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F R E E

VBT Board approves four-year AFSCME contract on 5-2 vote

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

On a vote of 5-2, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approved the four-year contract with township employees who are represented by the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) union.

The contract runs from Jan. 1, 2019 through Dec. 31, 2022. A budget implication was noted on the agenda item as 2% for four elected officials and approximately 10 salaried employees for the update to the benefits manual.

Among other changes, wages will increase 2% each year of the four-year contract, except for account clerks who get 73 cents per hour increase the first year and then the 2% for the years after that.

The vote on the contract was after an hour-long closed-door session at the beginning of the Jan. 15 regular meeting.

Trustees Reggie Miller and Paul White voted no.

Trustee Miller said she voted no about the process. She said her job as a trustee is to oversee the process and ask questions.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara had cancelled the Jan. 14 work/study session for lack of agenda items. He explained they didn't get the AFSCME contract that was approved by the union until after the work/study was cancelled, so he planned a closed-door session to consider the contract at the beginning of the regular meeting. Then they could act on it during the regular meeting.

The contract negotiators included Treasurer Sharry Budd and Clerk Leon Wright and they both defended the contract.

Treasurer Budd said the negotiation was in harmony on both sides and the union has ratified the contract.

Clerk Wright said the contract was negotiated in good faith.

"We've had tremendous growth with the way we negotiate contracts," Wright said.

"We need to improve our process so the board members feel more included," said Trustee Sherry Frazier. "I would have preferred not to have the work/study canceled yesterday." She said if they had the closed-door session on Monday, it would have given them time to think over

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Library Beam-Signing Ceremony set for 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 26

The public is invited to take part in a Beam-Signing Ceremony at the Belleville Area District Library construction site at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 26.

"Be a part of your library's history," said library board president Sharon Peters.

The steel beams for the new library are being erected next to the current library. The public is invited to tour the construction site and sign one of the steel columns near the new entrance.

Peters said those participating will have to put on hard hats before stepping into the construction zone and will have to use a special pen for the signing.

She told the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at its Jan. 15 meeting that at first they were just going to have officials from the tri communities sign the beams, but then decided to invite everyone because it's the people's building.

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library will be held following the ceremonial signing. The meeting is set for 12:30 p.m. at the library, starting with a free lunch. The public is invited to this meeting, as well, which includes an update on the library project by Dean Kokkales from O'Neal Construction.

The library is at 167 Fourth St. in downtown Belleville. For more information, call (734) 699-3291.



Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara framed the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Quick Claim Deed for the DNR lakeside property on Belleville Road, just north of the Belleville Bridge, now owned by the township. He showed the deed off at the Jan. 15 board of trustees meeting. He said the deed specifies that the land must be a park. Supervisor McNamara said the quoted price for the property was \$750,000, but VBT got it for \$22,000, "Quite a deal." He plans to hang the deed on his office wall.

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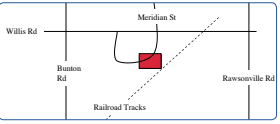
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What taxpayers are paying for salaries

Keystone Academy teachers, administrators list present salaries

These are the teachers, administrators, and other staff members and their annual salaries as of Jan. 1, 2019 as reported by National Heritage Academies which operates Keystone Charter Academy located on Bemis Road in Sumpter Township.

Teachers and administrators in the State of Michigan are required to be named and their wages listed for the state registry.

These teachers and administrators working at Keystone Academy are hired and paid by National Heritage Academies in Grand Rapids. Under the law, NHA is not required to give out any more information than what is in the state registry listing.

Keystone is a free, public school academy serving a current enrollment of 774 students in grades Y5-8 and operating under a charter contract issued by an authorizing body – Bay Mills Community College.

The Keystone Academy Board has entered into a services agreement with NHA, an educational service provider.

Through this services agreement, NHA

is responsible to provide for the day-to-day operations and staffing at the school including the school's leadership team and teachers. Consequently, Keystone does not have any employees.

Also, NHA, a private company, does not have to reveal individual benefits nor give any information on how much employees may or may not pay for benefits. NHA has

sent along 11 pages of listings of benefits it provides.

Rosemary K. Otzman, Editor

This is the first report in a series on local salaries funded by taxpayers.

Keystone Charter Academy Salaries as of January 2019

Administration		Library Tech	
Drain, Jorvonna	\$75,000.02	Davenport, Sarah	\$43,492.38
Bradley, Diann	\$53,045.20	Substitute Teachers	
Davies, Stephanie	\$15.50 per hour	Abdellatif, Reem	\$90 per day
Deans		Ballard, Karen	\$90 per day
Johnson, Cari	\$63,119.26	Barragan-Barajas, Dionne	\$90 per day
Mallari, Robyn	\$62,500.05	Clapp, Elisabeth	\$90 per day
Steeb, Jamie	\$67,898.06	Corbin, Jena	\$110 per day
Instructors		Davis, Chelsie	\$110 per day
Behrendt, Jaclynn	\$46,755.07	Hook, Roxane	\$90 per day
Cannon, Jill	\$43,507.57	Losen, Jacob	\$90 per day
Carpenter, Karrie	\$43,255.26	Rosiek, Barbara	\$90 per day
Cheng, Stephen	\$39,038.27	Schafer, Michelle	\$90 per day
Chuang, Cindy	\$46,064.30	Walters, Johanne	\$90 per day
Dalton, Anne	\$40,835.18	Washington, Regina	\$90 per day
Demolen, Jennifer	\$40,209.10	Social Worker	
Duggan, Nicole	\$39,038.27	Gomez, Ashley	\$48,901.01
Finkbeiner, Laura	\$40,835.18	Paraprofessionals	
Franson, Lindsay	\$43,255.26	Bradley, Kimberly	\$13.84 per hour
Horner, Jennifer	\$39,800.18	Campbell, Sandra	\$13.52 per hour
Isserstedt, Lisa Ann	\$43,255.26	Dean, Laura	\$14.10 per hour
Johnson, Nicolle	\$44,104.32	Hajduk, Theresa	\$13.79 per hour
Jordan, Christina	\$39,038.27	Hampton, Francine	\$16.00 per hour
Kaminski, Tracy	\$43,791.49	Henderson, Melissa	\$15.05 per hour
Kwolek, Kayla	\$39,038.27	Heringhausen, Lisa	\$13.39 per hour
Lauren, Mechelle	\$43,719.73	Isaacs, Jeanne	\$14.11 per hour
Layton, Amanda	\$57,937.78	Walus, Holly	\$13.50 per hour
Leppen, Sloane	\$40,835.18	Williams, Tabitha	\$13.00 per hour
Lumbardo, Andria	\$49,431.62	Recess Aides	
Maynard, Samantha	\$39,038.27	Barragan-Barajas, Dionne	\$11.25 per hour
McNulty, Michelle	\$55,565.95	Davis, Chelsie	\$11.25 per hour
Montri, Sheila	\$67,313.17	Henderson, Melissa	\$11.25 per hour
Mushenheim, Jaclyn	\$55,412.45	Hook, Roxane	\$12.50 per hour
Patton, Diane	\$46,755.07	Mitchell, Theresa	\$11.25 per hour
Poole, Ellen	\$47,610.37	Rosiek, Barbara	\$11.25 per hour
Pope, Andrew	\$41,534.27	Walters, Johanne	\$11.25 per hour
Quinn, Tully	\$40,835.18	Lunch Aides	
Reaume, Megan	\$43,255.26	Aguirre, Dominique	\$9.45 per hour
Reed, Stacey	\$63,292.74	Barragan-Barajas, Dionne	\$9.45 per hour
Robbins, Christina	\$38,793.46	Corbin, Jena	\$9.45 per hour
Terrell-Fletcher, Monique	\$44,095.58	Grimoldby, Jennifer	\$9.53 per hour
Turner, Teri	\$43,255.26	Hagerman, Jettie	\$10.20 per hour
Vandeguchte, Kelly	\$44,592.29	Jackson, Kimberly	\$10.00 per hour
Zajac, Sarah	\$51,015.33	Mitchell, Theresa	\$9.53 per hour
Zeuty, Eric	\$46,692.67		

Compiled by Diane Madigan.

