Horizon Park, Belleville.
- **Saturday, July 8** – You are invited

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

- **Sunday, July 9** – Southern Echo musical performance from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.
- **Thursday, July 13** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. This week it's George Bedard. Free. Horizon Park, Belleville.
- **Sunday, July 16** – 18 Strings 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.
- **Thursday, July 20** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. This week it's The Stubbs Girls. Free. Horizon Park, Belleville.
- **Thursday, July 20** – The Belleville Area Museum's annual garage sale and antiques appraisal day. The garage sale will run 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The appraisal day will be 4-6 p.m. inside the museum.

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2004	Dodge	4D	1B3EL36J64N379496	17-8864
2001	Lincoln	4D	1LNHM81W91Y728634	17-9451
2005	Shorelander	TR	1MADJLS165A297367	No number
2002	Ford	PU	2FTRX17L72CA55128	17-10472
2000	Ford	4D	1FAFP55S0YA225043	17-9808
1994	Chevrolet	PU	1GCEC14K9RE257687	17-9686

At 11:00am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1992	Ford	PU	1FTDF15Y6NNA76952	17-7235B
2012	Ford	PU	1FTYR44U42PB05986	No number
2001	Ford	4D	1FAHP55U51G177536	17-7463
2007	Chevrolet	SW	1GNDT13S872109257	17-9412
2002	Pontiac	4D	1G2JB524427392703	17-8673
2007	Buick	4D	2GWE587871179733	17-8366A
1999	Buick	4D	2G4WB52K5X1592487	17-9539A
2001	Saturn	2D	1G8ZP12851Z335175	17-9960
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2005	Pontiac	2D	1G2NW12E45M186584	17-10253
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Leon Wright, CMC  
Van Buren Township Clerk  
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# VBT Planners table actions after applicants don't show up

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Applicants requesting decisions from the Van Buren Township Planning Commission didn't show up for the June 14 meeting when they were on the agenda, so the commission tabled their projects.

The first one was final site plan approval for the Belleville Yacht Club so it could begin building its Tiki Bar.

Commodore Scott Jones was at the May 24 meeting and there were some minor changes to make to the plan. It was agreed they could take action at the June 14 meeting, but Jones didn't show up.

"We don't actually act without an applicant," pointed out Commission vice chairman Donald Boynton, and the rest of

the commission agreed.

"I haven't had any discussion with the applicant," said Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development, referring to BYC. He said at the last meeting they said it would be on the next agenda because there were only a few minor items to change.

In a single motion, the commission tabled both the BYC item and the agenda item for Infinity Construction Services which wants to build 39 homes in Country Walk, but also failed to show up at the meeting.

"I would like to think the two applicants would have been informed and I think it's appropriate to table them both," Boynton said.

It was suggested that they adjourn the meeting and call the applicants to tell them to get to the meeting, but VBT Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the commission, said the commissioners' time is valuable and they shouldn't have to wait half an hour for someone to show up.

In other action at the 17-minute meeting, the commission approved the request of Franco Mattei of Sumpter Township, owner of Angry Tiger Fireworks, to sell fireworks outside at Metro Party Store, 410001 E. Huron River Drive, for the fourth year in a row.

He wants to sell for more than the seven days administratively allowed and the commission allowed him 12 days, from June 24 through July 5, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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# City Council

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activities to help the blind and deaf and others in need in the community. He told stories of people the local club has helped in Van Buren Township (fire victims), Sumpter Township (87-year-old woman with no place to live), and Belleville (eyeglasses). Kollmeyer said the city can't close down the park from use by others during this event, but the police and fire departments will bring vehicles to the park for their event. Mayor Pro Tem Loria suggested McDonald get there early and "get two tables and claim them." McDonald presented a large white cane for the city to display to show it has a Lions Club in town;

- Heard Marcotte ask for the issue of Doane's Landing to be put on the Follow-Up List and Kollmeyer said that could be done and she will have some numbers for the council to look at in the next two to three weeks;

- Approved payment of \$99,365.72 in accounts payable and the following departmental expenditures in excess of \$500: to Wayne County Accounts Receivable, \$4,060 for lodging at Dickerson from the general fund/police budget; to R&R Fire Truck Repair, \$2,028.30 for water tank repair, from the capital/fire budget; and to Cadillac Asphalt, \$708.40 for emergency road patching from the Streets/Major/Local budget for cold patch;

