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School Board votes not to extend contract

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After a closed-door session on Friday, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education voted unanimously not to extend the contract of School Supt. Pete Kudlak for another year.

When he was hired last year, he was granted a three-year contract, so he still has two years left on his contract – through June 2019.

Generally, the school board will extend the contract by a year during the annual evaluation. If the board does not vote on the contract extension, it automatically is extended another year.

The board also unanimously labeled him “effective” for the 2016-17 school year, the second-highest designation. The proposed categories in the evaluation procedure were: ineffective, minimally effective, effective, or highly effective.

The board unanimously increased Supt. Kudlak’s base salary by 2%, from the original \$130,000 to \$132,600.

Supt. Kudlak replaced former School Supt. Michael Van Tassel who was making \$139,000 base salary when he was pushed out of his position in February 2016.

Van Tassel was hired as superintendent in July 2012 and every spring during the annual evaluation was labeled “highly effective” by the school board.

On Monday, School Board President Keith Johnston said the board is happy with the job Supt. Kudlak has done, but the student academic growth has got to come up.

“We wanted to be fair,” Johnston said, adding over the year of his being superintendent, Kudlak has had two new principals, the Savage School law suit, and depositions for the case.

“If we’re happy next year we will extend the contract,” Johnston said. “He’s done a pretty decent job. We’re not displeased.”



Pausing for a picture after the swearing-in ceremony are, from left in front, Wayne County Sheriff’s Deputy Chief Mike Jaafar; Van Buren Township Director of Public Safety Greg Laurain, Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon, and VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara. In back, from left, are VBT Marine Officers, who now also are Sheriff’s Deputies: David Champagne, Jeff Stanton, Chris Fey, Mark Buxton, and Pat Wehrman; also VBT Sgt. Louis Keele, and VBT Police Chief Jason Wright.

Wayne County Sheriff swears in five VBT marine officers

Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon granted five Van Buren Township marine officers county-wide powers last Thursday as part of new efforts to combine resources along Wayne County waterways.

A swearing-in ceremony was held June 29 at Wayne County Sheriff’s Headquarters in Detroit. Sheriff Napoleon swore in Van Buren Township Marine Officers Mark Buxton, David Champagne, Pat Wehrman, Jeff Stanton, and Chris Fey.

VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said the Wayne County Sheriff’s Office has provided a 23-foot patrol boat specifically for VBT officers to use to patrol Belleville Lake.

“This new watercraft will bear the same POLICE markings, but with the patches of Van Buren Police and Wayne County Sheriff,” Director Laurain said in a news release on Monday.

“This joint venture is a win-win for both township and county and would not have been possible if not for the efforts of Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara and Sheriff Benny Napoleon,” Laurain said.

“This partnership between both agencies will involve officers and combined resources to help continue to make Belleville Lake safe and secure along the waterways in the township,” Laurain said.

“This is a positive move for both the county and township, making available additional personnel to patrol the lake and equipment during water emergencies,” Laurain said.

“On behalf of Van Buren Township Public Safety Department and Wayne County Sheriff’s Department, we encourage a safe and enjoyable summer on Belleville Lake for our residents and visitors,” Laurain concluded.

According to a news alert from the Sheriff’s office last week, the partnership provides the county with five new marine officers. The officers from Van Buren Township will have the authority to assist the Wayne County Sheriff’s Department.

“This is a collaborative effort to combine resources and help continue to make Belleville Lake safe and secure along waterways throughout Wayne County,” the release said.

Wayne County has a Marine Unit responsible for patrolling all Wayne County waters, including parts of Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River, Lake Erie, and Belleville Lake. The partnership with Van Buren Township provides additional resources, the Sheriff’s office said.

Court Watching:

VBT Fire Fighter Landstrom charged with four misdemeanors

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On June 28, suspended Van Buren Township Fire Fighter Kenneth Landstrom turned himself into 34th District Court for his arraignment on four misdemeanor charges: three counts of lying to police and one count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor under 17.

He was suspended from the fire department on June 27, once the warrants were approved.

Landstrom is scheduled to be back in 34th District Court at 9 a.m., July 12, with attorney Robert Coutts.

Danny Rogers of Westland said his daughter has a Personal Protection Order against Landstrom and that PPO was served by police when Landstrom was fingerprinted during the booking procedure. Landstrom told the *Independent* he will appeal the PPO, which he claimed was not the idea of the girl, who was made to sign it.

Rogers said Landstrom tried to get custody of his daughter, who will turn 17 in December, but withdrew his legal motion. Rogers said the girl ran away and Landstrom hid the daughter until the June 26 custody hearing. Rogers said his daughter is bipolar and takes anti-psychotic medicine, which Landstrom didn’t have for her. This caused the girl to break out in hives, Rogers said. Landstrom said it was nerves causing the rash.

Landstrom said the girl filed with the court for him to be her guardian and he signed the paperwork to agree to accept the role. Then he withdrew the motion when the judge turned the girl over to her mother, who is divorced from Rogers.

Landstrom said he was working a duty crew shift at the VBT fire department at about 1 a.m. and couldn’t leave when the teen called to say her dad had assaulted her and she was at Landstrom’s house in Van Buren Township. After he checked with his attorney, Landstrom said he was told not to let her stay at his house, so he told her to go to a place of safety and she did.

Rogers said Landstrom called child
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Sumpter board approves replacing water meter radio-read equipment

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The radio-read equipment installed in 2007 to read water meters in Sumpter Township failed in early June and the township has been using a loaner system from Southfield.

At the June 27 regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, after Treasurer Peggy Morgan explained the problem, the board voted unanimously to spend no more than \$7,771 to replace the inoperable radio-read equipment.

The allocation will purchase a MRX90 Data Collection V3, plus Mapping and Mobility Software from Ferguson Water Works.

Absent and excused was Clerk Clarence Hoffman, who hasn't attended a meeting since April 11.

Treasurer Morgan, who is board liaison to the water department, said the old unit cannot be repaired because its software is outdated.

She said there are eight reading ledgers and a ledger is read every three months.

Treasurer Morgan said trucks drive the ledger route and bring back information on memory sticks to the data collection unit until all the ledgers are read. This is uploaded to the equipment at township hall where the bills are generated.

When asked about the problems with the post office not delivering water bills on time or not delivering them at all, Deputy Supervisor/Treasurer Karen Armatis said the recent problem is the second time in two years.

She said after the township residents read the recent letter in the *Independent* from the township about the water bills not being delivered on time, the township got many phone calls from people who didn't get their bills and wanted their late charges removed.

"It's not just the water bills. It's other bills people get by mail, too," said Treasurer Morgan, referring to the problems with post office delivery.

"It costs the township and individuals money and time," said Trustee Matthew Oddy. "We can't collect the proper fees and it costs residents having to come down here and get another copy of their bills."

Armatris said the township still has to pay for the water whether the residents are paying or not.

Board members encouraged township residents to share their concerns on delivery with the post office.

In other business at the 22-minute regular meeting, the board:

- Held a moment of silence in memory of township resident Walter Krakowiak, who

died at the age of 101 ½;

- Heard Trustee Oddy say the public hearing on Abraham's request for multiple kinds of property use was tabled for more information and will be resumed at the July 13 planning commission meeting. He said at that meeting the commission also will be considering recommending a repeal of an outdated marijuana caregiver dispensary zoning ordinance;

- Approved Treasurer Morgan's request for a new procedure for the four men in the water department who get their boots from Red Wing. She wished to have arrangements made so the \$200 each that is paid by the township for the boots would be paid directly to Red Wing and the employees would pay the rest out of their own pockets – or some other similar procedure be instated;

- Heard Mary Sherwood ask that the board or planning commission look into tiny houses, which have a lot of interest for people. She proposed the 200-400-square-foot homes be allowed in the township. "A lot of places are changing the rules because that's what people want," Sherwood said, adding, "I'd like one myself." Trustee Oddy said at last year's Michigan Township Association meeting, they were told many are putting such an ordinance in place. "We could direct the planning commission and building department to look into that," Trustee Oddy said; and

- Went into closed-door session for an update on the pending litigation of Nelson Po vs. Sumpter Township and Police Detective John Toth. Det. Toth was present for the closed-door meeting.

