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## Parents lobby school board for recess break for Owen students

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
 Independent Editor

Four parents spoke to the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education during Monday's regular meeting, politely lobbying for recess for the 700 fifth and sixth grade students at Owen Intermediate School.

When they were done, School Supt. Michael Van Tassel asked them to get a group of eight to ten parents to meet with him and the school principal on the subject.

Supt. Van Tassel said because of the union contracts approved that evening, the district will have ten more minutes in the school day this fall so that will give them some time to use.

"You all are awesome," Van Tassel said to the parents, who each presented an aspect of the exercise for young children issue. "I didn't know this was an issue until Thursday when I got wind of it."

Several of the speakers referred to a meeting held the night before by parents to discuss concerns about the school and plan the presentation to the board.

Amy O'Brien was the first speaker and she stated she knew they each had just five minutes for public comment.

She said a few years ago she was on the committee working on restructuring the district. The students were separated into

McBride Middle School, for grades 7-8, and Owen Intermediate, for grades 5-6.

She said the committee had wanted Owen to be upper elementary, not a mini middle school. She said most of the Owen students are 10 and 11 years old and need exercise during the school day.

She asked the board to add playground equipment to the school and schedule daily recess besides lunch. Although Owen schedules outdoor lunch time every other day, it usually gives students indoor lunch recess only.

O'Brien presented copies of a list of intermediate schools in Wayne County showing whether the schools had recess.

She said Owen is the only school, with grades 5-6, that has no play equipment, no basketball hoops, and no path "to walk around and be silly."

She said they have no time to be silly and are working from bell to bell. She said she represents several families at Owen and asked for the district to install necessary playground equipment by the end of the school year.

The next speaker was Wendy Rytman, who spoke on the medical standpoint and presented copies of the current finding of the American Academy of Pediatrics on "The Crucial Role of Recess in School."

She pointed out parts of the report concerning social and emotional benefits, physical benefits, and academic benefits.

Rytman summarized the report that says recess is a necessary break in the school day and should not be withheld for punishment.

She said regular breaks are important and many of the Wayne County schools already recognize this. She said Van Buren should reach out to them for information, "So we don't reinvent the wheel."

Sandy Hardy said she is a School of Choice parent with two students at the high school and one at Savage.

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Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

First it was a sprinkle on Friday. Then, the skies opened up and a real rain came down. But, the Garden Soirees planned by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts went on as planned. After all, the two parties were to earn funds for this summer's Music on the Lake concert series. Above, Belleville Councilman Tom Smith welcomes Mary Talaga to his garden on Angola Street as she clutches her umbrella. Below, a group stands under a tent at John Juriga's garden. From left are Carol Thompson, Linda Luke and Dr. Les Neinas.



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# SECOND FRONT PAGE

## VBT Planners need more information on Medical MJ law

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Planning Commission needs more information on Medical Marijuana laws in Michigan before recommending removal of words from the zoning ordinance.

The words township attorney Patrick McCauley recommended removing are what was called the Livonia Model when McCauley recommended it be added to the zoning ordinance in 2011.

The planning commission then recommended the Livonia Model to the township board and the board passed it.

The Livonia Model wording added to the ordinance was: "Uses for enterprises that are contrary to Federal, State or local laws or ordinances are prohibited."

Then the Michigan Supreme Court, in the case of *Ter Beek v. City of Wyoming*, recently ruled that municipalities may not ban the use of medical marijuana within their boundaries using this language so McCauley recommended removing the language.

A public hearing was held May 28 on deleting the language in the ordinance and no members of the public spoke.

At its June 11 meeting, the board tabled this agenda item and directed planning consultant Sally Hodges of McKenna Associates to get more information on what other communities are doing and the latest medical marijuana laws.

"We'll hear more and see where we go from here," said Commission Chairwoman Carol Thompson.

When it was time to vote on removing the Livonia Model language from the ordinance, Commission Vice-Chairman Don Boynton had questions.

"I'm not entirely confident about this," he said. "It is going to leave us somewhat open ... Marijuana is an illegal substance, period." He said in the 22 or 23 states where medical marijuana is legalized, the federal government is not making it a priority.

"It's a recommendation of the township attorney," Hodges insisted.

Commissioner Bob McKenna said he thought the township had a marijuana law, but this wording is in the introduction.

"We felt this was a simple approach," Hodges said. "The Supreme Court said you can't rely on this."

Chairwoman Thompson asked what other communities are doing.

"In one community I worked on an ordinance which allows this and not that," Hodges said. "You ought to be able to place it so it is not a detriment to the community. We could look at what regulations make

sense."

"We have an ordinance we can't enforce," said McKenna. "So what? Why not leave it on the books as it is? Can't enforce it, but it's there." He said people who look at the ordinances could think they couldn't have it in VBT.

"Are we vulnerable?" Thompson asked.

"I'm not an attorney," Hodges said. "We could ask the township attorney."

"If it was left in there, they would have to prove it was for medical marijuana," Boynton said. "I agree with Mr. McKenna."

Hodges said the phrase was adopted by so many communities at the time.

She said she would bring back more information at the next meeting on June 25.

## Loud noises startle VBT planning commissioners during June 11 meeting

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

As the brief, June 11 Van Buren Township Planning Commission meeting was winding down, the commissioners were startled by loud noises that seemed to be on the roof.

The meeting was disrupted for a few minutes as commissioners commented on the noise and stared at the ceiling.

It was suggested there might be a violent storm outside. There are no windows in the board room, so they couldn't look out. But, it wasn't storming.

Cable Director Ali McGraw said police are practicing and she saw some people running around the back of the township hall wearing masks.

VBT Police Lt. Ken Floro on Friday confirmed that the police department had *scenario training* for all of its officers on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

"There were a variety of decision-based scenarios that officers faced in a role-playing environment," Lt. Floro said.

"The scenarios are initially scripted and become very dynamic as the mock incident unfolds based on timely decision-making, individual judgment and level of confidence displayed.

"The training is excellent and is always a lot of fun," Lt. Floro said.



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Oztman

At a recent retirement party for Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor, Chief Taylor introduces his family members. Later he listed those who had passed on who had had affected his 37-year career. Retired Sumpter Police Chief Clinton Brown presented Taylor with a plaque thanking him for taking care of the memorial for the late Officer Roy Graham, who was killed in the line of duty. "I'll do that as long as I can, because he was my buddy," Taylor said.



A contingent from the Huron Township Police Department attended Chief Taylor's retirement party, including, from left, Lt. Gary Dockter, Fred Yono, and Mark Perkins. A large number of officers attended from the Belleville PD, including interim Chief Hal Berriman, and from the Sumpter Township PD, including Sumpter Chief Jim Pierce and Captain Eric Luke. There was one police officer from Van Buren Township.

## Van Buren Twp. fire victim identified

The Wayne County Medical Examiner's office has identified the man who died in the May 24 fire at Bellridge Apartments in Van Buren Township as Jamir Davis, 20.

