



# BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT

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## Five candidates run for two open seats on Belleville City Council

Five candidates are running for two seats open on the Belleville City Council. Election day is Nov. 7 and the absentee ballots should be out any minute.

Candidates are Kelly Bates, Tom Fielder, Gwen Hooks, Jesse Marcotte, and Jeff Vernon.

### Kelly Bates

Kelly Bates, 342 Victorian Lane, is married to Thomas Bates and they have lived in the City of Belleville for three years.

She is employed as occupation supervisor at the University of Michigan Health Center. She has taken some college classes.

She applied for Kim Tindall's council seat that was open after Tindall resigned to take employment with the city, but on Nov. 15 the council chose Jesse Marcotte for that appointment.

On Nov. 21 she was appointed to the city planning commission to fill Marcotte's former seat.

"I am actively involved at U of M as a Wellness Champion. I encourage my location site to be and stay active. I also serve as our team captain for Active U. I also serve as the United Way Ambassador as well as a Planet Blue Ambassador at



Kelly Bates



Tom Fielder



Gwen Hooks



Jesse Marcotte



Jeff Vernon

University of Michigan promoting green initiatives.

"I have always been active in my community and church as well. I enjoy volunteering at local events and helping out wherever I am needed.

"My husband Tom and I love to travel. We usually pick somewhere warm and tropical, but Florida is one of our favorite places we visit annually. We also enjoy being active by walking, biking or now kayaking.

"I am also a big animal lover and have been known to help rescue animals over the past 17 years or so. When I'm not rescuing them I do enjoy watching them while on

hikes or when looking for birds or deer to observe. We also enjoy spending time with our friends sharing a meal and laughs."

Bates said she is running for office "to continue to build upon the groundwork that has been laid by previous residents and boards while fostering closer relationships with Belleville's residents while improving and providing new resources and benefits to our residents. At the end of each day we are all neighbors."

Once elected her goals include: "To talk to people, a lot of people, even more than I currently talk to. It isn't convenient for everyone to attend city council meetings

and we don't have it aired on local cable. Exploring how we can change this. I would also like city council to create a follow-up list with departments within the city so that residents will be informed. We have limited resources and staff, we can look at what has always been done and asked and explore the 'why's' to see why and where we can improve upon current processes."

Bates said she'd also like to "incorporate more ways to be encouraged through health initiatives for our residents. One of my passions is sustainable living and being

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## Belleville Planners approve site plan for new district library

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

A happy cheer was heard from members of the Belleville Area District Library Board on Sept. 14 after a unanimous vote of the Belleville Planning Commission that approved the site plan for the new \$10 million library building.

The vote came after about 90 minutes of discussion.

Commissioner John Juriga made the motion to approve the site plan and Commissioner Matthew Wagner seconded the motion.

That's when Juriga, who is also a member of the district library board, asked to be

excused from the vote because there might be a perceived conflict of interest.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said the city attorney assures her that there is no conflict of interest since Juriga isn't earning money by the construction, but the commission went ahead and unanimously excused Juriga from the vote.

Then, the rest of the commission voted to approve the site plan.

City Manager Kollmeyer said the city supports the new library and the planning commission was diligent in studying the plans which were supplied to them well in advance.

Rick Rutherford, Belleville's Building

Official, recommended approval of the site plan with a condition of building department review and approval of the final project plans, along with completion of city engineering review.

Hennessey, the city's engineering consultant, presented a list of 18 comments on the plan.

Some of the details are still in flux as the architects and Beckett & Raeder work on the specifications. Because of expected higher costs than expected, some of the details are being scaled down.

Brian Barrick, a principal at Beckett & Raeder, presented the site plan to the commission and later architect Dan Whisler joined in. Matt Razow of O'Neal Construction also answered questions.

Commissioner Mike Renaud questioned the plans to make the alley from Third to Fourth streets one way, heading toward the library parking lot. Everyone using the alley would have to drive through the

parking lot to exit on Charles Street.

"You're forcing people in the new building to exit through the parking lot," Renaud said, referring to the new Davenport building under construction on Main Street.

Renaud said this is creating the opportunity for chaos with people exiting their businesses and parkers backing up in the parking lot.

"There will be a learning curve in the city of Belleville and we can only guess how the flow of traffic will go," Building Official Rutherford said. He suggested managing the alley traffic after the parking lot is up and running.

Barrick of Beckett & Raeder engineering said they should leave the traffic undefined for now

There were other comments on handicapped parking and the bioswale that will be in the parking area that leads to the

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# SECOND FRONT PAGE



Members of the Belleville Area District Library Board attended the Sept. 14 meeting of the Belleville Planning Commission to support the site plan for the new building. Architect Daniel Whisler explains one of the details of the library site plan.

## Library Site Plan

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underground storm management.

"Ninety percent of pollutants come from the first 10% of rainfall," Barrick said. "That six-inch-deep outlet allows clearing of the water, following Wayne County standards, to the underground system."

Commission chairman Steve Jones said the library is still trying to address costs.

"We don't plan on changing the footprint," Whisler stressed. He said they already have cut 2,500 square feet.

Whisler said they have to get rid of 6 feet of poor soils.

When asked about green roofs, Whisler said that is tentative. It is nice to do, but not budgeted, he said. There is a hope for grants.

"It comes down to can we find the money?" Whisler said.

Whisler said the entire building will have LEDs with occupancy sensors to turn the lights off. When asked if the parking lot

LEDs will need heaters for winter, Whisler said, no, they are very robust. He said the parking lot LEDs are the same kind as Davenport's at the new building across the alley.

Five bike hoops, which accommodate ten bikes, is planned, plus a flag pole and the board insists they must be a part of the budget, Whisler said.

Commissioner Matt Wagner said he would like to see more bike racks. Barrick said they have the necessary space to add more and could do so later, as funds allow.

Wagner said they should try to address the demographics of the area and have more handicapped parking and more bike racks.

Councilman Tom Fielder said from the audience that Fourth Street, off of Main between the museum and library, could be a statement of the community as a place to gather.

He referred to plans for making Fourth Street one way toward the new library and then turning into the alley where the

parking lot will be located. Fourth Street in front of the library will have angle parking along the east side and an opportunity for green space.

Barrick said with the museum and library, Fourth Street will be a public corridor with an opportunity for green space, hardscapes, and other things.

Whisler said because of the current active shooter concerns, more exits than required have been planned for the library so there are more ways out.

There was also discussion about safety of the children's garden on Roys Street.

Whisler said currently the library building committee wants a space they can go out in, but they could, eventually, decide it to be a place to look out at.

Commissioner Kelly Bates asked about the size of the library and Whisler said the current library is 11,000 square feet and the new library will be 31,000 square feet.

Bates also suggested repurposing things from the old library and call in Habitat for Humanity to remove some of the furnishing.

"We don't want to throw things away," Commissioner Juriga said of the library board's intentions.

Whisler suggested a garage sale at the end and Fielder asked if some of the things could be used in the Sumpter satellite library.

Whisler said that is not being considered at this time because the Sumpter building will be a media center and it will be open long before the new building is complete.

Councilman Fielder said Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township should thank the Belleville Planning Commission for its work on the library that is to serve the whole community.

The planning commission also discussed the Master Plan update being worked on. Commissioner Wagner detailed all the items being considered and then the commission agreed to set a public meeting for Oct. 9, 10, or 11 at the high school to get input before the next regular meeting on Oct. 12. The exact date will be announced after chairman Jones sets up the session.

## Sumpter Planners OK FMAR land use, sends item on to twp. board

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

After a half-hour meeting on Sept. 14 before an audience of supporters from Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue the Sumpter Township Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of a special land use permit to permit animal rescue.

The final vote on the special land use permit and site plan will be at the Sept. 26 meeting of the township board. FMAR also was before the Board of Zoning Appeals recently for a variance for the project.

FMAR has been in operation as an animal rescue at 51299 Arkona Road for more than 20 years. It had worked hand in hand with Sumpter Township animal control and taken in dogs when the township needed help. The relationship between FMAR and the township was warm until the rescue wanted to expand.

Last year, FMAR decided to build some new dog kennels for from 22 to 24 dogs to be able to help more animals at the no-kill facility and received a grant to help with the cost. But, the township planning consultant at the time said it couldn't go

forward without getting an architect-sealed plan, which would add more expense to the project. There were other requirements.

So, the kennel building has been delayed for more than a year. Once the township approves the special land use for a rescue, construction is expected to be completed in early 2018.

Township Planning Consultant Christopher Atkin of Carlisle/Wortman in Ann Arbor recommended approval of the special land use and site plan for the project, with some stipulations.

A condition is that the three parcels at the

site, totaling 6.5 acres, be combined after they are paid for to follow the ordinance requirement for 5-acre minimum lot area.

Marcia LaFramboise of FMAR said the financial agreement with the bank on the property does not allow combination of the parcels before they are paid for, but they are working on it.

No landscaping was required because of the tree line along the south end of the property, but Atkin said FMAR has indicated it will put in a white vinyl fence. The parking area was allowed to remain

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# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Construction in tri-community moving forward

Last Thursday, the Belleville Planning Commission approved the site plan for the new Belleville Area District Library building slated for its downtown – next to the museum.

The library architect said an approval at the first meeting with the commission would be unusual, but greatly appreciated. He and other library representatives have been meeting with city officials to work out details so the project could move forward.

And, it did and now the detailed plans can proceed, looking to have building permits in the spring.

