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Independent photo by Bob Mytych

After last Thursday's walk over the Belleville Bridge, the walkers paused for a photo before heading off to the Taste of Belleville. In front are those dressed as Rosie the Riveters, who were honored at the Bridge Walk. The youngest "Rosie" is in a stroller.

## VB School Board to settle law suit brought by Savage teachers

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Sherry Frazier was at Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education to ask members if the Civil Rights law suit brought by four Savage Elementary school teachers in May 2016 had been settled yet.

Frazier, who is an elected Van Buren Township trustee, had also been an elected school board trustee until she resigned under pressure over a perceived conflict of interest over the paving of McBride Road. She waited until the very end of Monday's meeting to ask her question.

"It's the last meeting before school starts

and I hoped for a report on the Savage lawsuit against the district," she said, adding she was hoping for transparency and the district is going down a path not in the best interests of the students.

"Every dollar counts," Frazier stated. "We've wasted a lot of time and money. We paid for deposing new teachers, parents, board members, spouses of teachers.

"Supt. Kudlak drove to Bloomfield Hills to listen to the depositions and when he couldn't be present, he read the depositions.

"The board has spent numerous hours in executive sessions with attorneys present. It's unfortunate we had to go there. The

public has to rise up and say: no more," she said.

Frazier said the district has spent in excess of \$500,000 on this law suit.

Board President Keith Johnston said Frazier knows they can't talk publicly about what goes on in closed-door sessions.

But School Supt. Pete Kudlak cut in.

"We have an agreement in concept and they're working out the paperwork," Supt. Kudlak said. He told the *Independent* they hoped the agreement would be on the agenda of the Sept. 11 board meeting.

"I want to get this settled as much as anyone," stated Johnston, who was not on the board when the law suit was brought.

He said Supt. Kudlak came into this situation that was a mess and spent a lot of time on it. Kudlak was hired after the suit had been filed.

Frazier, who was on the school board at the time but was not named in the suit, had

been in many of the closed-door sessions on the issue.

"I tried to get four to settle, but three board members dug in their heels," Frazier said. "Two are here tonight and one is not here."

She referred to board members Kelly Owen and Alison Bennett, who were present, and Kevin English, who was absent. They all

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# SECOND FRONT PAGE

## Sumpter to opt out of new MMFLA law for marijuana dispensaries

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

If the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees approves the second reading of a new ordinance at its next meeting on Sept. 12, it will be the first municipality in the tri-community to officially opt out of the state's new Michigan Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA).

At its regular meeting Aug. 22, the Sumpter board voted unanimously to approve the first reading of an ordinance to amend the current zoning ordinances regarding the use and operation of medical marijuana facilities, as recommended by the planning commission.

The ordinance was explained as being to finish work started in the past to add medical marijuana language to the language for each zoning district under the Michigan Marijuana Act.

But, it is more than that.

While there has been little public discussion before the Sumpter board about the MMFLA that takes effect in December, this ordinance definitely declares that Sumpter is opting out of the state law that allows dispensaries.

The Purpose of this ordinance explains in the beginning that it allows medical marijuana caregiver facilities in certain zoning classifications.

Then, "... That notwithstanding any language contained in any Township Ordinance to the contrary, it is the intent and official action of the Township of Sumpter, to clearly elect not to participate in any manner and not to be a part of any permitted use, uses, or operations that may be allowed under the State of Michigan Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act, being Public Act 281 of 2016 (MMFLA). By enactment of this Ordinance, the Township of Sumpter does absolutely and effectively opt out of any participation under the MMFLA."

At its Aug. 22 meeting, the township board



Sumpter Township Fire Fighter William Simmons retired from the fire department as of Sept. 1 and he was honored at the township board meeting on Aug. 22. From left are union president Eric Long, Simmons, Fire Chief Joseph Januszyk, and Trustee Don LaPorte, who also is a fire fighter.

also:

- Voted unanimously to purchase and install one handicapped-accessible door on the west entrance of the township hall at a cost of \$2,920.60 from Michigan Commercial Door, which had the lower of two bids. The door will have push buttons on the inside and outside of the door and two handicapped parking signs will be placed at parking spaces outside the door in the parking lot. Sumpter Township attorney Rob Young said the installation of the door was on hold waiting for federal Community Development Block Grant funds to come in. He said February or March was too soon to get bids which are good for only so long. He said the funds were released in July. "This idea has been in place for six, seven,

eight months," Young said. The lack of such a door had been an issue in the 2016 election;

- Approved the retirement, with regrets, of fire fighter William Simmons effective Sept. 1;

- Approved the hiring of David Behrendt as a fire fighter pending outcome of his physical evaluation. He said he has lived in Sumpter for 90% of his life. He introduced his wife and three children;

- Approved the first reading of the repeals of Section 6.55 and portions of Sections 4.15.2 and 4.16.2 of the Sumpter Township Zoning Ordinance, as recommended by the planning commission. At a recent meeting Young said those sections referencing placement of provisionary centers were

enacted when the township thought it knew what the state was going to do on Medical Marijuana and it was wrong. They do not make sense and need to be repealed, he said;

- Heard Fire Chief Januszyk remind everyone that the annual chicken broil will be at noon, Sept. 10, at the Sumpter Fire hall. Tickets are \$10 each;

- Heard Supervisor John Morgan announce that Bemis Road is being paved; three flagpoles have been installed in front of township hall for the American, State, and Sumpter flags and lights are being installed; and everyone is welcome to the Aug. 27 ice cream social from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Moose Lodge;

- Heard Trustee Don Swinson announce it is a Fusion not a Focus that is being given away by Atchinson and the Chamber of Commerce. He reminded everyone that the 22<sup>nd</sup>-annual Don Rochon Memorial Car Show is Sept. 17;

- Heard Trustee Don LaPorte report he looked into possible delays of the Huron Valley Ambulance caused by the closure of the Waltz Road Bridge. He got a letter from HVA that said it is able to post mapping changes and route around any closures. It also has changed where it is staging the ambulances and has an improved response time of 30 seconds faster than before the bridge closing. HVA reported it had a 12-minute response time 90% of the time;

- Heard State Rep. Joe Bellino, R-Monroe, who represents Sumpter in Lansing, announce his presence at the meeting and offer to stay after the meeting to answer any questions or concerns people may have; and

- Went into closed-door session to discuss the Aug. 21 attorney's opinion letter on 19435 Sumpter Road and to discuss an update on the Fraternal Order of Police contract negotiations.

## VBT DDA gets report on Belleville Road Placemaking project

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

The asbestos removal is complete and it will take about a month to have the buildings torn down so the reconstruction of the old Albert Harris home at 10101 and 10151 Belleville Road can begin.

"It looks like a war zone," said Susan Ireland, executive director of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority.

Ireland gave a report on progress of the Belleville Road Placemaking project at the DDA's regular meeting Aug. 22.

She presented a preliminary drawing of

what the new building could look like and showed samples of the exterior colors and some interior colors. Ireland said Wakely Associates/Architects of Warren, advised her that they planned to submit full civil drawings to the township's planning department on Aug. 25. This will generate the scheduling of a staff review meeting.

Ireland said there has been some redesigning, with the house and garage now being connected. And, the stone has changed for the exterior and colors changed. She showed the carpet with a random design.