Belleville Area District Library 2018 Wages and Benefits

	Wages	Benefits	Total
Administration:			
Suchy, Mary Jo	\$79,111	\$24,198	\$103,309
Savage, Hilary	\$61,626	\$20,990	\$82,615
Wloch, Michelle	\$40,866	\$28,440	\$69,306
Librarians			
McCann, Tara	\$54,362	\$26,983	\$81,345
Greschaw, Amy	\$43,662	\$17,765	\$61,426
Lewis-Yarbrough, Nakenya	\$42,266	\$38,818	\$81,084
Frazier, Sherry	\$12,820	\$981	\$13,801
Green, Debra	\$1,800	\$138	\$1,938
Richards, Jonathan	\$7,281	\$557	\$7,838
Skinner, Kelly	\$25,314	\$1,937	\$27,250
Spiteri-Zaidel, Theresa	\$6,156	\$4,709	\$10,865
Mandarino, Courtney	\$2,097	\$160	\$2,257
Sossi, Catherine	\$1,331	\$102	\$1,433
Menter, Joshua	\$815	\$62	\$877
Johnson, Carol	\$29,093	\$5,389	\$34,482
Clerks:			
Booher, Beth	\$10,056	\$769	\$10,825
Carr, Mary	\$8,495	\$650	\$9,145
Dayem, Renad	\$2,717	\$208	\$2,925
Douglas, Jackie	\$12,502	\$956	\$13,458
Douglas, Noelle	\$7,330	\$561	\$7,891
Garascia, Judy	\$9,448	\$723	\$10,171
Green-Husted, Jessamy	\$10,585	\$810	\$11,395
Lebron, Joe	\$32,654	\$15,707	\$48,362
Murphy, Lakeisha	\$1,587	\$121	\$1,708
Reed, Ronda	\$15,989	\$1,223	\$17,212
Willson, Lori	\$11,633	\$890	\$12,523
Student Assistants:			
Cunningham, Issis	\$1,006	\$77	\$1,083
Demery, Mikail	\$3,954	\$302	\$4,256
Drewyor, Jensen	\$5,059	\$387	\$5,446
Drotar, Jada	\$913	\$70	\$983
Jeng, Alyssa	\$1,801	\$138	\$1,939
Montgomery, Amy	\$2,139	\$164	\$2,303
Computer Techs:			
Kelley, George	\$38,318	\$14,951	\$53,269
Meder, Todd	\$327	\$25	\$352
Custodians:			
Bies, Kristin	\$789	\$60	\$849
Decker, Nancy	\$3,921	\$300	\$4,221
Edwards, Madonna	\$299	\$23	\$322
Garrett, Angela	\$2,442	\$187	\$2,629
Johnson, Teresa	\$1,394	\$107	\$1,501
Meador, Emaleigh	\$2,499	\$191	\$2,690
Pingle, Shannon	\$437	\$33	\$470
Total			\$807,754

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Sumpter Twp. backs off move to fire *Independent*

An agenda item was before the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at Tuesday's regular meeting, put on by Supervisor John Morgan, to change its newspaper of record from the *Independent* to Associated Newspapers, which publishes *The Eagle*.

After a long, feisty discussion in the work/study session, Trustee Oddy, one of the supporters of the move, asked the item be deleted from the agenda.

Dave Willett, owner of Associated Newspapers, had been invited to speak and he told the story of his family and the newspaper and how he would make them happy if the board made *The Eagle* newspaper of record.

But resident, after resident spoke of the *Independent's* value to the community and festering issues in the township. "You have issues here that have nothing to do with me," Willett said. "Putting this out for bids is a waste of time," adding the *Independent* would underbid them and keep its agreement in place.

Mary Sherwood said she loves the *Independent* and it tells everything that's going on in Belleville. She said if the editor got bad information and printed it, "a mistake is not a criminal offense." The answer to the problem is to do good things and "maybe Rosemary would like us and maybe she would say good things about us... We love one another in Sumpter. We even love Rosemary ... Remember what the people of the township think," she told the board. And the board dropped its plan.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Keystone Charter Academy and the Belleville Area District Library were the first taxpayer-funded organizations to respond to our Freedom of Information Act request for the salaries it paid employees for 2018. Actually, Keystone gave us salaries as of Jan. 1, so I guess that is close enough. These two always come in first.

We print these each January/February so local taxpayers can see what their money is buying. They can decide if it seems like too much or not enough. They also can decide what they want to do about it and, maybe, decide to run for office to help make decisions up-close and personal.

There are six taxpayer-funded units in our 48111 coverage area that must respond to FOIAs. The 34th District Court is not under FOIA.

We've been informed that Van Buren Township and the Van Buren Public Schools will have their salaries ready by Feb. 1 and Sumpter will have its ready by Feb. 4. The City of Belleville is having Plante Moran work on it and did not give an estimate as to when it will be done.

Diane Madigan is compiling the salaries to make them suitable for publication, so after we get the information, it will take a little time to get them in shape.

Cold and snowy. Now, this is what a Michigan winter is supposed to be like.

The colorful sunrise picture on the front page of our Dec. 27 edition was taken on the last day of fall on Dec. 20. The first day of winter, the next day, was a bust, with grey skies and gloomy colors, so it was good the picture was taken the morning before.



David Brownlee, who took the picture from his home on Ryzner Drive in Van Buren Township, said that at the Winter Solstice, the sun rises right over the city of Belleville to the east of his home, so that's why the sunrise picture is so nice. He said each day thereafter, the sun rises a little to the left in that layout. But, on the first day of winter it's perfectly over Belleville.

The Winter Solstice is the shortest day of the year and after noon of that day, each day starts getting longer. The Summer Solstice on June 21 this summer will be the longest day of the year.

At 5:42 p.m., Jan. 15, my son Bill reported he heard on the emergency dispatch scanner a voice that sounded almost like it was computer-generated, he said.

It said, "You are cleared from your Van Buren Township duties as of 17:42 hours. Thank you for your service."

"Oh, I know what that was," I told him and he replied that he thought I might.

It was Ken Toney being relieved of duties from Van Buren Township upon retiring after 26 years of service as a police officer. That was on a Tuesday. He was supposed to start his new job as a full-time police officer in Sumpter Township on Friday. The Toney family lives in Sumpter Township and Ken said he has known Sumpter Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke for all their years of policing.

Another VBT police officer confirmed

that was what happened that Tuesday. He said it was Toney's son who gave him the final call. The officer told me Toney's son is a fire fighter for VBT.

District Courts across Michigan are celebrating the 50th anniversary of district courts in the state. The first district courts officially opened on Jan. 1, 1969.

The Michigan State Constitution of 1963, which took effect Jan. 1, 1964, abolished the offices of circuit court commissioner and justice of the peace at the expiration of five years from the date this constitution becomes effective.

One of the main differences between the district court system and the municipal courts which preceded it is the requirement that the judge be a lawyer. Previously, justices of the peace and those presiding over municipal courts did not have to be — which lives on in the practice of appointing magistrates.

(At the 34th District Court one of our magistrates is a lawyer and one isn't.)

At the beginning of 1969, 34 district courts opened up with 150 district court judges. Of those, 124 had been elected the previous November and 26 were incumbent municipal judges "grandfathered" in.





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Letters

Students planned to dig up time capsule in park

To the editor:

I was looking at some old pics this afternoon from when Barry was a kid. A section of the Belleville Enterprise was in the box. The above is the article about the kids burying a time capsule in Victory Park in May of 1987 to be opened in 2037 on the 50th anniversary of the burial.