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Sen. Hopgood gives away more than 100 free bike helmets

Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, recently held his sixth-annual Free Bicycle Helmet Giveaway at the Taylor Farmer's Market, where more than 100 free bike helmets were give away to children.

Families from the 6th Senate District and the Downriver area were fitted for the free helmets -- which ranged in size from toddlers to teenagers -- on a first-come, first-serve basis during the event at Heritage Park.

Generous support from several organizations -- including Special Tree Rehabilitation System, Programs to Education All Cyclists (PEAC), the Taylor Conservatory Foundation, and the League of Michigan Bicyclists -- made the bike



File photo from 2015.



Independent photo by Bob Mytych

Last week the \$200,000 kayak/canoe launch at Horizon Park in Belleville was damaged, presumably by vandals. Belleville Downtown Development Authority Coordinator Carol Thompson said the ladder support with the sign is gone and the ADA bench is damaged so handicapped boaters cannot use it. The sign explained how to use the launch equipment. "We want to get it repaired, so it can be used," Thompson said. The subject is expected to be discussed at the DDA's regular July 19 meeting. This is the second time the launch was damaged and had to have repairs. Although a boater and his son used a grappling hook to get the missing sign out of the lake last time, Thompson said it was too damaged to be used and had to be replaced. Last July, the DDA allocated up to \$2,400 for those repairs. The launch was funded by a \$120,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, \$38,186.15 from the city's federal Community Development Block Grant funds, and the DDA. It was dedicated in August 2015.

helmet giveaway possible.

The Taylor Farmer's Market provided the necessary space for the event, and also partnered with the Taylor Bike Crew to do a free raffle of four children's bikes that day as well.

"I cannot thank our event partners enough for their support to keep the kids in our communities safe," Sen. Hopgood said.

This was the third year that Sen. Hopgood hosted the giveaway at the Taylor Farmer's Market. The event took place in previous years during the Allen Park Street Fair.

"A properly fitted helmet gives children an important tool in preventing brain injury while riding a bike," Sen. Hopgood said. "I look forward to this event every year, and

am pleased that it was, yet again, a great success."



State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood discusses the importance of bike safety with children who attended his sixth-annual Bicycle Helmet Giveaway Event in Taylor.

OPINIONS

Editorial

City of Belleville gets last-minute funds for workers

It looked like the city of Belleville wouldn't be getting money from the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority this year to pay young summer workers, but Councilman Tom Fielder and City Manager Diana Kollmeyer put on the pressure and got a \$47,000 grant.

That grant was announced June 21 and now the city has seven young people working for it and is taking applications for about five to eight more. The workers, between the ages of 14 and 24, are paid with the grant money.

"We're about a month behind," said Kollmeyer at the city's regular meeting on Monday. Last year the city ran a highly successful work program with the agency's grant.

She said one teen came back week after week for the past month to see if they could start up the program. Finally, he was hired and is among those out tending to grass cutting at the cemetery, additional park work, and other projects.

After strong lobbying by Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, the township got early approval for a \$47,497 grant from the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority for a summer work initiative, the first time it had offered work to youth. VBT is running a highly stylized program called "The REAL" for 35 students ages 15-19.

The agency hopes to make a difference by putting young people to work in their communities during summer vacation.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A television news reporter estimated a crowd of 500 gathered Saturday at Arbor Brewing Company Microbrewery in Ypsilanti to honor the life of Egypt Covington who was murdered in her Van Buren Township home on June 23. A candlelight vigil also was held Friday night at Lakeview Tavern in Belleville.

The brewing company is creating a new beer in her memory -- A Girl Named Egypt -- which is expected to be ready on her birthday, July 19.

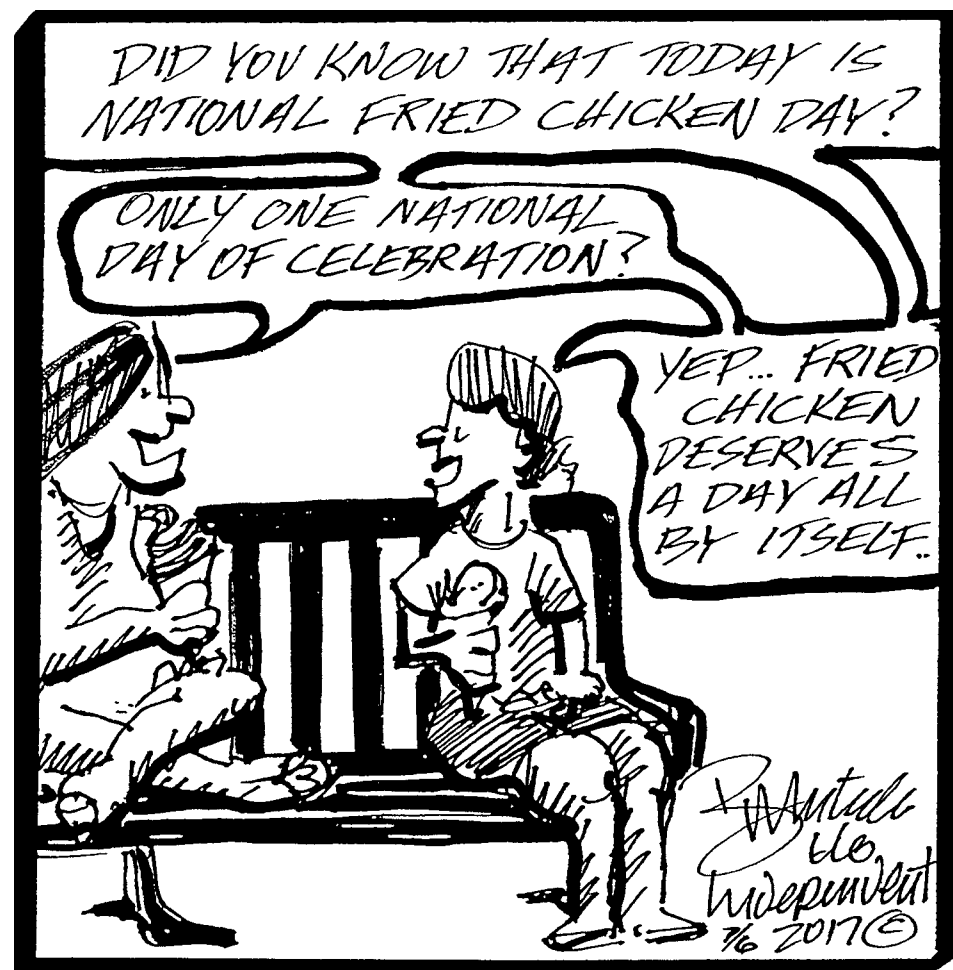
Van Buren Township police are investigating the homicide and say they believe she knew her assailant. Those with any information on the death are asked to contact police at (734) 699-9030.

President Abraham Lincoln (portrayed by Fred Priebe of Van Buren Township) delivered his famous Gettysburg Address to a rapt crowd at Lexington's annual Civil War Weekend, held June 24-25. The event included cannon firings, skirmishes, camp life, and visits from Mrs. Lincoln (played by Fred's wife Bonnie).

Fred and Bonnie live in a log cabin on Hull Road and are wonderful in their first-person Lincoln roles that they have taken across the U.S. and abroad since 1996.

Fred, a retired school teacher, has been a role player at Greenfield Village since 1986.

A reader asked me if the Van Buren school board was looking at the practice of allowing cell phones to be in operation during class time at Belleville High School. I told her the board briefly discussed it and pretty much agreed that each teacher could



decide whether to tell the students to turn off their cellphones or not.

One board member said teachers sometime have the students use their phones as part of the lesson.

I told the reader I, personally, feel it's a distraction and kids should be paying attention to classwork rather than calling other students or their parents on their phones, which I am told they do.

She replied: "Worse than that! I have first-hand knowledge that some students take pictures of the questions/tests then seek the answers on their cell phones and bingo -- a winner!"