He was positively identified by a family member. According to the medical examiner's office, which performed an autopsy on May 25, Davis died from smoke and soot inhalation.

Cause of death has been ruled accidental.

Davis reportedly was a student at Michigan Institute of Aeronautics, studying

to be an airplane mechanic, and lived on the western side of the state.

At 3:55 a.m. May 24, residents noticed smoke gathering in the hallways and called 911.

The VBT Public Safety Department was dispatched to the 41000 block of Bellridge Drive (near Independence and Haggerty roads, north of I-94) for an activated smoke alarm, according to a news release from Fire Chief Dan Besson.

Chief Besson said Monday he has yet to get a report on the cause of the fire.

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# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Some Sumpter residents skeptical of local oil drilling

While some Sumpter Township residents are eager to lease the oil and mineral rights on their land to Savoy Energy, others are saying, "Hey, not in my backyard."

For some time Savoy, which was founded in 1989 in Michigan and since then has drilled close to 300 oil and gas wells, has been going up and down Sumpter roads with devices that shake the ground as they look for oil and gas. Recently, township hall employees reported being shaken as Savoy prospectors went by on Sumpter Road using the device.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Sharon Douglas told the board of her concerns. She said she bought 11 acres in Sumpter in 1987. She is worried about the value of her property, but more importantly what these drillers will do to the environment. She's been working with a group called Food and Water Watch and she is convinced once Savoy starts drilling, the township's air and water and environment will be ruined.

Treasurer John Morgan, who is filling in while Supervisor Vawters is on medical leave, told her the board is committed to preserving the environment and will do everything in its power to keep Sumpter clean. "You have to get in front of these people," Douglas said. "Because once they are in here, it's too late." She's right. The people always have to keep watch.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I ran into Jim Luke at the tenth anniversary of the Belleville Co-op. He said he is beginning his 70<sup>th</sup> year as a guide at the University of Michigan football games this fall. Now that's perseverance, writ tall.

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George Roberts is 90 years old and he called me to talk about the Little League in Van Buren Township. He lives up north now and just celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. He lived 55 years in VBT.

George said he reads the *Independent* and a lot of things bother him, especially too much money being paid to too much staff in VBT.

He remembers when the Little League was started with Charley May and George being executive vice president. He recalls that Mike Ferrentino of EQ did a lot for Little League.

George said 50 volunteers were out working on the new permanent place for Little League on the EQ property, when heavy equipment from EQ showed up to help, courtesy of Ferrentino.

He said there were chemical lakes at the landfill in those days and kids had asthma attacks. He said he talked to Ferrentino about it and within six months Ferrentino got rid of those lakes. George said the Lemon Tree (now called Harbor Club) apartment dwellers couldn't stand the smell.

George remembers running for VBT Supervisor in those days because things were such a mess and Jerry McKelvey was his campaign manager. They didn't win, but that was OK, George said.

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I hear Dr. Dave Wilson of Van Buren



Township, a member of the VBT Environmental Commission, has been given the Herb Munzel Lifetime Achievement Award by the Huron River Watershed Council. Congratulations.

I like to refer to him as Dr. Dr. Wilson, since he has two PhDs.

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At a recent library board meeting, board member John Juriga said he wanted a sign on the DNR site that faced the water so boaters could see where the potential site for the potential new library would be.

The rest of the library board didn't think that was necessary, that the sign facing Belleville Road would be enough. John insisted, to no avail.

Finally, at the next meeting the architect told him Van Buren Township would only allow one "construction sign" on the property, so the one facing the water was out.

The new sign should be in place any minute and it will either be the color of a bumble bee (yellow and black), as announced, or maybe green. We'll all wait and see.

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I got a phone call Tuesday morning asking why the city doesn't cut the weeds along the shoreline at Horizon Park so visitors can see the lake. The caller said she tried calling Diana Kollmeyer, but the city manager was on another call or gone or something.

My caller said when she calls city hall,

she can't get a real person to answer the phone. It's always a message about how to get a real person.

I know what she means. I miss the old phone system where I dialed city hall and someone answered the phone.

She's right about the plants growing along the shoreline. With all the rain we've had, the greenery is growing very exuberantly and could use a trim.

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At the school board meeting on Monday I was informed that Brian Rupnow, who has been recording the meetings to show on cable, is now recording just the audio of the meetings during the summer months when the board meets at the Administration Building instead of BHS.


Then, he'll cablecast the audio of the meetings while a picture of a school is on the screen. I guess you just can't fit those big cameras in the meeting room at the Ad. Building.

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The bright, colorful awnings are up at the new Davenport strip mall on East Columbia Avenue in Belleville. Their architect tells me that they plan to open the building in July. It's looking good.

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## Letters

### Engineer recommends actuated light for library

An open letter to the residents who live within the Belleville Area Library District:

A few months ago, I met with two engineers from Wayne County regarding the possibility of getting a signal light installed at the intersection of Quirk and Belleville Roads in order to provide a safer way to cross Belleville Road and/or allow ingress and egress from the parking lot of the proposed site for the new main library building.

During the meeting with the Wayne County engineers they were shown the site plan and conceptual floor plan of the main building that is planned for both the DNR and adjacent residential properties. Their recommendation was to get a "small traffic study" done and then get back to them regarding the results of that study.

Last Wednesday, at a Special BADL Board Meeting, the library board and staff, plus members of the public were informed of the results of the "small traffic study." Michael Labadie, from Fleis and VandenBrink Engineering, summarized the results of the traffic study. He also explained the parameters and benchmarks that are used (world-wide) when conducting such a study. He said that despite the fact that the intersection did not meet the criteria for three components of such a study: Volume of vehicular traffic over a specified 4-hour period, peak hour signal volumes, and crash experiences, his opinion is that a signal is needed.

Mr. Labadie stated that based on sight lines along both roadways, plus plans to place the main ingress and egress from the library's parking lot directly opposite Quirk Road, it would be prudent to have an electronic signal at the intersection. Therefore, he will be recommending (to

the engineers at Wayne County) that an actuated signal should be installed at the Quirk and Belleville Road intersection. While there are various types of actuated signals available, a discussion of the traffic study results, with the county's engineers, will need to take place before any decisions can be made about which type of signal will be the best match for this intersection.

If you would like to read the entire report, it is available at the Belleville Area District Library.

Sincerely,  
Mary Jane Dawson, Chair  
Belleville Area District Library Board

### Quiet supporters of library invited to dinner

To the Editor:

Judging by the Letters to the Editor, there are lots of people who are quite loudly proclaiming their views for or against the proposed new library.

I am definitely for the new library, which I am certain will be a major asset for the community.

I bet there are many, many quiet people who are also for the new library. I am appealing to the quiet supporters of the new library to come join the community of library supporters at the Baked Potato Dinner fund Raiser this Friday night, 5-7 p.m., June 27, at the Belleville High School Cafeteria. Dinner includes potatoes and all the fixings (including chili), beverage, and dessert; and there will be basket raffles.