It appears the students who buried will return (hopefully) to dig the capsule up and note the advancements.

Very interesting.

Paul White
Van Buren Township

BAWC accepting scholarship applications

To the editor:

The Belleville Area Woman's Club is accepting applications for scholarships from graduating seniors and from women who are returning to college after a period of time.

Graduating seniors from BHS should contact Rebecca Chinn in the Counseling Office for an application and any woman who is interested in applying for the Georgia Badgett Scholarship, please contact me at jfayemillard@att.net or call after 3:30 p.m. (734) 558-5368.

All applications are due by the end of March, 2019.

Janet Millard, chair
Scholarship Committee
Belleville Area Woman's Club

Students prepare time capsule

A parade of students and dignitaries, led by a Clydesdale-pulled wagon load of musicians will lead South Middle School students to Victory Park at 2 p.m. May 22 to observe the Sesquicentennial celebration of the state.

South students will bury a time capsule in the park which is slated to be opened at noon, Oct. 6, 2037.

The time capsule will contain items which the students feel will be of interest 50 years in the future. It was constructed by South students and will contain items of interest which are donated by local, state and national leaders as well as those submitted by the community.

Eighth-graders Linda

Pasek, Carrie Zehel, Mike Champagne, Nicole Gobert, Heidi Mayfield, Lisa Roberge, Melissa Dapprich, Lisa Hamilton, Veronica Watson, Kaye Hiss, Stacie Korgal, Wendy Hartwick, Kael Williams, Jon Brandau, Scott Strand, Sean Garland and Carl Rowsey are slated to open the time capsule to celebrate the bicentennial of the state.

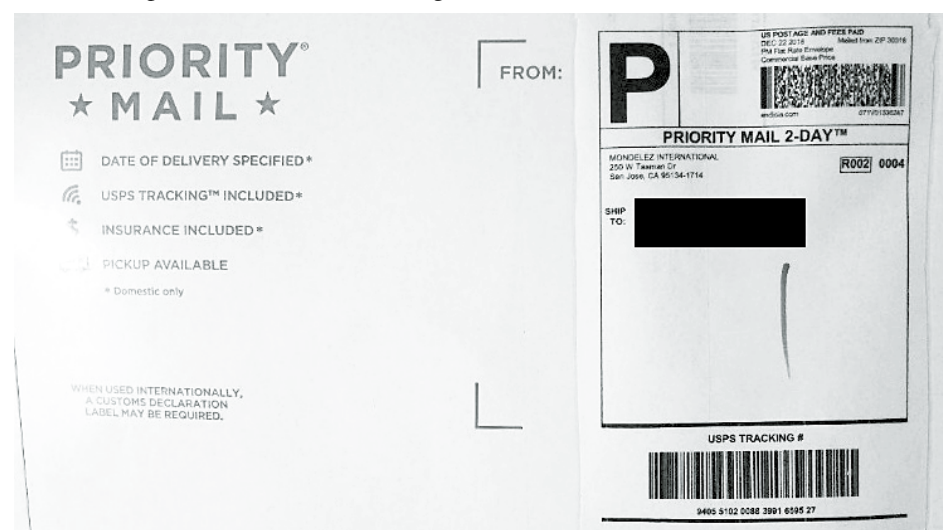
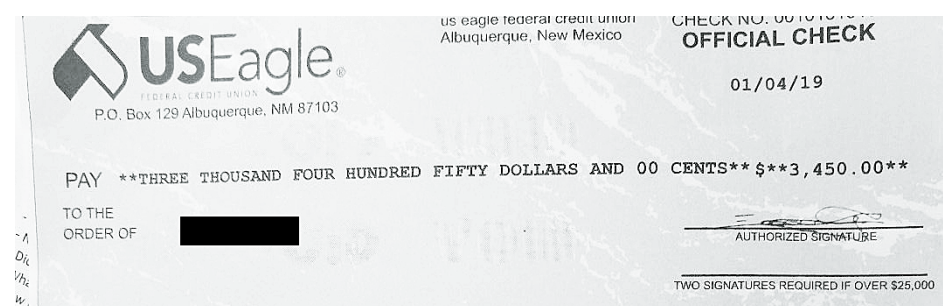
VBT Police Dept. issues scam alert after resident receives fake check

The Van Buren Township Police Department issued the following alert on Jan. 11.

"BE AWARE: A resident received this envelope in the mail, inside was a check for over \$3,000. It included instructions to deposit the check, and to purchase gift cards with a portion the funds, and as a gift

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Jan. 24** – The Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. in the dining hall at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd., Van Buren Township. All are welcome.

• **Friday, Jan. 25** – Penny Bingo every Friday from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Bring pennies. Info: (734) 699-8918.

• **Friday, Jan. 25** – Potato Pancake Supper, 4:30-7 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church, 28320 Waltz Rd., Waltz. \$12 donation for adults; \$4 donation for children 6-12; children 5 & under free. No wait for carry-outs. Sponsored by St. John's Ladies Aid.

• **Saturday, Jan. 26** – The public is invited to a special 11:30 a.m. ceremony to sign the beams at the new Belleville Area District Library, now under construction next to the current library. Since the building belongs to the people, the people are invited to come, don a hard hat, tour the construction site, and use a special pen to sign a beam near the future entry to the building. Be a part of your library's history.

• **Saturday, Jan. 26** – The annual meeting of the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the library, 167 Fourth St. Lunch will be provided by the Lunchbox restaurant, followed by a short business meeting. O'Neal Construction Company and Library Director Mary Jo Suchy will give an update on the progress of the new library.

• **Saturday, Jan. 26** – Entertainer, comedian and ventriloquist Brian Bosman and his best buddy C.D. will entertain at 7:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles #3996, 99961 Beck Rd., Belleville. An all-you-can-eat homemade soup and salad buffet and

dessert bar runs from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person until Jan. 18 and \$15 after Jan. 18. Information: (734) 699-8836.

• **Sunday, Jan. 27** – Free, live music at the September Days Senior Center, 2-5 p.m. Today it's Kentucky Travelers. For information, call Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Monday, Jan. 28** – State Rep. Joe Bellino will host office hours from 11 a.m. to noon at the Sumpter Township Senior

Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd., and from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Tim Horton's, 404 S. Monroe St., in Monroe. No appointments necessary.

• **Monday, Jan. 28** – Play cards beginning at 12:30 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Variety of card games. Info: (734) 699-8918.

• **Saturday, Feb. 2** – Bag of Books Sale at the Belleville Area District Library, 167

Fourth St. Come bill a bag with used books of your choice for one price. Friends of the Library members are admitted at 11 a.m., with the public admitted at noon. Bags of Books on sale until 3 p.m.

• **Sunday, Feb. 3** – Free, live music at the September Days Senior Center, 2-5 p.m. Today it's Albert Munis Band. For information, call Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

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Obituaries

KEVIN PATRICK KILKENNY

(November 24, 1953 – January 18, 2019)

Age 65 of Van Buren Township, died at his residence on Friday evening, January 18, 2019. Kevin is the cherished brother of James (Sammie) Kilkenny of Iowa and K.C. (Janet) Kilkenny of Iowa. Also, special friend of Michael Garrison of Ypsilanti. In addition, Mr. Kilkenny is survived by many loving extended family and friends.

Born on November 24, 1953 to Ralph and Martha Kilkenny in Osceola, Iowa, Kevin was a graduate of Iowa State University with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering. He was employed with the BASF Corporation for the last twenty years. Mr. Kilkenny was an avid world traveler, enjoyed following baseball, (he attended games at all 30 stadiums of Major League Baseball) and was a seasonal resident of Las Vegas.

In keeping with Mr. Kilkenny's wishes, a simple cremation has been arranged. A celebration of life ceremony will be held at a later time in his native Iowa.