- Heard Mayor Pro Tem Loria announce that fireworks have been heard in the city and the ordinance says they are not legal within 30' of a structure, which is a distance hard to find in the city. Also, he said, everything is

getting real dry;

- Heard Kelly Bates say she is the main representative for Victoria Commons and she had a list of complaints, which included only one waste can in all of the large Village Park, speeders from near Owen school through the sub, and the biggest issue of all, the fountains that are out at Village Park – two for over a year. Fielder suggested subdivision residents show up at the Downtown Development Authority meetings, since the squeaky wheel gets the grease. He said it is a shame the June DDA meeting is cancelled. Kollmeyer suggested they bring their concerns to the DDA at its July meeting, agreeing most of the fountains aren't working. Kollmeyer said she can't authorize employees to work on Village Park since it is the DDA's area and they contracted for grass cutting there. She said clarification will come with the DDA district's new maintenance agreement which is being negotiated. Bates also said a bridge has been in disrepair for years;

- Heard Mike Renaud talk about the maintenance of Horizon Park that looks better at the west end because a local resident and his significant other get out there and weed whip around the ropes. He asked why the sprinkler system isn't used at the park and Kollmeyer said most of the time it's not working. "I wouldn't be advertising 'Belleville on the Lake' with the park the way it is," Renaud said. "I challenge any DDA member to go out and say they are happy with the way that park is ... It looks sad ... We need to do something ... It's not looking like a park." Fielder said people can't vent when the DDA isn't having regular meetings. Bates pointed out the kayak sign is down and lying on the dock;

## Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

### Public Notice Advertisement for Pizza Bid

The Van Buren Food Service Department is now accepting firm, sealed bids to provide fresh-made pizza for the 2017-18 school year. Bid specifications are available at Van Buren Public Schools Administration Office, 555 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, from Deb Leedy no later than June 30, 2017, 9:00 a.m. No determination of winning bid will be revealed at that time. Bids will not be accepted via oral, telephonic, email or fax.

Publish: June 15, 2017, June 22, 2017



## Sumpter Township Public Notice



### Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 23, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm, showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Hurst. Excused absence: Clerk C. Hoffman. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 20 residents.

#### 3. Agenda:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Agenda with Item F Tabled. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to add Closed Session: Update on FOP Contract Negotiations and Opinion Letter dated May 22, 2017 pertaining to POAM Seniority Matters. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:

#### 5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported Swinson to accept the Planning Commission Minutes of April 13, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to approve the Warrants totaling \$124,703.30. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Hurst. Nay: None. Excused absence: C. Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 7. Parks & Recreation / Chamber Report - Swinson:

A. Sumpter Country Festival May 26 -29, 2017 Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Parks & Reaction/Chamber Report. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A. Working on Master Plan

B. Public Hearing next Planning Commission Meeting

C. Pole Barn Ordinance

D. Language to update Zoning in Caregiver Ordinance

Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Planning/Zoning Report. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 9. Attorney's Report - Young: No Report.

#### 10. Board Response:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to send notices out to Township residents about the sale of Township properties. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 11. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Fast Track Agreement Amendments #3 with changes recommended by Attorney Young. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the Resolution #2017-06 regarding Republic Services Metal Reclamation Processing Facility. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Agreement between Wayne County and Sumpter Township for \$11,000 Park Grant. Funds to be utilized at Graham Park. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve Resolution 2017-07 regarding Wayne County and Sumpter Township Park Grant Funding

Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve to Award Demolition Bids to Busch & Son for: 24053 Bohn Road, 29200 Martinsville and 24101 Sumpter Road. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Tabled

G. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the Purchase of 2 New 2017 Ford F-350 Crew Cab 4x4 Pickups for the Fire Department at the cost of \$63,822.24. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve for the Police to have keys to the Township Hall and offices, not door code. For emergencies only. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 12. Announcements:

#### 13. Open Floor:

A. Mary Ban

Recreational marijuana law language

Fast Track Agreement changes

B. Jay Bardell

Board Meeting comp or overtime

C. Jenna Stewart

Western Wayne County NAACP

D. Ronald Barrington Robinson

Who appoints Township Board member when a position is vacant?

