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## Eight candidates seek four seats open on District Library Board

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

In the Nov. 4 election, eight candidates are running for four open seats on the Belleville Area District Library Board.

Each term is for four years beginning Jan. 1 and there is no remuneration.

Four new candidates have joined together to run as a slate: the Common Cents Library slate. They are LaChelle Reed Caver, Bernard A. Grant, Phillip Miller, and Tanya Stoudemire, all who are running for elective office for the first time.

The four remaining candidates are incumbent Mary Jane Dawson, incumbent Joseph Monte, former board member Paul Henning, and newcomer Sharon C. Peters.

The candidates cooperated by filling out *Independent* information forms so their backgrounds and thoughts could be shared with the readers.

### LaChelle Reed Caver

LaChelle Reed Caver, 41, of Sumpter Township, has lived in the library district from 1995 to 1999 and then again, since March 2002, 12+ years.

She is an attorney and is married to DeRonald Caver and they have two children Zaria and Savion.

She graduated from Denby High School in 1991; Michigan State University with a BA in Business Administration, Pre-Law in 1995 and from Wayne State University with a Juris Doctorate in 1998.

This is her first bid for elective office. She was appointed and served on the Sumpter Township Board of Review from 2005 to 2007.

Caver is a member of the State Bar of

Michigan, American Bar Association, and Wayne County Probate Bar Association. She enjoys reading, bowling, and traveling with her family.

When asked why she was running for this office, Caver said:

"The reason I am running for Trustee is to increase community involvement, improve transparency, and to promote accountability in the oversight and operations of the Belleville Area District Library (BADL).

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## Five candidates seek three seats open on Van Buren School Board

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

There are three open seats on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education and five candidates, including the three incumbents, are running for the positions.

The seats are four-year terms.

Candidates are incumbents Kevin English, Sherry Frazier, and Scott Russell. Newcomers are Alison Bennett and Matthew Mann. Candidates completed information forms for *Independent* readers to consider.

### Kevin English

Kevin English, 24, who currently serves

as secretary of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, has lived in the school district for his whole life.

He is an English language arts educator at Wayne Memorial High School in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools District.

English earned his bachelor's degree in English, history, and secondary education from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

In 2009 he was elected to the Van Buren



Bennett



English



Frazier



Mann



Russell

Public Schools Board of Education.

He is a member of the Michigan Council of Teachers of English, the National Council of Teachers of English, the Wayne County Reading Council, the Michigan Education Association and serves as a teacher consultant for the Eastern Michigan Writing Project.

He said he is an avid reader and most of his time is spent learning more about the best practices of teaching and learning.

When asked why he is running for the school board, English replied: "I am seeking reelection to the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education to continue the growth and advancement that has taken place during my tenure on the board.

"As a current educator, I feel that I offer a unique and needed perspective to the board of education. I recognize the challenges that our staff face on a daily basis, as well as the complex work and commitment necessary to supporting and maintaining a vision for a district. I also understand the fiduciary responsibility of maintaining a balanced budget, as I have supported the district's work to eliminate a budget deficit and maintain a healthy fund balance over the past few years.

"Further, I recognize that the right decisions are not always the popular ones, and in these trying times of common

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## VBT DDA to seek bids for sidewalks

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

After a long discussion about how hard it is to work with Wayne County, the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority approved going out for bids to install sidewalks on the North I-94 Service Drive between Belleville and Quirk roads and on Belleville Road from Tyler Road north to Armstrong's Funland.

The DDA has been working for several years to put a sidewalk along Belleville Road south from the mobile home park to Tyler Road. People walking from the park to Meijer and other shopping areas have to walk in the roadway now, which is dangerous.

The sidewalk now approved will be short of reaching the mobile home park.

"This is the first time ever I feel defeated," DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland told the DDA at its Sept. 23 meeting before she launched into a long report on her interaction with Wayne County officials on the sidewalk plans.

She said the DDA had plans since January that have gone back and forth.

"I'm not really sure what the issue is," Ireland said, explaining the county wanted a culvert and open ditch in front of the Central Outlet location and so the DDA changed the plans and sent the new plans to the county. Then sent another two alternatives that were rejected.

"I was appalled at the response," Ireland said, asking, "Is this email a joke?"

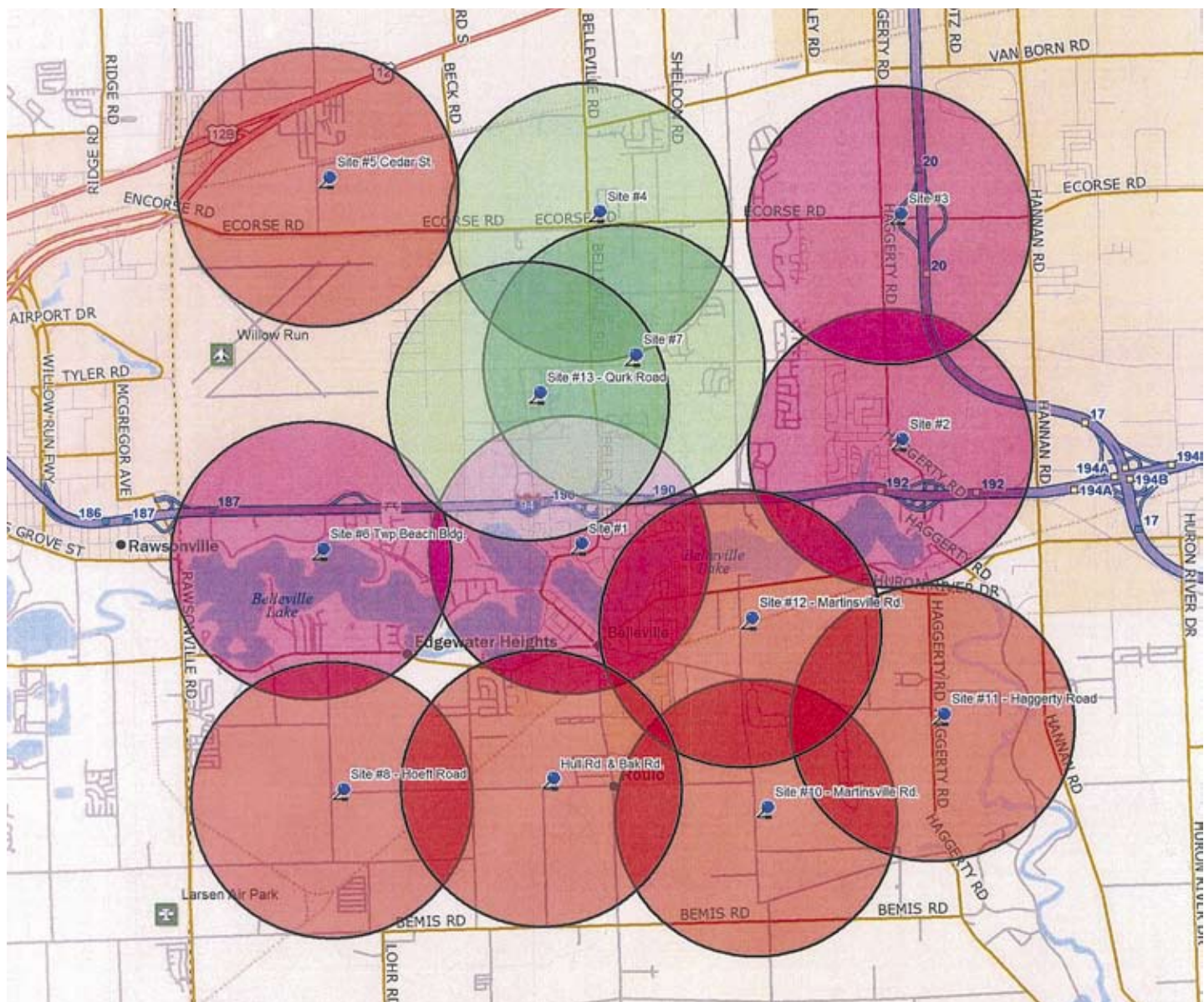
The county now wanted an 18" speed bump in three driveways, she said.

In her written report to the DDA, Ireland said, "The DDA is ... being required to solve a Wayne County drainage problem that exists in the County's rights of way, at the mailbox area in front of Central Outlet and Sales. The drainage issue has been a County problem for as long as I can remember.

"The only option Wayne County will consider to issue the permit for the installation of the sidewalks (specifically in front of Central Outlet and Sales) is for the DDA to increase the cost of this project by approximately \$60,000 to install culverts and dig road drains from approximately the south side of the gate of Central Outlet and Sales to the northerly property line of Belleville Manor next to Belleville Road.

"... This project continues to hit roadblock after roadblock," she wrote.

"I called our county commissioner and he came out," she told the DDA. "He talked to



Revised map courtesy Van Buren Township DDA

Because of a shift in Community Development Block Grant fund eligibility areas the locations of outdoor emergency sirens in the north end of Van Buren Township has shifted a bit from the original locations announced in August. Plans still call for the VBT Downtown Development Authority to pay for the three sirens in green, at sites #4, 7, and 13; CDBG funds to pay for sites in pink, #1, 2, 3, and 6; and the township to be asked to pay for #5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 in red.

the road department." He said he met with officials and the county would give the DDA a cost estimate.

She was told to email the drawing and it was possible to get an estimate by Sept. 17, but she is still waiting.

The county had said a French drain would absolutely not work there because the ground is too packed down.

Ireland said Wade Trim engineers minimized the bump at Central Outlet to 6-8" high.

"Sixty-thousand dollars isn't too much to do the drainage," Ireland said the county told her.

She said she was told to call "Duke," maintenance supervisor, since the county has all the equipment needed and could do it cheaper. But they said they would have to do it on a Saturday.

"I am so frustrated with this project," Ireland said.

"They would rather have an open ditch in your yard," Ireland said to DDA member Ron Blank who owns the mobile home

park in question.

"An open ditch is not suitable," Blank said. "It's a ridiculous request. This township pays a tremendous amount of money to the county ... They cannot refer us to 'Duke' ... We need to talk to a person at the top of the food chain... Have that person come here and meet with us..."

"These people are the ones who put barricades at Stack's," Ireland reminded them.

"We're a great township," Blank said. "We've done wonderful things."

"We've spent a lot of money doing county work," Ireland agreed.

"Maybe it's time to step back," said Wade Trim engineer Dave Nummer. "Winter is coming. Look at building sidewalks on the property you have control over... You can go from Tyler to Armstrong's," he said, adding then they can continue working with the county to finish the sidewalk.

Blank said 15 or 20 years ago he was required to put in a sidewalk in and he did. He said it didn't go anywhere, but he put

it in.

"To start at Armstrong's and go south doesn't make sense," Blank said. "Is this somehow giving Wayne County leverage over us? It won't be reasonable... It doesn't make sense to run 1,000 feet of sidewalk in front of an open field."

DDA chairman Jere Dolph suggested seeing the sidewalk there might motivate Wayne County to help finish it.

Nummer said if they put in just part of the sidewalk, people might say, "Silly DDA" didn't finish the job.

"We've been trying to do this since, about 2010," Ireland said.

"People will say, 'What a bunch of idiots,'" Blank said.

DDA member Craig Atchinson said they should use the power of the press to tell everyone, "We tried to build sidewalks and the county stopped us."

Nummer suggested going out for a base bid and alternates, with the sidewalk on the North Service Drive and the Tyler

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# O P I N I O N S

## Editorial

### We printed early candidate profiles for absentee voters

The candidates running for seats on the library and school boards in the Nov. 4 election were kind enough to fill out questionnaires so our readers -- the voters -- can get acquainted with them.

We are running their information earlier than usual this year because of the absentee voters, who already have their ballots in hand and are pondering their votes.

Those who go to the polls in person will have to tuck today's issue in a safe place for a few weeks so they'll have it in hand before they go to mark their ballots.

Tonight (Thursday, Oct. 2) is the night of the Belleville Area Woman's Club Meet the Candidate event at the Moose Lodge (formerly PNA Hall) on Sumpter Road at Harris Road, just south of Bemis.

