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The fifth-annual Community Art Show and Sale, put on by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, was held on Saturday and Sunday at the BYC clubhouse in Van Buren Township. There were 43 local artists on display for the non-juried show. Judges for cash prizes were Josephine Kelsey of Ann Arbor, and Sandy Askew and Mendie Russell, both of Van Buren Township. A part of the show was a display of artworks by the late Jane Kovach, a founding member of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

Mayor Conley reminds voters why Civil Service removal is on ballot

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At the end of Monday's regular city council meeting, Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley said she thought she should remind voters why the Civil Service Commission

language is on the Nov. 4 ballot.

"It's been a long time since we approved that for the ballot and I want to remind the public why we did that," Mayor Conley said, referring to the June 16 council meeting. "We talked about it at length

then."

She said the number of employees covered by the CSC is down to one and having the CSC is not efficient.

"It's really an antiquated system for dealing with employees," Conley went on.

She said, actually, CSC members are volunteers and not necessarily up to date on new laws. She said, then, there is the cost of maintaining decisions the CSC has made, which has impact on the citizens.

[Actually, the city council has failed to act one way or the other on the last two recommendations sent to them by the CSC.]

Conley said the charter provides that the city manager is the personnel director.

The Civil Service Commission part of the charter says: "The city manager shall act as the Personnel Director and Secretary of the Commission and shall perform such duties and responsibilities as shall be determined by the Commission."

Conley said because of the way things are working out the city won't see a full-time person in the Public Works position and, "We'll see what to do about a police chief."

Currently retired Police Chief Hal Berriman has been filling in as police

chief part time since April, longer than the 90 days permitted by the CSC part of the charter.

Employees covered by the Belleville CSC as it was approved in 1982, were anyone not covered by a union.

"This is not a personal attack on anyone," Conley said, "just a more-efficient way to handle employees."

She noted that city Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Long is the only person left under CSC. Long has worked for the city for 27 years, the last six as clerk.

When the ballot language was announced earlier this year, Conley said Long will become an at-will employee if voters approve removing the Civil Service Commission chapter from the charter.

Conley said people have asked her if there aren't other things that need to be changed in the charter and she agreed there were since the charter is "antiquated."

She said it's a pretty big cost to redo the charter and so they won't get into that now.

"I thought it was important to remind people why we put that on the ballot," Conley concluded.

Belleville resident George Chedraue, an

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Court Watching:

White to have bench trial; Brooks pleads guilty to misdemeanor

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At his final conference on Oct. 15, disbarred Belleville attorney Thomas A. White asked Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Dalton Arnold Roberson to change his requested trial by jury, to instead, a bench trial.

The waiver of the jury trial was signed and filed by Judge Roberson.

The bench trial will begin at 9 a.m. Nov. 3 in the courtroom of Judge Margaret Van Houten, who is off the bench for three months recovering from knee and foot surgery. Judge Roberson, a retired judge, is filling in for Judge Van Houten.

The final conference had been set for Oct. 10, but reportedly the attorneys couldn't be there, so they met instead on Oct. 9 before Judge Roberson and agreed to hold the final conference on Oct. 15.

White, 46, faces 20 felony charges including conducting a criminal enterprise while allegedly embezzling millions of dollars from trusting clients and their families.

He was a lifelong resident of Van Buren Township and had practiced law for 20 years in his office across Main Street from Belleville City Hall before he was disbarred

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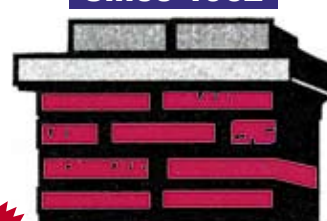
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Auto Insurance Auction official fields questions at Sumpter meeting

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Steve Tibble, a regional official of Insurance Auto Auction on Rawsonville Road, attended the Oct. 14 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees to field questions on the cars they have parked in a field north of Willis Road.

Tibble, of the main office in Westchester, IL, said there was a catastrophic event in mid-August in Detroit and a lot of streets were flooded. The damaged vehicles were towed to facilities throughout the Detroit area, he said.

He said cars were brought to the main local facility on Rawsonville Road and then moved to the leased location on Willis Road.

He said the auction is open to the public each Thursday. The state can only handle so many cars at a time with salvage and clear titles and so it will take from 90 to 120 days to clear the cars out.

He said there were 2,200 cars completely and about 1,700 were in Sumpter. He said about 40% of them have been removed so far and they are continuing to clear the property.

Resident Mary Sherwood asked him if this company has been given a time by the township board when they have to leave the field and Tibble said he was given no date.

"You could be there next year," she said and Tibble replied that he hopes to be out in the next 90 days.

"We hope so," Sherwood said.

Trustee Bill Hamm asked if there were any fluids leaking.

Tibble said before the cars are taken to the holding yard, they are inspected by state and government inspectors and then by the Auto Auction people.

He said the company has a multi-million-dollar policy for the cleanup of any problems.

Hamm said it has been raining and asked if they are taking care of any mud they may be dragging onto the road.

"We can monitor that," Tibble said.

Township attorney Rob Young said there was a report that there was some effort to park vehicles on private property that was not leased.

Tibble said they have a huge business -- 160 locations in the U.S. and Canada -- and they wouldn't do anything to jeopardize their business, such as illegally parking vehicles.

"We have leases on both the properties we're on," Tibble said.

"We feel confident in you that what you tell us tonight is true," said Acting

Township Supervisor John Morgan.

Trustee Hamm said people said this was Roy Acho's property. He said he checked it out himself and it isn't Acho's property.

He said the shiny cars look nice, like an auto sales yard, and they don't look like a junkyard. He said all of the statements made at the previous board meeting were untrue.

Trustee Peggy Morgan said she saw two car haulers turning into the parking area and they obviously were to ship cars out.

"I was pleased to see that," Trustee Morgan said.

Clerk Clarence Hoffman said if the insurance company is pulling these cars in and Auto Auction is selling them, these cars must be good to use.

Tibble said they are sold for a multiple number of uses. He said about 40% go overseas and the remaining are sold to pick-and-pull operations, to their licensed buyers, and to the public.

He said a lot of the cars are used as parts cars for body shops.

"The insurance company owns it [the damaged vehicle] and we sell it on their behalf," Tibble said.

"The public could come in and bid on Thursdays," Trustee Morgan said and Tibble agreed.

He said laws in the State of Michigan allow the public to bid on the cars.

Tibble said at the end of the lease, they will re-grass it as it was when they got there. He said in Michigan grass won't grow until spring, so that's when they'll have to re-seed.

Trustee Hamm said Ordinance Officer Randy Lynch was present to answer any questions about the parked cars on Willis, but no one had any questions for him.

Lynch said he had been out to the scene "a couple dozen times" to keep track of what was going on.

Acting Supervisor Morgan told the *Independent* that the owner of the property leased is Billy Arwood, who also owns a construction company. Also, branch manager of Sumpter's Insurance Auto Auction is Bobby R. Nicholson.

In other business on Oct. 14, the board:

- Heard Police Chief James Pierce announce the death of retired Police Detective/Sergeant Mike Czinski, with the arrangements for his funeral. He said Det./Sgt. Czinski was age 53 and taken too soon. "Our whole department is saddened," Chief Pierce said. Then, a moment of silence was held in Czinski's memory;

- Approved purchase of a Western 8' Pro Plus Snow Plow Plus Package for \$4,771 from Harold's Frame Shop;



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

The Viewer's Choice winner at the Community Art Show and Sale last weekend was "My Dog Rusty," an up-cycled metal sculpture by Sumpter Township artist Tim Elden. The plastic wall hanging hides the BYC clubhouse renovations beyond the art show.

- Approved a resolution for the Memorial Garden that adjoins township hall. Employees had memorialized the late Clarence Primm with a tree and a plaque there last spring, and employees wish to continue to memorialize employees with a tree, a plant or a bush. The resolution said in the future only employees of Sumpter Township, that a collection is taken for, may be memorialized in this garden;

- Approved the new Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority contract and directed the clerk and supervisor sign it. Attorney Young said the contract was agreed to tentatively a year ago, but reporting requirements needed to be changed and three weeks ago YCUA was ready to approve it;

- Approved, with regrets, the resignation of Sandra Todd from the Board of Review and the Zoning Board of Appeals;

- Approved the Haunted House at Fire Station #1 on Oct. 31;

- Approved a new policy not to allow staff or fire department personnel at the fire stations from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m. unless authorized by the fire chief or they are taking part in a fire department response;

- Approved the chain of command for the fire department as it relates to discipline as presented, but without names, using only positions. "The board reviews this from time to time and the board makes final decisions on all important issues," said Acting Supervisor Morgan;

- Approved Resolution 2014-14 to amend and restate the agreement between Sumpter

and the County of Wayne Urban County Cooperative Agreement of the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG);

- Approved the new Wayne County Parks Grant of \$20,000;

- Approved Trustee Hamm's request to go out for quotes to change the lights inside to amber and mark the outside of a former police car to read "Sumpter Township Ordinance Department" or "Ordinance Officer";

- Heard Parks & Recreation Commission chairman Kim Toms thank everyone for helping with the festival and other Parks and Rec events; and

- Heard Mary Ban introduce Bernard A. Grant, a member of the Common Cents Slate for Library Board in the Nov. 4 election. After the meeting closed, LaChelle Reed Caver of Sumpter, another Common Cents Slate member, arrived and talked with members of the audience.

UPS Delivery Driver Lee Click retires after 37 years

Today, Thursday, Oct. 23, is the last day United Parcel Service Delivery Driver Lee Click will be delivering packages to businesses and individuals in Belleville, north of I-94.

Click retires today after 37 years with UPS.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

VBt sirens delayed by board questions

Although the top Public Safety Department officials in VBt have recommended a set of emergency sirens for the township, several board members are holding back – mainly because of details on how to appropriate the money.

At an almost three-hour work/study session Monday afternoon, the VBt board questioned the recommendations on the sirens. VBt is the only municipality in Wayne County without sirens.

A set of sirens paid for by the DDA, CDBG, and the township would completely cover the township and allow it to hook up with Wayne County in the future for a regional emergency setup.

The township's former Public Safety Committee gathered information on a siren system, but that was not followed through on and no system was put in place. In fact, the committee was disbanded by a new administration.

Fire Chief Besson put sirens on the township's Capital Improvement list for two years without action. But this year the DDA worked with Police Lt. Bazy and a plan was devised. The idea was to approve 13 sirens by Nov. 1 to take advantage of the Wayne County bid.

But on Monday, the board waffled and removed the items from Tuesday's agenda. Now it's on Nov. 18 agenda. The lower bid got a last-minute, and last-time, extension until Dec. 1. Let's hope they can figure out how to get those sirens into place. We'd hate to face tornado season in the spring with only a memory of the sirens that almost were installed.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

At about 8 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15, my son and I were heading to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit to witness the final conferences for defendants Tom White and David Brooks.

We were on I-94 heading east, just before Hannan Road, when the cars in front of us in the left lane stopped, we stopped, too – and then the cars behind us didn't stop. It was a pileup of about six cars.

Our car was pushed into the wire fence in the median that kept us from heading into westbound traffic when our throttle jammed.

One car was still in the left lane with the airbags exploded, un-drivable. A private emergency unit of some kind drove up, checked for injuries, and stayed with us with its lights flashing to keep traffic from ramming into our pitiful lineup of wrecks. It took a half hour for a police officer to arrive, but we were very happy to see him.

It was Michigan State Police Trooper Jon Comer from Second District Headquarters in Taylor – who arrived on a motorcycle from the east. He parked his motorcycle with flashing lights in the left lane to protect us.

Then, took care of us all by himself in a businesslike, professional manner, although there were some pretty upset drivers. J&T towed every vehicle that couldn't drive and that was the end of it. There were no injuries.

But, everyone was very taken with the trooper and we want to let him know, publicly, that we appreciated him very much.

Don't you get tired of these scams?

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



Phyllis Adkins got the following scam by email and wants to warn our readers.