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Martha M. Wilson  
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The Second Baptist Church of Ypsilanti, 301 S. Hamilton Street, announces the installation of the 28th pastor in its history. The Rev. George W. Waddles, Jr. will be installed as the pastor during services at 4 p.m.

During the morning worship at 10:45 a.m., the Rev. Nathanael Waddles, pastor of the Kendrick Memorial Baptist Church of Chicago and brother of the new pastor, will share the gospel message and worship with the congregation.

The afternoon installation service will feature the pastor's father, the Rev. Dr. George W. Waddles, Sr., pastor of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church of Chicago and president of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.'s Congress of Christian Education.

The public is invited to help Second Baptist welcome its new pastor, his wife Angela and their three children Aaron, Zachary, and Andrew. Pastor George W. Waddles, Jr., comes to the Ypsilanti church with 25 years of ministering experience.

Barbara James reports that many people from the Belleville area are members of Second Baptist.

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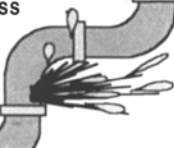
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# Obituaries

## ROBERTA 'BOBBI' FAIRMAN

(March 11, 1942 - June 10, 2014)

Roberta "Bobbi" Fairman of Gloucester, Virginia (formerly of Belleville, Michigan) passed away after a sudden illness on June 10, 2014, in Riverside Regional Hospital, Newport News, Virginia. She was 72 years old.

Bobbi was born on March 11, 1942, at Jefferson Barracks, Saint Louis, Missouri, to the late Col. (Ret.) David W. and Lilly E. Dick. She grew up as a military child, living in the Virgin Islands, Panama, France, Germany, as well as Connecticut, Maryland and Virginia, graduating from Hampton High School, Hampton, Virginia in 1960. She attended Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee, where Bobbi met her future husband the late Thomas A. Fairman. They were married August 25, 1962, in Hampton, Virginia, and moved to Cleveland Heights, Ohio. They moved to East Claridon then Chardon, Ohio, living there for 12 years. Bobbi moved to Belleville in January of 1979, and lived here for some time before moving to Gloucester, Virginia eight years ago.

A former Education and History major, she worked with children as a former Cub Scout leader, Brownie leader, Girl Scout Day Camp leader, 4-H leader, volunteer at Munson Elementary School library, past president of the Munson Elementary Mother's Club and District Commissioner for the Huron Valley Pony Club. Bobbi was also active in the Belleville community, being a past president of the National Strawberry Festival, volunteer with the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and past board member of the Belleville Area Council of the Arts (she served as Secretary and Treasurer of this organization). She also volunteered with the re-election campaigns of former US Representative Bill Stanton (OH-District 12), eventually working in his local office. Bobbi was also active with Trinity Episcopal Church, as a member of the choir, former co-chair of the Strawberry Festival, past president of the Episcopal Church Women and a member of the Trinity Sewbies who provide quilts and pillows to St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti. Her hobbies included reading, counted cross stitch and working on miniature doll houses, and was a member of local Doll House club.

She is survived by her brother Roger E (Denise) Dick of Bena, Virginia; her daughters Barbra (Belleville) and Helen Anne (Carl) Johnston of Gloucester, Virginia; and three grandchildren Lilly, Emily and Holly. Bobbi was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. A celebration of her life will be held on June 28 in Gloucester, Virginia, and there will be a

Memorial Service at Trinity Episcopal Church on July 26 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to the Trinity Episcopal Church for the Trinity Sewbies.



William E. Lomas

## WILLIAM EDWARD LOMAS

William E. Lomas, age 86, of Sumpter Township, May 9, 2014. Beloved husband of Jean Lomas. Loving father of Sharon (Rodger) King, James Lomas and Kathleen Beck. Dearest grandfather of Robin, Kristy, James, Jr., Michael, Jamie, Shaun, Brian. Great-grandfather of 17 and great-great-grandfather of two.

He is preceded in death by his parents George and Lulu Lomas, two brothers and two sisters. Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park.

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## JO V. BROWN

(November 18, 1938 - June 18, 2014)

Age 75, of Belleville. Survived by children Clark M. Brown, Tammy Jo Thornton and Jeffrey A. Brown; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; a sister and a chosen sister. Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Chapel.



Nancy Marie Sanders

## NANCY MARIE SANDERS

(April 14, 1956 - June 19, 2014)

Nancy Marie Sanders, age 58, lifelong resident of Belleville, MI passed away Thursday, June 19, 2014. She was born in Garden City, MI, daughter of the late Joseph & Ruth (Moore) Bevel.

Nancy is survived by son Michael Sanders of Belleville, MI.; three sisters Martha (Elwood) McDaniel of Albertville, AL, Frances Patton of Belleville, MI., Dinah (Mike) Milspaugh of Romulus, MI; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 38 years Christopher Sanders who passed away in December of 2013.

She graduated Belleville High School in 1974. Nancy enjoyed reading books. Most of all she loved spending time with her family. Visitation was Sunday, June 22, 2014 from 1-8 p.m. and Monday, June 23, 2014 from 10-11 a.m. followed by a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at the David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111. Burial will follow at St Joseph Cemetery, Whittaker, MI.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guestbook and share a memory for her family to treasure at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).

## KATHERINE HARRIS

(March 26, 1948 - June 17, 2014)

Katherine Harris, age 66, of Belleville, MI, formerly of Romulus, MI, passed away Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born March 26, 1948 in Benham, KY, daughter of Kenneth James & Mary Elizabeth (Halcomb) Ross.

Kathy graduated from Romulus High School, class of 1966. She worked for General Motors Hydromatic for over 30 years before retiring. She loved cats, and most of all her family. She was an awesome grandma, defender of her sons, and a wonderful sister.

Kathy is survived by her loving companion Don Orr of over 30 years; two sons Mike (Linda) Sprau of Manchester, MI, and Brian (Michelle Angell) Sprau of Ypsilanti, MI; step-daughters Kaki (Rob) Freighter and Heidi (Sparky) Matts; 6 grandchildren Michael & Lauren Sprau, Kelsee Angell & Peyton Sprau, and Samantha & Sarah; mother Mary Gould of Wayne, MI; sister Shirley (Ernie) Fargo of Ypsilanti, MI; her beloved cats; also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her father.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Memorial contributions may be made to FMAR - Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue, and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to cherish at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).

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### FMAR golf outing fund raiser is July 12

To the Editor:

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Linda Luke,  
FMAR Fundraiser/Events Coordinator

### Young Life sets third-annual charity golf outing

To the Editor:

Belleville Young Life is sponsoring its Third-Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Belleville Young Life is a non-profit Christian organization that reaches and mentors youths in Belleville, Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, Ypsilanti, Wayne, Canton, and Romulus. The program is open to any kid in middle school or high school.

**WHAT:** The 3rd Annual Belleville Young Life Golf Tournament - Charity Fundraiser.

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 28, from noon to 6 p.m.