At the June 27 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Trustee Matthew Oddy say he talked to Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous about the poor condition of Bemis Road. And then, suddenly one side of a quarter mile of eastbound Bemis was paved, near Sumpter Road. And then, the other side of that quarter-mile was paved.

Trustee Oddy said he would like to know if it is just a quarter-mile the township is getting or if the paving will keep on going down the road until it's all done. He said he's trying to get an answer.

Oddy said the paving of that stretch was a surprise to him and he has no idea if his calls had anything to do with it.

Resident Mary Ban has been asking Oddy at most township meetings about getting the

bumpy road surface of that stretch of Bemis fixed and he has been following through with calls to the county. She was not at the June 27 meeting.

Other observers wonder if that small stretch was paved because that's the route Wayne County Executive Warren Evans would take from his Washtenaw County farm to get to the Sumpter ranch where he keeps his horse.

On Sunday, at Bugles Across America at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville, a veteran called me over to say he read the *Independent* and it said Bugles was at 7:15 a.m., so he called a taxi and came to the memorial at 7:15 a.m. Sunday and nobody was there. The taxi driver let him out and then went to fill up his tank with gas. The taxi then returned and picked the man up and took him to his home on E. Huron River Drive.

I went home and checked the "Things to do..." column where I remind readers of the Bugles event and it said 7:15 p.m. What a relief. I don't want to mislead anyone, so I'm glad it was right.

I'm sorry he came out so early, but I'm glad his family could bring him back at 7:15 p.m. One of the other people at the Bugles' event told him, "It couldn't get 7:15 a.m. because nobody in Belleville gets up that early on Sunday."



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Letters

VB Area Little League to host 2 state tourneys

To the Editor:

The 2017 spring season of the Van Buren Area Little League has come to a close and I would like to take this time to THANK all the coaches, players, parents, volunteers, board members and sponsors who helped make our 60th year of chartered Little League in the Belleville Community a huge success. We had a largest registration of 389 players. THANK YOU!

As VBALL moves out of regular season play we now head into the Little League Tournaments. VBALL was chosen to host two state tournaments this year. The first tournament is the Boys ages 11 to 13 Intermediate (50/70) tournament which starts July 8 through July 12 at Beck Fields with eight different teams from across Michigan coming here to compete.

The team crowned "State Champion" will move on to the Regionals and if they do well enough they will move on to compete in the World Series in Williamsport, PA.

Our second tournament is the Girls 8/9/10 Minor softball state championship starting July 28 through Aug. 3 with 16 teams coming from across Michigan to compete. At the close of this tournament someone will be crowned a "State Champion."

As positive as an impact these tournaments will have on our league and the surrounding communities it takes a lot of volunteers, field maintenance and prep and they can be costly. If anyone is interested in volunteering their time or willing to make a donation, feel free to send a text to (734) 260-6017 and like us on Facebook at Van Buren Area Little League.

Thank you, once again, and come out and cheer on some great athletes.

Marc Littleleson, Van Buren Township
 President of VBALL

Let's see who cares; perhaps time to organize

To the Editor:

In last week's edition of the *Independent*, I read two letters, also comments and opinions regarding lack of maintenance in both neighborhoods and government property. They were all honest concerns – well-written, thoughtful and true. Even our paper's editor attested to the fact that she has received many similar comments. Only words, NO action!

I fully agree with the writers' opinions, but we must recognize the fact that our concerns have fallen on deaf ears. All those

in authority – both the township and the city – should be held accountable for the unkempt appearance of our neighborhoods and government-owned properties. Do we have legal ordinances against such offenses – or not? Why are they not legally addressed and corrected?

While driving on E. Huron River Dr. this morning, I took particular notice of the lovely homes, well-manicured lawns and surroundings – UNTIL arriving at 5-Points, Belleville! To our elected officials, I ask: When was the last time you, our city leaders/employees stood outside OUR city hall, took a good look at the surroundings – the unoccupied store next door, trashy windows adorned with beer signs, etc.? Next, look at the ugly, vacant corner weed field? What good is it to write up ordinances when NO ONE enforces them? Inaction is both shameful and disgraceful! Your lack of concern reveals a lot about your character.

But then – WHO CARES? Not our elected officials! If they did care, they would hear our citizen's call for help. For too long, citizens have tried to get your attention. Obviously, you choose to overlook the overgrown weeds and trees along the lakeside. But, I ask: How can you justify the cost of renting the artful structures placed throughout the city? Someone else has said, "It's like putting lipstick on a pig!" Agreed!

Why do our elected officials ignore our pleas and look the other way? Why don't they maintain and beautify what is in place already? What will it take to wake up our elected officials? Most assuredly, NOT words alone!

The next scheduled Belleville City Council meeting is Monday, July 17, at 7:30 p.m. We voters need to see results – more accountability – less lipstick!

How many concerned citizens will attend? Let's see who cares! Perhaps, the time is NOW for concerned citizens and voters to organize, meet together, and seek action within the confines of the laws and ordinances already in place.

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
 Belleville

Should rethink use of money spent on statues

To the Editor:

I would like to know what financial gain the city of Belleville will gain from the statues. It seems to me we could put that money wasted on those statues to better use.

There's talk about closing schools. Why not use that money for the schools? Putting the money there will benefit the children and not put teachers and custodial personnel out of a job.

I truly hope those who decided on the statues rethink that decision and put that money to better use!

Frank, Belleville

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Obituaries



Garry Alan Germain

GARRY ALAN GERMAIN

(October 26, 1954 - June 30, 2017)

Garry Germain, age 62, "That Singing Guy" died suddenly in his home on Friday, June 30.

He was a longtime member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Belleville, also an active member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. Garry spent a lot of time at the Detroit VA hospital helping the patients at church, as well as taking care of the music aspect. He also spent time at the veteran homeless shelters helping several individuals. He loved to sing and could be heard all year round; he sang in stores, parking lots, and especially local parades.

Garry is survived by his loving wife of forty wonderful years Catherine, his daughter Jenna, and three sons, Timothy, Michael (Abby), Adam, and a granddaughter, Kayla.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, July 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home. A funeral mass will be held at St. Anthony's Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI 48111 on Thursday, July 6, at 11 a.m. The family will greet guests one hour prior to the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the VOAMI Detroit Veterans Housing Program Volunteers of America Michigan.

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More Letters

Fence at Victory Park could protect children

To the Editor:

It would be great if someone in the city would work on a fence along E. Columbia by the children's play area. Driving through town and stopping at the light at 5 Points makes one realize that a tragedy is possible.

The play scape is close to the road and the fence, as it was, is mostly down. If we can get donations for sculptures, someone should be willing to help protect the kids who play there.

I see parents on the phone, watching more than one child, etc. They could not catch a running child before it might be in the street unseen by approaching cars because of cars parked along Columbia.

A vinyl chain-link fence would work well to protect the children. Many parks use a long overlap section instead of gates (people would leave them open for convenience).

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Obituaries



Marie L. Walters

MARIE L. WALTERS

(September 17, 1937 – June 27, 2017)

Marie L. Walters, age 79, of Van Buren Township, died Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at her residence with her loving family at her side. She was born September 17, 1937, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the daughter of Alphonse and Albertine (Bedard) Payeur. On September 7, 1957, she married LeRoy R. Walters and he preceded her in death on April 29, 2000. Marie retired from Van Buren Public Schools where she was employed in the Food Service Department. She was a member of the Romulus Methodist Church in Romulus, Michigan, and Van Buren Township Senior Center where she enjoyed playing Bingo. She will always be remembered for her love of Family, crafts, spending time with family at the Lake House and her beloved dog, Rocky.

Survivors include four children: Bryan Walters, Charlene Walters, Michelle Walters and Kevin Walters; two grandchildren: Chris (Jessica) Walters and Nick Walters-Allen; two great grandchildren: Owen and Cole Walters; several nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

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DOUGLAS T. VIERS

(March 22, 1956 – June 29, 2017)

Douglas T. Viers, age 61, of Willis died Thursday, June 29, 2017. Private family services have taken place. Janowiak Funeral Home. janowiakfuneralhome.com "Where Families Come First"

FRANKIN DELANO MEADOWS

(September 10, 1936 – June 27, 2017)

Franklin Delano Meadows, "Frank," age 80, of Van Buren Township. Survived by wife Phyllis, children Sherry and Pamela, grandchildren, and sisters Pauline and Irene. janowiakfuneralhome.com "Where Families Come First"

ESTELLE KELLY

(June 7, 1923 – June 26, 2017)

Age 94 of Belleville. Survived by children Sherman, Jack, Edward, and Danny; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; siblings Serina and Solomon. Private family services. Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Chapel.