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Obituaries



**Bonita (Bonnie) Mabel
Priebe**

BONITA MABEL PRIEBE

(April 22, 1948 - January 11, 2019)

Bonita (Bonnie) Mabel Priebe, 70, of Van Buren Township, passed from this earth to heaven on January 11, 2019, after a long battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband Fred, son Paul (Julie), daughter Katie (Joe) O'Kelley, five grandchildren, and a sister Joycelyn Rolf. She was preceded in death by her parents, Werner and Mable Rolf, and a brother Ken.

Bonita was born Bonita Mabel Rolf on April 22, 1948 in New Prague, Minnesota. She was baptized into the Christian faith on May 9, 1948 at Zion Lutheran Church in Cologne, Minnesota. She graduated from Belle Plaine, Minnesota, high school in 1966. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Ec Education from Stout State University in 1970. That year she married Fred Priebe, taking up residence in Wayne, Michigan.

During her lifetime, she taught school, operated a home daycare, worked at a fabric store, served as a church secretary, led People to People delegations to Europe and Australia, and traveled the country teaching about the life and times of Mary Todd Lincoln.

Her greatest joy was talking about Jesus and his love for all people everywhere. When she was diagnosed with terminal cancer, she announced that she was not dying, just going to a new home.

Services were held January 19, 2019 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Wayne.



Jeanne Foust

JEANNE FOUST

(December 20, 1945 - January 18, 2019)

Age 73, of Ypsilanti, died at her residence on Friday, January 18, 2019.

Jeanne is the beloved mother of Jeffery (Sharon) Foust of Ypsilanti; loving grandmother of Mavrick (Kaylor) Bristol of Belleville and Austin Foust of Ypsilanti; cherished sister of Mary (Thomas) Michniewicz of Florida, Linda Patrias of Romulus, Steven (Dee) Patrias of Taylor, Michael Patrias of Romulus and Francie (Daniel) Wicker of Tennessee. Mrs. Foust was also anticipating the birth of a great-granddaughter in the near future.

A resident of Ypsilanti, Jeanne enjoyed reading, listening to vinyl records, crocheting and spending times with her family.

A celebration of life service will be held 1 PM, Saturday, January 26, 2019 in the Main Chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home, (734)-697-4500.

The Foust family will greet guests from 11 AM until the 1 PM service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Diabetes Association. For those who wish to send floral tributes, white and blue flowers are the color of preference.
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Jack L. Demmy, Jr.

JACK L. DEMMY, JR.

(November 12, 1939 - January 18, 2019)

Jack L. Demmy Jr., age 79, of Sumpter township, died suddenly Friday, January 18, 2019, at his residence. He was born November 12, 1939, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of John L. and Alvie L. (Pittman) Demmy.

On December 6, 1964, he married Jacolyn Mawby in Taylor, Michigan and she preceded him in death on December 5, 2017. Jack received an Honorable Discharge after serving his country in the U.S. Airforce. He retired from the Teamsters Local #299 after 40 years of employment.

Survivors include three children: Dawn (Mark) Argo, Tammy Demmy and Randy (Debra) Demmy; two step-children William Jones and Tracy Jones; four grandchildren, Ashley, Tabatha, Amanda and Brendon; eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Kenneth (Connie) Demmy; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers Roger Demmy, Morris Demmy, and Donald Demmy. Cremation has taken place. A Time of Sharing was held Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at 7 p.m. at Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Chapel, 19865 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, Michigan 48111. The family received friends at the funeral home on Tuesday from 6 p.m. until time of service. janowiakfuneralhome.com



Robert G. Memering

ROBERT G. MEMERING

(August 6, 1962 - January 13, 2019)

Bobby Memering, age 56, passed away Sunday, January 13, 2019. He was born August 6, 1962 in Wayne, MI, son of Robert H. & Mary Lou (Vanderah) Memering. He was a 1980 graduate of Belleville High School. He attended Western Michigan University and Eastern Michigan University. He was the former Assistant Manager of Express Tire, Belleville, MI. He enjoyed music, and was an avid golfer, who loved all sports. He especially loved rooting for U of M. He also enjoyed ESPN Sports Center, boating and water skiing. He lived for his daughter Kennedy, who passed away 18 months ago.

Bobby is survived by his father Bob (Gail Quick) Memering of Seattle, Washington, and Brooklyn, MI; his brother Mark (Kim) Memering of Onsted, MI; niece Madison Memering and nephew Mitchell Memering, both of Onsted, MI; also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother Mary Lou, also his daughter Kennedy Memering. Visitation was 1-5 p.m. Sunday, January 20, 2019 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111. Funeral Service was 5 p.m. Sunday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Memering Family and would be appreciated.

VBT Board

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the vital issues before they had to vote on it.

She said with a closed-door session followed by the vote, "You expect us to vote on this lickety-split... We need time to digest it..."

Miller said with her no vote she is letting the public know this was not done right, going from the closed session to the board meeting to a vote.

"I'm in complete agreement with Trustees Frazier and Miller," Trustee White said. He said the board has to consider the work force and finances of the township and, "We could have had time to read and study this first."

"Our basic responsibility is the financial condition of the township," White said.

He also said it was the process that he was voting against, not what is in the contract, and he was almost positive it would pass anyway.

"We should never, ever be given something and then 30 minutes later vote on it," White said. "I would hope to not have something like this happen again."

Trustee Kevin Martin said there is no reason to vote against it, since it was negotiated in good faith and, "We are the guardians of the money."

"The process is the supervisor is not keeping the board informed," Frazier said. She recalled at a previous meeting, the supervisor "sat on something" and didn't tell the board about it.

Both Supervisor McNamara and Trustee Martin called out "point of order" because the previous issue was not what was on the agenda.

"One example is that no trustees were informed of the cancellation of the work/study and found out by themselves," Trustee Frazier continued talking. "We'd have a more cohesive board if the board feels they have impact to township business..."

Clerk Wright said he didn't want anyone thinking the process is wrong. He said he, Treasurer Budd and the Human Resources Director negotiated with AFSCME representatives. He said only the TAs (tentative agreements) were brought into the closed session.

"The reason we didn't have the work/study session was because of a lack of

agenda items," Wright said. He said the contract was ratified on Wednesday and they found out after they canceled the meeting. "That's why we had the closed session today," he said. "There was nothing out of the ordinary."

Trustee Martin and Treasurer Budd called the question, so the vote would be taken, but Supervisor McNamara said he doesn't allow anyone to call the question until everyone on the board is given the opportunity to speak twice.

Miller repeated that she is uncomfortable with a closed session and then to come out and vote with no time to review.

White said he doesn't think anything as important as an AFSCME contract for four years should be presented and then voted on at once. The supervisor should give them at least overnight to consider it, he said.

Budd said the contract was in the board packet on Friday and they could have reviewed that.

Then the vote was taken and Miller and White voted no.

White said under Robert's Rules of Order, a person cannot just call out "call the question" but has to be recognized first, has to have the floor.

"You can use this to keep minority members from giving their opinion," White said.

Supervisor McNamara said, "You made me change." He said the chair now determines if you're out of order.

"I didn't want that power. I voted against it," McNamara said.

Miller said White was absolutely right and you have to have the floor to call point of order.

In other business at the Jan. 15 meeting, the board:

- Approved the reappointment of Ronald Merritt to the Environmental Commission with a term to expire Oct. 1, 2021;

- Approved amending the 2019 budget to reallocate \$367,899 from the Equipment Replacement Saving into Capital Outlay to purchase the board-approved 2018 Spartan Fire Engine. McNamara said they saved \$50,000 by buying the engine last month and paying for it this month;

- Heard Sharon Peters, president of the Belleville Area District Library Board, thank board members for their personal donations to the library. She also invited

the public to the ceremonial beam signing at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26;

- Honored the memory of former VBT police officer and public safety department secretary Jean Johnson while visiting relatives in Kentucky; and

- Heard Wright give a report on what Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said when she came to the township. He said VBT is a part of Project Child Safe



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A U-Haul van rear-ended an LKQ semi truck at the corner of Tyler and Haggerty roads in Van Buren Township on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 8. VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazy said after the driver of the van was stabilized it was determined he was going to be fine.