At Van Buren Township's planning commission meeting on Sept. 13, it was noted there were complaints from developers and residents that projects in VBT are taking too long to get approval. VBT wants to streamline its procedures and will be discussing it under an agenda item at an upcoming meeting.

Sometimes, just one extra meeting is enough to kill a project, said Matthew Best, deputy director of planning and economic development.

In Sumpter Township, too, there has been a problem for Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue to move forward in a reasonable time to build a modest kennel addition to help rescue the community's dogs and cats. That is inching forward.

Hooray for Belleville for confidently deciding, without delays, to help the tri-community build a new library.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Before Monday's regular Belleville City Council meeting, Karen Mida, president of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, was telling us she had been reading outside and reached over to pull a weed, when a bumble bee flew right into her eye and stung her. She said it stung her in her tear duct and her eye swelled up. That made it difficult to take out her contacts, but finally she could.

She said the swelling had migrated down to her cheek, but it has reduced in size. She said she called her mother and her mother said to put baking soda on it, but she said she couldn't consider putting dry baking soda in her eye. I'll bet her mother meant to make a baking soda solution with water, which is very soothing.

When I was young, I used to get a sty in my eye upon occasion and what we used to soothe and draw out irritation was a little scraping from a raw potato. Worked like a charm. I'm fond of natural remedies because I'm not sure exactly what is in the stuff off the shelf or from the pharmacy.

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A reader called to ask me who paid for the free breakfast for the teachers at Van Buren Public Schools on their first day at school and I didn't know so I asked School Supt. Pete Kudlak.

Supt. Kudlak said the funds were donated by GLP, a company that administers the district's 403b (like a 401k) plan for the staff. He said they also donated money for the breakfast last year.

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Speaking of Supt. Kudlak, he was seen interacting with alumni and even bussing tables after the meal during Saturday's All-



Class Belleville High School Reunion at the BHS Commons (cafeteria).

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We see that the Village of Almont in Lapeer County has joined other communities in the state banning coal tar asphalt sealants, which are believed to cause cancer. Van Buren Township was the first in the state to do so, responding to the concerns of the late Dr. David Wilson. Then, Ann Arbor joined in and others.

State Rep. Kristy Pagan has worked to get a statewide ban, but so far has been unsuccessful. There are other states who have banned the sealants with high PAH levels and Home Depot and Lowe's no longer carry the coal tar sealants.

Dr. Wilson and others from the VBT Environmental Commission made presentations to Sumpter Township and the City of Belleville on the dangers of coal tar and PAH, but neither community was interested in pursuing the ban.

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Last week there were three incidents that had people calling me for information. The first one was a puddle of blood and what looked like a body on Haggerty just north of Savage Road in VBT in the dark, early-morning hours. That turned out to be a deer.

Then, there was the motorcycle accident at about 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13, on East Huron River Drive near the Metro Park entrance at Haggerty. One reader said

she drove by and was afraid it was a fatal accident. VBT Fire Chief Amy Brow said she believes the motorcyclist was up and walking around when the emergency crews arrived. Not serious.

And, then there was the accident last Friday morning on the I-94 North Service Drive near Independence when a car rolled over, off the service drive and into the freeway area. I was told the woman was intoxicated and thought she was in Canton. She was eastbound on the service drive and when the roadway curved, she just kept curving, too, until she rolled off of the roadway. She was reported to be in police custody.

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At Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council I asked Police Chief Hal Berriman about the shooting that went on Saturday afternoon behind the high school. There were two reports on the dispatch log.

Chief Berriman said officers went out and checked both times and even went into the brush on the other side of the tracks and found nothing. They didn't even find any shell casings, he said.

Chief Berriman said there were a few more reports of shooting later that night, as well. It's a mystery.



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## Letters

### Farmer's Market ending, Booville coming

To the Editor:

Although it still feels like summer, fall is certainly here and the end of the Belleville Central Business Community's Farmer's Market will be Monday, Sept. 25. Stop by the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Square between 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to visit our local farmers and crafters.

With Booville in a few weeks, the Annual Harvest Fest is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Harvest Market will be in the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Square during those hours and we have some open spaces for local crafters or residents with sweet treats, pumpkin/gourds and Halloween Décor.

The Belleville CBC special Booville event will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monster Mutt Walk on Saturday, Oct. 21. The application is in the paper today and will run again next week. It was great fun last year and we expect an even bigger turn-out this year.

There are many events during October including the scarecrows on Main Street and will end with our celebration of Halloween by the local merchants on Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The costume contest will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Square at 6 p.m.

For applications for the Harvest Market and the Monster Mutt Walk either cut them out of the paper, go to the website [bellevillecbc.org](http://bellevillecbc.org) or email me at [jfayemillard@att.net](mailto:jfayemillard@att.net).

Janet Millard, Event Coordinator  
Belleville Central Business Community

### Thank you for breakfast

To the editor:

Just this morning, Sept. 5, two ladies bought our breakfast group of 12, breakfast because they wanted to honor us for enjoying our Golden Years with fun and laughter. What a surprise. We were all shocked, but unfortunately we could not thank these ladies because they slipped away from the Romulus House Restaurant in Romulus before we were informed by the wait staff that our bills were paid.

So, you see, there still are Angels walking among us. Thank you, ladies, for your kindness this morning and may you be blessed with many riches in your lives.

Marian Caldwell  
Van Buren Township

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### Additional thanks

To the editor:

Twelve members of our First Tuesday Senior Breakfast Group was at the Romulus House in Romulus on Sept. 5 and two women paid for all our breakfasts.

Thank you from Gary Marshall and the Group.

### Public Safety Day viewed as huge success

To the editor:

Van Buren Township Public Safety personnel were in full public view Saturday, Sept. 16, for its annual Public Safety Day. Static displays consisted of fire trucks, police vehicles, police motorcycles, armored SWAT vehicle, dive team equipment, just to mention a few.

Law Enforcement Educational Program (LEEP) was once again on site for "child fingerprinting" and providing parents with a free CD Rom that includes the child's digital photograph, fingerprints, height, weight, and other pertinent information. This CD can be used by police and the Amber Alert system to help bring missing children home safely.

This was all to showcase the Public Safety's assets and resources available to the community and meet the men and women of our Police and Fire Department who protect and serve our residents.

The success of the event was largely due to the overwhelming support of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), their Director Susan Ireland, Assistant Director Lisa Lothringer, along with Walgreen's who provided food and drinks. There was popcorn, along with cotton candy that was graciously provided by longtime township businessman Toby Leis of C.A.L. Plumbing.

Last, but certainly not least, thanks to Craig and Medina Atchinson and staff of Atchinson Ford for their assistance and extending the use of their dealership to facilitate this year's event.

Gregory M. Laurain  
Director of Public Safety  
Van Buren Township

### Thank you, St. Jude

To the Editor:

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Thank you, St. Jude for answering my prayer. I will make known your name and will be ever so grateful.

Thank you, G.R., Belleville



## More Letters

### Traditional school systems in crisis mode

To the editor:

This letter is in reply to Ms. Sherry Frazier's latest inquiry regarding a comparison of our Belleville school scores with the Keystone Academy Charter Schools.

Please note: For the Spring of 2017: 5 NHA (National Heritage Academy) schools were in the Top 10. Our local Keystone Academy was number 43 out of 647 districts. Van Buren was 444 and Lincoln Consolidated Schools was 527.

At the recent school board meeting, you, Sherry, stated you have witnessed the same scenario "year after year." I agree. When you say "it (?) just isn't working," please explain what you mean by "it." Where do you place the blame?

We voters, taxpayers, citizens and parents of the Van Buren School District have heard more than enough TALK, TALK, TALK.

NO solution, NO corrective action, just more talk and excuses -- year after year. The truth is - our traditional school system is in crisis mode.

(Mrs.) Ruth Bleeker  
Belleville

### Thanks to all for help with Family Fun Day

To the editor:

Thank you to everyone who supported our Second-Annual Back-to-School Family Fun Day. The Sumpter Township Police Department, the Sumpter Township Fire Department, and the Belleville Area Library.

We would also like to thank our sponsors: Fox Auto Parts, Sumpter Collision, Higginson & Neal Funeral Home, Ace Hardware, Benito's Pizza, Grace Baptist Church of Carleton, and First Baptist Church of Belleville.

We also would like to thank businesses for donations, such as Q'doba, Starbucks, Kryzke Brothers, Staples, Lodge Lanes, Busch's, Wendy's, and Tractors Supply.

We would also like to acknowledge individual donors such as Mishari Hanible, Matthew Oddy, Deborah Warren, Tanisha Hanible, Karitheia Hanible, and Christy Darty.

We would like to thank the children and

parents who attended. You helped to make our event very successful. I would like to give special thanks to all our members who assisted before, during, and after the event.

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# Obituaries



Derek J. Zywicki

## DEREK J. ZYWICKI

(April 20, 1993 - September 12, 2017)  
Derek J. Zywicki, age 24, life-long resident of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away Tuesday, September 12, 2017 in a motor vehicle accident. He was born April 20, 1993 in Ypsilanti, MI, son of Rick & Sheila Zywicki.  
Derek graduated High School from Solid Rock Academy and received his Associate's Degree from MIAT in Canton, MI. He enjoyed kayaking, canoeing, square dancing, going to the movies, listening to music, and playing video games. He especially loved playing Dag and War Hammer. He was a hard worker with a wonderful, sense of humor. He was a member of Ypsilanti Evangelical Friends Church, where he married the love of his life, Hannah Danae (Malick) on September 2, 2017.  
Derek is survived by his loving wife Hannah Zywicki, parents Rick and Sheila Zywicki of Belleville, MI; in-laws Ed & Gail Malick of Ypsilanti, MI; grandparents Charles & Linda Zywicki of Belleville, MI and Betty Plowman of Manchester, MI; brother Alan Zywicki of Belleville, MI; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.  
He was preceded in death by a sister Melissa Zywicki in 1991 and his grandfather David Plowman in 2012.