She got an email informing her that the Bureau of Defaulters Agency-FTC Incorporation will legally prosecute her in the Court House within a couple of days if she doesn't pay \$798.67.

Also, her SSN was put on hold by the federal government, according to the letter from "Attorney General Jason Walker."

If they have to take her to court to get her to pay, she will have to pay the entire cost of the law suit which is \$13,271.15.

There's more, but you get the idea. It's all false. Watch out for these scams and don't bite.

A reader heard that in an Oct. 15 plea deal former police officer David Brooks pled guilty to a misdemeanor Family-Gun charge and the charges of Felonious Assault and Felony Firearm were dismissed. She sent the following comment:

"Now, I'm imagining a nice photo portrait on the living room wall of a mom, dad, children, pet dog and cat & the 'family-gun.'"

I don't understand the Family-Gun charge either, but that's what it is.

Our reader also noted: "Tom White made one wise choice in all this – NOT to have a jury trial! I seriously doubt they could seat anyone for that jury!"

We received the following note from one

of our readers:

"I think it would be a great service for you to write an article about the expanded AATA bus service to our Belleville community. Route #20 has extended service on Saturdays from the Kmart plaza on I-94 Service Drive/Rawsonville Road. This just happened a couple of months ago.

"I relocated to Belleville from Ann Arbor about three years ago. I find it incredible that a lot of people out here do not realize that we have access to public transportation from Belleville to Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor.

"I think that some people might find it useful to be able to catch a bus to a doctor's appointment, the VA, college classes, or the student who needs a ride to a job at Briarwood mall. Yes, it may take you a while to get there but, at least we have the option.

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"Just a thought. Public transportation is one of our jewels. Let's let people know about the service."



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Letters**Help us help a struggling
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To the Editor:

Throughout the year the Belleville Area Woman's Club sponsors many projects to give back to the community. Among those are scholarships for seniors in Van Buren Public Schools, the Reality Check for 8th graders and donations for Make a Difference Day for area non-profits. Now, we find ourselves needing assistance for one of our own.

The need for one of our members, Jackie Leich, is so overwhelming that we are reaching out to the community for help. She has a daughter, Anna, with special needs, who is in stage three kidney failure. Anna spent almost one month in the hospital this past summer. This was very hard on the family as the stepdad, Paul, is not able to work anymore and was denied his social security benefits. The only one working was the mom, Jackie. Although a recent graduate, she had to work as a waitress while applying and waiting for the position of her dreams at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

After Anna came home, Jackie had severe back pain and had an MRI done on Aug. 28. As a result of the MRI a very large tumor was found on her kidney. The tumor had to be removed and was major surgery for her. This took place on Sept. 24. She has not been able to work at all as of August due to back pain.

Then the surgery also kept her from working. The family is a family of five with two other children, Gabrielle, age 14, and Grant, age 16. Grant is working and doing what he can but attending high school and early college leaves little time for working during the school year.

As you can imagine this took its toll on the family both physically, mentally, and

financially. The bills are not getting paid and although help has come from some of Anna's therapy places, the bills are piling up and the family is in need of help. Jackie has to be off work for 8-12 weeks and will hopefully be hired in her career but in the meantime this family could use some support.

Our first outreach will be on Nov. 5. We will host a Dining to Donate at the local Applebee's Restaurant. It is our hope that many of you will be willing and able to have your lunch or dinner that day with 10% of the proceeds going to the BAWC. Flyers that you must present to your server are available at Main Street Flowers, Garden Fantasy and Becky & Jessica's Place, or you can email to jfayemillard@att.net and one will be emailed to you.

If you have the means to donate to the family, please feel free to send a check or gift card to: BAWC, P.O. Box 211, Belleville 48112.

Shelly Brown-Chudzinski, President
Belleville Area Women's Club

**Museum thanks you for
more than 100 milk jugs**

To the Editor:

The Belleville Area Museum would like to thank everyone who donated their empty milk jugs over the past few weeks. We were overwhelmed by the support of our community. Over 100 gallon-jugs were collected and all decorated by children (and adults!) that attended our annual Harvest Fest. They will be glowingly displayed on the front lawn of the museum on Halloween Trick or Treat Night.

In addition, our Night at the Museum Paranormal Investigation fundraiser with Michigan Parahaunt went very well. We would like to remind everyone that the results of their investigation entitled "The Big Reveal" will occur over three nights: Oct. 23-25, 7-10 p.m., with the last tour departing at 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Belleville Area Historical Society 2015 Historical Calendars will be on sale this November! This year's theme is "Lake Living." They make a great present for those history buffs in your life.

For more information on Booville activities, please go to: www.buyitinbelleville.com/boo-ville.

Katie Dallos, Director
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Pancakes and Pumpkins coming Saturday a.m.

To the Editor:

In celebration of Booville, The CAF5 (Community Assistance Foundation) invites you to Pancakes and Pumpkins on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. All-you-can-eat pancakes along with sausage, juice and coffee will be served under the tent at the 4th Street Square (between Egan's and The Bayou).

The cost of "all-you-can-eat pancakes" is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children 5-12, and children under 5 are free. If you dress in a costume, you will get \$1 off the price!

CAF5 is a community charity organization that assists families in need with prescription medication, eyeglasses, and other aid to local families with children in school in the five surrounding communities – New Boston, Belleville, Van Buren, Romulus, and Sumpter. Requests for assistance can be requested by contacting the Belleville Chamber of Commerce. Donations to CAF5 are welcomed!

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Obituaries



Keith Edward Carnahan

KEITH EDWARD CARNAHAN

(October 31, 1930 -- October 18, 2014)

Keith Edward Carnahan, was born October 31, 1930, and entered glory October 18, 2014.

Keith was born In Washington, IN, and moved to Belleville, MI at age 4. He grew up in Belleville and graduated from Belleville High school in 1948. He served in the US Army from 1952-1954 and was stationed in Germany. He went on to earn an associate's degree in accounting from Cleary College, and then a bachelor's degree in Business Management. He and his wife Maria moved to St Petersburg, FL, upon his retirement.

He married Joanne Fay in 1952, who preceded him in death in 1978. After Joanne's passing he married Maria Iscaro Wilkinson, his wife of over 35 years who survives him.

He was preceded in death by his parents Delbert Carnahan and Dorothy (Sutherland), as well as one brother Phillip Burl Carnahan.

Keith is survived by his three children, Joni Carnahan Hynson, Keith II, and David (Tina) Carnahan; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Keith is also survived by his brothers, twin Kenneth, David Forman and Edward Carnahan as well as his step-mother Virginia Carnahan, many in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Keith spent his working career at Ford Motor Company, but his real love was teaching Sunday School and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with anyone that he met. He was a consummate "giver" constantly reaching out to those in need whether it was loaning his car to a friend, performing a household repair for a neighbor, or picking up a hitchhiker. He was always ready to help anyone in need.

Keith will be deeply missed by family and friends, but everyone who knew him knows how anxious he was to get to heaven, see his Savior, and hear those words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

In lieu of flowers donations to Radio Bible Class would be appreciated. (rbc.org)



Luz Marie "Lucy" Pleva

LUZ 'LUCY' PLEVA

(September 20, 1936 - October 16, 2014)

Luz Marie "Lucy" Pleva, age 78, of Homosassa, FL, formerly of Michigan, passed away Thursday, October 16, 2014 at her home under Hospice Care. She was born September 20, 1936 in Puerto Rico, daughter of Jose & Catalina (Martinez) Maldonado.

Lucy was a member of several Catholic churches, having lived in Michigan and retired to Florida. She was also a member of the Polka Booster Club of America. She enjoyed scrabble, puzzles and loved to crochet.

Lucy is survived by her husband of 53 years, Gregory Edmund Pleva, Sr.; daughter Karen (Raymond) Bunio of Novi, MI; son Greg E. Pleva, Jr. of Denver, CO, 7 grandchildren; one sister; also several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, grandson Adam Johnson, two sisters, two brothers, also a daughter Lorraine Johnson on February 13, 2014.

Visitation was 12:30 - 3 p.m. Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at St. Stephen Catholic Church, 18858 Huron River Dr., New Boston, MI 48164 with a 3 p.m. Funeral Mass. Father John Hedges served as Celebrant. Entombment followed in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Jeremy DeMond

JEREMY DeMOND

(March 9, 1971 -- October 11, 2014)

Jeremy DeMond, age 43, of Ypsilanti, was called home to be with his Lord and Saviour on Saturday, October 11, 2014.

He is survived by his daughter Autumn DeMond; seven brothers and sisters, Alfred DeMond, Steven (Linda) DeMond, Jeannette (Gary) Maupin, Michael DeMond, Vickie (Wayne) Goward, James (LuAnn) DeMond, and Ruthann (Dean) Bostwick; and a number of nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Al "Doug" and Lora Lee DeMond.

A Memorial Service was held at Grace Baptist Church in Belleville on October 18, 2014 at 11 a.m., followed by a private luncheon for family. In lieu of flowers, the family has put an "Autumn Fund" into place. If you wish to contribute, please send to Ruth Bostwick, P.O. Box 474, Augusta, MI 49012. The family appreciates your love and prayers.

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Council for the Arts reports on art show

To the Editor:

The Fifth-Annual Community Art Show presented by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA) is now a memory.

We would like to thank all the artists who entered this event for without you there would be no show.

We were very fortunate to have support from the BYC in allowing us to hold our event at their venue. Though not completely finished with remodeling, the new LED lighting and freshly painted room were a huge improvement from when we originally booked the space nearly six months ago. Kudos to the BYC members, staff and employees for all their help and making us feel at right at home.

This, non-juried, Community Art Show affords local artists, over age six, the opportunity to showcase their creativity in a wide array of media and present their completed works to the public for viewing. The popular Viewer's Choice award allows all attendees to vote for their favorite and is always a crowd-pleaser.

This year's Viewer's Choice winner is Tim Elden's My Dog Rusty, an up-cycled metal sculpture.

Our judges are all very familiar with art as they have studied, taught and been involved with art for the better part of each of their lives. Self-taught artist and Belleville resident Sandy Askew has worked in the art world for well over 35 years and has been commissioned for installations throughout the United States and Europe. Josephine Kelsey served as Executive Director of the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans as well as teaching at the Center for Creative Studies (CCA) before becoming Dean of Students and finally President of the college. Mendie Russell has been teaching art in the Taylor School District for over 15 years and received her B.A. in Art Education from Western Michigan University and her M.A. in Art Education from EMU. The enormous task of selecting winners in three categories based on age was not an easy one for these critics, but after careful collaboration and consideration their choices were made.

This year's winners are:

6 years - 11 years

First Place - Megan Roth's acrylic on canvas, Jelly Fish

Second Place - Braeden Davis' chalk drawing, Winter Evening Landscapes

Third Place - Jackson Juriga's watercolor, Untitled

Honorable Mention - Shelby Sanders' mixed media, Snowman

13 years - 17 years

First Place - Kaylee Kennedy's ink drawing, The Littlest Elephant

Second Place - Ashleigh Apel's acrylic on canvas, Mavis

Third Place - Kim Lazaroff's graphite pencil drawing, Mysteries Hidden in the Eyes

Honorable Mention - McKayla Wasilewski's pencil, marker, & colored pencil drawing, Untitled

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First Place - Cathy Vettese's color pencil drawing, Little Beachcomber

Second Place - Paul Elden's photography, Hear My Train A' Coming

Third Place - Tim Elden's up-cycled metal sculpture, My Dog Rusty

Honorable Mention - Tim Marsh's oil on canvas, Curious Conversation

Events like this are never able to be presented without generous donations of time, money and other resources. With that being said we extend our heartfelt thanks to: Jackie Berg, the Belleville Area Independent, Bethany Day Care Center, Van Buren Township Supervisor Linda Combs, Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, Mike Dacko, Doug & Pam Dalton, MJ Dawson, Tim Elden, Kim Ensich, Claudia Galli, Garden Fantasy, Debbie Green, Neil & Thelma Griffin, Elaine Gutierrez, Tom & Ilene Hazen, Phil & Louis Kovach, Linda Luke, Martin & Son Auto Repair, Barbara Miller, Jean Morris, Kerry Morris, Beverly Neal, Angelica Renaud, Mike & Charlene Renaud, Representative Dian Slavens, Cindy Smith, Carol Thompson, Cheryl Wagner, the WHAT Art Group, Jennifer Winters, EQ Environmental Quality Co. and the members & staff of BYC.