She said the interior designer is coming

the following week.

Ireland said they saved some things from the old house, including glass door knobs, a couple of doors, the mantle off the fireplace, and a large wooden toy. They also found a raccoon skeleton.

The plan is that the former house would end up looking like a lodge that would beckon those walking along Belleville Road to stop and sit in the quiet gardens and participate in activities in the meeting rooms and work shops. It was estimated to be a \$2 million project.

### LEDs for street lights?

Ireland also reported on her consultations

with DTE about retrofitting the lighting fixtures on the Belleville Road streetscape lampposts to get LEDs, which take less power to operate.

She said because they are teardrop fixtures affixed to the arms, the DDA would have to buy new arms and fixtures and can't just plug in the new lights.

She said the cost would be \$142,142 for this and it would be a 4.3-year payback, but it would be an annual savings of \$25,000.

The DDA now pays an electric bill of \$59,000 annually and it would be \$25,000 after the conversion.

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# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### It's Air Show week end in Belleville

It starts with the loud practice flights over the tri-community. On Friday, the World War II reenactors in U.S. and German uniforms convoy into town at around 6 p.m. for a pretend fight to save the museum from the Germans. Lots of shooting. Children hold their ears and cry. Older folks smile and frown at seeing the familiar weapons and uniforms.

Main Street will be closed from Third to Fifth and there will be no curbside parking in that expanse before and during the battle.

After all the battling, the dead soldiers get up and everyone can gather around to inspect the tanks and other old vehicles. Then, the convoy heads back over the bridge through Van Buren Township to Willow Run Airport.

The big shows at Willow Run are on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

Police say you'll hit less traffic by entering the airport from the west, but an eastern entry is also possible. There are many things to do and see inside the air show grounds.

But, the word around town is that the boaters on Belleville Lake have the best seats of all. Watch for heavy water traffic this week end.

The Navy's Blue Angels are the big stars of the show, but there are lots of other performers. Rides are being offered on Yankee Air Force planes, as well. This year, the World War II reenactment at the airport will include what is called "the largest paratroop drop in the world."

Enjoy the show by just looking up.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

For some reason I called the "eclipse" an "equinox" in the headline of last week's editorial on this page. That is stupid. I know the difference, but I made the error, anyway, and I apologize.

When I was working at a daily paper in Colorado, we celebrated the vernal equinox by balancing a raw egg on its end in the newsroom. Those of us in the newsroom were told you could only do that on the equinox and we believed it. I really have never tried to balance a raw egg on other days. Should have tried it during the eclipse.

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I was listening to the police/fire scanner at about 9:30 the morning of Sunday, Aug. 20, when I heard an incident that caught my attention. A family in the 32000 block of Prescott in Huron Township had let their dog out the back door and it didn't come back as usual.

They looked out the front window of their home and saw the dog lying in the bushes covered with yellow jackets. They called the police and the police called the fire department and the dog was rescued.

It turned out the dog's chain lead was twisted in the bushes and he couldn't get out. The fire fighters sprayed the dog with water and pulled it to safety.

They took the dog to the vet and it is doing fine. It had a hundred stings, said Mark Perkins, Huron Township's Deputy Police Chief.

I called Mark for information since I've known him for more than 20 years. Mark was Van Buren Police Chief in the olden days. Now he works for Huron Township and also has been a U.S. Marshal for more



than five years.

I appreciate him taking time out of his very busy day to hunt up the details of the yellow jacket attack. I was worried about the dog.

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At Monday's school board meeting, School Supt. Pete Kudlak reported that officials from Van Buren Township told him they wouldn't be working on the paving of McBride until the spring. It had been scheduled for work this fall.

McBride is the hole-filled gravel roadway in front of McBride Middle School and the school district paid its share of \$90,000 to get it paved. The rest of the property owners on McBride also are paying for the paving.

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Also at Monday's school board meeting, Supt. Kudlak said he went to band camp last Thursday and there 306 students in the band and about 40 volunteers. Later, a parent said there were 308 members of the band. Whatever. That's a HUGE band.

Supt. Kudlak also said after band camp last Thursday, he went to the Tiger Varsity football game at U of M stadium with Jeff Moore. He said he was proud of the BHS team that came from behind to win the game. He was especially thrilled to be able to walk on the field with Moore. He said that's the first time he ever got to walk on that field.

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Parent Angela Mears told the school board

she was disappointed that a student point-kicker had to choose being playing on the football team or his soccer game, which was the same time. He chose the football game, but she said he shouldn't have to choose.

Supt. Kudlak said most schools don't let students participate in two varsity sports at the same time, so there are no choices to make.

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A 94-year-old woman from Van Buren Township said she was in Walmart last week and a blonde lady in line behind her paid for her \$37 purchase. She said she had mostly groceries, but also a bottle of wine. She said she was very surprised.

"I've heard about it, but my gosh!" she said of someone paying someone else's bill.

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I was sorry to hear of the passing of Cynthia Enzenauer. I remember years ago when Cynthia was a school bus driver for the Van Buren Schools. She told me about how the bus drivers see which kids need coats and other necessities and then often dig into their pockets to supply what is needed. Bus drivers see the kids every day and get to know the family stories. Cynthia was one of those angels who really cared for her kids. RIP



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# Letters

## Thank you, Jerry Bies, for speaking up

To the editor:

I would like to say a special thank you to Mr. Jerry Bies for speaking up and putting in a big effort into getting Bemis Road paved. There should be more people speaking up and putting in the effort into getting our roads fixed.

I have been complaining about Belleville roads for a while and what roads have been done Davenport has done a fine job.

Please, help me speak up. I have been complaining about Savage, Haggerty, and Willis Road west of Sherwood. Nothing has happened, yet they paved part of Judd and the subdivision. (Wonder who owns that or whose relative lives there.) Judd should have been paved all the way down to Rawsonville.

I have also complained about the trees overhanging into the roads and at certain intersections you have to pull up to see oncoming traffic.

Please call or email Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous, (313) 224-0944, [ahaidous@waynecounty.com](mailto:ahaidous@waynecounty.com) to help speak up.

Thanks to everyone involved.

W. Allen

## Everyone needs helping hand now and then

To the editor:

Another blessing within a short time.

I was driving my handicap van to pick up a client when I ran out of gas. When the gas gauge is not accurate I try to keep it full. But, I had forgotten to get some gas.

I was on West Huron River Drive, east of Rawsonville near Farm Road. A nice lady stopped and said, "Can I help you?" She said she thought she could help. She thought she had some gas at home.

Another fella in a red truck stopped also. Then this fella named Pat drove up on his four-wheeler with the biggest gas can I had ever seen. He said the lady didn't have gas, so she sent him. A heaven-sent.

I am proud I live in Sumpter and Belleville where they really care. And, I think they should be recognized for their good deeds.

I hope I can carry on helping people. Everyone needs a helping hand now and then.

Thanks be to God.

Charlie Crispell  
 Sumpter Township

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## League of Women Voters take part in sale

To the editor:

The League of Women Voters, Belleville Unit, is participating in the Belleville City-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, Sept. 9. We will be located at the Law office of Barbara Rogalle Miller at 321 Main, between Citizen's Insurance and the Coldwell Banker Building (formerly Century 21).