Visitation was 2-8 p.m. Friday and 10-11 a.m. Saturday, September 16, 2017 with an 11 a.m. funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Doug Burch officiated and was assisted by Chaplain Rob Herman. Interment was in Alban Cemetery, Ypsilanti Township, MI.  
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Derek's wife Hannah, and would be appreciated.  
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Joyce Ann Clark-Cupp

## JOYCE A. CLARK-CUPP

(June 12, 1951 - August 26, 2017)  
Joyce Ann Clark-Cupp, 66, of Belleville, died unexpectedly August 26, 2017.  
She was born in Knoxville, TN, the daughter of Milas J. Clark and Ruth Weaver Clark. The family moved to Michigan when she was an infant and she graduated from Huron High School in 1969. She worked at Brasscraft Engineering in Brownstown for 26 years.  
She is survived by her daughter Carolyn Michelle Pate of Belleville; one grandson, Dylan James Lee of Belleville; and a host of family and friends.  
A celebration of life in an outdoor setting was held September 9.

## DEBRA E. KINGAS

(November 19, 1951 - September 12, 2017)  
Age 65, of New Boston, MI, passed away September 12, 2017 surrounded by her loving family. She is survived by her loving husband Bob. Sons: Jeff (Michelle), Jamie (Becky), Christopher (Lynn), and RC (Julie). Daughters: Erica, Kristine, and Nikki. Grandchildren: Tyler, Aaron, Colin, Michael, Sean, Nikolas, Kirsten, and Mina. Brothers: Michael (Debbie) and Joel. As well as many loving nieces and nephews. Her loving family will hold a private celebration of life in her honor.

# More Letters

## Thanks for help with Don Rochon Car Show

To the editor:

A Big Thank You to all the great people who came to our 23<sup>rd</sup>-annual Don Rochon Memorial Car Show. Hope everyone had a great time!

Memorial winners were Marion and Laura Hartwig of Allen Park for their 1965 Super Fornance Cobra.

People's Choice Winner were Ron and Kathy Maniaci of Allen Park for their 1966 Mustang.

Lots more winners. Thank you to everyone!

Also, a big thank you to our T-shirt sponsors: Zino's Pizza, J&T Towing, Sumpter Collision, Martin & Son, Keep it in the 70s, Fox Auto U-Pull, Burhop's Collision, Lincoln Street Garage, Atchinson Ford, Sliva Components, and Atlantic Welding Supply.

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Big thank you, everyone.

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## Thank you, St. Jude

To the editor:

I want to "Thank St. Jude!" My prayers were answered by a phone call, to fix my problem

Thank you, C.P.

## State Rep. Kristy Pagan to meet with constituents at 10 a.m. Saturday

State Representative Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, will hold her September coffee hour with constituents at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at Belleville City Hall Council Chambers, 6 Main Street.

Tell her your ideas for better government and your concerns about state government. Rep. Pagan represents the City of Belleville and Van Buren Township, among other communities.



# Candidates

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conscious of how everything we do and use impacts us. I would like to bring more awareness and education of this, including our recycling program and through community gardens."

## Tom Fielder

Tom Fielder, 206 South Street, has lived in Belleville for all of his 72 years. He is single and a Belleville High School retired teacher.

Fielder earned a bachelor of arts degree at the University of Michigan.

He was elected Belleville's mayor in 1999 and to the Belleville City Council in 2013. He also was appointed to the Belleville Downtown Development Authority and served 2009-2013. He also was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission and has served on that commission since 1994.

Fielder also belongs to the Belleville Area Historical Society, Belleville Central Business Community, Wayne County Substance Use Disorder Board, board member of Growthworks (Youth and Family Services for Western Wayne County), Tip-of-the-Mitt Watershed Council, Little Traverse Conservancy, and Mullett Lake Area Preservation Society.

Fielder also serves as a baseball-softball official and enjoys golf and boating.

When asked why he is running for reelection to office, Fielder said: "On the seal of the City of Belleville is the phrase 'Quality Living.' As a lifelong resident of the city and an elected official it is important to make decisions with that goal in mind. Providing basic services like utilities, police, fire, good streets as well as parks, entertainment and other activities has always resulted in making choices, especially with the taxpayer in mind. In the past 25 years, I feel I have gained the knowledge to make public policy decisions, as well as the trust of the community. I would like to continue to make those decisions as a member of the Belleville City Council."

When asked if he had any goals once elected, he replied: "Funding for local government has decreased from most traditional sources since 2009. Cooperation between local governments (Belleville, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township) is essential to continue to provide 'quality' services. Specific grants, for example recreation and infrastructure repairs, should also be pursued. I would

like to continue to be involved in that process."

## Gwen Hooks

Gwen Hooks, 207 Victorian Lane, has lived in the city for five years with her husband Mark Hooks and daughter Jocelyn Hooks.

Hooks, 36, is a Health Research Science Specialist, with a master of arts of in Counseling Psychology and a bachelor of arts in Psychology.

This is her first bid for public office.

She said she enjoys being outdoors, whether it is biking, hiking, or nature walks. She is a passionate reader and also loves to write.

"Ultimately, spending time with my family brings me the most joy," Hooks said.

When asked why she is running for office, Hooks replied: "Belleville is a great city and I want to make it even better. I believe we have an incredible amount of untapped potential in this city. I believe in an inclusionary democracy, where everyone has a voice. We must be able to grow as a community while preserving our rich history.

"Ultimately, someone will fill the vacant council seats and make decisions that will affect me, my family, and the entire community. Those who do should be deeply committed to serving, and doing so both creatively and reflectively. I want to see increased innovation, greater efficiency, greater choices, and better overall quality of living. These are the virtues of competition, and that is my why."

When asked if she had any goals once elected, Hooks replied: "As a veteran, service will always have a special place in my heart. It is the greatest gift you can give. I want to bring this same spirit of service to city government.

"One of my foremost goals is to help foster a culture of community engagement within the council, with an increased focus on outreach. I want to create opportunities for residents to communicate, and interact

with their local government. When we can move towards a common goal, with the city government and the community working cohesively, we can have a thriving community."

## Jesse Marcotte

Jesse Marcotte, 53 Potter Drive, was appointed to a seat on the city council last November and is running to retain his seat. This is his first time on a ballot.

He was appointed to and served on the planning commission 2007-2014 and 2015-2016, about eight years total.

Marcotte, 34, has lived in the city for 12 years. He resides with his girlfriend Melly and their two dogs, Blaze and Griz.

He has worked for the Northville Township Fire Department for 15 years and is Battalion Chief of Training.

Marcotte graduated from Belleville High School in 2001 and earned a BAS in Public Safety Studies from Siena Heights University in 2006 and a master of science in Public Safety and Emergency Management from Eastern Michigan University in 2010.

Over the years, he served with various local groups within the Belleville community, including coaching with the Belleville

Area Little League and serving as a coach and assistant to the athletic director at St. Anthony's Parish. He currently serves as a member of the Northville Township Firefighters Charity Fund which is a 501(c)(3) organization.

His hobbies include spending time on Belleville Lake, classic cars, home improvement and spending quality time with friends and family. One of his favorite things to do is to attend fundraisers for local causes including the Belleville Area Museum, Music Lakeside, Special Olympics and other organizations. He also serves as a member of Michigan Fire

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Service Instructor's Association and the Detroit Fire Department Band.

When asked why he was running for office, Marcotte replied: "I was blessed with the opportunity to grow up in the Belleville/Van Buren community and I am beyond thankful to have been raised in such a great place. As a member of the city council, I would be able to continue giving back to the community that has given me so much.

"My intention is to afford others the same opportunity to live in such a great place. I would like to preserve our traditions and build upon them as they give roots to our

community.

"My career has continuously reinforced the value of working within a team to accomplish what is best for the people that we serve. My promise to the citizens of Belleville is that I am someone who will always serve with the utmost integrity and that I am more than willing to actively listen to every member of our community. I have recently introduced improvements to the way that we manage projects within the City of Belleville to ensure accountability, communication and follow-through."

When asked about his goals once elected, Marcotte said: "My mission is to use my experience in public service, formal education, and homegrown roots to improve our community. My goals are to enhance our public safety, improve our

infrastructure (especially our roads), and continuously improve the condition of our local parks to provide the children in our community with a safe place to play.

"I also have the goal of improving our downtown and other areas without abandoning our small-town, family feel. I plan on working with our residents, businesses, non-profits and neighboring communities to achieve all of these plans. My objective is to work within our budget to make these things happen. I will continue to seek out creative ways to save money and fund projects such as public and private grants and crowd-sourced fundraising opportunities."

## Jeff Vernon

Jeff Vernon, 48, of 111 South Street, is on a ballot for public office for the first time. He applied for an open position on the council last November, but was not selected by the council. He was later appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

He has lived in the city for two years and lists his occupation as "general labor." He lists his education as "high school."

When asked why he is running for office, Vernon replied: "I have chosen to attempt to gain a seat on the council to give people a voice. Sometimes I feel our collective voices stop after being voiced one time. Sometimes we need a squeaky wheel."

