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# Edgemont teacher to retire in February, has moved to S. Carolina

By Rosemary K. Otzman
*Independent* Editor

Former Edgemont Elementary tenured teacher Linda Janack has signed a separation agreement and release of claims with the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, effective Oct. 1.

According to the eight-page agreement, made available to the *Independent* through a Freedom of Information Act request, Janack will continue as a teacher for the district until her irrevocable, voluntary resignation from all employment effective Feb. 28, 2019, when she will retire.

Janack performs on a pornographic web site with her husband and was put on a paid, non-disciplinary leave of absence on Aug. 27, pending a decision on her employment.

The agreement states that from Oct. 1 through her resignation date, Janack will provide consultation services to Van Buren as assigned by School Supt. Pete Kudlak. According to the agreement, she will devote at least six hours per day, five days per week, during the school day to provide the services assigned by the superintendent.

Janack, reported to be a gifted reading teacher, will not be responsible for providing direct instruction or supervision to students during this period, nor may she be physically present in any school building during times that students are present.

As compensation for the consultation services, she will receive 25% of her regular annual teacher's salary, pro-rated for the time she is providing consultation services, with a gross compensation not to exceed $10,000.

The district will continue to pay its share of Janack's health insurance premium through Feb. 28, unless she fails to pay her portion of the health insurance premium. Then, the district may discontinue health insurance premium payments.

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Photo courtesy of Abigail Emerson and Karlee Owen
The Belleville High School Homecoming Court posed for a picture early this week. The King and Queen will be announced at half time during the Homecoming game on Friday night. In back, from left, are Lance Bagley, Barry Butler, Matthew DeMolen, Dylan Zagula, Sean Quinn, Joshua Hawkins, and Andrew Schweers. In front, from left, are Hikaru Foley, Alexis Satterfield, Madyson Bennett, Jordan Kelly, Hannah Costa, Faith Spitznagel, and Kelsey McKnight. Brianna Sykes was not present for the group picture and is shown at right.

# School audit shows more expenditures for 2017-18

By Rosemary K. Otzman
*Independent* Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education accepted the 2017-18 financial audit at Monday's regular meeting.

The audit figures for the $50.2 million budget were given in a power-point presentation by Tom Taylor and Laura Payne of Taylor & Morgan, CPAs. Taylor announced it was a clean report, considered "an unmodified audit opinion" which is the "highest level of assurance possible for the district's financial statements."

The district's Financial Director Shareen Barker said the general fund balance decreased from $10,048,122 to $7,972,611 as a result of intentionally spending down the fund balance. As of June 30, 2018, the fund balance is at 16.09% of revenues, she said.

She said this year the district spent more than it brought in because of bus purchases and purchase of a lot of new technology, but what they have is still better than the state's average fund balance of 13.65%, as of June 30, 2017 (excluding the Detroit Public Schools).

Board treasurer Susan Featheringill said the goal is to keep the district's fund balance at from 12 to 15% to keep the district from having to borrow while waiting for state funding to arrive each summer.

"The technology we have put in the students' hands is very impressive," Barker said.

The power point also showed September state aid membership of 4,646 students for the 2017-18 school year. The Foundation Allowance for those students was $7,779 each.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said there has been a very small loss of students this year. He said the loss from the 2013-14 to the 2014-15 school year was 107; in 2015-16, a loss of 162; in 2016-17, a loss of 168; in 2017-18, a loss of 54; and this year it was 30.

In other business at the one-hour-and 12-minute meeting, the board:

• Approved hiring Nicholas Sampson as a shipping/receiving courier for Buildings and Grounds, as of Sept. 25; and Jermaine Crowell as a job coach in Special Services, as of Oct. 8;

• Approved the Belleville High School

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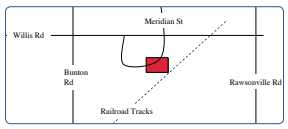


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## Morton, Sharma named National Merit Scholar Semifinalists

Kylie Morton and Anjali Sharma, Belleville High School seniors, have been designated National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists.

Each year students enter the National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which serves as an initial screen of program entrants. At Belleville High School, all 11th grade students take this assessment in October.

Of the more than 1.6 million students who took this assessment last fall, 16,000 were recently designated Semifinalists on a state representational basis.

Only Semifinalists have an opportunity to continue in the Merit Scholarship competition and advance to Finalist standing by meeting a number of additional requirements. National Merit Scholarship Finalists will be announced in February.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers, but will not continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarship awards.

Two BHS Class of 2019 students earned the status of Commended Student in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are Julia Marshall and Matthew Mrocca.

BHS had two Finalists in the 2018 Competition for National Merit Scholarships. They were Nina Hardy and Alyssa Jeng**.** Also, among the BHS 2018 graduating class, were three students who earned Commended Student status. They were Hannah Baynesan, Alexandria Long, and Davis Mears**.**

## Belleville Church of God invites the community to 'The BASH' on Oct. 12

The Belleville Church of God, 45170 Hull Road, Van Buren Township, invites the community to "The BASH" from 6-8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 12. Admittance is free.

The event will include inflatables, live music, food, games, and Trunk-or-Treat.

This is for the entire family. The community is invited to come out and enjoy friends, food, and fun. To get questions answered, call (734) 697-0927.

Belleville Church of God holds Sunday School at 10 a.m., Sunday Services at 11 a.m., and Wednesday Night Services at 7 p.m.

Photo courtesy of Richard Smith

On Sunday morning a water main broke on East Huron River Drive in Belleville and two great puddles of water formed. People on their way to church reported having to drive through deep standing water. Before the day was over, water pressure plummeted and eventually the water to the whole city was turned off to allow repairs. By evening there was a "Boil Water" alert and at least two television crews showed up to report on the problems. At noon on Monday, the Boil Water alert was lifted and everyone got back to normal. This photo was taken at 4:50 p.m. Sunday of the hole at Huron River and Madelon, where all the activity was centered. There was a five-foot break in the water line and early in the day most of the neighborhood was without water. The truck pictured was there to suck up dirt from the hole to enable the repair to be made.

## MDOT closing I-275 Westland Rest Area at 2 p.m. Nov. 14

Due to the high cost to rebuild and maintain, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is closing the Westland Rest Area in Wayne County at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 14.

The rest area is on northbound I-275 between US-12 (Michigan Avenue) and M-153 (Ford Road) Canton.

MDOT has determined that the Westland Rest Area, which was built in 1977, has exceeded its useful service life and would require significant investment to remain open. The estimated cost to replace the building is $1.1 million to $1.5 million, plus the continued costs for maintenance, safety, and security. These costs combined amount to two to three times the typical operating costs of other rest areas.

Crews will demolish the building, remove most of the parking lot and walkways, and replace most of the area with grass. The truck parking area and scales will remain for law enforcement use. Ramp access will be barricaded and locked.

MDOT currently operates 78 rest areas statewide, including the Westland Rest Area. The 41-year-old facility was built along with I-275 in what was mostly rural area at the time. This is now a highly urbanized area with many alternatives for motorist services available at Exit 22 to US-12 and at Exit 25 to M-153.

Nearby rest areas include the Belleville Rest Area on westbound I-94 (west of I-275), and the Carleton Rest Area on southbound I-275. Other truck parking is available on I-75 at Exit 32B and on I-94 at Exit 200.

The I-275 bike trail that borders the eastern edge of the site will not be impacted by the closing.

## Traffic light timing helps backups for Keystone parents

By Rosemary K. Otzman
*Independent* Editor

The traffic at the corner of Sumpter and Bemis roads has been alleviated due to Wayne County's action to change the timing on the traffic signal there.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Public Safety Director Eric Luke said there had been concerns about the traffic tie-ups at that corner before school and after school at Keystone Academy on Bemis Road. He said there have been 25 cars backed up on Bemis, east of Sumpter.

He contacted Wayne County and they came out within four days and changed the timing on the lights by 10 seconds east and west, which alleviated the problem. The lights are changed from 7:40 to 8:10 a.m. and 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

# OPINIONS

*Editorial*

## Library Board offers chance to join in for legacy

At Tuesday's meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board, chairman Sharon Peters offered community members a chance to have their legacy as part of the new library building.

She said the library is continuing to seek private funds and is planning an event on Nov. 15 at Wayne County Community College. It will be called "Legacy @ Your Library."

Before the cornerstone is laid, the library is asking for contributions and rooms can be named for those who donate. Computer stations can be named, trees (34 planned) can be supported, benches can be supported.

Larger donations can support whole areas of the new library, with prices set on square footage.

At the special event, there will be a virtual tour around the new library and donors will be acknowledged.

Peters said people who have shown interest in the library in the past will be invited to the special event, but the whole community is welcome to attend.

She said a donor wall will be set up in the new library to acknowledge donors.

"We want the community to be involved and to see the names of their neighbors reflected in the library," Peters said.

She said if people can't come to the Nov. 15 event, but are interested in donating, they will work with them.

This is giving anyone interested to join in the project. What an opportunity.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW ...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The Van Buren Township Fire Department will be conducting a Live Fire Training Burn from 8 a.m. until about noon on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 10850 Beck Rd., between the North I-94 Service Drive and Ecorse Road. The structure is owned by US Ecology.

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According to a report in *Crain's* last week, the Michigan Economic Development Corp. has earmarked $2.8 million in Michigan Strategic Fund grants for capital projects that could generate private investment of $33.5 million and create 444 jobs in metro Detroit.

Among the five business expansions is Piston Automotive LLC which collected a $590,000 grant. The Redford-based manufacturer is expected to put $16. l7 million into a Van Buren Township facility to serve new contracts and boost production. The project could create 118 jobs. Investment could reach $20 million by 2021. Van Buren Township and/or the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corp. are slated to offer support, *Crain's* reports.

