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F R E E



At the July 18 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, a representative from U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell's office presented a plaque to Leon Wright, left, for being named Clerk of the Year.



A resolution of congratulations signed by Gov. Rick Snyder was presented to Clerk Wright, by State Rep. Kristi Pagan and Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood.

Montgomery nominated VBT Clerk Leon Wright for top state award - and he won

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Last August, Joanne Montgomery, Deputy Clerk of Van Buren Charter Township, submitted this nomination of Leon Wright for Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks' 2017 Township Clerk of the Year award.

And, he won. On July 18 his award was celebrated at the township board meeting.

Leon is the Clerk of Van Buren Township. Joanne said she has had the privilege to work with Leon since he was first elected in 2008. Her nomination letter describes many projects and initiatives Leon has brought to fruition.

During his time as Clerk, Leon has received funding from the Belleville Area Civic Fund to provide the high school students with real-life voting experience. Leon transforms the high school into a voting precinct for the Student Council Election. He has ballots coded and uses M100 tabulators for the Student Council Election. High school seniors serve as

election inspectors for the election. Leon uses this as an opportunity for recruitment of precinct workers and voter registration of high school seniors.

The Tyler Cemetery has benefited from the donations from the Belleville Area Civic Fund, spearhead by Leon, for improvements of adding fence and replacing the maintenance shed. He has also used highway millings from local road improvement projects to improve access to the cemetery.

Leon is a man with a compassion for helping other people. When a community member was tragically killed, he assisted in raising funds to cover the burial plot. He helps with the Coats of School Kids Program to donate ten coats in each of the six elementary schools in the Van Buren Public School System. Adopting a local family for Christmas is also on Leon's list. So is helping with relief efforts and donations for community fire victims.

In October you can find Leon's office decorated to raise awareness of breast



Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous presented a resolution unanimously approved by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners honoring Clerk Wright. Commissioner Haidous said, "and you know how hard it is to get them to agree to anything."

cancer. November he honors Military Veterans. Leon has worked with Eagle Scouts to develop signage and place a bench to honor veterans in the Tyler Cemetery. He has also developed and hosted the first Van Buren Township Employee Appreciation Week funded by local businesses and vendors. Free to all residents, Shred Day is another one of Leon's projects.

In addition to serving his community, Leon is active in the Association of Wayne County Clerks, serving as president. He is a board member of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority. He is a member

of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, Michigan Township Association, and a representative of the Southeastern Michigan Council of Government.

Leon is a member of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks and was recently appointed to the Board of Directors representing Townships. He has the Certified Michigan Municipal Clerk (CMMC) designation from MAMC and holds the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) and is working to obtain his Master Municipal Clerk Designation from

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Lowering of Belleville Lake in past caused problems, opportunities

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Last week, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted in favor of a plan by Supervisor Kevin McNamara to lower Belleville Lake so residents and the township can repair docks and seawalls and clean up the lake.

It is tentatively planned for September or October, 2019, when the Ford Lake Dam will close off the flow of the Huron River into Belleville Lake and French Landing Dam will open its gates to let the water empty out.

Matthew Best, deputy director of the VBT planning and economic development department, said the plan would be to lower the lake three to seven feet and maybe more. Best is the township's environmental expert.

Belleville Lake was formed in 1925 when Detroit Edison dammed up the river at French Landing. It has been lowered several times over the years and always with problems of shifting shorelines caused by the drying up of the soil.

In September of 1973, the Department of Natural Resources lowered the lake as part of its plan to poison the "trash fish" (mainly carp) in the lake that were crowding out game fish. The DNR was paying for the project which would end up with the planting of game fish and an estimated \$1.5 million increase in recreational revenue for VBT and the City of Belleville, which surround the lake.

On Sept. 17, the draining started and the lake level had dropped about 11 feet of the 30-32 feet planned when it was halted because there were partial collapses of the embankment along a portion of Belleville Road at the bridge and Denton Road at that bridge.

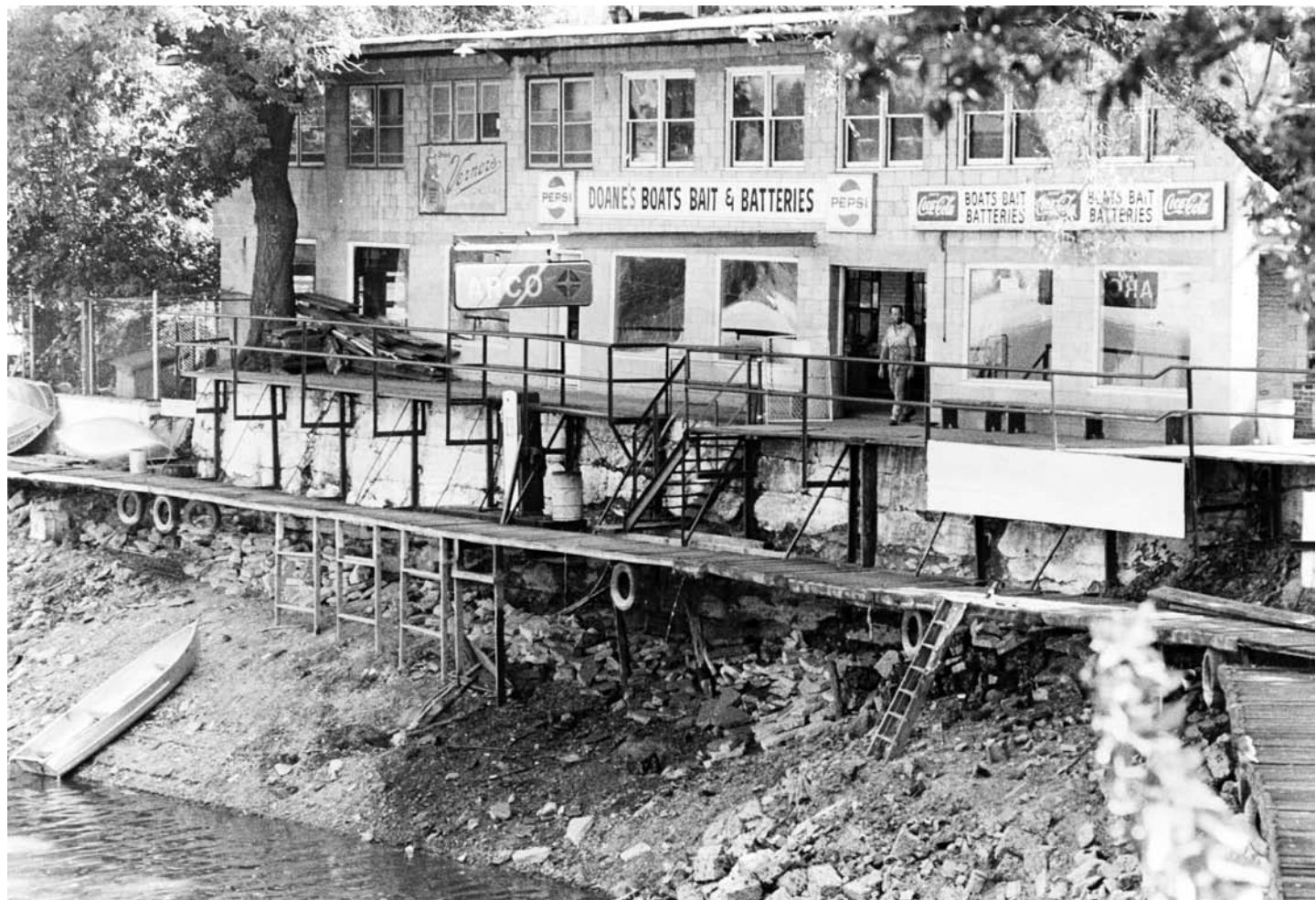
The shifting embankment opened up a 150' fissure along Belleville Road near the entrance to the bridge.

The two bridges were closed to traffic because they were deemed unsafe and Belleville residents heading to I-94 had a six-mile-long detour.

As, the earthen embankment supporting the road shifted, a section dropped about three feet and opened a cut about eight inches wide, according to William Mascaro, an engineer with the Wayne County Road Commission.

Belleville Mayor Royce E. Smith criticized the DNR's method of operation and in particular for not having inspected the two bridge structures before initiating the drainage project.

The collapsing embankment also threatened to burst the 8" gas line into the city which ran about four feet beneath the fissure. Michigan Consolidated Gas Company officials feared that shifting earth would



Detroit News photo by Steffens

This photo was taken on Sept. 24, 1973 to go along with a story by reporter Doug McInnis on problems with lowering the water level on Belleville Lake that was printed on Sept. 25, 1974 in *The Detroit News*. Several of photographer Steffens' pictures were printed. This shot, that was not printed, shows the boat docks at Doane's Boat Marina in Belleville as "high and dry." The person in the picture is believed to be the late Bob Doane. This photo was purchased from *The Detroit News* by Glenn Silvenis who shares it with readers.

pressure the main to the breaking point.

Gas company crews worked all day Sept. 24 to uncover the main and relieve pressures on the line from the shifting earth. Work crews looped steel cables around the main and secured them to guard rails on the other side of the roadway.

Officials feared further drainage would undermine the roadbed itself.

DNR manager for Southern Michigan William Laycock said his department wanted to complete the lake draining project if further damage appeared unlikely. He said his department was aware that the loss of water pressure against the shoreline could cause the embankment to shift.

He said the DNR had been advised that by draining the lake gradually the possibilities of earth collapsing would be minimized. He said that is why the DNR planned to drop the lake gradually over a two-week period from mid-September to early October.

The plan had been to take the lake level down to the stream bed and then poison the fish with rotenone. It would take less poison if there was less water.

Then, they would clean out the trash fish, fill the lake, and plant game fish.

While officials decided what to do,

hundreds of local residents went out to look at what was uncovered so far, including a cement road, the old Belleville Road that crossed the Huron River in the early days before there was a lake.

The cement road had something scratched into the concrete, apparently by those who laid it. It said: "Clark & Son, July 1904." Youngsters had fun riding their bikes on the newly discovered, old road.

The west end of Belleville Lake was drained to the bottom.

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department reported recovering several safes, numerous handguns and rifles, a car stolen three years earlier, and many boats, including one with a 50 horsepower motor attached. Many cars and pieces of cars were found, as well.

Visitors took lots of pictures of what they found under the lake, which included a wheelchair, tree stumps, and lots of cans, glass, and other debris. Some used small boats or canoes to travel the river way and water still left in the lake.