He said once elected, "I would like the Parks and Recreation to once again be active, and the partnerships between businesses and the city to become stronger in order to become more attractive to other small and medium businesses."

## Jared Bell receives scholarship at University of Mount Union

Jared Bell of Belleville was awarded the Minority Achievement Award for the 2017-18 academic year by the University of Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio.

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## Court Watching:

### Jamie Battle bound over on three charges of CSC with 5-year-old girl

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

After a Sept. 13 preliminary exam where a little girl who just turned six was the only witness called, 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Brian Oakley bound Jamie Christopher Battle, 19, over on three charges of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree.

Battle is being held in the Wayne County Jail on a cash bond of \$100,000. His next court appearance will be at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on Sept. 20 for an arraignment on the information.

Both the Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Melissa Susanne Palepu and court appointed defense attorney David Lankford agreed there was a question of fact that should be addressed by the higher court.

If found guilty, Battle faces a sentence of 25 years to life in prison.

The girl, who clutched a stuffed toy puppy as she walked to the witness box, was in kindergarten when the alleged offenses occurred. She recently started first grade.

Her victim's advocate was seated nearby in the jury box to support the child and her therapist sat in the front row of the courtroom. The girl's father also was in the front row. Her mother was kept out of the courtroom because she is a potential witness as the case progresses.

The girl identified Battle in the courtroom and said he is friends with her older brother and comes to her house to play video games by himself. She said he put his "butt" in her mouth more than three times when no one else was there. She said he gave her candy and told her not to tell anybody. It always happened in her bedroom or by the door, she said.

She said it scared her and made her feel bad because it was slimy and had hair on it. She told her mother about it, but never told her teacher or her father.

The girl lives with her mother and father on Denton Road in Van Buren Township. Officer in charge of the case is VBT Officer Jeff Stanton.

#### John Patrick Rasmussen

John Patrick Rasmussen, 42, had his preliminary exam adjourned until 11 a.m., Oct. 25, on a charge of operating while intoxicated-3<sup>rd</sup> in VBT on April 17, 2015. His retained attorney is James Murray and officer in charge of the case is VBT Det. Ken Toney. Rasmussen is free on \$5,000 person recognizance bond.

#### Mark Allan Germano

Mark Allan Germano, 44, was present for a review on charges of homicide/first-degree murder and weapons/felony firearm at Tim Horton's in VBT on June 6. His preliminary exam is set for Sept. 27.

He is lodged without bail in the Wayne County Jail. His court-appointed attorney is James Schlaff and officer in charge of the case is VBT Officer Stanton.

#### Anthony Joseph Hatchard

The preliminary exam for Anthony Joseph Hatchard, 42, on an assault with a dangerous weapon charge in VBT on Aug. 9 was adjourned until 10 a.m., Oct. 11, so defense attorney Marc Hart can get the 911 tapes he needs for evidence. Hatchard is free after posting \$20,000/10% bond. Officer in charge of the case is VBT Officer Stanton.

#### Issiah Scott Thomas

Issiah Scott Thomas, 20, waived his preliminary exam on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon in Belleville on Aug. 31 and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information Sept. 27. Judge Oakley reminded him he still owes \$234 from a 2016 fine. Officer in charge of the case is Belleville Cpl. Kris Faull.

#### Tobias Alfredo Wyanna

Tobias Alfredo Wyanna, 20, waived his preliminary exam on a charge of assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer on Aug. 30 in VBT and was bound over to circuit court for a Sept. 27 arraignment on the information. He is free on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond. VBT Det. Donovan McCarthy is the officer in charge of the case.

#### Jacob Jesus Delmaro

Jacob Jesus Delmaro, 25, had his preliminary exam adjourned until Oct. 4 on charges of embezzlement (in a position of trust with a vulnerable adult) and false pretenses from \$1,000 to \$20,000 in Sumpter Township on March 28. He is free after posting \$20,000/10% bond. Delmaro's retained attorney is Brian Dailey and officer in charge of the case is Sumpter Det. John Ashby.

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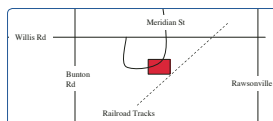



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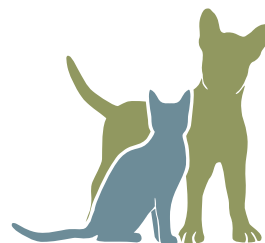
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## Sarah Klunder, Morgan Marshall earns honors in Spring Arbor soccer

Spring Arbor University's Morgan Marshall and Sarah Klunder have been named the Crossroads League Women's Soccer Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week, while Klunder was also selected as the NAIA National Defensive Player of the Week.

The award was the first of the career for Marshall, who netted the game-winner in No. 2 Spring Arbor's thrilling 1-0 win over No. 1 Northwestern Ohio in a rematch of last year's national championship game in front of a record crowd at the Cougar Soccer Complex.

The sophomore from Belleville also added another goal in the Cougars' 4-0 defeat of Concordia.

Marshall currently ranks second on the team with five goals this season.

Klunder of Grandville garnered her fourth career league Player of the Week award, as well as her first national weekly honor. The senior centerback anchored an unblemished SAU defense, as the Cougars shutout the one of the highest-scoring teams in the country in the then-No. 1 ranked Racers. Spring Arbor followed that performance with another clean sheet against the Cardinals. Klunder and SAU have not been scored on through six victories to open the year.

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

• **Thursday, Sept. 21** – Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce holds its golf outing at Woodlands of Van Buren on Ecorse Road west of Hannan. Information: Paul Henning, 697-7151

• **Saturday, Sept. 23** – September Coffee Hour for State Rep. Kristy Pagan at 10 a.m. at Belleville City Hall Council Chambers, 6 Main Street. Tell her your concerns.

• **Saturday, Sept. 23** – Members of Faith United Methodist Church, 6020 Denton Road, invite the public to free movie night at 6:30 p.m. with the film "God is Not

Dead" starting promptly at 7 p.m. Popcorn provided. RSVP to Lena at (734) 323-7260.

• **Monday, Sept. 25** – State Rep. Kristy Pagan is holding an Education Town Hall from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Canton Administration Building, Township Board Room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

• **Monday, Sept. 25** – State Rep. Joe Bellino will meet with constituents from 9 to 10 a.m. at Biggby, 26614 Telegraph Road in Flat Rock; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Tim Horton's, 404 S. Monroe St. in Monroe; and noon to 1 p.m. at Carleton Library, 1444 Kent St. in Carleton. Rep. Bellino represents Sumpter Township among other communities. Information: (517) 373-1530.

• **Wednesday, Sept. 27** – Red Cross Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at SET Enterprises, 36211 S. Huron Rd., Huron Township

• **Wednesday, Sept. 27** – Beer-tasting fund raiser for Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, 5-10 p.m., Original Gravity Brewing Company, 440 County St., Milan. Information: Sandy at (734) 417-5117.

• **Thursday, Sept. 28** – Free Community Dinner from 6 to 6:30 p.m. at Willow United Methodist Church and God Works Family Soup Kitchen, 36925 E. Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. [www.willowchurch.org](http://www.willowchurch.org)

• **Thursday, Sept. 28** – Western Wayne County Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road in Van Buren Township. For information, call (734) 697-3713.

• **Sunday, Oct. 1** – The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Life Chain will take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Five Points in Belleville. Local sponsors are Belleville Church of God and St. Anthony Catholic Church of Belleville. Thousands of people across the U.S. and Canada will stand on the sidewalks to witness their commitment to love and protect the preborn and their mothers. Information: [miLIFESPAN.org](http://miLIFESPAN.org)

• **Sunday, Oct. 1** – 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.

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# Public Safety Family Fun Day



Posing for a photo before an armored SWAT vehicle at Saturday's Public Safety Family Fun Day were, from left, Van Buren Township Police Chief Jason Wright, VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazzy, and VBT Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain.

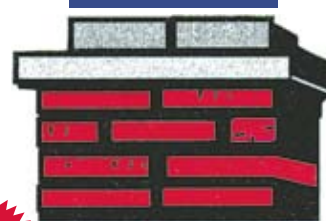


Brady Moorer, age 5 of Van Buren Township, wore a police uniform to Saturday's Public Safety Family Fun Day at Atchinson Ford. His mother bought his uniform from a uniform store to please the boy who wants to be a police officer when he grows up. His uniform includes a hat, a badge, and handcuffs. Grandfather Ken McGregor brought Brady to the event, noting his grandson would turn 6 in a few weeks.

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# VBT Planners to set hearing on medical marijuana ordinances

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township's committee to study medical marijuana has recommended the township opt out of the new state law that would allow expanded grow locations, dispensaries, and other businesses.

The opt in or out decision must be made by mid-December said Matthew Best, VBT deputy director of planning and economic

development.

At the Sept. 13 meeting of the VBT Planning Commission, Best said the committee believes the fees aren't enough to cover enforcement and it doesn't want to create a drag on public safety.

"The public safety director and police chief believe it is a net draw," Best said.

Since Wayne and Ypsilanti are opting into the law, any local users can go to those nearby places for their medical marijuana, he said.

In order to opt out, VBT has to amend its zoning ordinance on marijuana cultivation and revoke its medical marijuana registration ordinance. In order to do that the planning commission needs to schedule a public hearing. Then, its recommendation would go to the township board for a final vote.

"Let's set a public hearing," said commission chairwoman Carol Thompson. "There's no reason to wait."