We are asking community members for donations of collectibles, costume jewelry, dishes, small kitchen items, counter-top kitchen appliances, books, small hand tools, small items of furniture and the like. All items must be in working condition.

We will not accept clothes, shoes and large furniture or appliances. No broken or upholstered furniture. All items must be reasonably clean. We reserve the right to refuse items.

We will start accepting items on Friday afternoon, Sept. 8 at 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Saturday morning until 11 a.m.

Money raised from the yard sale donations will be used for Voter Education.

If you have any questions, please call Virginia Belinski at (734) 461-6630.

Barbara Rogalle Miller  
 Belleville

## Community Baby Shower set for Sept. 16

To the Editor:

It was an amazing event to see the total eclipse. (Here in our area only 80% was visible.) Nevertheless, what an opportunity of a life time which many of us will not see again.

The September Days Senior Center provided a venue to observe this phenomenal event along with light refreshments and protective glasses.

A special thank you for all who worked to make Eclipse Day possible for us to ooh and ahh!

In other news, Saturday, Sept. 16, will be the 3<sup>rd</sup>-annual Community Baby Shower being held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, across from Burger King in Belleville, MI. This Shower benefits First Step, an organization that aids in helping survivors of abuse and violence.

The event starts at 11:30 a.m. and runs to 2:30 p.m. Ms. Hilary Hitte from First Step will be our speaker. This event is Free and open to women 18 and up.

Please, bring NEW, unwrapped baby items: diapers, blankets, socks and clothes from infant to toddlers, baby bottles, wash cloths and other baby items. For more information go to <http://carstillwagonpublishing.com>. The shower is sponsored by Carstill Wagon Publishing.

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Note: If you cannot attend the shower, you can donate checks, gift cards to: FIRST STEP Wayne, 4400 Venoy Road, Wayne, MI 48184.

Marian Caldwell  
 Van Buren Township





Gabriel Anthony Benitez

## Gabriel Anthony Benitez of Belleville buried Monday in Brighton

Gabriel Anthony Benitez, 29, of Belleville, who died after being hit by a car on I-94 near Romulus on Aug. 21, was buried Monday in Brighton.

Lt. Michael Shaw, public information officer for the Michigan State Police, said it is his department's policy not to confirm identification of accident victims, but Benitez's friends identified him as dying in that crash. Lt. Shaw said MSP are investigating the accident and have nothing new to report.

Benitez was born April 7, 1988, in Wyandotte to Gabriel A. and Anne M. (MacLellan) Benitez. He married the love of his life Gabrielle Lexus Johnson on May 27, 2011 in Detroit. They had three daughters, Isabella Monay, Emeteria Maria, and Gianna Alexandra. He also is survived by his siblings Carly Marie Benitez, Juan Diego Benitez, Mary Jessie (Tom) Katsahnia, and Christina Margaret Benitez.

Visitation was Sunday at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel (734-449-0060). A Mass of the Christian Burial was said Monday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Brighton and he was laid to rest in Holy Spirit Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family for the education of Gabriel's children.

## VBT to test emergency sirens with annual three-minute blast

Van Buren Township will be testing the emergency sirens this Saturday at 1 p.m. with the annual three-minute test. The test on the first Saturday of the month is usually one minute.

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## Obituaries



Sandra Kay Frey

### **SANDRA KAY FREY**

(September 30, 1958 - August 28, 2017)

Sandra Kay Frey, age 58, long-time resident of Belleville, MI, passed away at her home, after a four-year battle with cancer. She was born September 30, 1958 in South St. Paul, Minnesota, daughter of Leo Friar and Bernice Mildred (Rabold) Shellenbarger.

Mrs. Frey retired from Arbor Drugs, now CVS, after 20 years as a cashier and aid to numerous customers and friends. She was an instrumental part of her and her husband Rev. James A. Frey's church, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Belleville. She enjoyed reading mystery novels, baking, and loved being a grandmother.

Sandy is survived by her husband of nearly 38 years, Rev. James A. Frey; four children Melissa (Rev. Matthew) Minzlaff of Tomah, Wisconsin, Rev. Daniel (Angela) Frey of Lees Summit, Missouri, Rev. David (Heidi) Frey of Mission Viejo, California, and Rachel (Michael) Wirth of Belleville, MI; 12 grandchildren and one on the way; her mother Bernice Shellenbarger of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota; brother Craig (Beth) Shellenbarger of Eagen, Minnesota; also numerous extended family, church family, and friends. She was preceded in death by her father Leo Shellenbarger in 1986.

Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. She will be In-State 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 31, 2017 at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, 47445 W. Huron River Dr., Belleville, with a 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass, followed by a luncheon in the church fellowship hall. Interment will be in Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park, Livonia at 2:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, and would be appreciated.

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Cynthia Marie Enzenauer

### **CYNTHIA M. ENZENAUER**

(December 9, 1942 - August 28, 2017)

Cynthia Marie Enzenauer, age 74, long-time Van Buren Township resident, passed away Monday, August 28, 2017, at her home, surrounded by family. She was born December 9, 1942 in Detroit, MI, daughter of Albert & Mary Agnes (Pachy) Owens.

Cynthia drove a school bus for Van Buren Public Schools for 34 years. She enjoyed time with friends, and cherished time with her grandchildren. She is survived by 4 children: John Albert (Mary) Enzenauer of Carp Lake, MI, Kathleen Ann Merritt of Holly, MI, David Charles (Wendy) Enzenauer of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Karen Marie (Gregory) Soper of Belleville; 5 grandchildren: Heiner (Sina) Enzenauer of Germany, Matthew Soper of Belleville, MI, Tyler Merritt of Texas, Ashley (Justin) Minkowski of Mt. Morris, MI and Nathan Soper of Belleville, MI, also a brother, Allan (Susan) Owens of Hudsonville, MI. Cynthia was preceded in death by her father Albert Owens, step-father Clifford Prain and grandparents John and Julia Pachy, mother Mary Owens-Prain, sister Juliann McArthur.

Visitation will be Thursday 4-8 p.m. and Friday 2-8 p.m. with a 2:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday, September 2, 2017 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Gordon Moore will officiate. Interment will follow in Otisville Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society and would be appreciated. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

### **THOMAS D. HONEYCUTT**

(May 1, 1963 -- August 24, 2017)

Age 54 of Van Buren Township. Survived by wife Gail, three grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, four siblings. Private burial at Evergreen Cemetery, Alpena. Arrangements by Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Chapel. [www.janowiakfuneralhome.com](http://www.janowiakfuneralhome.com)

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

• **Thursday, Aug. 31** – Michigan Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, will meet with constituents at the Romulus House Restaurant, 9110 Wayne Road, Romulus, at 3 p.m. for a coffee hour. Tell him your concerns about state government.

• **Thursday, Aug. 31** – 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Henry and Friends Dinner Theater Fundraiser for the Belleville Area Museum, 6:30-9:30 p.m., with Russell Dore' at WCCC – Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Township, \$25 per person includes Henry's favorite - breakfast for dinner: eggs, pancakes, sausage, and orange juice.

• **Friday, Sept. 1** – Battle for Belleville, World War II reenactment on Main Street in front of the

Belleville Area Museum, starting around 6 p.m.