If you read through the profiles today, by tonight you might have some good questions for the candidates running for the school and library positions. It's always interesting to see the candidates in person, see how they carry themselves, watch their expressions, hear their voices. Nothing like an in-person meeting.

We will be publishing other stories about candidates and local issues before election day, but these are the two big local elections for the tri-community.

We'll print a copy of a sample ballot closer to election day for those of you who have come to depend on them to mark and take to the polls as a crib sheet.

It's time to make some big decisions.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I received an email from a Sumpter Township resident: "Sumpter recycle used to have us separate glass, paper, cardboard, tin and plastic. Now we don't. Everything goes into one container. Glass is not allowed in the container. Why no glass and how does this get all separated?"

I called Sumpter Township Hall and was told that Republic Waste takes care of recycling and they take it to a transfer station where it is put on a big conveyor belt. They have employees who pick out the various items. One picks out tin, for example, and one picks out plastic, etc.

She said Republic informed the township that it would no longer be recycling glass.

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Mary Ann Bittner of Belleville said her neighbors had a Kindle given to them so they downloaded her brother's book and then loaned her the Kindle for as long as she wanted so she could read the book.

What nice neighbors.

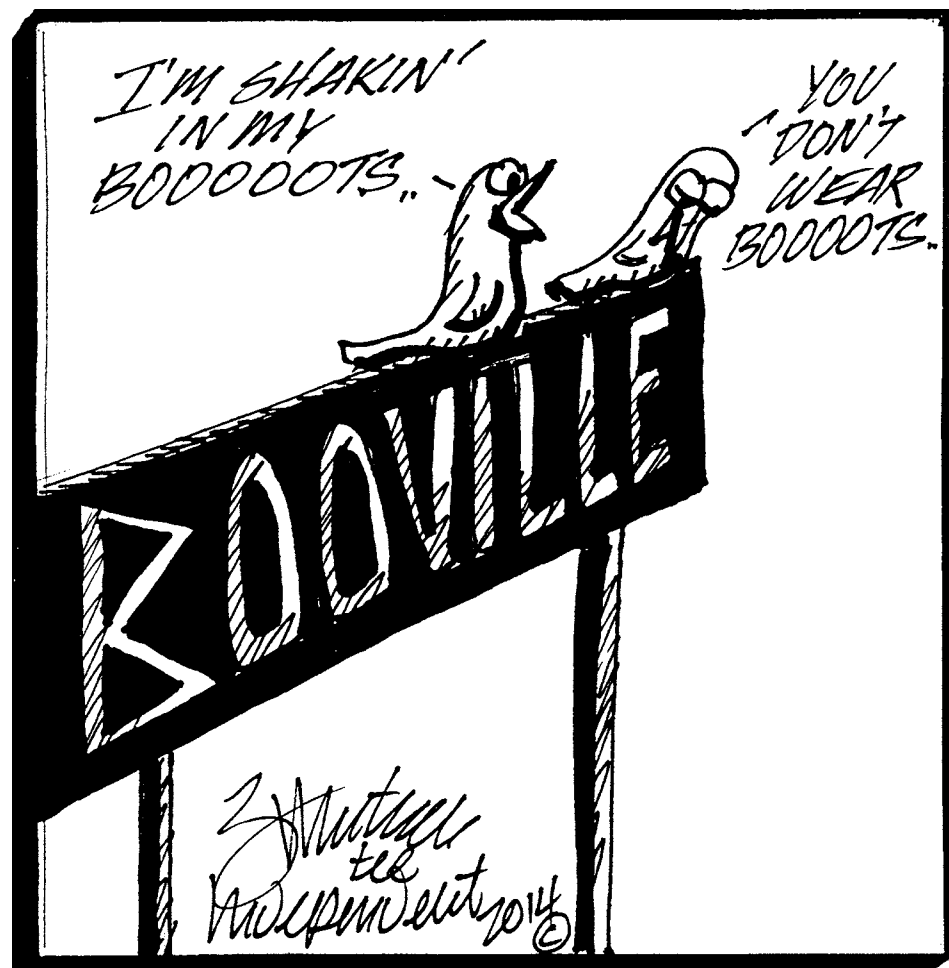
Mary Ann had commiserated in this column last week that she couldn't read her brother's book because she didn't have a Kindle. Presently, the only place you can get the book is on Kindle.

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Before the VBT DDA meeting last week, Ron Blank said he had been listening to the returns from the Scotland/England vote, where some in Scotland wanted to become independent.

"Let's declare independence from Wayne County and join Washtenaw, or be on our own," he said. That was in conjunction with the DDA's discussion on the sidewalk span that was being held up by Wayne County.

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Bob Coppock reports he has sold the house he built for disbarred attorney Tom White, who went into bankruptcy immediately after he was disbarred. White hasn't paid anything on his land contract for more than a year, although in a court session in January he promised to pay. Coppock got his house out of bankruptcy court and then he found the house had IRS liens on it for White that had to be removed. Coppock finally got those removed and could sell the house. The closing was Friday.

All this is to say that we can expect charges from the IRS against White as well as the 20 felonies he now faces.

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On Saturday morning Belleville Police Officer Jeffery Wickham found a car that had hit and damaged about a half dozen headstones at Hillside Cemetery.

The car was impounded, but the driver was gone. The police have determined the owner of the car, who lives in the city, but they still are investigating the situation to find out who was driving. Somebody will be paying for the damage, I'm told.

Officer Wickham took some pictures and gave some to Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Long at City Hall.

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There are a lot of busy people planning a series of Booville events in Belleville these days. And, the decorating. Bats and monsters and pumpkins and cornstalks and ghosts and spiderwebs. There are so

many events this month that we've printed the list for you on page 20. The big events are the annual Harvest Fest on Oct. 11 and the annual Trick or Treat in downtown Belleville (Booville?) on Oct. 31.

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I got a report from a resident of the City of Belleville that about 6:30 p.m. or so Monday there was black smoke rising from the area of Harmony Lane, across the lake. Before long the smoke was gone.

I asked VBT Fire Chief Dan Besson if his people put out a fire on Harmony Lane on Monday and he said he checked all his sources and the fire department had no fires in that area at that time. It must have been a barbecue gone wrong, I'm guessing.

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I see from the September minutes of the Belleville Area Historical Society that the cemetery tour that had been planned at Hillside Cemetery for Oct. 18 has been cancelled since they decided to not do a cemetery tour this year. It will be every other year. They didn't have an annual meeting this year, either, but plan to have one in 2015. The museum is into ghosts this year, with Night at the Museum, Oct. 8 and 15, and The Big Reveal Oct. 23-25 by Parahaunt. Booville stuff, I think.



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The Civil Service Commission is an impartial, independent board that hears appeals giving the employee(s) protection they are entitled to under civil service law.

Although there is currently only one City employee subject to Civil Service -- is not that employee important and deserving of Civil Service Protection? If a full-time Police Chief or in-house DPW Director or Building Inspector is hired, they fall under Civil Service.

There are two reasons for voting NO: (1) Insures hiring of employees is done based on merit and not who you know or are related to. (2) Protect the rights of non-unionized employees.

The Civil Service applicants and employee(s) now and in the future deserve this security of protection. It is in the best interest of the City to VOTE NO on the charter amendment and preserves the protection for Civil Service employees now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Richard Smith,

Belleville Mayor 2007-2011

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### Jere Dolph hospitalized

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### Library Board: Vote 4 Common Cents

To the Editor:

My name is Bernard A. Grant. I am a candidate for trustee for the Belleville Area District Library election Tuesday, Nov. 4. I live with my family in Van Buren Township.

I have over 25 years of architectural design, planning, and construction experience. I am currently a project manager for Hamilton Anderson Architects in Detroit, managing some of the area's largest projects.

Whether the Belleville Area District (Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, and Belleville) needs a new library or just needs to maintain the current location, I have the experience necessary to develop the parameters to evaluate both alternatives. The current library is in an older building and the yearly building operations and maintenance are an ongoing concern. I have the knowledge to evaluate building systems and determine the best solutions to repair or to replace them.

Is there a real need to build a new library? I have the real-life experience to evaluate foremost if there is a need, and then the knowledge to follow through the process of sizing, locating, and building a new structure. This process requires proper planning with inclusion of the community.

I am a member of the Library Common Cents Slate. We believe our diversity of four professional talents and down-to-earth values of community will raise the bar of responsibility for the library board. If you are looking for a positive change, this November Vote 4 the Common Cents Slate.

The four of us are a team (Caver, Grant Miller, and Stoudemire). We pledge our best efforts to bring to our community a well-planned and affordable district library.

If our pledge leads us to recommend a new facility to the community, our slate has the experience, knowledge and credentials to lead our community to the right result.

Bernard A. Grant

Candidate for Trustee for the  
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# Court Watching:

## Judge sets Jan. 7 jury trial for VBT mother who shot her son

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Diane Letice Orr, 43, of Van Buren Township had her arraignment on the information at Wayne County Circuit Court on Sept. 24, when a judge set her jury trial for Jan. 7.

Orr is charged with second-degree murder and felony firearm in the Sept. 5 shooting death of her son, Renard Lumpik, 23, of VBT.

Judge Timothy M. Kelly read the charges against Orr and then set her final conference for 9 a.m., Nov. 12, and her trial after the first of the year.

Orr is free after posting \$25,000 or 10% bond which was set on Sept. 17 by 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley. After the shooting on Sept. 5, Orr had been jailed without bond.

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# Obituaries



Jerry "Butch" R. Rowsey



## JERRY 'BUTCH' R. ROWSEY

(November 8, 1947 - September 23, 2014)

Jerry "Butch" Robert Rowsey, age 66, a Van Buren Township resident for 38 years, passed away Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at Foundation Park Long Term Care Facility, Toledo, OH. He was born Saturday, November 8, 1947 in Pontiac, Michigan, son of Joyce (Hunter) Daniel.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years Deborah Rowsey of Van Buren Township, MI.; 2 sons, Carl (Nickie) Rowsey of Augusta Township, Paul Rowsey of Sumpter Township; 5 grandchildren, Marcus, Kyle, Ryan, Sean & Braxton; and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother Joyce Daniel, also his step-father Harold Daniel, both in 2014.

Jerry proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was awarded 2 Purple Hearts, 1 Bronze Star and a Vietnam Service Medal. He enjoyed working on antique cars especially his 1955 and 1957 Chevys.

Visitation was Friday, September 26, 2014 from 2-8 p.m. and Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 10-11 a.m. with an 11 a.m. funeral service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville. Dr. John L. Vaprezn officiated.

Interment was held on Monday, September 29, 2014 at 11 a.m. in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly MI., where military honors were bestowed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made, in remembrance of Britney Donahee to, The Rainbow Connection, 621 W. University, Rochester, MI 48307 and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign his on-line guestbook and share a memory for his family to cherish at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).



Georgia Gramlich

## GEORGIA JEAN GRAMLICH

(April 8, 1941 - September 29, 2014)

Georgia Jean Gramlich, age 73, entered into eternal peace, on Monday, September 29, 2014 at home, with her family. Georgia was born on April 8, 1941, in Sheldon, Missouri, the oldest child of the late Wendell and Agnes Moffatt. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 40 years, Donald Gramlich, in 2000, also her son, Christopher Gramlich in 1961.

Georgia was very outgoing and loving of others. Georgia was very active in the community, running for State representative in 1983. She enjoyed soccer, golf, tennis, pickle ball and music. She also enjoyed traveling all over the world, more recently to Eastern Europe.

She leaves her loving memories to be cherished by her daughter, Christina (Robert) Gramlich-Wickenkamp of Antioch, Illinois; sons Donald (Alicia) Gramlich of Deputy, Indiana and Wendell (Carol) Gramlich of Westland, Michigan; granddaughters Emily Wickenkamp, Natalie Wickenkamp, Elizabeth Gramlich, Anna Gramlich; grandson W. Alexander Gramlich; brothers Thomas (Mary) Moffatt of Grand Park, Illinois, Charles Moffatt of Lockport, Illinois, Bradley (Mary) Moffatt of Mesa, Arizona; also, many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, from 1-4 PM on Saturday, October 4, 2014, followed by a 4:00 PM memorial service. Cremation rites have been accorded.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions

may be made to: Boys Town, 200 Flanagan Boulevard, P.O. Box 8000, Boys Town, NE. 68010.