Alcohol and substance abuse policy for elected officials

\$5,000 award for poisoning of horses

E. Deb Callison

Public Hearing for possible camping location

14. Closed Session: Update on FOP Contract negotiations and Opinion Letter dated May 22, 2017 pertaining to POAM Seniority Matters

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to go into Closed Session at 7:18 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Hurst. Nay: None. Excused absence: C. Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to go back into Open Session at 8:04 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to direct the Attorney as discussed in Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to adjourn at 8:06 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on May 23, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Publish: June 22, 2017

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS July 11, 2017 7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 for the following variance request at the July 11, 2017 regular meeting:

1. **Case 17-002:** A request by Meijer, Inc., 9701 Belleville (Parcel ID# V-125-83-058-99-0006-705), otherwise known as Meijer, for a variance from the maximum allowable light pole height of 25 feet to a proposed 32.5 feet (Section 8.105(C).)

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or via email at [rakers@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:rakers@vanburen-mi.org). All materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact the Van Buren Township Planning & Economic Development department at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you require assistance.

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# School Board holds public hearing on proposed budgets

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education will be adopting a budget at its June 26 meeting that necessitates dipping into the fund balance for \$2,218,664 to balance the budget.

An hour-long public hearing on the budget was held Monday at the administration building.

The revenue for 2017-18 is expected to be \$49,827,096 and the expenditures \$52,045,760.

This will decrease the fund balance

from today's \$7,463,958 to an estimated \$5,321,135 by the end of the 2017-18 school year.

Of the fund balance, \$2,206,392 is reserved as: replace football turf, \$350,000; enrollment reserve (50), \$388,950; and SCRESA Enhancement Millage, \$1,467,442.

One of the budget assumptions is that the district will lose 50 full-time equivalent students, which would be a loss of \$388,950 in foundation allowance from the state, said Finance Director Shareen Barker.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said Plante

Moran has predicted a 38 elementary student increase this year and Plante Moran has been very accurate over the years. But, he said, the current Kindergarten enrollment is not as high as last year and the district lost over 150 students. He said about 330 students graduated.

He and Barker agreed the district will have a better idea of the actual financial situation with the November budget after the student count in the fall.

Barker showed figures that reflect how from the blended student count of 5,718 in the 2009-10 school year to that of 4,699 in 2016-17, the district lost a total of \$9,681,368.

The district's highest student count was 6,358 in 2006-07.

Expenditure additions in the new budget include the Belleville High School police radio booster at \$41,441 and McBride Road paving at \$90,000.

Also, other expenditure increases include health benefit increase (between 6-14%) at \$514,580, negotiated increases, \$1,191,000; and staffing adjustments \$1,035,300.

The property tax millage rates expected

to be approved for the 2017-18 school year are:

- State Education Tax – 6 mills
- Ad Valorem (operating) – 18 mills
  - Commercial Personal Property – 6 mills
  - Debt Retirement – 2.98 mills
  - Building and Site Sinking – 0.4959 mills

The school board will vote on the budgets and millages during its regular meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, June 26.

## Correction: Mother misidentified in story

On page 10 in last week's paper, the mother of Belleville High School student Parker Springer was misidentified because that's how it was presented at the Van Buren Township board meeting.

We have been informed that Parker's mother is Wendy Harkai Springer and his stepmother is Kathleen Springer. We regret the misinformation.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor



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### Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, June 22 – Special meeting of the Keystone Academy School Board at 6 p.m. at Kabob Garden Mediterranean restaurant in Belleville to consider approving the final amended 2016-17 budget.
- Monday, June 26 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons
- Tuesday, June 27 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting at 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 28 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 3 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 10 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Administration Building

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# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*Out of the 507 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.*