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On the way to the Oct. 2 Van Buren Township Board of Trustees meeting, Trustee Paul White's vehicle was sideswiped on Haggerty Road and the offending vehicle drove off northbound. Trustee White pulled over to wait for police and so he was about 12 minutes late for the meeting. Not soon enough. That meeting was 10 minutes long, so board members were walking out of the meeting room when White arrived.

He said that is the first board meeting he has ever missed since being on the board. That includes his four years as supervisor and almost two years as trustee. He did miss a work/study meeting as supervisor when his granddaughter was hurt in a roll-over accident, but not a regular meeting.

He said he had spent 15 hours preparing for comments on the budget that was on the agenda that night. There were no comments at all on the budget that night, since White wasn't there in time.

He said what happened was a car was going 25 mph or so on Haggerty, which has a speed limit of 45 mph, and White followed it into the dips at Riggs Road. He said the car put on its brake lights three or four times. When they got out of that area, he decided to pull out to pass and the car in front of him crossed the center line and forced him off the road. That's when he got hit on the passenger side. Then, the car pulled into a driveway and White pulled in behind him, the car drove forward a bit and then backed up, drove across two lawns, and continued north. He said the hit and run car was an old, blue SUV that should have damage to its left front fender.

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Oct. 2 was a bad day for School Supt. Pete Kudlak, as well. He hit a deer and totaled his car. On Oct. 3, at about 4:30 p.m., when we were delivering some early copies of the Oct. 4 paper to the steps of the administration building, Supt. Kudlak was standing next to a loaner car trying to figure out what to do. He realized he was locked out of the administration building because of the accident. I can't remember exactly where the keys were, but he didn't have the keys he needed. I told him to go home and he said he couldn't because he had a meeting at 7 p.m.

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I had a nice phone chat with Crystal Harris on Friday. She is in Georgia and doing well after the stroke she had while visiting there a while back. She is a longtime Sumpter Township resident and often came to see me about her Sumpter Progressive Civic League events. She was very active in our community and everybody misses her.

Crystal said she never was close to anyone who had a stroke, so she didn't know what a stroke did to a person. Now she knows. She talks with friends in Sumpter from time to time and hopes to come back to Sumpter next year, when the season warms up.

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I asked the people over at Fox Auto what they were building, since there was some serious digging going on when I delivered papers there last week. They said the county has required some drainage ponds to be installed, one on the south side and one on the north side of its property.

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# Letters

## Alumni enjoyed reunion at BHS on Sept. 15

To the editor:

It has been said, "A trip to Nostalgia now and then is good for the spirit." Two hundred alumni and guests took a walk down Memory Lane at the 2018 Belleville High School Alumni Reunion held in the BHS Commons on Sept. 15.

Group photos were taken by Leonard Silvenis documenting the evening and they have been posted on our Facebook page, Belleville HS Alumni Reunion. Guests enjoyed the fellowship as well as being able to tour the school with the National Honor Society students, shop at the BHS store, purchase memorabilia from the Band Boosters, learn about the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, and talk with Girl Scout Marina Gerick about her *Benches for Belleville* project.

Alumni were reminded to nominate classmates for the Distinguished Graduate Award and the new Athletic Hall of Fame.

The support of the community is invaluable as we prepare for this annual event. Rosemary Otzman and the *Belleville-Area Independent* were extremely helpful in getting the date out to the public and subsequent pictures in the paper.

Numerous businesses in Belleville allowed us to leave invitations and informational posters at their locations. We are indebted to Shelly Brown-Chudzinski and Patti Monroe of the Brown Family Center who let us use their office space for meetings.

Superintendent Peter Kudlak and the Board of Education gave us their full support. We would like to express our gratitude to the staff in the Superintendent's office, the Building & Grounds Department, and BHS graduates Principal Stacey Buhro and Assistant Principal Dan Wright and staff at the high school. It is a pleasure to bring classmates back to such a welcoming environment.

We are always happy to have BHS alumni join our committee. We meet once a month, May through October. Please contact us by phone at (734) 787-4601, or email bellevilleallclass@gmail.com for information on the 2019 Reunion.

Linda Clayton
BHS Alumni Reunion Chair

"The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people."
– G.K. Chesterton

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## Democratic Club sets meet, greet event

To the editor:

The Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club is proud to announce our Candidate Meet and Greet on Thursday, Oct. 25, 5:30-8 p.m. at the Wayne County Fair Grounds (10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township). This is a free event - all are welcome! Mark your calendars, make your plans to join us for cider, donuts and hot dogs and get to know the democratic candidates on the Nov. 6, 2018 ballot.

State-wide candidates: Lt. Governor - Garlin Gilchrist II, Attorney General - Dana Nessel, Secretary of State - Jocelyn Benson and Supreme Court Justices -Sam Bagenstos and Megan Cavanagh have all been invited and will attend, schedules permitting.

The following candidates have confirmed they will join us for the Oct. 25 Meet and Greet: Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Al Haidous (Wayne County Commissioner), Darrin Camilleri, Michelle LaVoy, Kristy Pagan (State Representatives), Erika Geiss (State Senate), Judith Pritchett and Tiffany Tilley (State Board of Education), Jordan Acker and Paul Brown (U of M Regents), Kelly Tebay and Brianna Scott (MSU Trustees), and Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court Judge Candidates John C. Cahalan, Tracy E. Green, Delicia Coleman-Morson and Regina Thomas.

Candidates Alex Garza (State Rep. District 12) and Bryan Barnhill (Wayne State University Board of Governors) are unable to attend but will be sending representatives.

The evening promises to be lots of fun and very interesting. Please take advantage of the free donuts, cider and hot dogs and this great opportunity to get to know the candidates that are asking for your vote this year and be an informed voter!

Most important, please make your plans to exercise your right to vote in Election 2018. Whether you vote at the polls or by Absentee Ballot, encourage and/or take your friends and family members to vote – our future depends on it!
Debbie Chamberlain
Corresponding Secretary
Southwestern Wayne (County)
Democratic Club

## You can watch VBT's oral argument before Michigan Supreme Ct.

On Tuesday, Oct. 9, Van Buren Township's attorney Kaveh Kashef stood before the Michigan Supreme Court to give oral arguments to try to convince the court to hear Van Buren Township case against Visteon Corporation.

The court session was streamed live and is available through the court's archives. To watch Kashef's arguments, go to https://courts.michigan.gov/courts/michigansupremecourt/oral-arguments/pages/default.aspx#

# More Letters

## Thank you to Donna Stewart for craft show

To the editor:

I would like to send a thank you to Donna Stewart for hosting and organizing the craft show held at the Sumpter Township Community Center Sept. 28-30. It was a totally free event with no space or table cost to participants and free admission to the public. Crafters in the area were afforded the opportunity to display their arts and meet and network with other local crafters.

Also, a huge thank you to Don Swinson, Tim Rush, and Rob Young for donating $250 each to cover the rental on the community center. It's refreshing to know that there are people in our tri-community that are willing to support the residents without expecting anything in return.

Judy Johnson
Van Buren Township resident

## Why can't county pave Martinsville?

To the editor:

From Harris Road south to Judd Road, the roads are in bad shape. I saw a Wayne County truck put in a shovel full of patch on Willis at Martinsville. Why couldn't they at least put some on Martinsville? I guess you have to be Wayne County Supervisor Warren Evans and board your horse at a Bemis Road horse stable. We in Sumpter deserve better than this. Those small shovels of patch don't last long. You didn't even do that. If you can pave Bemis, then you can pave Harris to Judd.

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# Obituaries

Donna F. (Coffman) Clark

**DONNA F. (COFFMAN) CLARK**
(July 17, 1940 – August 24, 2018)
Donna F. Clark, 78, loving wife, mother, grandmother, soon to be great-grandmother, and friend to all passed away August 24, 2018, in Tampa, Florida. Born July 17, 1940, in Dalton, Kentucky, to Guestel Woodrow and Dona Pauline (Childress) Coffman, she was the first of three children. She moved with her family to Detroit before settling in Van Buren Township where she graduated from Belleville High School in 1958. Her parents instilled in her the virtues of strength and service to family and community. She married her high school sweetheart, Clyde Robert Clark, Jr., on August 13, 1960.
Her commitment to family and community showed itself in her many acts of service including den mother for Cub Scouts, leader for Boy Scouts, leader for Girl Scouts, and volunteer with Belleville Band Boosters and Golden Garrison Drum & Bugle Corps. She was a Van Buren Township trustee and worked as a teacher's aide for over 28 years. She touched many people through her life's work and will be missed by all.
She was preceded in death by her parents, her parents-in-law, Juanita Marie (Pickett) Clark and Clyde Robert Clark, Sr. She is survived by the love of her life and husband of 58 years, Clyde Robert Clark, Jr. She is also survived by her four children; Jeff (Marcia) Clark, Joannie (Bob) Payne, Pat (Jeff) Fondaw, Kathryn Brightwell; her eight grandchildren, Ryan (Lizzie) Payne, Sean (Nicole) Payne, Kyle (Nikki) Fondaw, Chase Brightwell, Cody Fondaw, Morgan Clark, Meredith Clark, Jeb Clark, and her soon to arrive great-grandchild. Also surviving are her siblings; Jackie (Jim) Schuelert and Bill Coffman; her sister-in-law, Susan Studer, and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.
A celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on October 20, 2018, at The First United Methodist Church in Belleville, Michigan. In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made in her name to: Neuro ICU Education Fund held at Tampa General Hospital Foundation PO Box 1289, Tampa, FL 33601 or visit www.tgh.org/make-gift.