The date of the public hearing was not announced.

In other business at the one-hour-and-40-minute meeting, the commission:

- Held a public hearing at which no public spoke and then, after much discussion, approved preliminary site plan approval for a 125-foot cell tower to be installed on a 75'x75' plot a quarter mile off the northwest corner of Ecorse and Morton Taylor roads by Parallel Infrastructure. This is mainly for Verizon Wireless, but others will co-locate on the monopole. The final site plan and special land use will be considered at the Oct. 25 meeting;

- Heard Best say that the staff is receiving complaints about the length of the approval process for projects. He said one extra meeting can mean the death of a project. "We believe we should look at our process," Best said. He suggested it be discussed as an agenda item by the commission. Best said

the hope is to cut the three-month process down to less;

- Heard Best report that administrative approval has been given to changes for the McDonald's on Rawsonville Road, including replacing the current big "M" with a smaller "M" in the new style like that at Michigan Avenue and Canton Center Road; and

- Discussed the scope of the upcoming Master Plan update that will take from eight to 12 months to complete. The total Master Plan hasn't been updated since 1985, but money has been in the budget to do so for the past two years. Best said the township has been busy with other matters but now it's time to move forward. "We believe we're tied with the City of Belleville," said Best, noting VBT will invite the city planning commission to a joint meeting. "The supervisor and staff believe that's important."

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### Thanks for letting us paint our parking spots

To the editor:

On behalf of the class of 2018, we would like to thank Principal Buhro and the administrative staff at Belleville High School for allowing seniors to paint our parking spots. This event was an opportunity for us to express our originality and creativity in artwork that we will see every weekday during our final year at BHS.

On Saturday, Sept. 2, students were able

to bond as a class as we shared paint and chalk and talked about the upcoming school year. Painting parking spaces is hopefully a new tradition for classes to look forward to and enjoy. As seniors, these group events are becoming more and more limited; soon it will be May 31 and as we walk onstage, we will remember this incredible summer day spent with people we have not seen in a while and may never see again.

This opportunity was also a great day to spend with our parents. The business that comes with each school year makes it easy to take our loved ones for granted and not make enough time for them, and painting with them really put this into perspective. I am so thankful for my mom for both taking me to Home Depot (after I got confused when I went alone) and lending a hand and paintbrush to help me.

These days spent with family are narrowing down for us seniors, as many of us will be away at college, beginning our new journey. Our parents are our biggest, longest supporters and I am so grateful for these precious moments I spent painting with my mom.

Hannah Baynesan, vice president  
BHS Class of 2018



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We would like to advance register as many as possible, however, we will take registrations the day of the event. Each dog will receive a goody bag and a gift. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place award metals will be given in a three categories: Scariest, Cutest and Best Mutt & Family (family must dress also). In fact, it would be fun for everyone to wear a costume.

The registration fee is \$10/dog plus a can of dog food. The application has enough space to register three dogs. **Please return this application** by mail with your check to my attention at: Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, 248 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111 or drop it off at the Chamber office. You may bring the dog food with you to the event.

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- (2) No aggressive dogs
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- (4) No dogs can be left unattended. Owners must keep their dogs in sight & under control at all times.
- (5) Owners are responsible for their dog's actions.

For any questions or concerns, I prefer you contact me via my email: [jfayemillard@att.net](mailto:jfayemillard@att.net) however, you may also call me at (734) 558-5368 after 3:30 p.m.

Janet Millard, Event Coordinator  
Belleville Central Business Community

## Superintendent's Corner

By Pete Kudlak  
Superintendent,  
Van Buren Public Schools



I cannot believe that we are three weeks into the 2017-2018 school year! It has been a very smooth start. All of our staff members have really worked hard to make sure your children have a good experience. The buildings are looking beautiful, the staff members are inspired, and the students have been positive about the start of school. It's going to be a great year!

We have a group of wonderful new staff members that have been acclimating into our district. This summer, I was able to talk about teaching and learning with each of them. I am excited to be in their classrooms to help support their progress.

I am really encouraged with what I have been seeing in the classrooms. We have empowered the teachers to have lofty goals, push themselves through instructional techniques, engage the students in meaningful learning, and to grow as professionals. I truly believe that we have talented teachers that will continue to learn together to bring our district sustained academic successes.

Some highlights for this school year:

- More partnerships with community organizations
- A 308-member high school marching band
- BHS hosting a statewide FIRST Robotics competition (March 22-24)
- The first year of McBride 2.0
- Many dynamic athletic teams
- Increased technology use as we move toward 1:1 computer program
- First year of the Van Buren Early College (students earn an associate's degree for free)

- Improved communication (new website, social media, newsletters, Google Classroom)
- The Leader in Me being implemented at Edgemont and Savage Elementary Schools

Last year, I started Living Room Conversations. I found a few people that were interested in hosting me in their

home for an evening of talking teaching, learning, and VBPS. They invited anyone that they wanted and we spent a couple of hours together. If you would like to host a Living Room Conversation, please contact Pam Johnson at (734) 697-1016.

I am thrilled to be starting my second year! This community has been very supportive of the changes that we have been implementing and have embraced me from the start. I want to continue to hear your concerns, as well as your ideas for improvement.

## BHS home games

Here are upcoming Belleville High School home athletic events:

- Thursday, Sept. 21: Boys Varsity Tennis, 4 p.m., against Allen Park; Girls Varsity Swim & Dive, 6 p.m., against Edsel Ford
- Friday, Sept. 22: Varsity Football, 7 p.m., against Dearborn. This is "elementary night." All Van Buren Public Schools elementary-age students get free admission with a paying adult (\$5) to the game.
- Monday, Sept. 25: Girls Varsity Golf, 3 p.m., Quad Meet at Harbour Club Golf Course
- Tuesday, Sept. 26: Girls Freshman & JV Volleyball, 5:30 p.m., against Fordson; Girls Varsity Swim & Dive, 6 p.m., against Livonia Churchill; Girls Varsity Volleyball, 7 p.m., against Fordson
- Wednesday, Sept. 27: Boys Varsity Tennis, 4 p.m., against Crestwood; Boys JV Soccer, 4 p.m., against Dearborn; Boys Varsity Soccer, 5:30 p.m., against Dearborn

Diane Kiessel  
Belleville Athletic Secretary

## Birthdays

- Sept. 22 – Patricia Marshall  
Sept. 23 – Megan Holmes, Ava Golden  
Sept. 25 – Hugh McArthur, Pam Melton  
Sept. 27 – Becky Smith  
Sept. 28 – Jamie Bradley

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# FMAR

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gravel.

Atkin praised the architect's elevations of the project as being all hand-drawn with no computer images.

Atkin said last spring it was his recommendation to get the special land use permit to make it all legal. He suggested they put in the elevation a proposed building in the front, but they would have to come back when they decide to build that building.

He said it does meet the standards in the ordinance and FMAR went through the proper procedure for a variance.

He said the license allows for a certain number of dogs and there will be no more dogs than they currently have. The township animal control will inspect them once a year.

When the FMAR proposal was opened for public comment at the public hearing, Rick Dawson of Belleville read a letter from his wife, who had to be at the Belleville Planning Commission that evening and couldn't be present herself. Mary Jane Dawson's letter told of her support for FMAR and was met with applause from the audience.

Philip Ross, a 30-year Haggerty Road resident, said he was a volunteer at FMAR. He said he volunteers in the section that holds the senior cats, who probably will not be adopted because of their age and will die at the shelter. He said he is old and that is why he works with the old cats.

He told why he supported the rescue which operates without any financial aid from any community. He said businesses donate items and labor to FMAR, which is "astounding to me."

"It would be a terrible loss if they weren't allowed to answer the phone when it rings about dogs and cats in need," Ross said.

His words were also met with applause.

Board Trustee Matthew Oddy, who sits on the planning commission, made the motion to recommend to the board the special



Supporters of Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue wait for the Sumpter Township Planning Commission to move forward on decisions that would allow FMAR to add more kennels to the no-kill shelter.

land use with conditions and his motion was seconded by Commissioner Virginia Belinski and approved by the commission.

LaFramboise said the FMAR supporters present had left 150 other supporters at the spaghetti dinner fund raiser at the Eagles in Van Buren Township and had to get back.

Atkins said at the Oct. 12 meeting of the commission they will consider a hobby kennel for up to 10 dogs and special land use for a cell tower.

## 30<sup>th</sup>-Annual Life Chain set 2-3:30 p.m., Oct. 1 at Five Points in Belleville

The 30<sup>th</sup>-Annual Life Chain to support the preborn and their mothers will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 1, at Five Points in Belleville.

Local co-sponsors are Belleville Church of God and St. Anthony Catholic Church of Belleville.

Sponsored by Right to Life – LIFESPAN, the Life Chain challenges the community to be aware and care.

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# Letter in support of FMAR

## World a better place with Pete and Marcy

To the members of the Sumpter Township Planning Commission:

I have asked my husband Rick Dawson

to read this letter for me and for it to be entered into the minutes of the Sumpter Township Planning Commission meeting tonight. As a member of the Belleville Area District Library Board, I need to attend the Belleville Planning Commission meeting as the site plan for the new library is being presented for review in Belleville tonight.