DEBORAH JUNE PATTERSON

August 28, 1952 - June 28, 2017

Age 64, of Canton area. Survived by daughter Melisa Partin; 4 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; siblings Ronald, Carl, Ruth, Rose, Fred. Services July 3 at David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Grace Ann Judd

GRACE ANN JUDD

(September 19, 1913 - June 3, 2017)

Grace Ann Judd was born on September 19, 1913 in Cheboygan, MI, to the late Ted and Edith Chinner. She passed away on June 3, 2017 in Livonia, MI, at the age of 103.

A loving caring woman, Grace dedicated her life to her family and serving others. While her children were young she was known as the "Kool-Aid" mom of the neighborhood. All the kids would gather at the Judd home and Grace would look after them like they were her own. She also served as Den Mother for her son's Cub Scout troop and was an active participant in the Catholic Central High School Mothers' Club. A charitable spirit, she was active in many local organizations. She was a member of the Detroit Peace Community and printed the newsletter for the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan right from her kitchen table. Her true passion was achieved later in life. As a child she loved everything to do with the circus and was enamored with them when they would come through town, so in her early 70s she achieved a lifelong dream of becoming a clown. She graduated clown school and joined Clowns Around Redford as Dilly the clown. Grace loved all the charitable activities she got to do with Clowns Around Redford from being in several Thanksgiving Day Parades to volunteering at the Special Olympics or any other charity involving children. She loved to put a smile on their faces.

A devout Catholic, Grace was an active member of her church communities throughout her life. She served as a Eucharistic Minister while at SS. Peter and Paul Church (West side) and later at St. Theodore Church in Westland. She was very involved in the Divorced and Separated Catholic Group at St. Columban and while at St. Theodore she found friends within the Senior Plus Group.

Grace found the key to staying young was to keep moving. She was always on the go whether it be shooting baskets in her driveway, swimming, bowling, or walks outside. The life of the party, she could often be found dancing to the music and was usually one of the last to leave any event. A social butterfly, she enjoyed traveling with family, friends and church groups. She went to many places throughout the U.S. and the world including cruises to Alaska, Italy, Greece and a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Grace was the cherished wife of the late Dwight "Duke" Judd. Loving mother of the late Richard Judd, the late Doris Judd, the late Ralph Judd, and the late Ann Judd. Surviving children include Fr. Gordon Judd, CSB, Mary Jane (Rick) Dawson, Thomas (Lou Anne) Judd. Proud grandmother of the late Timothy Judd, Gordon (Andrea) Judd, Linda (Bill) Sanders, Jim (Melinda) Baird, Scott (Debbie) Baird, Jason (Rachel) Baird, Stephani (Erik) LaBelle, Sarah Judd, Kathleen (Richard) Pojeta and Kara Judd: Also, great-grandmother of 21. Dear sister of Francis (Zay) Chinner, the late Ethel Donovan, the late Clinton Chinner and the late Helen Krause.

Visitation was June 11 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Her life was celebrated with a Funeral Mass on June 12 at St. Mary Cause of Our Joy Catholic Church, Westland. She was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, Southfield. Memorial donations are appreciated to: Marywood Nursing Care Center, 36975 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48154.

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Court watching

(continued from page 1)

protective services on Rogers, claiming Rogers pointed a loaded gun at the girl and slammed her head into a wall. There was no police report on that allegation, Rogers said. And, Rogers said, it never happened.

Rogers said the girl ran away from home and when police contacted Landstrom at his VBT home, he lied to police, saying she wasn't there. Then, Rogers said, it is believed he hid her at his son's house, which he believes is in Inkster.

Landstrom said when police came to his home, they didn't believe him when he said the teen wasn't there. He invited them to search his house and, Landstrom said, Lt. Ken Floro searched the whole house, including the attic.

Landstrom said Rogers accused him of having a secret room, but Landstrom said there is no secret room.

He said police didn't believe the girl wasn't there because when they would ping her cell phone, it would come from his house. Landstrom said later it was discovered the girl left her phone in a drawer in his house before she left.

Rogers said Landstrom was upset that Rogers' son, Austin Stone Rogers, had sexually abused Rogers' daughter, but his 20-year-old son is now in prison serving 5 to 15 years for first-degree criminal sexual conduct (victim under age of 13).

Landstrom said he certainly is upset about Austin Rogers and what he did to the girl. Landstrom said Austin had been sexually molesting his little sister from the time she was eight years old until she was 14.

Rogers said his daughter has been in therapy for many years.

"He's been manipulating her for years," Rogers said of Landstrom.

But, Landstrom says it is Rogers who has been mistreating the girl, who was Landstrom's step-daughter when he was married to her mother. Landstrom said he and the girl have remained close over the years, since he and her mother divorced. He said he has been concerned for the girl recently because she had been cutting herself and had attempted suicide.

Landstrom said when the girl ran to him for help, he did what his attorney told him to do.

Rep. Geiss welcomes Amazon plan to open Romulus facility

State Rep. Erika Geiss, D-Taylor, responded enthusiastically to news that online retailing giant Amazon.com Inc. will invest \$140 million to build a regional fulfillment center in Romulus that is expected to create 1,600 new jobs.

"Amazon has shown their confidence in our region as a great place to do business and to find workers with the skills, experience and ability to work hard and be productive," Rep. Geiss said. "This is the start of what promises to be a long and beneficial relationship between Amazon and our community, and I look forward to seeing this partnership grow."

The project is made possible through a \$5 million grant through the Michigan Economic Development Corp. needed to make improvements to local roads and other infrastructure. Amazon had been considering other Midwestern states as well as Canada for the project.

"Romulus is a natural choice for business growth because of our proximity to Detroit Metro Airport, rail lines and several major interstates," Rep. Geiss said. "The willingness of the state to work with us only made it easier to convince Amazon that our community is a great place to locate and do business. I can't wait to see what having an e-commerce leader like Amazon here in Romulus will do for our business community, and I look forward to the future opportunities this will bring."

The project was announced at a June 27 meeting of the Michigan Strategic Fund Board attended by numerous community leaders, including Rep. Geiss.



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BYC gets approval to build Tiki Bar on the lake behind facility

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Belleville Yacht Club was granted final site plan approval to build a Tiki Bar behind its facility at 831 E. Huron River Drive.

At its 14-minute regular meeting on June 28, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the site plan so the BYC could begin building the structure.

Scott Jones was present on behalf of the BYC. He said the BYC had revised the site plan in accordance with township requirements.

No one was present from the BYC for the June 14 meeting when the Tiki Bar was on the agenda and slated to get final approval. The item was tabled by the commission until someone from the BYC could be present. No one mentioned the previous unexplained absence at the June 28 meeting.

Jones said the BYC architect will be back in town the next day (June 29) and will put his official stamp on the documents, as required.

He said they have added the pathway of pavers from the existing patio to the Tiki Bar.

The 1,665-square-foot Tiki Bar will include a lounge area, bar area, a kitchen, and restrooms. Jones had said earlier when the BYC is rented out to another group, the BYC members can go to the Tiki Bar for privacy.

Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development, said the BYC has already received special land-use approval from the township board for the project. The approximate 4.04-acre site is zoned R1-C (Single Family Residential), which permits country club uses via special land-use approval.

Akers said adding the bar brings the BYC closer to compliance on its existing parking lot, which is larger than allowed under the ordinance. Several items, such as landscaping and the dumpster enclosure, will be approved by the township staff.

At the end of the brief meeting, Akers said that the planning commission had asked him to look at a couple of zoning items and now he has help.

He said they have an intern volunteer for a couple of months, Chris Madigan.