**WHERE:** Eagle Crest Golf Club, 1275 South Huron Street, Ypsilanti 48197 (734) 487-2441.

All golfers and sponsors welcome!

**HOW DO I REGISTER?** Please register at [www.bellevillyounglife.org](http://www.bellevillyounglife.org), or send a note and check to Belleville Young Life, P.O. Box 72, Belleville 48112 or call Ken Grice at 734-365-9407, or just come!

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Dr. Ken Grice, Van Buren Township  
Young Life Committee Member

### Belleville Fire Auxiliary golf outing approaches

To the Editor:

The Belleville Fire Auxiliary is pleased to announce our eighth-annual golf outing which is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 23, at 10 a.m. at the Thorn Hills Golf Course. The cost for the outing is \$85 per golfer, which includes 18 holes, golf cart rental, lunch, a steak dinner, and three drink tokens.

We are also in need of sponsors this year to make our outing a great success. Sponsorship are: Gold, \$1,000; Silver, \$500; and sponsoring a hole, \$100.

We greatly appreciate your patronage at our past outings and look forward to your generosity this year, as well.

To order your golf tickets or for sponsorships, send checks payable to City of Belleville Fire Auxiliary to Bill Emerson, c/o Belleville Fire Auxiliary, 140 Madelon, Belleville, MI 48111. If you have any questions, you may reach Colette McClinton, fire fighter, at (313) 304-0336, or Jennifer Blackburn, president of the auxiliary, (734) 752-9785.

Respectfully,  
Jennifer Blackburn  
Belleville Fire Auxiliary

### Confident diesel trucks at Costco won't pollute

To the Editor:

First, THANK YOU for doing what you and your staff do for our community.

Now, for the reader who was concerned about Costco's yard. Any diesel truck built after 2010 and especially after 2012 is generating cleaner exhaust air than it is taking in. Also, most trucks run auxiliary power units (apu's) so the big motor isn't even running.

I am a truck driver/mechanic and a TC CERT team member and feel confident that Costco has addressed all pollution concerns or they would not be allowed to build there.

Keep up the good work.  
Chris Warren  
Belleville

### VBT Clerk Leon Wright earns certified Michigan clerk designation

The Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC) has announced that Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright recently was awarded the Certified Michigan Municipal Clerk (CMMC) designation.

The CMMC program was launched in January 2014 to encourage city, township, and village clerks to seek continuing education specifically related to the duties of municipal clerks.

MAMC Director Lisa Hathaway said her association believes a focus on education is essential for municipal clerks to provide informed, quality leadership for their communities in the face of constant legislative change and increased demands on Michigan's public servants.

A clerk must invest a minimum of 120 hours of educational programming over three years to qualify for certification and must continue to obtain education points to maintain the certification.

"Whether elected or appointed, municipal clerks serve a powerful role in coordinating public programs and influencing legislative initiatives," Hathaway said.

"Clerk Wright is to be commended for the hard work, perseverance, and commitment expended to attain CMMC certification and the dedication to providing quality service to the public and the municipality they serve," Hathaway said.

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# Traffic study for proposed library shows no need for full signal

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The traffic engineer hired by the Belleville Area District Library Board reported that his study shows the intersection of Belleville and Quirk roads does not qualify for a full traffic signal.

But, a traffic-actuated signal at this location would be recommended.

Engineer Michael J. Labadie of Fleis & Vandenbrink addressed the board during a special meeting June 18 to explain the traffic study he had prepared.

He said traffic signals are evaluated by traffic movement and there are seven warrants in the Michigan Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The traffic flow here is not enough to meet the three warrants that apply to this intersection.

Labadie said accepted traffic studies show how many trips are generated by libraries and the figures can be estimated very closely.

He said the intersection would have to line up the library driveway with Quirk Road. He said, coming out of the library, a driver can see north, but can't see to the south because trees and guardrails are in the way.

He said they could put a loop in the pavement that won't do anything unless someone is in the driveway, then it will turn the Belleville Road light to amber and then red.

"You won't delay people unless you have to," Labadie said. "An actuated signal is the best of both worlds."

He said he has to meet with the man from the county in charge of this, but that person has been out of town for three weeks because of a death in the family.

Labadie said that cameras are more reliable than loops in the pavement. He said they don't have to coordinate this light with others farther north on Belleville Road.

Board chairwoman Mary Jane Dawson said pedestrians could push a button to cross and Labadie said that was so.

John Delaney said from the audience that Labadie's study was flawed, but, "It wasn't your fault."

Delaney said first of all, the study was done during Belleville Road construction when motorists were getting multiple Nixle alerts to avoid that area.

Second, Delaney said, the study was started at 4 p.m., missing the 2:45 p.m. school buses that stop traffic on Belleville Road at Village Green.

And, he continued, there was no input from Van Buren Township's study on that span of roadway as was promised because the only study VBT has is north of Culver's and I-94.

"You missed all of this," Delaney said. "Someone didn't give you the information."

Labadie bristled at the remarks.

"You're wrong," Labadie stated. "The study that was done was consistent with accepted practice ... School buses are a grain of sand on the beach as traffic ... Traffic studies are done all the time at 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m., which public agencies accept."

Labadie said he called the road commission, VBT engineer, MDOT, attorney John Day, architect Dan Whisler, and looked at the site and Googled it. Later, he added SEMCOG figures were obtained.

"Did I answer your questions?" Labadie asked.

Delaney said, "No. If you would have been told there are only 90 days when buses don't run, and the road is snarled up there between 2:10 to 5 p.m." it would have made a difference.

"We did the study we were asked to do," said an exasperated Labadie. "What we did was accepted practices. I don't know why you think we meant to do something bad."

Delaney said it is a dangerous corner.

Labadie said Wayne County hasn't read the final report, but schools are not a big generator of traffic volume on most roads.

Phil Miller said from the audience that Belleville, Rawsonville, and Haggerty roads are the main roads for Belleville. He said while construction was going on people were switching to other roads.

Miller said if construction hadn't been there, Labadie probably would have gotten the 30 extra cars he needed on the counts to get a traffic signal.

"You're recommending an activated signal and so you'll end up in the same place," Miller said.

Miller noted that loops and motorcycles rarely work and Labadie agreed, suggesting that the loop sensitivity could be changed.

When asked, Labadie estimated a cost of \$90,000 to \$110,000 for the traffic signal.

He said the library has to apply for a driveway permit through the county. The county may design it themselves or hire someone to do it. The county would set up the cost sharing and maintenance goes with the cost, he said.

"Does the road commission generally follow your recommendation?" asked board secretary Joy Cichewicz.

"Yeah. Probably," Labadie said.

He added that they could decide to have the light work some hours and flash other hours. He said they could have a flashing light ahead of the signal to alert motorists. He said studies show there have been no major accidents on Belleville Road in the years studied.

The study was approved for a price not to exceed \$3,600 at the May 13 meeting of the library board.

## South Satellite agreement

In other business at the June 18 special meeting, the board discussed the draft agreement drawn up by attorney Day for the South Satellite location in Sumpter Township.