Both my husband and I are supporters of the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue. As you are aware, there was a need for a no-kill shelter in our community and Pete and Marcy LaFramboise stepped up and started one: FMAR. Pete and Marcy are what is known as "salt of the earth" people. They have put their hearts and souls into FMAR. They have worked their tails off for many years recruiting volunteers, organizing fund raisers, educating the public about the importance of neutering and spaying

not only our pets, but also the feral cats in our community. Most of all, they have been saving the lives of so many dogs and cats who would otherwise be homeless, left in abusive situations, or fending for themselves without adequate food, water, housing, or veterinary care because no one wanted them.

We met them many years ago when we donated cat and dog items to their shelter. When we were ready to adopt another dog, they were the first people we contacted. We ended up bringing home a very elderly, previously neglected but very gentle chocolate lab named Hershey. We only had him for four years before he died, but Pete told me afterwards that if we hadn't adopted Hershey he most likely would have spent the remainder of his life at FMAR. Instead, he ended up with a warm bed, plenty of food, and unconditional love from us. Had he been placed almost anywhere else but FMAR, he would have been killed because he was a senior dog. Three years ago, we adopted another dog from FMAR. Her name is Ziva. She became a part of our family because FMAR exists in our area.

Without FMAR, hundreds of dogs and cats would be sent to high-kill institutions. Hundreds of perfectly healthy dogs and cats are killed every day because they are not wanted and there aren't enough no-kill shelters to house them. Pete and Marcy are committed to helping animals find loving homes where they can live out their lives with people who want them and will care for them. FMAR performs a service not just for the public, but for local police who also bring stray dogs to them. The additional space they are requesting is needed so that they can help more dogs. What a noble cause. I sincerely hope that all of you vote in favor of their request tonight. The world is a much better place because Pete and Marcy are a part of it.

Mary Jane Dawson  
Belleville

## Community invited to learn about, attend 'Marriage of Figaro'

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts is organizing a way for local residents to both learn about and attend Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" at the Michigan Opera Theater in Detroit on Nov. 10.

"The Marriage of Figaro" is considered Mozart's best work and among the most important operas of all time.

Council members and friends are invited to attend a dress rehearsal performance of the opera at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10. Dress rehearsal brings the reduced price of \$35 per person. The tickets are for open seating. Participants will car pool or arrange their own transportation. Limited transportation will be provided through the Van Buren Township Senior Citizens.

Opera educator Dr. Wallace Pease will give a talk in Belleville on the opera at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, at the Belleville Area District Library. There is no charge and the public is invited. Refreshments will be provided after the presentation.

Dr. Pease, who presents talks regularly at the Michigan Opera Theater, is a very popular and entertaining speaker.

Tickets to the opera must be purchased by 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 20. Tickets are \$35 and checks should be payable to the Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA). Vouchers for opera tickets will be distributed by the Chamber of Commerce, Van Buren Senior Citizens and by the law office of Barbara Rogalle Miller at 321 Main Street, Belleville. Voucher holders will pick up their actual tickets the week before the performance. Twenty-five opera tickets have been reserved. More may be available upon request.

For more information, call Barbara Rogalle Miller, chairwoman of the event, at (734) 697-4455.

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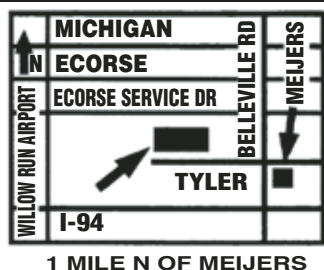
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## Keystone Academy approves NWEA MAP for reading assessment

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting Sept. 14, the Keystone Academy Board of Directors unanimously approved the use of NWEA MAP as the academy's reading assessment system.

The Michigan Revised School Code requires the academy board to select a valid and reliable screening, formative, and diagnostic reading assessment system to be used for pupils in grades K-3 to screen and diagnose difficulties, inform instruction and intervention needs, and assess progress toward a growth target.

The academy must assess pupils' progress in reading skills at least three times per school year in grades K to 3, with the first of these assessments to be conducted within the first 30 school days of the beginning of the 2017-18 school year.

Michigan's "Third Grade Reading Law" requires targeted efforts to increase reading proficiency by grade three.

The law creates a "trigger" that requires the school to retain 3rd-grade students who are more than one year behind by the end of the 2018-19 school year.

In a written report to the board, board attorney La Rae Munk said there are good-cause exemptions that permit the school to promote a student to 4<sup>th</sup> grade despite the reading deficiency.

Munk outlined the steps the board must take to abide by this new law.



Connie Shull of Ypsilanti, left, was sworn into a second three-year term on the Keystone Academy Board of Directors during the board's regular meeting Sept. 14. Board president Vesta Losen, right, swore her into office. The Bay Mills Community College Board, which charts Keystone, appointed Shull to the position. Shull is program director at Bethany Daycare Center in Belleville.

Keystone Principal Keturah Godfrey said some of the new students from the Van Buren and Lincoln districts are below grade level in reading and Keystone's interventionists are stressed out.

She said there is one new fifth grader who can barely read.

Godfrey was concerned about when the state will start counting the scores of new students.

In other business at the Sept 14 meeting, the Keystone board:

- Agreed to hold the next school board meeting at 4 p.m., Oct. 12, at the Dearborn Inn since the board will be there for a symposium and rushing back for a 6 p.m. meeting would be difficult;

- Heard Principal Godfrey report that Keystone has 804 students because some of the students they expected not to return, came back. Capacity is 768. The school's waiting list is 114;

- Heard Godfrey report the results of SchoolDigger which rates the 647 school districts in Michigan. She said five of the schools in the top 10 are National Heritage Academy schools, as is Keystone. Keystone is rated #43 (five-star school), Van Buren is #444, and Lincoln Consolidated is #527;

- Heard Godfrey note that the school is fully staffed and they have hired two more Teachers in Residence: Laura Finkbeiner and Julie Francis-Movahhed. She said there is low teacher turnover, with only four leaving this fall. Three decided to stay home with their children, and one moved to teach at their child's school;

- Discussed questions about the budget and Jessie Montoya, who was present representing NHA, said she would check on their questions;

- While discussing attendance, learned that it is a struggle to get any kind of help from the Sumpter Township Police Department or Child and Family Services for truancy cases. Godfrey said if Keystone were a regular school instead of a charter school they could get assistance. Sumpter PD does offer some support;

- Discussed the bullying report for the 2016-17 school year that showed five instances in February. There were three in-school suspensions on the first instance and two out-of-school suspensions in the second instance. There were no expulsions or crime to report for the year;

- Learned the M-Step test report has to go to NHA first before it is brought to the board for discussion. Godfrey said the results are about the same as last year.



## They're reading the Independent everywhere

Norman and Wendy Snook of Sumpter Township, along with their son Lucas Snook, celebrated the Snooks' 25th wedding anniversary by taking their dream vacation, a Cruise to Alaska on the Carnival Legend Cruise Ship. They took their *Independent* along to read in Skagway, Alaska.

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## Methodist Church in Denton offers free movie night on Sat., Sept. 23

Members of the Denton Faith United Methodist Church invite the public to join them for a free movie night on Saturday, Sept. 23.

At 6:30 p.m. light refreshments and free popcorn will be available as they get settled in to watch the movie “God is Not Dead” in the church sanctuary. Showtime is promptly at 7 p.m.

A donation plate will be set aside for anyone that would like to donate to the evangelism team in hopes of connecting this community together.

Chairwoman Lena Keller asks for RSVPs to (734) 323-7260. The church is located at 6020 Denton Road, just south of Michigan Avenue.

## Upcoming Meetings

• 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 work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

# Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees Notice of Public Hearing

The Charter Township will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday October 3, 2017 during its regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Township Hall to receive public comment on:

- The 2017 Amended General Fund Budget
- The 2018 Proposed General Fund Budget
- Special Revenue Funds
  1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
  2. Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
  3. Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Fund
  4. Landfill Fund
  5. Belleville Area Museum
  6. 9-1-1 Service Fund
  7. Federal Forfeiture Fund
  8. State Forfeiture Fund

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing

Copies of the Amended, Proposed and Special Revenue Funds will be available at the Clerk’s Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111 six (6) days prior to the public hearing.

In Compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made with advance notice to the Clerk’s Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 699-8909

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### Notice of Advertisement

**Seeking Demolition Bids.** The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI will receive bids for the demolition, removal, and disposal of the outbuilding on **Parcel V125-83-054-99-0016-002 (located at 42°13’57.2”N 83°27’54.3”W)** and the outbuilding on **Parcel V125-83-054-99-0012-000 (located at 42°14’00.5”N 83°27’51.3”W).** Both parcels are located on the south side of **Tyler Road east of Morton Taylor Road, Belleville, MI 48111.** Bid forms and demolition work specifications are available 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 **3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2017** and will be publicly opened immediately following the closing of the bid. Interested contractors may contact RonAkers, Director of Planning & Economic Development at (734) 699-8913 to schedule a Pre-Bid Meeting. 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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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### Notice of Advertisement

#### Charter Township of Van Buren Park Pavilion and Play Structure Improvements Project

The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI will receive sealed Bids for construction of the Charter Township of Van Buren Park Pavilion and Play Structure Improvements Project at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren Township, MI 48111 until **Friday, September 29, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., local time.** Bid security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders must be submitted with each Bid. No Bids will be received after that time. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time and place. **Pavilion Equipment is to be delivered to Project site located at 50901 S. I-94 Service Drive, Charter Township of Van Buren Township, MI. (mailing address 50901 S. I-94 Service Drive, Belleville, MI. 48111).**

The approximate quantities of the major items of Work are: Installation of Charter Township of Van Buren purchased new playground equipment (70 ft x 70 ft surface area). Furnish and installation of new 12-inch thick certified wood chip mulch (70 ft x 70 ft surface area). Furnish a new 40 ft x 60 ft pavilion, steel columns, and metal roof. Installation of new 40 ft x 60 ft pavilion, including column footings, pavilion structure, and a 4-inch reinforced concrete pad. Furnish and installation of new electric service 225 amp panel and electric conduits to pavilion. Furnish and installation of new 1-inch water service and field hydrant including the connection to existing water service. Furnish and install Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control measures and site restoration.