At first, the project was cancelled and then reinstated after a meeting was organized by local people to meet with the DNR at Belleville High School auditorium. It was attended by more than 850 people

supporting the project.

It was started. The first use of a helicopter in Michigan to assist in a lake treatment allowed the rotenone to be sprayed into otherwise inaccessible areas of the lake. The helicopter was also used as a spotter and coordinator during the fish kill. The rest of the rotenone was dumped out of barrels into the backwash of boats.

Because of the anticipated large kill of rough fish, an organized dead fish pick-up program was planned. Fisheries' personnel enlisted the aid of 40 prison trustees, township workers, National Guardsmen, local businesses, schools and school children, sportsmen clubs, and interested citizens.

Belleville High School officials declared a "Cleanup Day" allowing some 400 students to help out.

Some 850,000 pounds of carcasses were hauled to the landfill, with 95% being carp.

Fish restocking began immediately after detoxification of the lake one week after the 11 days of cleanup ended.

In 1973 fall fingerling walleye, tiger muskellunge, largemouth bass, bluegills,

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Sumpter Township board immediately replaces Hoffman

Sumpter Township Supervisor John Morgan immediately replaced Clerk Clarence Hoffman, who died July 14, with Hoffman's former deputy clerk, Esther Hurst.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Supervisor Morgan recommended Hurst for the position and the rest of the board agreed. Trustee Don Swinson was on vacation and absent from the meeting.

Trustee Hurst had to resign verbally before 34th District Court Judge David Parrott could swear her in to her new position as clerk. Judge Parrott was waiting for the board vote out of sight in the back room.

Hurst had worked for the township for more than 30 years and as deputy clerk for Hoffman. She retired and then ran against Hoffman for his job – and lost.

Supervisor Morgan, who spoke in glowing terms of Hoffman at Tuesday's meeting, had dumped him from the Morgan Team in the 2016 election and put in Hurst for clerk. All the members of the Morgan Team won, except for Hurst. Voters retained Hoffman as their clerk and the board was a little hostile to him ever since.

Now the Morgan Team is intact, although a member of the audience threatened recall over Hurst's appointment.

Morgan has yet to recommend a new trustee to fill Hurst's vacant position.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A large number of people attended Clarence Hoffman's funeral service at Higginson and Neal Funeral Home in Belleville last Thursday. Four Sumpter Township fire fighters stood at attention near the casket during the ceremony.

I'm told, as the long procession wended its way down Sumpter Road to his final resting place at the Chapel of Memorial Gardens on Willow Road, it went past the Sumpter Fire Hall. Members of the fire department were lined up saluting in front of the fire vehicles that had been pulled out of the fire hall and were lined up with their lights ablaze. This brought tears to the eyes of some riding in the procession.

At the cemetery, the VFW honor guard was waiting for his military tribute.

Sumpter Township reports it has received a letter from Wayne County saying no more paving will be done on Bemis Road this year. Maybe, next year.

This is another chapter in the ongoing saga of Bemis Road. A large part of the eastern end, near Haggerty/Savage, is crumbling and has potholes that drivers try to avoid by driving into the oncoming lane.

Well, a month or so ago, the county came and put new, smooth blacktop on about a quarter mile of Bemis, just east of Sumpter Road. The southern lane of the roadway in Sumpter Township, was done first and then the next week the northern lane of the roadway, in Van Buren Township, was done. And, then nothing else was done. The bumps at the beginning and end of the new asphalt were beginning to really annoy local drivers.

Also annoying is that that part of Bemis was

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not bad, but the bad part is being ignored.

There are those who think that bit of roadway was upgraded because Wayne County Executive Warren Evans keeps his horse at a ranch at the east end of the new asphalt on the Sumpter side. It is believed that when Evans wants to ride his horse, he comes to the ranch by that route.

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said he asked Evans about the new asphalt and Evans reportedly told him he didn't do that. Also, our County Commissioner Al Haidous told me on July 18 that he hadn't heard about the paving, although Sumpter officials have said they have been calling his office to ask about it and have left many messages.

On Tuesday, Wayne County trucks smoothed the roadway so the big bumps disappeared. People were hoping they were there to pave the whole road. Nope.

The Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport is taking part in a contest with a museum in California to get the most women to dress up as Rosie the Riveter. The record-holder is announced in the Guinness Book of World Records. As of today, Richmond, CA is winning.

The competition started with 779 Rosies at Willow Run on March 29, 2014. Then California got together 1,084 Rosies on Aug. 15, 2015. Then, Willow Run assembled 2,096 Rosies on Oct. 24, 2015. The record currently is held by California for getting 2,229 Rosies together on Aug. 13, 2016.

California is having another Rosie rally on Aug. 12 and Willow Run is having its Rosie day on Oct. 14.

On Saturday night someone walked off with several pieces of artwork left outside in front of Belles, 381 Main Street, in downtown Belleville. The items were stolen from the porch and walkway. The large fish on the large trellis is gone, as are four heart planters and two more fish.

"I know this is not major, but for a small business trying to survive, well, we manage by tracking every cent," Belles posted on Facebook. "And, please refrain from lectures about leaving items outside for decoration ... Lesson learned."

At about 11:21 a.m. on Sunday, July 9, I heard on the police scanner a report of an overturned boat on Belleville Lake under the power lines. One man was still in the water and was holding onto the boat. The VBT dive trailer and crew was on its way to a North Service Drive location to head out to the rescue, when an all-clear was sounded. The man who was in the water had been rescued by those on a pontoon boat. Incident over. People tell me all the time that boaters watch out for each other – and they do.



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**Letters****American Heritage Girls complete Camp BFF**

To the Editor:

American Heritage Girls (AHG) troop MI0413, a Christian-based, scout-like troop based in St. Anthony's Catholic Church has completed their annual Camp BFF. Our troop had 10 girls and 6 leaders attend. Altogether there were 55 girls and 29 adults from three states representing 13 troops. There were four dads and one grandpa.

The girls spent five days and nights learning search and rescue, first aid, knife safety, and fire safety, among other things. They met with other girls they know from

past camps and made new friends.

The older girls (7th through 12th grade) planned and carried out all the activities for the younger girls (K-6th grade). They began planning in October.

I am very proud of our troop and all the girls participating. The girls are learning leadership skills, and with the grace of God, this will help them grow into women with integrity.

I would like to thank Father Tom and St. Anthony's congregation for their support in chartering our troop.

Joe Flange, Unit Leader

Belleville Fire Auxiliary sets golf outing Sept. 10

To the Editor:

The Belleville Fire Auxiliary is pleased to announce we are bringing back the highly requested golf outing! This event will take place on Sunday, Sept. 10, at Pine View Golf Course in Ypsilanti. Tickets will be \$90 per person and includes 18 holes, golf cart, lunch, steak dinner, two drink tickets. In addition, there will be raffles and prizes.

We are also in need of sponsors this year to make our outing a success. We greatly appreciated the patronage at our past outings and look forward to your generosity

this year, as well.

If you have any questions, you may reach Kimberly Keenmon, president of the auxiliary, at (734) 536-8881 or Susan McNally, vice president, at (734) 604-5333. You can also send an email to fireaux@bellevillefd.com.

The City of Belleville Fire Auxiliary is a non-profit organization and receipt of donation will be issued to individual(s) / businesses following the completion of event for tax purposes.

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Thank you for your work on *Independent*

To the Editor:

It's likely that you've received many letters complimenting you for the *Independent*.

As an area resident (Huron Township with a Belleville mailing address), I've read many editions. The range and depth of coverage is much appreciated.

Simply put: Thank you for your work. Best wishes to you, personally and

professionally.

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Obituaries



Doris Elaine Novak

DORIS ELAINE NOVAK

(December 9, 1932 - July 15, 2017)
Doris Elaine Novak, 84, longtime Belleville resident, passed away on Saturday, July 15, 2017 in Tuscaloosa, AL. She was born December 9, 1932 in Gilfoyle, PA, to the late Percy Littlefield and Zelda Maze.

Doris was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville. For many years she served on Trinity's Altar Guild, was a member of the Bible Study class, gave tirelessly helping with preparations and during the annual Strawberry Festival, and dedicated countless hours to the Adopt-A-Child ministry. Following her retirement from Ford Motor Company, in 1992, she also volunteered much of her time assisting with Vietnam Veterans fundraisers, Washtenaw County Friends-In-Deed, and Cedar Woods Assisted Living projects. She was devoted to her family, and loved spending time with family and friends. She enjoyed playing cards, line dancing, gardening, traveling and occasional trips to the casino.

Doris is survived by her sons Steven H., Kenneth J. (Michelle), Michael T., and Brian D. Miller; Littlefield siblings Charles (Doris), Tom (Caroline), Velvet, Tanya, Herman, Rick, Judy (Tom) Cousins, and Birdie Freligh; Maze siblings Lola Bruesh, Nathan and sister-in-law Mary Jane. She is fondly remembered by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son Larry B. Miller, daughter-in-law Mary Lou Miller, sister Margaret (Littlefield) Kinzinger, brothers-in-law Richard (Bud) Kinzinger and Roy Bruesh, sister-in-law Bonnie Littlefield and brothers Percy Littlefield and Donald Maze.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements to be announced for Celebration of Life service and Interment in the Trinity Episcopal Church Memorial Garden.

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Obituaries



Elsie May Cantrell

ELSIE MAY CANTRELL

(August 2, 1930 - July 17, 2017)

Elsie May Cantrell, age 86, of Belleville was born on August 2, 1930 and went home to be with the Lord on July 17, 2017.

Elsie married the love of her life, Glen Cantrell (d.1989) on November 5, 1949. She is the loving mother of Ronald K. Cantrell of Detroit and Scott (Kim) Cantrell of Arizona and dearest grandmother of Sue, Brian, Jason, Kevin, Kori, and Mark. She is also survived by her nine great-grandchildren and sister Audrey (Don) Keller of South Carolina. Sadly, she is preceded in death by her parents, John Martin Taylor and Elsie Leclair Stauber, son Glen Cantrell, and siblings Ron, Jack, and Bill Taylor.

Elsie loved to paint, her paintings were honored with awards and some of her work was displayed at the local library.

She was a member of the Belleville Presbyterian Church and also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She also enjoyed playing bingo and volunteered often at church and in the community.

