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### VBPS School Board grants raises to 26 non-union employees

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools has negotiated contracts with all of its unions for 2017-18, and most have seen step increases and anywhere from a 1% to 2% increase in salaries.

Even School Supt. Pete Kudlak got a 2%

On Monday, the school board unanimously approved giving raises to 26 employees who are not covered by union contracts.

School Supt. Kudlak recommended an across the board increase to most employees in the amount of \$800, which averages out to a 1.1% increase for the entire unit.

This \$800 increase was not applied to the part-time employees. They were given a smaller increase based on their part-time status. As with other units, they changed the retirement payout for sick days to \$50 per day with a maximum of 100 days paid out or \$5,000.

School Supt. Kudlak said the total cost to the district for the raises amounted to about \$23,000.

Trustee Susan Featheringill abstained from the vote because her daughter Sara Cortese works for the district as an accountant.

Board President Keith Johnston said he wanted to explain that one of those on the list for getting raises was Karen Johnston, Director of Special Services, who some people have thought was his relative. He said he is not related to Karen Johnston.

In other business in the 20-minute meeting, the board:

• Heard Secretary Kevin English explain a new set of board policy changes that were being considered for the first reading. The second reading and adoption of the 36 pages of changes will be at the next meeting. Included in the changes is that students and parents can't covertly record meetings that are not covered under the Open Meetings Acts without the permission of the (continued on page 19)



Khloe Anna Veenhuis of Van Buren Township, born Dec. 5, is pictured on a big poster in the window of Douglas Carpet, 240 Main Street, in Belleville, promoting Dream Weaver carpet. Great-grandfather Ken Smith, at right, had the poster printed and sent a copy of it to Dream Weaver carpet's sales representative. The rep. sent it on to the head of marketing who posted it on the Dream Weaver Facebook page, where it got 897 views. They asked Smith to send Khloe's next picture to them and it might be worked into a future national advertising promotion. From left are Khloe's father and mother Kyle and Lindsey Veenheuis and Khloe. Don Mason of Douglas Carpet, not pictured, is Khloe's great-great-grandfather.

### Belleville getting help on cemetery, parks from young workers

By Rosemary K. Otzman *Independent* Editor

One of the things the young workers will do soon is cut the brush along the crest of High Street next to the lake. They need to wait until DPW workers are available to work with them because the adults need to watch out for road traffic in that narrow section of shoreline.

This was part of the report made by Building Official Rick Rutherford during the July 3 regular meeting of the Belleville

City Council.

The city expects to have 12-15 young workers being paid with a \$47,000 grant from the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority to help the two DPW employees and small staff at city hall with needed

He said the workers will help with cleanup issues around town, paint the fire hydrants, and do work at the cemetery.

Rutherford said he has reworked the fencing at Doane's Landing to make it as presentable as possible while the park is closed to the public. He said he has had meetings with engineers and will be getting preliminary figures on how much it will take to fix the seawall. He said the topographical work is in.

Rutherford said he also is getting estimates on how much it will cost to restripe Main Street and Liberty Street.

He said there is no solid date yet for the spray patching of the streets in Harbour Pointe. He said he has asked for a 10day notice before work begins, so he can have notices hand-carried to the residents. door to door, so they will know what is happening.

He said if everyone parks in driveways during the three-day process, the work will go better. He said the work will start in the front of the subdivision and work back and

Also, he said, every two to three seasons, the city gets the brush cut on the hill that

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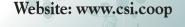


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## Father Tom Cusick to retire from St. Anthony Catholic Church

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

After almost 29 years leading St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville, Father Thomas Cusick, 78, is retiring at the end of August.

A new priest is expected to be in charge on Sept. 1.

Father Cusick said he will be moving to Clergy Village in Livonia, in the area of Madonna College and St. Mary's Hospital. He said at the village the priests become supply persons, so when a priest is needed to fill in he can

"We'll see" what happens next, he said.

In June 2014, Fr. Cusick celebrated 50 years as a Catholic priest with a festive Golden Jubilee.

He is the son of an ophthalmologist and he would have become a doctor himself, if he hadn't headed into the priesthood

He decided to go to seminary during his years at University of Detroit High School where he saw the example of the priests there. It wasn't a dramatic "calling," but each year his decision felt more and more

right.

Fr. Cusick said in 1964 – 53 years ago -- after eight years in seminary, he was ordained and assigned as an associate to Epiphany Parish in Detroit, on the west side near Meyers and West Chicago. He stayed there until 1973.

He spent five years as an associate at St. Christopher's Parish in the Tireman / Southfield area and then went to St. Robert Bellermine for 10 years.

He remembers it was noon on Sept. 6, 1988 that he arrived at St. Anthony church in Belleville, where he has been for more than 28 years.

In those days, the church's school was going well, with about 240 children enrolled. It was started in the early 1950s, but had to be closed in 2005.

He said after the school closed, parents moved their children to schools in other parishes and connected to those churches.

He said the parish has a lot of dedicated people who help the sick and homebound, which is common to all parishes. The Men's Club is very active, as is the Boy Scout troop, and the funeral luncheons put on by the women are delicious.

"Volunteers do a great job," he said.

The Strawberry Festival was started by St. Anthony and strawberry farmers and the event over Father's Day week end is a big project for church volunteers.

Fr. Cusick said he likes to go out to the beer tent during the festival, to walk around and, "Be alive." He said he gets into faith conversations even when the talking starts out to be about something else.

He gave credit to the dedicated catechists who teach the faith and the sisters who help. He singles out Deacon Pete as "so dedicated to God, so good."

In the past, Fr. Cusick liked to go biking and walking, but now he does a lot of reading. At age 70 priests have the opportunity to retire, but Fr. Cusick chose not to retire until now.

"I love sharing the Lord and that's everything," he said.

With the American culture becoming more secularized, Fr. Cusick said, "The church has to stick to it."



Father Thomas Cusick

He had two brothers. One died in 1991 at the age of 54. His other brother, Chuck who is 22 months younger than Thomas, lives in Bay City.

## Sister Juliana Sobieski celebrates 70 years of service as a Catholic nun

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Juliana Sobieski of Detroit prayed and prayed for her three big brothers to come back safely from World War II. She had five brothers then and two were back safely from the war. But three were still gone and in danger

Her prayers were answered and her three brothers returned safely. That's when she decided to become a nun. She had been thinking about it, but the blessings of her brothers' safety sealed her decision.

Recently, Sister Juliana traveled to Marymount Convent in Garfield Heights, Ohio, to be among those who celebrated their anniversaries of service as a nun, from 50 years to 75 years.

Sister Juliana, 93, celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> year as a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis. She said her community has had 116 years of service, being organized in 1901.

She's been at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville since 1986, doing her retirement work.

"We're retired and then rehired," Sister Juliana said with a smile.

After she first took her vows, she taught Kindergarten and first grade and served as a school principal in Catholic schools in Mississippi, Ohio, and Michigan.

When she retired from teaching, she was "rehired" for parish work and has been doing it ever since.

At St. Anthony, she does whatever is



Sister Juliana Sobieski

needed to prepare for the masses each morning. She also works with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), for those wishing to become Catholic.

"We are so busy with people," she said of the nuns' work. "We assist wherever we can."

At St. Anthony there are two other nuns, Sister Marty and Sister Theresa Marie. The three live together in the parish house, just east of the church.

For those considering a life as a nun, Sister Juliana advises: "You've got to pray and listen to the word of God. Follow your heart's desire." She said there are many ways to serve, including nursing and teaching.

When she decides to retire for good, she could go to her community's major home at Marymount Convent in Ohio.

Sister Juliana was born in Detroit and went to St. Thomas School for 12 years before praying her brothers back to safety. Then, she was free to head off to take her training and her vows.

She said her father died when she was 17 months old. She had five brothers and a sister, all who are gone now.

She said her oldest brother was 15 when their father died and so her brother dropped out of school to get a job and help raise the family.

"He was my father," she said of her brother who then went to war and back. She said he was the only one of her brothers and sister who didn't get married and raise a family.

Sister Juliana said she and the other sisters at St. Anthony are waiting to see what the future holds for them since Father Tom Cusick is retiring in August and a new priest is expected to be in place on Sept. 1. She said they live in the house that is parish property and the new priest might not want them there.

The priest makes the decisions in a parish, so they are waiting to see what comes next. For sure, there are lots of prayers.

## Sumpter cancels Aug. 8 meeting because of Huron School election

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

The Aug. 8 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees has been cancelled because two precincts will be taking part in a Huron Township School millage election.

At Tuesday's regular meeting, the board unanimously approved the cancellation.