**CHRISTOPHER LANE GULA**
(January 11, 1959 – October 4, 2018)
Age 59, a longtime Garden City resident. Survived by children Stephanie, Kimberly, and Christiana; 16 grandchildren; brother Ronald. Cremation rites accorded. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.
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# School audit

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Marching Band attendance at the Outback Bowl during the 2019-20 school year. About 225 students in grades 9-12 will take the Dec. 27, 2019 to Jan. 2, 2020 trip to Walt Disney World and Universal Studio in Orlando, FL and the Outback Bowl in Tampa, FL. Cost to each student is approximately $1,500. The band's last trip to the Outback Bowl was Dec. 28, 2015-Jan. 1, 2016;

• Heard building presentations by representatives of Edgemont and Savage elementary schools and BHS, describing initiatives they are working on this year to improve education;

• Heard Director of Special Education Karen Johnston report that the State of Michigan is coming in next Monday to inspect the special education department. "We've been cited for some discipline issues in special ed.," she said;

• Heard School Board President Keith Johnston introduce two more students who will take turns sitting on the school board to offer input. They are Soranya Taylor, president of the junior class, and Maggie Southers, vice-president of the junior class. School Supt. Kudlak said he believes there will be a total of six students, taking turns attending meetings in twos, since they all are so busy;

• Heard Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun report that negotiation on the teachers' contract will be beginning and it is very useful to know the amount of state aid coming in. Also, he said, the Michigan State Police will be auditing the district on its background checks. He said the MSP is auditing several districts;

• Heard School Supt. Kudlak announce that he attended the first meeting of the 20-member logo committee. There are a lot of concepts on how to change the Tiger representing the district. They are talking to designers and students on how they want to change the look: more ferocious? More cartoony? He said he expects to bring a logo to the board for approval at the beginning of the year; and

• Heard Board Secretary Kevin English say he would like to know more of what BHS is doing to increase its SAT scores.

# Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Oct. 11 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, Oct. 15 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Oct. 16 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Oct. 17 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, Oct. 22 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School.

• Tuesday, Oct. 23 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

# VBT planners OK preliminary site plan for Subaru project, phase 2

By Rosemary K. Otzman
*Independent* Editor

In order to get Project Pancake going as soon as possible for Subaru, construction on the 76-acre former farm in Denton was divided into two phases. Phase one, approved Aug. 8, got the earth work started on the construction. Phase two was everything else.

At its Sept. 26 meeting, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the preliminary site plan with 15 stipulations from Patrick Sloan of McKenna Associates, the township's planning consultants.

One of the recommendations from Sloan was to use a more decorative fencing in front of the business, but civil engineer Gary Tressel said the metal fence panel system planned is for visual security since the project will be testing secret designs.

He referred to similar building sites in Flat Rock and Plymouth Township that have the metal fence panel system to block the public from seeing what's going on inside.

"We don't usually have to deal with security," said commission chairwoman Carol Thompson.

Sloan also recommended that the prefab cold container be shielded by shrubs.

Tressel said it looks like a shipping container, but it will be completely behind the 30'-tall building. He said it would be invisible and no one from the public can see it. He said they will paint it the same color as the main building.

The staff and planners will work with Tressel to work out those two problems.

Tressel said ACS Michigan still hasn't bought the property from Harold Smith. He said this is a fast-moving project and everything has to be right before they complete the purchase of the farm.

**Ashley Crossroads**

At its Sept. 26 meeting, the planning commission gave final site plan approval for 59 additional parking spaces to service existing Building 1 at the Crossroads South Development at 41775 and 41873 Ecorse Road.

At the last session with Ashley, the commission showed anger at learning that "Detention Basin 3" had been filled in. The Ashley representative asked if he could explain and he was not allowed to speak.

At the Sept. 26 meeting, the township's engineer David Potter of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, referred to the applicant's response letter that said Wayne County had required modifications to Basin A and in order to comply with that, they had to reroute the storm water conveyance outlet pipes in Basin A into a proposed integrated forebay and outlet control structure. Detention Basin 3 was no longer needed so it was filled in.

Potter said he concurred with the Wayne County requirements and recommended final approval of the parking lot plans. He said they did review the South Basin issue.

Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development, said the commission wanted to make sure the storm water system was up to date, which was the original purpose of Basin 3.

**Metro Park Party Store gas station**

The commission also voted unanimously to grant preliminary site plan approval for construction of a 4-dispenser gas station with canopy at the existing Metro Park Party Store at the corner of Haggerty and East Huron River Drive.

Sloan said this was the fifth review of plans for the project and each time the plans got a little bit better. He said the site is small, just about one acre.

Sloan said on June 12 the VBT Board of Zoning Appeals granted setback variances.

Sloan's recommendations included marking off of a fire lane, copies of cross-access agreements, a 6' wall along the south side of the strip mall painted to match the building, more details on the usable open space at the corner, construction of five-foot-wide sidewalks along Haggerty and East Huron River Drive, and details on the proposed sign and light fixtures.

Andy Shina was present on behalf of the applicant, Side Park Inc.

Engineer Potter asked for soil borings to find out the buoyancy of the soil, "so the tanks don't float." He said there is an existing sanitary sewer below the tanks.

Akers said the fire marshal's report recommended approval after certain changes, including a sign saying the door is kept unlocked during business hours, venting of the pizza oven, and fire extinguishers.

In other business at the one-hour-and-18 -minute meeting, the commission discussed a proposed plan for public participation in planning of large projects.

The first draft of this policy will be written in the next few weeks by intern Grace Moore. It will come to the planning commission for a recommendation and on to the township board for consideration of approval.

## Birthdays

Oct. 4 – Charles Tackett
Oct. 13 – Allison White
Oct. 14 – M.J. Dawson
Oct. 15 – Leslie Ferguson
Oct. 17 – Crystal Howard, Chris Demond
Oct. 18 – Cyndy Jones
Oct. 19 – Diane Traskos

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This Saturday is the annual Harvest Fest along Main Street between Roys and Fourth streets and in the Fourth Street Square. Enjoy free family activities from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library, museum, and the farmer's market across the street. Join me for some fun chalking up the sidewalks. A&W will be providing food for a nominal fee. For other events coming up this month visit the Booville MI Facebook page, www.buyitinbelleville.com and www.bellevillecbc.org . The event is presented by the Belleville Area District Library, Museum, and the Belleville Central Business Community. Be sure to check out the scarecrows up and down Main Street.

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Moving the Mitten Real Estate Group on Main Street will be holding a free Home Buyer Seminar on Tuesday, Oct. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m., and on Saturday. Oct. 20, from noon to 2 p.m. at its office at 337 Main St. Topics include the new MSHDA Down Payment Assistance Program as well as the home buying process and real estate tips. To register, visit www.mtm-hbs-2018.eventbrite.com or email offers@movingthemitten.com.

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Coldwell Banker Professionals on Main Street is taking part in the Coldwell Banker National Pet Adoption Day, also this Saturday, Oct. 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. as Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue will have dogs and cats available in a location across the street from the business at 309 Main St. Donations will also be accepted along with items for sale such as pet toys and other items with the proceeds going to FMAR. See their ad in today's paper and call (734) 697-1800.

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Faith United Methodist Church on Denton Road in Belleville will be holding its Fall Festival this Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring a bounce house, games, food, and prize giveaways. For more info, call Lena Keller at (734) 323-7260. The event is free and open to the public.

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Threads and Treasures Quilt Shop on South Street is still open during their "Kay Atkins is Retiring" event. Everything in the store is half off, including fabric and materials, books, etc. They're open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (734) 697-9376.

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The Belleville High School football team won its eighth game of the season, a 46-0 victory over Livonia Stevenson on Sept. 28. Next up: Livonia Franklin at BHS tomorrow at 7 p.m. It's the final game of the regular season. Go Tigers!

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# BHS at-home games

• Thursday, Oct. 11: Boys Varsity Soccer against Garden City HS, 5:30 p.m.

• Friday, Oct. 12: Varsity Football against Franklin HS (Homecoming), 7 p.m.

• Tuesday, Oct. 16: Freshman & JV Volleyball against Franklin HS, 5 p.m.; Varsity Volleyball against Franklin HS, 6:30 p.m.

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# VBT Board hears no comments on $16.6 million budget for 2019

By Rosemary K. Otzman
*Independent* Editor

There were no comments from the VBT board or from the public during the one-minute public hearing Oct. 2 on the proposed 2019 general fund budget or the amended 2018 budget.

The board is expected to vote on these two budgets, along with ten other special revenue fund budgets, and the water and sewer budgets, at its next meeting on Oct. 16.

Only five members of the seven-member board were present Oct. 2, with Clerk Leon Wright, pronounced absent and excused without further explanation, and Trustee Paul White, also absent and excused.

The total meeting lasted just 10 minutes and Trustee White walked in two minutes later, after being the victim in a hit-and-run accident on the way to the meeting.

He said he had prepared for 15 hours to make comments on the budget at the meeting and he was disappointed.

At the work/study session of the board the afternoon before the regular meeting, there was a lot of discussion about the budgets. It was noted the pay raise for election workers, recently approved by the board, will be held off until the 2019 budget and will not take place at the Nov. 6 election.

Trustee White asked Supervisor Kevin McNamara how he decides who to give more than a 2% raise to and Supervisor McNamara said the board determines the pay raises.

"No they don't," Trustee White replied. He said he thinks it is improper for the supervisor to "go down that road" where he chooses who gets a bigger raise.

"Some directors haven't had more than 2%," White said referring to the annual raises for everyone.

"We do a survey every year and compare," McNamara said that some positions were below surrounding municipalities. "Some assistant directors were making less than those in the union."