Please sign Georgia's on line guestbook and share a memory for her family to cherish at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).

## LAVINIA E. HERBST

(September 3, 1946 - September 21, 2014)

Lavinia Elizabeth Herbst, age 68, of Dearborn, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away Sunday, September 21, 2014 at University Hospitals, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born September 3, 1946 in Philadelphia, PA.

She enjoyed watching cooking shows on television, crocheting and loved animals. She had a wonderful smile and loved to make others laugh.

She is survived by four children: Tracy (John) Baum of Belleville, Marcia (Joseph) Allard of Dearborn, Amy (Billy) Bowman and Donald Albert Herbst, Jr. and his fiancée Pamela, all of Billings, MT; 7 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and one on-the-way; also a sister Marcialee Shelton and her son Clint of Belleville. She was preceded in death by her parents, also her husband Donald Albert Herbst, Sr. on March 3, 1999.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Interment will be with her husband in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).

## PENELOPE 'PENNY' MOORE

(August 1, 1952 - September 27, 2014)

Age 62, of Ypsilanti. Survived by husband of 12 years David Moore, stepson Donovan Moore, and mother Lucille Chandler. Service 11 a.m. Oct. 3, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville. David C. Brown Funeral Home.

## Community Flu Shot Clinic set for Oct. 12

A Community Flu Shot Clinic will be held at Belleville First United Methodist Church (417 Charles St.).

It will be administered by University of Michigan Visiting Nurses on Sunday, Oct. 12, from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Most insurances are accepted.

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## Kathleen Cook

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## More Letters

### Be careful with Booville

To the Editor:

When I heard that Belleville was going to have some family fun by becoming Booville for a few weeks in October, I didn't think much of it. Children dressing up in costumes, carving pumpkins, playing games, face painting, drinking cider, eating doughnuts, and corn mazes sound fun.

I don't even get worked up over the dark houses where people dress up and jump out to scare those who pass through. But, recently, as I have watched events related to Booville unfold, I have been concerned that Booville could easily cross lines that are not fun at all.

Many people of faith in our community still embrace what the Lord shared with his people in the Bible in Deuteronomy 18:10-14: "Do not let your people practice fortune-telling, or use sorcery, or interpret omens, or engage in witchcraft, or cast spells, or function as mediums or psychics, or call forth the spirits of the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord. It is because the other nations have done these detestable things that the Lord your God will drive them out ahead of you ... The nations you are about to displace consult sorcerers and fortune-tellers, but the LORD your God forbids you to do such things." (Holy Bible. New Living Translation copyright 1996, 2004, 2007, 2013 by Tyndale House Foundation.)

When we cross the line into dabbling in the supernatural activities cited in this verse we have traveled far away from family fun. According to the Bible, the activities cited in this verse open a demonic Pandora's box to the children and families in our community. I share this, not to cast a shadow over something in our community that I think was created for good family fun (Booville), but instead to protect this event from crossing over into an area that is very destructive.

Here are my concerns:

1. When an activity crosses over from a naturally fun activity to a supernatural activity it is no longer spiritually neutral to people of faith in our community. If you believe psychics, mediums, or paranormal teams are not peddling a particular view on the supernatural – you are mistaken. If you invited me to speak on spiritual matters, do you think I would speak on it without sharing my point of view? I would use the platform to share with people my spiritual reality. For me that means sharing that Jesus Christ is alive and calling people to repent and believe the good news that he died for their sins and rose in victory so that they might be saved and experience his supernatural power and love now and forever.

I'm upfront about this. We must all be aware that when we allow people who claim to do anything intentionally in the supernatural world (psychics, mediums, paranormal teams) whether they have been up front about this or not – we are allowing them to teach what they believe regarding

the supernatural spiritual world. Many people of faith would agree that allowing psychics, mediums, and supernatural teams to be the spiritual teachers of our children is not safe for our community or healthy for our children.

2. Mediums and paranormal groups in our day most often believe there are good spirits, bad spirits, and neutral spirits. They often believe the spirits they mediate are the spirit of people who have died. That's their belief. Mediums believe if they do things the right way they can manipulate the spirits to reveal future things to mortals, help mortals, or even hurt mortals. They believe they can communicate and make requests of these spirits of the dead. Most Christians, on the other hand, believe when our bodies die the soul of a human goes to heaven or hell based on whether or not they have faith in Jesus as their Savior from sin.

Most Christians, therefore, believe spirits that are experienced on earth, except for special exceptions, are angels or demons. In particular, the spirits most often experienced by mediums, psychics, and paranormal groups are demons. They often masquerade as good, but the Bible says they are agents of the devil. They may act friendly and masquerade as a deceased loved one, but they have one goal – to steal and kill and destroy in hell eternally. Christians believe only God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as God has control over these demonic spirits. There are many examples of this from the Bible. One quick reference is Acts 19:11-20. In this account people who thought they could control the "spirits" without knowing Jesus and his power ended up being stripped naked by the demons and beaten. Scripture teaches God's people that to seek out the help of mediums and spiritist is the opposite of faith. Dabbling in this occult area is seeking to know and control things that are God's to know and control and therefore such practices are condemned in many places – Deuteronomy 18:10-12 and Leviticus 19:31 to name a few. God strongly condemns dabbling in the occult and even says that communities that are part of such activities will suffer the consequence of their sin.

3. This is not just fun and it is not a joke. In the last five years of my 20 years of serving as a pastor, I have seen more physical spiritual manifestations of the demonic realm than all my previous ministry combined. I've been in our community now 12 years. All of this "ramping up" of demonic activity

has happened in our area. I could tell many "ghost" stories and I could bring people to you – who I have served – who have been caught up in a very physical spiritual battle. Not one of these individuals would tell you these spirits were neutral or fun. All of them, pale and trembling, would vouch for the fact that these spirits have not been "friendly" in their lives. They have stolen, killed, and destroyed many aspects of their life and brought crying, tears, and pain to them. In these cases I have watched Jesus overcome the demons and stop the physical manifestations being experienced, but only after serious consequences have been experienced.

4. If Booville activities cross a line into dabbling into the supernatural activities this will not have a neutral effect on the hearts of our youth. Human beings were made for a relationship with God, therefore, we are magnet to supernatural things. "Ghost stories" are all the rage because of this. Our youth are very vulnerable. They are curious. They often feel empty. They often feel powerless. They are searching for the meaning to life. Like a moth to the flames – they are drawn to explore the supernatural. I believe I am in a strong majority of those in our community who believe exploring the supernatural under the guidance of mediums, spiritist, and paranormal teams is extremely dangerous and unhealthy. It's NOT FUN. PLEASE, KEEP BOOVILLE FAMILY FRIENDLY.

Sincerely,

Pastor Jim Richter  
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### St. Anthony's Men's Club sets annual raffle

To the Editor:

I want to give you all a chance to participate in St. Anthony Men's Club 46<sup>th</sup> annual raffle. This is our largest event for the purpose of raising funds, enabling us to help the youth of our parish and the community. First prize is \$5,000 along with seven other winners. Even though you may not be a parish member of St. Anthony, I think you deserve the opportunity to be the big winner of our raffle. You do not have to be present to win.

This year the price of the \$5,000 raffle ticket has been reduced from \$100 each to \$50, or three for \$100!

Stop by at 48 S. Biggs or call me at (734) 699-8563 for tickets. A very limited amount of tickets will be sold. Tickets are also available from any Men's Club member and at Garden Fantasy on Haggerty Road.

The drawing will be held on Oct. 18 at our Dinner/Dance. If you would like to be present when the winner is announced or just enjoy a delicious dinner and night out among friends, get your tickets for the Dinner/Dance. All refreshments are covered with the \$25 dinner ticket. This year's menu includes roast beef, baked chicken, and lasagna. Side dishes are mashed potatoes, vegetables, rolls with a variety of pies for dessert. Doors open at 7 p.m., dinner served at 8 p.m., in the Father Folta building at St. Anthony, 409 W. Columbia. Ticket price at the door, \$30 each.

Thank you,  
Pete Pitzen, Belleville resident  
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October is **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and our local Plexus distributor **Pat Milkovich** is offering a limited number of free breast exam kits. Call (734) 484-1240.

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The **Romulus Athletic Center** is once again holding its RAC or Treat on Sunday, Oct. 26, from 5 to 9 p.m. There will be child-sized haunted rooms filled with thrills and chills, along with free cider and donuts, a bouncer, rock climbing, swimming and Halloween themed games and costume contests. See their ad in today's paper or visit [www.romulusathleticcenter.com](http://www.romulusathleticcenter.com).

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Belleville is now Booville for the rest of October, leading up to Trick or Treat Main Street on Oct. 31. Next Saturday, Oct. 11, is the annual Harvest Fest at the library, museum, and on Fourth Street. See the **Belleville Central Business Community's** ad for a list of events and activities. Watch for the scarecrows going up next week along Main Street.

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**Main Street Flowers** is selling official Booville Soy Candles, featuring Pumpkin, Ginger and Clove scents. Main Street Flowers also has one-of-a-kind Halloween decorations and cute pumpkin flower arrangements. Call (734) 697-7400.

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**Dr. Yvonne Craiger** and **Sumpter Pet Care** is celebrating their expansion and grand

re-opening with an open house and pet costume contest on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at **19435 Sumpter Road**, across from Tin Pan. The newly remodeled facility will feature an expanded lobby and additional patient rooms. Take a tour and meet the team members and enter a drawing to win free pet flea products. Dr. Y also hopes to have some pets available for adoption. Refreshments will be served and leashed pets are welcome, with or without costume. See their ad in today's paper for the contest rules and call (734) 697-4700.

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The **Pumpkin Factory** on Harris Road, just east of Lohr Road, is now open through Oct. 31. **Linda LaBlanc** and family will be offering everything from haunted and country hayrides to cider/donuts and Halloween costumes. The Pumpkin Factory also sells pumpkins, mums, cornstalks and other fall decorations. They're open Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call (734) 461-1835.

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**Garden Fantasy Florist & Greenhouses** on Haggerty, just north of I-94, is your fall decorating headquarters with pumpkins, cornstalks, straw, Indian corn, and gourds. Florist and designer **Collette McClinton** says there's still time to plant perennials. Call (734) 699-7370.

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The **Belleville A&W** near 5-Points is offering a menu of Booville specials with a Halloween theme, such as a Franken-weenies, Pumpkin Pie Shakes, Ghost Cones, Worm Dogs and Monster Burgers. Call (734) 699-1800.

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There's still time to have that cement work done and the folks at **Sarvis & Son Cement** are offering end-of-season, cash specials on driveways, patios, and other flatwork projects. Call (734) 497-5888.

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Photo by Haley Sewell, BHS student

One of these members of the Belleville High School Homecoming Court will be crowned queen at half time during this Friday's football game. In back, from left, are Justine Bradley, Whitney Roll, Amanda Riggs, and Alyssa Green. In front, from left, are Minisha Kanakarajan, Lauryn Jenkins, Kendyl Zantop, and Hannah Terrell.

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• **Thursday, Oct. 2** – Meet the local candidates (including library and school board) for the November election at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Moose Lodge, corner of Sumpter and Harris roads. Put on by the Belleville Area Women's Club.

• **Saturday, Oct. 4** – Oktoberfest at the Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road. Social hour is 4-5 p.m., dinner 5-7 p.m., and dancing 7-11 p.m. Music by Enzian, a German band. \$17 per person in advance; \$25 per person at the door, if space available. Information: 461-2498.

• **Sunday, Oct. 5** – This year's CROP

Walk to fight local and international hunger starts at 2 p.m. at Van Buren Park, a new location. The walk is between 1 and 4 miles, you choose. Information: (734) 323-5062.

• **Sunday, Oct. 5** – This is National Life Chain Sunday and thousands will silently stand in peaceful, prayerful witness to love and protect the preborn and their mothers. In Belleville they will be on Main Street and Five Points from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Those who support right to life are invited to join them. Signs are provided.