Day called the document a "proposed lease" and it calls for payment of \$1 for 30 years for the library to use part of the Sumpter Community Center for a satellite library.

"Thirty years may be too long," Day said. "We may find it's used so much we need another facility ... There needs to be some way for us to back out."

He said Sumpter may have some concerns on the lease and he gave a copy to Sumpter Township attorney Rob Young to take to the township for feedback.

"We'll negotiate back and forth," Day said.

He said some kind of paperwork is needed because Sumpter is providing the building and, "We have to make sure the next board doesn't throw us out."

Day said he didn't put any numbers in the document because they aren't giving this to Sumpter with the idea "this is what we're going to do." He said this is a diplomatic first presentation for discussion.

Day said if the library decided to vacate the community center site because it isn't being used, there would have to be a trigger and he doesn't know what that would be.

"We could downsize it," Day said. "It doesn't make any sense to have people out there if it's not being used."

Architect Whisler said it would be up to Sumpter to set the trigger.

"We have to talk to them," Day said of Sumpter. "We don't know how much it will be used."

He said he presented the draft lease to get feedback from the library board.

## Sign for DNR site

After discussion, the board agreed to give Delaney time to give a price quote on the 4'x8' sign the library board plans to put on the DNR site to show voters where it wants to build its new library.

Cichewicz had already made a motion to accept the \$682 price quote of Fastsigns of Ann Arbor for the work and file paperwork for the sign with Van Buren Township. But the board hadn't voted yet.

Delaney said he owned a local sign company and he wanted a chance at the job. There had been no call for quotes, he said, so he had not known before this meeting that they sought a price.

The board relented and gave Delaney until noon the next day to come up with a quote and he said it would be \$200 less.

The board gave direction to Library Director Deb Green to move forward with the sign so it could be put up at once. It was announced the sign would be yellow and black, like a bumble bee, but Delaney said green would be a better color.

When asked why he didn't use a local sign company for his recommendation, architect Whisler, of Ann Arbor, said he knew there was a local sign company, but he looked for it and there was "not much of a web site."

"I didn't know what their capabilities were," Whisler said, adding he decided to just go with a company he had used in the past. He said if the board wanted him to get more quotes, he could, but, "You don't want to pay me to spend the time."

He said the sign would have to be 45' back from the middle of the road and that would be behind the daylilies the township had planted.

## Meeting time changed

The special board meeting was called for 7 p.m., June 18. But on the 18<sup>th</sup>, the agenda said the meeting should start at 7:30 p.m. So, the board and a full house in the audience waited until 7:30 p.m. to start.

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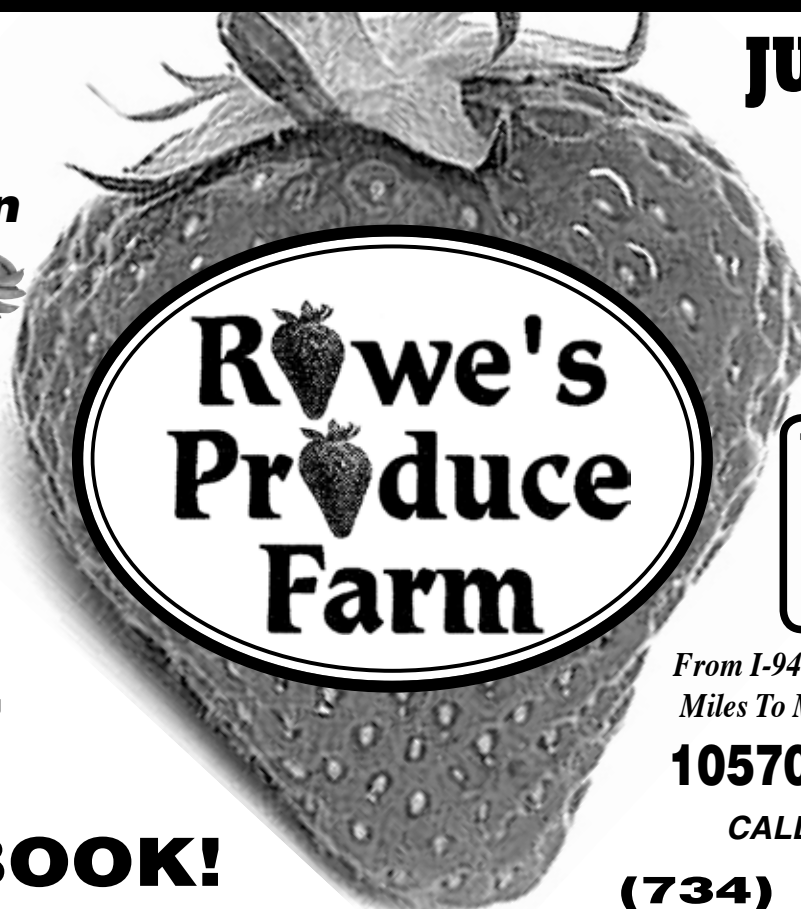
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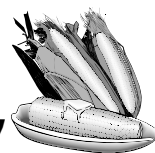
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# Recess

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She pointed out that regular breaks improve the focus of the students. She presented copies of a list of 73 articles similar to the one published by the American Academy of Pediatrics speaking on preventive medicine and how recess can fight depression, violence, and obesity and turn entire schools around academically.

"We cannot afford to deny or delay," Hardy said, adding, "We aren't asking to have the stars aligned. That will never happen..."

Rick Rytman introduced himself as "the closer" when he got up to round up the parents' presentation.

He said the parents "are very tame tonight," compared to how they were at the previous night's meeting.

"I don't think you realize what a hot topic this is," he said.

Rytman, who is Director of Global Security for Chrysler Corp., said he has seen an "us versus them attitude" in the district and the parents had to do this presentation because school officials won't listen to them.

He said a friend of theirs pulled his kid out of the Van Buren Schools and sent the student to a private school.

He said the parents don't wish to point fingers but wish communications from both sides.

Rytman said he has questions about curriculum, which is not a part of that evening's presentation.

He said kids need a break and the atmosphere at Owen is not upper elementary, "It's a locked-down atmosphere." He said, "The question is how can we create a better learning environment?"

"I want to establish a team atmosphere. We shouldn't have to wait a month for a meeting and put all this information together," he said.

Rytman said he works at Auburn Hills and although his family wants to stay here, "We're on middle ground about what to do."

He said when they ask questions about curriculum, it's a "KGB atmosphere." Teachers say they can't talk about it.

Rytman said he hates to talk about a committee because of the "death by committee" scenario.

"We ask for a response from the board. If parents have to work through the summer to earn money, we need to know," Rytman said.

He said most people at the meeting don't usually come to school board meetings, including himself, but, "If we don't stand up for it, we have no one to blame but ourselves."

One more person addressed the board on a different subject. June Younggoldis suggested that paper products should be used for school lunches rather than Styrofoam, which is not eco-friendly. Finance Director Karen Moffitt was asked to look into the issue.