White said Sumpter Township board members are getting $22,000 a year and Treasurer Sharry Budd, replied, "Don't tell me you should get that."

Discussion showed there were questions about healthcare.

White said as of Nov. 20, 2020, the board policy is that there will no longer be payment in lieu of insurance.

Trustee Kevin Martin said that's up to the board and another board could vote to leave that payment in place.

White said there is "stuff going on in this budget" that is a problem for him because of all the expenditures.

"We're sitting in a building that hadn't been updated for 25 years," McNamara said, adding they are upgrading these facilities, the police department, getting fire engines and the township will be up to date.

"Walmart is putting in the same flooring you want here," White said, noting that the flooring in the township hall has nothing wrong with it.

"Well, we don't want to look like Walmart," McNamara said derisively.

Director of Public Services Matthew Best was asked how much it costs for the township to keep the present floors in shape and he said the waxing and labor is a full-time job for an employee. He said it will cost $119,000 in new flooring for the entire campus that will pay for itself within a few years.

White said the township has $72 million in invested funds. Treasurer Budd said there is $10 million in the fund balance which is 53% of the total budget.

"Salaries disturbed me," said Trustee Sherry Frazier, adding that making directors even with union workers doesn't make sense since union workers have to pay dues and directors don't.

"It's arbitrary. Giving outrageous wages," Trustee Frazier continued. "A 28% raise in one year is unheard of in real business … We gave a raise to the clerk so he could be equal with the treasurer. He said he needed a raise and he got a $15,000 raise in 2016 and a $5,000 raise last year. And, now again, this year. What are we doing?"

"If I gave an arbitrary raise, other directors would want an arbitrary raise. We give a survey first," McNamara said.

Trustee Frazier said McNamara is fostering a climate of upset workers.

Dan Selman, McNamara's executive assistant, said there is a clause, wording, in the policy that allows the board to bring raises up.

"We should base our budget based on usage," Frazier said. "How many people are serviced by each department. How many the museum served. Maybe we should put counters at the door like the library did."

"We're data-driven for where we want to go," said McNamara. "We're getting closer to where we can do data-driven budgeting…"

"A fire fighter gets 2%..." Frazier began and this was finished by Trustee Reggie Miller, who added, "…and someone gets 28%."

"You can't bribe your employees to stay

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Large cranes and other equipment have been delivered to the Waltz Road Bridge in New Boston, indicating bridge replacement work is set to begin. Pedestrian traffic was allowed on the walkway along the bridge during last week end's Apple Fest. The 94-year-old bridge has been closed for more than a year. Wayne County has contracted with Toebe Construction of Wixom to replace the bridge. Cost was estimated at $5.4 million. The new bridge is expected to last 60 years and construction is expected to take six months.

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# Amy Pearce seeks seat on VB Public Schools Board of Education

Amy Pearce, 45, of 49092 Peninsular Dr., Van Buren Township, has lived in the school district for 13 years.

She is running for a four-year position on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, where three seats are open. The *Independent* sent out questionnaires to candidates in the Nov. 6 election and below are Pearce's responses.

Amy Pearce

Pearce is married to Douglas, an airline pilot at Kalitta Air, LLC. They have three daughters: Taylor, a Belleville High School graduate and recent graduate of Brown University with a degree in International Relations; Nicole, a BHS graduate and current junior at the University of Michigan, majoring in Microbiology; and Addie, a sixth grader at Owen Intermediate School.

Pearce is a Corporate Event Producer with Underwood Event, LLC.

She was educated at: Brookfield Central High School (Wisconsin), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Wisconsin), and Marquette University (Wisconsin).

She has never been appointed to public office and this is her first bid for elective office.

"I have previously served on the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation, and I still organize their largest fundraiser each year – The Sunset Celebration," Pearce said. "I also served on the Belleville Band Boosters for six years and still remain very active in the band program within our district. I am currently the PTO President at Owen Intermediate School, where I have focused on implementing an anti-bullying campaign, engaging the community and staff in school beautification, and developing collaborative workspaces for students. In my free time, I enjoy traveling with my family as much as our schedules allow," she said.

*Why are you running for this office?*

"My volunteer work within the Van Buren Public Schools has shown me what a difference one person can make. Whether it be spreading mulch on a nature trail at the middle school, or volunteering at an elementary book fair, every moment we give to our students has an exponential benefit. Getting to know our educators and listening to what is important to them has enlightened me greatly, as well. My goal now is to have a positive impact on as many students and staff as possible by listening to their needs and introducing new collaborative ideas. We cannot be afraid of change, especially when it directly benefits our students."

*Do you have any goals once you are elected?*

My goals include implementing appropriate teacher incentives to improve retention and help boost recruitment, improving our marketing plan to shine a bright light on our district's best qualities, and encouraging greater collaboration between teachers and administration to ensure we are providing appropriate services for students in all levels of learning. I am very excited to take my volunteer experience within the district and build on it in with my future peers on the Board of Education."

**Editor's Note**: The *Independent* did not receive a completed questionnaire from Amy Pearce in time to be included in last week's listing of candidates. She said she completed it and mailed it back to the *Independent* the day after receiving it, but the *Independent* did not receive her questionnaire. The above are her answers to the questions.

Also running for four years on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education are incumbent Diane Loyer Gerick and newcomers Dionne Falconer and Calvin H. Hawkins.

# VB Eagles event to benefit Semper Fi Fund to help veterans

Van Buren Eagles #3996 will hold a fund raiser to benefit the Semper Fi Fund from 5 p.m. until midnight on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 9961 Beck Rd. The event is open to the public.

Dinner is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and live entertainment by The Classics from 8 p.m. until midnight. The benefit includes raffles, silent auctions, 50/50 raffles, door prizes, and card raffle, with all proceeds to benefit the Semper Fi Fund.

The Semper Fi Fund supports combat wounded and critically ill service members from all U.S. Armed Forces.

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The Bingo Lady scarecrow, put together by Cedar Woods Assisted Living and Memory Care, is in front of Pro Hardware.

The Wayne County Fairgrounds prepared this rooster scarecrow, placed in front of the ice cream shop. The straw is carefully molded into feathers and the bright features and legs are made of old fair ribbons.

# Belleville Area Garden Club sets session on Michigan native plants

The Belleville Area Garden Club will host a special speaker at its meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 15, at Frist United Methodist Church in Belleville.

Noted garden speaker and writer Cheryl English will present a program on using Michigan native plants to extend fall color in the garden.

All are welcome to attend. The club will be meeting in the church lounge, since there is a blood drive in the basement that night.

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# Scarecrows

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Pete Pitzen, of Belleville, seated center, who regularly offers free American flags to the community, was honored by his family on Saturday at a surprise party at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Van Buren Township. Standing around him are his children, who put on the surprise pizza party and plaque presentation. From left are Barb Cassidy, Michael, Andy, Pete, and Matt. Son Mark was unable to be present. At right is Pitzen's wife Gail. Son Matt started reading a prepared tribute to his father and then choked up and couldn't continue. He passed the paper over to Andy to continue and Andy passed the paper over to Pitzen to read at his leisure. Pitzen was declared the "Flagman of Belleville" and praised for his dedication to the American flag, his unwavering patriotism, and his efforts to make sure everyone has a flag through his selfless action. They also pointed out that Gail helps prepare the recycled flags by washing them and hanging them out to dry. Pitzen, a veteran, places the cleaned flags that had already flown over veterans' graves on new wooden rods, donated by Mans Lumber. Then he offers them to the public without charge.


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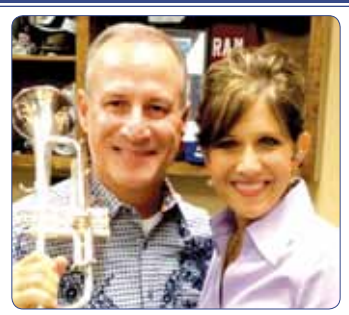

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Vietnam Veteran Ken Dudek of Sumpter Township, left, wrote a letter to the *Independent* recently saying he needed help with his teeth. Joe Flange of the North Wall Rider's Association, at right, said his group was pleased to be able to get Dudek the help he needed. "I am very grateful for the service he gave our country and embarrassed the way our government and VA neglects these heroes," Flange said. "There simply should not be a reason for organizations like NWRA to exist."


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# VBT Board

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with you," Frazier said to McNamara.

"We're not evaluating employees, but giving random raises and they know it," Trustee Miller said.

"You make $90,000 and I make $16,000 … six times difference," White said in beginning an evaluation of how much work for the township each of them does.

"I bring in four times my salary in grants," McNamara said.

"You don't work 60 hours…" White said, and he never answers the phone.

"I do not answer my phone and no voice mail. Everybody knows it," McNamara said.

Frazier said rather than give a 28% raise all at once, maybe he could phase it in.

"You said he'd get a raise and he didn't… He's been here two years," McNamara said of his assistant Selman.

Selman, who had just graduated from college and had no experience when he first started in 2017, was paid $50,000, got a 2.5% raise in 2018 to $51,250, and will be paid $66,000 in 2019, a raise of $14,750, if this budget is approved as is.

Other wage increases, that are higher than the 2% employees will get in 2019, are the Residential Appraiser who will go from $36,244 to $45,000; the police chief and fire chief, who will each go from $80,369 to $85,000; Senior Coordinator from $36,951 to $40,000; Museum Director from $40,540 to $45,000; IT Director from $73,395 to $79,000; Water/Sewer GIS Coordinator, from $55,722 to $60,000; DDA Director from $77,351 to $79,672; and DDA Assistant Director, $52,508 to $54,083.

General Fund expenditures will go from a projected $17,563,324 in 2018 to a proposed $16,631,659 in 2019.