Now we begin planning and working on our 2015 Art Show and invite you to consider a membership and/or a sponsorship. If you love the arts and believe it's important for art to be a part of our community please consider joining BACA.

For more information please call (734) 697-8123 or visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BacaArts>.

Belleville Area Council for the Arts

Upcoming Meetings

• Tuesday, Oct. 28 - Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water & Sewer Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, Nov. 3 - Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Nov. 5 - Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.

• Monday, Nov. 10 - Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons.

• Tuesday, Nov. 11 - Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority at 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township meetings cancelled because of the Veterans' Day holiday.

• Wednesday, Nov. 12 - Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Nov. 13 - Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Nov. 17 - Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session, 4 p.m.

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Common Cents: What we aren't, what you get

To the Editor:

What we aren't and what you get:

Some members of the Belleville Area District Library (BADL) communities seem to have a constellation of impressions that the Common Cents Slate members are against a new library, don't believe that the staff members at the library are performing, divisive candidates, don't have strong ties to community, and wonder what will they will get with their vote for the Common Cents Slate.

Let's address them one by one:

"The Common Cents Slate is against a new library." **WRONG**

The Common Cents Slate was assembled to address the ongoing library deficiencies issue. We purposely sought out individuals with direct experience and skills necessary to develop a plan to address the programming and operational needs of a library system.

While it is true that the Common Cents Library Committee was initially formed to defeat the DNR/Spencer property proposals, it was never against a thorough and thoughtful discussion about the need for library services and, if warranted, a new or greatly improved library facility.

We assembled a group with expertise in libraries, capital and community planning, architecture and law to facilitate community discussions around library programming, translating that discussion into facility needs and then the development of a comprehensive capital plan that serves the community needs and fits within best practices and master plans.

"The Common Cents Slate doesn't believe that the staff members at the library are performing."

Let's be crystal clear, the Common Cents Slate believes that the library staff is doing the best job it can under difficult circumstances. They have a facility in a state of gross disrepair. They are operating with resources that have been misdirected into a capital planning process that was resoundingly rejected by all three communities and leadership that has been distracted from library needs to serve its own ill-conceived dreams.

We feel that the day-to-day operating staff performs admirably. In addition, it is our position on the Common Cents slate that the staff should be given the opportunity to contact board members directly to raise concerns and bring forth new ideas about the library and library programming. In attending meetings regularly for the last two years, I have only seen one rank and file staff member attend a board meeting and raise concerns about the direction of the library. I'm sure that she isn't alone. We want to hear from the others.

"The Common Cents Slate is divisive"

We would like to borrow a term from psychology to address this. It is called "projection." In public presentations, current board members, their

representatives (now candidates), and their supporters have treated members of the community with disdain and open hostility. At one presentation in particular, presenters actively dodged questions, blatantly refused to answer direct questions, spent five minutes talking about an elevator to run out the clock than be faced with more difficult questions. These are the actions of divisiveness.

In addition, the actions of the current board have treated the residents of Sumpter as an afterthought, or more like an unwanted stepchild. The Common Cents Slate will represent all members of the community. Diversity is a hallmark of our ticket. We seek to represent everyone, not just a few. *"The Common Cent Slate doesn't have strong ties to community."*

Members of the Common Cents Slate have strong ties to the community. While Bernard Grant recently moved here, his brothers (over 15 years each) and sister (over 10 years) have lived here collectively for nearly five decades. Professionally, he has worked closely on development projects and has in-depth knowledge and familiarity with the ordinances from 15 years of experience working on projects in the area. Bernard Grant has worked directly to develop major facilities in Van Buren Township that have helped it become a center for engineering and research and development.

Tanya Stoudemire moved here nearly 12 years ago. However with three children, she has embraced the community through the schools, being active with the high school band, where she is known as "Mrs. Phillips," and having served on the Belleville Area Council for the Arts as the Recording Secretary.

LaChelle Reed Caver has been a homeowner in Sumpter over 15 years and before that she rented housing.

These criticism can't be aimed at Phil Miller because he is the third generation living in the same house. His family ties to the community run back nearly 110 years when they settled near French Landing and owned orchards and vegetable farms, ran a dance hall after prohibition, and later a roadhouse / restaurant.

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The **Belleville Chamber of Commerce** will be holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. this Saturday, Oct. 25 at **Crafted**, a new gift boutique and novelty store that just opened in the new Davenport strip plaza on East Columbia Avenue in the city of Belleville. The open house from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. will feature refreshments, giveaways, door prizes, and free make-and-take crafts for children and women. The public is invited. Crafted is owned by Belleville jewelry designer and artisan **Carmen Stovall** who will be selling everything from soap, jewelry, dog accessories, scarves, home décor, and more. Stovall will also offer arts and craft workshops and kids' crafts free every fourth Saturday of each month. Visit www.craftmodernhandmade.com or Call (313) 717-5027.

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The **Lunch Box** on Main Street will be offering a **Pumpkin Carving Class** for kids this Saturday, Oct. 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. on their outdoor patio. The cost is \$10 per child, which includes a pumpkin for carving, tools to use, and a Lunch Box Kid's Meal. Registration is encouraged and can be made by calling (734) 391-8287.

Halloween Decorating Contest judging is this Friday, Oct. 24 through Sunday, Oct. 26, throughout the 4811 zip code. Categories include businesses, individuals, and residential in all three Belleville communities: the City of Belleville and Sumpter and Van Buren townships. There's no cost to enter but entry forms must be submitted. Fill one out at City Hall, Belleville Chamber, or the library. The contest is sponsored by the **Belleville Area Council for the Arts**.

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U-M women's rowing team to take part in Michigan Classic Nov. 7

The University of Michigan's full women's rowing team will take part in the Michigan Classic on Friday, Nov. 7, on Belleville Lake.

On Oct. 26, U-M was part of a novice-only race at Michigan State University.

On Oct. 19, the U-M rowing team posted a fifth-place finish in the Women's Championship Eights race at the Head of the Charles, one of the most prestigious regattas held in North America, held on the Charles River. The finish is the best Michigan showing at the Head of the Charles since 2011.

The Wolverines edged Brown for fifth place. There were 34 boats in the Women's Championship Eights race, one that featured 30 of the top collegiate crews in the nation and four international crews. The women's "Great Eight" crew from the Cambridge Boat Club took the top spot in the race.

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However, given the circumstances of the current library, we aren't only running as residents of the community, but as an assembled team to help the community through the process of addressing library facility and programming needs going forward.

"What will you get for the cost of your vote?"

The Common Cents Library Committee already identified our values that we believe. Those are Accountability, Transparency, Community Involvement and Respect. In addition, we worked diligently to identify a slate of four individuals with specific knowledge, skills and professional experiences to serve the community.

Collectively, we represent an able group

of professionals that could be hired by any community to act as paid consultants to address library programming and capital needs and to develop a plan to make it happen. What is this worth? On paper, the cost of your vote will deliver over a half million dollars a year worth of professional talent. We go to work every day and serve our customers, clients and citizens with advanced skills, dedication and hard work, including the devil's tasks of tough decisions regarding staffing, programming and operations. This won't be the first time that we have to hear criticisms of our decisions. We are all battle tested and ready to serve.

It is important to vote for all four candidates of the Common Cents Slate this Nov. 4, because if any one of us isn't elected, it will allow the current board's practices to continue and our communities to suffer. A vote for Caver, Grant, Miller and Stoudemire is a wise investment in the library's future.

Phil Miller, Treasurer,
Common Cents Library Committee.

Urge you to defeat Scott Russell for school board

To the Editor:

I am urging voters to defeat Scott Russell in his bid for reelection to the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education (school

board) in November.

A couple of years ago, school board member Scott Russell came to the board table and claimed he had been approached by a group called "Parents for Education First," with whom he forthrightly said he happened to agree, to whom he claimed to have donated money, but with whom he emphatically said he had absolutely NO other association.

He claimed that the group wanted to remain anonymous and he had volunteered to represent them. He had a list of concerns that the group allegedly asked him to present. The group had a post office box, ran several newspaper ads that had no actual contact person listed, and clearly asked for financial contributions.

Make a quick trip to the library and peruse back issues of the local paper if you'd like to see the advertisements. It is not known if any money was actually collected, and if so, what was done with the money, other than paying for the newspaper ads.

Further, a search of the Wayne County Elections Division Database shows no record of the committee, although the expenditures on newspaper advertisements exceeded the financial limits at which a political campaign committee is legally required to be formed and documents filed. This was easily discovered by contacting the newspapers in question and asking for the ad prices for that ad size and duration.

No other committee members ever came forth, and no one claimed to know about the committee other than Scott Russell. An elections fraud complaint was filed with Michigan Secretary of State, who investigated using the committee's specific post office box office number, and the complaint was answered by none other than Scott Russell's wife, Mendie Russell. The last time I checked the investigation was still incomplete.

Scott Russell deceived the community by misrepresenting his involvement in "Parents for Education First." As there is no official paperwork filed, I guess we will never know the truth.

I am the treasurer of the legally filed campaign PAC, "Committee to Defeat Scott Russell and Sherry Frazier, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education." I am a former school board member, a local

property owner and a taxpayer.

While I don't know what happened to the committee or if any funds were ever actually collected, I do know this: I absolutely cannot trust Scott Russell. Please DO NOT vote for Scott Russell for Van Buren Public Schools Board of Trustees!

Toni Hunt
Belleville

Sherry Frazier is bad for kids, bad for taxpayers

To the Editor:

Taxpayers, take note. Van Buren Public School Board trustee Sherry Frazier is up for re-election.

I seriously question Frazier's competence and ability to appropriately serve this community due to (1) her complete disregard for hard-earned taxpayer dollars, (2) her blatant disregard for the laws of the State of Michigan, (3) her bullying and inappropriate verbal and physical behavior toward employees and other board members, and (4) her disturbing personal behavior when press and cameras are absent.

Sherry Frazier believes taxpayers provide an endless supply of cash. She has publicly stated many times, "Money isn't everything!" Sherry Frazier once demanded that the district give a contract to a local company that was \$23,000 higher than the lowest bidder -- well beyond the 5% board policy that applies to local businesses. "I don't care about policy!" shouted Frazier (see the *Belleville-Area Independent*, March 13, 2014). School board members must obey school district policy as it is THE LAW in the State of Michigan. Over the past four years, countless dollars were spent on legal work (paid for by the taxpayers), to protect the school district against issues directly caused by Sherry Frazier.

When the cameras are off and there is no press in the audience, beware! There is a very different Sherry Frazier on stage. With no press present, she has bullied administrators, the superintendent, board members, employees and audience

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members. She has sulked, cried, pounded the table, raised her voice and stormed out of meetings.

She interrupts board members, belittles them (and their families), and maligns their educational and professional backgrounds. She often says, "I am a graduate of the University of Michigan! Where did YOU [graduate from]?" I twice witnessed Sherry Frazier physically accost district employees. In one instance, she gestured wildly, verbally abused the employee, grabbed her arm, spun her around and said, "Don't you walk away from me, I am talking to you!" One of these incidents was documented on video, and is still available online. Please see the following website video and watch the people in the background: http://heritage.com/articles/2011/07/28/belleville_view/news/doc4e30a201094a6170612876.txt

Sherry Frazier once followed me to my car and screamed at me because she didn't agree with my vote on an issue. She managed to blanket me with spit before I could roll up my window. This is disgusting, juvenile and extremely disturbing behavior.