# School Board approves Abel as new Edgemont principal

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Fredrick Abel, assistant principal at Owen Intermediate School, was approved as the new principal of Edgemont Elementary at Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

He will be paid \$87,394, plus fringe benefits offered to all administrators, for the one-year term effective July 1.

Human Resources Director Shonta Langford-Green said they interviewed several in-house candidates for the position.

Edgemont Principal Delria Crippen will be the new principal at Rawsonville Elementary. Current Rawsonville Principal Karensa Smith is being moved to the Administration Building to be a grant writer.

Interviews are proceeding for a person to fill Abel's position as assistant principal at Owen.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the board:

- Approved the 2014-15 budget resolution for the \$50,995,816 general fund budget, which will have \$3,489 more revenue than expenditures. The projected fund balance on June 30, 2015 is expected to be \$4,603,513. The district won't have to borrow this summer, as it had to in the past, because now its fund balance is enough to tide it over until state aid arrives in October;
- Approved the 2014 tax rate certification, same as last year;
- Ratified the contract with Van Buren Education Association, which was reopened for financial consideration. VBEA will get a half step for the 2014-15 school year instead of a full step. Teachers had had a 7.6% cut in pay the first year of the contract, then down to 5.6% cut, with the reduction now at 3.6%. For the 2014-15 school year, Kindergarten maximum will be 30 students and grades 1-6 will be 32. Grades 7-12 will

have a maximum of 25;

- Ratified the contract with the Van Buren Administrators and Supervisors Association, which was reopened for financial consideration. Principals will be working more days for no increase in pay and language has been added for snow days, with pay for up to three days of snow days. When school is cancelled because of severe cold, administrators will be expected to come into work. Administrators will come into work a few weeks sooner and end the year a few weeks later;
- Reviewed the annual Bullying Report, as required by state law. There were two incidents of bullying that fit the criteria for reporting. One student got 10 days of suspension and one got 3 days of suspension. One student was put on a behavior plan that was signed;
- Approved the 80/20 Health Care Resolution. The state requires the district to state which option it takes – hard cap or 80/20 -- and for the past two years it has been the 80% paid by the district and 20% by the employee;
- Approved the updated Health Curriculum (Sex Education) for grades K-8. The district's last Health Curriculum had VHS tapes and the player needed replacement. That's what kicked off the update. Also, recent changes in state law have required schools to reexamine their programs to make sure they are in compliance;
- Approved milk and bread bids from the same businesses as last year: Sun Valley/Berkshire Dairy (Detroit) and Aunt Millie's Bakeries (Fort Wayne, IN). The bids are through the Southeast Wayne County Buying Cooperative Group;
- Approved layoffs of five paraprofessionals as of June 30: Denise Armatis and Paula Brown, 7 years; Zin Xu and Katerina Tyner, 6 years; and Carlton Fields, 1 year;
- Approved the retirement of bus driver Patricia Ayers after 10 years of service;
- Approved the resignation of Angeline

Mazurek, a teacher at Belleville High School, after 7 years of service; and

- Approved the recall from layoff of McBride Middle School physical education teacher Mark Gregor.

## McBride students shuttled to BHS after electricity goes out

The following district announcement was posted on the Van Buren Public Schools web site by School Supt. Michael Van Tassel on June 18.

*This morning as students were arriving into the building at McBride Middle School, power went out.*

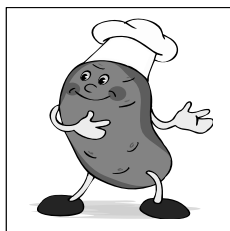
*Detroit Edison Energy (DTE) would not give us an anticipated time for power to be restored. After waiting approximately two hours, with heat of the day increasing, and no lights, a decision had to be made about what we would do for our students' safety.*

*Due to several factors, including age of students, parents concerns about students returning to home alone, or unable to get in their homes, and with the potential for more severe weather during the day, the decision was made to send the students to Belleville High School, where they would be safe and supervised.*

*An alert was sent to all parents, informing them of this decision and letting them know they could pick up their child at Belleville High School if they wished to do so.*

*At approximately 10:30 am, the power was restored to McBride Middle School. At this point, the decision was made to let the students eat lunch at BHS at 11:15 and then be returned to McBride by noon.*

*Because of the large number of students who were picked up, the decision was ultimately made to delay all exams until Thursday. Some parents will disagree with our decisions; however, as a School District, we must have protocols in place to protect all students. We thank you for your patience and understanding during these unforeseen emergencies.*



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- **Saturday, June 28** – Look up. The Van Buren Township fireworks start at dusk at Beck Ball Fields. Sunday, June 29, is the rain date.
- **Sunday, June 29** – Feral Farms' Community Gathering Breakfast Fundraiser for the Belleville Area Museum, 8 a.m. to noon, 10944 Tuttle Hill Rd., Willis. Proceeds benefit the Don Keene Memorial Fund.
- **Thursday, July 3** – Music Lakeside at Horizon Park at 7 p.m. with Bill Bynum

(Bluegrass). Free. Bring your own chairs. Presented by Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

- **Sunday, July 6** – Bugles Across America is held at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street in Belleville to honor military people serving and at rest with a brief ceremony.
- **Thursday, July 10** – Music Lakeside at Horizon Park at 7 p.m. with One Love Reggae (Reggae). Free. Bring your own chairs. Presented by Belleville Area Council for the Arts.
- **Sunday, July 13** – Off-leash playtime at 2 p.m. with other friendly Pugs and Pug owners at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township. [www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs](http://www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs)
- **Thursday, July 17** – Yard Sale and Antique Appraisal Day noon to 7 p.m. at the museum. (Appraisals: 2-6 p.m.)

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- **Thursday, July 17** – Music Lakeside at Horizon Park at 7 p.m. with Paul Carey Organ Trio featuring Benny Reeves (Blues). Free. Bring your own chairs. Presented by Belleville Area Council for the Arts.
- **Saturday, July 19** – Family Fun Day at Sumpter's Graham Park
- **Saturday, July 19** – Garden/Art Walk through the villages of Huron Township from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nine spectacular gardens featured, some with art for sale. Museum and Grass Roots Nursery also on the walk. Benefit for Soroptimist International of the Flat Rock Area. Ticket, \$10. Information: (734) 753-3447.
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### Correction:

## Festival fight was near carnival grounds

The brief fight between two men during the Strawberry Festival was on the carnival grounds nearby, not at the St. Anthony Beer Tent, as previously reported. St. Anthony representative Sharon Pokerwinski said she talked to Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman who said he didn't say the fight was at the beer tent when he gave a report on the festival at a recent city council meeting. Chief Berriman could not be reached for comment Tuesday morning.

-- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

## VBT Summer Concert Series will be on Wednesdays at VB Park

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

The following lineup is expected to be approved for this year's Summer Concert Series at Van Buren Park and the concerts will be held on at 7 p.m. Wednesdays instead of Fridays, as in the past.