In other business at the 18-minute, July 11 meeting, the board:

• Approved a new two-year lease with Wayne County for use of a room at the community center to provide WIC program

services at the same fee of \$500 per month for expenses;

- Learned the township has received a \$3,366 rebate from DTE for changing all its street lights to LED;
- Reminded all that the Family Fun Day is this Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at Graham Park; and
- Heard Mary Ban ask about the recent paving of a small portion of Bemis, east of Sumpter Road. Trustee Matthew Oddy said he has been reaching out to the county to find out what the plan is, but has had no responses from engineers.

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...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Editorial

## Sup. McNamara: VBT going to fight Visteon all the way

"There's obviously too much at stake. We are going to fight this all the way," said Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

McNamara was prodded by Doug during Tuesday afternoon's Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) meeting to issue a press release or a statement to notify the people of the township about the status of the litigation against Visteon.

Peters said someone should announce "the township's intention to fight this until hell freezes over." He said people are talking about Visteon and the possibility of a millage they might have to pay to cover the Visteon bond payments.

McNamara then said he is working to make appropriate cuts to services so as to NOT have any millage increases. There will be no cuts to public safety, he said, but other departments will live within their budgets and there will be a "five-year smoothing."

He said he plans on moving money to begin saving for the bond payment. Peters, a retired attorney, estimated from six to ten years of litigation because, "They're going to fight all the way, too."

Peters asked what if VBT gets stuck with the inevitable bond payments. McNamara said the township would lend money to the LDFA to pay them.

There's a plan, which should comfort those worried about having to dig into their pockets to pay for the Visteon bonds.

## **EXTRA THINGS I KNOW**

My childhood neighbor and dear friend Shirley Vandecar Olson died on Saturday. We all are shocked, it came so fast. Just a week and a half earlier she was driving around, living her life. She got a little dizzy and was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. And then she proceeded to

Of course, there's more to the story.

Shirley and her large Vandecar family lived just down Haggerty Road from our Kuchta family and since Shirley and Barbara were about the ages of my sister and I, we played together. They were much better at baseball than I was, but they were kind about my lack of skills. We used to play ball games in Arthur and Nancy Pollakowski's front yard which was smooth and mowed. It was part way between our two farms on Haggerty, which was a gravel road in those days.

My brother Steve liked to get the latest gadgets, so he bought a television set, the first in the neighborhood. Shirley and Barbara would join us to watch the small, black-and-white-screen set in the dark in our living room. We would watch "Lights Out" and scare ourselves half to death. Then they would have to walk down the very dark road to get home.

Shirley was one of the Independent's enthusiastic readers and made arrangements for us to mail it to Arizona when she and Cyril Bird left for the winter. Then, she'd visit with me when they got back.

I'm going to miss her wonderful smile and hearty laugh. And, her friendship.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said that his mother died in April and she was one of the

most enthusiastic readers of his column in our Independent. He said he found it hard to write the column after she died. I told him to take the summer off.

At a school board meeting last spring leading up to the superintendent's evaluation, board secretary Kevin English said Supt. Kudlak shouldn't write personal things and should use the column to concentrate on the school.

I must report that the personal items tucked in his columns have been very wellreceived by our readers and they have told me so. Readers are able to get to know the new guy in town on a personal level, which gives them more confidence in the school

When Supt. Kudlak gets off his summer break with us, I hope he will feel free to write whatever he wants. But, it will never be the same as when his mom was here.

I understand that the Belleville Rotary Club has been meeting at the Belleville First United Methodist Church since the club started in 1939.

I mentioned to a Rotarian how I thought it was too bad it was moving to Wayne County Community College out in the country on Haggerty Road for its Tuesday night meetings and dinners instead of staying in downtown Belleville.

I was told the church raised the rent and this is only temporary until the new library is built. Rotary expects to have a meeting place at the new library in the future.

There's no food preparation area for the meeting place at WCCC, but the caterer is taking that in stride and will bring the food ready to go, I'm told.

Charles Hix called to tell us that CAL Plumbing did a terrific job for him. CAL is one of our long-time advertisers.

On Monday, Sue Kim alerted me to the demolition of 8210 Belleville Road, across the road from her. She pointed out the square house was over 200 years old and is pictured on page 96 of the local history book, "Water Under the Bridge." The book

said the house was built prior to 1876. The house and about 14.77 acres was purchased on Nov. 25, 2015 from Mary and Robert Finley by a man from West Bloomfield. Ron Akers, VBT director of planning and economic development. told me the house was condemned last October for various reasons and the owner said he would demolish it. He pulled the demolition permit and now the house is gone. Ron said he doesn't know of any plans for the property.

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#### Attend meetings, put new names on ballot

To the Editor:

Apparently, there are many in our Belleville area who are as concerned as I am regarding the lack of maintenance, priorities, and appearance of prominent "eyesores" -- weeds, broken cement, bridges, streets, sidewalks.

Our elected officials must be held accountable. Remember to circle these dates: The next scheduled Belleville City Council meeting is MONDAY, JULY 17 at 7:30.

Another pathway to change for the City of Belleville is the placement of two new names on the ballot: concerned citizens who will seek nomination for two City Council members' terms ending 2021. Note: Deadline for submission of nominating petitions is TUESDAY, JULY 25, at 4 p.m.

Let's see who really CARES. Attend meetings and take action -- not just words or excuses.

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker Belleville

## Book at library is by author who went to BHS

To the Editor:

I assume my novel, "Charlie's Choice," got in the Belleville Library because of you. Thank you!

I'm just starting on a new novel titled, "Teacher, Teacher." Anyone from "our time" would recognize references to certain influential teachers. Two excellent, and one "not so".

Richard Van Der Voort Belleville High School Class of 1954 Now a resident of the Philippine Islands

Editor's Note to Richard: While I have mentioned some of the books you have written, I'm not responsible for this book being in the library here. It's nice you got a letter from a fan who borrowed it from the Belleville Library and loved it.



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### Chamber Director Henning injured in motor vehicle accident

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Paul Henning, executive director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, was involved in a very serious accident on Wednesday morning, July 5, on his way to work.

Chamber President Karen Mida reported

to chamber members that Henning's vehicle was t-boned by a semi on Belleville Road near Aldi's.

"Paul sustained injuries and is very lucky

to be alive," Mida said. He was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and was expected to be released on July 6.

"Please keep him in your prayers!" Mida said.

Cards may be sent to him in care of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce 248 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

In Henning's absence, Julie Miller has agreed to take over full-time and she will have the office open regular hours/regular days, Mida said.

## Drone breaks church window, slashes arm of operator on July 2

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

As participants were gathering for the monthly Bugles Across America event just after 7 p.m., Sunday, July 2, at the Veterans' Monument in Belleville, a drone started up behind them, next to the church.

When the ceremony began, participants couldn't hear VFW Commander Bob Krouse because of the very loud drone noise, which echoed off the walls of Grace Baptist Church, so Belleville Police Officers Sarah Dzagulones and Ahmed Kassem approached Jeff Vernon and asked him to turn off his drone.

Vernon later explained rather than waiting for the drone to land, he grabbed at it, and it slashed into his arm.

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said the drone also broke a window at Grace Baptist Church during the incident, according to the officers' police report.

Vernon waited at the church until after the ceremony and the two officers returned to take his information for the report.

Vernon said after the incident, his drone wasn't working properly and he took it to be looked at.

## **Birthdays**

July 5 – Kenneth Landstrom

July 9 – Tiffany Sprinkle, Jaxon Long

July 14 – Karen Barker

July 15 – Dennis Wasko, Eddie Black

July 17 – London Parchman

July 19 - Shae Millard

July 21 – Lisa Tyrrell

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Tickets are now on sale for Dinner with Henry Ford & Friends on Thursday, Aug. 31, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. held at the Wayne County Community College Western Campus on Haggerty Road. The event is a fundraiser for the museum and tickets are \$35 per person, which includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, and craft beer. The program will feature a live presentation by Dore Productions of North-ville titled "Henry & Friends" with characters Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, and Harvey Firestone. Pancakes for dinner was Henry Ford's favorite meal. Tickets are available at the museum and by calling Museum Director Katie Dallos at (734) 697-1944.

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The Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Music Lakeside series continues tonight with George Bedard & the Kingpins (blues) beginning at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park on High Street. Rain location is across the street at Belleville First United Methodist Church.

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Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, based in Sumpter Township, will be holding their monthly pet adoption clinic this Saturday, July 15, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Petco Pet Store in Westland on Warren Avenue across from the mall. Call (734) 461-9458.