• **Sunday, Oct. 5** – Bugles Across America is held at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street in Belleville to honor military people serving and at rest with a brief ceremony.

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# VBT DDA

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to Armstrong span the base bids. The alternates would be Armstrong to Central Outlet with the ditch and culverts, if that's all they'll approve.

"You could give us a couple of weeks to work something out with the county and if we can't, you could build on the property you control," Nummer said.

"I would have to abstain, since it fronts our property, and there's not enough here to have a vote," Blank said, referring to the bare quorum of six DDA members at the meeting.

"I strongly think we should call the county commissioner and the director of the department, not the guy who does the permits," Blank said. "This is America. We can go above him."

Another engineer from Wade Trim pointed out permits and roads are two different departments, but they are all under the Department of Public Services.

"We need to take action," said DDA member Mark Laginess. "We've been fooling around too long."

He made the motion to go out for bids for sidewalks for the North I-94 Service Drive from Belleville to Quirk and along Belleville Road from Tyler to the south side of Armstrong's. The motion was carried unanimously.

"We have to show the general public we mean business," Dolph said.

"People in the park and people staying in the two motels have no safe way to walk," Laginess said, adding neither the county commissioner nor the executive director will be in office in three months.

Nummer said the specs are 90% done and with some revising they can go out for sealed bids and call a special DDA meeting for bid opening to get the sidewalks done this fall.

Nummer, in a memo, said there would be an advantage to postponing the project to spring to see what happens with the proposed development project at the corner of Quirk Road and the I-94 North Service Road. An additional benefit, he said, is that the cost of the sidewalk is likely to be lower in the spring when the contractors are looking for work.

Blank said they should wait until after the election to contact the new state representative.

"When we run into a roadblock like this, it's our responsibility to hold people responsible," Blank said.

"Since our last meeting, this project has taken up all my time," Ireland said.

"It's just 30 linear feet..." Blank said.

"It's public safety," said Atchinson. "I see them. People are walking along there on the street all day long."

At the end of the meeting, Ireland returned to the subject of the sidewalks: "I've worked a long time to get a rapport with Wayne County and it hurts to be kicked in the head."

In other business at the Sept. 23 meeting, the DDA discussed the following items.

## Regional Pond

Nummer reported they are working on an analysis of a hydrologic profile on the storm sewer, open ditch, and regional pond. He said he will bring a preliminary report to the DDA by its next meeting, which is 5:30 p.m., Oct. 28.

## Job applications

Ireland said she was in the process of going through the job applications received for the assistant position and she will bring her potential candidates to the DDA subcommittee first and then to the full board when ready.

## Emergency Sirens

Ireland reported a week after the last

meeting where the locations of the emergency sirens were announced, Wayne County notified the township that census blocks have changed requiring the shifting of some of the circles.

The DDA still will do three sirens, in its area, and the Community Development Block Grant funds can still do four. The township will be asked to take care of six, to completely cover the township.

## VBT Supervisor Combs moves sidewalk project forward with county

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Susan Ireland, executive director of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, reported Friday that Supervisor Linda Combs has been able to move the sidewalk project forward.

Supervisor Combs was ill and unable to attend the DDA's Sept. 23 meeting when the sidewalks were discussed.

Ireland said Supervisor Combs contacted the Wayne County Executive's Office to request a meeting about the sidewalk project.

"They accommodated her request immediately and yesterday morning (Thursday) we met in his offices with the Roads Division and were able to find

a solution that would allow the complete sidewalk to be installed," Ireland said.

"I am very grateful to the Supervisor for her quick response and playing a lead role to assist with a project that that was turned over to the DDA in 2011," Ireland said.

"Had it not been for the Supervisor, we would only be completing a partial sidewalk on Belleville Road. Now having said that, the plans are being revised for submission, but I will feel more confident when I see a permit from Wayne County," Ireland said.

On Tuesday, Ireland said she spoke with attorney Patrick McCauley about the need to hold a special meeting with respect to the change in scope for the sidewalk installation (the portion of the sidewalk on Belleville Road and on the I-94 North Service Drive).

"The outcome of the meeting Supervisor Combs and I had with Wayne County Executive Ficano and his staff was that they will allow the French drain at 8705 Belleville Road.

"Attorney McCauley informed me that because of the material change of circumstances, expediency of completing the project and cost savings of bidding it as one project, it would be appropriate to bid the entire project and then come back to the DDA to amend the previous motion of Sept. 23 to include 8705 and 8778 Belleville Road."

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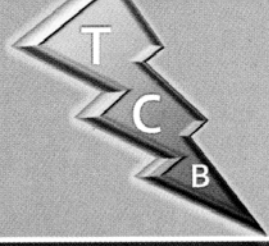


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# School Board

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standards, shrinking budgets, and increased accountability, I believe that I am strongly suited to support our continued growth as a district."

As to his goals, once elected, English said: "During my time on the board, the district has worked to focus on long-term success, and I want to continue that work."

"As an educator and board member, student achievement and safety are two of the most important markers of success. We have made significant gains in student achievement, in the development of curricula, and creating optimal learning environments."

"And, while we have achieved many successes, they aren't enough. If elected, I look forward to continue supporting long-term, focused plans for the professional development of our staff, a dedication and commitment to all students' academic needs, and maintaining a responsible fund balance to ensure our district's financial success."

## Sherry Frazier

Sherry Frazier, 66, who has lived in the school district for 35 years, has had occupations as a Realtor and Librarian. She is running for reelection to the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, where she now serves as treasurer.

Her husband Wayne, a former teacher in the Van Buren Public Schools, died in 2011. Their children are William, Andrew, and Suanna Frazier-Abbasi.

Frazier earned a B.S. degree from Eastern Michigan University, an M.A. degree from the University of Michigan, and an Educational Specialist from Wayne State

University.

She ran for the Van Buren Public School Board and served 1984-88, 1988-1992, and 2010-14.

Frazier was appointed to the Wayne Oakland Library Federation Board, 1990-92. During the time, she said, major changes were taken to become The Library Network. She also was appointed to the White House Conference on Libraries, 1988-90.

Frazier belongs to the National Association of Realtors, MI Association of Realtors, Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, MI Association of School Boards, Belleville Area Council for the Arts, and Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club.

Frazier said she enjoys her "family, grandkids, dogs, reading, staying active, and enjoying my blessings."

## Scott Russell

Scott Russell, 46, who currently serves as a trustee on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, is running for reelection. He has lived in the school district for 13 years.

Russell, who serves in management at J.D. Power and Associates, earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Michigan State University.

Russell was elected to the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education in 2010.

He is on the board of directors for the Detroit Metropolitan YMCA, servicing over 100,000 members in the tri-county area.

When asked why he is running for reelection to the school board, Russell said: "I have proudly served as a Trustee on the Board of Education for four years. During that time, I helped balance the budget, implemented educational changes that increased student performance, and I helped overhaul our discipline policy which now holds kids accountable for their actions. This has resulted in fewer discipline problems and safer schools for our kids."

"I also helped the district with the construction of a state-of-the-art high school that was completed ahead of schedule and under budget. This allowed us to refund over \$1,000,000 back to local taxpayers. I am proud of my service to our district and

hope to serve for four more years."

When asked about his goals, Russell replied: "I will continue to focus on fiscal responsibility, improving the quality of education, and keeping our kids safe. These have always been my top priorities and I look forward to building a culture of excellence for our students that our entire community can be proud of for generations to come."

## Alison Bennett (Weems)

Alison Bennett (Weems), 65, of Van Buren Township has lived in the school district for about 32 years.

She is married to James Weems and they have one son, Britton Weems, who graduated from Belleville High School.

She is a part-time English instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Bennett holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master of Arts in Communication, specializing in teaching of writing. In the past, she also held State of Michigan teaching certificates at the secondary level, with an additional endorsement to teach elementary.

She said she has never run for office since she was treasurer of her high school senior class and has never been appointed to public office.

Bennett was an active member of the Belleville High School Band Boosters throughout her son's high school years and for several years after that. She served as a marching band camp chaperone for about seven years.

Currently, she said she reads a great deal, writes, participates in book clubs, both locally and at Schoolcraft as her schedule allows, and is an enthusiastic amateur photographer.

When asked why she is running for the school board, Bennett said:

"I think that, as a district, we are in the best place that we've been in a long time. The current administration has an active, rather than reactive, approach in addressing issues like Common Core Curriculum, anti-bullying measures, and budget management. The results have been tangible gains in many areas, least of which are in student achievement and financial solvency."

"A lot of people were involved in getting us to this point. Space won't let me mention them all here, but one important

factor was a school board that was able to function as a unified body. By that, I don't mean that they were always in accord; lots of votes weren't unanimous. But they were able to conduct the business of the district with integrity, without disproportionate intrusion from personal agendas and political theater."

"I'm running for the board now, because I feel that that some of the current board members have abandoned that model. I've witnessed these members treat public board meetings as if they view them as opportunities for showcasing their personal reactions and advancing their personal agendas, rather than as forums for conducting the business of the district."

"When their colleagues try to keep the discussion constructive, I've often heard these same individuals respond disrespectfully. I think that such conduct is unacceptable. It disrupts the order of business. It distracts focus from larger issues. It replaces careful deliberation with knee-jerk responses that are not substantiated with facts. If allowed to go unchecked, it can tarnish the school board's public image, making them appear fragmented, contentious, and therefore dysfunctional. Ultimately, communities will not support school boards that they see as dysfunctional, and without that support, the gains that we've made as a district will be in jeopardy. I think it's time for a change." Once elected, Bennett said about her priorities: "I believe that it's important that all the district stakeholders have confidence in the integrity of those they elect to the Board of Education. A collegial, mutually respectful relationship between board members (as well as between the administration and board members) is important in establishing that confidence. I want to help all the stakeholders in Van Buren Public Schools return to feeling confident in their school board's integrity. I believe that everyone who comes to the office, and the electorate, too, should understand that, even in the face of inevitable personal differences, by joining the board you deliberately give up part of your prerogative to act as an individual in order to serve the needs of the students and the school district. If I'm elected, all