• **Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, Sept. 2, 3, 4** – Thunder over Michigan at Willow Run Airport.

• **Sunday, Sept. 3** – Join Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville for a brief ceremony to honor past and present members of the military. Stand to pledge the flag and hear "Taps" played.

• **Saturday, Sept. 9** – You are invited to visit the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Otisville Room at Van Buren Township Hall. All levels of sewers are welcome and there are lots of different projects.

• **Sunday, Sept. 10** – Sumpter Fire Department's annual chicken broil starts at noon at Station #1 at the corner of Sumpter and Kozma roads.

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## More Letters

### Those 'false messages' are the real truths

To the Editor:

In your article dated Aug. 10, 2017, Sumpter Township Supervisor John Morgan and Trustees Don Laporte and Matt Oddy made comments about false messages being passed around the township. But they didn't tell what those false messages, misinformation and lies were. Why? Maybe they don't want the real truths exposed to the public.

If those messages were about misinformation and lies, who said them? Why are they lies and misinformation? If they have facts, bring them. It is my life experience that those that have something to hide will always hid under the cover of darkness and excuses. We are having our flyers vandalized and destroyed by unscrupulous individuals. We have photos of those that are stealing them which is a federal crime. Prison. Free speech is protected by the Constitution.

That old saying if you tell that same lie enough times people will begin to believe them. Good people of Sumpter Township, Michigan, don't continue to be fooled by those that call themselves good stewards, those wolves in sheep's clothing.

My name is Ronald Barrington Robinson and we write news articles concerning the real truths about what is really happening in our township. Our materials are based on facts from Wayne County, Michigan, Circuit Court proceedings, Michigan Department of Civil Rights, FOIAs (Freedom of Information Act) and other verifying facts. We will always stand on the moral high ground.

Who gave the seven members of the present board of trustees the right to make decisions and select appointments without the right of the people/voters to make the free choices that govern them?

These appointments without the voters' consent have been going on for years. It must stop now. Sumpter Township continues to decline as a result.

We must have free elections authorized and supervised by the Wayne County, Michigan, Clerk's office. Without this measure in place Sumpter Township will continue to appoint people that the voters don't want and have rejected. This is not democracy, but Oligarchy.

Research material can be found at the

Wayne County Clerk's office in Detroit, Michigan, at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center lower level, 2 Woodward Ave. The cost to examine material is free. We believe in Democracy, Honesty in Government, Fiscal Responsibility, Transparency, and Integrity. Sumpter Township board meeting are the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6 p.m., 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI.

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### Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, Sept. 5 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting at 4 p.m. and regular meeting at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, Sept. 6 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.

- Monday, Sept. 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons

- Tuesday, Sept. 12 – Van Buren Township Senior Center Endowment Committee at 11 a.m. Also, VBT 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, Sept. 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday, Sept. 14 – Keystone Academy Board of Education, 6 p.m., Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, Sept. 18 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Sept. 19 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, Sept. 20 -- Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m. Also, special meeting at the Huron Township Hall at 6:30 p.m. for the public to get information on the replacement of the Waltz Road Bridge.

- Monday, Sept. 25 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons

- Tuesday, Sept. 26 – Van Buren Township

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting at 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 6:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, Sept. 27 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, Oct. 2 – Van Buren Township

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- Tuesday, Oct. 3 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, Oct. 4 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.

- Monday, Oct. 9 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School

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## VBT DDA

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VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara, who sits on the DDA, asked why she is using DTE and Ireland said, "They service our lights."

"The only thing we pay for is when someone runs into a pole," Ireland said.

DDA Ron Blank said in one of his mobile home communities, they bid it out. He said he was curious whether the \$59,000 was for more than electrical usage.

Ireland said that it was just for electricity. The maintenance fee has already been paid off. She was asked if it was for the "lifetime" of the poles and she said she would check.

Blank said his company is dealing with an electric company out of Dundee. "They would come in and explain your options," he said.

"We did that, too," said DDA chairman Craig Atchinson, referring to his Ford dealership. He said they could have hired DTE and paid triple the price.

Blank said there are other options for the streetlights. But, he conceded, the price could be the same.

"If you want the name [of the company], I'll give it to you," Blank offered.

"Not retrofit?" commented Atchinson. "Come on. Everything is retrofit ... It's just the wiring."

"Ours are very special," Ireland said of the light poles. She asked if the DDA wanted to pursue LED and there was unofficial consent for her to get more information.

DDA member Mark Laginess agreed, "In three years we're saving money."

In other business at the Aug. 22 meeting,

the DDA:

- Heard Ireland report that there is still an expectation that the Michigan Department of Transportation will have a final meeting at the end of October or beginning of November on the proposed pedestrian overpass on Belleville Road. She said bidding should occur in February 2018, with construction in the spring;

- Learned Ireland would give the DDA budget presentation to the township board at its 4 p.m. Sept. 5 work/study session;

- Heard Supervisor McNamara say that morning he hosted the Wayne County Commission's budget session at Grace Lake. He said 20 people showed up and usually there are 50 to 100. Ireland showed the video presentation McNamara gave promoting VBT. He said Ireland wrote the words and he presented the township promotion. There was a plan to put that on YouTube; and

- Heard Assistant DDA Director Lisa Lothringergiveareport onhermany township promotions, press releases, advertisements, grant applications, and a proposal to help start a Van Buren Magazine to promote the township. She also asked to spend up to \$3,000 on autumn decorations for the Quirk Triangle and got unanimous approval from the DDA board. She will purchase two eight-foot, lighted (orange or purple) "twig" trees and one silhouette pumpkin with no face from Bronner's Christmas Store in Frankenmuth. The decorations are to connect the VBT DDA with the month-long celebration of "Booville" taking place over the bridge in the City of Belleville in October. The autumn decorations will be swapped out for the winter decorations after Thanksgiving, she said.

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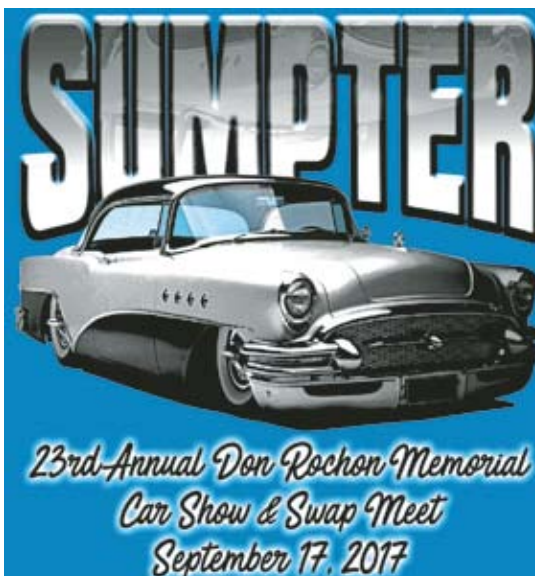
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# School Board

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had been named as defendants in the suit.

"We should not be using the taxpayer money for this. It needs to be used in the classroom," Frazier said.

On June 3, 2016 an employment discrimination law suit was filed in federal court by four Savage Elementary School teachers against the Van Buren Public School District, the school board (except for Frazier), former School Supt. Michael Van Tassel, former Savage Principal Amy Gee, and Curriculum Director Jeff Moore.