The subject is expected to be on the agenda of the Van Buren Township Board's regular meeting July 1 for final approval.

Jennifer Zaenglein, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director, told the VBT board during its June 16 workshop session that the Recreation Committee discussed days of the week and thought maybe midweek would draw a better crowd.

She said as of June 16 she has received \$3,200 in donations from local businesses for the concerts and she is seeking approval to use another \$3,000 from the annual Waste Management Cultural Activities Grant to cover the costs.

This summer's proposed lineup is:

- July 9 – Belleville Community Band (\$500);
- July 16 – The Music Lady, children's concert (\$500);
- July 23 – Toppermost, Beatles concert (\$900);
- July 30 – Annabelle Road, country (\$1,500);
- Aug. 6 – All Directions Band, rhythm and blues, (\$850); and
- Aug. 13 – Rich Eddy's Rockin Oldies Band, classics from the '50s and '60s (\$800).

Total cost for the concerts is \$5,050.

The concerts are free to the public, but there is a \$4 daily pass entry fee to enter Van Buren Park on the South I-94 Service Drive near Dunham's.

## Music Lakeside sets concerts on Thursdays at Horizon Park

Music Lakeside free concerts are at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at Horizon Park on the lake in downtown Belleville throughout the summer.

The series started on June 19 with the Paul Keller Quartet.

The rest of the season is scheduled as:

- June 26 -- The Stubb Sisters, Motown;
- July 3 – Bill Bynum, Bluegrass;
- July 10 – One Love Reggae, Reggae;
- July 17 – Paul Carey Organ Trio featuring Benny Reeves, Blues;
- July 24 – Cash O'Riley, Rockabilly;
- July 31 – Rustbelt Revival, classic Rock; and
- Aug. 7 – Blue Steel, Big Band.

Concert-goers are advised to bring their own chairs or a blanket to sit on. If it's raining, the concert will be held at the First United Methodist Church across the street from the gazebo. The concerts are presented by the Music Committee of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.



On June 8, at its annual summer conference, Diane Eissinger of Sumpter Township was honored by the Stained Glass Association of America for 15 years of dedicated service on the SGAA Board of Directors. Above, Eissinger, right, receives the dedicated service award from Susan Shea, SGAA president. The conference, held in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, also featured an exhibition of member glass work for which Eissinger's piece titled "Rondel ala Klimpt" was awarded first place in the unpainted panel category. Eissinger's work has received awards from the SGAA a number of times in recent years. She managed to do all this at the summer conference while hobbling around on a leg broken on Mother's Day, about a month earlier.

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Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

The grand opening of Fox Auto's new U-Pull facility was Saturday in Sumpter Township. Members of the public are invited to bring their own tools and pull their own used auto parts from about 1,000 cars at the new business that will be open seven days a week. Pausing for a picture from left are Manager Steve Celeskey and Bob, Bill, and Joe Fox. Fox Auto has been at this location, at the corner of Bemis and Rawsonville roads, since 1985. Before that, Fox was located on Bemis Road in Ypsilanti Township. The family-owned-and-operated business started in 1973. The winner of the Arctic Cat 4 Wheeler given away on Sunday was Celeste Martin. Winner of the Yamaha Generator was David Tackett.



Marilyn Montgomery, right, was sworn in Monday morning as the new deputy clerk in Van Buren Township, taking the place of Kathleen Cline who will retire on Friday. At left is VBT Clerk Leon Wright who officially swore Montgomery in and then signed the register with her. Montgomery has worked for the township since 2004 as Elections Account Clerk. Before that she was a Realtor at Remerica Main Street and served as a Warranty Administrator for both Walt Michals RV Center of VBT and Freightliner of Grand Rapids. She has a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University.

## School Board president misquoted in story

In the June 12 Independent, we published a story "Parents, grandparents protest loss of Bright Beginnings pre-school."

In the story we reported, "Board President Brent Mikulski said the decision wasn't made by the board, but by the superintendent and his cabinet, so discussing it wouldn't

change anything."

Mikulski said he did not say that and we apologize for the misquote.

A tape of the meeting shows that the quote actually was by Board Vice President Martha Toth.

-- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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# Kate Linnaea Marsh named to EMU Dean's List

Kate Linnaea Marsh, a 2012 graduate of Belleville High School, has been named to the Dean's List of the Honors' College at Eastern Michigan University for the Fall 2013 semester.

Marsh is a resident of Denton Village in Van Buren Township. This is the third Dean's List to which she has been named out of her three semesters at EMU. Her cumulative Grade Point Average is 3.98.

Marsh is studying Music Education – Instrumental. She has been nominated for membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

She is the daughter of Tim and Karen Marsh.

"Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value."  
– Albert Einstein

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## City of Belleville Water Department

### Consumer Confidence Report

**The Belleville Water Department wants you to know that your tap water is safe to drink and that it meets or surpasses all Federal and State standards for quality and safety.**

#### Overview

The City of Belleville is proud of the fine drinking water it provides. This annual water quality report shows the source of our water, lists the results of our tests and contains much important information about water and health. Belleville Water Department will notify you immediately if there is any reason for concern about your water. We are happy to show you how we have surpassed water-quality standards. You will receive reports like this each and every year by July 1 regarding your water.

#### Water Source

The City of Belleville water is supplied by the City of Detroit from its Southwest Water Treatment Plant. The Detroit Water Department provides drinking water to approximately 4.2 million people in 126 Michigan Communities. The City of Belleville purchased nearly 128,000,000 gallons of water in 2013.

The system uses water drawn from the Detroit River through a 12-foot diameter intake that is approximately 120-feet deep. The line slopes to a depth of 132-feet in approximately one mile where it connects at a vertical shore shaft, which causes raw water to rise and enter a land tunnel. The 12-foot diameter shore or land tunnel travels another 3 miles to the Southwest plant's low lift pumps.

The many miles of deep raw water tunnels are periodically inspected either by hard hat divers or with cameras for structural integrity and zebra mussel infestation.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very low" to "very high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

DWSD has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. DWSD participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. If you would like

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to know more information about this report or a complete copy of this report please, contact the City of Belleville Water Department or DWSD.

## How Do We Know Our Water Is Safe?

We obtain water from the City of Detroit whose treatment facilities operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The treatment process begins with the disinfecting the source water with chlorine to kill harmful microorganisms that can cause illness. Next, chemical called alum is mixed with the water to remove the fine particles that make the water cloudy or turbid. Alum causes the particles to clump together and settle to the bottom. Fluoride is also added to protect our teeth from cavities and decay.

The water then flows through fine sand filters called beds. These filters remove even more particles and certain microorganisms that are resistant to chlorine. Finally, a small amount of phosphoric acid and chlorine are added to the treated water just before it leaves the treatment plant. The phosphoric acid helps control the lead that may dissolve in the water from household plumbing systems. The chlorine keeps the water disinfected as it travels through water mains to reach your home.