Akers said Madigan is preparing an orientation packet for the planning commission and will present it to the commission and to the township board.

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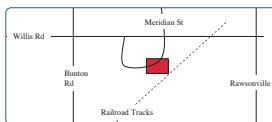
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Van Buren Township REAL program under way for young people

The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA) recently awarded Van Buren Township a \$47,497 grant to fund a Summer Youth Job Initiative, THE REAL (Revealing Exceptionally Amazing Leaders). The project is now under way.

In a news release from the township, it was pointed out 35 students, ages 15-19, were selected to participate in the program which offers temporary, paid employment opportunities within sectors of VBT government.

The six-week initiative was designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop marketable skills in a real work environment through placements within two distinct roles: community ambassadors and junior organizational assistants.

Throughout the program, students will attend township board, commission and committee meetings and engage in morning “coffee break” sessions with management to review their accomplishments, receive/give constructive criticism, and evaluate the tasks at hand for the current workday.

Also scheduled are weekly “Lunch and Learn” sessions hosted by different township departments and designed to provide students with a deeper understanding of roles and responsibilities of each government sector.

Participation in the Summer Youth Job Initiative provides students with the opportunity to attend the MHA Young Professionals Day at COBO Center in Detroit on the last day of the program.

Museum adjusts hour to make way for VBT's 25 summer interns

Belleville Area Museum Director Katie Dallos announces that this year the museum will be hosting 25 summer interns for a program entitled, “The REAL,” through Van Buren Township.

“Due to the schedules of the students who will be participating, we have decided to alter our usual spring/summer hours,” Dallos said.

**Museum Operating Hours During
Internship Program, “The REAL,”
Van Buren Township Holiday, and
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On Saturday, the open basements at Cobblestone Ridge subdivision in Van Buren Township remain uncovered, as they have for about ten years. According to a report earlier last week on Channel 4 television, VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the township gave Brad Byarski and Trowbridge Companies until Friday to demolish the foundations or pay \$25,000 bond, "or we'll do it." McNamara said there are six open basements and there have been agreements on them made in 2011 and 2015 that were not followed by the developers. At a recent township board meeting, Anthony Randazzo of Sheldon Acquisitions was also mentioned as among those responsible for the situation. At that meeting, McNamara had asked the township board to pay \$111,000 in township funds to remove the foundations, plus \$2,000 in fencing repairs, and put that as a lien on the property. The board did not approve that expense as yet.

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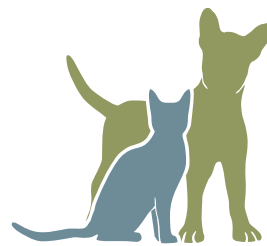
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Court Watching:**James Chapman gets probation for unlicensed dog in Van Buren Twp.**

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

James Forrest Chapman, 57, of Van Buren Township, pled guilty to having an unlicensed dog and was put on six months of non-reporting probation.

As part of the plea deal he has to get shots and a license for his dog Diesel and present documentation to the 34th District Court

probation department by July 11. He also has to find a new home for the dog. The dog was to remain in the Romulus Animal Shelter until it is licensed and has a new place to stay OKed by the court.

This all was decided by 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley during a court session on June 27.

Judge Oakley will review Chapman's progress on the sentence during an 11 a.m., July 11 court session, when Chapman was directed to bring in the prospective new owner of the dog.

As part of the probation, Chapman was ordered not to purchase, possess, or consume products containing alcohol, poppy seeds, or controlled substances without the judge's approval, with random tests as directed by the probation department.

Upon notification of testing, he may not consume excessive amounts of liquids.

He also was advised that any form of disrespect to court staff is a direct violation of his probation.

The offense occurred at 11:02 a.m., May 16, when Van Buren Township police were called by his roommate with a report of a dog bite and Chapman fled with the dog in a truck he was unlicensed to drive.

Probation in the dog license sentence continues until Dec. 27, 2017.

Chapman currently is on probation in a 2015 stalking case to which he pled no contest under a plea deal. Circuit Court Judge Margaret Van Houten is reportedly reviewing a new violation of probation charge there due to his guilty plea on the dog license case. Balance due at circuit court on that case is \$1,688.

Judge Oakley levied no court fines or fees for Chapman in the dog license case.

Postal Service, Yankee Air Museum to present 'Letters from Home'

Letters from home connect loved ones to the brave men and women serving in the military.

To honor our veterans, United States Postal Service and the Yankee Air Museum have partnered together to highlight "Letters from Home" at a special event at 1 p.m., Tuesday, July 11, at the Yankee Air Museum, 47884 D St. Belleville, MI 48111.

"The Postal Service has a proud history of supporting American troops and their families by delivering letters and packages," said USPS Detroit District Manager Lee Thompson. "This event holds special significance for the Postal Service, which is one of the nation's largest employers of veterans. More than 113,000 of our employees have served in the armed forces. That's nearly one in five employees."

Honored at the event will be special guest retired Lieutenant Colonel Charles Kettles, Medal of Honor recipient, Vietnam War. Kettles was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Barack Obama on July 18, 2016 for his role in a Vietnam helicopter rescue of 44 fellow soldiers.

"The Yankee Air Museum is honored to partner with the Postal Service for this wonderful event celebrating our nation's military," said Yankee Air Museum's Curatorial Director Julie Osborne. "Receiving care packages and letters from home mean so much to our deployed servicemen and women. With the help of the USPS, the Yankee Air Museum recently sent over 100

care packages to our troops in the Middle East. We are greatly looking forward to celebrating and honoring our veterans at this event."

The event is free and open to the public. After the ceremony, the public is invited to stay at the Yankee Air Museum, a Smithsonian Affiliations member, and visit the Mail Call exhibition, created by the National Postal Museum and circulated by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.

Mail Call explores the history of America's military postal system, and examines how even in today's era of instant communication, troops overseas continue to treasure mail delivered from home. The exhibition tells the fascinating story of military mail and communication – from the American Revolution to current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Yankee Air Museum is the first museum in Michigan hosting the exhibit, where it will be on display until Aug. 6. For more information on the exhibit, visit www.yankeeamuseum.org or www.sites.si.edu.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products, and services to fund its operations.

Yankee Air Museum is located at 47884 D Street, Belleville, on the grounds of historic Willow Run Airport. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (734) 483-4030.

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, July 10 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Administration Building

• Tuesday, July 11 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, July 12 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, July 13 – Keystone Academy Board of Education, 6 p.m., Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 7 p.m., quarterly meeting. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.



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Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 13, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m., showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Hurst. Excused absence C. Hoffman. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 15 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:
5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to accept the Planning Commission Minutes of May 11, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to accept the Fire Department Minutes of March 5, April 2 and May 7, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the Warrants totaling \$229,712.88. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Hurst. Nay: None. Excused absent: C. Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer Report-P. Morgan: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to Receive and File Water & Sewer Report except for Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Police Report - Luke: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to Receive and File Police Report except Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Building/Ordinance Report - C. Hoffman: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to Receive and File Building/Ordinance Report except for Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Fire Report - Januszyk: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to Receive and File Fire Report except for Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Treasurer's Report - P. Morgan: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to Receive and File Treasurer's Report except for Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Supervisor's Report - J. Morgan: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to Receive and File Supervisor's Report except for Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Strawberry Festival starts Friday June 16, 2017

at 12:00 pm until 7:30 pm Sunday, June 18, 2017. Parade is Saturday June 17 at 11:00 am.

B. Conversion Project with DTE to convert all Township street lights to LED is now complete.

C. Firefighter Don LaPorte has completed CPR / Defibrillator training to all Township Employees.

13. Attorney's Report-Young:

A. Motion by Oddy supported by P. Morgan to refer and ask Planning Commission to consider to repeal the Provisionary Center Zoning Ordinance enacted by the Township in 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Retain Hennessey (Township Engineers) to survey and title search of the Octagon building upon the approval of Attorney's Report.