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## **Obituaries**





Laurence Michael O'Sullivan

#### **LAURENCE MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN**

Laurence Michael O'Sullivan of Van Buren

(April 27, 1934 - June 5, 2017)

Township died peacefully at his home on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 83 years of age. Laurence is the beloved husband of Mary for fifty-five wonderful years; proud father of Maureen (David) Papin of Belleville, Laurence (Amy Cutting) O'Sullivan of Ypsilanti, Sheila (Ty) Patton of Belleville and Martin (Lori Antieau) of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; cherished grandfather of Brendan, Ryann, Brian, Meghan, Abigail, Matthew, Isabella, Cormac, Tristan, Declan and Owen; and dear brother of Sheila Broderick of Northville. He is preceded in death by his parents, five siblings, and their spouses.

Born on April 27, 1934 in the town Sneem in County Kerry, Ireland, to Laurence and Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Laurence and his siblings moved to the United States in the mid-20th century. Laurence proudly served in the United States Army and settled with Mary in the Belleville area to raise their family. He was a twenty-five year employee of Wayne Co. Road Commission as a journeyman painter.

Mr. O'Sullivan had deep faith and was a devoted parishioner of St. Anthony's Church of Belleville. He was also proud of his Irish heritage. He enjoyed Irish music, Gaelic football, especially "Kerry Football" and traveling back to Ireland. Also, he enjoyed hitting golf balls and was an avid cyclist into his 70s. He also enjoyed reading. Mostly, he cherished times with Mary and his family.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 8, at St. Anthony's Church of Belleville, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. Mr. O'Sullivan laid in state one hour prior to Mass. Interment followed at Knollwood Memorial Park of Canton.

Visiting hours were Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville, 734-697-4500. The rosary was prayed at 7 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

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Charles "Bob" Miller

#### **CHARLES 'BOB' MILLER**

(August 27, 1936 – July 7, 2017)

Age 80, a longtime resident of Belleville, passed away in his home on Friday, July 7, 2017.

Charles Robert Miller is the beloved husband of Janet for 57 wonderful years; dear father to Lori (John) Toor of Rotonda West, FL and Cindy Gee of Belleville. He is also the loving grandfather to Edward (Jamie) Webber of Belleville, Joseph Webber of Plymouth, Marease Gee of Lapeer, Trisha (Todd) Calfee of Ft. Meyers, FL, Becca Toor of Orlando, FL, Michael Toor, Mary Toor and Matthew Toor of Rotonda West FL; and greatgrandfather to Brice Webber, Alyssa Seamon. Kaylie Clements, Kara Toor, Kekoa Galoragher and Zayden Webber. Bob is also survived by seven siblings: Karin Duvall of Livonia, Dianne Southwell, Sandy Buyers of Harrison, John (Barbra) Miller of Apache Junction, AZ, Ron (Karlynn) Miller of TX, William (Pat) of Hale, and Mariam (John) Nicula of Hale. He is also survived by many extended family and friends. Sadly, he is preceded in death by his parents. Karl F. Miller and Isabelle C. (Stevens) Miller and two siblings, Eva and Fred Miller.

Bob was a backyard mechanic who enjoyed working on cars. He also enjoyed telling stories and traveling, but most of all he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps.

Visitation was held Tuesday, July 11, 2017 from 4 to 8 p.m., with military honors rendered at 6 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville MI, 48111 (734) 697-4500. Cremation rites were accorded. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the wishes of the family. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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## **Upcoming Meetings**

- Thursday, July 13 Keystone Academy Board of Education, 6 p.m., Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 7 p.m., quarterly meeting. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 17 Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 18 Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 19 -- Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, Belleville Downtown Development

Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

- Monday, July 24 Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Administration Building
- Tuesday, July 25 Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting at 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 26 Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30
- Monday, July 31 Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m.

## **Obituaries**





George Leonard Ostrowski

#### GEORGE LEONARD OSTROWSKI

(November 2, 1930 – July 8, 2017)

George Leonard Ostrowski, of Palm Harbor, Florida, died Saturday, July 8, 2017 at age 86. He was born November 2, 1930 at home in Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan to parents Albert and Frances (nee Krzewinski) Ostrowski. He grew up in Belleville, Wayne County, Michigan and graduated Belleville High School in 1949 as Class President. He served in the US Army from 1951-1953 as CPL(T) in AUS ORD. George began working jobs at an early age, eventually becoming a regional traveling salesman for Draw-Tite until he retired.

George married his high school sweetheart Elsie Edna Smith in 1951 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Belleville, and recently celebrated their 66th anniversary. They were active members of St. Anthony's Church and the Belleville community. They moved to Florida in 1980 to be with their children and grandchildren, and became active members of Light of Christ Catholic Church in Clearwater. He enjoyed family gatherings, card games, and Polkas!

George is survived by his wife Elsie; his daughters: Gail (Richard) Baird, of Palm Harbor, and Denise (Wayne) Carr, of Dunedin, Florida; his son Mark (Mary) Ostrowski, of Oldsmar, Florida; his grandchildren: Steven (Katie) Ostrowski, of Larkspur, Colorado, and Lisa (Eric) Dynes, of Jacksonville, Florida, and Katie (Carter) Leffen, of New York, New York; and great-grandchildren Helen, Vivian, and Simon Ostrowski, and Ethan Dynes.

Viewing was Wednesday, July 12, at Curlew Hills Memory Gardens, Palm Harbor, from 6-8 p.m. Funeral Mass is Thursday, July 13, at 10:30 a.m. at Light of Christ Catholic Church, Clearwater. Interment will follow at Curlew Hills Memory Gardens. Brunch will follow at the home of Mark and Mary Ostrowski.

#### SANDRA S. HINES

(April 4, 1946 – July 3, 2017)

Age 71, of Belleville, lost her battle with cancer. Survived by sons Leroy Hines and Keith Hines, both of Ypsilanti. Predeceased by daughter Sherel. Cremation has taken place. Services at a later date.

> **More Obituaries** on page 7

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Shirley Ann Olson

#### **SHIRLEY ANN OLSON**

(July 9, 1935 – July 8, 2017)

Shirley Ann Olson, age 81, of New Boston, July 08, 2017. Beloved significant other of Cyril Bird. Loving mother of Warren Olson and Cliff (June) Olson. Dear grandmother of Jeff (Amanda) Olson and Hillary Olson and greatgrandmother of Wayland and Henrick.

She is also survived by her sister Lila Templeman. She is preceded in death by her son Charles W. Olson, Jr., parents Lee and Fanny Vandecar, and 7 siblings.

Service is Sunday, 1 p.m. at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home (next to Michigan Memorial Park), 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation is Friday, 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, 12-8 p.m. Interment in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Community United Methodist Church in memory of Shirley

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Cora Nedegaard Vandecar

#### **CORA NEDEGAARD VANDECAR**

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(February 1, 1924 – May 25, 2017) Age 93, formerly of Belleville. Memorial service set 11 a.m., Saturday, July 15, at Willow United Methodist Church. Lunch follows. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to

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#### <u> Court Watching:</u>

## Judge Parrott signs bench warrant when Chapman doesn't show

By Rosemary K. Otzman *Independent* Editor

James Forrest Chapman, 57, failed to show up for his pretrial session at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court on July 5 on a new misdemeanor charge of failing to provide a DNA sample. This is his third DNA charge.

Judge David Parrott signed a bench warrant for Chapman's arrest for failure to be present in court for the required pretrial.

At a June 21 motion hearing before 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley, Chapman had a motion to dismiss he had written that the judge allowed him to apply to a felony charge of assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer last summer, and two misdemeanor charges of failing to provide a DNA profile, one from 2015 and one from 2016.

The preliminary exam on the refiled charges from 2016 had been set for June 21 and Judge Oakley allowed Chapman to put

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his motion for dismissal toward all three charges. The judge then reset the motion hearing and the preliminary exam for 11 a.m., July 12.

There was some confusion at the court on July 5 when a DNA charge appeared on the docket, but when it was learned the DNA charge is a new charge – Chapman's third DNA refusal – the bench warrant was issued.

Chapman's DNA refusal from 2016 was dismissed earlier this year when Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Margaret Van Houten dismissed without prejudice the felony police obstruction and the misdemeanor DNA charges against him. The jury was ready to be seated when a VBT police officer failed to show up to testify at the trial. The officer was not subpoenaed and was at the other side of the state at a once-a-year state training for marine officers.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office reissued the original charges and when Chapman again refused to give a DNA sample, he was charged one more time. Officer in charge of that case is Van Buren Township Detective Mike Long.

On July 10, Judge Van Houten signed a warrant for Chapman's arrest on a new violation of probation charge for recently pleading guilty on a dog license case, a criminal misdemeanor.

Also, Chapman has a scheduled July 27 court date for a driving while license suspended charge out of Sumpter Township.

#### Shaunda Renee Wyche

Shaunda Renee Wyche, 24, waived her preliminary exam for carrying a concealed weapon on June 4 in Sumpter Township. She is free after posting bond. Sumpter Detective/Corporal John Ashby is officer

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in charge of the case.