Filing the suit were teachers -- Pamela Bradley, Michelle Komaromi, Brent Held, and Rebecca Tennis -- who had been walked out of their classrooms in front of their students on charges that amounted to helping students cheat on the M-STEP test.

Parents supported the teachers and students and picketed outside the school. A Savage Strong website was set up to support the teachers and to send out reports to the public on what was going on at the school board meetings. The person who set up Savage Strong website was one of those recently deposed by the district, as was the husband of the former principal.

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

- Approved hiring LaGarda Security for a two-year contract for security services for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. There were ten proposals and LaGarda was recommended by Abdul Madyun, director of human resources. A prior contract with another firm, that expired this summer, paid workers \$16 per hour and the new awarded contract will be an hourly rate of \$17.15, which is an additional security cost

of about \$11,200 out of the Buildings and Grounds part of the budget. Chris Brown was present from LaGarda to answer questions and he introduced Andre Guyton who will be operations manager here. There will be one guard each at Owen and McBride and three at the high school. Among other schools serviced by LaGarda are Hamtramck, Chippewa Valley, Grand Blanc, and most recently Jalen Rose Academy in Detroit;

- Watched Director of Curriculum Jeff Moore give a lengthy demonstration of the new district website that was due to go on line Aug. 30. The site by Apptegy, who they paid \$18,000, will have a mobile app and translation into Spanish, among many other features and is said to be more user-friendly. The current website is five years old;

- Approved terminations of two teachers, Patricia Spudich, after four years at Owen, for relocation; and Meghann Ginestet, after two years at Owen, for personal reasons;

- Approved hiring Stephanie Duff as a food service worker at Owen starting Sept. 5;

- Approved hiring the following teachers: Alicia Doty-Densemo as behavior interventionist for the district; Lori Diacono as a speech therapist for the district; Vikki Kasperek, teacher at Edgemont; Melissa Jowett and Bernadette Garren-McDonald, teachers at Owen; Antionette Smith, teacher at McBride; and Erica Johnson, teacher at Tyler/Edgemont;

- Approved a second list of new teacher hires, originally slated for the Sept. 11 meeting: Samantha Banas, Quran Jackson, and Kanika Spears at Owen; Heather Palmer at Savage; Lakisha Lacsamana at BHS; Sarah Garvey at Tyler/Haggerty; and Ryan Kasperski at McBride/Owen; and

- Held closed-door sessions on disciplinary subjects before the regular meeting and at the end of the regular meeting, and then voted to reinstate both students.

## Court Watching:

# Judge Oakley again adjourns exam for James Chapman

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

The long-awaited preliminary exam for James Forrest Chapman had been scheduled for Aug. 23 in 34<sup>th</sup> District Court before Judge Bryan A. Oakley.

But on Aug. 23, Judge Oakley again adjourned the exam, this time until 1 p.m., Oct. 25, in hopes of a "global resolution."

Chapman was to face a felony charge for assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer on June 3, 2016 when he is said to have jumped into Belleville Lake to avoid Van Buren Township police after he and another man both called police about their scuffle.

He also was to face two misdemeanor charges for refusing to give DNA samples after being arrested for a felony. A state law that went into effect Jan. 1, 2015 requires police departments to preserve DNA samples for those arrested for felonies.

One charge was from 2015 and was attached to a felonious stalking charge, which has since been settled, although he's still on probation for that. The other was from last summer's lake-jumping charge.

There had been three DNA refusals by Chapman, but at the last court session before Judge Oakley the judge dismissed the third charge. It had been attached to the lake-jumping felony when it was reissued after being dismissed by circuit court over a jury trial that could not proceed without the police officers that were prosecution witnesses.

But on Aug. 23, Judge Oakley said he just had two files, and he held one up in each hand. One was the felony charge and one was a single DNA refusal charge. There was no explanation of where the second DNA charge went.

Chapman appeared in the courtroom at 11 a.m. for his 10 a.m. preliminary exam. 34<sup>th</sup> Court Chief Judge had pointed out at a

previous court session that Chapman has a problem with being on time.

When his case was called by Judge Oakley at 12:07 p.m., Chapman's court-appointed defense attorney Jeff Chilton stated that another attorney, John Day, was in the audience and he and Day would like an *in-camera* meeting with the judge and Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Greg Akaraz before the case proceeded. Day has represented Chapman in the past, *pro-bono*.

Judge Oakley agreed and the four went into a closed-door meeting in the judge's chambers. Loud laughter could be heard from the judge's chambers from time to time. The judge came out once to retrieve his insulated drinking cup.

After a half hour, the four returned to the courtroom and Chilton, Day, and Chapman went into the hallway to talk.

Chilton then told the judge that after discussion on this matter he believes justice will be best served if the preliminary exam is adjourned in order to come up with a "global resolution." Prosecutor Akaraz agreed.

Judge Oakley set the preliminary exam on the felony for 1 p.m., Oct. 25, along with the single misdemeanor charge.

Chilton said he has a motion to file concerning a speedy trial, which he will do in October.

Prosecutor Akaraz said he assumed that the next nine weeks wouldn't count in the "speedy trial motion" and Chilton said the next nine weeks wouldn't count.

VBT Lt. Charles Bazy is listed as the officer in charge of the case, but Officer Michael Long was present to prosecute the case. Officer David Champagne was present, again, waiting to offer testimony against Chapman, but again was not called to testify.

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# Wayne County decides to replace, not repair Waltz Rd. Bridge

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Wayne County suddenly closed the Waltz Road Bridge in New Boston on June 1. Since then, motorists have been stewing over the long detours coming and going from New Boston – especially since not one bit of work has been done on the bridge since it was closed.

The annual Applefest Parade was cancelled last week because it was deemed unsafe to have the large crowd there with the bridge closed. The rest of the festival on Oct. 7 and 8 will continue as planned.

On Aug. 15, Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous said the repairs to the bridge are taking a lot of time because much engineering work has to be done.

Then on Aug. 23, a news release came from Haidous' office saying the county

decided to replace rather than repair the bridge.

The news release read: "The Waltz Road Bridge in Huron Township will be replaced after further analysis revealed additional work was needed, making replacement more cost-effective than repairs.

"The County closed the 93-year-old bridge on June 1 after an inspection found deterioration to bridge bearings. After further inspection, it was also determined that the bridge deck and steel supports were also in need of repair.

"Following a review of repair and replacement options, the county decided replacement offers the longest life for the bridge while being cost-effective. Replacement gives the bridge a 60-year life span at an estimated cost of \$5.4 million. Repairing the bridge would cost

an estimated \$3.9 million.

"The Roads Division will be issuing request for proposals for the replacement design and construction. The county will work with Huron Township officials during the design phase to coordinate with their downtown revitalization planning. Once construction begins, it is estimated that replacement will take approximately six months.

The bridge is expected to be open by the end of 2018. Pedestrians and bicyclists will have access to the current bridge until construction of the new bridge begins.

"Department of Public Services representatives will attend a town hall meeting hosted by Commissioner Haidous on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall, located at 22950 Huron River Drive in New Boston to

discuss the bridge replacement."