Jan. 27 – Dan Besson, Frances Wanamaker
Jan. 28 – Mandy Rider, Cindy King
Jan. 29 – James Shrove, Jason Richards
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Aeris Tabor, age 12, won first place in the Belleville area and second place in the Lions Club district for her entry in the International Lions 2018-19 Peace Poster contest entitled "Kindness Matters." Belleville Area Lions Club president Gary Marshall, at left, said "Kindness Matters" is a saying that encompasses the way Lions view and serve the world. It's a powerful sentiment that everyone knows, yet is too often lost, he said. Who better than our youth to remind the world of this powerful and important message, he asked. Students ages 11 to 13 as of Nov. 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. This year's upcoming contest is entitled "Journey of Peace." In explaining her "Kindness Matters" poster, Aeris wrote: "The alligator and the bird are very different creatures, but the bird grooms the alligator's teeth without being eaten by the alligator. The alligator is big and intimidating, as well. I was thinking that you can't judge anyone or anything by how they seem, so we can be kind and let people know us by what we do."

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- Monday, Feb. 4 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 12 – Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 14 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., if needed. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 19 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting at 4 p.m. and regular meeting, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday, Feb. 21 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 26 – Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 27 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 4 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 5 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 12 – Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority meets at 2 p.m. This is a state-required informational meeting. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

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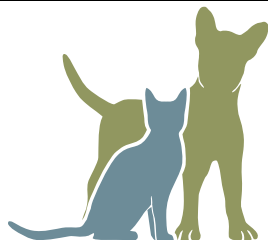
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34th District Court Magistrate Lisa Martin, left, did a ceremonial swearing in of new State Senator Erika Geiss at the Romulus Martin Luther King Day celebration Monday morning, much to the delight of Sen. Geiss' children. Martin is the first African-American person to serve on the bench of the 34th District Court, which serves Romulus, Belleville, Sumpter, Van Buren and Huron. Sen. Geiss is the first woman and first Latin and person of African descent to represent Senate District 6, which includes Romulus, Belleville, Flat Rock, Huron Township, Rockwood, Sumpter Township, Taylor, Van Buren Township, Westland, and most of Brownstown Township.

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Photo courtesy of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce
The winners of Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce awards on Jan. 12 lined up for a photo. From left, Joyce and Speed Gant received a new Special Community Service Award, Moving the Mitten was named Business of the Year and Therese Antonelli accepted the award, and Kathleen Springer won the Ted Kuckleman award. Kevin Walsh (not pictured) won the Leona Van Buhler award.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztzman
At the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees regular meeting on Jan. 15, Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara read a framed certificate honoring Mary Talaga of Belleville. The special honor marks her retirement after 57 years as a crossing guard at the corner of East Huron River Drive and Edgemont Street. She said she is a lunch lady at Edgemont Elementary School, as well, and plans to continue with that job. Each board member shook hands with Talaga.

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Belleville DDA reelects Rosemary Loria as chairwoman for 2019

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Rosemary Loria was unanimously reelected chairwoman of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority at the DDA's organizational meeting Jan. 16.

She accepted the position, saying, "I'll do it as long as I can." Loria has been fighting cancer since last summer and this was her

first meeting back at the board table since last summer.

Also reelected were Alicia McGovern as vice chairwoman, Sabrina Richardson Williams as treasurer, and Denise Baker as secretary.

The DDA also set the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. as the regular meeting time, which is set in the DDA bylaws.

In other business at the Jan. 16 meeting, the DDA:

- Approved paying \$5,000 for a half-page advertisement to promote the city in the Detroit Tigers Yearbook, with DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson saying she sent the advertising proposal from the Tigers on to the Van Buren Township DDA, the Van Buren Public Schools, and Sumpter Township, to see if they would like to participate, too. The Detroit Tigers will be contacting businesses in the area to advertise "how wonderful this community is" in the yearbook, which is sold at Tiger games and throughout the area. "There's no way to track how many businesses come and people move here because of the advertising," Thompson said. DDA member Jason Mida said the yearbook is a very nice document and will give the city's story to a different group of people. He said it is sold throughout the season. Thompson said she wants to make the decision on an advertising format in early February, "so we can make it nice." Chairwoman Loria said it would be nice if they could include a picture of the ballfields in the township;

- Heard Thompson explain Public Act 57 of 2018 that has recodified Tax Increment Financing requirements. She said the Belleville DDA has 180 days from the end of its fiscal year in June to be in compliance. She said public information sessions for taxing jurisdictions are required and DDA members suggested those meetings be in March or April and then in October. "We definitely want to be in compliance," Thompson said, pointing out there are penalties for non-compliance;

- Heard Mida report on the Brewville event at Victory Park on Halloween. He said they didn't have the teacher turnout they had hoped for. He said both coffee trucks came and one was back for the winter parade; and

- Heard Mida say the Battle of Belleville will be the first week in August. He wanted

people to be better informed on what was happening. When the first firing started on Main Street last year, Mida said his renters flipped out and started stacking stuff against the door. "It's a sad part of these times," he said of the reaction. "We have to let people know."

The DDA also discussed the following possible projects:

- Repair or replacement of the light pole at Hayward's since it keeps being hit in accidents. "As soon as we replace that light, it gets hit," Thompson said. There are no police reports on those responsible;

- Streetscape fencing repair at Sam's Place. There is a police report on the incident;

- Tree replacement at Liberty Street parking lot. Police have a contact for the driver who hit two trees;

- DTE energy audit of street lighting. Thompson said the LED lights had a payback of eight years and it's been six years and the DDA is still paying more;

- Replace broken kayak launch parts at Horizon Park this spring and determine security for the site;

- Look into having a policy or ordinance for food trucks and pop-up businesses;

- Iron Belle Trail through the city. It had been expected to come into the city on the east, at Edgemont Street, on E. Huron River Drive, and go through the city on the existing sidewalks and roadway of Huron River Drive, where it would exit on the west, heading to Washtenaw County. Thompson said they have been talking with an engineer and maybe the route could go up North Liberty Street or Charles Street, so bikers could see the lake. Belleville is partnering with Van Buren Township on the trail route. They are three or four months away from a public presentation;

- Plan another coffee event or other retail target;

- Expand the streetscape to side streets with banners, decorations, planters and other amenities for businesses on side streets;

- Recruit a canoe/kayak rental business;

- Get Wi-Fi for downtown;

- Get legal input on the facade program and assist downtown businesses with the promotional activities;

- Decide how they want Fourth Street to look after the library is completed and coordinate with the museum;

- Look into research grants for a community events pavilion on Fourth Street with input from groups who put on events; and

- Consider waterfront dock improvements, so boaters can tie up safely and visit downtown businesses.

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Court Watching:

Ronald Davis bound over for trial for larceny in a building in VBT

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Ronald James Davis, 35, waived his preliminary exam on a charge of larceny in a building in Van Buren Township on Aug. 1, 2017.

Monroe District Court Judge Terrence Bronson, who was filling in for 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green on Jan. 16, bound Davis over to Wayne County Circuit Court for a Jan. 23 arraignment on the information.

Davis was brought to the courtroom from the Wayne County Jail where he was lodged on other charges, including several failures to appear at court. His bond for the VBT charge had been set at \$2,500 personal recognizance bond. But he was being kept in jail by the other charges.

Joseph F. Dillard is his court-appointed attorney. A woman in the front row of the audience in the courtroom called out to Davis as he was being led back into the lockup: "I love you."