Her court-appointed attorney David Langford told Judge Parrott that she has a possibility of a HYDA (Holmes Youthful Trainee Act) sentence at circuit court, so she will go right on to the higher court and not hold a preliminary exam at district court.

#### **Xzavier Marquette Stone**

Xzavier Marquette Stone, 17, was present for his probable cause conference, on a charge of stealing or retaining a financial transaction device without consent on Nov. 8 in Van Buren Township.

His retained defense attorney Mohammed Nasser asked Judge Parrott to adjourn the case for a week because he is awaiting surveillance video to study and there is a possible resolution with the prosecution.

Judge Parrott adjourned the probable cause conference to July 19 and the preliminary exam to July 26. He also advised them that there was an order for finger printing and so Stone would have to see to that.

Stone is free on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond and the bond was continued. Officer in charge of the case is VBT Detective Donovan McCarthy.

#### Diane Marie Messina

Diane Marie Messina, 62, waived her preliminary exam on a charge of embezzlement of \$20,000 or more, as an agent, on Jan. 1 in Van Buren Township. Judge Parrott bound her over to circuit court for a July 19 arraignment on the information.

She is free after posting bond of \$10,000/10%. Officer in charge of the case is VBT Det. Mike Long.

#### **Alec Joseph Maly**

Alec Joseph Maly, 25, was due for his probable cause conference on charges of being in possession of a controlled substance (narcotic or cocaine), operating while intoxicated, and failure to stop at a personal injury accident in Van Buren Township on Oct. 10, 2013. The warrant was authorized in December 2016.

The defense attorney asked to adjourn the probable cause conference for one week so the prosecutor can go over the information for a possible plea deal. Judge Parrott adjourned the pcc until July 19 and set the preliminary exam for July 26. Maly has posted his \$5,000/10% bond.

VBT Detective Donovan McCarthy is the

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officer in charge of the case.

#### Jacob Jesus Delmarco

Jacob Jesus Delmarco was scheduled for his probable cause conference on charges of embezzlement and false pretenses in Sumpter Township, but did not show up for court. Judge Parrott signed a bench warrant for his arrest and set a \$20,000/10% bond.

#### Samuel Lewis Ward

Samuel Lewis Ward, 37, was scheduled for his preliminary exam on July 5 on a charge of tampering with an electric monitoring device on Nov. 7 in Van Buren Township.

He is lodged in the Wayne County Jail on three controlled substance charges and a charge of assaulting / resisting / obstructing a police officer, all in Inkster on June 8.

His bond in 34<sup>th</sup> District Court is 10,000/10%. Harold Collins, his court-appointed attorney, asked Judge Parrott to adjourn the exam to 10 a.m., July 26, for a motion hearing/preliminary exam, and Judge Parrott granted the request.

VBT Detective Donovan McCarthy is the officer in charge of the case.

#### Michael Edwin Way

Michael Edwin Way, 39, was due for a preliminary exam before Judge Tina Brooks Green on June 28 on his domestic violence felony charge from Dec. 22 in Sumpter Township. But the charge was dismissed without prejudice when the victim didn't show up to testify. It is unsure whether police will seek to refile the charge.

Officer in charge of the case was Sumpter Sgt. Christopher McGlynn.

## Trustee Don Swinson donates 60 drumsticks to Sumpter program

Before Tuesday's meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Trustee Don Swinson presented 60 drumsticks made out of hickory to Virginia Belinski who teaches the drumming program to the Sumpter Senior Citizens.

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## It's a mystery why Michael Wright collapsed on Main Street

By Rosemary K. Otzman **Independent** Editor

Michael Wright, 43, a homeless man who lives in the woods behind the car wash on Sumpter Road, collapsed in the middle of Main Street on July 1 and he said he doesn't know why that happened.

Wright said he had planned to meet a friend at the Red Roof Inn, so he stayed there over night, but she didn't show up. He said he left the Red Roof at around 9:30 or 10 a.m. and began walking back to Belleville.

He said at the Shell gas station he blacked

"I remember the Shell gas station and then I woke up in the hospital," Wright said.

He said Belleville Police Officer Jeff Wickham and Belleville Fire Department tended to him when he collapsed in the middle of Main Street in front of Andrew's

He said he was taken to Annapolis Hospital and they did drug tests and ultra sounds of his brain and heart and they all came out clean. There was no reason for him to collapse.

Wright said he had been a drug addict, but has been on Suboxone for a year and a half, so he is clean of drugs. He said he did professional wrestling from 1995 to 2006 and had many concussions.

He has worked for Burhop's Collision in Belleville for two years and so he has money for an apartment, but, he said, no one will rent to him.

Wright grew up on Bemis Road in Sumpter Township where his father was a back-yard mechanic. One day the lift malfunctioned and fell on his father, who was paralyzed and later died, Wright said.

Wright was part of the Belleville High School class of 1993, but quit in his second try at the 10th grade. He said the teachers



Michael Wright

hated him

Wright explained he and his mother were unable to keep the house after his father's death and so they moved to a mobile home community. He said his mother died in his arms of a brain aneurism. He lost the home and for the last four years he has been homeless.

Wright really would like to know what made him collapse. He said he talked to a local minister who told him he may have been possessed.

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said that Officer Wickham reported that the fire fighters said Wright's eyes were pinpointed, which could indicate he was back on drugs. He had been a heroin addict.

Chief Berriman said the report of the incident also said Wright said when he left the Red Roof Inn, he had \$400 in his pocket. When he came to at the hospital, he was missing \$200, according to the report.

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Michael Joe Hermosillo-DeBoer of Belleville earned a Bachelor of Science degree from The United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY, during June commencement exercises.

He also received a U.S. Coast Guard 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Engineering Officers' License and a commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

During his four years at the academy, he was able to sail aboard many different merchant vessels on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, as well as the Great Lakes.

Throughout his Sea-Year program, he was able to visit many different countries throughout Europe, the Mediterranean, and the Middle East, as well as many seaports throughout the United States.

He graduated from Belleville High School in 2013 and received nominations to the Merchant Marine Academy – one of five federal service academies – from U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow and U.S. Representative David Curson.

He credits his successes to the many teachers, counselors, and coaches from the Van Buren Public School District that assisted him in the difficult and lengthy process of obtaining his appointment to the academy.

Michael plans to pursue a career in the U.S. Maritime Industry as an Engineering Officer.

The United States Merchant Marine Academy is a federal service academy that educates and graduates licensed Merchant Marine officers. In addition to the rigorous academic and physical requirements for admission, applicants must be nominated by their Congressman or Senator.

All USMMA graduates earn both a B.S. degree and a merchant marine license and incur an obligation to serve the United States. The U.S. Flag Merchant Marine – manned by U.S. merchant mariners – is essential for securing the country's commerce in peacetime and delivering warfighters, weapons, and military supplies in times of conflict.

The majority of "Kings Pointers" will serve as Navy reservists in the Strategic Sealift Officer Program while working



Michael Hermosillo-DeBoer

aboard U.S. flag vessels; others will serve on active duty in the nation's armed forces.

### Rosie the Riveter selected for Michigan Women's Hall of Fame

With her determined spirit and "Can-do" attitude, Rosie the Riveter will be inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame this year, receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Michigan Women's Studies Association.

Rosie's nomination was submitted by the Yankee Air Museum to recognize and honor the thousands of female defense workers rising to meet the home front industrial challenges in World War Two. Collectively, these unstoppable women became known as Rosie the Riveter.

"The Willow Run Bomber Plant and the women who worked here in the 1940s symbolize the talent and strength of the American home front that brought a conclusive end to World War Two," said Kevin Walsh, Executive Director of the Museum. "It is a proper tribute to commemorate these women, for all time, in the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame."

The induction will take place at the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner and Induction Ceremony on Oct. 18, in East Lansing.



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## Belleville Girl Scouts attend High Adventure program in West Va.

Last week, girls from Troop 76032 in Belleville, traveled to the Summit Betchel Reserve to attend the Black Diamond Council Girl Scout Jamboree.

The High Adventure program, located at a Boy Scout reserve, is located in Glen Jean, WV.

Troop members participated in BMX racing, mountain biking, skateboarding, tree-top canopy tours, challenge courses, zip lining, rock climbing, stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking, archery and shooting sports, as well as many outdoor STEM and healthy living activities. There was so much to see and do, that they could not do

"My favorite part was learning to ride on the BMX course," said Gabby Mayrend. "It was a little hard to do at first, but the instructors made it fun. They were

Hiking about 12-15 miles each day, the girls enjoyed meeting other girls from as far away as California, Maine, and Florida as they explored the mountains. Overall, more than 1,100 Girl Scouts participated in the Jamboree.