Elsie will be sadly missed by many family and friends, who will cherish her always. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on July 29, 2017, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home 460 East Huron River Drive, Belleville MI, 48111 (734) 697-4500. The family will greet one hour prior to the service.

Visiting hours have been arranged for Thursday, July 27, from 4-8 p.m. and on Friday, July 28, from 2-8 p.m. in the main chapel of David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville.

Interment will follow the funeral service, concluding with prayers at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

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SANDRA KAY BALLY

(March 14, 1950 - July 19, 2017)

Age 67, of Sumpter Township. Survived by her son Lance Bally; her mother Billie Wise; grandson Aiden; brothers Alan and Gary Cox. Service was July 22 at David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, July 31 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting set for 4 p.m. has been cancelled.
- Tuesday, Aug. 1 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 7 p.m. has been cancelled.
- Wednesday, Aug. 2 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 8 – Van Buren Township Recreation Committee at 5:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.



George Washington Murry

GEORGE WASHINGTON MURRY

(April 28, 1925 – June 25, 2017)

George Washington Murry, age 92, died peacefully with his daughter and caregiver Christy Darty by his side June 25, 2017 at his daughter's home in Sumpter Township.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife Mary Alyce Murry in 1973 and is survived by his three children: George (Jenny) Murry of White Lake, Bruce (Charleszetta) Murry of Harrisburg, PA, and Karitheia (late Fred) Hanible of New Boston. He was a cherished grandfather of Mishari Murry-Hanible of Washington, DC, Maisha Murry of Cincinnati, OH, Bruce Murry II of Harrisburg, PA, Tanisha Hanible of Washington, DC, Vanessa Patterson (Howard) of Washington, DC, and Meagan Murry of Ventura, CA.

“Pop pop” George will be greatly missed by his great-granddaughter True Logan Murry of Harrisburg, PA, his caregiver Christy Darty. He is survived by his wife Delores Murry (Allen), five step-daughters, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

George was born on April 28, 1925 in Bartow, GA, to the late Albert and Hattie Murry. He was the last surviving of 14 children, 7 sisters: Dorothy, Mattie Laura, Annie Kate, Evergreen, Magnolia, Ora Bell, Bessie Pearl; and 6 brothers: Buddy, Cleo, Zimmie Lee, Virgil, Albert, and Willie.

He was a proud veteran of the United States Navy, serving in World War II. He survived being blown off the USS Sangamon ship when his unit was hit by a kamikaze plane. He worked 31 years at Chrysler Automotive Company and retired in 1983. George enjoyed spending time with family, friends, fishing, watching sports, playing dominoes, and “hating” on Detroit professional sports teams (Lions, Pistons, and Tigers). His passion was raising animals and tending the many large gardens he had on his farm.

On Saturday, July 15, a memorial service was celebrated in George's honor. Cremation rites have been accorded.

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More Letters

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St. Jude answered my prayer and I am extremely grateful.

Thank you, Steve, Belleville

VBT board approves possible draw-down of Belleville Lake in 2019

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township now has the right to ask the operators of French Landing Dam to draw-down the water level of Belleville Lake by three to seven feet for two weeks in September or October 2019 to give residents a chance to repair their docks and sea walls.

At its July 18 regular meeting the VBT Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the agreement with Eagle Creek Hydro Holdings, LLC, new parent company of STS, operators of the dam, that gives the township the right to request the draw-down.

Matthew Best, deputy director of planning and economic development, said Eagle Creek would take on costs of the draw-down, but that is not in writing in the agreement. The agreement states: "... STS shall take all actions reasonably necessary to timely accomplish the Drawdown..."

Also, the draw-down will be in accordance with everything required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and/or the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

VBT owns French Landing Dam and STS has been operating it. STS was sold to Eagle Creek, which has been buying up dams across the country.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara asked for this draw-down agreement in exchange for the township signing two documents needed by Eagle Creek: a landlord consent agreement and one to advance its refinancing.

Best said the two agreements do not change anything for the township, but the supervisor took advantage of the signing to get the draw-down agreement.

Best said between now and September 2019, people can save up and, "if we so choose, if we pull the trigger" the draw-down would proceed.

Trustee Reggie Miller said there are a lot of stumps and garbage in the lake. She asked how those would be cleaned out.

Best said the maximum depth of the draw-down would be three to seven feet, and it's "more for exposing the shoreline."

"That's a shame," she said, noting the trees and trunks impede the waterway.

Supervisor McNamara said community groups, with 300 to 400 people, can come up with plans to clean up the lake.

Best said they would not be taking it down to the original riverbed.

"Apply for as many grants as possible," urged Trustee Sherry Frazier. She also recommended this plan to be communicated to the City of Belleville. Also, they should call meetings of lakeside residents.

Trustee Frazier said Trustee Paul White said when they let the lake down the last time, things fell into the lake.

"If we do decide to lower the lake, people need to know there is peril," she said.

Trustee Miller said a lot of residents leave for the winter and she'd hate to see them gone.

"We'll take our time," Supervisor McNamara said of the planning.

"Thirty-five to 40 years ago, they drew down the lake and I went into a small boat in the river to look at it all," Trustee White said. He said they should never request a stump to be removed from the lake because of the mucky bottom of the lake.

"A few seawalls did suffer damage and the causeway on the north side of the bridge broke away and dropped into the lake," White said. "A lot of residents have requested a draw-down for repairs. It's a catch-22. In the fall is the lowest rainfall. Residents can make plans to repair their shoreline ... I think this will be great for the residents."

Best said STS Hydro said 14 days draw-down would have negligible effect on the dam.

Trustee Frazier said the township needs to make contact with those who worked on the lake ordinance to get their input, as well as people from the City of Belleville. Also, VBT should consult with their new engineers.

Supervisor McNamara said he will work with the engineers and others. He said maybe the people who bring the 200 boats to the sandbar and make such a mess can join in to pick up the beer cans and glass

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VBT Board

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there. Also, those who fish off Denton Road could have a fund raiser to help.

In other business at the two-and-a-half hour meeting, the board:

- Approved signing the Landlord Consent and Acknowledgement Agreement with STS Hydropower and Deutsche Bank and the Consent and Acknowledgement agreement with Eagle Creek Hydro Holdings;
- Heard Plante Moran give a presentation on the 2016 financial audit and then voted to accept the audit. The auditors said the records are in good shape and the township is in great financial condition. They gave VBT a "unmodified opinion," which is

tops. There was some discussion about the \$24 million unfunded health care liability. VBT, like many other communities, have been paying the health care costs as they go. Plante Moran said VBT has a fund balance of \$5,979,000;

- Held a public hearing on the Assessment Roll for the McBride Road Improvement Special Assessment District and then approved the assessment roll for the SAD, authorized a loan from the landfill fund for \$185,407 at an interest rate of 1.25% for the project, and approved re-authorization of Wade Trim to continue preliminary engineering services for the project. Richard Jurnigan of 46680 McBride was the only one speaking against the special assessment during the public hearing;
- Approved Edward Jones (Alicia

McGovern) and One America (Mike Murphy) as service providers for all the township's defined contribution plans and authorized transfer of all of the \$11.7 million in plan assets. Human Resources Director Nicole Sumpter said the finance committee considered all the options for a year and Plante Moran did a \$15,000 study of the situation and recommended this as a large, \$77,152, cost savings for employees;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointments of Steve Partridge and Gerald Graf to the Water and Sewer Commission with terms to expire June 1, 2019;
- Approved the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority Stipulated Agreement. DPW Director James Taylor said there would be no added cost to the township;

• Approved a new Township Vehicle Management and Replacement Policy, as recommended by Director Taylor. This project will be looking at about 40 township vehicles and, Taylor said, a lot of the fleet is not up to standards. He said VBT wants to look like a premier community not the Beverly Hillbillies;

- Approved the second (final) reading of an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances on general provisions of municipal civil infractions. Some violations will now carry fines instead of being misdemeanors with jail time;
- Approved the second (final) reading of an addition to the General Code of Ordinances on dogs and animal waste. Owners will have to pick up after pets in public and not have waste a nuisance to neighbors on private property;

• Approved the second (final) reading of an addition to the General Code of Ordinances on diseased or dangerous trees,

shrubs, or plants;

- Approved the second (final) reading of an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances on collection and disposal of solid waste. This has to do with dumpsters and moving PODs. After seven days a permit is required and it is free. After 30 days there will be a charge;
- Approved the first reading of an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances that allows security at Wayne County Community College to be trained by the VBT Police to write parking tickets at the college. They will be in full uniform and will cite under VBT ordinances;

• Heard a proclamation by Supervisor McNamara to Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon thanking him for the new patrol boat for Belleville Lake. "We needed a new boat and Benny Napoleon came up with a boat ... with a very fast engine," McNamara said. He said its use will be a partnership between the Wayne County Sheriff and VBT;

- Heard McNamara remember the late Sumpter Township Clerk Clarence Hoffman. He said when he was a county commissioner, Hoffman called him every week. "He was a dreamer. He worked so hard to get things done. Dreamers often get what they want. He wanted a \$300,000 generator for the seniors' hot lunch program and the emergency shelter... and he finally got it";
- Heard announcements of the 5 p.m., Aug. 3, annual meeting and picnic at Horizon Park of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, before the weekly Music Lakeside event at 7 p.m.; and the Cultural Conversations at Wayne County Community College at 9 a.m. on the last Wednesday of every month; and

• Heard Gina Wilson Stewart, president of the Western Wayne County NAACP invite everyone to attend their meetings on the second Monday of each month, usually in Garden City. There are 23 cities in Western Wayne and she is visiting every one and is at #16. The regional meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Aug. 14, at the Romulus Recreation Center. She said one of the group's goals is encouraging testing for HIV and they offer free testing. Trustee White said he wants VBT to host a NAACP meeting and board members agreed.

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• **Thursday, July 27** - 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

• **Thursday, July 27** - Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. This week it's Thornetta Davis. Free. Horizon Park, Belleville.

• **Saturday, July 29** - The Jitterbug Elite competition team dancers will wash your car at the McDonald's parking lot on Belleville Road from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a \$5 donation.

• **Sunday, July 30** - Bobby Hutch musical performance from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

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• **Saturday, Aug. 5** - Van Buren Eagles invites the public to its Woodstock Revisited Family Festival, 3-10 p.m., at the Eagles hall at 9961 Beck Road, Van Buren Township. Tickets \$10 in advance and \$15 at the gate. Children 15 and under, free. Information: (734) 788-4410.