I've seen her threaten a valued employee, where she said, "I am your boss, be very careful as I am watching you." When did it become acceptable to threaten school district employees? NOTE TO THE MEA UNION TEAM WHO ENDORSED FRAZIER: IT IS NEVER ACCEPTABLE TO PHYSICALLY TOUCH, ACCOST, SPIT ON OR THREATEN ANYONE!

At a public meeting, Sherry Frazier pointed to a former board member who sat quietly in the audience and said, "Why is HE here? He shouldn't be here." She then said, "YOU need to leave. YOU aren't allowed to be

here." This is in direct violation of The Public Meetings Act and an egregious violation of the rights of a local taxpayer. Sherry Frazier apparently believes she is exempt from state law as well as from the school district anti-bullying policy.

During her last campaign, Sherry Frazier lied and said that she is a State of Michigan Certified School Board member. How odd, as the State of Michigan does not endorse or certify school board members! Sherry Frazier also refuses to recuse herself on votes that directly affect her son, who is a school district employee.

My voting address is no longer local, but my part-time home is in Sumpter Township. I am treasurer of the legally registered PAC, "Committee to Defeat Scott Russell and Sherry Frazier, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education." As a member of the MEA, a local taxpayer, a grandparent and a former school board member, I urge you to defeat Sherry Frazier.

There is no place on our school board for her brazen disregard for district taxpayers and for the laws of the State of Michigan. VBPS employees have taken huge concessions, yet time and time again the school district has been forced to pay big bucks for Frazier's missteps and follies. Polite disagreement, questions and lively discussion are healthy and welcome at the board table, but bullying, bad manners, physical abuse and illegal behavior are inexcusable.

Sherry Frazier is bad for kids, bad for employees and bad for taxpayers.

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City Council

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attorney and former council member, said there is a perception in the community that this is on the ballot "because of what happened to Gene and Keith," referring to retired Police Chief Gene Taylor and retired DPW Director Keith Boc.

"What happened to Gene and Keith?" asked Conley, although she had been sitting in the council chambers when both had their appeal sessions on health care earlier this year before the CSC, which voted in favor of the employees.

Chedraue said the city manager went to the CSC "because Gene wanted to keep working" and they wanted him out.

Chedraue referred to the incident where City Manager Diana Kollmeyer demoted Taylor from chief to sergeant for six months before the CSC told her to reinstate him.

"For any other employee, there's a grievance process outside the public arena," Conley said. "When it's before the Civil Service Commission, it's a public meeting.

"It's not uncommon for a person to be disciplined and that to be reduced [after a grievance is filed]," she said. "It's a little more awkward for an employer and employee in public.

"I don't know what you mean by the Keith issue," Conley added.

Conley said the charter said it will use the "scientific method" and it's gotten away from that and migrated from what it was.

Actually, the charter reads: "The purpose of the Chapter [on Civil Service] is to establish a civil service system based on merit principles and scientific methods ..."

Chedraue questioned the financial implications that Conley had mentioned.

Conley replied the CSC dealt with work hours, compensation plan, positions and other things, but not the details of pay.

Conley spoke of the CSC in the past tense. There no longer are any CSC members since the mayor failed to replace the two members who resigned shortly after the Taylor and Boc hearings [Michael Loria and Roy Acho] and refused to reappoint 20-year member Don Bluhm, whose term expired May 31.

At the June 16 council meeting, Councilman Thomas Fielder said he doesn't want people to think this charter change is a "stealth project" and when it gets closer to the election they should have a meeting with discussion so people in favor and opposed to the change can speak. But, no meeting was ever scheduled.

"The attitude shouldn't be that the council is changing the charter," Councilman Fielder said.

The chairman of the City Charter Commission in 1981-2 was Richard Smith who recently, along with the 20-year CSC

member Bluhm, published letters to the *Independent* urging city voters not to approve the ballot question that aims to remove the CSC from the charter.

In other business at Monday's 40-minute public meeting, the council:

- Approved the request of the Canton Lions Club to fund raise on Main Street between Five Points and Third from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24. The Lions Club supports the blind and hearing impaired. Bill Van Winkle said the Lions members are getting on in years and wanted to fund raise during good weather, before it gets too cold. "Belleville people are very generous to us," he added;

- Approved on a 4-1 vote the Black Magic Ball on the Fourth Street Square on from 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, put on by the Belleville Community Chorus. Claudia Roullier was present to make the request. The request was taken off the last council agenda because no one from the chorus was present, as required. Beer and wine will be provided by Egan's Pub. Councilwoman Kim Tindall always votes against serving alcoholic beverages on city property;

- Approved the 1-Mile Dash in Disguise by the Plymouth YMCA from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, leading into the already approved CAF5 pancake breakfast at the Fourth Street Square. The costumed event starts at 9 a.m. at the Horizon Park gazebo. Karen Mida presented the event to the council and said, "We don't have alcohol or anything" and the walk will be on the sidewalks, with reserve police officers on hand to guide walkers safely across Main Street at about Second Street;

- Approved Rodney Herald's request for the Lunch Box to hold free hayrides on Halloween, Oct. 31, following the Trick or Treating downtown. They plan to give rides from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. from the Lunch Box parking lot on Liberty Street;

- Was informed the approved parking signs will be put up on one side of the streets in the Harbour Pointe subdivision by the end of the week. This is intended to control traffic, especially during Halloween, so emergency vehicles have room to enter and leave the housing complex;

- Heard council members praise the Zombie Run held the previous week end that was put on by two BHS New Tech students and the Belleville Downtown Development Authority and had more than 180 registered runners. Mayor Conley said the students put on a Zombie University before the race and taught participants what to wear and how not to scare people;

- Heard former councilman Brian Blackburn and his wife talk of the need for street lights between Victoria Commons and Five Points, since it is very dark in the morning when teenagers have to walk from the subdivision to the high school along that route. The sidewalk between Davenport's new plaza and the railroad tracks is unfinished and students are stumbling into mud puddles in the dark along that route. Fire Chief Brian Loranger said the park along that route is dark, also. Blackburn said they will contact School Supt. Michael Van Tassel about the problem and Mayor Conley said the city will look into it; and

- Went into closed-door session to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations.

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Natural Law Party	Kristy Pagan Democratic	Marc Joseph Sosnowski U.S. Taxpayers
	STATE BOARDS	Margaret Gutshall Green
	MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Vote for not more than 2	Latham T. Redding Green
	Maria Carl Republican	Yolanda Robson Natural Law
STATE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Vote for not more than 1	Jonathan Tade Williams Republican	COUNTY
Rick Snyder Republican	Pamela Pugh Smith Democratic	COUNTY EXECUTIVE Vote for not more than 1
Brian Nelson Calley Republican	Casandra E. Ulbrich Democratic	John Dalton Republican
Mark Schauer Democratic	Kimberly Moore Libertarian	Warren C. Evans Democratic
Lisa Brown Democratic	Gregory Scott Stempfle Libertarian	Keith Butkovich Libertarian
Mary Buzuma Libertarian	John Adams U.S. Taxpayers	COUNTY COMMISSIONER 11th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1
Scotty Boman Libertarian	Karen Adams U.S. Taxpayers	A. Haldous Democratic
Mark McFarlin U.S. Taxpayers	Sherry A. Wells Green	
Richard Mendoza U.S. Taxpayers	Nikki Mattson Natural Law	
Paul Homeniuk Green		
Candace R. Cavery Green	REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN Vote for not more than 2	NONPARTISAN SECTION
SECRETARY OF STATE Vote for not more than 1	Rob Steele Republican	JUDICIAL
	Ronald Weiser Republican	JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT Vote for not more than 2
Ruth Johnson Republican	Mike Behm Democratic	Brian Zahra Justice of Supreme Court
Godfrey Dillard Democratic	Kathy White Democratic	Richard Bernstein
James Lewis Libertarian	James Lewis Hudler Libertarian	Doug Dern
Robert Gale U.S. Taxpayers	John Jacob Libertarian	Bill Murphy
Jason Robert Gatties Natural Law	Joe Sanger U.S. Taxpayers	James Robert Redford
	Christina C. Schwartz U.S. Taxpayers	
Ian Swanson Green		
ATTORNEY GENERAL Vote for not more than 1	TRUSTEE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Vote for not more than 2	JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT INCUMBENT POSITION Partial Term Ending 01/01/2017 Vote for not more than 1
Bill Schuette Republican	Melanie Foster Republican	Kerry L. Morgan
Mark Totten Democratic	Jeff Sakwa Republican	Deborah A. Thomas
Justin M. Altman Libertarian	Faylene Owen Democratic	David Viviano Justice of Supreme Court
Gerald T. Van Sickle U.S. Taxpayers	George J. Perles Democratic	JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS 1st DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 3
John Anthony La Pietra Green	Michael H. Miller Libertarian	Karen Fort Hood Judge of Court of Appeals
	Raymond Moses Libertarian	Christopher M. Murray Judge of Court of Appeals
	Crystal Van Sickle U.S. Taxpayers	Michael J. Talbot Judge of Court of Appeals
	Stephen J. Young U.S. Taxpayers	
	Adam Adrianson Green	
	Terry Link Green	
	Bridgette Guzman Natural Law	
CONGRESSIONAL		SUMPTER TOWNSHIP ONLY
UNITED STATES SENATOR Vote for not more than 1		LEGISLATIVE
Terri Lynn Land Republican		STATE SENATOR 6th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1
Gary Peters Democratic		Darrell McNeill Republican
Jim Fulner Libertarian		Hoon-Yung Hopgood Democratic
Richard A. Matkin U.S. Taxpayers		
Chris Wahnhoff Green		
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 12th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1		REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 17th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1
Terry Bowman Republican		Charles A. Londo Republican
Debbie Dingell Democratic		Bill LaVoy Democratic
Bhagwan Dasairya Libertarian		
Gary Walkowicz No Party Affiliation		