**Sunday, June 11:**  
0003 – fireworks, Haggerty Rd.  
0222 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bak Rd.  
0314 – disorderly, Ivy Dr.  
1155 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville  
1244 – domestic, Kent Ln.  
1251 – missing person, Ash Dr.  
1336 – fight, Arthur St.  
1649 – lake complaint, Bayshore/I-94 S. Service  
1738 – narcotics crime, Belleville  
1802 – missing person, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1914 – malicious destruction, Clayton Rd.  
2113 – assault & battery, Westlake Cir.  
2137 – lake complaint, DNR/Huron River Dr.  
2143 – noise complaint, Wildbrook Dr.  
2236 – operating while intoxicated, DNR boat launch / Huron River Dr.  
2348 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
**Monday, June 12:**  
0202 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
0222 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
0343 – assist fire dept., Haggerty Rd.  
0813 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pine Dr.  
1132 – assist fire dept., Belleville  
1306 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1333 – breaking & entering, Village Green Ln.  
1400 – repossession, Parkwood Dr.  
1420 – ordinance violation, Bradley Dr.  
1423 – fraud, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1427 – assist fire dept., Haggerty Rd./Savage Rd.  
1432 – trespassing, Westlake  
1441 – neighbor trouble, Bradley Dr.  
1633 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wildbrook Dr.  
1634 – road hazard, Belleville/Van Born  
1736 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.  
1741 – assist other dept., Carmell  
1823 – unauthorized driving away of vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.  
2037 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.  
2158 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Ecorse Rd.  
2322 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse  
2356 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jacobs  
**Tuesday, June 13:**  
0118 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Timberview  
0127 – suspicious person/vehicle, Richmond Dr.  
0135 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0349 – disorderly, S. Bellridge Dr.  
0526 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0711 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd./Beck  
0748 – property damage accident, I-275/Ecorse  
0754 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0915 – harassment call, Briarcliffe  
1046 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1054 – private property impound, Van Born  
1144 – hospice death, Edwards Rd.  
1241 – larceny, Westlake Cir.  
1541 – 911 welfare check, Monroe Ct.  
1636 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
1735 – malicious destruction of property, Ash Dr.  
1741 – assault & battery, Parkside Dr.  
1805 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.  
1919 – threat, Lake Pointe Pass  
2038 – juvenile complaint, Ecorse Rd.  
2040 – harassment call, W. Huron River Dr.  
2309 – noise complaint, Riggs Rd.  
**Wednesday, June 14:**  
0021 – noise complaint, N. Bellridge Dr.  
0029 – harassment call, Samantha Ave.  
0054 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
0421 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.  
0426 – PPO violation, Lancaster Dr.  
0717 – fraud, W. Walden Dr.  
0845 – road hazard, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell  
0902 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1110 – property damage accident, Rawsonville  
1205 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.