• **Sunday, Aug. 6** - 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.

• **Monday, Aug. 7, and Wednesday, Aug. 9** - Tickets are being sold from 3 to 5 p.m. at the BHS stadium for \$10 each for the opening game of the BHS Varsity Football season on Aug. 24 at Michigan Stadium. The Battle at the Big House will be against Brighton.

• **Thursday, Aug. 10** - Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. This week it's Brother Crowe. Free. Horizon Park, Belleville.

• **Saturday, Aug. 12** - You are invited to visit the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m., this month in the Senior Center cafeteria at Van Buren Township Hall. All levels of sewers are welcome and there are lots of different projects.

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Posing for a picture at last Thursday's picnic in Victory Park are some of the 26 members of the Belleville Area Lions Club. From left is Lions District 11A1 Governor Terence Truppa, Dave Tremper, Gary Marshall, Gwen Anderson, Tyrone Hamilton, Jo Garner, Club President Keith McDonald, Gary Gaspar, and Nathan Sweet. This was the new club's first-annual community picnic and free food was shared with all comers. There also was lots of music by a new band.



Nathan Sweet, at left, is the newest member of the Belleville Area Lions Club. He poses with District 11A1 Governor Terence Truppa, and local Lions Club President Keith McDonald. McDonald shows off the International Flag Tie that the district governor just gave to him. The tie shows the flags of 205 countries across the world where Lions Clubs are in operation.

Two Red Cross Blood Drives cancelled in Van Buren Township

There were two Red Cross Blood Drives scheduled for July 22 in Van Buren Township. They were both cancelled and there was no blood drive at all in VBT on July 22.

It started out that the Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road had scheduled a blood drive for July 22, but then they were unable to hold it. Van Buren Township stepped up and scheduled the blood drive for July 22 at its township hall on Tyler Road, just around the corner from the Eagles.

Then, the Red Cross informed the township it didn't have enough Red Cross workers to staff the blood drive because of some workers being off on leave. The Red Cross cancelled the VBT blood drive.

The Red Cross recently issued a call for blood donations because there is a desperate shortage.

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Tuesday, Aug 8

(Seniors Day - 55 & Older - Free Parking)

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Horse Show 9a
Miracle Of Life 2p-10p
Crafters/Vendors 2p-10p
Carnival 4p-10p
S1 Ride Day
Goat Show 6p
Senior Basket Raffle Results 5p
Mini Horse Pull 7p

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Wednesday, Aug 9

(Ladies Day - Basket Raffle)

Rabbit/Cavy Show 8a
Horse Show 9a
Jr. Homemaker & Homemaker 1p
Miracle Of Life 2p-10p
Crafters/Vendors 2p-10p
Carnival 4p-10p \$10
Dairy Show 5p
Beef Show 6p
Night of Destruction 7:30p

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Thursday, Aug 10

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Goat Milking 9a
Horse Show 9a
Mini Pedal Tractors 12p-4p
Michigan Stillwalker 12p-8p
Kid's Games (12 & Under) 1p-3p
Carnival 2p-10p
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Miracle Of Life 2p-10p
Crafters/Vendors 2p-10p
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Saturday, Aug 12

(Last Day)

Car Show/Swap Meet 9a-3p
Master Stockman Contest 10a
Michigan Stillwalker 12p-8p
Carnival 1p-10p \$18
Crafters/Vendors 1p-10p
Miracle Of Life 1p-10p
Livestock/Community Arts Awards 4p
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The Belleville Area District Library board held a town hall meeting July 18 at Belleville First United Methodist Church, across Charles Street from the library, to give the public chance for input to ongoing plans for library construction. The meeting couldn't be held at the library because all the rooms were being used for programs. Those attending were welcomed by board president Sharon Peters and library director Mary Jo Suchy. Then, architect Dan Whisler went over the plans. Whisler said when the details are finalized, the plans will be taken before the Belleville Planning Commission for site plan review.

Sgt. Abdilla, Officer Rini help deliver healthy baby boy at BP station

Early Saturday morning two Van Buren Township Police Officers helped deliver a baby boy at the BP gas station on Haggerty Road at the freeway.

Sgt. Marc Abdilla and Officer Michael Rini said they helped deliver the baby at around 1:24 a.m. before any medical personnel could arrive. The mother was in the passenger seat of a vehicle.

The mother and baby were transported to the University of Michigan Hospital and were reported as doing great.

Sgt. Abdilla is one of VBT's cross-trained officer and he also serves as a fire fighter.

21 'Larceny from Auto' incidents

Over the past week, 21 incidents of 'Larceny from Auto' were reported to VBT dispatch. Many of the callers reported that the cars had been left unlocked. Various items were taken, including two hand guns, said VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazy. He said the guns had been left in cars.

The hand guns later were recovered by Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies during a traffic stop in Superior Twp. Besides the guns, the juveniles in the car possessed some of the other items taken in the larcenies, Lt. Bazy said.

VBT Police Chief Jason Wright said Washtenaw County Sheriff deputies made another traffic stop Saturday on a stolen vehicle in the area of Rawsonville Road near Kmart.

Four subjects fled the vehicle on foot. Van Buren police patrol assisted Washtenaw County Sheriff's Deputies with setting up a perimeter for the subjects on foot. VBT officers did not make any arrests. Washtenaw Deputies apprehended two juveniles and the other two got away, Chief Wright reported.

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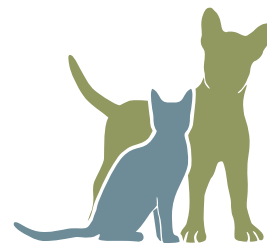
The Sumpter Progressive Civic League is sponsoring its second-annual, Back-to-School Family Fun Day from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19, at Graham Park, corner of Sumpter and Wear roads in Sumpter Township.

The group will be giving away backpacks and school supplies for the school-age children of Sumpter. Students must register

to receive supplies. To register, call (734) 461-1767 or go to murrykem@comcast.net.

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Against the odds, **Agnes** found her way to us and is now ready to find a family to call her own. She's a 4 ½ year old Rottweiler mix with a laid-back take on life happy to enjoy the simple things in life. She really enjoys taking walks and exploring, playtime and pizza! Looking at **Agnes** you wouldn't think she could play like a puppy but give her a noise making toy and she will happily and excitedly romp around with it for hours. Just make sure the furniture is moved or better yet she's outside. She also really likes getting pets and some good brushing to make her coat shine. **Agnes** thinks people are super company but also has an independent nature that will be fine spending some time doing her own thing too. She has potential in making friends with the right doggie playmate but will need good introductions and time to make sure it's a good fit. She's a big and beautiful girl with a typical Rottweiler's black and brown coat and soft brown eyes. Call soon to meet **Agnes**, she's already spayed, vaccinated and micro-chipped and ready to come home. Call **Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue** at **734-461-9458** or visit our website **fmar1.org** for more information.



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Relay for Life members of Team Green pose in the Romulus courtroom of 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green. Judge Green and 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley are in the middle of the picture, both with bald heads. Judge Green is fighting breast cancer and Judge Oakley is giving her moral support, and so are the court employees gathered around. The Romulus Relay for Life will run from 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, to 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, at the Romulus Senior Center Park on Olive Street in Romulus. For more information on Relay for Life, or to give a donation to Team Green, go to www.relayforlife.org.

Sumpter fire fighters host DEA agent in lesson on newest drugs

On July 20, members of the Sumpter Township Fire Department hosted a briefing on fentanyl and other drugs that are being used throughout the area.

Sumpter Trustee Don LaPorte, a fire fighter, told the township board at Tuesday's meeting that a DEA agent gave the presentation and eight other departments were present. LaPorte said the agent stressed how aggressive and dangerous the drugs are, with just a few grains being lethal. The DEA agent showed pictures of the drugs discovered in Novi within the last two weeks.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE # 06-20-17 (1)

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Van Buren Township Hall within the Township, on the 18th day of July, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White.

ABSENT: None.

It was moved by Clerk Wright and supported by Trustee Martin the following Ordinance be adopted

ARTICLE II. - MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTIONS

Sec. 1-14. - Definitions. This Section defines the words and phrases used in this Article.

Sec. 1-15. - Municipal civil infraction action, commencement. Authorized township officials issue citations directing the violator to appear in court.

Sec. 1-16. - Citations; issuance and service. Citations must be issued as soon as possible and specify a reasonable time to appear at the 34th District Court. Citations shall be numbered consecutively, in an approved form, and signed. Citations may be issued either based when the authorized township official has reasonable cause or based upon a complaint by a witness with approval of the prosecuting attorney. Violations may be served either by personal service or first class mail and posting of the property.

Sec. 1-17. - Municipal ordinance violations bureau; creation; location; supervision; employees; rules and regulations. The 34th District Court will act as the municipal ordinance violation bureau.

Sec. 1-18. - Authorized township officials. Township police officers, officials authorized by this Code or any township ordinance, and those other persons authorized by the Township Board may issue citations.

Sec. 1-19. - Municipal civil infraction violation notices. Notices shall be issued and served by authorized township officials. The notice shall include the date by which to appear in court; how to appear; the address, phone number, and business hours of the court; the fine amount; and consequences for failing to appear.

Sec. 1-20. - Appearance; payment of fines and costs. An alleged violator may pay the violation at the 34th District Court within the time prescribed. An appearance may be made by mail, in person or by representation.

Sec. 1-21. - Procedure if admission of responsibility not made or fine not paid. A violation that is not paid within the prescribed time is transmitted to the 34th District Court and served by first-class mail on the alleged violator.

Sec. 1-22. - Civil fines.

Unless a different schedule of civil fines is provided, a first offense within three years carries a fine of \$150, a second offense within three years carries a fine of \$250, and a third or subsequent offense within three years carries a fine of \$500. Each day is a separate offense.

Sec. 1-23. - Accounting and disposition of civil fines. The 34th District Court will account for municipal civil infraction notices and the amount of fines collected. The amounts collected in civil fines shall be placed in the general fund of the township.

Sec. 1-24. - Availability of other enforcement remedies. The Township can take any enforcement action authorized by law.