JUDICIAL	JUDICIAL	PROPOSAL 14-2
JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3rd CIRCUIT INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 16	JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT 34th DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 1	A REFERENDUM OF PUBLIC ACT 21 OF 2013, GRANTING THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION THE POWER TO DESIGNATE WOLVES AND CERTAIN OTHER ANIMALS AS GAME WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE ACTION
David J. Allen Judge of Circuit Court	David M. Parrott Judge of District Court	Public Act 21 of 2013 would:
Ulysses Whitaker Boykin Judge of Circuit Court	Lisa Martin	• Allow the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to designate certain animals as game for hunting purposes and establish the first hunting season for game animals without legislative action.
Megan Maher Brennan Judge of Circuit Court	COMMUNITY COLLEGE	• Continue the NRC's designation of wolves as game and allow the NRC to set a wolf hunting season.
Daphne Means Curtis Judge of Circuit Court	BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE 9th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	• Grant the Legislature sole authority to remove a species from the list of designated game animals.
Chris Dingell Judge of Circuit Court	Sharon P. Scott	• Eliminate the \$1.00 hunting and fishing licensing fee for members of the military, whether stationed inside or outside of Michigan, subject to any lottery.
Charlene M. Elder Judge of Circuit Court	LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	• Give the NRC the sole authority to regulate fishing.
Vonda R. Evans Judge of Circuit Court	BOARD MEMBER VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS Vote for not more than 3	Should this law be approved?
John H. Gillis, Jr. Judge of Circuit Court	Alison Bennett	YES <input type="radio"/>
Daniel A. Hathaway Judge of Circuit Court	Kevin English	NO <input type="radio"/>
Edward J. Joseph Judge of Circuit Court	Sherry Frazier	
Connie Marie Kelley Judge of Circuit Court	Matthew Mann	COUNTY
Lynne A. Pierce Judge of Circuit Court	Scott Russell	THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION
Richard M. Skutt Judge of Circuit Court		SECTION 6.112 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER APPOINTS THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION AS MEMBERS OF THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION. SECTION 6.112 AUTHORIZES THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO APPOINT A DESIGNEE TO REPRESENT HIM/HER ON THE RETIREMENT COMMISSION.
Craig S. Strong Judge of Circuit Court		SHALL SECTION 6.112 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPOINT A DESIGNEE TO REPRESENT HIM/HER ON THE RETIREMENT COMMISSION?
Lawrence S. Talon Judge of Circuit Court		YES <input type="radio"/>
Margaret M. Van Houten Judge of Circuit Court		NO <input type="radio"/>
JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3rd CIRCUIT NON-INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 1	DISTRICT LIBRARY	
Shannon N. Walker	BOARD MEMBER BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT Vote for not more than 4	
JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 8th CIRCUIT INCUMBENT POSITION Partial Term Ending 01/01/2019 Vote for not more than 4	Joseph Monte	
Thomas Cameron Judge of Circuit Court	Sharon C. Peters	
Charles S. Hegarty Judge of Circuit Court	Tanya Stoudemire	
Catherine L. Heise Judge of Circuit Court	LaChelle Reed Caver	
Qiana Denise Lillard Judge of Circuit Court	Mary Jane Dawson	
	Bernard A. Grant	
	Paul W. Henning	
	Phillip Miller	
JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3rd CIRCUIT INCUMBENT POSITION Partial Term Ending 01/01/2017 Vote for not more than 2	PROPOSAL SECTION STATE	CITY OF BELLEVILLE ONLY
Alexis A. Glendening Judge of Circuit Court	PROPOSAL 14-1	CITY
Martha M. Snow Judge of Circuit Court	A REFERENDUM OF PUBLIC ACT 520 OF 2012, ESTABLISHING A HUNTING SEASON FOR WOLVES AND AUTHORIZING ANNUAL WOLF HUNTING SEASONS	PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF CITY OF BELLEVILLE CHARTER TO DELETE CHAPTER XVI CIVIL SERVICES
JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 2	Public Act 520 of 2012 would:	There are currently three (3) positions that are not covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements that are covered by the provisions of the Civil Service system, those being, Police Chief, Director of Public Works/Building Official, and City Clerk. Shall Chapter XVI, entitled "Civil Service," of the Belleville City Charter be repealed to eliminate a system of Civil Service in the City of Belleville?
Judy A. Hartsfield Judge of Probate Court	• Designate wolf as game for hunting purposes and authorize the first wolf hunting season.	YES <input type="radio"/>
Terrance Ashworth Keith Judge of Probate Court	• Allow the Natural Resources Commission to schedule annual wolf hunting seasons.	NO <input type="radio"/>
JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT NON-INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 1	• Provide criminal penalties for the unlawful possession or taking of wolves, but shield a person who lawfully captures or destroys a wolf from prosecution.	
Rohn Mitchell	• Require a person who wishes to hunt wolves to obtain a wolf hunting license.	
David Braxton	• Create a Wolf Management Advisory Council for the purpose of making nonbinding recommendations to the legislature regarding the proper management of wolves.	
JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT INCUMBENT POSITION Partial Term Ending 01/01/2017 Vote for not more than 1	Should this law be approved?	
Lisa Marie Neilson Judge of Probate Court	YES <input type="radio"/>	
	NO <input type="radio"/>	

Sample Ballot

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP ONLY

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	
BOARD MEMBER	
AIRPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL	
Vote for not more than 2	
Janice M. Doederlein	<input type="radio"/>
William Gretzler	<input type="radio"/>
Bart Stasa	<input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>
BOARD MEMBER	
AIRPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL	
Partial Term Ending 12/31/2018	
Vote for not more than 2	
Allen Joseph Burger	<input type="radio"/>
James M. Geiermann	<input type="radio"/>

"You have to be odd to be number one."
— Dr. Seuss

White, Brooks

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more than a year ago. After disbarment he immediately filed bankruptcy and has been running his cleaning firm since then.

The first five felony charges were filed against White on Sept. 6, 2013 and the next 15 felonies on Dec. 18, 2013.

White's attorney is Michael Vincent who has been successful with delaying court sessions for more than a year.

White's preliminary exam on the first five charges was reset six times before being waived on April 9, when White was bound over to circuit court for trial. On May 2, Judge Van Houten approved a motion to consolidate the first five charges with the 15 charges so now the case has the combined 20 charges.

Judge Roberson said there will be no more plea deals after the final conference, since the final conference was supposed to be the last session before a jury trial. A bench trial is more flexible.

On Sept. 12, Vincent told Judge Roberson that so far there had been no plea deal offered, but they were working on "coming to an agreement."

Judge Van Houten had said a two-to-three-week trial would be needed before a jury. Assistant Prosecutor Daniel Williams

previously told the judge that 50-60 witnesses will be called if the cases go to trial.

David Ryan Brooks

At his final conference on Oct. 15, David Ryan Brooks, 25, of Van Buren Township, pled guilty to a new charge of Assault Family With Gun, a misdemeanor that could bring up to 93 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine.

As part of the plea deal, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge James A. Callahan dismissed the original charges. Brooks had been charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), a four-year felony, and weapons-felony firearm, a mandatory two-year felony.

Sentencing has been set for 9 a.m., Nov. 5, before Judge Callahan. Brooks was ordered to give a DNA sample and was referred to the Probation Department for a pre-sentence report.

At the time of the incident, Brooks was a Romulus police officer who was fired after the Wayne County Prosecutor approved the two felony charges. Brooks' attorney, Michael Vincent, said at a court session that Brooks had a court case and was seeking his job back.

Brooks, who was off-duty, was accused of pointing his hand gun at another motorist during a road rage incident on Belleville Road in VBT on May 29.

The plea deal was in the works when attorney Vincent met with Assistant Prosecutor Patrick Coletta in Judge Callahan's chambers on Sept. 24. Judge Callahan rejected the first proposal for a plea and told them to come back on Oct. 15.

Correction: The Cursons live in VBT

Sharon Curson and her husband former Congressman David Curson live in Van Buren Township. In our Oct. 9 story on the recent Meet the Candidate night, we mistakenly said Sharon lived in Sumpter Township. One of our readers pointed out our mistake and asked for a correction.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

Birthdays

Sept. 3 – Brittany Hill
Oct. 12 – Linda Coleman
Oct. 14 – Mary Jane Dawson
Oct. 23 – Jennifer Barbee

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. 26 – Jim and Shelly Chudzinski, 1 year
Oct. 30 – Dave and Marti Brown, 44 years

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On Wednesday, October 29, 2014, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr., Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1998	MERCURY	4D	2MEFM75W1WX672937	14-15935
1997	CHRYSLER	SW	1C4GP64LXVB358722	14-17118
1996	DODGE	4D	1B3HD46T2TF166877	14-18328
1994	JEEP	SW	1J4FJ68S9RL205497	14-18177
1999	DODGE	4D	1B3EJ46X6XN684596	14-18753

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

2003	JAGUAR	4D	SAJEA01T63FM75246	14-12682
2005	CHEVROLET	SW	2CNDL13F556132728	14-13675
2001	DODGE	4D	1B3EJ46X41N532324	14-13789
1996	BUICK	4D	1G4AG5546T6486786	14-13826
2007	FORD	4D	1FAHP37N67W342096	14-15463
2000	GMC	PU	2GTEC19T7Y1317466	14-16612
2002	PONTIAC	2D	1G2WR12172F251002	14-16622
2005	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WH52K059317264	14-16622
1992	JAYCO	TR	1UJCJ02M6N1LK0225	14-16694
1998	FORD	SW	1FMPU18L4WLA56758	14-16957
1999	CHRYSLER	2D	4C3AU52N7XE137208	14-17171
1997	BMW	4D	WBADD6326VBW05655	14-17601
1990	JAGUAR	4D	SAJKY1744LC622783	14-18727
2004	PONTIAC	4D	1G2NF52E14M543015	14-18380

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

Leon Wright, CMC
Van Buren Township Clerk
Published: October 23, 2014

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**CITY OF BELLEVILLE
NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653(a); notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the City of Belleville that the GENERAL ELECTION will be held TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014.

Polls are open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. EST.

Polling place locations for the City of Belleville:

Precinct #1 and Precinct #2 are located at St. Anthony's Church (Father Folta Building), 409 W. Columbia

Each person voting in the election must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age.
- (b) A registered elector of the City of Belleville.

The following Offices will be voted upon:

Governor and Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State
Attorney General
United States Senator
Representative in Congress 12th District
State Senator 6th District
Representative in State Legislature 21st District
Member of the State Board of Education
Regent of the University of Michigan
Trustee of Michigan State University
Governor of Wayne State University
County Executive
County Commissioner 11th District
Justice of Supreme Court
Justice of Supreme Court Incumbent Position Partial Term Ending 01/01/2017
Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District Incumbent Position
Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position
Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Non-Incumbent Position
Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position Partial Term Ending 01/01/2019
Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position Partial Term Ending 01/01/2017
Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position
Judge of Probate Court Non-Incumbent Position
Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position Partial Term Ending 01/01/2017
Judge of District Court 34th District Incumbent Position
Board of Trustees Member Wayne County Community College 9th District
Board Member Van Buren Public Schools
Board Member Belleville District Library

Ballot Proposal

**PROPOSAL 14-1
A REFERENDUM OF PUBLIC ACT 520 OF 2012, ESTABLISHING A HUNTING SEASON FOR WOLVES AND AUTHORIZING ANNUAL WOLF HUNTING SEASONS**

Public Act 520 of 2012 would:

- Designate wolf as game for hunting purposes and authorize the first wolf hunting season.
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- Provide criminal penalties for the unlawful possession or taking of wolves, but shield a person who lawfully captures or destroys a wolf from prosecution.
- Require a person who wishes to hunt wolves to obtain a wolf hunting license.
- Create a Wolf Management Advisory Council for the purposes of making nonbinding recommendations to the legislature regarding the proper management of wolves.

Should this law be approved?

**YES
NO**

**PROPOSAL 14-2
A REFERENDUM OF PUBLIC ACT 21 OF 2013, GRANTING THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION THE POWER TO DESIGNATE WOLVES AND CERTAIN OTHER ANIMALS AS GAME WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

Public Act 21 of 2013 would:

- Allow the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to designate certain animals as game for hunting purposes and establish the first hunting season for game animals without legislative action.
- Continue the NRC's designation of wolves as game and allow the NRC to set a wolf hunting season.
- Grant the Legislature sole authority to remove a species from the list of designated game animals.
- Eliminate the \$1.00 hunting and fishing licensing fee for members of the military, whether stationed inside or outside of Michigan, subject to any lottery.
- Give the NRC the sole authority to regulate fishing.

Should this law be adopted?

**YES
NO**

THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION

Section 6.112 of the Wayne County Home Rule Charter appoints the Wayne County Executive and the Chairperson of the Wayne County Commission as members of the Wayne County Retirement Commission. Section 6.112 authorizes the Wayne County Executive to appoint a designee to represent him/her on the retirement commission.

Shall Section 6.112 of the Wayne County Home Rule Charter be amended to authorize the chairperson of the Wayne County Commission to appoint a designee to represent him/her on the retirement commission?

**YES
NO**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF CITY OF BELLEVILLE CHARTER TO DELETE CHAPTER XVI CIVIL SERVICES

There are currently three (3) positions that are not covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements that are covered by the provisions of the Civil Service system, those being, Police Chief, Director of Public Works/Building Official, and City Clerk. Shall Chapter XVI, entitled "Civil Service," of the Belleville City Charter be repealed to eliminate a system of Civil Service in the City of Belleville?

**YES
NO**

NOTICE FURTHER GIVEN, that all polling places located in the City of Belleville to be used at the November 4, 2014 General Election are accessible to voters who are elderly or handicapped.

NOTICE FURTHER GIVEN, that any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice other than the voter's employer or agent of that employee or officer or agent of the voter's union.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Clerk in accordance with Section 168.653 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended, and Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the November 4, 2014 General Election is Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Lisa Long,
City Clerk

Publish: October 23, 2014



**CITY OF BELLEVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST**

In compliance with State Election Law 168, Section 798, a test will be conducted on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 2:00 P. M. in City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI for the purpose of certifying the program to be used in the counting device which will be utilized to process voter ballots in the Tuesday, November 4, 2014 General Election. Test will be open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend.