"I really liked meeting scouts from other states," Gabby added. "We played games and ate together. I made really good friends and can't wait to see them again."

Before attending the jamboree, the troop challenged themselves even more with a white-water rafting trip on the Upper New River. Two of the girls had never rafted.

"It was an exhausting trip," said Troop Leader Tammy Mayrend. "But it was amazing to see the girls move out of their comfort zone to try new things. My girls had so much personal growth this week, that they blew me away!"

"One of the biggest benefits to this program is learning to deal," Mayrend said. "Dealing with heat, long hikes, long lines and with each other. I do appreciate the life lessons they learn as much as I appreciate the experiences."



Tammy Mayrend, Gabriella Mayrend, Sarah Helm, Patricia Reyes

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Mary Talaga, left, was winner of the "Ride on a Fire Truck and Lunch with a Fire Fighter" raffle put on by the City of Belleville Fire Auxiliary during Strawberry Festival. When participants purchased a t-shirt or car magnet their names were entered into the drawing. Talaga invited her two grandsons Keith and Aiden to accompany her. Talaga's late husband Tony was a former Belleville Fire Fighter and Chief so this was a special treat for their grandsons. On Saturday, Lieutenant Chris Zweng, left, and Captain Kris Rix picked up the family for a fun-filled afternoon. Keith, who wants to be a fire fighter when he grows up, and Aiden, who wants to be a police officer, got to tour the fire hall with their grandma to see all the trucks, try on some gear and ask many questions. Belleville Police Corporal Todd Schrecengost also showed his patrol car to the boys. After the tour, the family climbed up into the truck and took a ride around the city, ending up with lunch at A&W.



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## Nine-year-old boy gives chest compressions to keep girl breathing

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Justin Felton was playing football with friends at Parkwood Manor in Van Buren Township and was about to make a block when he saw the girl fall off her bike.

Justin, age 9, knew the 11-year-old girl called "Ma-rye-a" who was visiting the neighborhood and she had shown him her medi-pac around her waist where she carries all her supplies. She told him she has heart problems and, that day, told him she forgot to put her Epi pen in the pac.

He said he ran over to her and asked her if she was OK and she said she couldn't

Justin said he rolled her over and started doing chest compressions to help her breathe. He velled to his friend Mark, 12, to go tell the girl's mother what was happening and to call 911.

Mark ran off and Justin did the compressions, with his hands locked together, 30 times and then a rest, just as he had been taught. Then another series of

Justin had learned chest compressions at Tyler Elementary School, where he was a student, and from his mother, NKeisha Felton, who has been a medical assistant since May at the University of Michigan, where she gives pre- and post-anesthesia

Justin said Ma-rye-a had told him her heart was hurting and she wasn't able to catch her breath. He said it was like her nose was stuffed up and then he heard a little air coming out her nose as compressions continued.

When Huron Valley Ambulance came, "I backed up for them to put her in the truck," Justin said. "My arms were hurting."

He said while he was doing the compressions no one offered to take a turn to help and he thought maybe they didn't



Justin Felton

know how.

He said the ambulance crew didn't say anything to him as he stepped back to make way for them.

His mother has tried to find out how the girl is doing, but all she could find out was that she was still in the hospital as of July

Justin, who will turn 10 on Aug. 15, has lived in the Belleville area since he was two. He attended Bethany Daycare, Savage Elementary, Wick Elementary for a short time, and then Tyler. This fall he will be a fifth-grader at Owen Intermediate School.

Justin wants to be a scientist and is a good student, his mother said. He likes to fix things and to stir up concoctions. They made some slime the other day, she said.

Justin has an older brother, Kai'yon Morton, 14, who will be attending Belleville High School this fall. He likes to play football, too.

NKeisha said this is the third year for her, her two sons, and her mother to be living together in the townhouse at Parkwood.

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## Critical blood shortage prompts emergency call for donations

The American Red Cross is facing a critical blood shortage and has issued an emergency call for eligible blood and platelet donors of all blood types to give now and help save

A Blood Drive was held last week at the Masonic Lodge in Belleville.

Another Blood Drive is set for 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Road, Van Buren Township.

Blood donations have fallen short of expectations for the past two months, resulting in about 61,000 fewer donations than needed and causing a significant draw down of the Red Cross blood supply. The shortfall is the equivalent of the Red Cross not collecting any blood donations for more

than four days.

"It's crucial that people donate now to meet the needs of patients every day and to be prepared for emergencies that require significant volumes of donated blood," said Todd Kulman of the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. "Every day, blood and platelet donors can help save lives, and right now these heroes are needed to give as soon as possible."

#### How to help

To schedule an appointment to donate, use the free Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood. org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). The Red Cross has added more than 25,000 additional appointment slots at donation centers and community blood drives across the country over the next few weeks to accommodate more donors. Donation appointments and completion of a RapidPass online health history questionnaire are encouraged to help reduce the time it takes

#### Summer months lead to shortage

Blood shortages often worsen around Independence Day due to many fewer volunteer-hosted blood drives at places of work, worship or community gathering, and this year is no exception. Nearly 700 fewer blood drives were scheduled during the Independence Day week than the weeks before and after the holiday.

Overall, the summer months are among the most challenging times of the year for blood and platelet donations as regular donors delay giving while they vacation and participate in summer activities. In a recent survey of Red Cross blood donors, more than 73% indicated vacation plans this summer, many of them occurring the weeks before and after Independence Day.

New donors and those who haven't given in a while are especially encouraged to roll up a sleeve and help save lives. Nearly one-third fewer new blood donors came out to give last summer than during the rest of the year due in part to schools - where blood drives are held and where new donors give - being out of session during the summer months.

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#### **AUCTION**

#### **PUBLIC AUCTION**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on July 22, 2017 at 12:00 p.m., Full House Self Storage at 7886 Belleville Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 is holding a public auction. Unit(s) may or may not include the following: household items, recreational items, appliances, furniture, misc.

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## Real Estate and Personal Property

Friday, July 21, 2017 @ 2:00 pm 44314 Hull Rd., Belleville, MI 48111



Auctioneer's Note: Mrs. Franklin is moving to Florida and has commissioned Rollo Juckette and Brad Neuhart Auctioneers to sell her home, contents and vehicle at public auction. Great short sale you do not want to miss. Real estate sells at 4pm.

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## WMU names eight **Belleville students to Spring Dean's List**

Eight Belleville students have been named to the Spring Dean's List at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo:

- · Corey Kalitta, studying Aviation Management and Operations at the College
- · Zachary Lazar, studying Aviation Flight Science at the College of Aviation;
- Brandon Buntine, studying Pre-Business at the Haworth College of Business;
- Dustan Muir, studying Advertising and Promotion at the Haworth College of Business;
- Theodore Rouster, studying Integrated Supply Management at the Haworth College of Business;
- Amanda Kuszak, studying Pre Social Work at the College of Health and Human Services:
- Delanie MacRae, studying Pre Nursing at the College of Health and Human
- Kendall Owen, studying Interdisciplinary Health Services at the College of Health and Human Services.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all A's) in at least 12 hours of graded class work.

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## City Council

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plunges down into the lake at Horizon Park and he is contacting Valentine Tree Services who has done the brush before.

"I've had a few DPW guys cut beyond the ropes and the crest of the hill," he said, noting he also has ordered a couple hundred feet of replacement ropes for the west end of Horizon Park.

City Manager Kollmeyer said the Denton Road Bridge belongs to Wayne County and it needs to be trimmed badly. She said she will be calling Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara to ask him to help her put pressure on Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous to get the brush cutting done on the bridge approaches. McNamara is a former county commissioner.

"Wayne County has equipment to do it," Kollmeyer said.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said, "Horizon Park looks awful. It's never looked that ..."

"Ugly." Rutherford filled in the word she was searching for.

Councilman Tom Smith asked about the sprinkler system and Rutherford said it hasn't worked in five years.

"What would it take to get the sprinklers working?" Councilman Smith asked, and then answered his own question with, "I know, money. It's always money."

Mayor Conley said there used to be a direct draw of water from the lake for the irrigation system there and Rutherford said they could look into it.

"Last week it was really looking rough and that's why I put it to the top of the list," Rutherford said of Horizon Park.

Rutherford also said the sidewalk program has been delayed.