Effective Date

This amendment shall become effective 30 days after the first publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT A REGULAR MEETING, CALLED AND HELD ON THE 18th day of July, 2017. A COPY OF THE COMPLETE ORDINANCE MAY BE INSPECTED OR OBTAINED AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE 46425 TYLER RD., BELLEVILLE, MI 48111.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor, Charter Township of Van Buren
Leon Wright, Clerk, Charter Township of Van Buren

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE # 06-20-17 (2)

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Van Buren Township Hall within the Township, on the 18th day of July, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White.

ABSENT: None.

It was moved by Clerk Wright and supported by Trustee Martin the following Ordinance be adopted to add to Chapter 14 (Animals), Article II (Dogs), Division 1 (Generally) to read as follows:

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

Sec. 14-36. – Animal Waste

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person having custody of any animal to allow, suffer or permit such animal to deposit feces on public or private property, including the public right of way, other than the property of the animal's owner or keeper, without immediately removing such feces and depositing the same in a suitable waste receptacle.
- (b) Any person having custody of any animal which deposits feces on public or private property, other than the property of the owner, shall, upon being made aware of such fact, immediately remove such feces and deposit the same in a suitable waste receptacle.
- (c) A property owner or lessee shall regularly pick up animal waste on his or her property and deposit the waste material in an appropriate receptacle or container so as not to cause animal waste to unnecessarily accumulate and thereby cause an unpleasant odor or other nuisance to adjacent properties.
- (d) Any person violating this section shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction. The fine for violation of this section shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for a first offense, two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for a second offense, and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a third or subsequent offense.

Effective Date

This amendment shall become effective 30 days after the first publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT A REGULAR MEETING, CALLED AND HELD ON THE 18th day of July, 2017.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

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Leon Wright, Clerk, Charter Township of Van Buren

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE # 06-20-17 (3)

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Van Buren Township Hall within the Township, on the 18th day of July, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White.

ABSENT: None.

It was moved by Clerk Wright and supported by Trustee Martin the following Ordinance be adopted.

ARTICLE VI. - DISEASED OR DANGEROUS TREES, SHRUBS AND PLANTS

Sec. 42-275. - Purpose. To protect the public health, safety and welfare.

Sec. 42-276. - Definitions. This section contains the definitions used in Article VI.

Sec. 42-277. - Imminent danger.

(a) *Tree removal required.* The owner shall remove a dangerous tree that poses an imminent danger causing injury to persons or property from falling or blowing over due to physical damage, disease, infestation, deterioration or decay.

(b) *Regulated woodland, wetland and/or environmental features area.* A request to remove a dangerous tree(s) located within a regulated

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and bluegill-green sunfish hybrids were planted. Fathead minnow were stocked to establish a forage base and fall fingerling rainbows were planted to provide fishing in 1974.

In 1974, walleye and northern pike were introduced via fry plants and second plantings of rainbows, largemouth bass and bluegills were made. Also introduced were pumpkinseed, black crappie, channel catfish and white bass. In 1975 additional stockings were made.

Extensive creel census in 1975 and 1976 documented the recreational fishing effort to be a success.

In May 2012 a fish survey was conducted by the DNR on Belleville Lake and 27 species were identified. Bluegills were the most abundant species, but they were small, with less than 20% over seven inches. Gizzard shad were the second most abundant species and 90% were over nine inches. Channel catfish ranked third in abundance and ranged from seven to 27 inches.

Detroit Edison owned the lake during the fish-kill project. Although it had agreed to

turn over the lake, without charge, to VBT in January 1973, Edison asked for another year and didn't turn it over until January, 1974. The township assumed control of the dam at the same time.

Local residents have reported that Detroit Edison used to lower the lake for about two feet for a short time each summer to allow people to maintain their docks and seawalls.

Accidental poisoning of fish

Actually, the story on lake lowering starts on May 13, 1973 when a similar DNR killing of fish for a restocking effort at Ford Lake led to an accident that killed fish in

Belleville Lake, just downstream.

The opening of Ford Lake dam gates, reportedly by accident, led to the killing of 240,000-350,000 pounds of fish that had to be hauled out of Belleville Lake.

Property owners along Belleville Lake were upset when thousands of dead fish began rising to the top of the lake.

Edward Doane, owner of Doane's Bait Shop on North Liberty Street in Belleville, said he lost \$300 worth of bait when the poisoned lake water came into his bait tanks from the lake. The DNR promised to reimburse him for the bait.

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woodland, wetland, and/or environmental features area which presents an imminent danger, shall be made in person or in writing provided to the building department. The tree(s) shall be inspected and the request approved by the ordinance department prior to removal. The removal of a dangerous tree(s) located within a regulated woodland, wetland, and/or environmental features area shall comply with all township policies and applicable ordinances. Failure to comply with the applicable ordinances may subject the owner to additional fines, fees and penalties as authorized by those applicable ordinances

Sec. 42-278. - Trimming, pruning or removal of encroachment onto public property. Owners are responsible to maintain trees, shrubs, or plants which overhang or encroach onto public property.

Sec. 42-279. - Stump removal. The owner shall remove a stump below the surface of the ground unless in a wooded area, a wetland, or an environmental features area where stumps may be left no higher than twenty-four (24) inches above grade.

Sec. 42-280. - Maintenance, treatment and removal.

(a) *Maintenance.* An owner is responsible for the trees, shrubs and plants located on the owner's property.

(b) *Regulated woodland, wetland or environmental features area.* Owners shall comply with all township policies and applicable ordinances in these areas.

Sec. 42-281. - Owner's cost and expense; ownership disputed.

(a) *Cost.* The owner bears the cost of compliance with this Article.

(b) *Ownership disputed.* A person disputing ownership bears the responsibility of obtaining a survey to show he or she is not the owner.

Sec. 42-282. - Notice and order of abatement.

When the township discovers an imminent danger, the township shall serve written notice, by first class mail and posting the property, on the owner of the subject property. The notice shall describe the tree, its location, the nature of the danger and order the owner to abate the danger within 30 days. The owner shall comply unless a certified arborist can establish that abatement is unnecessary.

Sec. 42-283. - Warrant to perform work; costs become a lien. If the owner fails to abate the dangerous condition, the township abate the dangerous condition and will bill the owner for said costs. The owner must pay costs within thirty days or the township can place a lien on the property.

Sec. 42-284. - Emergency removal. If emergency removal is necessary, the township may enter upon a lot or parcel of land, perform the work required, and assess the cost to the owner.

Sec. 42-285. - Penalty.

Effective Date

This amendment shall become effective 30 days after the first publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

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Belleville Lake

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After this accident, the DNR temporarily banned the use of rotenone in the state. The poison suffocates the fish by cutting off the oxygen supply to their gills and was said to be safe for animals and humans.

Twenty-three crew members from the DNR, 30 prison trustees from Camp Pontiac, and hundreds of local volunteers from Belleville and Van Buren Township spent several days cleaning up 120 tons of dead fish. This was just four months before the planned fish kill on Belleville Lake.

The lake's water level was lowered a little over four feet to permit the collection of the fish in May.

Belleville Lake was also lowered in 1979 to facilitate repairs to French Landing Dam.

The Wayne County Road Commission filed for a restraining order on Dec. 6, 1979 to stop VBT officials from further draining the lake, claiming it was damaging three highway causeways at Denton, Belleville, and Haggerty roads.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Roman S. Gribbs granted the restraining order and then lifted it, advising the road commission to continue monitoring the bridges and to return to court if damage is evident.

The township set up a 24-hour hotline for reporting damage caused by the project.

The lake was being lowered by about the 18 feet needed to make the necessary repairs on the 50-year-old dam. The project was

the U.S. Department of Labor and included a training program for unemployed youths.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ordered VBT to lower the water level in the impoundment due to structural deficiencies in the arch walls. The dam was necessary to keep water in Belleville Lake at the proper depth.

Once the dam was repaired VBT went on to purchase generators and make it into an operating power station again, with electricity sold to Detroit Edison.

Boating was banned during the lake lowering. The lake's normal summer elevation of 650 feet above sea level was to be dropped to 646 feet Nov. 11, 642 feet Nov. 15, and then to 632 feet, the stopping-off place, on Dec. 1.

A report in the *Belleville Enterprise* said,

"With the average depth reported at 16-17 feet, a substantial portion of the lake will be exposed, will dry out and become hard during the winter months."

Lakefront property owners were advised that a permit from the state DNR was needed for any of the following: construction or major reconstruction work, dredging, filling, or removal of any stumps within the normal summer water level.

Information for this story came from newspaper reports published in *The Belleville Enterprise*, *The Detroit News*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Ypsilanti Press*, and from Michigan Department of Natural Resources and DNR Lake Erie Management Unit reports.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE # 06-20-17 (5)

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Van Buren Township Hall within the Township, on the 18th day of July, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White.

ABSENT: None.

It was moved by Clerk Wright and supported by Trustee Martin the following Ordinance be adopted

Sec. 66-34. - Temporary portable storage containers and construction refuse containers.

Temporary storage containers and construction refuse containers used on site for the purpose of moving, renovation, and other temporary activities, shall be subject to the following requirements:

- General requirements. Temporary storage containers must be located in approved areas, shall not obstruct sidewalks or the use and enjoyment of adjoining properties, and shall bear the owner's name and phone number.
- Time limit. For single-family lots, permits are required after 7 days, but will not last more than 30 days, and must have an expiration date. In multiple-family, condominium, and non-residential developments, permits are issued at the same time as the applicable permit for construction and must be removed when the project is completed or the occupancy permit is issued.

Sec. 66-35. - Penalty for violation of article. Violation is a civil infraction with a \$150 fine for a first offense, \$250 fine for a second offense, and \$500 fine for a third or subsequent offense. Each day the violation exists is a separate offense.

Sec. 66-36. - Declaration of nuisance.

- Any disposal or transporting of garbage or rubbish in the township in violation of any provisions of this article is hereby declared to be a nuisance per se, and the person committing such violation shall be judged guilty of maintaining a nuisance per se.
- The township supervisor or any member of the township board or the township ordinance enforcement officer shall institute any appropriate action or proceedings in law or equity to prevent, restrain, correct or abate any such nuisance.
- The rights and remedies provided in this section are hereby declared to be cumulative and in addition to all other remedies provided by law.

This amendment shall become effective 30 days after the first publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT A REGULAR MEETING, CALLED AND HELD ON THE 18th day of July, 2017. A COPY OF THE COMPLETE ORDINANCE MAY BE INSPECTED OR OBTAINED AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE 46425 TYLER RD., BELLEVILLE, MI 48111.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 18, 2017

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Akers and Deputy Director Best, Human Resource Director Sumpter, Lieutenant Bazzy, Public Safety Director Laurain and Deputy Director (Police) Wright, Executive Assistant Selman, Fire Marshall McNally, Public Services Director Taylor, Attorney Mannarino and an audience of twenty-nine (29).