**Bid Documents will be available commencing Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 1:00 p.m.** at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of 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). Obtaining Bidding Documents from any source not identified herein may result in failure to receive addenda, corrections, or other revisions that may be issued.

The Charter Township of Van Buren Township is an equal opportunity employer. This project will be partially funded with federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, and the Contract Documents reflect requirements by that agency. Charter Township of Van Buren requires that all on-site construction labor be paid prevailing wages.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any irregularities, reject any and all bids and reserves the right not to award a contract.

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# Minding Your Business

with Bob Mytych



Mike's Kitchen Family Restaurant on the South I-94 Service Drive at Belleville Road has a new menu with generous portions of breakfast, lunch, and dinner specials. Breakfast deals start at \$1.99, lunch specials start at just \$4.99, and dinners at \$6.99. It's Customer Appreciation Days every Monday featuring meals for \$6.99 with drink purchase. Cones are just 99 cents on Tuesdays and kids eat free, too, on these days. The restaurant is known for its broasted chicken, dine-in and carryout, and its ad in today's paper features \$5-off cou-

pons for any Family Favorite Meal pack as well as chicken by the piece. Catering is also available. Call (734) 699-7555.

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Harbour Club Golf Course in Belleville is offering its fall rates as we inch closer to October. Weekday rates are \$10 for 9 holes with power cart; \$15 for 18 holes. Weekend rates are \$14 for 9 holes and \$20 for 18 holes with cart. The driving range also offers \$6 for a small bucket of balls, \$8 for a medium, and \$10 for a large. To make a tee reservation or for golf membership info, call (734) 325-6001.

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Harvest Market vendors are needed for the upcoming annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 14, in downtown Belleville at the Fourth Street Square. The fee is \$15 and vendors are encouraged to be harvest-

themed, but Halloween décor will be considered. The outdoor event will coincide with other activities across the street at the museum and library. Applications are available at the Belleville Central Business Community's website at [www.bellevillecbc.org](http://www.bellevillecbc.org) or by calling event coordinator Janet Millard at (734) 558-5368 after 3:30 p.m. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Today's paper features the Monster Mutt Walk application in a display ad. The walk is coming up on Oct. 21 along Fourth Street near the museum. The Belleville CBC and Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter are sponsoring the pet-in-costume event from 1 to 3 p.m. Registration fee is \$10 plus one can of dog food and participants can register up to three dogs per application. Each dog will receive a goodie bag, and gift and award medals will be given out in three categories: Scariest, Cutest, and Best Mutt & Family. The application is also available at [www.bellevillecbc.org](http://www.bellevillecbc.org) or by calling (734) 558-5368 after 3:30 p.m.

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Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter will be starting new basic obedience classes in October. Call (734) 461-9458.

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Bethany Bible Church on East Huron River Drive in Belleville is celebrating 60 years with a Fall Fest Homecoming, and special service on Sept. 24 at 11 a.m., followed by games, food, and other fun things. The public is invited. Visit [www.bethany-biblechurch.com](http://www.bethany-biblechurch.com) or call (734) 697-7456.

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Every Saturday through October is Harvest Days at the Willis Feed Mill in Willis alongside the railroad tracks behind

Boneheads BBQ. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., there will be vendors selling locally grown produce, jams and jellies, chocolate, fresh breads and cakes, handcrafted goat milk soap, bird seed and cakes, and much more. The mill will also accept non-perishable food donations to support the Sumpter Police Department's Community Outreach Program assisting residents in need. Items can be dropped off any day during business hours and donors will receive a packet of hand-made healthy dog biscuits. Check out the Facebook page at Willis Mill and call (734) 461-1111.

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Hats off to the Belleville Tigers football team as they improved to 4-0 with a 62-0 victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood last week. In the four match-ups to start the season, the Tigers have outscored their opponents 204-37. Up next: Dearborn at Tigers' home field, Friday evening at 7. Go Tigers!

## Call district library to reserve space for free computer classes

The Belleville Area District Library reminds the public of free computer classes coming up.

- Monday, Sept. 25, 10:30 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Getting Started with Computer Basics.
  - Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2 p.m. or 6 p.m.: Beginner's Introduction to Microsoft Excel.
  - Thursday, Sept. 28, 2 p.m. or 6 p.m.: Cloud Computing with Google Drive. Participants must already have or register for a free Google (gmail) account before the class.
- Call the library at (734) 699-3291 to reserve a space in any of the classes.

## Public Notice

### LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017

For Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017

**TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF** the Townships of Sumpter and Van Buren within the Lincoln Consolidated School District and Washtenaw Intermediate School District area:

**NOTICE:** Please be advised that the clerk of your jurisdiction will be in his or her respective office to register qualified electors and amend registration records on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

**SUMPTER TOWNSHIP:** Esther Hurst, Clerk -- 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, Michigan 48111; Ph: 734-461-6201; [Sumpter-clerk@comcast.net](mailto:Sumpter-clerk@comcast.net); Office hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP:** Leon Wright, Clerk – 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Twp, MI 48111; Ph: (734) 699-8900; [lwright@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:lwright@vanburen-mi.org) . Office hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### IF YOU HAVE MOVED RECENTLY YOU MUST AMEND YOUR REGISTRATION RECORD

The November 7, 2017 Special Election is being held for the purpose of voting on the following proposals:

#### PROPOSAL SUMMARIES:

LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL  
EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE  
AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW  
18.2105 MILLS FOR 6 YEARS

LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL  
FOR PUBLIC RECREATION AND PLAYGROUNDS  
0.0986 MILLS FOR 6 YEARS

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Lincoln Consolidated School District, 8970 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197-9440, telephone: (517) 517-484-7000. You can also obtain the full text of the ballot at your local Clerks office.

WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL  
.9719 MILL FOR 8 YEARS

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Washtenaw Intermediate School District, 1819 South Wagner Road, P.O. Box 1406, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106-1406, telephone: (734) 994-8100.

If you have any questions regarding your voter registration or the upcoming election, please visit [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote) or contact the County Clerk's Office at 734-222-6730.

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## Public Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** PI Tower Development LLC proposes to build a 129-foot Monopole Communications Tower. The Site location is Morton Taylor Road, Belleville, Wayne County, Michigan, 43430, Latitude: 42-15-8.66 N, Longitude: 83-28-7.49 W. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1088496.

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

**HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS** - Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Andrew Temerowski, G2 Consulting Group, LLC, 1866 Woodslee Street, Troy, Michigan 48063, Phone: 248-680-0400, E-Mail: [atemerowski@g2consultinggroup.com](mailto:atemerowski@g2consultinggroup.com).

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## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*Out of the 533 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.*

**Sunday, Sept. 10:**  
0134 – operating while intoxicated, EB I-94 / Belleville  
0239 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hoeft Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.  
0643 – property damage accident, Rolan Meadows  
1026 – unattended death, S&C Transport  
1408 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan  
1430 – larceny from auto, W. Archwood Dr.  
1527 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1537 – dumping complaint, Beck Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
1551 – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1553 – disorderly, Lenmoore Ave.  
1647 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sadie Ln.  
1815 – malicious destruction of property, Lake Point Blvd.  
1836 – property damage accident, Preswick Ct.  
1842 – harassment call, Sylvia Dr.  
1849 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty/Tyler  
1922 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan/Ecorse  
2026 – domestic, Maple Dr.  
2043 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
**Monday, Sept. 11:**  
0046 – noise complaint, Arthur St.  
0708 – found property/child, Oak Ln.  
0720 – mental subject, Clayton Rd.  
0801 – larceny, Tyler Rd.  
0802 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.  
0816 – fraud, Meadows Cir.  
1059 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.  
1114 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.  
1236 – property damage accident, Belleville / Verizon  
1258 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.  
1307 – ordinance violation, Brookside Dr.  
1341 – ordinance violation, Ormond Dr.  
1403 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1424 – ordinance violation, Hull Rd.  
1534 – private property impound, Industrial  
1701 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Van Buren St.  
1925 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1930 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodgrove Dr. / Whitewood Cir.  
1949 – threat, Parkside Dr.  
2021 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
2037 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
2201 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2216 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood/Tyler  
2308 – suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows of Van Buren  
**Tuesday, Sept. 12:**  
0035 – breaking & entering, Dewitt Rd.  
0335 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service  
0542 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
0613 – larceny from auto, Parkside Dr.  
0620 – assault & battery, Rawsonville  
1126 – miscellaneous complaint, Martinsville  
1153 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.  
1157 – family trouble, Stoneybrook Ct.  
1516 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1758 – harassment call, Oak Blvd.  
1806 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd./Tyler Rd.  
1833 – juvenile complaint, Michigan Ave./Denton  
1929 – noise complaint, Hamilton St.  
1944 – malicious destruction of property, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.  
1956 – suicidal person, Van Buren St.  
2023 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2029 – property damage accident, Van Buren St.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 13:**  
0323 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
0717 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. Grove St.  
0800 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.  
0946 – dumping complaint, Morton Taylor/Ecorse  
0955 – private property impound, Old Michigan Rd.  
0957 – hospice death, Ayres Ave.  
1054 – trespassing, Oak Ln.  
1106 – threat, Richard Run Dr.  
1126 – private property impound, Richard Run Dr.  
1140 – private property impound, Richard Run Dr.