1208 – trespassing, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1300 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville/Tyler  
1302 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Walden Dr.  
1420 – ordinance violation, Robson Rd.  
1450 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
1457 – property damage accident, Samuel Barton Dr.  
2108 – suspicious person/vehicle, Cobblestone Dr. / Cobblestone Ct.  
2231 – disorderly, Belleville  
2336 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Alden Ave.  
2353 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville  
**Thursday, June 15:**  
0017 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0022 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.  
1228 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr./Ormond Dr.  
1459 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1521 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
1525 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1544 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martinsville Rd.  
1607 – unattended death, Marlowe Ave.  
1636 – neighbor trouble, Parkside Dr.  
1842 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton/Beckley  
2014 – disorderly, Tyler Rd.  
2024 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
2049 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
2119 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maude Ct.  
2136 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.  
2137 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hull/Elwell  
2326 – shooting, Cherry Ln.  
**Friday, June 16:**  
0012 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln/N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0025 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty/Alden  
0320 – mental subject, N. Bellridge Dr.  
0754 – harassment call, Chloe Ct.  
0855 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1112 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Morton Taylor  
1123 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1151 – disorderly, Quirk Rd.  
1244 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1331 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ironwood Dr.  
1454 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.  
1636 – fraud, Hardwood Dr.  
1810 – property damage accident, Happy's  
1906 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2117 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bellridge  
2133 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.  
2150 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
2216 – noise complaint, Ryznar Dr.  
2245 – disorderly, Ivy Dr.  
2337 – fight, Locust Dr.  
2342 – noise complaint, Bayshore Dr.  
2347 – disorderly, America  
**Saturday, June 17:**  
0112 – noise complaint, N I-94 Service Dr.  
0920 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Haggerty  
1145 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Bemis  
1201 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1203 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1228 – assault & battery, Van Born Rd.  
1438 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1524 – domestic, Southport  
1628 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.  
1630 – larceny, Van Buren St.  
1709 – noise complaint, Hamlin St.  
1710 – fight, Belleville Rd.  
1718 – breaking & entering, Park Estates  
1743 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Haggerty  
1849 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1915 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawonsville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1945 – lost property/child, Sumpter Rd.  
1946 – domestic, Michigan Ave.  
1958 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.  
2012 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville  
2025 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.  
2138 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Edwards Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
2212 – fireworks, Harmony Ln./Harbor Ln.  
2222 – juvenile complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
2316 – suspicious person/vehicle, Red Oak Dr.  
2346 – noise complaint, Hoeft Rd.  
Also on this week's log are 146 traffic stops, 24 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, June 11:**  
0344 – parking complaint, Carmell St.  
0428 – intrusion alarm, Main St.  
1145 – welfare check, Hillside Cemetery  
1324 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.  
1351 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.  
1532 – parking complaint, N. Aberdeen Ct.  
1751 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.  
1944 – larceny, Sumpter Rd.  
2228 – parking complaint, S. Aberdeen Ct.  
2246 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.  
**Monday, June 12:**  
1332 – intrusion alarm, Main St.  
1729 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.  
1918 – property damage accident, Main St.  
2254 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia  
**Tuesday, June 13:**  
0230 – civil matter, Henry St.  
0249 – domestic, Main St.  
0410 – suicidal person, Main St.  
0537 – intrusion alarm, Carmell St.  
1059 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.  
1206 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.  
1349 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1739 – larceny, Lunch Box  
1901 – assist fire dept., Main St.  
2016 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.  
**Wednesday, June 14:**  
0112 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.  
0207 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.  
0223 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.  
0617 – animal complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
0721 – animal complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
1253 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.  
1941 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.  
2301 – assist fire dept., E. Columbia Ave.  
**Thursday, June 15:**  
0008 – suicidal person, Robbe St.  
0753 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
1221 – animal complaint, Main St./Third St.  
1344 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
1550 – suspicious person/vehicle, Church St.  
1708 – abandoned auto, N. Liberty St.  
1835 – found property/child, Second St./Main St.  
1953 – private property/property damage accident, Main St./Fifth St.  
1957 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
2121 – assist fire dept., Main St.  
**Friday, June 16:**  
0121 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St./High  
0408 – assist citizen, Main St.  
0638 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Davis St.  
0846 – misc. complaint, McBride Ave.  
1005 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln.  
1151 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.  
1231 – parking complaint, Second St./N. Liberty  
1320 – vehicle lockout, Duke Dr.  
1346 – animal complaint, Belle Villa  
1604 – juvenile complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1655 – assist fire dept., Main St.  
2010 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.  
2051 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.  
2101 – found property/child, Victory Park  
2157 – narcotics crime, Main St.  
**Saturday, June 17:**  
0019 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.  
0110 – noise complaint, Henry St.  
0152 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.  
0504 – breaking & entering, Sumpter Rd.  
0735 – malicious destruction of property, N. Aberdeen Ct.  
0917 – disorderly, S. Edgemont Ave.  
1159 – traffic offense, N. Liberty St.  
1233 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St.  
1312 – traffic offense, South St.  
1440 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr. / N. Liberty St.  
1506 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1659 – 911 welfare check, Fourth St.  
1733 – all misc. complaints, Main St.  
1741 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
1837 – parking complaint, Church St./Third St.  
1858 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St./High  
1922 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1932 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.  
2020 – warrant arrest, Main St.  
2122 – trespassing, Church St./Henry St.  
2235 – intrusion alarm, Carmell St.  
Also on this week's log are 67 traffic stops.

# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, June 11:**  
0911 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1145 – malicious destruction of property, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1342 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1554 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1941 – MIP violation, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
2057 – solicitation complaint, 24000 bl. Haggerty  
2058 – shots fired, 5400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.  
2234 – fire dept. assist, Wyoming  
2343 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.  
**Monday, June 12:**  
0138 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
0817 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1010 – malicious destruction of property, Nevada  
1150 – larceny, California  
1204 – citizen assist, 17000 Lohr Rd.  
1245 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. of Sherwood  
1315 – juvenile complaint, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1501 – larceny, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1934 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
2119 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Oakville Waltz / Rawsonville  
**Tuesday, June 13:**  
0413 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.  
0552 – mental health commitment, Virginia  
0947 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1223 – citizen assist, 2000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1357 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1515 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.  
1657 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Willmot Rd.  
1742 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Wear / Sumpter  
2043 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
2105 – well-being check, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
2312 – assist other agency, out of township  
**Wednesday, June 14:**  
1011 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1112 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1404 – well-being check, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1450 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1526 – mental health commitment, Willow/Karr  
1625 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1631 – property damage accident, Willow/Karr  
**Thursday, June 15:**  
0205 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0653 – suspicious vehicle, 13000 bl. Rawsonville  
1014 – traffic hazard, Wilmot/Judd  
1050 – traffic hazard, Haggerty/Judd  
1142 – mental health commitment, Rustic Ln.  
1239 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1259 – neighbor dispute, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1521 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1524 – civil dispute, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1658 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
1807 – suspicious incident, Rawsonville/Willis  
1902 – harassment complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1932 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
2259 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.  
**Friday, June 16:**  
0337 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township  
0435 – civil dispute, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
0824 – suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1129 – alarm, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1150 – well-being check, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1516 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1849 – ORV complaint, Karr/Willow  
2013 – assist other agency, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2051 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
2102 – alarm, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
2315 – violation of park rules, 24000 bl. Sherwood  
**Saturday, June 17:**  
0138 – runaway juvenile, Edgewood  
0600 – assist other agency, out of township  
0743 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1002 – civil dispute, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1131 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Bemis  
1140 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1226 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1737 – harassment complaint, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1845 – well-being check, Clark/Willow  
2150 – traffic hazard, Martinsville/Dunn  
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2157 – noise complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2210 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willis / Rawsonville  
Also on this week's log are six follow-up investigations, 31 miscellaneous details, 115 patrol checks, and 30 traffic stops.