Probable Cause Conferences

Cases from the tri-community on the probable cause conference docket on Jan. 16 were:

- Mateo Anthony Mercado, 19, facing five charges which allegedly occurred Dec. 23 in the City of Belleville. Charges are: fleeing police in a vehicle, malicious destruction of fire or police property, high blood alcohol content, driving with open intoxicants in the vehicle, and driving with minor possessing alcohol in the vehicle. Free after posting \$5,000/10% bond. Retained attorney is Aaron Boria.

- Harry Odeal Little, Jr., 25, facing two counts of criminal sexual conduct-3rd degree in Van Buren Township on Sept. 18. Free after posting bond of \$50,000/10%. Retained attorney is Joseph Arabbo.

- Ryan McKinley Sevilla, 31, is facing a count of retail fraud-1st degree from an incident on July 20 in Van Buren Township. He is free on \$3,000/ personal recognizance bond. He has a court-appointed defense attorney.

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They're reading the Independent everywhere

Mildrey Stejskal of Aurora, IL and her mother Mildrey Delaney of Van Buren Township read their *Independent* in Israel. The picture was taken at the Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem. (Stejskal said her head is blocking the Dome of the Rock.)

You, too, are invited to submit a photo of you reading the *Independent* in an exotic location. Please include the name and address of the person you wish to get the free subscription when it is printed. Include your phone number if you want us to let you know just before goes in the paper. A person may use this offer to get a total of two free subscriptions — and no more.

If you aren't going to an exotic location, just send us \$30 for postage to an address inside Michigan or \$35 out of state, and we'll provide mail delivery of the *Independent* so you won't miss a single, exciting issue.



Sumpter records show Lominac Sr. will assist Lominac Jr. on table

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A resident questioning the construction of the new \$6,500 Sumpter Township board table on Jan. 16, reportedly was told by Sumpter Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis that the *Independent* made a mistake in printing that Jeffrey Lominac, Sr. and Jeffrey Lominac, Jr. will build the table.

The board's Jan. 8 motion to approve the contract for the table named Jeffrey Lominac, Jr. as doing the work and he assigned the contract on Nov. 19, 2018.

But, at the Jan. 8 Sumpter Township Board meeting, Lominac, Sr. did all the talking about the project and Lominac, Jr. sat silently next to him.

In the backup information on the agenda item, not provided to the *Independent* until after deadline for last week's paper, Deputy Supervisor Armatis wrote, "Senior will be assisting Junior on this project."

She also pointed out both Jr. and Sr. live in Sumpter Township and she wrote "Both gentlemen are carpenters. Senior is retired. Senior did the church pews for Tom Monahan's Ava [*sic.*] Maria church in Florida, (pictures attached)."

She said the Lominac table is "a Frank Lloyd Wright inspired design."

Armatris also wrote, in her Dec. 18, 2018, memo, "We have had numerous people out to look and measure to submit bids on this project and all but these two said project was too big." The estimated size of the table is more than 20 feet long.

She referred to a price quote from Arnold Reception Desks in Irvington, NJ, who gave a price of \$11,845 for the council chamber desk in three, straight-angled sections, and then added \$2,260 for shipping the finished project to Michigan in wooden crates. The three sections would have to be connected with included hardware.

Arnold also gave a price quote for two separate attorney desks with casters, for \$2,725 each. Most local municipal boards do not have their attorneys sitting at the board table with the elected officials, like Sumpter does, and would need separate

desks.

Professional, colored drawings of the furniture proposed was included in the Arnold price quote.

Arnold said lead time for the project was eight to ten weeks. The price quote was dated July 12, 2018 and was good for 90 days.

Armatris pointed out in her memo to the board that the Arnold "bid" is for "just building the dais" and the sections were to be "shipped here and we would have to assemble."

She ended her memo with: "Recommendation is for Lominac bid."

At the Jan. 8 meeting, Lominac, Sr. said Sumpter Township will be providing a building for them to work in to construct the desk.

The construction contract with Lominac, Jr., has "N/A" in the line for the contractor to affirm he had insurance coverage for "injury to its employees and any others incurring loss or injury as a result of the acts of the Contractor or its employees and subcontractors."

The contract requires the township to pay Lominac, Jr. \$1,000 down for "living cost and travel, etc."

The contract says, "Jeff Lominac may engage subcontractors to perform work at its discretion, hereunder, provided Sumpter Township shall fully pay said subcontractor

and in all instances remain responsible for the proper completion of this Contract."

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs has no listing of a Residential Builders license for either Lominac, Sr. or Jr.



City of Belleville Public Notice



POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019 at 11:30 A.M. at Great Lakes Towing, 42350 Van Born Road, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle will be held:

1997 SATURN, TWO DOOR, VIN: 1G8ZH1278VZ292042

**DATE: JANUARY 16, 2019 BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
6 MAIN STREET**

PUBLISH: JANUARY 24, 2019 BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111

BY SHERRI SCHARE, CITY CLERK



Sumpter Township Public Notice



INVITATION TO BID

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

2019 WILLIS ROAD SANITARY SEWER CURED-IN-PLACE LINING PROGRAM

Sumpter Township is accepting proposals for the

2019 WILLIS ROAD SANITARY SEWER CURED-IN-PLACE PIPE LINING PROGRAM

in Sumpter Township, Wayne County, Michigan

The proposed project consists of 2,500 lineal feet of full length cured-in-place pipe lining, 15 inches in diameter, along the north side of Willis Road east of Rawsonville Road. The anticipated start date, weather permitting, is after April 1, 2019 with final completion no later than May 15, 2019.

Bid proposals will be received by:

Esther Hurst, Clerk
Sumpter Township
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, MI 48111

Until Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 10:00am (local time)

Bids shall be publicly opened and read on:

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 10:00am (local time) at:

Sumpter Township
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, MI 48111

The Contract Documents may be examined at the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office, Hennessey Engineers, Inc., Southgate, Michigan, Construction Association of Michigan, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, Construction Journal LTD, Stuart, Florida and CDC News Construction Journal, Vero Beach, Florida

Contract Documents may be purchased at: **Hennessey Engineers, Inc., 13500 Reeck Road, Southgate, Michigan, 48195** upon payment of a fee of \$25.00 per set, \$35.00 if mailed, which is nonrefundable. Cash and check is only accepted. Also, plans are now available on CD for a fee of \$15.00 per CD or if mailed, \$25.00.

Bidders must deposit, with their bid, surety in the form of a certified check, bank draft, or bid bond, in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal. The OWNER reserves the right to waive any information or to reject any and/or all bids. Bidders may not withdraw their bid within 90 days after the date of bid opened.

Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Published: Belleville Area-Independent

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Bag of Books sale set for Feb. 2 at Belleville Area District Library

A Bag of Books sale will be held at noon on Saturday, Feb. 2, where people can fill a bag with used books of their choice for \$3 at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St.

Plastic bags will be provided or people can bring their own bags.

The sale is being put on by the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library, who raise funds to buy things for the library.

Friends of the Library members will be admitted at 11 a.m. and the public at noon. They will be selling bags of books until 3 p.m. There are thousands of books from which to choose in this once-a-year event.

Belleville Area District Library to hold another Local Author Fair

Local, award-winning author Beverly Jenkins will be the keynote speaker at the May 18 Belleville Area District Library Author Fair.

Writers local to Southeastern Michigan with at least one professionally printed book to sell – either traditional or self-

published – are eligible to apply.

Accepted authors will receive a table at the fair and the chance to meet and greet the local community while selling books.

Author applications will be available on Feb. 4 and applications are due March 22. Authors will be notified of acceptance on

April 5 and the fair is May 18.

For more information, inquire at the library at 167 Fourth St. in downtown Belleville, see www.belleville.lib.mi.us or

call (734) 699-3291.

Fourteen authors took part in the library's first author fair, held May 20, 2017.