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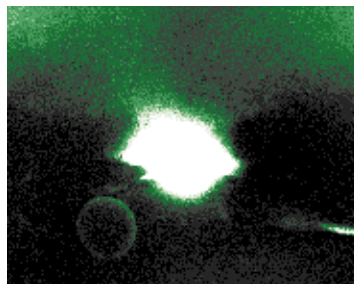
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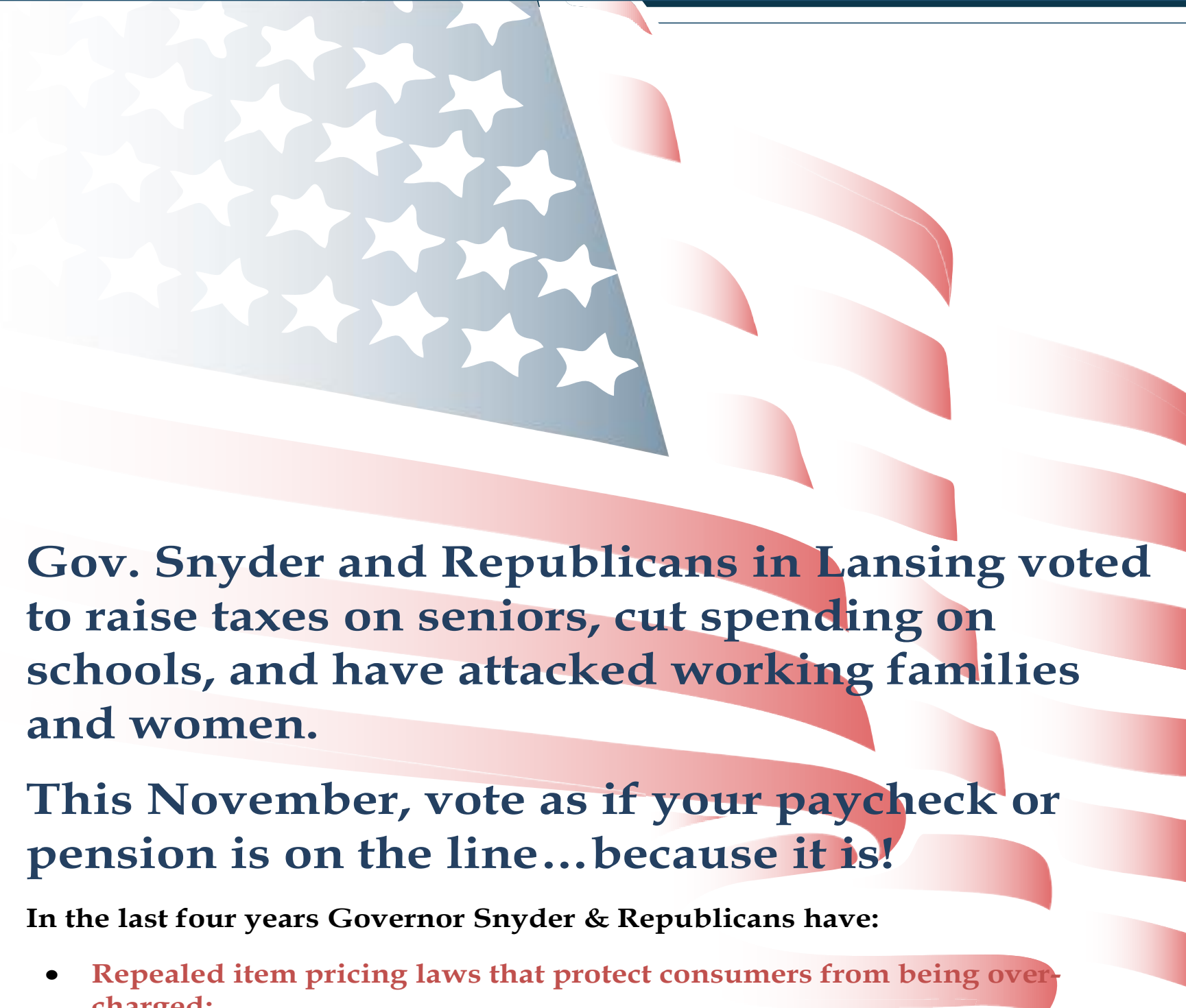
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# School Board

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decisions that I will be called upon to make will be guided by that understanding.”

## Matthew Mann

Matthew Mann, 44, has lived in the school district for 11 years and is self-employed representing Absolute Vending and RestaurantLink.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Michigan University.

He and his wife Beth are the parents of Connor, Ryan, Ellysa, and Peyton.

He has never run for governmental office before, but he is the vice president of the Dearborn Hockey Association.

Besides that, he is Top Dog for Savage Elementary School's Watch D.O.G.S program, co-chairperson for Savage Elementary Auction Fund Raiser, a hockey coach for 26 years, and enjoys fishing and golf.

When asked why he is running for the school board, Mann replied:

“I am running for school board because I believe in this district, our schools, and our community. I believe we can continue to do great things here, but I am of the opinion that changes need to be made so that we may do so.

“As a father of four children that are currently students in this school district and have been for all of their schooling, I have a personal interest in preserving and improving the quality of our school district. I want to ensure that our community has a voice in educational and administrative decisions and to be a conduit for the concerns and interest of students, parents, teachers, and our community.”

Once elected, Mann said one of his priorities will be “to focus on strengthening the relationship between the schools, the families, and the community. I would like to develop a positive campaign to encourage those families who have left our schools for surrounding districts and families from area charter schools to enroll in our schools. I am determined to make this district one that will maintain its excellent teachers and be that district in which others will want to work.

“There are excellent leaders, both principals and teachers, in our schools who are making great things happen for the students. We need to make sure we do not lose them. I would like to make improvements in all subjects of our curriculum so our children have the skills to compete, not only at the local level, but at a global level.”

## Court Watching:

# Gilbert Evans, 18, waives preliminary exam on B&E charge

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Gilbert Redfield Evans, 18, of Sumpter Township who is accused of breaking and entering into Sumpter Market, waived his preliminary exam on Sept. 17 and was bound over for trial at Circuit Court.

34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley ordered Evans to appear at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit at 9 a.m. Oct. 1 for an arraignment on the information.

Evans bond of \$10,000 or 10% was continued. He has posted the bond and a public defender is representing him.

Evans is accused of breaking the glass in a door at the north side of the market, at the corner of Sumpter and Willis roads, in the early morning hours of Aug. 28.

Sumpter Police Det./Cpl. John Toth said the market had a surveillance video that showed the intruder and when police were investigating the break-in, Evans showed up at the store and obviously matched the face on the video.

Det./Cpl. Toth said when Evans came back to the store, the clerk went and got owner Joe Nasser who had come in early to clean up the glass. Nasser decided that Evans was the intruder and grabbed onto him and held him for police. Evans was interviewed and arrested.

## Anthony Giles Crawford

The preliminary exam for Anthony Giles Crawford, 48, was adjourned until Oct. 8.

Crawford is charged with operating while intoxicated – 3<sup>rd</sup>, driving while license suspended – 2<sup>nd</sup>, and failure to stop at the scene of a property damage accident with an attended vehicle. All these offenses happened July 18, 2012 in Sumpter Township.

Crawford's bond was \$5,000 or 10% and he was lodged in the Wayne County Jail. His court-appointed attorney is David Kessel. Officer in charge is Det./Cpl. John Toth.

## Hani Chafie Dahabra

The preliminary exam for Hani Chafie Dahabra, 42, was adjourned to Oct. 1 at the requested of his retained attorney Robert Killewald.

Dahabra is charged with operating while intoxicated – 3<sup>rd</sup> and driving while license suspended in Sumpter Township. He posted bond.

Sumpter Det./Cpl. John Toth is the officer in charge.

## Edward Herron

Edward Herron, 31, was set to hold his preliminary exam on Sept. 17, but instead pled guilty to larceny by conversion, which carries a possible one-year sentence. Herron was charged with felony larceny by conversion in Sumpter Township and lodged in the Wayne County Jail with a bond of \$10,000 or 10%.

His public defender said the agreement with the prosecutor was to dismiss the felony charge. She said Herron had quite a few medical problems, including an aneurism which needs to be tended to.

Herron said on May 27, 2010 a Sumpter resident gave him \$2,000 for roofing work and he took it and used it for his own uses and didn't do her roof.

Judge Oakley sent him to the probation department for pre-sentencing screening. His attorney said Herron had no priors and has these serious health problems, so Judge Oakley put him on \$1,000 personal bond on two conditions: that he be in court for his sentencing and that he consume no alcohol or drugs.

Sumpter Officer Danielle Buccellato is the officer in charge.

## Shannon Charles Miller

Shannon Charles Miller, 32, was set to have his preliminary exam on Sept. 17, but waived the exam and Judge Oakley bound him over for an arraignment on the information at 9 a.m. Oct. 1 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Miller is charged with possession of burglar's tools and larceny from a motor vehicle in Sumpter Township on Sept. 7. He was lodged in the Wayne County Jail on bond of \$15,000 or 10%. Officer in charge is Det./Cpl. Toth.

Toth said Insurance Auto Auction on Rawsonville Road has been stolen from so many times that they have put in hi-tech, expensive computers that read heat signatures and lock onto the intruder when he comes into the sensor and follows him around the yard. That's how they caught Miller, who reportedly was found under a car cutting out a catalytic converter.

Toth said off-duty Sumpter police officers are being employed on day and night shifts to help protect the yard.

## Jonathon Doug Keyandwy

Jonathon Doug Keyandwy was due for his preliminary exam on controlled substance/delivery of marijuana charge, but his exam was adjourned for two weeks, to Oct. 1. Bond of \$1,500 or 10% was continued.

VBT Det. McCarthy is the officer in charge.

## James Edward Kroetsch

James Edward Kroetsch, 34, was set to have his exam for a charge of possession of narcotics or cocaine on Aug. 28 in Van Buren Township. He waived his exam and was bound over to circuit court. He will be arraigned on the information Oct. 1 at Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

He had a bond of \$10,000 or 10% and the bond was reduced to \$1,000 personal recognizance bond. His court-appointed attorney told Judge Oakley that Kroetsch had been locked up for three-and-a-half weeks for a charge for which he probably will get probation.

The attorney said Kroetsch needs to get out of jail to pay for his apartment, so he doesn't lose it. Officer in charge VBT Det. McCarthy had no problem with reducing the bond.

## Lois Mida Zilka moved to Heartland in Canton

Lois Mida Zilka is in Heartland Care Center at 7025 N. Lilley Road, Canton 48187, Room #107, (734) 394-3100. She was sent over from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital to recuperate following her auto accident on Sept. 8. Lois is a 1954 BHS graduate.

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# Library Board

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“After attending several Library Board meetings and observing the current board, administration, professionals retained by the library push their failed attempt to pass two millages that would have cost the local taxpayers millions of dollars with very

little public input; I decided to work with a group called the Common Cents Library Committee (CCLC).

“Initially I joined the committee to help with defeating the two millages and later decided to join a slate of informed professionals to work together to bring competence to the delivery of library services and capital planning in the

community. The other members of the slate include Bernard A Grant, Phillip Miller and Tanya Stoudemire.

“The Common Cents Library Slate’s top goals include restoration of transparency in discussions, increased community involvement in developing service and capital plans, and greater accountability for staff, hired professionals and service delivery.

“By assembling a team with nearly 50 cumulative years with public finance experience, including over a decade with a public library system (Stoudemire) and capital planning (Miller), nearly 30 years of architecture/community planning (Grant) and construction (Miller), and an experienced lawyer that serves children and seniors as a key element of her practice (Caver), the Common Cents Library slate brings the skills and understanding to the library board to serve the community.”

## Bernard A. Grant

Bernard A. Grant, 54, of Van Buren Township, has lived in the district for one year. He is the father of Riley, Ariana, Meghan, and Brian.

He is a Project Manager/Architect of Hamilton Anderson Associates, Detroit.

Grant earned a Bachelor of Science in Architecture in 1984 and a Bachelor of Architecture in 1985.

He has never run for elective office before but he was appointed to the Dearborn YMCA Board of Directors.

He is a member of Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) at Tyler Elementary School, The Artists’ Society of Dearborn, and enjoys outdoor sports.

“The reason I am running for Trustee of the Belleville Area District Library is to offer my professional architectural and construction experience to a Board in

need of improving the decision process of evaluating the community’s Library Building needs,” Grant said.

“After attending Library Board meetings it became apparent to me that critical steps in the new building evaluation and site selection process were not clearly defined and implemented. After years in development, the public still had unanswered questions regarding the new proposed library – information had not been clearly communicated in a timely manner.

“The Belleville Area District Library is an important social and educational center within the community. The community needs to be made part of the decision process through accountability, transparency, and community involvement.

“In order to deliver these three important factors, the Common Cents Library Committee slate was formed. I am a member of the Common Cents Library Committee slate. The other members of the slate include LaChelle Reed Carver, Phillip Miller, and Tanya Stoudemire.’

When asked about his goals, once elected, Grant said:

“It is imperative that the taxpayers have representation on the Library Board. As a professional of the design and construction industry for over 25 years I have found that an important aspect of designing and constructing a new building or improving an existing building is integrating the owner, in our case the taxpayers, into the project team.

“I have been implementing this practice for many years. Well-informed owners (taxpayers) make well informed decisions -- community involvement is vital to a strongly supported District Library. My goal, and a goal shared by the Common Cents Library Committee slate, is to become the taxpayer’s representation through community involvement, information sharing, and accountability of all involved.