In other business at the Oct. 2 regular meeting, the board:

• Heard the first reading of an ordinance that would require property owners to remove ice and snow from sidewalks along their parcels. The second reading and vote to approve is expected at the Oct. 16 meeting. There will be verbal or written warnings before a citation for a civil infraction. Director Best said, "We want to ensure the township is walkable, bikeable." Supervisor McNamara assured the residents, "We're not running around with tickets as soon as it snows";

• Removed from the agenda an ordinance that would allow the supervisor to declare a Snow Emergency that would require everyone to get their vehicles off the streets so they can be plowed. Since the township roads get plowed by the county, several problems popped up at the work/study session and the ordinance was sent back to the drawing board;

• Approved the supervisor's appointment of James Chudzinski to fill the unexpired term of office of Ron Blank on the Downtown Development Authority with a term to expire March 9, 2022. Chudzinski owns Express Tire in VBT. He also serves on the Belleville DDA;

• Approved the supervisor's re-appointment of Jeff Jahr to the Planning Commission with a term to expire Oct. 1, 2021;

• Approved the supervisor's re-appointment of Ben Ross, a retired educator, to the Environmental Commission with a term to expire Oct. 1, 2021;

• Approved the supervisor's appointment of Dolores Hogan, a retired Registered Nurse, to the Endowment Committee with a term to expire Jan. 15, 2020. Hogan has been doing blood pressure checks at the senior center for 20 years and has done hospice care. She replaces Margaret Thompson who died.;

• Heard Supervisor McNamara announce that the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority (DUWA) is now owned by the 17 communities that use it and Van Buren Township has a 5% share; and

• Heard Fire Chief Amy Brow announce a pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. until noon at Fire Hall #2 on Saturday, Oct. 13. Cost is $5 for adults and $3 for children.

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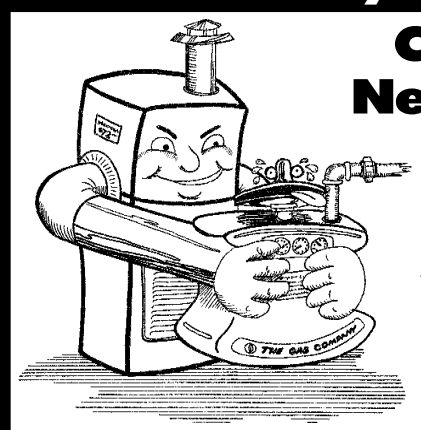
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# Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Oct. 11** – Casserole Luncheon at noon at St. John's Lutheran Church, 28320 Waltz Rd., Waltz. $7 donation will benefit Mission Projects. Casserole, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea, water, door prizes. To be assured of a ticket, call (734) 654-6366.

• **Thursday, Oct. 11** – At 7 p.m., Friends of Belleville Area District Library will host Angela Ryan from the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County to the Homegrown Knowledge stage. Ryan will tell about the league, as well as describe November ballot proposals and current lawsuits affecting voting legislation.

• **Friday, Oct. 12** – The Belleville Church of God, 45170 Hull Road, invites the community to "The BASH" from 6 to 8 p.m. There is no charge. There will be inflatables, games, live music, and lots of excitement to go around with Trunk-or-Treating. 697-0927

• **Saturday, Oct. 13** – All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast with Van Buren Township Fire Fighters, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Fire Hall #2, 7981 Belleville Rd. $5 for adults; $3 for children 10 and under. Includes three sausage links, coffee, juice, or milk.

• **Saturday, Oct. 13** – Annual Harvest Fest at the library and museum in downtown Belleville, and Harvest Market at the Fourth Street Square, all from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Nickel Dig at the museum at 2 p.m. Free.

• **Saturday, Oct. 13** – Fall Festival event at Faith United Methodist Church, 6020 Denton Road, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bounce house, games, food, prizes. Free. Information: call Lena, (734) 323-7260.

• **Sunday, Oct. 14** – Free Sunday Music at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, 2-5 p.m. This week it's Jay Frandsen/Sax. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Thursday, Oct. 18** – Broadway: The American Musical Theatre, 7 p.m. at Wayne County Community College's Ted Scott Campus, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Belleville. This is Part 2: "From Sondheim to Disney." Free. Information: (734) 374-3232.

• **Thursday, Oct. 18** – Golden Real Estate of Ypsilanti invites the public to a free seminar on home buying, with a free dinner, handouts, prizes, and lots of information. Registration begins at 5 p.m. and the program starts promptly at 5:30 p.m. at Wayne County Community College, Ted Scott Campus, 9555 Haggerty Rd. Email your name, your guest's name, and phone number to Kalena@goldenrealtors.com. Information: (734) 353-3013.

• **Friday, Oct. 19** and **Saturday, Oct. 20** – Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue is cleaning out its attic with a wide variety of things to sell to earn money to take care of the dogs and cats they rescue. All proceeds go to FMAR. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 51390 Arkona Rd., NE corner of Rawsonville Rd.

• **Saturday, Oct. 20** – Belleville's costumed Monster Mutt Walk is from 1 to 3 p.m. starting at Fourth Street Square. Cost is $10 plus a can of cat or dog food for the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue. Applications available at www.bellevillecbc.org or call (734) 558-5368 after 3:30 p.m. Advanced registration encouraged, but not required.

• **Saturday, Oct. 20** – Cemetery History Tour by the Belleville Area Museum at Tyler Cemetery, 3-5 p.m. Tickets are $15 for non-members of the historical society and $10 for members.

• **Sunday, Oct. 21** – Free Sunday Music at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, 2-5 p.m. This week it's 18 Strings. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Monday, Oct. 22** – State Rep. Joe Bellino will hold coffee hours with constituents from 9 to 10 a.m. at Tim Hortons of Monroe, 404 S. Monroe St., Monroe; and from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Biggby Coffee, 26614 Telegraph Rd., Flat Rock. No appointment is necessary. Bring your concerns, ideas, and issues you want addressed in Lansing. Rep. Bellino represents Sumpter Township, among other communities.

• **Saturday, Oct. 27** – Van Buren Township's Candy Loop will be held at Quirk Park behind township hall on the small walking track near the pavilion, 4-6 p.m., rain or shine. If there is inclement weather, the event will be moved inside the township hall. "Tricks, treats, and delicious sweets." Sponsored by the VBT Downtown Development Authority. FREE.

• **Sunday, Oct. 28** – Free Sunday Music at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, 2-5 p.m. This week it's Southern Express. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Sunday, Oct. 28** – Belleville Area Museum's Kids' Costume Halloween Party, 3-5 p.m. Free.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 31** – Fresh Brewed Booville, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Victory Park. Free drink and donut coupon with $1 donation to Belleville Food Closet. Everyone welcome. Presented by Belleville DDA to promote location of a coffee shop in downtown Belleville.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 31** – Trick or Treat from downtown Belleville merchants, 5-7 p.m. Costume contest at 6 p.m. at Fourth Street Square. Sponsored by Belleville Central Business Community and City of Belleville.

• **Saturday, Nov. 3** – Sumpter Senior Annual Craft Show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Sumpter Senior Center, 23501 Sumpter Road. $10 per table. Proceeds go to Senior Christmas Party. Call Karen Mickens (734) 461-2296 or (734) 461-9373.

## They're reading the Independent everywhere

Charles Shoemaker of Sunnyvale, CA, reads his *Belleville-Area Independent* with the Drunken Clock in the background at a fortress above the Danube in Novi Sad, Serbia in September. It is called the Drunken Clock because the minute hand is the short hand and the hour hand is the long one, so the time on the clock in this picture is ten until two. Charles grew up in Belleville, graduating from Belleville High School prior to going to the U.S. Naval Academy. He visits his mother and sister in Belleville on frequent occasions.

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.

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# More Letters

## Thank you, St. Jude

To the editor:

If you say this prayer nine times a day, by the eighth day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised when you receive what you've been asking for.

St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved, and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, keeper of the hopeless, pray for us.

Thank you, St. Jude, for answering all that I've prayed for.

Love always,
G.R. of Belleville

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– Ronald Reagan

*Court Watching:*

## Shacori Davis waives preliminary exam, is bound over for trial

By Rosemary K. Otzman
*Independent* Editor

Shacori Davoyne Davis, 25, was scheduled for her preliminary exam on Sept. 26 before 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley on charges of uttering and publishing, lying to a police officer during a criminal investigation, and child abuse (leaving child unattended in vehicle) in Van Buren Township on Sept. 5.

Davis opted to waive her exam and Judge Oakley bound her over to circuit court for an Oct. 10 arraignment on the information. She is free after posting bond of $30,000/10%.

She has another court date of Oct. 5, also at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, to face a charge of violation of probation. She had been placed on probation after taking a plea deal and pleading guilty to entering a home without the owner's permission last November. The original charge of second-degree home invasion was dismissed.

**Ezel Demar Wright**

Ezel Demar Wright, 52, waived his upcoming preliminary exam on a charge of first-degree retail fraud on Sept. 15 in Van Buren Township. Magistrate Lisa Martin bound him over to circuit court for an Oct. 3 arraignment on the information.

Wright had been lodged in the Wayne County Jail on bond of $20,000/10% and he was referred to pretrial services for a bond review.

At circuit court, a plea of guilty was accepted, with sentencing scheduled for Oct. 17.

**Jlonte Sterling Booker**

On Sept. 19, Jlonte Sterling Booker, 18, waived his upcoming preliminary exam and Magistrate Martin bound him over for an arraignment on the information at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on Oct. 3. He faces two charges of unlawfully driving away of a motor vehicle, larceny of weapons, and larceny between $200 and $1,000 in VBT on Sept. 7.