Supervisor McNamara congratulated Clerk Leon Wright for recently being elected the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerk's 2017 Township Clerk of the Year. Clerk Wright was presented with commemorations in recognition of his achievement by Congresswoman Dingell, Senator Hopgood and Representative Pagan and on behalf of Governor Snyder and Lt. Governor Calley, and Wayne County Commissioner Hadious.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Frazier seconded to approve the revised agenda which added the Closed Session minutes of June 19, 2017 to the consent agenda and to consider approval of Edward Jones and One America as service providers for the Township's defined contribution plans, authorize the transfer of all funds, and further authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreements. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Martin moved, White seconded to open the Public Hearing to receive public comment on the Assessment Roll for the McBride Rd. Improvement Special Assessment District at 7:14 p.m. Motion Carried. Director Akers explained that each homeowner in the assessment district would be assessed at \$578.22 for five years for the road improvements. The Van Buren Public Schools district has committed to \$90,000.00 for the project to be paid upon completion of the preliminary engineering. The balance of the project is being funded (80% of the total cost) by the Wayne County Local Road Initiative. Resident Richard Jurnigan of 46680 McBride opposed the Special Assessment District questioning why Beck Road was not being paved and requesting increased Police presence to enforce speed limits. Supervisor McNamara, in conjunction with Director Akers, explained that Beck Road was identified by Wayne County as a primary road and that funding was only provided for improvements to local roads. Budd moved, Wright seconded to closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the revised Consent Agenda [Work Study Session minutes of June 19, 2017, Closed Session minutes of June 19, 2017, Board Meeting minutes of June 20, 2017, Prepaid List of June 23, 2017, Prepaid List of June 29, 2017, Prepaid List of July 13, 2017, Voucher List of July 5, 2017 and the Voucher List of July 18, 2017]. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor McNamara recognized Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon honoring him for his commitment to the safety and welfare of the Township. Sheriff Napoleon deputized five Van Buren Township Marine Officers with County authority, with shared use of the County patrol boat, in a collaborative effort to

patrol the lake. Representatives of the auditing firm Plante Moran presented the results of the 2016 Township financial audit. Trustee White announced the Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Township on Saturday July 22, 2017 from 9 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident questioned the Board as to what efforts were being made to fund Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). Treasurer Budd indicated OPEB funds in the amount of 100K were being put away annually for general OPEB liabilities and that the Downtown Development Authority and Water and Sewer Departments were also funding for OPEB liabilities for their Departments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Miller seconded to accept the Plante Moran 2016 financial audit. Motion Carried. The Township received an overall unqualified audit which translates into a financially secure position and the Township is in an overall good financial state.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve Edward Jones and One America as service providers for the Township's defined contribution plans, authorize the transfer of all funds, and further authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreements. Motion Carried. The Township defined contribution retirement plan has been under review for over a year. The Retirement Committee interviewed several companies, while Plante Moran Financial Advisor completed an extensive analysis on fees associated with the current providers. The Committee concluded that Edward Jones and One America were best suited for the employees and the Township.

Frazier moved, White seconded to approve the re-appointments of Steve Partridge and Gerald Graf to the Water and Sewer Commission with terms to expire June 1, 2019. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, White seconded to approve Resolution 2017-15 the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority (DUWA) Stipulated Agreement. Motion Carried. The agreement allows Wayne County to continue its court ordered financing plan with the transfer of ownership of the Downriver Sanitary Disposal System to the local communities of the DUWA Board.

Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the Township Vehicle Management & Replacement Policy. Motion Carried. The policy was developed by a work group comprised of the Public Services Director, Deputy Director of Developmental Services, Senior Director, Recreation Director and Executive Assistant. It (a) establishes a vehicle pool, (b) transportation account in the Building & Grounds budget, (c) establishes a Board Fleet Subcommittee and provides for the acquisition of a GPS fleet tracking system that includes maintenance records and reporting capabilities.

Frazier moved, White seconded to approve and confirm Resolution 2017-16 the assessment role for the McBride Road Improvement Special Assessment District. Motion Carried. The resolution confirms the assessment role for the McBride Road Improvement project, divides the payments into five (5) equal annual installments and sets a 1.25% interest rate on the loan the Township will provide to cover the cost of the special assessment district.

Frazier moved, White seconded to approve Resolution 2017-17 authorizing a loan from the Landfill fund in the amount of \$185,407.00 at an interest rate of 1.25% for the McBride Road Improvement Project. Motion Carried. The loan will be paid back over the next five years with funds received from the Special Assessment District and the contribution of 90K from the Van Buren Public Schools District.

Frazier moved, White seconded to approve the re-authorization of Wade Trim to continue preliminary Engineering Services for the McBride Road Improvement Project. Motion Carried. Wade Trim began the survey when the project was put on hold and has agreed to resume work at the original pricing which includes the survey work already performed.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 06-20-17 (1) an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances Article II (Municipal Civil Infractions) of Chapter 1 (General Provisions). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried. The addition of Article II (municipal Civil Infraction) of Chapter 1 (General Provisions) provides enforcement power/remedies to the township to take action against violations and provides enforcement power in the district court, which will allow for more cost-effective ordinance enforcement.

Wright moved, Martin seconded to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 06-20-17 (2) the addition to the General Code of Ordinances Section 14-36 (Animal Waste) to Chapter 14 (Animals), Article II (Dogs), Division 1 (Generally). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried. The addition of Section 14-36 provides enforcement power/remedies to the township to take action against this nuisance as well as civil infraction penalties for violation.

Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 06-20-17 (3) the addition to the General Code of Ordinances Article VI (Diseased or Dangerous Trees, Shrubs, or Plants) to Chapter 42 (Environment). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried. The addition of Article VI to Chapter 42 provides enforcement power/remedies to the township to take action against these nuisances.

Wright moved, White seconded to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 06-20-17 (5) an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances Section 66-34 to 66-36 of Article II (Collection and Disposal) of Chapter 66 (Solid Waste). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried. The addition of the storage container ordinances, Sec. 66-34 to 66-36, provides rules for the placement and time limit for the containers as well as penalties for the violation of the article and remedies available to the township.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 07-18-17 (1) an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances Chapter 50 (Law Enforcement), Article 1 (In General) Sec. 50-1 to 50-3. Motion Carried. The ordinance authorizes the Township to train and utilize persons other than Police Officers to issue certain parking citations (civil infractions only).

Martin moved, White seconded to approve the Landlord Consent Agreement with STS Hydropower LTD (operator of French Landing Dam). Motion Carried. The agreement is a necessary component due to the financial restructuring by their parent company, Eagle Creek Hydro Holdings, LLC. and allows Eagle Creek to use the French Landing Dam lease as an asset in the restructuring.

Martin moved, White seconded to approve the Consent and Acknowledgement with Eagle Creek Hydro Holdings, LLC (Parent Company of STS Hydropower, LTD.). Motion Carried. The agreement is a necessary component due to the financial restructuring and informs DTE Energy of the re-financing.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the Drawdown Agreement with Eagle Creek Hydro Holdings, LLC (Parent Company of STS Hydropower, LTD.). Motion Carried. The agreement allows the Township to authorize a one-time drawdown of the lake level for maintenance activities. Residents would be given a two-year advance notice if a drawdown were to occur and notices would be placed in the local newspaper and mailed to lake front property owners.

REPORTS: April 2017 Budgetary Report. The April Budgetary Report was received by the Board. Copies are available for review at the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Belleville Council for the Arts will hold its monthly meeting and annual picnic at Horizon Park on August 3, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. before Music Lakeside which begins at 7:00 p.m., Wayne County Community College District-Western Campus hosts Inter-Cultural Conversations, focusing on diverse cultures, the last Wednesday of every month at 9 a.m. in the Ted Scott room.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Residents from the Cobblestone Ridge Subdivision commented on the poor condition the developer has left throughout their subdivision specifically noting the foundations, open basements, lack of attention to the common areas, and safety issues. Supervisor McNamara, in conjunction with Director Akers, provided an update to the residents on the efforts underway to remedy the situation which includes a \$25,000 performance bond and commencement of construction upon finalization of the bond agreement. Residents cautioned the Board that the developer has made numerous promises in the past that have not been kept and urged the Board to closely monitor all agreements made to resolve issues. Board members assured the residents that they will keep a close eye on the progress. The public is invited to attend meetings of the Western Wayne County Chapter of the NAACP the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at Christian Faith Ministries 27500 Marquette in Garden City. For more information contact Gina Wilson-Steward at 313-949-3133 for additional information.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, Frazier seconded to adjourn at 9:36 p.m. Motion Carried. Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.



Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority Public Notice

Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority Annual Report - Calendar 2016

Filed with:

Local Audit and Finance Division
Michigan Department of Treasury
P.O. Box 30728
Lansing, Michigan 48909-8228

A. Revenue:

	Plan 1
Captured Taxes	\$ 1,249,238
Interest income	55,137
Local Community Stabilization Share Appropriation	8,421
Bond Sales Proceeds	-
Bond Sale Premium	-
Total revenues	1,312,796

B. Bond reserve

531,549

C. Expenditures

Administrative:	
Director Wages	76,789
Employee Wages - Administrative	56,581
Employee Wages - Maintenance	23,460
Fringe Benefits	58,838
Office Supplies	887
Operating Supplies	4,501
Auditing/Accounting	5,375
Parcel Maintenance Fee	17,176
Membership & Dues	29,499
Secretary	-
Engineering	44,981
Consultant	2,569
Public Relations	36,398
Transportation	1,356
Training	2,075
Printing & Publishing	9,787
Insurance	4,200
Workers Compensation Insurance	736
Utilities	55,960
Other	1,839
Legal Fees	8,827
Bank Charges/Bond Handling Fees	4,799

C. Expenditures (continued)

Infrastructure improvements and other:	
Capital outlay	162,260
Traffic Signalization	-
Belleville/Ecorse Intersection	-
Amenities fund	6,312
Sidewalks	-
Belleville Streetscape	14,408
Belleville Rd. Right of Way	270,631
Streetscape Maintenance	28,018
Belleville Road Placemaking	7,069
Property Acquisition	88,160
Landscape Design Services	56,142
	1,079,633

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Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



John and Joan Honey of Honey Pest Control of Belleville said that they're getting lots of calls for hornets and yellow jackets as summer breezes on. With over 34 years of experience, the company offers free estimates on the control of ants, bed bugs, rats, mice, roaches, spiders, and other pests. They serve both commercial and residential customers and accept credit cards. Call (734) 699-6889.