C. Township working with residents who have received late water bills that have been delivered to the Post Office on time.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to amend the Agenda to include a Closed Session: Update status on the FOP Contract. Roll call vote: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Hurst. Nay: None. Excused absence: C. Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Board Response:

15. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve to purchase 2017 Ford F250 Regular Cab 4x4 pickup truck for no more than \$30,000 from Atchinson Ford in Belleville, MI, with Swinson abstaining. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Swinson, supported by Hurst to approve for Firefighters to use Station #1 for their Annual Chicken Broil September 10, 2017 at 12:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve to hire Laura Bratby as a Firefighter pending results from her physical. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve to hire Bradley Hollister as a Firefighter pending results of his physical. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to approve the bid from Absolute Heating and Cooling Inc., to replace the inoperative old furnace system at 23465 Sumpter Road for no more than \$3000. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Announcements:

17. Open Floor:

A. Kim Toms:
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B. Mary Ban:
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C. Jamie Goode

Clarification on the considered repel of Ordinance

D. Jay Bardell

Water Bills delivery

18. Closed Session: Update Status on the FOP Contract

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to go into Closed Session for an update on FOP Contract at 7:11 pm. Roll call: Yes: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Hurst. Nay: None. Excused absence: C. Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by LaPorte to go back into Open Session at 7:22 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

19. Adjournment: Motion by LaPorte, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 7:23 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Township of Sumpter Board of Trustees on June 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

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• **Friday, July 7** – Congresswoman Debbie Dingell presents "Congress in Your Community," from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Dearborn Farmers' Market, 22100 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, and from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Taylor Farmers' market, 12111 Pardee Road, Taylor.

• **Saturday, July 8** – Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue is holding its seventh-annual golf outing fund raiser at Green Oaks Golf Course in Ypsilanti. Information: (734) 461-9458.

• **Saturday, July 8** – You are invited to visit the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Otisville Room at Van Buren Township Hall. All levels of sewers are welcome and there are lots of different projects.

• **Saturday, July 8** – Congresswoman Debbie Dingell presents "Congress in Your Community," from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Ann Arbor Farmers' Market, 315 Detroit Street, Ann Arbor, and then from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Ypsilanti Farmers' Market in Depot Town, 400-698 Rice Street, Ypsilanti.

• **Sunday, July 9** – Southern Echo musical performance from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Thursday, July 13** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. This week it's George Bedard. Free. Horizon Park, Belleville.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

PA 188 of 1954 PROCEEDINGS

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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

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

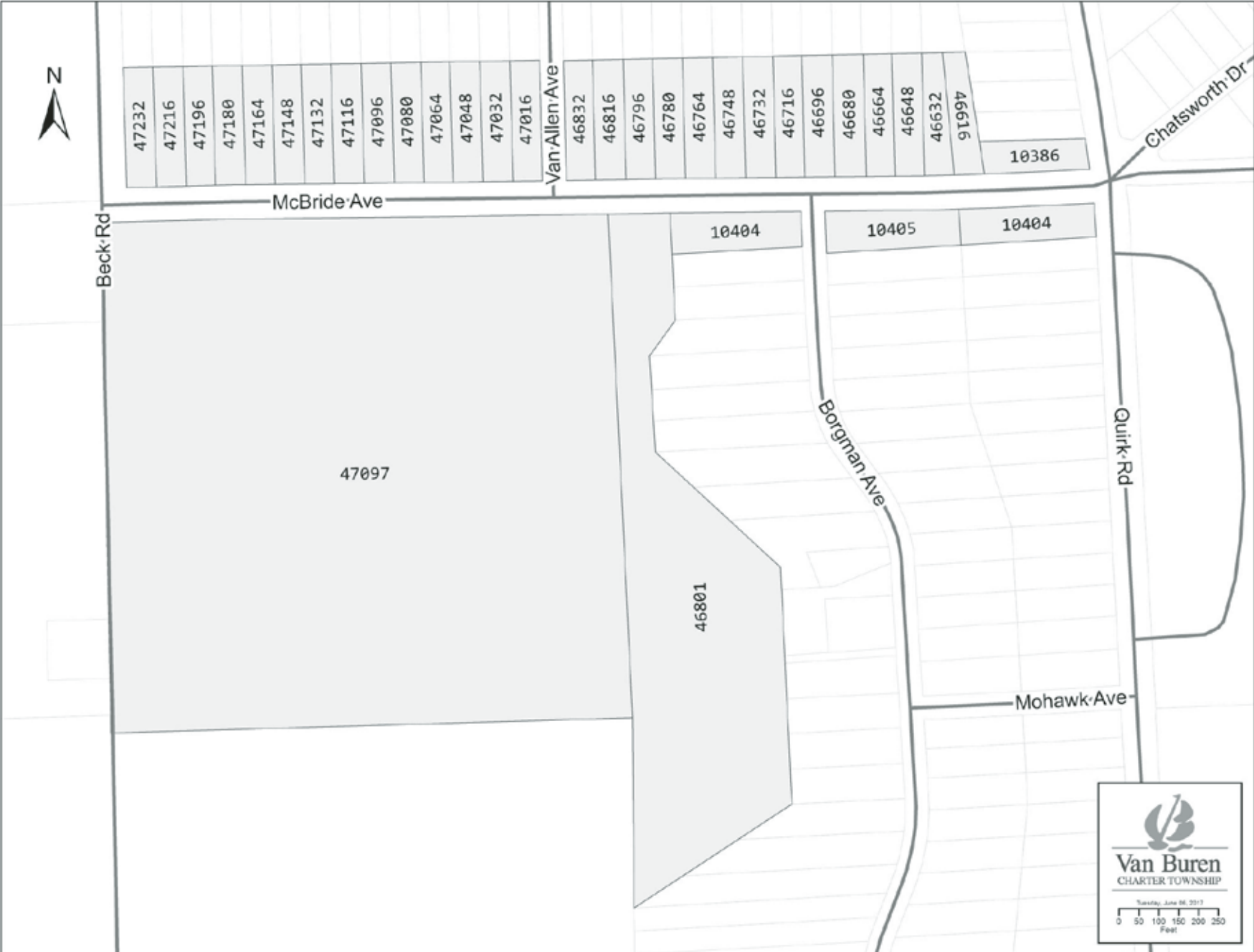
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor and Assessing Officer of the Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the Office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll covering all affected properties within the **MCBRIDE ROAD IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT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

- A. For parcel 83-063-99-0001-000, also known as, 47097 McBride Road which is owned by Van Buren Public Schools, the assessment shall be at \$90,000 as specified in the agreement between Van Buren Public Schools and the Charter Township of Van Buren dated May 25, 2017 and the Van Buren Public Schools Resolution Authorizing a Special Assessment Agreement dated February 27, 2017. The \$90,000 shall be payable in accordance with the above mentioned agreements.
- B. The remaining parcels within district shall be assessed upon a unit basis with each parcel assessed for 1/33 share of the remaining sum. This is estimated to total \$2,891.12 which may be paid by property owners in up to five (5) annual installments of \$578.22 each, plus interest.

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

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll, hearing any objections thereto from the public, and approving the roll. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during business hours of regular business days until the time of the public hearing and may be examined at said hearing. Any owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the haring to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at this hearing may file a written appeal of this special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.

Publish: July 06, 2017; July 13, 2017



Youngsters can join Andy the Ambulance to learn how to call 9-1-1

There are still spaces open for parents to register children ages 4-7 to learn how to call 9-1-1 with Andy the Ambulance.

This a free program put on by Huron

Valley Ambulance that will run from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 17, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, and from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 7, at the Van Buren Township Fire Department.

Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.andycalls911.com.

The interactive program includes emergency dispatchers from Huron Valley

Ambulance and local police stations doing mock 9-1-1 calls with the children.

There also will be a craft station set up for children to create an address magnet for their refrigerators and children can try out real medical equipment while treating a Teddy bear patient.

Ambulance, fire truck, and police car tours will be included.

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City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville JULY BOARD OF REVIEW



The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the City of Belleville will meet at City Hall, 6 Main Street on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting will be to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact.