For the next year, motorists are asked to use the following detours:

Southbound: Huron River Drive to Sibley Road, proceed eastbound on Sibley Road to South I-275 to South Huron Road heading west, then take South Huron Road to Waltz Road.

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## Sen. Hopgood praises Penske Logistics' new Romulus center

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The construction of the facility, which will service the Midwest region of the U.S., is expected to create more than 400 new jobs.

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## Sisters both graduate from Eastern Michigan University during 2017

Tim and Karen Marsh, of Van Buren Township, celebrated the graduations of both of their daughters from Eastern Michigan University this year.

Kate Linnaea Marsh, Belleville High School Class of 2012, graduated *summa cum laude* from the Eastern Michigan University Honors College in April 2017. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Music.

Emily Paige Marsh, BHS Class of 2014, graduated *magna cum laude* from EMU in August 2017 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. She graduated with an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Washtenaw Community College in December 2016.

Their parents graduated from BHS in 1979.

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# Musser to be inducted into High School Coaches Hall of Fame

Frank M. Musser, a highly acclaimed swimming and wrestling coach at Belleville High School and North Middle School, will be inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches' Association Hall of Fame.

Musser and 15 other coaches will be formally inducted in ceremonies on Sept. 17 as the Class of 2017 in the Terrace Room of the Bovee University Center on the campus of Central Michigan University.

Musser, who now lives in Russells Point, OH, graduated from Kent State University with a bachelor of science in education in 1971 and was recruited to Belleville High School that same year.

He started the Tiger Diving Club and coached numerous league diving champions and placers, including Barry Susterka, an All-American High School Diver, and Aleta Rice, four-time AIAW Small College All-American at Clarion.

He also coached wrestling and had four straight years of undefeated middle school wrestling teams. Musser had five league championships in 11 years. Nineteen North Middle School wrestlers wrestled in the state meets and seven were All-State.

He earned the Bruce Harland Award in 1979. Musser retired in 2002 after 28 years of coaching – 48 seasons coached.

He and his wife of 45 years, Jacklyn, have three sons. Michael, 40, is a teacher/coach at Belleville High School. Brian,

37, is a former bank mortgage officer who is working on a master's degree in Early Elementary Education and hopes to teach and coach. Gregory, 33, is a teacher/coach at Seymour High School in Seymour, IN.

In the early 1990s, Musser was Junior Warden at Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville and president of two different homeowners' associations.

He earned a double master's degree in physical education and social foundations from Eastern Michigan University.

Musser was nominated for the honor by Charles Smelt of Northville.

The Michigan High School Coaches Association was founded on the campus of Central Michigan University in 1954. The Hall of Fame is located in the Student Activities Center.

People interested in attending may contact Mark Holdren at mholdren@portlandk12.org, 854 Marshall Street, Portland, MI 48875, (517) 526-4575 or the website at mhsca.org .

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The Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter will be holding a couple of pet adoption clinics in September with the first on Sept. 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pet Emporium at 2394 E. Stadium Blvd. in Ann Arbor and on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Petco Pet Store on Warren Avenue across from Westland Mall. Call (734) 461-9458.

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The Van Buren Eagle Rider's Annual Hog Roast will take place on Saturday, Sept. 16, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Eagles Hall on Beck Road. Tickets are \$20 each, which include a chance to win cash prizes. Dinner will be ready around 3 p.m. and a cash bar will be available along with a 50/50 raffle and gift basket giveaway. The event is a charity fundraiser. Call (517) 672-1883.

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The Thunder Over Michigan Air Show is in town for all three days this holiday weekend, featuring the U.S. Navy Blue

Angels, warbirds, battle re-enactments, the Yankee Air Museum's flyable aircraft, Kid's Zone play area and much more. Any one-day tickets are \$40 per person at the gate with children 15 and under free. Parking is \$20 at the gate. Gates open at 9 a.m. all three days. Tomorrow evening, a Battle for Belleville event will start between 6 and 7 p.m. in front of the Belleville Museum. A convoy of military vehicles that will be performing at Willow Run will arrive and stage in the area and take part in the mock battle. A portion of Main Street will be closed. For more info, visit [www.yankeeairmuseum.org](http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org) .

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This month's Homegrown Knowledge guest speaker program at the Belleville Area District Library is "Storm Chasing" with Steve Moore on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. Moore will explain the science of storms and share stories from his travels in pursuit of his dangerous and fascinating hobby. The program is free. Call (734) 699-3291.

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Today's paper features an insert from Tractor Supply with sale dates running through Sept. 4. To find the closest store, visit [www.tractorsupply.com](http://www.tractorsupply.com) . The nearest stores include Ann Arbor, Saline, and Dundee. You, too, can advertise with your flyer or booklet in all 7,000 newspapers. Call me at (734) 699-9020.

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### Notice of Advertisement

The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI is requesting proposals for the design and supply of playground equipment for the Van Buren Park Play Structure Improvements Project located at 50901 S. I-94 Service Drive, Van Buren Township, MI. (mailing address 50901 S. I-94 Service Drive, Belleville, MI. 48111). **Park Playground Equipment to be delivered to Van Buren Park Pole Barn.** Bid forms and specifications are available commencing Monday, August 28, 2017, at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday or on the Township website at [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org). **Bids shall be submitted to the Clerk's Office by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 1, 2017** and will be publicly opened immediately following the closing of the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and reserves the right not to award a contract. Van Buren Township is an equal opportunity employer. This project will be funded with federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

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## GARAGE/YARD SALE

HUGE GARAGE SALE. 5144 Merritt, Ypsilanti. 8-31, 9-1 & 9-2, 9am-4pm. Patio set, games, furniture, tools, clothes & lots of household items. 08/31

MULTI-HOUSE garage sale. Tools, baby items, collectibles & records. 41196 Lakeview Court, Belleville. Sept. 7, 8 & 9, 9am-5pm. 09/07

DRUMMAGE SALE. St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia, Belleville. Fri., Sept. 8, 8am-4pm & Sat., Sept. 9, 8am-2pm. 09/07

COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES Rawsonville Woods, 10825 Rawsonville. Sat., Sept. 9, 9am-4pm. Furniture, clothing, home décor & tons of misc. 09/07

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Sept. 3 – Diane Madigan, Mary Posegay

Sept. 5 – Joyce Rochowiak

Sept. 6 – Gene Taylor, Bryon Kelley

Sept. 7 – Richard Labo

Do you have a birthday in September? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.



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# Van Buren Township Planners give nod to Master Plan update

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

Ron Akers, Van Buren Township director of planning and economic development, recommended a Master Plan update or rewrite and the planning commission members agreed with him at their regular meeting Aug. 23.

He said they would look at a schedule and put a proposal to the board of trustees for the project. Then he would bring it back to the planning commission, "to make sure we're all on the same page."

Then he would get contracts and take them to the board. He said the project is in the township budget.

Akers said a joint meeting with the planning commissions of Belleville and Sumpter Township would have a lot of value.

"The Master Plan update is a good ignitor for this meeting," he said.

Akers said the current VBT Master Plan base was originally adopted in 1989. Since then the township has adopted several sub-area plans which have evaluated different areas/topics in the community.