In other business at the 19-minute meeting on July 3, the council:

- Approved accounts payable of ,303.53;
- Heard Kollmeyer announce that the clerk has put together the bids on the proposed website upgrade and the recommendation will be presented at the next meeting. Clerk/Treasurer Sherri Scharf was out on vacation:
  - Heard Jeff Vernon say from the

audience that he is more and more upset with the sign ordinance because businesses can't do one thing, but events can do that very thing. "How come you get to fly the blade signs?" he said referring to the Music Lakeside event. Vernon said his business had wanted to use the blade signs on South Street to bring attention to his candy store, but was told he couldn't. His candy store has closed. He complained to the planning commission about the blade signs and he said Commissioner John Juriga told him the Music Lakeside signs were only up for three hours. But Vernon said the ordinance has no three-hour exemption. "It's a not-for-profit thing," said Councilman Smith. "What's your problem?" Vernon said some businesses could use some help. Councilman Smith said the Music Lakeside flags are not to attract anyone. "It's a decoration," he said. Mayor Conley directed Kollmeyer to work on the issue;

## Free, six-week class on family history research to begin July 20 in Ypsi

Kathy Bailey, a retired teacher who lives in Willis, will be presenting another series of free classes to teach participants how to find information on their families for personal enrichment and to share with family members.

The series of six classes will be on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., July 20 through Aug. 24. The classes will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 941 South Grove Road, Ypsilanti 48197.

Bailey will teach participants how to search huge online databases, including FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com. The class also will include technologies for doing research, organizing family information, and learning of records that are available for various locations worldwide during different periods of time.

Bailey said the participants will learn of many resources that provide help when working at home or in a library. To reserve a place in the free class call or text Bailey at (734) 660-1971, leave a message at (734) 461-6133, or email her at kbailey@gmail.com .

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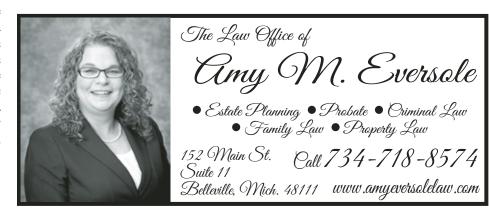
and

• Heard Kollmeyer say Councilman Fielder was going to get together with Veterans of Foreign Wars member Cornell Anton to discuss plans for the Veterans' Memorial and, perhaps, put an agreement together that would have the city and veterans' organizations pay for the repairs and upgrades together.

Councilman Fielder and Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria were absent from the meeting, which met with a bare quorum of three.



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## They're reading the Independent everywhere

Enjoying the Independent poolside at the Opal Sands Resort in Clearwater Beach, FL, in back, are Melinda Mandeville Perez of Tampa, Kattie Ostrowski of Belleville, Pam Gula of Belleville, and, in front, Eula Mandeville of Tampa.

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## School Board

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superintendent. Also, removed from the Mandatory Courses "D. Optional Course," are appropriate instruction for grades 8-12 about genocide, including the Holocaust and the Armenian Genocide;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak say as of that morning there were 67 applicants for the position of principal of Rawsonville Elementary School, with five of those being internal candidates. He, Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun, and Curriculum Director Jeff Moore have met with a group of parents and a group of teachers to find out what they wanted in a principal at Rawsonville. The field will be narrowed down to two or three candidates
- and Kudlak will make the final decision of who to recommend to the board by the first
- Heard Board President Keith Johnston announce he will be on vacation and unavailable July 27 to Aug. 7 and Kudlak said he would be gone on a cross-country trip next week; and
- Went into closed-door session to consult with attorneys regarding pending litigation, Wayne County Circuit Court Case Number 16-cv-11805, the law suit against the district and board members by the Savage school teachers who were suspended over allegations of MSTEP cheating and later reinstated. President Johnston announced no decision on the year-old case would be made after the board came back into regular session to adjourn.

Name	Position	Current	Proposed
Madyun, Abdul	Director of Human Resources	\$112,000	\$112,000
Moore, Jeff	Director of Instruction	\$104,852	\$105,652
Barker, Shareen	Director of Finance	\$104,500	\$105,300
Williams, James	Director of Plant Operations	\$103,852	\$104,652
Johnston, Karen	Director of Special Services	\$100,005	\$100,005
Beckham, Nicole	Human Resources Specialist	\$42,000	\$48,000
Cast, John	Pool Manager - Part Time	\$15,576	\$15,876
Cortese, Sara	Accountant	\$57,000	\$57,800
Delgado, Herb	Tech Specialist	\$50,852	\$51,652
Dorris, Brandice	Pupil Accountant	\$50,852	\$51,652
Evans, Deborah	Exec. Secretary	\$50,852	\$51,652
Garland, Sean	IT/Network Administrator	\$76,852	\$77,652
Johnson, Pam	Exec. Secretary	\$63,472	\$64,272
Johnson, Jesse	Tech Specialist	\$50,852	\$51,652
Jones, Stephen	Custodial Supervisor	\$45,852	\$46,652
Kennedy, Caleb	Tech Specialist	\$45,852	\$46,652
Kime, Lynda	Payroll Specialist	\$48,000	\$48,800
Leedy, Deborah	Exec. Secretary	\$52,852	\$53,652
McWilliams, Debra	Exec. Secretary	\$52,852	\$53,652
Rupnow, Brian	Auditorium Manager	\$46,302	\$47,102
Searcy, Kimberly	Transportation Supervisor	\$72,000	\$72,800
Stalmack, Jane	Special Projects Coordinator	\$35,000	\$35,800
Tarrow, Erna	Cooperative Program Coord.	\$36,309	\$36,872
Voigt, Marybeth	Exec. Secretary	\$45,000	\$45,686
Waller, Karen	Food Service Supervisor	\$46,302	\$46,991
	Totals	\$1,509,838	\$1,532,476
Kotcher, Charles	School Store	\$15.20/hr	\$15.30/hr



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## City of Belleville Public Notice



#### **POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION**

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. at Great Lakes Towing, 42350 Van Born Road, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicles will be held:

> 1995 TOYOTA, VIN: 4T1GB10E1SU019433 1989 NISSAN, STA-WAGON, VIN: JN8HD16S3KW101480

**DATE: JULY 10, 2017** BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**6 MAIN STREET** 

**JULY 13, 2017 BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111** 

#### BY SHERRI SCHARF, CITY CLERK

## Two public suicides in Van Buren Township on Friday night

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Police report two separate public suicides, both with shotguns, on Friday evening, prior to Saturday's full moon.

At about 8:44 p.m. Friday, a 41-year-old VBT man pulled his vehicle into a parking space in the parking lot near Planet Fitness. VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazzy said the man had purchased a shot gun. He discharged one round and then with the second round took his own life.

The man lived in the 39000 block of Huron River Drive, in the area that is VBT, but has a Romulus address.

A witness said the man had entered the Dollar Store, came out to his car, moved it to a different parking space, and then shot

At about 11:56 p.m. Friday, a 42-yearold Romulus man, who was confined to a wheel chair, was dropped off at Meijer's by

his friend. He wheeled himself to the park in front of the Belleville Manor mobile home park at 8703 Belleville Road and took his life with a shotgun.

Lt. Bazzy said police learned the man's wife had committed suicide, as well.

VBT Det. Mike Long was the detective on call and had just laid his head down on a pillow after investigating the first suicide when he was called out for the second suicide.

Social media posts have been saying Van Buren Township is unsafe because of the recent unsolved murder and the suicides.

"It's safer now than it's ever been before," said Lt. Bazzy, noting, "We no longer have all the foolishness we had.

"Look what's going on to the east and west of us," he said. "We don't have any

"This is a really nice community," Bazzy said. "And, it's a safe community."

### Public invited to town hall meeting on plans for new district library

The public is invited to attend an informal town hall meeting to present updates on the developing plans for the new downtown library, which includes proposed utility relocations and a timeline.

The town hall will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, across the street from the library.

For more details about the new library, www.belleville.lib.mi.us/buildingprogram

"They say marriages are made in Heaven. But so is thunder and lightning" Clint Eastwood July 18, discussion about 2017 solar eclipse The public is invited to join in a discussion

Library sets Tuesday,

at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 18, concerning the solar eclipse that is coming on Aug. Eastern Michigan University physics

professor Jesse Mason will be at the library to talk about why an eclipse happens, how much will be visible in Michigan, and where to get the best view.

Afterward, participants will be invited outdoors for a telescope-aided viewing of the night sky (weather permitting). This is a program for adults and children ages six

Participants are asked to wear weatherappropriate clothing for the outdoor portion of the program.