Property assessments can be changed only for:

1. Homestead exemption status
2. Poverty exemptions

Property owners who believe they qualify under item 1 or 2 should call Belleville City Hall at 734-697-9323 ext. 7016 prior to July 18th.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: July 6, 2017



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Ron and Cindy Lewis of Sumpter Township read their *Independent* as they celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary at Niagara Falls, Canada.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

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

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

The purpose of this meeting will be:

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

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

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Post: July 1, 2017

Publish: July 6, 2017
July 13, 2017

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOMINATING PETITIONS AVAILABLE

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

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

Two (2) City Council Members – Terms ending 2021

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

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

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk

Publish: July 6, 2017
July 13, 2017

Van Buren Township
Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 448 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, June 25:
0002 – family trouble, Assembly St.
0006 – noise complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0050 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0133 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0935 – property damage accident, Hamilton St.
1041 – neighbor trouble, Denton Rd.
1148 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd. / Montague Ave.
1155 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1256 – animal complaint, Birch Dr.
1259 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1310 – neighbor trouble, Ironwood Dr.
1355 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.
1605 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1714 – hold-up alarm, Belleville Rd.
1829 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1839 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1910 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2030 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
2106 – suicidal person, Bemis Rd.
2111 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2154 – noise complaint, Martinsville/Hull
2356 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Monday, June 26:
0031 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
0115 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beacon Trl. / Christina Ln.
0130 – noise complaint, Water’s Edge Ln.
0435 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
1011 – domestic, Maple Dr.
1111 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1113 – disorderly, Sadie Ln.
1120 – ordinance violation, Sadie Ln.
1157 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1225 – intrusion alarm, Belle Pointe Dr.
1317 – property damage accident, Buchanan St.
1344 – juvenile complaint, Ayres Ave.
1402 – fraud, Martz Rd.
1525 – harassment call, Sheldon Rd.
1526 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.
1610 – harassment call, Amanda Dr.
1703 – domestic, Maurice Dr.
1810 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd.
1829 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1939 – neighbor trouble, Tavistock Dr.
1946 – malicious destruction of property, Meadows Cir.
2027 – larceny, Fantastic Sam’s
2033 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service
2136 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robson Rd.
2205 – suspicious person/vehicle, Briar Dr. / Bentley Dr.
2314 – suspicious person/vehicle, Locust/Maple
2339 – 911 welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.
2356 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park

Tuesday, June 27:
0035 – noise complaint, Renton Rd.
0500 – larceny, Lincoln St.
0834 – private property impound, Industrial
0853 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martinsville
1050 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1203 – animal complaint, Parkwood
1315 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / Coolidge St.
1345 – mental subject, McBride Ave.
1440 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse/County Line
1628 – juvenile complaint, Martz Rd./Lohr Rd.
1815 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1937 – larceny, Bemis Rd.
1954 – fight, Haggerty Rd.
2035 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
2231 – hospice death, Western St.
2351 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, June 28:
0018 – juvenile complaint, E. Sadie Ln.
0050 – suspicious person/vehicle, WB I-94/rest area
0321 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0334 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
0341 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0426 – private property impound, Outer Dr.

1004 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1045 – malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.
1352 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
1440 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1454 – private property impound, Van Born
1523 – shooting, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1630 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Pointe Dr.
1655 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
1837 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1902 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1934 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2053 – hospice death, Western St.
2054 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2118 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2140 – ordinance violation, Denton Rd.
2246 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, June 29:
0018 – domestic, Tyler Rd./Parkwood Dr.
0039 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
0116 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0458 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
0930 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0941 – lake emergencies, Martinsville Rd. / Haverhill Rd.
1113 – neighbor trouble, Outer Dr.
1209 – ordinance violation, Hull Rd.
1346 – larceny, Belleville
1356 – ordinance violation, Ecorse Rd.
1432 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1510 – private property impound, Parkwood Dr.
1522 – mental subject, Rogers Ave.
1548 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1549 – trespassing, French Landing Dam
1759 – property damage accident, S. Bellridge Dr.
2017 – assist fire dept., Parkwood Dr.
2139 – disorderly, Christina Ln.
2328 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd
2334 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.

Friday, June 30:
0029 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
0247 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0258 – shooting, Hull Rd.
0307 – malicious destruction of property, Ironwood Dr.
0524 – harassment call, Patty Ln.
0902 – narcotics crime, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0946 – found property/child, Hull Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1004 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1225 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1433 – neighbor trouble, Sandlewood Dr.
1453 – disorderly, Alba Ct.
1623 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1654 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Snow Rd.
1723 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1820 – property damage accident, WB I-94/rest area
1946 – disorderly, E. Huron River Dr.
2038 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2249 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jeremy/Leon
2254 – disorderly, Denton Rd.

Saturday, July 1:
0211 – suspicious person/vehicle, Metro Park Party Store
0303 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake
0315 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0342 – disorderly, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0413 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0419 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0529 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.
0900 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1024 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1256 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1324 – 911 welfare check, Lake Pointe Blvd.
1515 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Timberview
1553 – disorderly, Rawsonville Boat Launch
1711 – domestic, Woodbury Dr.
1713 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1855 – suspicious person/vehicle, McKinley St.
1905 – disorderly, Rawsonville Boat Launch
1936 – domestic, Landmark
1952 – fireworks, Ormond Dr.
2107 – fraud, Samantha Ave.
2109 – noise complaint, Dalton Dr.
2139 – noise complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2143 – fireworks, Beacon Trl.
2153 – fireworks, Wheeler St.
2157 – fireworks, Lily St./Daisy Blvd.
2159 – fireworks, Jackson St.

2215 – fireworks, S. Ponderosa/Willow Way
2228 – fireworks, Harmony Ln/Harbor Ln.
2256 – harassment call, Outer Dr.
2309 – fireworks, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2326 – noise complaint, Belle Pointe Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 125 traffic stops, 16 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police
Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 25:
0149 – warrant arrest, Tyler
0219 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
1612 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1716 – trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.
1810 – civil matter, Main St.
1815 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1920 – trespassing, N. Liberty St.
1940 – domestic, Victorian Ct.
1954 – vehicle lockout, Horizon Park
2214 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

Monday, June 26:
0930 – breaking & entering, W. Columbia Ave.
1051 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
1211 – property check, Light Tower Ct.
1707 – assist other dept., E. Davis St.
1711 – harassment call, Fifth St.
1720 – animal complaint, Santa Clara St.
1757 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1922 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Edgemont
1952 – neighbor trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.
2138 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
2158 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, June 27:
0046 – warrant arrest, Main St.
0256 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1208 – fraud, E. Waterbury Ct.
1428 – larceny, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1504 – harassment call, Fifth St.
1613 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2303 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, June 28:
0049 – domestic, Henry St.
1117 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1133 – civil matter, Astor Pl.
1421 – domestic, Carmell St.
2018 – ordinance violation, High St./Main St.
2112 – road hazard, E. Huron River Dr./Biggs Ave
2241 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.

Thursday, June 29:
0059 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
0113 – assist other dept., Henry St.
1034 – found property/child, Belleville Library
1526 – domestic, Carmell St.

Friday, June 30:
0149 – warrant arrest, Michigan Ave.
1017 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, South St.
1501 – 911 welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
1510 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1549 – 911 welfare check, Fourth St.
1754 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1824 – intrusion alarm, N. Liberty St.
1946 – civil matter, Carmell St.
2033 – found property/child, Sumpter Rd.
2252 – misc. complaint, Main St.

Saturday, July 1:
0115 – disorderly, Main St.
0535 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
1028 – assist fire dept., Main St./Roys St.
1206 – traffic offense, Capistrano Ct.
1542 – vehicle lock out, South St.
1610 – property check, Horizon Park
1913 – trespassing, Doane’s Landing
2021 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
2149 – fireworks, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2202 – fireworks, Loza Ln.
2210 – fireworks, Potter Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 70 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township
Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 25:
0019 – breaking & entering report, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0025 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.