The sub-plans include:

- 1999: Single-Family Residential Plan
- 2000: The Ecorse-Haggerty Corridor Plan
- 2001: Grace Lake Area Plan
- 2007: Southside Master Plan
- 2010: Belleville Road Area Plan (Downtown Development Authority district)

Akers said with the five special plans plus the old Master Plan there are six different documents.

He reminded them the Michigan Planning Enabling Act requires that "at least once every

five years after adoption of a master plan, a planning commission shall review the master plan and determine whether to commence the procedure to amend the master plan or adopt a new master plan."

"It is my understanding that this item was last reviewed in 2013 where the planning commission determined that it would be appropriate to update the township's master plan, but due to several circumstances this process has not occurred," Akers said.

Among the reasons Akers listed for the update of the Master Plan is that it is the justification for land use policy in the township.

"Having the document in several 'pieces' leads to confusion and makes the document less user-friendly," Akers said.

He also said many things have changed since 2007 which impacts multiple areas in the township.

The Master Plan process will be guided by what the residents and business owners want, he said.

## Accessory Dwelling Units

Chris Madigan, planning and economic development intern, gave a report on Accessory Dwelling Units and then Thompson told Akers the commission would like to move forward with additions to the ordinance for residents who want to add ADUs to their homes.

Madigan said the ADUs provide opportunities for owners to rent out rooms to supplement incomes and allow multigenerational families to stay closer together, including allowing seniors to age in place.

"If designed appropriately, ADUs should create minimal impacts on neighborhoods, while providing additional affordable housing," Madigan said.

Madigan said SEMCOG estimates that by 2040 VBT will see an increase in its senior population, from the 2010 census, of 153%. This increase would mean the addition of over 4,000 new seniors to the township.

"Though there are numerous obstacles to ensuring adequate housing to the senior population," Madigan said, "ADUs can serve as an effective first step in addressing at least a couple of those obstacles."

Madigan said because permitted ADUs are still a rare occurrence, lenders remain hesitant to finance these properties, usually requiring a recently sold comparable property in the area. He said ADUs attached to the home, occupy space above a detached garage or a converted basement/attic are more likely to be financed by lenders.

He issued a warning. "Homes with ADUs may lose all, or a portion of their Principle Residence Exemption. Detached ADUs with a separate entrance that do not have an adjoining entrance to the home's living area, are not part of the principal residence and are not eligible for this exemption.

"Homes with attached ADUs or ADUs in a converted basement/attic may lose a portion of their Primary Residence Exemption based on the size of the ADU relative to total size of the home."

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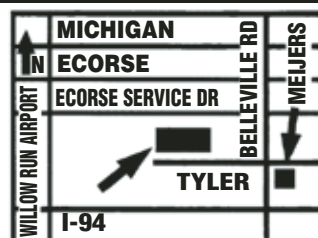
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# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*Out of the 487 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.*

**Sunday, Aug. 20:**

- 0649 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.
- 0805 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 0826 – suspicious person/vehicle, Dora Ct.
- 1152 – animal complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl. / Willow Way
- 1209 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hampton Dr.
- 1304 – fight, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
- 1356 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1418 – larceny, Quirk Rd.
- 1443 – family trouble, McBride Ave.
- 1557 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
- 1745 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./I-94 S. Service
- 1829 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/I-94
- 2036 – suspicious person/vehicle, Borgman Ave. / Mohawk Ave.

2046 – lake complaint, Belleville Lake/Belleville Rd.

- 2139 – disorderly, Lighthouse Dr.
- 2235 – malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.
- 2240 – domestic, Park Estates Dr.
- 2241 – domestic, Landmark
- 2357 – malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.

**Monday, Aug. 21:**

- 0026 – suspicious person/vehicle, EB Michigan Ave. / bypass
- 0200 – domestic, Brookview Dr.
- 0402 – suspicious person/vehicle, Arthur St.
- 0624 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Haggerty
- 0630 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Westlake Cir.
- 0657 – larceny, Menards
- 0731 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
- 0927 – domestic, Oak Ln.
- 1015 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
- 1030 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
- 1035 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
- 1209 – hospice death, Oak Ln.
- 1349 – breaking & entering, E. Archwood Dr.
- 1354 – mental subject, McBride Ave.
- 1554 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harbour Club docks
- 1928 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hanover Dr.
- 1929 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
- 2206 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
- 2206 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
- 2248 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sunrise Ln.
- 2342 – disorderly, Stonebridge Dr.

**Tuesday, Aug. 22:**

- 0010 – family trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.
- 0830 – road hazard, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty
- 1238 – trespassing, Park Estates Dr.
- 1509 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
- 1600 – lost property/child, Oak Ln.
- 1715 – larceny from auto, Meadows Cir.
- 1720 – found property/child, Hull Rd.
- 1723 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1731 – property damage accident, Belleville BP
- 1845 – weapons violation, Hardwood Dr.
- 1848 – suspicious person/vehicle, Prairiegrass Ct.

/ Sage Cir.

- 1953 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
- 2202 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 2214 – personal injury accident, Daisy Blvd.
- 2255 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tallgrass Ct.

**Wednesday, Aug. 23:**

- 0812 – disorderly, S. Schooner Dr.
- 1027 – ordinance violation, Edwards Rd.
- 1131 – malicious destruction of property, Sylvia
- 1249 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1403 – fraud, Oak Ln.
- 1536 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
- 1609 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
- 1707 – private property/property damage accident, Village Center Dr.
- 1729 – harassment call, Oak Blvd.
- 1812 – harassment call, Jackson St.
- 1901 – private property/property damage accident,

Belleville Rd.

- 2103 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Tyler
  - 2105 – suspicious person/vehicle, EB I-94 / Haggerty
  - 2302 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
- Thursday, Aug. 24:**
- 0613 – suspicious person/vehicle, Peninsular / Ventura
  - 0641 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
  - 1143 – ordinance violation, Belleville Rd.
  - 1154 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
  - 1208 – fraud, Pebblebrook Dr.
  - 1300 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
  - 1325 – malicious destruction of property, Country Walk Blvd.
  - 1510 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.
  - 1829 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
  - 1844 – juvenile complaint, Bradley Dr.
  - 1905 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edwards/Ecorse
  - 1928 – larceny, Westlake Cir.

**Friday, Aug. 25:**

- 0136 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville
- 0217 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 0409 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 0445 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.
- 0727 – shooting, Homestead
- 0835 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bog Rd.

- 0848 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
- 1139 – domestic, Ash Dr.
- 1156 – shooting, Briarcliff Dr.
- 1359 – fraud, Lincoln St.
- 1422 – property damage accident, Arborview Ln.
- 1622 – hospice death, Pond Bluff Dr.
- 1740 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.
- 1932 – noise complaint, Prairiegrass Ct.
- 2124 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
- 2320 – PPO violation, Bradley Dr.