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2008 CHEVROLET, STA-WAGON, VIN: 3GNDA13DX8S638741 2007 SATURN, FOUR DOOR, VIN: 1G8AJ55F47Z123795

**DATE: JULY 10, 2017** 

BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**6 MAIN STREET** 

**JULY 13, 2017 BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111** 

BY SHERRI SCHARF, CITY CLERK

## **Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice**

PA 188 of 1954 PROCEEDINGS

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE MCBRIDE ROAD IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, the owners of land within the MCBRIDE ROAD IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor and Assessing Officer of the Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the Office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll covering all affected properties within the MCBRIDE ROAD IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (MAPATTACHED) that are benefited by the proposed rehabilitation and improvement of McBride Road, based upon the recommendation and cost estimates of the Township Engineer. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing a portion of the costs of the rehabilitation and improvement of McBride Road between Quirk Road and Beck Road per recommendation and cost estimates of the Township Engineer and costs incidental thereto within the special assessment district as detailed on the plans of the Township Engineer on file with the Township Clerk at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan. The proposed total assessment for each tax parcel is as follows:

A. For parcel 83-063-99-0001-000, also known as, 47097 McBride Road which is owned by Van Buren Public Schools, the assessment shall be at \$90,000 as specified in the agreement between Van Buren Public Schools Resolution Authorizing a Special

B. The remaining parcels within district shall be assessed upon a unit basis with each parcel assessed for 1/33 share of the remaining sum. This is estimated to total \$2,891.12 which may be paid by property owners in up to five (5) annual installments of \$578.22 each, plus interest.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE The assessment represents the local match of a project, in which 80% of the construction costs are to be paid by Wayne County.

Assessment Agreement dated February 27, 2017. The \$90,000 shall be payable in accordance with the above mentioned agreements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll, hearing any objections thereto from the public, and approving the roll. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during business hours of regular business days until the time of the public hearing and may be examined at said hearing.

Any owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the haring to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at this hearing may file a written appeal of this special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.

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

- Thursday, July 13 Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. This week it's George Bedard. Free. Horizon Park, Belleville.
- Saturday, July 15 Sumpter Township's free Family Fun Day starts at noon at Graham Park on Sumpter Road. Hot dogs, chips, drink for the families and a water slide for children. Put on by Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Commission.
- Saturday, July 15 Belleville-Ypsilanti Young Life hosts its annual charity fundraiser golf tournament for community youth at Eagle Crest Golf Resort, Whitaker Road just off of I-94. Registration is from 7-8 a.m. with shotgun tee-off at 8 a.m. Cost is \$100 per golfer. Register in advance by calling (734) 365-9407, or online at www. bellevilleypsi.org.
- 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.

#### • Tuesday, July 18 - Informal town hall starts at 6 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, across Charles Street from the library, to present updates on the new downtown library, including proposed utility relocations and a timeline. For more information see: www.belleville.lib.mi.us/ building-program

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- 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.
- Thursday, July 20 Kathy Bailey of Willis will teach another six-Thursday, free class on Family History Research beginning today at 6:30 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 941 South Grove, Ypsilanti 48197. To reserve a place, call or text (734) 660-1971, call and leave a message at (734) 461-6133, or email: kbailey@gmail.com.

## Sumpter Township Public Notice 🕮

#### **SUMPTER TOWNSHIP 2017 JULY BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Sumpter Township Board of Review will be conducting the 2017 July Board of Review and will convene in the Sumpter Township Hall at 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

July 18, 2017 at 4:00 PM

This is a correction Board of Review and will cover all clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact during the meeting.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act'.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 467-6201.

Clarence J Hoffman, Township Clerk

Publish: July 13, 2017

## **Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice**

#### JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

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

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) To correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
- 2) Homestead exemption status; and
- 3) Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to July 18, 2017.

> Leon Wright Van Buren Charter Township

Post: July 1, 2017

July 6, 2017 Publish:

July 13, 2017

## Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township Notice of Public Hearing Variance

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Sumpter Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 7:00 at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, for the purpose of receiving statements and views on a proposed Variance on 81-122-99-0005-707 better known as 51299 Arkona Road. The Variance request is not compliant with Sumpter Township's Ordinance Section 4.18 that requires a fifty (50) foot rear yard setback for structures in the AG -Agricultural Zoning District. The following variance is applied for.

Variance of forty (40) feet to place an addition to the existing structure 10 feet from the rear property line.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.

Clerk

Sumpter Township

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## City of Belleville Public Notice



## CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOMINATING PETITIONS AVAILABLE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Nominating petitions for the Regular City Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan, Monday -Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the following offices:

Two (2) City Council Members – Terms ending 2021

Deadline for submission of nominating petitions is Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Notice is hereby given in conformity with the Michigan Election Law and the City Charter of the City of Belleville, Michigan.

Sherri Scharf City Clerk

Publish: July 6, 2017 July 13, 2017

## Van Buren Township **Police Dispatch Log**

Out of the 396 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

#### Sunday, July 2:

- 0006 fireworks, Michigan Ave.
- 0025 fireworks, Bak Rd./Hull Rd.
- 0745 malicious destruction of property, Denton 0910 - abandoned auto, Michigan/Ecorse
- 1039 suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
- 1120 fraud, Harmony Lane
- 1237 missing person, Landmark
- 1529 assist citizen, DNR launch
- 1559 property damage accident, E. Huron River
- 1609 juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
- 1755 assist other dept., NB I-275/Ecorse 1845 - runaway, Parkwood Dr.
- 1924 suicidal person, Oak Ln.
- 1931 fight, Rolan Meadows Dr./Tyler Rd.
- 2039 harassment call, Liberty Ln.
- 2103 domestic, Parkwood Dr. 2133 - suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
- 2140 fireworks, S. Ponderosa Trl.
- 2210 fireworks, Hannan Rd.
- 2242 private property impound, J&T Towing
- 2246 noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 2249 harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 2336 suspicious person/vehicle, Edison Lake 2354 - fireworks, Parkwood Dr.

#### Monday, July 3:

- 0046 suspicious person/vehicle, Melody Ln.
- 0229 disorderly, Monroe Ct. 0239 - suspicious person/vehicle, Maple/Pine
- 0242 noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1122 property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
- 1452 property damage accident, Michigan Ave. /
- 1456 property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
- 1615 private property impound, Rawsonville
- 1711 abandoned auto, Dorchester Dr.
- 1717 juvenile complaint, Peachtree Ln.
- 1735 lake complaint, Belleville Lake 1749 - lake complaint, Denton/Bridge
- 1935 larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 2015 shooting, Lauren Ct.
- 2048 fireworks, Jackson St.
- 2110 suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren St.
- 2129 fraud, W. Huron River Dr.
- $2313-suspicious\ person/vehicle, Lake\ Point\ Blvd.$
- Tuesday, July 4:

#### 0002 - fight, Haggerty Rd.

- 0025 shooting, Village Green Ln.
- 0028 suspicious person/vehicle, Amanda/Sondra
- $0059-suspicious\ person/vehicle,\ Rawson ville\ Rd.$
- 0338 suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
- 0850 threat, McBride Ave.
- 1200 hospice death, Tavistock Dr.
- 1353 breaking & entering, Edgedale Dr. 1410 - suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
- 1606 threat, Parkwood Dr.
- 1628 neighbor trouble, Red Oak Dr.
- 1857 suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park Dr. / Ecorse Rd.
- 1916 lake complaint, Belleville Lake
- 2026 suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
- 2307 suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty/I-94
- 2313 hold up alarm, E. Sadie Ln.
- 2354 property damage accident, Parkwood/Tyler

Wednesday, July 5:

- 0015 fireworks, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd. 0016 - fireworks, Florence Ln./Sadie Ln.
- 0112 larceny, Belleville Rd.
- 0121 abandoned auto, EB bypass
- 0234 suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
- 0422 leaving the scene of a property damage accident. Pebblebrook Dr.
- 0601 fireworks, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 0707 personal injury accident, Belleville/Auto
- 0804 abandoned auto, Pond Bluff Dr. 1141 - larceny, Locust Dr.
- 1221 domestic, Parkwood Dr.
- 1255 trespassing, Robson Rd.
- 1258 suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd. 1538 - 911 welfare check, Jackson St.
- 1856 property damage accident, N. I-94 Service
- Dr. / Belleville Rd. 1938 - disorderly, Belleville Manor playground

- 2015 suspicious person/vehicle, Edison Lake
- 2301 threat, Lake Point Blvd.
- 2337 noise complaint, Denton Rd.

#### Thursday, July 6:

- 0321 suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
- 0610 hospice death, Elwell Rd.
- 0934 property damage accident, Ayres Ave.
- 1035 suspicious person/vehicle, Sadie Ln.
- 1238 property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
- 1408 private property/property damage accident,
- Ecorse Rd.
- 1414 property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
  - 1500 fraud, Haggerty Rd.
- 1515 property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
- 1544 malicious destruction of property, N. Ponderosa Trl.
- 1629 fraud, Water's Edge Ln.
- 1650 larceny, Edwards Rd.
- 1733 property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan
- 1806 property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
- 1927 assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
- 2010 fraud, Oak Ln.
- 2043 family trouble, Denton Rd. 2052 - sexual assault, Fairfield Dr.
- 2134 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
- 2201 disorderly, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service
- 2209 suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. 2236 - suspicious person/vehicle, N. Woodbury
- 2237 breaking & entering, S. Woodbury Dr.