“The Common Cents Library Committee slate provides the potential for the Belleville Area District Library Board to gain new board members with varied professional backgrounds. Our slate has nearly 50 years of combined public finance experience,

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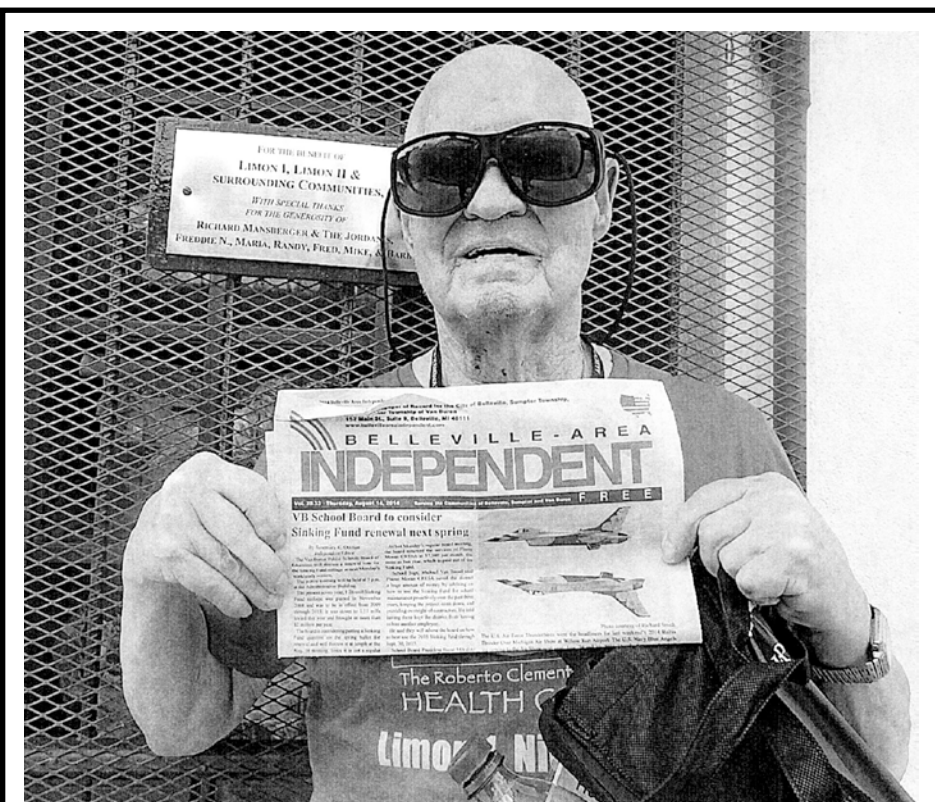
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# Library Board

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over 30 years of combined architectural, planning, and construction experience, and years of law experience. The Common Cents Library Committee slate of Bernard A Grant, LaChelle Reed Carver, Phillip Miller, and Tanya Stoudemire will bring the skill and understanding to the library board to better serve the community of Belleville and Van Buren and Sumpter Townships.

## Phillip Miller

Phillip Miller, 43, has lived in the library district off and on for 30+ years. He and his wife Rasheda Devaney Miller and stepdaughter Maria have purchased a house in the city of Belleville.

Miller is the Deputy Finance Director for the city of Oak Park. He earned his BS and MPA in Public Administration from Western Michigan University.

This is his first run for public office, but he had been appointed and served as chairperson for the Van Buren Open Spaces Committee.

Miller belongs to the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, Belleville Rotary Club, Citizens for Better Government, and St. Stephen Elementary School Parent Guild. He enjoys outdoor sports, motorcycles, and construction.

"The reason I am running for Trustee is to increase community involvement, to improve transparency, and to demand accountability in oversight and operations of the Belleville Area District Library (BADL). After studying the current board, administration, professionals retained by the library, and their failed attempt to pass two millages that would have cost taxpayers in excess of \$50 million with very little public input, and absent of Government Finance Officers Association best practices, I decided to work with other local leaders to establish a group called the Common Cents Library Committee.

"Initially the committee was organized to defeat the two millages and later repurposed to identify, recruit and form a slate of

informed professionals to work together to bring competence to the delivery of library services and capital planning in the community. The other members of the slate include LaChelle Reed Caver, Bernard A Grant and Tanya Stoudemire."

As far as goals: "The most pressing issue for the Belleville Area District Library board is improved oversight for the quality and availability of services in a facility that is sufficient and well managed.

"The current library board has wasted hundreds of thousands of dollars on its failed attempt to build an extravagant facility on the lake while the existing building suffers deterioration from deferred maintenance and insufficient services because of misdirected resources that should have been available for operations.

"The Common Cents Library slate's top three priorities include the restoration of transparency in discussions, increased community involvement in developing service and capital plans, and greater accountability for staff, hired professionals and service delivery. If we are successful in these goals, the library could become the cultural epicenter of the three communities.

"By assembling a team with nearly 50 cumulative years with public finance experience, including over a decade with a public library system (Stoudemire) and capital planning (Miller), nearly 30 years of architecture/community planning (Grant) and construction (Miller), and an experienced lawyer that serves children and seniors as a key element of her practice (Caver), the Common Cents Library slate brings the skills and understanding to the library board to serve to the community."

## Tanya Stoudemire

Tanya Stoudemire, 51, of Van Buren Township, has been living in the library district for 11 years.

She is married to Adrian Phillips and they have three children – Kyron, Evan and Blake – who are all high school students.

Stoudemire is Income Tax Manager for the City of Detroit. She earned her BA

in Economics and Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University.

This is her first run for elective office, but she was appointed by two different City of Detroit Finance Directors as their alternate Trustee for the Police and Fire Pension Board.

Stoudemire said she enjoys boating on Belleville Lake with her family and supporting her children in their various extra-curricular activities, including the Belleville High School Marching Band, P&P Dance, and local theater in the surrounding community.

She is running for this office because: "I want to become more involved and give back to my community. I was recruited by the Common Cents Library Committee because of my past library budgeting experience. I am running as part of a slate with LaChelle Reed Caver, Bernard A. Grant, and Phillip Miller.

"My goal is to proudly serve the community by increasing community involvement, improving transparency, and providing accountability in the operations of the Belleville Area District Library."

Not running as a slate are the following four candidates.

## Mary Jane Dawson

Mary Jane Dawson, who turns 67 on Oct. 14, is a resident of the City of Belleville and the current chairman of the Belleville Area District Library Board of Trustees.

She has been living in the library district for 26 years.

She is married to Rick Dawson and they have adult children: Jim Baird, Scot Baird,

Jason Baird, Brad Dawson, Ryan Dawson, and Burke Dawson.

She graduated from Mercy High School in 1965 and Washtenaw Community College in 1986, with an Associate Degree in Nursing. She retired as a Registered Nurse in 2000.

Dawson ran and was elected to the Belleville Area District Library Board in 2010. She had been appointed as a member of the first Belleville Area District Library Board by Mayor Richard Smith and was unanimously endorsed by the Belleville City Council in 2010.

Dawson is a Belleville Area Historical Museum Trustee, and belongs to the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Belleville Area District Library, Belleville Yacht Club, Van Buren Eagles Aerie 3996 Women's Auxiliary, Life Member of VFW Women's Auxiliary, Life Member of STAR Touring and Riding Association, and volunteer at various community and organizational events.

She enjoys reading (especially authors of mystery or political-intrigue fiction and non-fiction history), crocheting/knitting, gardening, boating (especially when her grandchildren are with them), Civil War history and battlefield sites, volunteer activities for specific local groups, and family time with her husband, their children and grandchildren, and their Moms, who are ages 95 and 101.

When asked why she is running for reelection to this office, she replied:

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## Sumpter Township Public Notice

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Thursday October 2	<b>UFO's OVER MICHIGAN</b> , 7pm. Free event.	Belleville Area District Library
Friday October 3, tentative	<b>HAUNTED GRUB CRAWL</b> , in costume 6- 11:30 pm, \$	Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, leave from Liberty Street Parking Lot
Saturday October 4	<b>PUMPKIN PATCH CAR BASH</b> - Car Show, Costume & Pumpkin Carving Contests, Live DJ, 5-9pm	The Lunch Box, 562 Main Street
	<b>PUMPKIN CHUNKIN at TOUCH A TRUCK</b> - BYO Pie Pumpkin for Chuckin! 10am - 1 pm. Free event.	Van Buren Parks and Recreation at Van Buren Park
Wednesdays October 8 and October 15	<b>NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM</b> - Paranormal Investigation w/ <i>Parahunt</i> , with pizza and refreshments. 8pm - 2am, \$	Belleville Area Museum/Historical Society
Saturday October 11	<b>ANNUAL HARVEST FEST</b> 11am - 4pm. Free event, except food and booths.	Library and Museum, with other local groups on 4th Street
Saturday October 18	<b>BELLEVILLE ZOMBIE 5K Run/Walk</b> 10 am, check-in 9am, Race starts and ends at Horizon Park, \$ Register at <a href="http://www.active.com">www.active.com</a>	BHS New Tech and Belleville DDA
Thursday October 23	<b>AUTHOR TALK KRISTY ROBINETTE</b> <i>Michigan Haunted Legends and Lore</i> plus <i>Ghosts of Southeast Michigan</i> , 7-8pm. Free event.	Belleville Area District Library
Thursday Oct 23, Friday Oct 24, Saturday Oct 25	<b>BAM PARANORMAL TOUR-THE BIG REVEAL</b> , 7-10pm, tours every 15 minutes, \$	Belleville Area Museum/Historical Society, guided tours during regular Museum hours
Friday October 24	<b>MONSTER MASH MASQUERADE DANCE</b> , 6-11PM. Prizes for Best Masks, \$	Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce at 4 <sup>th</sup> St Square in the Booville Tent
Saturday October 25	<b>PANCAKES and PUMPKINS BREAKFAST</b> 8-11am, \$	Community Assistance Fund/CAF 5 at 4 <sup>th</sup> St Square in the Booville Tent
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Sunday October 26	<b>CANDY LOOP</b> 5-7 pm, with Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue "Meet and Greet". Free event.	Van Buren Parks and Recreation at Quirk Park
	<b>BLACK MAGIC BALL</b> , 5 - 8 pm, vintage big band. Free event, donations welcome.	Belleville Community Chorus and Blue Steel Jazz Band at 4 <sup>th</sup> St Square with Egan's Pub and The Lunch Box in the Booville Tent
Saturday Oct 25 - Sunday Oct 26	<b>HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST JUDGING</b>	Belleville Area Council for the Arts - business and residential categories
Friday October 31	<b>DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT &amp; COSTUME CONTEST</b> . Free event. 5-7pm	Downtown Belleville - City of Belleville and Central Business Community
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# Library Board

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"I have been active in library issues for the last 10 years or so; starting out as a member of the Friends of the Library and eventually holding the office of President of the Friends group for two terms. In April of 2010 the Fred C. Fischer Library was officially removed from the control of the Wayne County Library System per authorization of the Library of Michigan. The new name, Belleville Area District Library, and the seven-member appointed board officially took effect on April 17, 2010. I was one of the original appointed board members and successfully kept my seat in the November 2010 General Election.

"Per the 2010 District Library Agreement, agreed to by the elected officials of Belleville, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township, the BADL Board was charged to come up with a plan to build a new main library and also to find a location for a satellite facility. I believe that the residents of this library district deserve a library that can offer the technology, space, and other resources that residents of other districts enjoy. I would like to continue my service to the residents who live within the library district in order to see such a building plan come to fruition."

As to goals, Dawson said: "The most pressing issue in my opinion is coming up with a building plan for the new library and satellite that the residents living within the district will approve and endorse when put

to a vote. The current library is not large enough to provide the necessary room for tutoring, quiet studying, multiple small and large group events, and computer use, let alone book and media storage. Furniture, carpeting, shelving, etc. are outdated. Public computer space is limited due to the overall square footage of the building. Since the library is obviously not going to be moving any time soon, a priority list for repairs and updates for the current library building needs to be made.

"My primary goal is to develop a plan (with community input and support) for building a new main library and renovating an existing site for the satellite location within the next 12-18 months. Although the statistics and consultants told us what was appropriate for the population and geographic configuration of the library district, the majority of those who voted in the August Primary Election felt the cost was more than our community could afford.

"I am aware, as is the rest of the board, that any new building project needs to have a much smaller impact on our wallets. I invite all residents to share their ideas and opinions with me and other board members as we continue forward with a new plan. We already have data we can use to come up with a more palatable building plan that voters are more likely to approve. Downsizing the scope of the building plan would also decrease the amount needed for an operating millage.