The City of Belleville will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734-697-9323.

Lisa Long
City Clerk

Publish: October 23, 2014

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 4, 2014

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that the General Election will be held TUESDAY, November 4, 2014.

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST. Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

Precinct #1	McBride Middle School	47097 McBride
Precinct #2	Wayne County Community College	9555 Haggerty Rd.
Precinct #3	Van Buren Township Hall (Board Room)	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #4	Van Buren Township Hall (Gym)	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #5	Tyler Elementary School	42299 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #6	Belleville High	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #7	Belleville High	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #8	Haggerty Elementary School	13770 Haggerty Rd
Precinct #9	Savage Elementary School	42975 Savage Rd
Precinct #10	Owen Intermediate School	45201 Owen St.

All polling place locations are handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office prior to Election Day.

Candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties and non-partisan candidates for the following offices will be voted upon in the County of Wayne:

Governor and Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State
United States Senator (1 seat)
United States Representative in Congress
State Senator
Representative in State Legislature
State Board of Education Members (2 seats)
University of Michigan Regents (2 seats)
Michigan State University Trustees (2 seats)
Wayne State University Governors (2 seats)
County Executive
County Commissioner
Justice of the Supreme Court (2 seats)
Justice of the Supreme Court Incumbent (partial term ending 1/1/2017) (1 seat)
Judge of the Court of Appeals 1st District- Incumbent (3 seats)
Judge of the Circuit Court- 3rd Circuit –Incumbent (16 seats)
Judge of the Circuit Court- 3rd Circuit- Non-Incumbent (1 seat)
Judge of the Circuit Court- 3rd Circuit-Incumbent (partial term ending 1/1/2019) (4 seats)
Judge of the Circuit Court- 3rd Circuit-Incumbent (partial term ending 1/1/2017) (2 seats)
Judge of the Probate Court- Incumbent (2 seats)
Judge of the Probate Court- Non-Incumbent (1 seat)
Judge of the Probate Court- Incumbent (partial term ending 1/1/2017) (1 seat)
Judge of District Court, 34th District- Incumbent Position (1 seat)
Board of Trustees Member- 9th District Wayne County Community College (1 seat)
Board Member-Belleville Area District Library (4 seats)
Board Member-Lincoln Consolidated Schools (3 seats)
Board Member-Van Buren Public Schools (3 seats)

PROPOSALS: STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROPOSAL 14-1

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PROPOSAL 14-2

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COUNTY

WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION APPROVE OR NOT APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6.112 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPOINT A DESIGNEE TO REPRESENT HIM/HER ON THE RETIREMENT COMMISSION.

A sample of the ballot may be obtain at the Van Buren Township Clerk's Office or on the Township website www.vanburen-mi.org.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Oct. 23; Friday, October 24; and Saturday, Oct. 25** – The Belleville Area Museum is hosting "The Big Reveal" tours of the museum from 7 to 10 p.m. each night. Last tour leaves 9:30 p.m. Cost \$5. Tours will point out the results of the recent parahunt.

• **Saturday, Oct. 25** – Join with other volunteers at 8:30 a.m. at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville to place flags at veterans' graves in anticipation of Veterans Day.

• **Sunday, Oct. 26** – It's the last Turkey Shoot of the year at noon at the gun range on Willow Road. Fund-raiser for Sumpter Parks and Rec, on the four Sundays in October.

• **Sunday, Oct. 26** – Fall Festival at 5 p.m.

HALLOWEEN DECOR LIQUIDATION SALE

EVERYTHING MUST GO!

Saturday, October 25
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Wayne County Fairgrounds
on Quirk Road
Call 734-697-7002

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168 Section 798, a Public Hearing will be conducted on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law for the General Election to be held Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Said meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend. The Charter Township of Van Buren will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734.699.8909.

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Publish 10-23-14

Sumpter Township Public Notice

TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER NOTICE OF ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test will be conducted on the following date and time for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulation equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the General Election to be held on November 4, 2014 in Sumpter Township, Wayne County.

The Public Accuracy Test will be held on October 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, MI 48111

The Township of Sumpter will provide in accordance with the Disabilities Act a reasonable accommodation with advanced notice to the Clerk's Office. Candidates and other interested parties are invited to attend. For further information contact: Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk at 734-461-6201.

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**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Treasurer J. Morgan showing present: Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, Swinson, & P. Morgan. Medical: Supervisor Vawters. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approximately 18 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public comments on agenda items only

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve minutes of regular board meeting of September 9, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to accept minutes of the parks & recreation minutes of August 20, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve warrants totaling \$2,360,686. 54 Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, Hoffman, Bates, Hamm, Swinson, & P. Morgan. Nay: None. Absent: Vawters. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the parks & recreation/chamber report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Attorney: No report

9. Board response:

A. Motion by P. Morgan supported by Swinson to set a committee to discuss the medical marijuana ordinance Matt Oddy, Jane Stalmack, Jim Clark and as liaison Attorney Young and Planner Kreps. Motion carried unanimously.

10. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to appoint Chris Walter-Hamm as a member of the planning commission to expire in 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to cancel the November 11, 2014 meeting due to Veterans Day holiday township hall is closed. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Bates, supported by Swinson to approve to purchase volleyball equipment (nets, posts, lines) for volleyball court in Banotai park cost \$1,222.10 paid from Wayne County Parks Grant Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by Hamm, supported by P. Morgan to allow the use of the gym at the community center for a craft show November 7 & 8, 2014 proceeds to support the senior Christmas party. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve to raise the election works pay for chairman \$10.00 hr., co-chair \$9.50 hr., inspector \$9.00 hr. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve supplement #23 of code of ordinances cost \$1,922.00. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Announcements

12. Open Floor

13. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to adjourn at 7:33 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on September 23, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
Published: October 23, 2014

**TO THE ELECTORS OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Notice is hereby given, that a General Election will be held in this county Tuesday, November 4, 2014, at which time the following will be voted upon:

Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General United States Senator, Representative in Congress 15th district, State Senator, Representative in State Legislature, State Board of Education, University of Michigan Regents, Michigan State University Trustees, Wayne State University Governors, County Executive, County Commissioner, Justice of Supreme Court, Justice of Supreme Court Incumbent, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Judge of Third Circuit Court, Judge of the Probate Court, Judge of the District Court 34th, Schoolcraft Community College, Wayne County Community College, Local School District Boards, Library Boards.

Proposal 14-1 A Referendum of public Act 520 of 2012, establishing a hunting season for wolves and authorizing annual wolf hunting seasons. Public Act 520 of 2012 would: Designate wolf as game for hunting purposes and authorize the first wolf hunting season. Allow the Natural Resources Commission to schedule annual wolf hunting seasons. Provide criminal penalties for the unlawful possession or taking of wolves. But shield a person who lawfully captures or destroys a wolf from prosecution. Requires a person who wishes to hunt wolves to obtain a wolf hunting license. Create a Wolf Management Advisory Council for the purpose of making nonbinding recommendations to the legislature regarding the proper management of wolves. Should this law be approved? Yes or No

Proposal 14-2 A Referendum of Public Act 21 of 2013, granting the natural resources commission the power to designate wolves and other animals as game without legislative action. Public act 21 of 2013 would: Allow the Natural resources animals as game for hunting purposes without legislative action. Allow the NRC to schedule a wolf hunt. Grant the Legislature the sole authority to remove a species from the list of designated game animals. Eliminate the \$1.00 hunting and fishing licensing fee for members of the military whether stationed inside or outside of Michigan, subject to any lottery. Give the NRC the sole authority to regulate fishing. Should this law be approved? Yes or No

Wayne County Retirement Commission Section 6.112 of the Wayne County home rule charter appoints the Wayne County Executive and the chairperson of the Wayne County Commission as members of the Wayne County retirement commission. Section 6.112 authorizes the Wayne county executive to appoint a designee to represent him/her on the retirement commission. Shall section 6.112 of the Wayne County home rule charter be amended to authorize the chairperson of the Wayne County commission to appoint a designee to represent him/her on the retirement commission? Yes or No

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 1, 2014 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows: County of Wayne, November 3, 2009, 1 mill; thru 2019; Wayne County Jail August 7, 2012 1 mill, 2021. Wayne County Parks November 2, 2010 0.25 mills 2015. Wayne County Community College November 6, 2008 1.25 mill, 2020 November 6, 2012 1 mill; Sumpter Township May 3, 2011, 1 mill 2015, August 3, 2010, 3 mills 2015; Huron Township School District November 2011 18 mills, 2017 (non-homestead only). Lincoln Consolidated Schools November 2012, 18 mills 2018 (non-homestead only) November 2012 .1 mills 2018. Van Buren School District November 2011, 18 mills 2016 (non-homestead only), November 2008, 1.13 mills 2015. Airport Community Schools, May 2013, 18 mills, 2018 (non-homestead only).

ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOTS are now available and may be obtained from the Clerk's Office, for electors who expect to be absent from the community, physically disabled, cannot attend the polls because of tenets of their religion, or are 60 years of age or older. Notice is further given that the office will be opened on Saturday November 1, 2014 from 9 am to 2 pm the deadline for acceptance of Absentee Ballot Application in accordance with Section 168.759 of the Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948 as amended.

EMERGENCY ABSENT VOTER APPLICATIONS will be issued to any registered elector at any time prior to 4 pm on Election Day is he/she shall have become physically disabled or shall be absent from the Township because of sickness or death in the family, which has occurred at a time which has made it impossible to apply for Absent Voter's Ballots by the statutory deadline.

Each person voting in the election must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age;
- (b) A registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides.

Precinct Locations are as follows:

Precinct 1,3	Sumpter Community Center 23501 Sumpter (Corner of Dunn)
Precinct 2,	Moose Lodge 45476 Harris (Corner of Sumpter)
Precinct 4 & 6	Fire Station #1 20550 Sumpter Road
Precinct 5	Bessie Hoffman School 50700 Willow

The polls of said Special Election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on the day of election.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.
Clerk
Sumpter Township

Publish: October 23, 2014

**One Call Does It All . . .
. . . At the Independent
699-9020**



City of Belleville
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2014

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN

COMMENTS None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of September 15, 2014 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinance amending Part II Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1, Section 1-13 Penalties and Sanctions.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 14-117** to open Public Hearing at 8:07 P.M. to discuss an Ordinance amending Part II Code

of Ordinances, Chapter 1, Section 1-13 Penalties and Sanctions.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to close Public Hearing at 8:08 P.M.

B. Ordinance Amendment – Snow & Ice Removal

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-118** to open Public Hearing at 8:09 P.M. to discuss an ordinance amendment to the Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to close Public Hearing at 8:09 P.M.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Booville Events – CBC

Motion by Smith, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 14-119** to approve a request from

CBC to use Fourth Street Square for Booville events on October 25, 2014 with set up to begin on October 23rd. CBC kids from 12-4 p.m. with games, movies and A & W. CBC adults 6-11 P.M. with movies, food and drinks served by the Bayou Grill. City to be named as additionally insured by CBC and liquor license puller to be additionally insured.

AYES: Conley, Fielder, Loria, Smith

NAYS: Tindall

MOTION CARRIED.

B. Booville Events – Community Chorus

Request for Community Chorus Booville events to be brought back at a later date when a representative is present for discussion of the request.

C. Booville Events – Chamber of Commerce

City Council member Tindall requested porta potties to be utilized during the Chamber Booville Events. It was also noted that Egan's Pub will be providing the food and drinks from 6-11 P.M.

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 14-120** to approve a request from Chamber of Commerce to use Fourth Street Square on October 24, 2014 to set up a tent for the Booville

Masquerade Dance from 6-11 P.M.

AYES: Conley, Fielder, Loria, Smith

NAYS: Tindall

MOTION CARRIED.