On Oct. 3, he received a plea deal and a disposition conference was set for Oct. 17.

There are two other co-defendants on that case with the same charges, but they are yet to be arrested. Warrants are out for Marcus Wilhide, 20, and Juwaun Marshall, 17.

**Jhalon Devonmarquece Merida**

Jhalon Devonmarquece Merida, 28, waived the preliminary exam on charges of second-degree home invasion and second-degree home invasion (conspiracy) on March 28, 2016 in VBT. Merida is free on $20,000 personal recognizance bond and Magistrate Martin ordered the defendant to be at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on Oct. 3 for an arraignment on the information.

On Oct. 3, Merida pled guilty to one charge of second-degree home invasion and the other charge (conspiracy) was dismissed. Sentencing will be Oct. 31.

**Devon Summers**

Devon Summers, 21, waived the preliminary examination on a charge of embezzlement by agent or trustee between $1,000 and $20,000 on Jan. 9 in VBT. Magistrate Martin ordered Summers to be at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on Oct. 3 for an arraignment on the information. On Oct. 3 a disposition conference was set for Oct. 17.

**Jeremy Roshawn Webster**

Jeremy Roshawn Webster, 31, waived his preliminary exam and Magistrate Martin bound him over for an arraignment on the information at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on Oct. 3. He is charged with uttering and publishing in the City of Belleville on Sept. 7. He is free on $1,000 personal recognizance bond.

On Oct. 3, a plea was offered and a disposition conference set for Oct. 17.

for her probable cause conference before Magistrate Martin on two charges of carrying a concealed weapon in Sumpter Township on Sept. 19.

She came before Magistrate Martin by video from the Wayne County Jail where she was being held on bond of $10,000/10%.

She is due for her arraignment on the information at circuit court on Oct. 10. Her case was referred to pretrial services to consider a reduction in bond. It was noted a month ago she was before Judge Brian A. Oakley on a charge of discharge of a firearm.

Her co-defendant, with one charge of carrying a concealed weapon, Errol William-Frank Jennings, 18, waived his preliminary exam before Judge Oakley on Sept. 26 and also is due for his arraignment on the information on Oct. 10 in circuit court. He is free after posting bond of $5,000/10%.

**Peter Elmer Nickel**

Peter Elmer Nickel, 57, was due for his probable cause conference before Magistrate Martin, but his retained attorney Michael Vincent asked for an adjournment of the conference until Oct. 10. Nickel is charged with operating while intoxicated-third on Aug. 12 in Van Buren Township. He is free wearing a tether after posting $10,000/10% bond.

**David Deloy Dotson**

Steve Scharg, the court-appointed attorney for David Deloy Dotson was not present and so Dotson's probable cause conference was adjourned one week, until Oct. 10. The attorney reportedly was tied up in federal court.

Dotson, 35, is charged with possession of narcotics in VBT on March 26. He is free on $5,000 personal recognizance bond.

**Deandre Brendan Wilson**

De-Andre Brenda Wilson, 19, also had Steve Scharg as court-appointed attorney and Scharg was not present. Wilson's probable cause conference was adjourned until Oct. 10.

Wilson is charged with fleeing police in a vehicle on Sept. 22 in downtown Belleville. He is free after posting bond of $5,000/10%.

# INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

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**Part-time to start. Must be customer friendly. This is a physically demanding job, bending, pushing, lifting, reaching. Must be trustworthy, polite, sober & drug free. Hours: between 6am-4pm. Driver's license a plus. If interested, call (734) 716-0177 & leave a detailed message.**

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QUEST INC. Supporting People with Special Needs

*Court Watching:*

## Nichole Briggs waives preliminary exam, is bound over for trial

By Rosemary K. Otzman
*Independent* Editor

Nicole Lynn Briggs, 21, was due for her probable cause conference on Oct. 3 before 34th District Court Magistrate Lisa Martin on charges of carrying a concealed weapon, possession of narcotics, and felony firearm on Jan. 25 in Sumpter Township.

Briggs waived her preliminary exam and Magistrate Martin set her arraignment on the information at circuit court for Oct. 17. Briggs is free after posting bond of $5,000/10%.

**Tristan Kavon-Guy Horn**

Tristan Kavon-Guy Horn, 18, was due

All proceeds go to
**Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue**
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Saturday, Oct. 20
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Everything from animal supplies to furniture to knick knacks.

# U.S. Air Force Academy Band 'Stellar Brass' to perform in Canton

The United States Air Force Academy Band "Stellar Brass" from Colorado Springs will perform a free concert at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton at 7 p.m., Oct. 15.

Tour manager is Staff Sgt. Quincy Brown, who also plays percussion and drums for Stellar Brass. Staff Sgt. Brown is formerly of Belleville.

The evening will feature an eclectic mix of music from Americana and patriotic favorites to unique twists on the classical repertoire by this energetic six-piece ensemble.

The concert is free and open to the public. Ticket distribution began on Sept. 10 at The Village Theater Box Office or online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org .

Under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Daniel L. Price, the United States Air Force Academy Band proudly represents the Air Force Academy and its mission to educate, train, and inspire men and women to become officers of character, motivated to lead the United States Air Force in serive to our nation.

One of nine performing ensembles within the Academy Band, Stellar Brass is a brass quintet comprised of full-time professional active-duty airman musicians. This versatile ensemble presents a unique variety of musical styles that is sure to entertain audiences of all ages.

Stellar Brass supports the Academy Band's mission to advance the United States Air Force Academy and the Global Air Force Missions by providing professional music products and services for official military, recruiting, and community relations events worldwide.

For more than 60 years, the Academy Band has used the power of music to honor our nation's heroes, inspire Air Force personnel and the nation they serve, produce innovative musical programs and products, and communicate Air Force excellence to millions around the world.

# Brad Fields sentenced to life in prison for death of 4-year-old child

By Rosemary K. Otzman
*Independent* Editor

Brad Fields, 29, boyfriend of the mother of a four-year-old girl who died on New Year's Day in a mobile home in Sumpter Township, was sentenced Tuesday to a term of natural life in prison, without opportunity of parole.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Public Safety Director Eric Luke said the mother in the case, Candice Diaz, 25, is scheduled for a trial in March.

He singled out Detective/Sgt. John Toth, Sgt. Beth Egerer, and Officer George Salajan, III, for their work on the case.

"I'm proud of them and the community can be proud of them, too," Director Luke told the board.

He said they turned what is a horrible situation to the good so that Fields faces justice.

Fields was found guilty by a Wayne County Circuit Court jury of homicide – felony murder, homicide – second-degree murder, first-degree child abuse, torture, first-degree child abuse (conspiracy), and second-degree child abuse (conspiracy).

Fields and the girl's mother, co-defendant Candice Diaz, had been in custody in the Wayne County Jail without bond since Jan. 18, when they were brought back from Georgia where they had fled after Gabrielle Barrett's death was ruled a homicide.

# Teacher

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No other compensation is being offered to the teacher as severance pay.

Within 30 days of the effective date of her resignation, Janack will voluntarily surrender her teaching certificate and request that it be nullified by the State Board of Education or the Michigan Department of Education.

Under the agreement, Janack may not use the Van Buren school district's name, logo, mascot, or any other intellectual property for any private or commercial purpose.

An addendum to the Sept. 11 separation agreement and release of claims changed the effective date to Oct. 1, giving Janack full pay for two more weeks, through the month of September. She had been on paid, administrative leave.

The addendum, approved by the school board, also states Janack may generally perform her consultation duties remotely, at a location chosen by her. Van Buren will provide at least five business days' notice of any assignment or task that requires her to be physically present in a location near Van Buren.

School Supt. Kudlak explained that Janack has moved to South Carolina to be with her husband who is working there.

# Correction: It should be *Darlene* Loyer Gerick

On page three of the Oct. 4 edition, we put an identification line under Darlene Loyer Gerick's picture that called her Diane, which she said is her sister's name. It should have read Darlene and we apologize.

Also, in Gerick's story it said her daughter Marina is a freshman at Belleville High School. Correction: Marina is in the eighth grade. We apologize.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HALL
46425 TYLER ROAD
BELLEVILLE, MI 48111

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to consider establishing Industrial Development District # 15 and to consider the request for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate pursuant to Act 198, Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended for Subaru Research and Development, Inc. Following is the described parcel:

**Parcel # 83-021-99-0001-000; 83-022-01-0003-004; 83-022-01-0004-003; 83-022-01-0005-005; 83-022-01-000-001; 83-022-01-0007-001; 83-022-01-0008-003; 83-023-99-0005-000**