"An additional goal would be to develop a plan, with other board members, library

staff, and residents to provide ongoing library services to senior residents: possibly to include, but not be limited to, basic computer classes that could be held outside of the library itself."

## Joseph Monte

Joseph Monte, 72, of Van Buren Township, currently serves on the district library board. He has lived in the library district for 41 years.

He is married to Karen Ann and they have grown children Joshua Monte and Jessica Tyrell.

Monte is a retired school teacher and principal with the Van Buren Public Schools.

He earned a BS from Eastern Michigan University, an MA in Education from Antioch College; and a Master's Degree in Elementary Administration.

The only time he has run for office is for the district library board.

Before the first library board election, Monte was appointed to the board by Van Buren Township. He also has served on the Board of Zoning Appeals and Economic Development Corporation for VBT.

He is a board member for the Volunteer Missionary Movement USA, and serves as vice president of St. Stephen Parish. He enjoys woodworking.

When asked why he is running for reelection, Monte said:

"I am running for office to:

"1. Continue to promote our local library, and its services, as an important part of our community.

"2. Follow through, as an elected member of the Belleville Area District Library, to continue to work through the process of community engagement towards building a new library and satellite library."

Concerning goals, he said: "My goals are to actively engage members of our community to see what they would like to see in an updated library and satellite library – items such as what facilities they would like to have, which would determine the size of the library facilities, its location as well, and very importantly, what they will be willing to pay in the form of a tax increase. I believe that when people are engaged in the process, they will feel more vested in the process.

"That being said, another goal is to take part in the building of a library(s) structure in the near future.

"In addition, as a former educator, another goal is to support the needs of students of all ages, to continue to have access to the library," Monte said.

## Paul W. Henning

Paul W. Henning, 53, of Van Buren Township, was one of the original library board members appointed. He now is running for an elected seat on the board.

Henning, a communications specialist, has a bachelor of science in Written Communications/Music from Eastern Michigan University.

He is married to Cynthia and they are the parents of Derek, Daniel, Joshua, and Samantha.

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# Understanding the Law



By Jason Goldman, Esq.  
and Bryan Suliman, Esq.



In this article we will be discussing what a conservatorship is, in general terms.

A conservator is appointed by the court to manage the estate, property, or other business affairs of an individual whom the court has determined is unable to properly take care of his or her affairs because of incapacity, disability, or age.

A conservator is responsible for the collection, preservation, and investment of the incapacitated person's property and must use the property for the support, care and benefit of the protected individual and his or her dependents.

A conservator has a duty of loyalty and may not use any of the protected person's assets for personal benefit. The Court may require the filing of a fiduciary bond to provide protection for the protected individual if there is a loss caused by the wrongful acts of the conservator.

A conservator is entitled to just and reasonable compensation for their services. It is important that the conservator who wishes to be compensated keep accurate time records and is able to demonstrate to the court that the services were both necessary and beneficial.

If you are seeking a conservatorship for yourself or a loved one, it is recommended that you speak with your attorney who can assist you in obtaining the necessary court approvals that are required in order to act as a conservator.

Goldman Suliman, PLLC, is a Belleville law firm that was started by Jason Goldman and Bryan Suliman in order to serve the Belleville-area community. In this and future articles they will cover legal issues commonly faced by Belleville-area residents. Their goal is to help you better understand the law.

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## Action after closed session at VBT DDA

In the minutes of the Aug. 28 meeting, approved by the VBT DDA on Sept. 23, two items discussed in a 39-minute closed-door session were voted upon after return to open session.

The minutes say DDA member Carol Bird was voted to allow to abstain from voting on the next motion, which was "to further investigate and potentially consummate the transaction for the purchase of real property," which passed.

The DDA also was to have discussed pending litigation: MTT Docket No. 451720.

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# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*The following are selected calls for VBT Police.*

**Sunday, Sept. 21:**  
0056 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton Rd.  
0059 – disturbance, Sumpter Rd.  
0154 – disturbance, Belleville  
0200 – PPO violation, S. Bellridge Dr.  
0225 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0330 – intimidation threat, Village Green Ln.  
0400 – disorderly conduct, Belleville  
1301 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.  
1548 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.  
1906 – assault & battery, Outer Dr.  
1915 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.  
2111 – assault & battery, Ivy  
2342 – noise complaint, Wildflower Ct.

**Monday, Sept. 22:**  
1048 – private property accident, Van Born  
1210 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr.  
1226 – private property accident, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1237 – loitering, Belleville  
1256 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.  
1415 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.  
1435 – harassment call, Lighthouse Dr.  
1447 – larceny, Celestine Dr.  
1639 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1641 – fraud, Belleville  
2037 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.  
2054 – noise complaint, Westlake  
2157 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.  
2244 – E-911 hangup/investigation, Rawsonville  
2319 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2359 – noise complaint, Westlake

**Tuesday, Sept. 23:**  
0506 – malicious destruction of property, W. Archwood Dr.  
0918 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1011 – disturbance, W. Archwood Dr.  
1110 – mental, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
1134 – assault & battery, Oak Blvd.  
1558 – harassment call, Wildbrook Dr.  
1624 – assault & battery, Rogers Ave.  
1716 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1747 – private property accident, Westlake bldg 65  
1915 – overdose, Rawsonville  
1915 – suspicious situation, Belleville/I-94 East  
1918 – assault & battery, Village Green  
1919 – malicious destruction of property, Savage  
1949 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2036 – juvenile complaint, Arthur/Jackson  
2052 – juvenile complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
2307 – noise complaint, Westlake  
2308 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.

**Wednesday, Sept. 24:**  
0033 – robbery armed, Village Green Ln.  
0050 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.  
0102 – suspicious situation, Samuel Barton Dr.  
0304 – assault & battery, Ecorse Rd.  
0328 – disorderly conduct, Rawsonville Rd.  
1119 – private property accident, VB Plaza  
1124 – ATV/ORV complaint, Denton  
1258 – missing person, Denton Rd.  
1430 – suicide or attempt, E. Sadie Ln.  
1436 – personal injury accident, Sumpter Rd.  
1501 – felony assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1640 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1644 – juvenile complaint, Tyler/Roland  
1722 – assault & battery, Jackson St.  
1728 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Ashbury  
1840 – indecent exposure, Meadows Cir.  
1947 – lake complaint, Edison Lake

**Thursday, Sept. 25:**  
1109 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Old Rawsonville  
1141 – personal injury accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.  
1308 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.  
1633 – private property accident, Haggerty Rd.  
2216 – suspicious vehicle, Michigan Service Dr. / cemetery road  
2318 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Ecorse Rd.  
2321 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.

**Friday, Sept. 26:**  
0320 – larceny, Maple Dr.

0516 – assault & battery, Winchester St.  
0709 – private property accident, Haggerty Rd.  
0724 – property damage accident, Belleville  
0731 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler  
0737 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Van Born  
0753 – property damage accident, Belleville  
0909 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.  
1006 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / Ecorse Rd.  
1207 – private property accident, Lighthouse Dr.  
1541 – private property accident, Lancaster Dr.  
1609 – property damage accident, Van Born  
1609 – fraud, Vernon St.  
1623 – disturbance, Lake Villa Dr.  
1701 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Greenwood  
1929 – ATV/ORV complaint, Cross St./Western  
2007 – harassment call, Milton Dr.  
2111 – missing person, Denton Rd.  
2213 – harassment call, Sylvia Dr.

**Saturday, Sept. 27:**  
0917 – agency assist, Hillside Cemetery  
1102 – trespassing, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1315 – intimidation threat, Belleville  
1348 – intimidation threat, Parkwood Dr.  
1413 – E-911 hang up/investigation, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1727 – trespassing, Belleville/Van Born  
1900 – family trouble, Bak Rd.  
1938 – weapons violation, Huron River/Savage  
1934 – E-911 cellular, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2026 – fireworks, Haggerty Rd.  
2034 – property damage accident, Haggerty/S. Service Dr.

2139 – noise complaint, Lindsey/Ecorse  
2235 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.  
Also on this week’s log are 191 traffic stops, including 12 traffic stops on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Sept. 21:**  
0046 – traffic complaint, W. Huron River Dr./ Harbour Pointe  
0304 – domestic assault, Loza Ln.  
1151 – juvenile complaint, Belle Villa  
1400 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Liberty  
1654 – assist fire dept., Clarence St.  
1742 – assist citizen, Astor Pl.  
2343 – follow up, Clarence St.

**Monday, Sept. 22:**  
0114 – warrant arrest, Main St.  
1218 – assist fire dept., Greylock St.  
1250 – vehicle lockout, Third St.  
1440 – follow up, Owen  
2018 – fraud, N. Edgemont Ave.  
2333 – animal complaint, Main St.  
2339 – suspicious situation, Robbe St.

**Tuesday, Sept. 23:**  
0149 – suspicious situation, Third/Charles  
1027 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1305 – civil matter, Estrada Dr.  
1527 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.  
1619 – suspicious situation, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1738 – fraud, E. Waterbury Ct.  
1955 – suspicious situation, N. Edgemont Ave.  
2020 – follow up, E. Thornhill Ct.  
2056 – serve warrant, Light Tower Ct.  
2057 – welfare check, Carmell St.  
2139 – follow up, Victorian Ln.  
2337 – disturbance, N. Liberty St.

**Wednesday, Sept. 24:**  
0045 – suspicious situation, Savage  
0615 – suspicious person, Carmell St.  
1205 – serve warrant, Sheldon  
1639 – sexual assault, Brain St.  
1705 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.  
1826 – agency assist, Rose  
1843 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St.  
1920 – welfare check, Main/Fifth  
2202 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.  
2209 – civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.  
2305 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
2346 – assist citizen, Main St.

**Thursday, Sept. 25:**  
0123 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.  
0731 – juvenile complaint, W. Davis/South  
1040 – welfare check, Main St.

1130 – malicious destruction, Carmell St.  
1301 – operating while intoxicated, South St.  
1349 – vehicle lockout, Loza Ln.  
1633 – E-911 hang up/investigation, E. Columbia  
1854 – property damage accident, Roland St.  
2039 – suspicious person, S. Edgemont/E. Huron River Dr.  
2242 – assist fire dept., E. Columbia Ave.  
2307 – ordinance violation, Belleville/Denton

**Friday, Sept. 26:**  
1026 – agency assist, Main St./Denton Rd.  
1257 – noise complaint, E. Thornhill Ct.  
1406 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1547 – loitering, High St.  
1910 – miscellaneous complaint, Victory Park  
2300 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
2326 – suspicious person, N. Aberdeen Ct.

**Saturday, Sept. 27:**  
0120 – suspicious situation, Family Dollar  
0518 – suspicious situation, Davenport Construction  
0811 – animal complaint, Main St./High St.  
0849 – suspicious vehicle, Hillside  
1207 – welfare check, Main St./Fifth St.  
1324 – suspicious vehicle, Owen Middle  
1623 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
1651 – intrusion alarm, Light Tower Ct.  
1745 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
1934 – weapons violation, Main St.  
2052 – miscellaneous complaint, W. Columbia  
2250 – suspicious vehicle, Owen Intermediate  
Also on this week’s log are 24 traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Sept. 21:**  
0434 – malicious destruction of property, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
0822 – parking complaint, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1031 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1607 – threats complaint, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1823 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1929 – larceny, Wayside  
2037 – family trouble, Wayside  
2108 – assault, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
2247 – breaking & entering report, Hampshire

**Monday, Sept. 22:**  
1228 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1352 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.  
1407 – suspicious incident, Bemis/Renton  
1458 – suspicious incident, Arizona  
1521 – reckless driver complaint, Sumpter/Willis  
1605 – dumping complaint, Savage/Harris  
1634 – animal complaint, 27000 bl. Martinsville  
1719 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1815 – suspicious person, Willow/Rawsonville  
1855 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
2048 – assist other agency, out of township

**Tuesday, Sept. 23:**  
0209 – suspicious incident, Greenmeadow  
1240 – threats complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1401 – ordinance violation, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1605 – family trouble, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1614 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1634 – shots fired, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1714 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sherwood  
1750 – trespassing complaint, Birch/Tulip  
1929 – alarm, 8500 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

**Wednesday, Sept. 24:**  
0820 – identity theft report, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1045 – alarm, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
1327 – reckless driver complaint, Wear/Sumpter  
1431 – breaking & entering report, 42000 bl. Judd  
1501 – harassment complaint, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1717 – warrant arrest, Rustic Ln.  
1844 – warrant arrest, Vermont  
2045 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2143 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

**Thursday, Sept. 25:**  
0025 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.  
1043 – suspicious incident, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1049 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1210 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1217 – dumping complaint, Savage/Harris  
1343 – breaking & entering report, 21000 bl. Karr  
1406 – trespassing complaint, 45000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1557 – fire dept. assist, California

1812 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1831 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.  
1850 – identity theft report, Delaware

**Friday, Sept. 26:**  
0847 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Sherwood  
1849 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1601 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
1602 – property damage accident, 42000 bl. Willis  
1611 – citizen assist, 5400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.  
1719 – noise complaint, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1740 – alarm, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1853 – warrant arrest, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1857 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1939 – noise complaint, 22000 bl. Fenster  
2045 – fireworks complaint, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.  
2237 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
2238 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.