D. Ordinance Amending Part II Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1, Section 1-13 Penalties and Sanctions

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve **Ordinance No. 14-001** to approve the Ordinance Amending Part II Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1, Section 1-13 Penalties and Sanctions as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Ordinance Amendment – Snow and Ice Removal

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve **Ordinance No. 14-002** to approve an Amendment to the Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. Ordinance Amendment – Sign Ordinance

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve **Ordinance No. 14-003** approve amendments to the Sign Ordinance as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. Refuse & Recycling Contract Recommendation

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-121** to approve the recommendation made by administration to remain with Republic Waste Services based on the fact that they are the lowest bid of the two remaining bids and that our pick-up day would remain on Thursdays.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

H. Open Bids – Fire Truck Repairs

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 14-122** to Open bids for the repair of three fire trucks (Engine 451, Rescue 453 and Engine 461).

Engine 451 Apollo \$3,850.00

R & R Truck \$5,035.00

R 453 Apollo \$5,178.00

R & R Truck \$3,308.00

Engine 461 Apollo \$7,761.00

R & R Truck \$9,100.00

Emergency Vehicles Plus regrettably declined the offer to bid on the repairs due to an overwhelming amount of work they currently have to do.

Bids were referred to administration for review and recommendation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 14-123** to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: October 20, 2014

Published: October 23, 2014



City of Belleville Public Notice



Fall 2014 Leaf Collection Schedule

The City of Belleville will start this year's fall leaf collection program on Monday, November 3, 2014. The City is divided into two service areas to make the leaf collection process more convenient and efficient. City crews will pick up leaves in each area on alternating weeks according to the schedule below.

Please put piles of leaves (without twigs and other yard waste) between the sidewalk and curb - not in the road. Piles of leaves will be left uncollected if they cannot be accessed because of parked cars. Twigs and other yard waste may be placed in paper bags or yard waste containers for the regular weekly refuse collection through November.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Only leaves, grass clippings and garden waste (free of dirt, root balls, twigs and branches) may be placed for leaf collection between the sidewalk and curb. If there are any twigs, sticks, paper, rocks, trash or garbage of any kind, the City will not be able to pick up the pile, and you will be responsible for having the material removed.

SERVICE AREA No. 1

SERVICE AREA No. 2

COLLECTION DURING WEEKS OF

November 3rd
November 17th
December 1st

November 10th
November 24th
December 8th

LOCATIONS INCLUDED IN SERVICE AREA

Harbour Pointe Sub
North & South Liberty
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th
Streets
Church Street
Charles
Brain
Edison
High
East & West Columbia
Roys
Sumpter Road
Savage Road
South Street
Main Street
Victoria Commons

Huron River Drive
Angola
Robbe
Madelon
Roland
Bedell
Clarence
Greylock
North & South Biggs
North & South Edgemont
Wexford
Potter
Henry
East & West Wabash

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More Letters

Don't like how 2 board members do their jobs

To the Editor:

My name is Alison Bennett, I am a candidate for Van Buren Public Schools Board of Trustees, and I would appreciate your vote on Nov. 4.

While our district has made significant progress in the past four years, the atmosphere on our school board has become increasingly toxic. Much of this, I believe, is directly attributable to the actions of two of my incumbent opponents.

It's been suggested that I just "don't like" these particular individuals. That is hardly the case; I personally don't know them. What I don't like (and have had a chance to observe) is the way they do their jobs, especially when it comes to stewardship of taxpayer money, willingness to abide by an acceptable code of conduct during public meetings, and sometimes even compliance with state law.

The past four years have shown these incumbent candidates to be questionable custodians of district revenues. There have been demands that the district pay for services over and above those already provided for under contract, and for spurious reasons that have nothing to do with providing quality educational opportunities for all the district's students.

There have been demands that the district incur the expense of holding "special" board meetings to study issues that pertain not to the majority of district students and parents, but only to the interests of select groups. Additionally (and in violation of state law), there has been open lobbying to award a contract to a party whose bid significantly exceeded the lowest submitted.

The past four years have also seen many instances of verbal bullying and demeaning of fellow board members. There have been attempts to repress opposing views by interrupting and shouting over dissenting colleagues. More than once there have been public refusals to be governed by the very laws the incumbent had promised to uphold. The result of all this is that discussions frequently degenerate into shouting matches and belittling comments that detract from the business at hand.

I believe that school board members with integrity are guided by a principled desire to serve all students in that district.

That means the money entrusted to them by taxpayers is spent toward supplying providing everyone with the best educational opportunities possible. That also means that they realize their obligation to work with each other respectfully and in good faith, without promoting personal interests and without pandering for the endorsements of particular interest groups at the expense of fellow board members, as well as the district itself.

This approach will not always make them popular with everyone. We like to hear public officials assure us we can always have things our own way; it's only human. But I believe that it's the only approach that can create a district that the entire community can ultimately be proud of. And if you elect me, I can promise that this is the approach I will take.

I'm asking for your vote on Nov. 4. Thank you.

Alison Bennett
Van Buren Township

INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

LOST

MALE CAT-brown tabby. South Service Drive and Belleville Rd. May be injured. Call (734) 697-0412 10/30

GRAY COCKATIEL, Angel, with white along both her wings. Lost in Belleville since July 8, 2014. Reward. Call Linda (734) 699-2266. 10/30

DIGITAL CAMERA left at BHS Football Stadium on Thursday, September 18. Heartbroken over the loss. Please consider at least returning the SD card with three years of family pictures to: 13851 Lenmoore, Belleville 48111 or call (734) 325-6874. 10/30

MISSING SINCE May 21. 6 year old orange tabby male cat named Charlie. All declawed. I-94 S. Service Drive Area - REWARD. (734) 699-5997 10/30

FOR RENT

LARGE QUIET 2 BR apartment. No pets, no smoke, utilities paid, laundry hookups. \$750/mo. discount available. Call: (406) 546-8730 10/23

1 BR. APT. 2nd Floor. Corner of 5th & Liberty St. \$595/mo. plus security. Includes heat & water. 1 yr. lease. Must have good credit. No Pets. (734) 945-2409 TFN

BEAUTIFUL 2 BR. TOWNHOUSE Laundry inside, enclosed private deck/yard & pool. Free Storage. See it NOW! \$800+Security. (734) 776-1480 10/30

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:

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This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.



Tyler Elementary Student Holiday Shop looking for crafters

The Tyler Elementary Holiday Shop for students will be open Dec. 3-5 and is looking for crafters.

Tables are \$30 for all three days and set-up is Dec. 2 from 4 to 6 p.m. Vendors must be available the entire time the Holiday Shop is open. All items must be handmade or enhanced by hand.

Items must be priced \$8 or less and 90% of the items must be \$5 or less.

For more information, call Donna Budd at (734) 740-8426. Payments can be sent to: Tyler PTO, 42200 Tyler Rd., Belleville 48111.

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DIRECT CARE ASSISTANT

Feel great about the work that you do helping people we serve in residential settings. Country home. Training provided. \$8.50 total per hr. plus good benefits.

Call (248) 437-7535 New Hudson
Email resume to: recruiter@questserv.org

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Work close to home assisting persons we serve in their homes in the Wixom & Novi communities. \$8.50 total per hr. plus good benefits. **Call (248) 960-9657 or (248) 946-4425**
Email resume to: recruiter@questserv.org

Pizza Drivers & Grill Cook Wanted. Apply In Person After 4 p.m. at RED ROOSTER PIZZERIA

51340 Willis Rd. Belleville



HELP WANTED

LAWNCARE PERSON NEEDED

Immediate Opening. Experienced With Trimmer, Edger & Blower. Pay Based On Experience -- \$10-\$15. 27-30 Hours Minimum Per Week. Contact Jay @ (734) 323-8973

AREA TRAINEE for local Real Estate Firm. For appointment call (734) 697-1800 TFN

HELP WANTED

INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

AUCTION

JNG Auction Services

AUCTION:

Saturday, October 25th

7:00 p.m.

763 Sumpter Rd., Belleville

ONLINE AUCTION:

October 31st - November 5th

@

www.JNGAUCTIONS.com

734-489-4636

CRAFT SHOWS

FALL CRAFT SHOW. October 25, 10am-4pm. Cornerstone Christian Church, 44500 Willis, Belleville. Supervised kid's activities while you shop. www.44500Willis.com 10/23

YPSILANTI TWP. SENIOR'S CRAFT show. November 1, 9am-3pm. Ypsilanti Twp. Parks & Recreation, 2025 E. Clark Road. Lunch, Bake Sale and raffles. 10/30

GARAGE/YARD SALE

MOVING SALE - 10 families. October 9-12 and 16-19, 9am-dark. 6560 Western (West of Denton). Designer Clothing for all ages, furniture, tools, toys, make-up, antiques and will buy, sell or trade new items. New items every day. 1996 LINCOLN TOWN CAR. (734) 796-4593 or (734) 444-9989 10/23

ESTATE SALE. October 24 & 25, 9am-5pm, October 26, 12 noon-5pm. 13001 Lakeview Drive, Belleville. Call (734) 252-6678 for directions. "Shopaholic". Women's clothing, 12-14, shoes, 8, oriental décor, bedroom sets, dining set, tools, jewelry, linens, small appliances, dishes, glassware-some vintage, framed art, electronics, outdoor furniture and accessories. 10/23

ESTATE SALE at Dr. Stopa's, 167 Main Street, Belleville. October 28, 29 & 30, 9am-5pm. Antiques, furniture, old toys, fishing lures, tools, household goods. 10/30

ESTATE-YARD SALE. October 23, 24, 25 & 26, 9am-5:30pm. 45289 Willis. Everything must go. Indoors & out. 63 years of treasures. Organ, furniture, good assortment. 10/23

FIVE FAMILY SALE. Michigan & Denton, next to party store. October 25 & 26, 9am-dark. Clothes, jewelry, furniture, household items, toys. & much, much more. 10/23

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— W.C. Fields

FOR SALE

1500 SKEINS of yarn - \$1+. Seeing is believing. Don't miss this one. 1st come 1st served. Larry: (313) 570-3206 10/23

QUEEN SIZE BED (frame) w/foot board storage, solid cherry wood. Very good condition \$300. Call (734) 699-7736. 10/23

DARK PINE DINETTE SET, includes six swivel upholstered chairs on casters plus china cabinet hutch. Very good condition. \$300. (734) 697-0746 10/23

TWO LARGE SOW HOGS, make an offer. Also two feeder pigs, \$75 each. Call (734) 270-2583 10/30

7 FOOT PINE Christmas tree, some ornaments \$25. Treadmill, space saver, cushion deck, \$85. Glass top desk, 42x22, \$50. Speed Queen Dryer, large capacity, \$50. JVC TV W/stand, 36", \$75. Call (734) 461-6347. 10/30

GE SIDE-BY-SIDE Refrigerator. White. It works. (734) 699-2906 \$75 11/6

GENERATOR, 6HR, 3750 Watts. \$200 Romulus (734) 765-9528. 11/6

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C.T.S. AUTO Engines, Transmissions Discount Prices - Guaranteed! (734) 282-1700 TFN

1988 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS. One owner, 41,000 miles, 5.0 V-8, automatic, 4-door, maroon, stored. \$5,000. (734) 645-9448. 10/23

1965 NASH RAMBLER, classic, 3-speed, 6 cylinder, 4-door, white, stored. Project Car. \$2,000 (734) 645-9448. 10/23

2000 FORD RANGER XLT. Runs good, original owner. College student needs funds for school. \$2,000 OBO. Call (734) 697-9892 or (734) 516-9686 11/6

SATURN ION, 2007. Ignition switch replaced. 88,900 miles. Wine colored, AC, 4-door. Very good condition. Extra Clean. \$5,000 (734) 635-1549 11/6

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WANTED - SMALL CONTAINERS of Shampoo, Toothpaste, etc. to take to homeless in Detroit. Drop off at Bladez's, 601 E. Huron River Dr. (734) 697-5600 TFN