0443 – property damage accident, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1137 – property damage accident, Rustic Ln.
1142 – death investigation, 5400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1244 – found property, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1507 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1940 – civil dispute, Hampshire
2009 – ordinance violation, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
2135 – assist other agency, out of township

Monday, June 26:
0101 – family trouble, Carriage Ln.
0936 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1016 – alarm, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
1041 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1222 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.
1253 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1332 – alarm, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1709 – well-being check, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2223 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2247 – suspicious incident, Carriage Ln.
2337 – suspicious vehicle, Oakville Waltz/Clark
2350 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Tuesday, June 27:
0252 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
0815 – malicious destruction of property, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1208 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1307 – larceny, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1901 – reckless driver, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2009 – disorderly person, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Wednesday, June 28:
1035 – alarm, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1139 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1620 – suspicious vehicle, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
1812 – citizen assist, Bemis/Savage
1935 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2005 – juvenile complaint, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2021 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2102 – suspicious vehicle, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2317 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Thursday, June 29:
0241 – property damage accident, 25000 bl. Karr
0956 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1043 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1152 – disorderly person, Third St.
1255 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1458 – well-being check, New Mexico
1515 – harassment complaint, 18000 bl. Morton
1515 – property damage accident, Willis / Rawsonville
1806 – subpoena service, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1827 – subpoena service, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
2140 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Friday, June 30:
0228 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1025 – mental health commitment, Virginia
1051 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1236 – alarm, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1449 – subpoena service, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1646 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1755 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
1957 – animal complaint, Arkona/Martinsville
2101 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2159 – fireworks complaint, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
2317 – assault, Rustic Ln.

Saturday, July 1:
0035 – warrant arrest pick up, Edgewood
0317 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
0350 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
0638 – alarm, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0810 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
0943 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1243 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1344 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1355 – well-being check, Washington
1531 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2029 – trespassing complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2041 – larceny, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2212 – fireworks complaint, 17000 bl. Martinsville
2341 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.

Also on this week’s log are seven follow-up investigations, 45 miscellaneous details, 94 patrol checks, and 23 traffic stops.

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'American Pickers' television series to film in Michigan in August

Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team plan to film episodes of the television series "American Pickers" throughout Michigan in August and they hope people in the Belleville area will participate.

"American Pickers" is a documentary series that explores the world of antique

"picking." The show follows Mike and Frank, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They like to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items.

The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

"American Pickers" is looking for leads and wants to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send them your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to:

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Our Seniors are giving back to the community with their own project: filling backpacks with school supplies for children in need. These backpacks will be presented at our Mission Day event!

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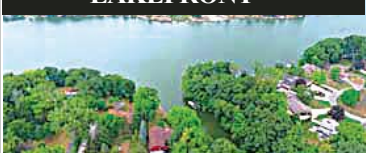
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42494 E HURON RIVER DR VAN BUREN
UNREAL PANORAMA OF BELLEVILLE LAKE - 194 FT FRONTAGE. 3 Bedroom 3 Bath Brick Home with Glass Wall Great Room, Stone Wall Fireplace, Finished Basement, 2 1/2 Car Att Garage + 30x35 2 Story Work House, Huger Deck, Heated Inground Pool, Boat House, Docks and Seawall WOW! \$559,900

LAKEFRONT



43989 S I-94 SERVICE DR, VAN BUREN
PROFESSIONALLY DESIGNED for Optimum Living and Lakefront Enjoyment. Features 4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, Two Fireplaces, Two Kitchens, Central Vacuum, 1.63 Acres with more than 182 Feet of Lake Frontage with Newer Seawall. 2 1/2 Car Attached Garage Plus Large Heated Workshop. \$575,000

LAKEFRONT



95 POTTER, BELLEVILLE
LIKE BEING ON VACATION Every Day of the Year! Updated Belleville Lake Home. Offering New Sunlight Bright Kitchen, All Appliances, Open Floor Plan, Bamboo Floors, Family Room with Fireplace, Four Seasons Room, Skylights, Private Balcony, Attached Garage. Great for Entertaining. \$229,500

LAKEFRONT



40566 ALDEN, VAN BUREN
MILES OF STYLE in this Outstanding Waterfront Home. Large Yard, Waterfront Dock, and Decks. Open Kitchen-Dining-Family Room Area with Fireplace. 2 1/2 Car Detached Garage with Extra Attached Carport Space. More than 2,100 square feet with Room for Everyone. ENJOY THE LAKE at \$325,000

1.5 ACRES - 4 LOTS



13130 HANNAN, VAN BUREN
SOLID BRICK - Move in ready 4 bedroom 2 bath 1.5 Story Home sits on 1.5 acres Total and includes 4 LOTS. 2nd kitchen upstairs plus living room and private exterior entrance. Newer windows, furnace, and updated electric and plumbing. 2 1/2 Car detached garage. Bright, Clean & Large Basement. \$175,000

LIKE NEW - FULL BRICK



14205 BRIAR, VAN BUREN
MUST SEE FIRST! Custom Built FULL BRICK Ranch. This home offers 3 Bedrooms, 2 Full and 2 Half Baths, Open Computer Area with Hardwood Floors, Partially Finished Basement, LOWDOWN DTE BILLS. Large Rear Yard on a Corner Lot with Covered Deck. It's LIKE NEW plus OVERSIZED 25x25 Garage. \$250,000.

1,920 SF GARAGE



21381 ELWELL, SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
IMPRESSIVE 3 Bedroom Vinyl Ranch with Open Kitchen, Large Dining Area, Family Room with Fireplace, New Roof (2015), New Furnace (2015) and Air Conditioning (2015). Double Driveway, Pond, PLUS 1,920 Square Foot 2 Story Heated Garage on Almost 1 Acre. IT'S A WINNER \$179,900

MOVE RIGHT IN



45445 WILLIS, SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
E-Z LIVING In this Affordable 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath 1.5 Story Home. Basement, Open Living Room, Dining Room, New Carpet and Fresh Paint, Large Laundry Room Plus Big Basement. 2 Car Detached Garage, Generator System and Large Lot. Paved Street - Priced to Sell and CLEAN, CLEAN, CLEAN at \$139,900.

FINISHED BASEMENT



8711 MEADOW SPRINGS, SUMPTER
QUALITY BUILT CUSTOM RANCH Home on almost an Acre. Beautiful Master Suite with Jacuzzi and Custom Shower. Many upgrades include 5 Skylights, 10 Foot Ceilings, Hardwood Floors, Gas Fireplace, Central Air, Full Finished Basement, Deck, 2 1/2 Car Attached Garage. \$289,900

7,000+ SQUARE FEET



6397 MIDDLEBELT, ROMULUS
HIGH TRAFFIC MIDDLEBELT ROAD as a Direct Route to Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Large 7,000+ Square Foot Building with Additional Storage Area. Zoned C-2 General Business, Huge Open Floor Area with many Possibilities. Corner Location on 3 Lots and Large Parking Lot. Just \$229,900

AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
RAWSONVILLE & JUDD 78 AC \$400,000
TORREY 2.48 ACRES PERC & SURVEY \$48,000
SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
45885 BEMIS PAVED BUIDABLE LOT \$25,000
VACANT KARR ROAD 5 ACRES \$35,000

AUTO REPAIR DEARBORN HTS \$45,000
42915 WILLIS 4 SPLITS \$30,000 & \$40,000
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

49317 ARKONA 40.28 ACRES \$180,000
BEMIS 6 AC PENDING \$65,000 EACH
VINING AND SIBLEY 21+ ACRES \$450,000
WILLOW ROAD 1.36 ACRES \$15,000
26405 KARR 5 ACRES 162X1308 \$33,000
26455 KARR 5 ACRES 162X1308 \$33,000

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
45109 S SERVICE DRIVE HUGE FRONTAGE 2.29 ACRES. BEST LOCATION \$274,900
MORTON TAYLOR 1.8 ACRES \$40,000
47441 MARTZ ROAD 17+ ACRES \$176,000
VACANT BOG ROAD .55 ACRES \$29,750

VACANT BOG ROAD 1.36 ACRES \$30,000
VACANT BOG RD 12.83 ACRES \$129,000
739 SAVAGE PAVED ST 1.02 ACRES \$35,000
HURON TOWNSHIP
26129 LEONTINE DOUBLE LOT \$24,000
GRANT ROMULUS 1.8 ACRES LT IN \$72,000

RED HOT SUMMER SALE

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XLT 4x4
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AWD
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