With back-to-school a little over a month away, the folks at Leo's Coney Island and newly crowned Queen-of-Queens' Pageant Winner Shaylett Stuckey of Van Buren Township have teamed up to sponsor and collect school supplies for students in Van Buren Public Schools. Supplies can be dropped off at Leo's during regular business hours through Aug. 18. Call (734) 697-1000.

Johnny's on the Lake Sports Bar & Grill on High Street in Belleville is offering live music tomorrow evening, July 28, featuring Summer's Duo, a two-piece acoustic band from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. On Saturday, One Love will perform from 9 p.m. to close. They're a 5-piece reggae steel drum band. A pig roast is also on tap for Saturday. Ask your server for that special menu. Johnny's is open seven days a week, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Call (734) 699-1777.

JT's Pub & Grub on East Huron River Drive in Belleville will be holding a live musical tribute to former Belleville vocalist and musician Dave Voakes, beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 29. The public is invited. Voakes performed with local bands Code 3 and GTS. Call (734) 992-3556.

Live music is also on tap next Saturday, Aug. 5, from 3 to 10 p.m. at Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road. The Woodstock Revisited Family Festival returns with three bands -- The Classics, Second Wind, and Repeat Offenders. The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Children 15 and under are free. Cash prizes will be given out for Best Hippie outfit for one adult and one child. Call Gary at (734) 788-4410 or (734) 699-8836. The event is outdoors and no coolers or outside food and drinks are permitted. There will also be face painting and a bounce house for kids.

The 71st edition of the Wayne County Fair rolls into town Aug. 7-12 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road, north of I-94. See their ad in today's paper for the daily programs and events. The arena will feature a Night of Destruction on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Truck & Tractor Pull on Thursday at 7 p.m., a Monster Truck Show on Friday at 7 p.m., and a Mud Bog on Sat-

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Jasmine Bates named to new Teacher Leadership Advisory Council

Jasmine Bates, a McBride Middle School math teacher, has been selected as one of the 24 teachers who will serve on a new panel to help guide the state’s plan to implement the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

On July 21 the Michigan Department of Education announced the two dozen teachers from K-12 public schools across the state who will serve on the newly created Michigan Teacher Leadership Advisory Council developed with a \$10,000 grant from the national Council of Chief State School Officers.

“Their collective talents and experience will be an asset to the council as we collaborate on the state’s plan to implement Michigan’s ESSA plan and work to become a Top 10 education state within 10 years, said State Superintendent Brian Whiston. “Based on the leadership these educators have demonstrated in our schools and communities, we know that Michigan’s students are in great hands.”

ESSA is the new federal law that replaced the previous No Child Left Behind Act. Every state is to develop a plan that it will use to improve educational outcomes for children and hold schools accountable and transparent for that success.

The new advisory council members were selected from a pool of more than 310 applicants from 10 Prosperity Regions across the state, following an application process open to all Michigan teachers. A competitive preference was given to those with experience or interest in teacher leadership positions.

The members will attend the panel’s only mandatory, in-person meeting on Aug. 9 in Bath. Otherwise, they mostly will participate in online meetings where they can provide feedback on the state’s ESSA and Top 10 in 10 plans.

Council activities will be held outside of school hours. Members will receive a \$500 honorarium for the 2017-18 school year.

Members will also serve as ambassadors of the #proudM1educator campaign (www.michigan.gov/poudmieducator) .

Minding Biz

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aturday at 6 p.m. The carnival will run Tuesday through Saturday. For more info, visit www.waynecountyfairgrounds.net .

It was really nice to see the Fourth Street Square filling up with Farmer’s Market vendors on Monday during the car show on Main Street. Area vegetable stands are also open. Moe’s Produce Farm down Sumpter Road past the Fire Station has been open for a month now and tomatoes are ripening and will be available any day, according to owner Mary Johnson. See their ad for a current list of veggies. Budd’s Produce Farm on the N. I-94 Service Drive opened last Friday with a big selection of offerings, including their famous sweet corn. Call (734) 697-9465.

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 cost to be in this column.

Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority Public Notice

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Debt service:	
Interest	221,688
Principal	305,000
Total expenditures	1,606,321

D. Outstanding bonded indebtedness (Plan 1)

2012 Tax Increment Revenue Bonds	2.00-4.00%	
	Principal	Interest
10/1/2017	200,000	137,425
10/1/2018	205,000	133,425
10/1/2019	215,000	127,275
10/1/2020	220,000	120,825
10/1/2021	225,000	114,225
10/1/2022	230,000	107,475
10/1/2023	240,000	100,575
10/1/2024	245,000	92,475
10/1/2025	255,000	84,206
10/1/2026	265,000	75,600
10/1/2027	275,000	66,656
10/1/2028	285,000	57,375
10/1/2029	295,000	46,688
10/1/2030	305,000	35,625
10/1/2031	315,000	24,188
10/1/2032	330,000	12,375

2014 Tax Increment Revenue Bonds	2.00-3.75%	
	Principal	Interest
10/1/2017	110,000	77,113
10/1/2018	110,000	73,813
10/1/2019	115,000	70,513
10/1/2020	120,000	67,063
10/1/2021	120,000	63,463
10/1/2022	125,000	59,863
10/1/2023	130,000	56,113
10/1/2024	135,000	52,213
10/1/2025	140,000	47,656
10/1/2026	145,000	42,931
10/1/2027	150,000	38,038
10/1/2028	155,000	32,413
10/1/2029	160,000	26,600
10/1/2030	165,000	20,600
10/1/2031	170,000	14,000
10/1/2032	180,000	7,200

E. Initial assessed value

Base Value

IFT	Prop tax
-	25,103,784

F. Captured value - 2015 tax year, received in 2016:

Winter 2015	-	98,892,058
Summer 2016	-	101,341,471

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Captured value - Winter
Captured value - Summer

-	73,788,274
-	76,237,687

G. Tax increment revenues from 2015 tax year, received in 2016:*

	Mills	Dollars
County	6.6380	503,641
Jail	0.9381	69,221
HCMA	0.2146	15,835
WCCC	3.2408	239,133
SET**	6.0000	-
RESA 125**	3.4643	-
	17.7822 (real) or 6.000 (personal)	-
School Oper 125**	-	-
Detroit Institute of Art	-	-
Zoological Auth.	-	-
Township	0.9144	67,472
Public Safety	4.0000	295,153
Library	0.7000	51,652
Parks	0.2459	18,145
Total		1,260,252

* there may be a timing difference from item A.

** captured amounts on school mills were limited

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Public Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WAYNE NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO: 2017-829348-DE

Estate of Doris Ruth Olsen,
date of birth: April 20, 1918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Doris Ruth Olsen, died August 19, 2016. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Christine M. Wilkins, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 2 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of the publication of this notice.

Michael D. Holmes, attorney, P66165
211 E. Water St., Ste. 401
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 343-2106

Christine M. Wilkins
Personal representative
708 Homecrest
Kalamazoo, MI 49001
(269) 381-6324

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start in your own community!*

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE: TowerCo 2013, LLC proposes to build a 185-foot Monopole Communications Tower. The Site location is Willis Road, Belleville, Wayne County, Michigan, 48111, Latitude: 42-09-28.0 N, Longitude: 83-26-32.9. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1085499.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS – Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS - Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Andrew Temerowski, G2 Consulting Group, LLC, 1866 Woodslee Street, Troy, Michigan, Phone: 248-680-0400, E-Mail: atemerowski@g2consultinggroup.com.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville DPW/LABORER II



The City of Belleville is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Laborer II in our Department of Public Works. Qualifications include a high school diploma, GED equivalent or any equivalent combination of education and experience. Applicant must possess a working knowledge of basic arithmetic including the ability to perform and record arithmetic computations accurately and quickly; ability to accurately read and record data from various type of meter dials; ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing; ability to work in inclement weather; ability to establish successful working relationships with co-workers, supervisors and the public; skill in operating hand tools, calculator, motor vehicles and backhoe. Qualified applicant must possess a current and valid CDL. Physical demands include the ability to sit, stand, walk, climb or balance, stoop, kneel, crouch and crawl, talk, hear and see; and to routinely use hands to operate objects, tools and controls; position routinely lifts and/or moves up to 50 pounds and occasionally lifts and/or moves more than 100 pounds. While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly works inside and outside including frequent exposure to hot, cold, wet and/or humid conditions.

Salary and benefits as per Union contract

A pre-employment drug test, physical exam, psychological exam, criminal history and background investigation may be required as a condition of employment and the failure to successfully complete any of these may be cause for an applicant to no longer be considered.

Please apply in person or submit resume with application to DPS Director, dps@belleville.mi.us or 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111, no later than 4:00 P.M., August 31, 2017. The City of Belleville is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: July 27 & August 3, 2017

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 558 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, July 16:
0033 – assault & battery, W. Huron River Dr.
0034 – weapon violation, Fairbanks St.
0421 – suspicious person/vehicle, Southport
0822 – larceny from auto, Bradley Dr.
1218 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1220 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1413 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1729 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1844 – larceny, Ayres Ave.
1927 – harassment call, Oak Ln.
1954 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge
2135 – overdose, Maple Dr.
2249 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
2257 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

Monday, July 17:
0722 – larceny from auto, E. Walden Dr.
0843 – larceny, Denton Rd.
0948 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1009 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
1210 – threat, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1232 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1352 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1441 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1537 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
1645 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1646 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1757 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1847 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
1959 – domestic, Edison Lake Rd.
2025 – larceny, Harmony Ln.
2051 – assist fire dept., Rawsonville DNR Boat Launch
2109 – property damage accident, Westlake Cir.
2251 – threat, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2359 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson

Tuesday, July 18:
0311 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
0628 – malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.
0724 – larceny from auto, N. Belleridge
1027 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1127 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1138 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1203 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1219 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville
1227 – PPO violation, Victoria St.
1229 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl
1322 – dumping complaint, Belleville Rd.
1351 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1438 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Archwood Dr
1506 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1715 – threat, Maple Dr.
1734 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln.
1815 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1842 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.
2023 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2252 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.