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CONNIE RAMSEY I-94 SERVICE DR You've won a dozen free roses. Pick them up at Main St. Flower's downtown, Belleville. (734) 697-7400 or www.mainstreetflowersbelleville.com TFN

THREE ADORABLE baby kittens. 7 weeks. Litter box trained, child proof-good with kids. Have first set of shots. (734) 218-4421 11/6

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FOUND

THREE-COLOR rope necklace left by visitor at Belle Villa pool. Call Linda at (734) 699-2266. 10/23

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CARPET HEADQUARTERS. Sales/ Installation/Repairs/Re-stretching. Est. 1979. Ask about our carpet specials. Call Phil (734) 612-7570. 11/6

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, Oct. 12:
0027 – operating while intoxicated, EB I-94 / Rawsonville
0248 – fraud, Belleville
0344 – breaking & entering, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0819 – trespassing, Hull Rd.
1150 – larceny, W. Huron River Dr.
1259 – suicide or attempt, Rawsonville
1320 – intimidation threat, McBride Ave.
1338 – private property accident, S. I-94 Service
1416 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1502 – trespassing, Hull Rd.
1556 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2020 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service

Monday, Oct. 13:
0004 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
0058 – noise complaint, Jackson St.
0224 – fraud, Belleville
0606 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0805 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1049 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Denton
1112 – larceny, Hannan Rd.
1414 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ecorse
1431 – assault & battery, E. Archwood Dr.
1444 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
1515 – private property accident, Bellridge Blvd.
1606 – indecent exposure, Edison Lake
1612 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville
1644 – malicious destruction of property, Greenbriar Ct.
1655 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, Oct. 14:
0424 – missing person, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0805 – shots fired, Westlake Apts.
1121 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1255 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1353 – fraud, W. Huron River Dr.
1436 – private property accident, N. Bellridge Dr.
1441 – special detail, S. Wayne

1459 – property damage accident, E. I-94 / Belleville
1537 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1658 – private property accident, Ecorse Rd.
1719 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1844 – suspicious situation, Woodbury Green
1902 – family trouble, Woodbury Dr.
2047 – assault & battery, Beverly Rd.
2221 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.
2255 – assist citizen, Hull R./Sumpter Rd.
2304 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 15:
0055 – family trouble, Quirk Rd.
0109 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
0107 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
0126 – private property accident, Van Born
0215 – disorderly conduct, Parkwood Dr.
0242 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Kirkridge Park Dr.
0805 – assist fire dept., Rebecca Ct.
0846 – property damage accident, Hayes St.
1107 – PPO violation, Tyler Rd.
1229 – personal injury accident, EB I-94 / Haggerty
1438 – fraud, Lindsey Dr.
1550 – malicious destruction of property, Village Green Ln.
1843 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1924 – juvenile complaint, Hamilton Ct.
2004 – suspicious situation, Auto Zone
2034 – trespassing, Truman
2038 – suspicious situation, Walden Ct.
2039 – panic alarm, Celestine Dr.
2055 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2100 – narcotics crime, Westlake
2137 – juvenile complaint, Winding Pond Dr.
2151 – disturbance, Parkwood Dr.
2333 – fraud, Ecorse Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 16:
0022 – warrant arrest, Ecorse BP

0239 – disorderly conduct, Belleville
0956 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1000 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.
1036 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1052 – suspicious person, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd
1148 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1251 – fraud, S. Bellridge Dr.
1318 – miscellaneous complaint, EB I-94 / Southport
1457 – assault & battery, Hot Spot
1500 – hospice, Belmont Dr.
1525 – narcotics crime, Village Green Ln.
1605 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
1710 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Hull
1742 – assault & battery, Meadows Cir.
1815 – larceny, Daniel Dr.
1855 – shots fired, Lauren Ct.
1918 – intimidation threat, Maple Dr.
2115 – assault & battery, Village Green Ln.
2222 – personal injury accident, I-94/Southport

Friday, Oct. 17:
0037 – suspicious situation, McBride Middle Schl.
0926 – shots fired, Lake Pointe Pass
1008 – assault & battery, Ormond
1051 – breaking & entering, Outer Dr.
1118 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1307 – assault & battery, E. Archwood Dr.
1706 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse / Belleville
1724 – larceny, McBride
1854 – disorderly conduct, Denton Rd.
2037 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
2258 – assault & battery, Lacy Dr.

Saturday, Oct. 18:
0127 – noise complaint, Cherry Ln.
0330 – assault & battery, W. Walden
0450 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.
0720 – noise complaint, Cherry Ln.
0945 – hunting complaint, Rawsonville DNR
1026 – harassment call, Peach Tree Ln.
1248 – mental, Haggerty Rd.
1750 – juvenile complaint, Peachtree
1754 – suspicious situation, Peachtree
1832 – juvenile complaint, Park Estates
1904 – noise complaint, Riggs/Martinsville
2027 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2339 – larceny, S. Bellridge Dr.

Also on this week's log are 163 traffic stops, 28 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 12:
0253 – suspicious vehicle, Owen School
0342 – animal complaint, Savage/River of Life
1438 – violation of public health code/violation controlled substance act, Horizon Park
1450 – disturbance, Carmell St.
1650 – follow up, Huron River
1859 – larceny, Carmell St.
1917 – animal complaint, Carmell St./Dos Rios St.
2133 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.

Monday, Oct. 13:
0028 – follow up, Main St.
0730 – property damage accident, Robbe St.
1220 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1549 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
2137 – misc. complaint, Light Tower
2231 – noise complaint, N. Liberty St.

Tuesday, Oct. 14:
0340 – suspicious situation, Main St./Third St.
0355 – suspicious person, Victory Park
0411 – suspicious situation, W. Columbia Ave.
0446 – suspicious situation, S. Industrial Park Dr.
0920 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1016 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1100 – larceny, N. Liberty St.
1625 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1713 – escort/bank drop, Main St.
2112 – follow up, Haggerty/I-94
2254 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
2310 – assist citizen, Belle Villa Blvd.

Wednesday, Oct. 15:
0115 – suspicious situation, Sumpter/Spencer
0126 – domestic assault, Belle Villa Blvd.
0201 – suspicious situation, W. Columbia Ave.
1012 – family trouble, Owen Intermediate School

1349 – vehicle lockout, Citgo
1412 – juvenile complaint, W. Davis St./South St.
1535 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1558 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Plaza
Thursday, Oct. 16:
0048 – family trouble, W. Wabash Ave.
1041 – agency assist, Carmell St.
1151 – miscellaneous complaint, South St.
1306 – fraud all, Henry St.
1603 – property damage accident, South/E. Davis
1746 – assist citizen, Meadows
1856 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
1910 – suspicious person, Main St./Fourth St.
1930 – suspicious situation, Main St.
1935 – civil matter, E. Thornhill Ct.
2006 – assist fire dept., Capistrano Ct.

Friday, Oct. 17:
0043 – suspicious situation, W. Columbia Ave.
0210 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
1106 – miscellaneous complaint, Robbe St.
1139 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
1200 – suspicious person, Estrada Dr.
1258 – follow up, Estrada
1303 – assist fire dept., Owen
1424 – juvenile complaint, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1814 – lost property, E. Huron River Dr.

Saturday, Oct. 18:
0120 – suspicious situation, N. Edgemont Ave./Potter Dr.
0446 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
0450 – noise complaint, Sumpter
0501 – assist fire dept., Capistrano Ct.
1045 – assist fire dept., Denton Rd./Main St.
1225 – lost property, Benito's Pizza
2116 – suspicious vehicle, Edgemont Elementary
2248 – suspicious person, Church St./W. Columbia
2327 – suspicious situation, Hull Rd.
Also on this week's log are 41 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 12:
0140 – property damage accident, 51000 bl. Willis
0448 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1315 – shots fired, Arkona/Elwell
1326 – assist other agency, Wyoming
1435 – suspicious person, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1459 – open burning, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1535 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1916 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Martinsville
1932 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1954 – ORV complaint, Willow/Clark

Monday, Oct. 13:
0038 – disorderly person, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0141 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0231 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1219 – harassment complaint, Rustic Ln.
1314 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1617 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1700 – suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1735 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1747 – suspicious incident, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
1819 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1828 – assist other agency, 42000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2243 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.

Tuesday, Oct. 14:
0508 – assist other agency, Arizona
0708 – suspicious incident, Kozma/Wilmut
0851 – alarm, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1205 – larceny, Brookview
1337 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Wear Rd.
1507 – fraud complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1516 – warrant arrest, Rustic Ln.
1542 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1746 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1907 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Prince Rd.
1931 – shots fired, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
2001 – breaking & entering report, Colorado
2108 – warrant arrest, out of township
2342 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 15:
0803 – suspicious incident, Bemis/Elwell
1007 – larceny, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1033 – suspicious incident, Hampshire
1429 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1510 – warrant arrest, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
2339 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 16:
0353 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Haggerty
0703 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
1332 – well-being check, 23000 bl. CarletonWest
1739 – ordinance violation, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2010 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
2115 – assist other agency, out of township
2229 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane
2322 – suspicious vehicle, Paris/Sumpter

Friday, Oct. 17:
0940 – assist other agency, out of township
1033 – breaking & entering report, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1508 – identity theft report, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1747 – alarm, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1952 – runaway juvenile, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Saturday, Oct. 18:
0230 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1147 – breaking & entering report, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1541 – traffic hazard, Harris/Martinsville
1618 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1652 – threats complaint, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
2309 – citizen assist, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
2325 – property damage accident, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Also on this week's log are seven follow-up investigations, 41 miscellaneous details, 146 patrol checks, and 91 traffic stops.

VBT Police seek information on missing teenager from Kirkridge

Van Buren Township Police are seeking information from the public about the disappearance of a 15-year-old female from Kirkridge Park subdivision.



Turiahna Lundy had been missing since about 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13.

Lt. Floro said investigating officers were told that no one had heard from or seen the teen since Monday and nothing like this had every happened before.

Those with any information on her disappearance or current whereabouts are asked to contact the VBT Police at (734) 699-8930.

On Monday, the Center for Search & Investigation for Missing Children sent out a news release on the missing teen.

The news release said: “Lundy is described at 5’9” and 125 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. She also wears glasses. She is a beloved daughter whose friends and family members are pleading with the public to help bring her home.” CFSI contacts for people with information are Detective Donovan McCarthy at (734) 244-6906, Private Investigator Steve Taylor at (313) 421-8013, or CFSI founder Chuck Foreman at (512) 644-9856 or cfsipres@gmail.com.

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Tonya, Stacy Porzondek sponsored by WM for environmental training

Mother and daughter teachers Tonya and Stacy Porzondek were recently sponsored by Waste Management to attend the Michigan Alliance of Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) Fall Conference at the MDNR Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center at North

Higgins Lake.

Tonya Porzondek is a teacher at Savage Elementary and Stacy Porzondek is a teacher at Edgemont Elementary.

“MAEOE's mission is to train teachers and enhance teacher educational efforts around environmental education in Michigan schools,” said Kathleen Klein of Waste Management.

“Early outdoor and environmental education has been attributed to encouraging student interest in the fields of science and



Photo courtesy Waste Management. Stacy Porzondek, a teacher at Edgemont Elementary, left, and her mother Tonya Porzondek, right, a teacher at Savage Elementary, pose with Kathleen Klein of Waste Management, center, at a fall environmental conference at North Higgins Lake. Waste Management sponsored the two teachers.

engineering – important professions for the sustainability of our society,” she said.

“We had an absolutely positive experience,” said Tonya Porzondek. “We are both proud to be a part of the effort around environmental education. We had a spectacular time and want to continue our relationship with MEOEA and the very fine people involved.”

After returning from the conference, both teachers received permission to start Michigan native plant gardens at their schools.

“School gardens are excellent ways to teach science and biology as well as develop an appreciation for nature,” Klein said. “Students get hands-on experiential education about the environment and the satisfaction of literally seeing the fruits of their labors. It is a very empowering experience for youth.”

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