1217 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1234 – malicious destruction of property, Denton Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1255 – dumping complaint, Ecorse Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.  
1312 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty  
1531 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service  
1838 – assault & battery, Victoria St.  
1918 – juvenile complaint, Victoria St.  
1919 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodgrove Dr. / Whitewood Cir.  
2044 – traffic offense, Belleville/Van Born  
2112 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2124 – traffic offense, Ecorse/Belleville  
2203 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.  
**Thursday, Sept. 14:**  
0106 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.  
0208 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.  
0219 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge  
1010 – suspicious person/vehicle, Basswood Cir. / Beacon Trl.  
1015 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1111 – private property impound, McBride Ave.  
1335 – assist other dept., Columbia/Liberty  
1450 – malicious destruction of property, Soop Cemetery  
1556 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.  
1637 – property damage accident, Lake Villa Dr.  
1722 – missing person, North Shore Dr.  
1820 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1823 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.  
1939 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.  
1952 – suspicious person/vehicle, Stonebridge Ct. / E. Walden Dr.  
2011 – malicious destruction of property, Morton Taylor Rd.  
2109 – suspicious person/vehicle, Elwell Rd./Hull  
2246 – traffic offense, Lohr Rd./Bemis Rd.  
2248 – harassment call, Denton Rd.  
**Friday, Sept. 15:**  
0644 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0843 – suspicious person/vehicle, McKinley St.  
1001 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.  
1010 – narcotics crime, Ecorse Rd.  
1053 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Independence Ln.  
1243 – ordinance violation, Anna Dr.  
1253 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service  
1257 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1437 – robbery, Old Michigan Rd./Outer Dr.  
1623 – mental subject, Quirk Rd.  
1820 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1848 – juvenile complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1953 – juvenile complaint, Park Estates Dr.  
2058 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2128 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
2210 – traffic offense, Tyler Rd./Parkwood Dr.  
2214 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
2257 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.  
**Saturday, Sept. 16:**  
0141 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Rawsonville  
0429 – traffic offense, W. Adams  
0952 – harassment call, Denton Rd.  
1206 – traffic offense, Haggerty/Woodbury Dr.  
1220 – missing person, Lenmoore Ave.  
1346 – assist other dept., EB I-94/Belleville Rd.  
1423 – suspicious person/vehicle, Alba Ct.  
1626 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1805 – juvenile complaint, Walden Blvd./Tyler Rd  
1953 – assist other dept., Rawsonville/Snow Rd.  
1955 – noise complaint, Rawsonville/Bemis Rd.  
2009 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2050 – domestic, Assembly St.  
2053 – noise complaint, Riggs/Martinsville  
2135 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.  
2201 – noise complaint, S. Purple Sage Ct.  
2247 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl. / Spruce Ln.  
2347 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
Also on this week's log are 209 traffic stops, 37 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

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## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Sept. 10:**  
0314 – property damage accident, Main St./Fourth  
0904 – miscellaneous complaint, S. Edgemont  
1225 – assist fire dept., Edison Ave.  
1226 – assist fire dept., Edison Ave.  
1652 – property damage accident, N. Liberty St. / E. Huron River Dr.  
1713 – assist fire dept., Henry St.  
1806 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victory Park  
1909 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.  
2022 – domestic, Loza Ln.  
**Monday, Sept. 11:**  
0044 – traffic offense, Main St./High St.  
0135 – disorderly, Carmell St.  
0140 – fight, Carmell St.  
0217 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.  
0338 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
0711 – animal complaint, Victorian Ln.  
0803 – vehicle lockout, N. Aberdeen Ct.  
1012 – civil matter, Carmell St.  
1102 – property damage accident, Main St.  
1436 – warrant arrest, Huron Twp.  
1525 – property damage accident, High St. / W. Columbia Ave.  
1557 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd. / Belle Villa Blvd.  
1643 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty/Main  
2343 – assist other dept., Main St./Denton St.  
**Tuesday, Sept. 12:**  
0615 – animal complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.  
0900 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.  
0903 – lost property/child, W. Davis St.  
1521 – private property impound, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1534 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.  
1633 – mental subject, Carmell St.  
1905 – vehicle lock out, Main St.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 13:**  
0226 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
0842 – hospice death, N. Liberty St.  
0852 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter/South  
0903 – suicidal person, W. Columbia Ave.  
1024 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.  
1114 – found property/child, Main St.  
1448 – assist fire dept., Owen St.  
1526 – assault & battery, Biggs Ave.  
1717 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.  
1854 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.  
1930 – animal complaint, N. Liberty St.  
1956 – welfare check, Church St.  
2350 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.  
**Thursday, Sept. 14:**  
0057 – suspicious person/vehicle, Owen St.  
0857 – animal complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr. / Light Tower Dr.  
1306 – vehicle lock out, Main St.  
1523 – civil matter, Biggs Ave.  
1740 – follow up by officer, A&W restaurant  
2033 – intrusion alarm, Main St.  
2130 – assist other dept., Henry St.  
2157 – personal injury accident, Owen St.  
**Friday, Sept. 15:**  
1617 – property damage accident, South St./Main  
1750 – civil matter, Loza Ln./E. Huron River Dr.  
1835 – welfare check, Biggs Ave.  
1933 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Potter Dr.  
1954 – assist fire dept., High St.  
2342 – suspicious person/vehicle, Horizon Park  
**Saturday, Sept. 16:**  
0649 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.  
0812 – welfare check, N. Biggs Ave.  
0939 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.  
1331 – civil matter, Main St.  
1352 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.  
1424 – shooting, Sumpter/Davis  
1529 – shooting, Sumpter/Davis  
Also on this week's log are 76 traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Sept. 10:**  
0022 – warrant arrest pick up, Martinsville/Willow  
0148 – assist other agency, 38000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0311 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0711 – malicious destruction of property, 21000 bl.

Elwell Rd.  
0749 – malicious destruction of property, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
0750 – malicious destruction of property, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
0751 – malicious destruction of property, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1302 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.  
1449 – family trouble, 43000 bl. Victoria Ave.  
1608 – animal complaint, Karr/Arkona  
1725 – shots fired, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
1950 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
2013 – alarm, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.  
2136 – suspicious person, Dunn/Martinsville  
**Monday, Sept. 11:**  
0107 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township  
0305 – shots fired, Carriage Ln.  
0716 – alarm, 21000 bl. Clemmons Ct.  
0749 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz  
0851 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
0931 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1045 – abandoned vehicle, Willis/Elwell  
1146 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1442 – odor investigation, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1449 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1535 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.  
2146 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2330 – civil dispute, Judd/Sumpter  
**Tuesday, Sept. 12:**  
0214 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1104 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1232 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1236 – civil dispute, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1314 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1459 – well-being check, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1502 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1613 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1958 – well-being check, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
2241 – disorderly person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 13:**  
0959 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1054 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1201 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1224 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1416 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2041 – alarm, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2112 – assault, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
**Thursday, Sept. 14:**  
0038 – civil dispute, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
0748 – malicious destruction of property, Magnolia  
1003 – civil dispute, Knollwood  
1045 – larceny, Colorado  
1216 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1258 – suspicious incident, Rawsonville/Judd  
1423 – well-being check, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1436 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1620 – disorderly person, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1726 – warrant arrest pick up, Magnolia  
2027 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville/Judd  
2251 – assist other agency, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
**Friday, Sept. 15:**  
0747 – fire dept. assist, Walnut  
0826 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1137 – juvenile complaint, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1257 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1318 – shots fired, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1345 – assist other agency, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1414 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1544 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1611 – animal complaint, 27000 bl. Martinsville  
1705 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2053 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2249 – citizen assist, Sumpter/Bemis  
2329 – warrant arrest pick up, Oakville Waltz / Rawsonville  
**Saturday, Sept. 16:**  
1315 – citizen assist, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1357 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1511 – found property, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1645 – suspicious vehicle, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2043 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.  
2053 – citizen assist, Rawsonville/Judd  
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# BHS All Class Reunion



Myra MacPherson, acclaimed journalist and author, attended Saturday's All-Class Reunion at Belleville High School. She was named a BHS Distinguished Graduate last spring, but was unable to be present for her induction due to illness. She graduated in 1952.

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## Sumpter Township Public Notice

### SUMPTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE PERMITS October 12, 2017

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 7:05 pm, Thursday, October 12, 2017 regarding the request for two (2) separate Special Land Use Permits.

#### NATURE OF THE REQUEST(s)

1. A PROPOSED request is seeking approval for a special land use permit to allow a Hobby Kennel in the RF, Rural Farm zoning district as required by Section 4.7.2(l) of the zoning ordinance. The site for the proposed special land use is located at 41185 Judd Rd., Belleville, MI 48111.
2. A PROPOSED request is seeking approval for a special land use permit to allow a 175 foot tall Wireless Communication Facility in the RF, Rural Farm zoning district as required in Section 6.7.2(q) of the zoning ordinance. The site for the proposed special land use is located at 20060 Haggerty Rd. Belleville, MI 48111.

This Public Hearing has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act. 168, Section 0 of 1959 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.

Esther Hurst  
Clerk  
Sumpter Township

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