#### Friday, July 7:

- 0012 suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
- 0137 breaking & entering, Rose Blvd.
- 0413 suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service 0759 - neighbor trouble, Lake Point Pass
- 0851 malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
- 1130 property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / I-94 N. Service Dr.
- 1140 property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1412 larceny, Tyler Rd.
- 1703 suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville
- 1710 trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1844 disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
- 1943 property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1951 family trouble, Martinsville Rd.
- 2044 suicidal person, Belleville Rd. 2140 - breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 2235 noise complaint, Riggs Rd.
- 2236 suspicious person/vehicle, Beckley
- 2327 personal injury accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
- 2341 noise complaint, Sheldon Rd.
- 2345 assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.
- 2348 larceny, Belleville
- 2356 suicidal person, Belleville Manor

#### Saturday, July 8:

- 0127 property damage accident, Beck Rd./Ecorse
- 0141 abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
- 0543 disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
- 1147 neighbor trouble, Lake Point Pass
- 1215 unauthorized driving away of auto, Edwards Rd.
- 1233 unauthorized driving a way of auto, Marlowe
- 1249 private property impound, N. I-94 Service
- 1413 juvenile complaint, Ash Dr.
- 1621 private property/property damage accident,
- E. Huron River Dr.
  - 1735 domestic, Sandalwood Dr. 1912 - suicidal person, Mida Dr.
  - 1918 neighbor trouble, Hardwood Dr.
- 1933 assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl. 2016 - harassment call, Harmony Ln.
- 2040 personal injury accident, Hannan Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 2141 suspicious person/vehicle, Ironwood Dr.
- 2207 fireworks, S. I-94 Service Dr. 2209 - fireworks, E. Adams/Truman
- 2214 fireworks, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
- 2231 neighbor trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl. 2247 - fireworks, Savage Rd./Lenmoore Ave.
- 2347 suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. Also on this week's log are 91 traffic stops, 22 of
- which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

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### **Belleville Police Dispatch Log**

#### Sunday, July 2:

- 0148 assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
- 0627 assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
- 1303 suspicious person/vehicle, Third St.
- 1431 juvenile complaint, Owen St.
- 1433 suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa
- 1906 property check, Horizon Park
- 2033 assault & battery, Potter Dr.
- 2116 property check, Roys St.
- 2159 fireworks, E. Wabash
- 2209 fireworks, South St.

#### Monday, July 3:

- 0009 motorist assist, Main St./Third St.
- 0015 suspicious person/vehicle, S. Industrial Pk.
- 0126 domestic, Main St.
- 1248 welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1337 property damage accident, Carmell St.
- 1603 suspicious person/vehicle, Cocoa Beach
- 1644 fireworks, W. Wabash Ave./South St. 2032 - 911 welfare check, Fourth St.
- 2032 assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
- 2142 assist fire dept., Carmell St. 2316 - suspicious person/vehicle, High St.
- 2326 animal complaint, Victorian Ln. / N. Aberdeen Ct.

#### Tuesday, July 4:

- $0812-parking\ complaint,\ W.\ Columbia\ Ave.$
- 1430 domestic, Carmell St.
- 1445 breaking & entering, Belle Villa Blvd. 1918 - suspicious person/vehicle, Main/South
- 2140 fireworks, Carmell St. 2147 - suspicious person/vehicle, South St. /

#### Industrial Park Dr. Wednesday, July 5:

- 0020 noise complaint, Henry St.
- 0113 suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St. 0323 - assist fire dept., Bedell St.
- 0914 traffic offense, Liberty/E. Huron River Dr. 0949 - assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
- 1829 property check, Horizon Park

#### 1908 - welfare check, Second St. 1922 - assist fire dept., Main St.

- Thursday, July 6:
- 0108 suspicious person/vehicle, Owen St. 0112 - parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
- 0815 intrusion alarm, Harbour pointe Dr.
- 0847 harassment call, Carmell St. 0936 - malicious destruction of property, Belle Villa
- 1128 leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St./High St.
- 1648 fireworks, South St. 1706 - operating while intoxicated, South/Davis
- 1816 suspicious person/vehicle, Owen St. 1935 - traffic offense, Main St./Second St.
- 1955 property check, Horizon Park

#### 2152 - disorderly, Wexford/E. Huron River Dr. 2157 - private property impound, Main St.

- Friday, July 7: 0002 - suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.
- 0308 vehicle lockout, High St.
- 0854 suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln. 0922 - assist fire dept., Biggs Ave. 1038 - assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
- 1039 fraud, Main St. 1149 - fraud, J&T
- 1048 property damage accident, Main St./Liberty
- 1226 assist fire dept., Loza Ln. 1637 - suspicious person/vehicle, N. Edgemont
- Ave./E. Huron River Dr. 1744 - 911 welfare check, Main St.
- 1837 animal complaint, Main St./Fourth St. Saturday, July 8: 0312 - suspicious person/vehicle, Horizon Park
- 1206 assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave. 2054 - property check, Horizon Park 2220 - fireworks, Menlo Park Dr.
- Also on this week's log are 66 traffic stops.

#### **Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log**

### Sunday, July 2:

- 0034 fireworks complaint, 41000 bl. Wear Rd. 0139 - citizen assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 0414 assist other agency, out of township 0635 - fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
- 0740 fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.

- $1708-disorderly\ person,\ 24000\ bl.$  Sherwood Rd.

- 0024 mental health commitment, 19000 bl.
- Sumpter Rd.
- - 1202 neighbor dispute, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1232 suspicious vehicle, Karr/Judd
- 1336 missing person, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1435 property damage accident, Willis/Karr

- 1803 citizen assist, Rawsonville/Bemis
- 1922 civil dispute, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 2116 disorderly person, Timberlane

- 0729 disorderly person, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
- 0908 fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
  - 1157 suspicious incident, Rustic Ln. 1435 - civil dispute, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1521 911 hand up, Wyoming 1640 - larceny, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 2125 civil dispute, Rustic Ln. 2302 - suspicious person, Sherwood/Arkona
- 2320 disorderly person, 45000 bl. Judd Rd. Wednesday, July 5:
- Oakville Waltz
- 1107 citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1321 personal injury accident, Savage/Harris
- 1446 assist other agency, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 1822 civil dispute, 44000 bl. Willow Rd. 2050 - warrant arrest pick up, 24000 bl. Sherwood
- 0433 fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
- 1753 citizen assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 0924 alarm, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 2118 suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 1310 neighbor dispute, 24000 bl. Karr Rd. 1336 - fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.
- 1406 civil dispute, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
- Brookview 1853 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 2227 fireworks complaint, Martinsville/Harris
- investigations, 27 miscellaneous details, 131 patrol

- 1211 subpoena service, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 1259 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- $2132-fireworks\ complaint,\ Redwood$

- 2205 fireworks complaint, Sumpter/Willow
- Monday, July 3:
- 1211 fire dept. assist, Redwood
- 1331 fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1432 fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1527 neighbor dispute, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 1535 suspicious inciudent, 17000 bl. Marthas Ln. 1555 - citizen assist, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 1840 subpoena service, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1957 property damage accident, Redwood 2030 - fire dept. assist, Walnut 2052 - reckless driver, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
- 2321 disorderly person, Timberlane
- Tuesday, July 4:
- 0949 threats complaint, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 1946 suspicious vehicle, Edgewood
- 0013 suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Bohn Rdd. 0042 - property damage accident, Haggerty
- 0142 fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln. 1013 - juvenile complaint, Birch Dr.
- 1400 911 hang up, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 1615 citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- Thursday, July 6: 0306 - suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
- 0826 fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd. 1357 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd. 1608 - fire dept. assist, Third St.
- 2348 warrant arrest pick up, out of township Friday, July 7:
- 1035 warrant arrest pick up, 450000 bl. Judd Rd. 1153 - traffic hazard, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 2114 reckless driver Karr/Willis
- 1254 well-being check, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
  - 1605 reckless driver, Judd/Fenster 1800 - unauthorized driving away of auto.

- 1240 disorderly person, 46000 bl. Judd Rd. 1654 - identity theft, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
- Saturday, July 8: 0025 - family trouble, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2157 - alarm, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

- 2009 suspicious vehicle, Willis/Rawsonville
- 2241 animal complaint, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- Also on this week's log are eight follow-up

- 0154 noise complaint, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
- 1705 citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1707 - alarm, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1142 animal complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 2116 operating while intoxicated arrest, Sherwood
- 2326 noise complaint, Texas
- checks, and 19 traffic stops.

Belleville Area Independent/July 13, 2017 0917 - fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

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