**Saturday, Aug. 26:**

- 0033 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
- 0147 – family trouble, State St.
- 0204 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
- 1155 – disorderly, Andover Dr.
- 1235 – fraud, Tyler Rd.
- 1647 – domestic, Denton Rd.
- 1835 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 1947 – domestic, Parkwood
- 1948 – disorderly, Zachary St.
- 1953 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 2008 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
- 2123 – fraud, Savage Rd.
- 2135 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 2136 – fireworks, Huron River Dr.
- 2137 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Crest Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 170 traffic stops, with 24 of those on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Aug. 20:**

- 0106 – suspicious person/vehicle, Astor
- 0159 – motorist assist, W. Huron River Dr. / Harbor Pointe
- 0333 – domestic, Main St.
- 1256 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1309 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1316 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1321 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1326 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1711 – vehicle lock out, N. Liberty St.
- 2005 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
- 2014 – property check, Owen St.

**Monday, Aug. 21:**

- 0135 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main/Third
- 1104 – miscellaneous complaints, Main St.
- 1437 – disorderly, Carmell St.
- 1644 – larceny from auto, N. Liberty St.
- 1840 – disorderly, High St.
- 1901 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty/Fifth
- 2150 – assist fire dept., Main St.

**Tuesday, Aug. 22:**

- 0906 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
- 2130 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
- 2210 – disorderly, Belle Villa Blvd.
- 2233 – assist other dept., Daisy
- 2252 – warrant arrest, Main St.

**Wednesday, Aug. 23:**

- 0011 – assist fire dept., Second St.
- 0843 – traffic offense, N. Liberty St./First St.

- 0904 – intrusion alarm, Owen
- 0922 – abandoned auto, Sumpter/Industrial Park
- 1035 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. Industrial Park Dr.
- 1213 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
- 1532 – vehicle lock out, High St.
- 1553 – 911 welfare check, Carmell St.
- 1627 – property damage accident, W. Davis St.
- 1629 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
- 2014 – assist fire dept., Bedell St.

**Thursday, Aug. 24:**

- 0056 – suspicious person/vehicle, Henry St.
- 0414 – warrant arrest, Main St.
- 1153 – noise complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1211 – prisoner transport, S. Wayne Rd.
- 1238 – breaking & entering, Henry St.
- 1238 – malicious destruction of property, E. Huron River Dr.
- 1315 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
- 1346 – larceny, Henry St.
- 1408 – suspicious person/vehicle, High St./Main St
- 1519 – fraud, N. Edgemont Ave.
- 1548 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robbe St.
- 1719 – neighbor trouble, Second St.
- 1925 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
- 2019 – disorderly, Fourth/Main

**Friday, Aug. 25:**

- 0919 – follow up by officer, Henry St.
- 1026 – follow up by officer, Davenport’s
- 1151 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
- 1616 – domestic, Sumpter
- 1617 – animal complaint, Egan’s
- 1639 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
- 1700 – motorist assist, Sumpter/Industrial Park Dr.
- 1717 – found property/child, Eureka Rd.
- 1801 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
- 1859 – found property/child, Robbe St.
- 2225 – domestic, Loza Ln.

**Saturday, Aug. 26:**

- 0214 – suspicious person/vehicle, High/Main
- 0529 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
- 1420 – larceny, Carmell St.
- 2339 – warrant arrest, Main St.

Also on this week’s log are 82 traffic stops.

# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Aug. 20:**

- 0101 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Martinsville
- 0747 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
- 1344 – assist other agency, Willis/Martinsville
- 1749 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1812 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1815 – subpoena service, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 2110 – mental health commitment, Rustic Ln.

**Monday, Aug. 21:**

- 0027 – assist other agency, out of township
- 0742 – civil dispute, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1103 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1415 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
- 1752 – juvenile complaint, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1919 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

**Tuesday, Aug. 22:**

- 0054 – suspicious vehicle, Judd/Sumpter
- 1147 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1658 – fraud complaint, Timberlane Dr.
- 1711 – assist other agency, 25000 Karr Rd.
- 1804 – reckless driver, Bemis/Sumpter
- 1830 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 2001 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.

**Wednesday, Aug. 23:**

- 0208 – disorderly person, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
- 0737 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 0904 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1034 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1054 – subpoena service, out of township
- 1115 – subpoena service, out of township
- 1142 – subpoena service, out of township
- 1316 – warrant arrest pick up, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1430 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1536 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1810 – suspicious vehicle, 9600 bl. Rawsonville
- 1936 – alarm, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

**Thursday, Aug. 24:**

- 0345 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 0417 – animal complaint, Judd/Martinsville
- 0907 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 0916 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
- 1212 – warrant arrest pick up, Willis/Rawsonville
- 1240 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

- 1402 – reckless driver, 46000 bl. Reed
- 1414 – larceny, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1501 – warrant arrest pick up, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1558 – reckless driver, Sumpter/Willow
- 2142 – alarm, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

**Friday, Aug. 25:**

- 1001 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Kozma
- 1146 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 1220 – malicious destruction of property, Washington
- 1241 – traffic hazard, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1250 – malicious destruction of property, Alaska
- 1628 – mental health commitment, 51000 bl. Wear
- 1729 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 1813 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Judd
- 2122 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 2201 – ordinance violation, Texas
- 2229 – assault, Rustic Ln.

**Saturday, Aug. 26:**

- 0411 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 0618 – assist other agency, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
- 0857 – civil dispute, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
- 1107 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1405 – noise complaint, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
- 1436 – threats complaint, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
- 1444 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Carleton West
- 1527 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
- 1536 – property damage accident, 49000 bl. Bemis
- 1626 – reckless driver, Judd/Sumpter
- 1638 – neighbor dispute, 23000 bl. Carleton West
- 1927 – suspicious incident, Judd/Rawsonville
- 2018 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire
- 2253 – open burn complaint, 28000 bl. Sherwood
- 2256 – noise complaint, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.

Also on this week’s log are nine follow-up investigations, 26 miscellaneous details, 98 patrol checks, and 40 traffic stops.

# Parking, traffic patterns set for Thunder Over Michigan Air Show

The Air Show is coming Labor Day weekend. Those attending the airshow are encouraged to use the entrance on the WEST side of Willow Run airport for parking at the event. There will be limited access on the EAST side of the airport off of Beck Rd.

**ROAD CLOSURES:**

- Ecorse Rd. (eastbound) from the Michigan Bypass to Beck Rd. Closed 3-5 p.m.
- Ecorse Rd. (westbound from Belleville Rd.) closed at turnaround from 3-5 p.m.
- Denton Rd. (between Ecorse and railroad tracks) closed from 3-5 p.m.
- Beck Rd. (between Ecorse and railroad tracks) closed beginning on Friday at 3 p.m. for the duration of the holiday weekend.
- Tyler Rd. & Beck (northbound ONLY) 3-5 p.m.
- “A” and “D” streets at Beck Rd. – outbound traffic (northbound ONLY) 3-5 p.m.

**NO PARKING:**

- Eastbound Ecorse Rd. from Michigan Bypass to Belleville Rd.
- Westbound Ecorse Rd. from Belleville to GM Warehouse (west of Denton)
- Beck Rd (between N. Service and Van Born)
- Tyler Rd. (between Beck and Belleville Rd.)

**OUTBOUND TRAFFIC PATTERN:**

- Outbound traffic from the EAST side of the airport will be directed NORTH on Beck Rd. to Ecorse Rd., and then west to the Michigan Bypass System. Motorists will be able to access the freeway from this point.

**PARKING:**

- Airport – event parking
- Westbound N. Ecorse Service Dr. from the GM Warehouse west

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