**Effective January 1, 2019 – Parcel # will be 83-021-99-0001-704**

PRT OF SEC 6, T3S R8E VBT WC MI AND PRT OF LOTS 3 THRU 8 INCLUSIVE, OF "DENTON FARMS" SUB OF PART OF THE NW 1/4 OF SEC 6, T3S R8E, VBT, WC, MI, AS RECORDED IN L40 OF PLATS, PG 4, WC RECORDS, ALL DES AS: COM AT THE N 1/4 OF SAID SEC 6 AS REMONUMENTED AND RECORDED IN L45095, PG 37, WC RECORDS; TH N 03D 23M 00S W 5.26 FT TO A PROPERTY CONTROLLING CORNER AS RECORDED IN L45095, PG 37, WC RECORDS; TH ALONG THE N AND S 1/4 LINE OF SAID SEC 6, S 03D 23M 00S E 2,185.56 FT TO A PNT ON THE SLY ROW LINE OF MICHIGAN AVE (BY-PASS, VARIABLE ROW WIDTH) AND A PNT ON THE E LINE OF SAID "DENTON FARMS" FOR A POB; TH N 53D 55M 03S E 1,315.64 FT ALONG SAID SLY ROW LINE; TH S 03D 07M 06S E 205.16 FT CALCULATED (S01D 06M 30S E 205.37 FT RECORD); TH N86D 52M 54S E 125.00 FT CALCULATED (N88D 53M 30S E 125 RECORD); TH N 03D 07 M 06S W286.23 FT CALCULATED (N 01D 06M 30S W 286.53 FT RECORD) TO A POINT ON SAID SLY ROW LINE; TH N 53D 55M 03S E 185.93 FT ALONG SAID SLY ROW LINE TO A POINT ON THE W ROW LINE OF CEMETERY ROAD (33 FT WIDE ROW) IN "SUPERVISOR'S VAN BUREN PLAT NO. 2" OF PRT OF THE E 1/4 OF SEC 6, T3S, R8E, VBT, WC, MI, AS RECORDED IN L 67 OF PLATS, P 51, WC RECORDS; TH S 03D 07M 06S E 488.75 FT ALONG SAID W ROW LINE TO THE NW CORNER OF LOT 61 OF SAID "SUPERVISOR'S VAN BUREN PLAT NO. 2"; TH S 03D 23M 06S E 1,353.15 FT ALONG THE W LINE SAID "SUPERVISOR'S VAN BUREN PLAT NO. 2" TO THE SW CORNER OF LOT 52 OF SAID "SUPERVISOR'S VAN BUREN PLAT NO. 2" AND A PNT ON THE NLY LINE OF THE M.C.R.R. ROW; TH S 75D 38D 49M W 3,187.07 FT ALONG SAID NLY ROW LINE TO A PNT ON SLY ROW LINE OF SAID MICHIGAN AVE; TH N 38D 08M 18S E 576.34 FT ALONG SAID SLY ROW LINE; TH ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT 1,550.38 FT ON SAID SLY ROW LINE, SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 5629.65 FT, AND A CHORD BEARING N 46D 01M 41S E 1545.49 FT; TH N 53D 55M 03S E 221.48 FT LONG SAID SLY ROW LINE TO THE POB. INCLUDING THAT PART OF VACATED JUSTINE ST (PLATTED AS PINE ST) AND CEDAR ST OF SAID "DENTON FARMS" LYING SLY OF MICHIGAN AVENUE, AS RECORDED IN L54586, P 618, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS.

SAID DESCRIPTION CONTAINS 3,309,909 SQUARE FEET, OR 75.98 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

Leon Wright, Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

Publish: October 4, 2018
October 11, 2018

# City of Belleville Public Notice

**Hillside Cemetery Advisory Committee**

## REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

**Flag Placement for Veterans' Day 2018**
**8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 27th**
**(Rain date: November 10th)**

The Cemetery Advisory Committee will be placing American Flags on the graves of all veterans who are buried at Hillside Cemetery on Denton Road.

The flag placement project will begin on Saturday, October 27th at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help place the flags. Each Cemetery section takes only about one hour of work.

Please consider this small sacrifice of time and join us to honor our veterans who fought to keep us free.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLISH: Oct 11 & Oct 18, 2018

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# City of Belleville Public Notice

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE**
**Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**
**Monday, September 17, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**2. ROLL CALL**

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| Council Member Fielder | Present |
| Council Member Marcotte | Present |
| Council Member Smith | Present |
| Mayor Pro Tem Loria | Present |
| Mayor Conley | Present |

**3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**Presentations**

Marina Gerick from G.S. Troop 20414 presented her project "Benches for Belleville" and it was well received. There will be a large collection box at City Hall for donations of plastic caps and lids needed for creating benches.

**Council follow up list**

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer reported that the City Attorney is working on a contract for C&R Landscaping, and it should be ready in a couple of weeks.

**Citizen Comments**

An audience member asked for an update on issues with 180 Clarence Street and was told that the resident has been issued a notice and has until Friday September 21st to respond. A resident at 110 N. Liberty Street stated that he has two large, dead trees on his property that he considers hazardous and wants the City to remove.

**4. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Smith to approve the City Council meeting minutes from September 4, 2018 as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS** None

**7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES-**None

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**A. Zombie Run/Walk**

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 18-077 granting permission for Belleville New Tech and the DDA to use Horizon Park and close High Street on October 27, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. for the Zombie 5K Run/Walk.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**B. Witches' Ball**

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 18-078 granting permission for Egan's Pub and the Chamber of Commerce to use Fourth Street Square on October 5, 2018 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. for the annual Witches' Ball.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**C. St. Patrick's Day**

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 18-079 allowing Egan's Pub to use Fourth Street Square on March 17, 2019 from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. for the annual St. Patrick's Day event.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**D. Animal Magic**

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 18-080 allowing the Chamber of Commerce to use Fourth Street Square on October 7, 2018 from 12 to 2:30 p.m. for the "animal magic" event.

**9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES**

Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 18-081 for accounts payable and purchases over $500.00 for a total of $1,684,095.56.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Smith, Second by Marcotte to adjourn meeting at 7:58 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Scharf, City Clerk
Approved: October 1, 2018
Published: October 11, 2018

# For first time local Life Chain demonstration brings protestors

For the first time in its 20 years of existence in Belleville, the annual, silent Life Chain demonstration at Five Points in Belleville brought loud, pro-choice protestors.

About 30 Life Chain participants were along the sidewalks, silently holding signs provided by the national Right to Life organization, promoting life for babies and opposing euthanasia for the elderly.

On Sunday, 10-15 protestors, wearing sunglasses and scarves to cover their faces, loudly protested Life Chain. Reportedly, the pro-choice protestors personally harassed an elderly Life Chain participant, as well as a younger woman with a sign.

Belleville Police were present and visible. On Monday a representative of Life Chain went to the police station to thank them for being present and watching over the demonstration, despite what their own thoughts may be on the issue.

Tiam Fox, organizer of the Life Chain demonstration, said the group prayed together both before and after the event on Sunday and felt protected from harm.

Life Chains were in place at communities across the country. In Belleville the demonstration was co-sponsored by Belleville Church of God and St. Anthony Catholic Church.

# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN**
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
**OCTOBER 2, 2018**

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin and Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Water and Sewer Director Taylor, Recreation Director Wright and Deputy Director Zaenglein, Human Resource Director Sumpter, Executive Assistant Selman, Senior Director Jordan, Public Safety Director Laurain, Public Safety Deputy Director (Police) Wright, Public Safety Deputy Director (Fire) Brow, DDA Director Ireland and Deputy Director Lothringer, Public Services Director Best, Cable Director McCracken, I.T. Director Rankin, Developmental Services Director Akers and an audience of three (3).

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA:** Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda and announced the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority agreement has been fully executed and is now owned by the 17 community members with Van Buren Township having a 5% equity stake.

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

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session minutes of September 17, 2018, Board Meeting minutes of September 18, 2018, Prepaid List of September 20, 2018, Prepaid List of September 27, 2018, Voucher List of October 2, 2018, Approval of the appointment of James Chudzinski to fill the unexpired term of office on the Downtown Development Authority with a term to expire March 9, 2022, Approval of the re-appointment of Jeff Jahr to the Planning Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2021, Approval of the re-appointment of Ben Ross to the Environmental Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2021 and Approval of the appointment of Dolores Hogan to the Endowment Committee with a term to expire January 15, 2020]. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Budd moved, Frazier seconded to open the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. to receive comment on:

- The 2018 Amended and 2019 Proposed General Fund Budget
- The 2019 Salary Wage Schedule
- The 2018 Amended and 2019 Water and Sewer Budget
- The 2018 Amended and 2019 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
9. Long Term Debt Fund
10. Capital Improvement Fund

Motion carried. No public comment was received. Budd moved, Miller seconded to close the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** The Fire Department will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday October 13, 2018 at Fire Station #2 located on Belleville Rd. from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Adults $5.00 Children $3.00.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business):** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve of the first reading of Ordinance 10-02-18 (2) to amend the General Code of Ordinances Chapter 74 (Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places) Article II (Sidewalks) to add Sec. 74-27 to 74-29. The ordinance requires snow and ice removal accumulating prior to 6:00 a.m. to be removed by noon in commercial districts. Snow accumulating on residential sidewalks of more than 1 inch is to be removed within 24 hours after the end of each accumulation and within 18 hours of ice accumulation. Property owners will be notified if non-compliant and will be given 24 hours to take corrective action. Violation for non-compliance will be a civil infraction.

**REPORTS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Martin moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: October 11, 2018

# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*Out of the 457 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.*

**Sunday, Sept. 30:**

0117 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
0220 – lake complaint, W. Columbia Ave./High
0811 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Bemis
1018 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Andover Dr.
1029 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride/Arthur
1335 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood
1358 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1448 – suicidal person, Holly Ln.
1508 – animal complaint, Montague Ave.
1618 – domestic, Spruce Ln.
1657 – noise complaint, Sawgrass Ct.
1718 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1802 – larceny, Ecorse Rd.
2156 – fraud, Maple Dr.
2205 – domestic, W. Archwood Dr.
2218 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
2317 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.

**Monday, Oct. 1:**

0006 – mental subject, Outer Dr.
0329 – suicidal person, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0628 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
0651 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
1011 – abandoned auto, Belleville Rd.
1039 – larceny, Westlake Cir.
1255 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1309 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1341 – property damage accident, Beck/Ecorse
1425 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bradley Dr. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1449 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1617 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1959 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr. / Quirk Rd.
2024 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2031 – 911 welfare check, Revere Dr.
2044 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln.
2044 – suspicious person/vehicle, Nautica Dr.