### Court Watching:

## Judge Parrott binds Olympia Trotty over on felonious assault charge

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

A June 14 preliminary exam was waived for Olympia Rian Trotty, 22, on a charge of assault in Van Buren Township on Nov. 19.

She is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) on another female. The victim said Trotty hit her in the jaw with a lock.

Trotty is due at circuit court at 9 a.m., June 28, for her arraignment on the information. She is free after posting \$5,000/10% bond. VBT Detective Donovan McCarthy is the officer in charge of the case. Trotty's court-appointed attorney is David Lankford.

### **Dariusz Grezegorz Jaworski**

The probable cause conference, which had been set for June 14, has been adjourned until 9 a.m. July 12, and the preliminary exam until 10 a.m. July 19 for defendant Dariusz Grezegorz Jaworski. He is charged with operating while intoxicated-3<sup>rd</sup> and driving while license suspended-2<sup>nd</sup> in Belleville on April 23.

His retained attorney Jinan Hamood told Judge Parrott that the video evidence she requested will not be available until next week. And, the attorney is going on a trip to Lebanon.

Officer in charge of the case is Belleville Officer Kendra Rose.

### **James Forrest Chapman**

James Forrest Chapman, 57, did not appear in Judge Parrott's courtroom for his probable cause conference on June 14 as scheduled, but his court-appointed attorney said Chapman will hold his preliminary exam on June 21. That would be in the courtroom of Judge Brian A. Oakley, who dismissed a DNA charge on Chapman in the past.

Chapman has had two previous charges from June 2016 reinstated by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office: a felony charge of assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer (when he reportedly jumped into the lake to elude police) and a misdemeanor charge of refusing to provide a DNA sample.

Chapman already had an appointment for June 21 in Judge Oakley's courtroom when he is expected to present a motion requesting dismissal of a 2015 DNA charge that was attached to a felony.

VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazy is the officer in charge of the cases.

### Court Watching:

## David Radecki pleads guilty to two charges, four charges dropped

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

David Arthur Radecki, 38, of Van Buren Township, on June 13 pled guilty to a felony charge of Accosting a Child for Immoral Purposes and a misdemeanor charge of Criminal Sexual Conduct, fourth degree (touching for sexual satisfaction).

The four other charges against him were dropped in the plea deal accepted by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Laurence Stuart Talon.

The charges dismissed were:

- Criminal Sexual Conduct, second degree (person under the age of 13 – defendant age 17 or more), a felony
- Aggravated Indecent Exposure, a misdemeanor
- Indecent Exposure, a misdemeanor
- Child Sexually Abusive Commercial Activity, a felony

Radecki originally had four charges against him and two more were added after the case proceeded to circuit court.

The case was referred to the probation department for a pre-sentence report and an order for a DNA sample was issued.

Judge Talon will sentence Radecki at 9 a.m., Aug. 8.

The sentence is expected to include registering as a sex offender and one year incarceration.

Radecki, a 1979 graduate of Belleville High School, was an assistant scout master in Belleville and has been terminated by the Boy Scouts of America. He is a border patrol agent and has been on suspension from that position.

A jury trial had been set for June 8, but was cancelled. He is free after posting \$50,000/10% bond.



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