*To build a better world,
start in your own community!*

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to consider the following variance requests:

1. **Case # 19-001-** A request by Julian Beglin, 9000 Haggerty (Parcel ID# 83-044-99-0005-701), for a variance to exceed the maximum allowable height of a wall on the property.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or via email at rakers@vanburen-mi.org. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date and all materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact the Van Buren Township Planning and Economic Development Department at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you require assistance.

Published: January 24, 2019

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan to consider the following proposed amendments to the Charter Township of Van Buren's Zoning Ordinance:

1. Proposed amendment that would modify the requirements of section 7.205 of the Zoning Ordinance with regards to the placement of fences in the front yard of non-single family residential districts.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or via e-mail at rakers@vanburen-mi.org. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date. All materials related to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township hall prior to the hearing.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES JANUARY 15, 2019 BOARD MEETING 6:30 P.M. MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Miller, Trustee Martin and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Beaudry, Human Resource Director Sumpter, Executive Assistant Selman, Parks and Recreation Account Clerk Price, Cable Director McCracken, DPW Service Worker Esch, Attorney Bartos and an audience of twelve (12).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION: Martin moved, Wright seconded to go into closed session at 6:37 p.m. pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Wright, Budd, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to reconvene the Board Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved, Frazier seconded to approve the consent agenda. [Work Study Session Minutes of December 17, 2018, Board Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2018, Prepaid List of December 20, 2018, Prepaid List of January 10, 2019, Voucher List of January 8, 2019, Approval of the re-appointment of Ronald Merritt to the Environmental Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2021.] Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Frazier seconded to move the following items to New Business: Approval to amend the 2019 Budget to reallocate \$367,899 from the Equipment Replacement Saving (101-000-389-004) into Capital Outlay (101-336-970-000) to purchase the Board approved 2018 Spartan Fire engine and Approval of the AFSCME contract for January 1, 2019-December 31, 2022. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

A moment of silence was held in honor of the passing of retired Van Buren Township Police Secretary Jean Johnson; Van Buren Public Schools held a Do it For Daniel Night to bring awareness to suicide and mental health struggles in our community's youth; Sharon Peters thanked the board for their generous donation to the Belleville Area District Library, she also invited the public to come to a beam signing on Saturday, January 26 at 11:30 a.m.; Wayne County Prosecutor Kim Worthy visited

the township to discuss Van Buren Township's involvement in her initiative to keep children safe from gun violence called Project Child Safe; the Van Buren Township Police Department is giving away free gun locks to residents with proof of registration; Prosecutor Worthy also warned Van Buren Police to be on the lookout for pawn shops encouraging the theft of certain items from big box retail stores for pawning purposes; the Township Administrative Offices will be closed Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Day; the 4-H is hosting a Wild Game Dinner this Saturday at the Wayne County Fairgrounds; the Recreation Department is hosting their annual Daddy Daughter Dance on Friday, February 15 and Saturday, February 16 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Environmental Commission appointee Ronald Merritt thanked the board for the opportunity to serve on the commission for another term; and Mary Talaga was awarded a proclamation to recognize her 57 years of service as a crossing guard for Van Buren Public Schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve to amend the 2019 Budget to reallocate \$367,899 from the Equipment Replacement Saving (101-000-389-004) into Capital Outlay (101-336-970-00) to purchase the Board approved 2018 Spartan Fire Engine. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the AFSCME Contract for January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2022. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Martin and Frazier. Nays: Miller and White. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: The October 2018 and November 2018 Budgetary Reports were received. A copy is available for review at the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS NON-AGENDA

ITEMS: Robert's Rules of Order as the Board utilizes them were discussed; Radon testing kits are available at Wayne County Department of Health at 33030 Van Board Road, Wayne, MI 48184 for free during the month of January; Executive Assistant Dan Selman was recognized and thanked for his dedication to his role in the Supervisor's office; and a request was made to add an agenda item to cancel the Work Study and Board Meeting on April 1-2 so the Board can attend the MTA conference in Grand Rapids, MI.

ADJOURNMENT: Frazier moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: January 24, 2019

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 499 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Jan. 13:

0024 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0054 – abandoned auto, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck
0120 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
0523 – assist other dept., Loza Ln.
0708 – abandoned auto, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
0741 – animal complaint, McBride Ave.
0814 – assist fire dept., W. I-94/rest area
0901 – disorderly, Bradley Dr.
1229 – animal complaint, Arthur St./Van Buren
1412 – threat, Sheldon Rd.
1439 – assist other dept., W. I-94/rest area
1448 – threat, Winchester St.
1653 – 911 welfare check
1743 – threat, Landmark
1907 – breaking & entering, Haggerty Rd.
2030 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
2139 – domestic, Outer Dr.

Monday, Jan. 14:

0054 – welfare check, WB exit ramp/Belleville
0226 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd. / Michigan Ave.
0650 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0825 – assist other dept., Birch Dr.
0924 – threat, Village Green Ln.
0958 – larceny from auto, Van Born
1006 – property damage accident, McBride Ave. / Van Allen Ave.
1027 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1057 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1452 – harassment call, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1545 – trespassing, Harmony Ln.
1559 – family trouble, Hardwood Dr.
1655 – suspicious person/vehicle, Country Walk
1707 – domestic, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1748 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1816 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2148 – traffic offense, Michigan Ave./Denton
2207 – family trouble, Maple Dr.
2209 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2327 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.

Tuesday, Jan. 15:

0010 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
0424 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck
0648 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville/Bog
0943 – fraud, E. Huron River Dr.
1112 – suspicious person/vehicle, Andover Farms
1116 – trespassing, Rawsonville
1416 – mental subject, Daisy Blvd.
1738 – 911 welfare check, Oak Blvd.
1952 – domestic, Savage Rd.
2131 – malicious destruction of property, Spruce
2156 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
2354 – unattended death, Pond Bluff Dr.

Wednesday, Jan. 16:

0219 – property damage accident, SB I-275/Ecorse
0249 – property damage accident, W I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0251 – property damage accident, W I-94 / Haggerty Rd.
0326 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
0333 – assault & battery, Peachtree Ln.
0339 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Archwood
0423 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
0426 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
0553 – malicious destruction of property, Maple
0608 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Belleville
0727 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0734 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Beck Rd.
0904 – animal complaint, Linda Vista Ct.
1010 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1134 – animal complaint, Harmony Ln./Belleville
1321 – assist other dept., Endicott Ave.
1403 – animal complaint, W. Huron River Dr. / Ormond Dr.
1402 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pond Bluff Dr.
1534 – mental subject, Peninsular Dr.
1537 – private property impound, W. Huron River
1607 – assault & battery, Van Buren Ct.

1613 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1840 – family trouble, Western St.
1924 – ordinance violation, Westlake Cir.
2000 – hospice death, Hull Rd.
2012 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2039 – family trouble, Fret Rd.
2136 – threat, Belle Pointe Dr.
2303 – noise complaint, Pine Dr.
2316 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.

Thursday, Jan. 17:

0108 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fairfield Dr.
0646 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
0903 – 911 welfare check, Country Walk Blvd.
0901 – missing person, Parkwood Dr.
0918 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / Independence Ln.
0928 – abandoned auto, Filmore St.
1026 – ordinance violation, Martinsville Rd.
1028 – ordinance violation, Pebblebrook Dr.
1029 – ordinance violation, Wildbrook Dr.
1032 – threat, Winding Pond Dr.
1047 – sexual assault, Lauren Ct.