**Saturday, Sept. 27:**  
0220 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
0707 – assist other agency, Savage/Clark  
0805 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0858 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1031 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1040 – family trouble, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1207 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Martinsville  
1301 – warrant arrest, Redwood  
1313 – ordinance violation, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1507 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1515 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1529 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1655 – larceny, 230000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
1802 – citizen assist, 122000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1845 – threats complaint, Walnut  
1924 – threats complaint, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.  
2006 – civil dispute, Birch  
2017 – reckless driver complaint, Carleton West/Judd  
2237 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
Also on this week’s log are 14 follow-up investigations, 31 miscellaneous details, 100 patrol checks, and 60 traffic stops.

## Court Watching: Judge sends plea deal for David Brooks back to drawing board

On Sept. 24, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Patrick Coletta and defense attorney Michael Vincent met in the chambers of Wayne County Circuit Court Judge James Callahan to present a proposed plea deal for defendant David Ryan Brooks.

Brooks, 25, of Van Buren Township, is a former Romulus Police Officer who is accused of pointing his gun at another motorist during a road rage incident on Belleville Road on May 29.

He is charged with felonious assault, a four-year felony, and felony firearm, a mandatory two year sentence.

Attorney Vincent said if they could approach the judge, “We can settle this.”

The prosecutor and defense attorney met with the judge in his chambers for 10 minutes and when they came out they announced they needed more time.

The defense attorney and the prosecutor determined that they would come back to court with a plea deal the judge liked better on Oct. 15, the date previously set for the final conference. A jury trial has been scheduled for Nov. 19.

Defendant Brooks never entered the courtroom and he, his mother, and two other women waited in the hallway outside the courtroom until defense attorney Vincent came out to tell them what had happened with the judge.

Brooks is out on \$50,000 or 10% bond set by Judge Callahan.



# Library Board

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He said he enjoys reading books and cinema of all kinds, and spending time with his family. He also enjoys music and new technology.

When asked why he is running for this office, he replied:

"I was one of the original appointees to the library board when the Belleville Area District Library was created. When it came time to run for office to keep my seat, I was unable to run at that time. I am able and willing to take a seat with the Belleville Area District Library now.

"There is much to do with the library and I feel my eight years' experience with Van Buren Public Schools puts me in a unique position to help. I have experience in community relations and communications that would be advantageous to the library, promoting unity throughout the community.

"Also, I grew up in Belleville and have many fond memories of walking to the library on summer days to check out a book. I am very interested in keeping the library relevant for many generations to come."

When asked of his goals, Henning said, "I have three goals:

"1. To unify the tri-communities of Belleville, Sumpter, and Van Buren in support of their library offering relevant services to the community. It is their library and the offerings should meet their needs.

"2. Keep the library relevant to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. A library is no longer a storehouse

of knowledge in stacks of books, knowledge comes in many flavors from books, CDs and DVDs to podcasts, e-readers and computers. I would like to see the Belleville Area District Library ready for the next wave of information no matter what the form will be.

"3. Update the facilities. It is no secret that the library building is aging and needs a lot of work to keep it standing. We may even need a new building. That is up to the community to dictate what that building might be. I worked on the monumental task of funding a new high school when I was employed by the school district. I would like a chance to take my experience and help the community tell us what the 'right size' is for the library, whether it is an update to the current structure or a new location. It is up to the people."

## Sharon C. Peters

Sharon C. Peters, 63, of Van Buren Township, has been a resident of the library district for seven years.

She is married to Melvin T. Peters, Ph.D., and they have grown children Troy Peters, Sani Peters, and Haile Peters.

She is the founder of Claytor Peters Consultants, consulting in child advocacy, state government relations and children's policy, 2008 to present. She is a retired non-profit executive and was CEO of Michigan's Children – statewide child advocacy organization in Lansing, 1996-2008.

Peters earned a BA from Michigan State University in 1971; an MA in Anthropology from MSU in 1977; and completed course work for a Ph.D. in Anthropology at MSU,

but the degree is not completed.

She has served in elective office, being elected in 1993, serving 1996-2000 on the Lansing School District Board of Education. She served as Treasurer and President of the Board.

She was appointed to the Council for Labor and Economic Growth, State of Michigan, Member (gubernatorial appointment) 2006-10; Michigan Teacher Tenure Commission, Member (gubernatorial appointment) 2003-09; and Assistant Secretary of State, State of Michigan (appointment by Secretary of State) 1985-89.

Peters is a member of the Friends of Belleville Area District Library; member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville; board member Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club; member of NAACP; and enjoys church projects, early childhood services, and reading.

When asked why she is running for this office, she replied: "For me, libraries are the foundation of life-long learning, and by extension, civic engagement. The Belleville area is a wonderful community that has impressive library services which have far outgrown their existing cramped space.

"I have experience in public policy-making and education, and I want to put that to work to build a Belleville Area District Library (BADL) system that really meets the 21<sup>st</sup> century information technology needs of the community. Surrounding areas, like Ypsilanti and Canton, have libraries that serve the needs of their population; the Belleville area deserves the same. I have a vision, informed by my travel to other

areas, where I noticed the use of the library as a civic hub, where the community came together and young families with baby strollers met up with each other -- what a wonderful addition to the informational resource a library offers!"

Peters said she has the following goals once elected:

"1. Identify an affordable option to meet the mandates of the Belleville Area District Library agreement. The City of Belleville, and townships of Van Buren and Sumpter fashioned a visionary inter-governmental agreement in 2010 which set forth the parameters of a library system to serve their populations. The current BADL board put forth a plan to the community that was deemed too costly by the voters in August 2014. The BADL board members elected this fall, unified with the remaining members of the board, will need to re-engage the community in fashioning a new plan.

"2. Act as good stewards of the existing BADL resources to operate a system of the highest possible quality within the confines of current funding and space limitations.

"3. Identify ways to better engage the changing and ever-more diverse population of the BADL service area in the varied services of our district library. We must formulate an affordable vision that offers our community much needed public space for community gatherings, programming for children, youth, adults and senior citizens, as well as necessary upgrades to our BADL holdings of books and information technology."

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Registration began Oct. 1 and classes will take place in late October. Visit the library for information on dates and times. A \$5 deposit (to be returned when you attend the class) is required to reserve each space. Attendees must register in person.

The library is located at 167 Fourth Street in downtown Belleville.

## Sumpter Seniors Craft Show set Nov. 7, 8; tables available

The Sumpter Seniors Craft Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 and 8, at the Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd.

Proceeds from the table sales help support the Senior Christmas Party.

Tables are \$10 per table per day. Payment for a table by Oct. 17 will hold the table.

Kitchen concessions are \$20 per day and the menu must consist of hot dogs, chips, coffee, and pop. The kitchen must be left clean when finished or a \$50 cleaning charge must be paid.

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## CRAFT SHOW

BELLEVILLE CONEY Island Craft & Vendor Show. 871 Sumpter Road. Saturday, October 4, 10am-3pm 10/2

## GARAGE/YARD SALE

OCTOBER 1, 2 & 3, 9am-5pm, Annual Rummage and Bake Sale, 44441 Clay. 10/2

FOUR GENERATION SALE. October 2, 3, 4 & 5, 9am-5pm. 19611 Clark-Belleville. Furniture, antiques, lawn equipment, trailers, collectibles, toys, tools, household items, lots of car parts. See FB "Online Garage Sales Belleville." 10/2

ESTATE & COLLECTIBLES SALE. Friday-Sunday, October 3-5, 9am to 5pm. 1696 Bishop Road, Saline (between Moon & Willis). Antiques, Dept. 56 Villages, over 400 records, tools. 10/2

OCTOBER 3 & 4, 9am-5pm, 47220 Lauren Court. Futon, mower, power washer, household items, boat. 10/2

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## Birthdays

Oct. 2 - Keith Bruder  
Oct. 7 - Carol Sturtz

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

## Anniversaries

Oct. 1 - Pastor William and Martha Hill, 59 years  
Oct. 1 - William Bernard and Angela Hill, 27 years

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- Monday, Oct. 6 - Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 7 - Van Buren Township September Days Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, VBT Board of Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 8 - Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 9 - Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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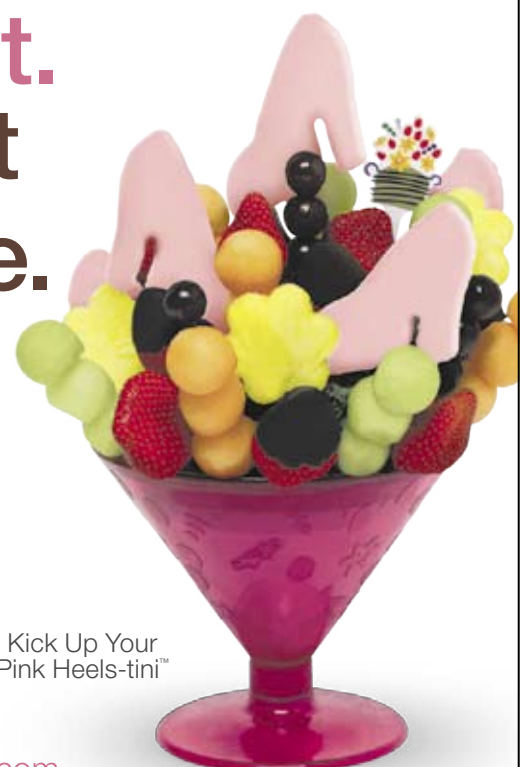
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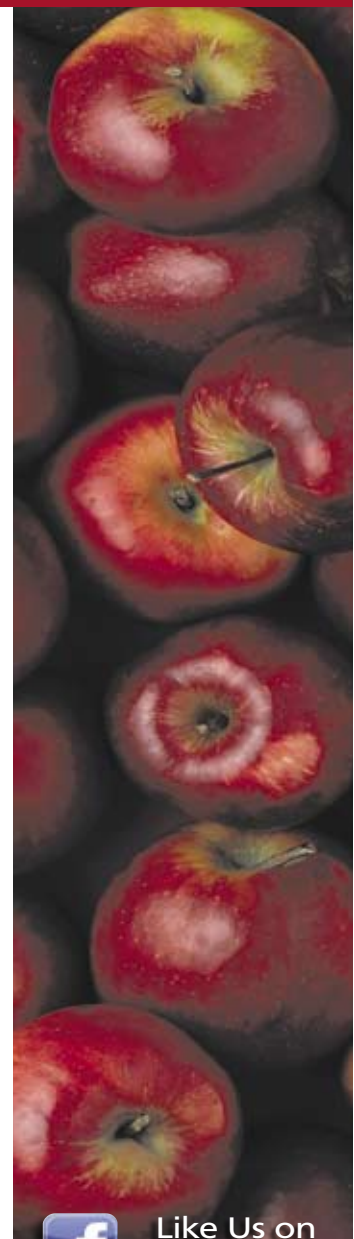
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