Wednesday, July 19:
0021 – harassment call, Liberty Ln.
0033 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
0258 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0326 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
0353 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
0434 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
0452 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Point Pass
0637 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0742 – suspicious person/vehicle, Thornwood Dr.
0816 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
0857 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1006 – unattended death, Hull Rd.
1011 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1108 – ordinance violation, W. Huron River Dr.
1220 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
1232 – breaking & entering, Elwell Rd.
1235 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1244 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1250 – personal injury accident, Ecorse
1331 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1334 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
1417 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
1432 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.

1434 – abandoned auto, Anna Dr.
1600 – larceny from auto, Amanda Dr.
1716 – abandoned auto, Edison Lake Rd.
1834 – suicidal person, Park Estates Dr.
1904 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2037 – family trouble, Ash Dr.
2121 – domestic, Brandi Dr.
2131 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
2202 – malicious destruction of property, E. Sadie Ln.
2230 – fireworks, Belleville Rd.
2302 – property damage accident, S. Ponderosa
2305 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
2345 – suspicious person/vehicle, Endicott/Ayres

Thursday, July 20:
0154 – narcotics crime, Haggerty Rd.
0201 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0206 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0816 – fraud, Martinsville Rd.
1033 – disorderly, Peachtree Ln.
1217 – disorderly, Rose Blvd.
1253 – assault & battery, Wildbrook Dr.
1325 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1437 – ordinance violation, Sumpter Rd.
1452 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Old Rawsonville Rd.
1658 – larceny, Mida
1828 – 911 welfare check, Belmont Dr.
2110 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brandi
2131 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2221 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2225 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Green Ln.

2345 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
2354 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.

Friday, July 21:
0026 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anna Dr.
0211 – family trouble, Tavistock Dr.
0406 – traffic offense, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
0827 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
1040 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd.
1111 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1135 – threat, Sumpter Rd.
1138 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1335 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1343 – traffic offense, Michigan Service Dr. / Gilmore St.
1503 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1756 – fraud, Oak Ln.
1808 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1904 – traffic offense, Jackson St.
1914 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1920 – shooting, Marlowe Ave.
2105 – fight, DNR East Launch
2114 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.
2123 – domestic, Barkley St.

Saturday, July 22:
0032 – suspicious person/vehicle, Alden Ave.
0145 – suspicious person/vehicle, Amanda Dr. / Ecorse Rd.
0151 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0353 – shooting, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0447 – domestic, Barnwell Dr.
1129 – larceny from auto, Greenbriar Dr.
1201 – mental subject, Denton Rd.
1221 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. Grove St.

1221 – malicious destruction, W. Sadie Ln.
1339 – fraud, Millington Ct.
1409 – disorderly, Peachtree Ln.
1442 – personal injury accident, Beck/Ecorse
1710 – family trouble, Denton Rd.
1911 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood/Tyler
1925 – assist other dept., Rawsonville/Grove
1954 – noise complaint, Alba Ct.
2130 – noise complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2146 – suspicious person/vehicle, McKinley St.

Also on this week's log are 221 traffic stops, 43 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 16:
0137 – parking complaint, Estrada/Belle Villa
0533 – family trouble, Carmell St.
0922 – assist fire dept., Dos Rios St.
0942 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

0945 – assist fire dept., Owen/Sumpter
1329 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
1431 – suspicious person/vehicle, Clarence St.
1436 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1512 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Estrada
1745 – fraud, E. Columbia Ave.
2001 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
Monday, July 17:
0922 – malicious destruction of property, E. Columbia Ave.
1233 – vehicle lockout, E. Columbia Ave.
1417 – property damage accident, High/Main
1743 – neighbor trouble, Henry St.

Tuesday, July 18:
0843 – welfare check, E. Columbia Ave.
0929 – animal complaint, Davenport Plaza
1420 – domestic, Main St.
1433 – disorderly, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1525 – threat, Menlo Park Dr.
1705 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2036 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
2037 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2132 – property check, South St.
2205 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
2331 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.

Wednesday, July 19:
0859 – miscellaneous complaint, Second St.
1151 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1227 – property damage accident, Sec. of State
1657 – assist fire dept., Roys St.
2234 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Biggs Ave.
Thursday, July 20:
0856 – breaking & entering, W. Columbia Ave.
1257 – private property impound, Menlo Park Dr.
1609 – miscellaneous complaints, E. Columbia
1940 – malicious destruction of property, veterans memorial

2009 – traffic offense, Menlo Park Dr.
2113 – miscellaneous complaint, Industrial Park

Friday, July 21:
0015 – disorderly, Estrada
0253 – assist fire dept., N. Aberdeen Ct.
1435 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
1626 – warrant arrest, Hamtramck Dr.
2014 – miscellaneous complaints, Estrada
2132 – found property/child, South St.
2338 – warrant arrest, Tyler

Saturday, July 22:
0047 – noise complaint, Estrada
0300 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Edgemont
0802 – ordinance violation, E. Huron River Dr.
0926 – assist fire dept., S. Industrial Park Dr.
1512 – animal complaint, Fourth St.
2043 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
2150 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln
2205 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brain St.
2207 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln.
2226 – parking complaint, Catalpa
2256 – fireworks, Madelon/Robbe

Also on this week's log were 73 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 16:
0543 – alarm, 46000 bl. Weimer Rd.
1203 – suspicious vehicle, Rustic Ln.
1445 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1714 – ORV complaint, 233000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1722 – well-being check, Bemis/Lohr
1736 – dumping complaint, Harris/Haggerty
1755 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1847 – citizen assist, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1924 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2005 – trespassing complaint, Rustic Ln.

Monday, July 17:
0010 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
0059 – violation park rules, 28000 bl. Haggerty
0816 – abandoned vehicle, Sumpter/Kozma
1007 – civil dispute, Pecan
1308 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1340 – civil dispute, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1351 – disorderly person, Greenmeadow
1520 – larceny, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1717 – warrant arrest pick up, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1724 – property damage accident, Elwell/Willow
1725 – disorderly person, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1804 – assist other agency, Oakville Waltz / Sumpter
1849 – civil dispute, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
2110 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Sherwood

2130 – ordinance violation, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
Tuesday, July 18:
0125 – 911 hang up, Sumpter/Willis
0152 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0212 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1020 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1046 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1214 – harassment complaint, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1307 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1347 – fire dept. assist, Sumpter/Willis
1348 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1654 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1817 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1909 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
2108 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.

Wednesday, July 19:
0259 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0308 – felonious assault, Oregon
0447 – suspicious incident, Carriage Ln.
0559 – larceny, Creekside Dr.
0657 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1007 – larceny, Brookview
1259 – shots fired, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1505 – civil dispute, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1552 – abandoned vehicle, 48000 bl. Timberpark
1744 – reckless driver, Rawsonville/Willis
1948 – alarm, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
2002 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
2037 – trespassing complaint, Rustic Ln.
2107 – alarm, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.

Thursday, July 20:
0034 – traffic hazard, Sherwood/Wear
0956 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1100 – reckless driver, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1321 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1343 – well-being check, Rustic Ln.
1455 – alarm, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1606 – ordinance violation, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1633 – reckless driver, Arkona/Sumpter
1946 – ordinance violation, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2008 – fire dept. assist, Rawsonville/Willow
2154 – warrant arrest pick up, 24000 bl. Sherwood
2214 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2254 – property damage accident, Clark/Willow
2354 – suspicious vehicle, Karr/Judd

Friday, July 21:
0128 – breaking & entering, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
0428 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1321 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1624 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1831 – alarm, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1838 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1959 – warrant arrest pick up, Sumpter/Bemis
2049 – 911 hang up, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2113 – violation public health code, 19000 bl.

Sumpter Rd.
2251 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2342 – well-being check, Arizona
Saturday, July 22:
0008 – missing person, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0316 – civil dispute, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0759 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Judd
1206 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1428 – death investigation, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1525 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.
1554 – disorderly person, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1613 – assault, Rustic Ln.
1743 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1958 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2031 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Judd

Also on this week's log are seven follow-up investigations, 35 miscellaneous details, 74 patrol checks, and 34 traffic stops.

Birthdays

July 28 -- Janet Schonscheck, Eileen Graham

July 29 – Angie Mercer, Keith McDonald

July 30 – Mark Tooley, Alyssa Kuclo

July 31 – Colette McClinton, Linda Maton, Lee Herrmann

Aug. 2 -- Tina Pyzik

Aug. 3 – Krystal Hackett

Aug. 25 – Todd Mears



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the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Leon says, "It has always been my goal as Clerk to reach out and engage the community in the voting processes. I take pride in my efforts to embrace young people and involve them...When needs arise in the community I do not sit back and wait for others to take action...and I continue to work on improving my knowledge and skills by attending training in all aspects of my profession." His Deputy Clerk closed her nominating letter with "I believe his commitment and dedication to the Clerk profession and the community makes him an excellent candidate for Clerk of the Year."

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Belleville Farmer's Market continues to grow at 4th St. Square

The new Belleville Farmer's Market, sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community at the Fourth Street Square in downtown Belleville, just finished its second month and continues to offer new vendors.

The first market on June 12 had five vendors and the market on July 24 had nine. As the market grows in popularity, the CBC hopes to schedule it every week, June through September, in 2018.

On July 24, available at the market were zucchini, cucumbers, tomatoes, squash, cabbage, kale and other leafy vegetables, and basil, along with sweets, pretzels, jams, jellies, pickles, and homemade dog treats.

Over the next two months, the market will continue from 4 to 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays with the final one scheduled during the annual Harvest Fest on Saturday, Oct. 14.

Janet Millard, Event Coordinator
 Belleville Central Business Community

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

(BUDGET REVIEW and PREPARATION)

OF THE

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

In the Board Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017

And

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017

**Meetings will convene at 8:45 a.m. on each
 day and are expected to conclude by
 4:30 p.m.**

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING:

**Review of the 2017 amended and preparation of
 the 2018 proposed budgets.**

**Leon Wright, Clerk
 Charter Township of Van Buren**

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26960 SHERWOOD 2.5 ACRES \$30,000
24409 SHERWOOD 1.15 ACRES \$30,000
20743 GRIFFIN COURT 1.4 AC \$29,500
22407 KARR 21 AC POLEBARN \$195,000

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