1131 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Church

1241 – suspicious person/vehicle, Western St.
1313 – larceny, Hamilton St.
1313 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1319 – animal complaint, Tompkins St.
1355 – abandoned auto, Briar Dr.
1428 – private property impound, Parkwood Dr.
1602 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1721 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1903 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse/Beck
1921 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1955 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River

Friday, Jan. 18:

0232 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0606 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Greenbriar Dr.
0711 – disorderly, Village Center Dr.
1007 – family trouble, Vernon St.
1020 – larceny from auto, Briarcliff Dr.
1027 – larceny from auto, Briarwood Dr.
1037 – ordinance violation, W. Huron River Dr.
1108 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Amanda Dr.

1210 – larceny from auto, Greenbriar Ct.
1321 – ordinance violation, Riggs Rd.
1411 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd.
1430 – property damage accident, Elwell Rd./W. Huron River Dr.

1602 – threat, Village Green Ln.
1614 – fraud, Harmony Ln.
1624 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1704 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1709 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.

1832 – assist other dept., Deanna Dr.
1945 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2002 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
2006 – K-9 call out, Tyler Rd.
2241 – assist other dept., Van Buren St.
2328 – road hazard, Beck/Tyler

Saturday, Jan. 19:

0211 – noise complaint, Beck Rd.
0405 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0411 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kent Ln.
0421 – suicidal person, S. Prairiegrass Ct.
0451 – larceny from auto, Kent Dr.
0452 – larceny from auto, Lancaster Dr.
0454 – larceny from auto, Lancaster Dr.
0614 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd.
0948 – larceny from auto, W. Walden Dr.
1001 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.

1035 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Rawsonville I-94 ramp E.

1133 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.
1247 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1455 – fraud, Hamilton St.
1532 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1621 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.

1715 – property damage accident, Vernon St.
1741 – larceny from auto, Stonebridge Ct.
1837 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
1917 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2054 – malicious destruction of property, McBride
2134 – assist other dept., Lauren Ct.

2146 – property damage accident, Quirk Rd. / McBride Ave.
Also on this week's log are 188 traffic stops, 51 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 13:

0158 – domestic, Main St.
0516 – domestic, Loza Ln.
1954 – warrant arrest, N. Winter, Adrian
2244 – warrant arrest, Main St.

Monday, Jan. 14:

0123 – warrant arrest, Main St.
0344 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1157 – warrant arrest, Willis
1520 – juvenile complaint, South/RR tracks
1537 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd. / Industrial Park Dr.

1555 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa / Belle Villa Blvd.

Tuesday, Jan. 15:

0003 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1316 – assist fire dept., Church St.
1339 – suicidal person, Belle Villa Blvd.
1433 – trespassing, S. Industrial Park Dr.
2133 – domestic, Henry St.

Wednesday, Jan. 16:

0829 – property damage accident, Second St. / Church St.

1001 – harassment call, Main St.

Thursday, Jan. 17:

0117 – noise complaint, Sheldon
1208 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1627 – disorderly, Main St.
1635 – welfare check, South St.
1726 – threat, Loza Ln.
2028 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Friday, Jan. 18:

1014 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1517 – disorderly, Robbe St.
1610 – warrant arrest, Hogback
1729 – motorist assist, Main St.

Saturday, Jan. 19:

0935 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1310 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
1412 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1722 – welfare check, Main St.
2045 – motorist assist, S. Industrial Park Dr.
2126 – assist other dept., Anaheim
2330 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

Also on this week's log are 54 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 13:

0732 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1938 – warrant arrest pick up, Willis/Sherwood

Monday, Jan. 14:

0005 – civil dispute, Virginia
0627 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
0831 – assist other agency, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
0953 – death investigation, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1122 – family trouble, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1232 – assist other agency, 42000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1342 – family trouble, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1415 – neighbor dispute, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1642 – suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1729 – subpoena service, Wayside
1906 – suspicious person, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1942 – threats complaint, Hampshire
2133 – subpoena service, 19000 bl. Savage Rd.
2140 – subpoena service, 19000 bl. Savage Rd.

Tuesday, Jan. 15:

1226 – subpoena service, Wayside
1259 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1305 – civil dispute, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1348 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1417 – alarm, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1740 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willis/Sherwood

Wednesday, Jan. 16:

0951 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1031 – ordinance violation, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1155 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1205 – disorderly person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1245 – citizen assist, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1249 – suspicious incident, Mulberry
1413 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1508 – assist other agency, Birch
1530 – citizen assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1531 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
1647 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
1842 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2320 – 911 hang up, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Thursday, Jan. 17:

0101 – citizen assist, Timberlane
0904 – traffic hazard, Oakville Waltz/Clark
1234 – citizen assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1431 – suspicious vehicle, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
1737 – well-being check, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1747 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1908 – reckless driver, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
2048 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2136 – reckless driver, Rawsonville/Judd

Friday, Jan. 18:

0829 – death investigation, 22000 bl. Martinsville
1409 – warrant arrest pick up, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
2054 – family trouble, New Mexico

Saturday, Jan. 19:

0831 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
0946 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1041 – ORV complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1107 – property damage accident, 10000 bl.

Rawsonville Rd.

1154 – alarm, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1206 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis
1251 – mental health commitment, 20000 bl. Karr
1926 – malicious destruction of property, 48000 bl.

Bemis Rd.

2306 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2310 – reckless driver, Savage/Harris

Also on this week's log are five follow-up investigations, 27 miscellaneous details, 69 patrol checks, and 43 traffic stops.

Polar Plunge set Feb. 9 in Belleville Lake at Belleville Yacht Club

The Wayne County Polar Plunge to raise money for Special Olympics Michigan has been set for noon on Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Belleville Yacht Club, 831 E. Huron River Dr., Van Buren Township.

The day will begin with 9:30 a.m. Plunger check-in and registration and pre-plunge party, followed by the 11:45 a.m. parade of costumes.

The plunge into the icy waters of Belleville Lake is set for noon. Plungers then celebrate with an After-Splash Bash. There are complimentary lunches for the Plungers and tickets sold to spectators for their lunches.

A goal of more than \$1.2 million has been set statewide for the 30 Polar Plunges to be held in Michigan in January, February, and March.

By participating in a Polar Plunge around the state jumpers are helping to raise funds for more than 27,000 athletes who participate in Special Olympics Michigan.

Special Olympics Michigan is a year-round program offering sports for those with intellectual disabilities. Although sports are the “vehicle,” the ultimate goal of special Olympics is to help people with intellectual disabilities participate and receive respect as members of their communities.

Polar Plungers are a Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) event. LETR is one of the largest grassroots fundraisers for Special Olympics globally. LETR consists of officers from both Law Enforcement and Corrections who raise funds and create awareness for Special Olympics Michigan year-round.

To register for the local event, call Dave Katz at (313) 460-2604 or email katz.david.b@gmail.com.



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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On January 30th, 2019, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2017	FORD	4D	1FADP3H20HL272214	18-18462
1999	NISSAN	4D	3N1AB41D9XL111346	18-20291
1999	ACURA	4D	19UUA5659XA035186	18-20732
2002	INTERNATION	VN	1HTSCAAM82H410494	18-20914
2009	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3LC46B39N530200	18-21175
2001	PONTIAC	2D	1G2NW12E91M673077	18-23087
2004	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3EL65R84N210026	18-22404
2000	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WF55K7Y9331765	18-23201

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles, will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2006	SATURN	SW	5GZCZ53486S814696	18-20557
2007	LINCOLN	SW	2LMDU88C47BJ19908	18-20946
2007	SATURN	SW	5GZCZ53447S824367	18-21426
2003	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WF52E039331971	18-22055
1988	CHEVROLET	4D	3G1AW51W1JS510511	18-22810
2006	MERCURY	4D	3MEHM08196R628716	18-23539

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

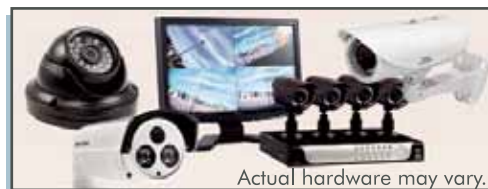
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