**Tuesday, Oct. 2:**

0037 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0603 – suspicious person/vehicle, Holly Ln.
0625 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa Blvd.
0730 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Lighthouse Dr.
0734 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride/Beck
0858 – private property/property damage accident, S. Bellridge Dr.
1034 – larceny from auto, Parkwood Dr.
1039 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1050 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bradley Dr. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1318 – assist other dept., Industrial
1427 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa Dr.
1543 – family trouble, Holly Ln.
1659 – disorderly, Robson Rd.
1833 – leaving the scene of the property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
2109 – mental subject, Hull Rd.
2207 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

**Wednesday, Oct. 3:**

0238 – 911 welfare check, Jackson St.
0332 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
0625 – breaking & entering, Meadows Cir.
0713 – suspicious person/vehicle, Montague Ave.
0902 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
0947 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
1027 – assist other dept., Lake Villa Dr.
1041 – larceny from auto, Savage Rd.
1151 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1219 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1232 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1254 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville
1434 – fraud, North Shore Dr.
1502 – suicidal person, Denton Rd.
1517 – traffic offense, Ironwood Dr.
1536 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. Grove St.
1609 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1610 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood
1641 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1651 – trespassing, Sheldon Rd.
1659 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1705 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1744 – threat, Haggerty Rd.
1805 – neighbor trouble, Freedom Way
1844 – juvenile complaint, Elwell Rd.
1916 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1944 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville
2018 – disorderly, Freedom Way
2158 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd./Bemis Rd.
2342 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.

**Thursday, Oct. 4:**

0024 – threat, Belleville Rd.
0106 – malicious destruction, Fairbanks St.
0326 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0616 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0616 – mental subject, Parkside Dr.
0821 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.
0948 – suspicious person/vehicle, Reedgrass Ln. / Sage Cir.
1033 – mental subject, Haggerty Rd.
1406 – mental subject, Lake Point Blvd.
1627 – private property/property damage accident, Denton
1656 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2007 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2052 – assist other dept., Canton Softball Center
2140 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2200 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2217 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.

**Friday, Oct. 5:**

0018 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0054 – assist other dept., NB I-275/Hannan
0439 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0447 – larceny from auto, Meadows Cir.
0821 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haverhill Rd.
0842 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0954 – ordinance violation, Belle Pointe Dr.
1106 – 911 welfare check, Westlake Cir.
1119 – private property impound, S. Bellridge Dr.
1134 – ordinance violation, Bog Rd.
1222 – 911 welfare check, Maple Dr.
1245 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1328 – ordinance violation, Hull Rd.
1458 – fight, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Beckley Rd.
1508 – suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Ct.
1511 – suspicious person/vehicle, Morton Taylor Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1527 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Harmony Ln.
1528 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1553 – animal complaint, Morton Taylor
1558 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1624 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
1634 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1842 – family trouble, Bak Rd.
1852 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1855 – traffic offense, Hull Rd./Elwell Rd.
2044 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2106 – missing person, N. Prairiegrass Ct.
2120 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
2133 – larceny, Woodbury Dr./Haggerty Rd.
2238 – disorderly, Harbor Club Golf Course
2300 – noise complaint, Martinsville/Bemis
2316 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson/Hayes
2316 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Savage Rd.
2322 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
2344 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville
2357 – domestic, Daniel Dr.

**Saturday, Oct. 6:**

0103 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
0231 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
0720 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
0811 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.
0934 – suspicious person/vehicle, Waters Edge Ln.
0935 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Belleville
1110 – assist other dept., Kirkridge Park Dr.
1117 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1158 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1250 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1255 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1423 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1437 – animal complaint, Outer Dr.
1456 – animal complaint, Oak Blvd.
1618 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1644 – breaking & entering, Outer Dr.
1857 – property damage accident, Ecorse/NB I-275 ramp
1939 – PPO violation, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2013 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
2029 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2031 – noise complaint, Martinsville/Riggs
2042 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville
2049 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2111 – traffic offense, Ecorse/I-275
2114 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
2149 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Cumberland
2225 – property damage accide4nt, Rawsonville Rd. / S. Grove St.
2254 – suspicious person/vehicle, Independence

Also on this week's log are 150 traffic stops, 19 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Sept. 30:**

0236 – lake complaint, High/W. Columbia
1415 – follow up by officer, Biggs Ave.
1714 – suspicious person/vehicle, Henry St.

**Monday, Oct. 1:**

0857 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0948 – larceny, Main St.
1217 – intrusion alarm, Edison Ave.
1401 – assist fire dept., Clarence St.

**Tuesday, Oct. 2:**

0620 – operating while intoxicated, Sumpter Rd. / Belle Villa Blvd.
1231 – animal complaint, W. Wabash Ave.
1423 – disorderly, Carmell St.
1526 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1701 – welfare check, Tuscon Manor
1950 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
2130 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.

**Wednesday, Oct. 3:**

0051 – assist fire dept., Carmell
0140 – suspicious person/vehicle, Owen School
0840 – disorderly, McBride
0856 – dumping complaint, Henry/Columbia
1054 – suspicious person/vehicle, Light Tower Ct.
1422 – narcotics crime, McBride
1722 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1849 – disorderly, Menlo Park Dr.
2027 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
2126 – motorist assist, Main St./Denton Rd.

**Thursday, Oct. 4:**

0733 – domestic, First St.
1522 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1528 – juvenile complaint, Dos Rios St.
1710 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1733 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Ct.
1955 – assist fire dept., S. Aberdeen Ct.
2130 – assist fire dept., W. Huron River Dr.
2242 – assist citizen, Tyler

**Friday, Oct. 5:**

0820 – property damage accident, Main St.
1030 – assist fire dept., Clarence St.
1121 – warrant arrest, Michigan/Belleville
1238 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1244 – disorderly, McBride
1246 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1248 – assault & battery, W. Columbia Ave.
1250 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1847 – sexual assault, W. Columbia Ave.
2041 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
2130 – larceny, S. Liberty St.
2321 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.

**Saturday, Oct. 6:**

0107 – abandoned auto, Huron/Melody
1008 – road hazard, Main St.
1308 – traffic offense, Main St./Third St.
1409 – property damage accident, Main St.
1626 – property damage accident, Main St.

Also on this week's log are 32 traffic stops.

# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Sept. 30:**

0202 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Bontekoe
0834 – mental health commitment, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0918 – suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
1054 – lost property, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1408 – larceny, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1538 – mental health commitment, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1758 – harassment complaint, Carriage Ln.
2133 – suspicious vehicle, 23000 bl. Carleton West

**Monday, Oct. 1:**

0434 – suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1039 – larceny, E. Arizona
1045 – larceny, Nevada
1308 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1328 – odor investigation, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1345 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1519 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane Dr.
1532 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Bemis
1608 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1928 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
2146 – well-being check, 29000 bl. Martinsville
2231 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.

**Tuesday, Oct. 2:**

0006 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0033 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
0803 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.
0842 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0922 – shots fired, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1211 – suspicious vehicle, 27000 bl. Rawsonville
1453 – suspicious incident, 5800 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1521 – threats complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwoood
1826 – trespassing complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1856 – lost property, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1932 – found property, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2120 – noise complaint, Carriage Ln./Country Club
2234 – traffic hazard, Willis/Rawsonville

**Wednesday, Oct. 3:**

0247 – assist other agency, out of township
0505 – fire dept. assist, W. Arizona
0718 – traffic hazard, Willis/Sherwood
0921 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
0926 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1027 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1108 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1117 – animal complaint, Elwell/Wear
1240 – death investigation, Timberlane Dr.
1312 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1607 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1914 – suspicious person, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1937 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1939 – 911 hang up, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1954 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2108 – assault, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2354 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.

**Thursday, Oct. 4:**

0023 – family trouble, Redwood
0240 – alarm, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
0858 – fraud complaint, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
0942 – harassment complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1109 – alarm, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1110 – warrant arrest pick up, Sumpter/Judd
1111 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1340 – trespassing complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1640 – family trouble, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1740 – warrant arrest pick up, Texas
1920 – reckless driver, Bemis/Savage
1941 – juvenile complaint, Carriage Ln.
2001 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2017 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2240 – runaway juvenile, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
2343 – citizen assist, Willis/Elwell

**Friday, Oct. 5:**

0052 – assault, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0819 – suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
0859 – alarm, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1100 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1238 – suspicious vehicle, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1558 – trespassing complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1714 – fire dept. assist, 8900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1842 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willis
1853 – traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Willis
2218 – suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.

**Saturday, Oct. 6:**

0108 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0530 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0858 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Dunn
1320 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1449 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1612 – down wires, Willow/Sherwood
1911 – alarm, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2024 – reckless driver, Wilmot/Willis
2325 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
2329 – well-being check, Edgewood Dr.

Also on this week's log are five follow-up investigations, 28 miscellaneous details, 54 patrol checks, and 46 traffic stops.

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Pastor William and Martha Hill of Sumpter Township celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on Oct. 1, with their son and his wife, Bernard and Angela Hill, who were celebrating their 31st wedding anniversary, also on Oct. 1. The celebration was a family dinner with Pastor and Martha Hill's sons, their wives, and the grandchildren.

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## BELLEVILLE LAKE

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## BELLEVILLE LAKE

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| 44235 WEAR - TWO 2.6 AC Each | $30,000 | VACANT WEAR RD 5.28 ACRES | $60,000 | VACANT SUMPTER & WILLIS COMM & |
| 46090 WEAR 1.09 AC BY PARK | $19,500 | 26455 KARR ROAD 1.62 AC | $33,000 | RESIDENTIAL ZONING 25 ACR $225,000 |
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