The water is tested for a variety of substances before treatment, during various stages of treatment and throughout the distribution system on a regular basis. The City of Belleville has several testing locations that are tested regularly by the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. If any contaminants are detected at an unacceptable level, the City as well as the residents will be notified. All of the City of Belleville samples have tested negative for total coliform bacteria.

## Unregulated Contaminants

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps the EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants. Beginning in July 2008 the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) began monitoring quarterly for unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 2 (UCMR2). All UCMR2 contaminants monitored on the list 1 and list 2 in 2008 were undetected.

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department provides the City of Belleville with water. Also, DWSD does not test the water for radon.

## What Is Cryptosporidium?

Cryptosporidium is a disease causing parasite that lives in the intestinal tract of many animals including dogs and cats. Cryptosporidium can be introduced into bodies of water by way of surface runoff containing animal wastes and sewage discharges.

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in the surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Cryptosporidium was detected once during a twelve month period at the Detroit River intake plants. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within weeks. However, immune-compromised people, infants and small children and the elderly are at the greater risk of developing life threatening illness. We encourage immune-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

## Contaminants That May Be Found In Drinking Water

"Drinking water, including bottled water may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground it

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## Court Watching:

# Accused murderer's preliminary exam reset for July 2

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Accused murderer Kenneth William Coskie of Van Buren Township will have his preliminary exam on July 2 before Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court in Romulus.

Coskie was brought before Judge David Parrott on June 18, but neither his defense attorney nor the prosecutor on the case were available to be present.

Judge Parrott said the court got the results of the competency exam and a hearing has to be set within five days. That's why Coskie was brought to court on June 18.

Judge Parrott continued Coskie's \$1 million bond and he was returned to the Wayne County Jail. Coskie, 74, was looking frail in his bright-yellow prison garb.

Coskie is charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of Eric Williams, 44, just before 8 p.m. on April 23 near his home in the Michigan Avenue – Denton Road area of Van Buren Township.

Coskie also was charged with felony firearm and is considered an habitual offender.

VBT Detective Donovan McCarthy is the lead officer on the case.

## Ronnie Purnell Begley

Ronnie Purnell Begley, 50, who is being lodged in the Wayne County Jail, wanted to hold his preliminary exam on June 18 before Judge Parrott and so it was held.

Begley is charged with domestic violence and malicious destruction of property and is being held on \$50,000 or 10% bond.

His court-appointed attorney Kristine Longstreet said it was Begley's right to have a preliminary exam.

The complainant Lorrie Gullekson was called to the stand to testify and Begley said, "I love you," to her.

Judge Parrott told Begley not to talk to anyone but his lawyer. He said Begley would be in contempt of court if he talked.

Gullekson said Begley was her boyfriend for 30 years off and on and he stays with her. She testified that on May 18, they were in her home at 6607 Parkside in Belleville (VBT) and he went to bed early and then got up and was upset because she wasn't in bed.

Gullekson said he put his hand on her mouth and cut her mouth.

"It was an accident," she said and Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Cary Butoric moved to strike the comment.

Gullekson said his hand went in her mouth and she was bleeding and he was scared.

"He kicked me in my leg and threatened to break my windshield," she said, adding she had no money to pay for a new windshield. Then he broke her windshield.

"I pushed him down... and he was

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# Court Watching:

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pushing my fingers back," Gullekson said. She called the police.

The prosecutor stipulated that Begley had several domestic violence charges: May 13, 2003; Dec. 29, 2003; April 11, 2006; Jan. 12, 2010; and June 11, 2012.

There was no cross-examination of the witness and Judge Parrott found probable cause to bind him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information at 9 a.m., June 25.

As he left the courtroom, Begley kept mouthing the words, "I love you" to Gullekson, who sat in the courtroom with friends.

VBT Det. McCarthy is the lead officer on the case.

## Joseph David Barrera

The preliminary exam set for June 18 for Joseph David Barrera was waived and so Judge Parrott bound him over to circuit court for a June 25 arraignment on the information.

Barrera, 37, had been lodged in the Wayne County Jail on \$20,000 or 10% bond for charges of third-degree operating while intoxicated, driving while license suspended, and driver with open intoxicant.

Barrera's attorney said he was not working at the moment and is in a stable home. Barrera was arrested for this 2012 case at the same address where it happened. He also had offenses in 2003 and 2010. The attorney asked for a personal bond.

Judge Parrott said he wouldn't usually release such a defendant without a cash bond, but he did lower Barrera's cash bond to \$5,000 or 10%, but he must wear an alcohol tether.

VBT Det. Mark Abdilla is the lead officer on the case.

## Dominic William Rubino

A preliminary exam was held before Judge Parrott for Dominic William Rubino, 18, on a charge of home invasion – first degree. He is being held in the Wayne County Jail on a \$50,000/10% bond.

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dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and in some cases radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

## Vulnerability Of Some Population To Contaminants

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water hotline (800-426-4791).

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using your tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

## Lead And Copper Testing

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Belleville Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

## Water Quality Data

Your drinking water is continuously monitored above and beyond Federal and State Laws. Monitoring frequencies vary by parameter, so some of the test dates for the results are a few years old because it is the most recent information. In addition, monitoring must be performed by the individual community. The community-specific information is presented in a separate table. The following table shows all the contaminants that were detected in your water.

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Your drinking water met all the State and EPA monitoring and reporting requirements for 2013. Not listed are the hundreds of other contaminants tested for, but not found in your water.

2013 Key to the Detected Contaminant Tables		
Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation
>	Greater than	
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	not applicable	
ND	Not Detected	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
RAA	Running Annual Average	
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on total.

**Southwest Water Treatment Plant  
2013 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables**

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
<b>Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap</b>								
Fluoride	5/13/2013	ppm	4	4	0.71	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	5/13/2013	ppm	10	10	0.69	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	6/9/2008	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 2</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2013	ppb	n/a	80	n/a	n/a		By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2013	ppb	n/a	60	n/a	n/a		By-product of drinking water disinfection.
<b>Disinfection – Monitoring in Distribution System</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal	Allowed Level	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Disinfectant Total Chlorine Residual	2013	ppm	MRDLG 4	MRDL 4	0.85	0.47-0.88	no	Water additive used to control microbes.

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## Court Watching:

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Just one witness was called to testify: Paul Woodly. Prosecutor Shannon Walker asked if Woodly knew the defendant and he replied that he met Rubino through one of his babysitter's daughters. He identified Rubino in the courtroom.

Woodly testified that on June 2 he was sleeping in his home at 125 Texas Street, Sumpter Township, after going to bed at 10 p.m. The mobile home was locked and secured, he said.

He was asleep in the front bedroom when the overhead light switched on. He said he sat up and saw the defendant standing at the foot of his bed.

"He froze," Woodly said of the intruder. "I asked him what he was doing and he said someone told him to come in. I told him no, no one did."

Woodly said Rubino said, "I'm not trying to do you like this," and ran out of his bedroom and out of the house. He said he called to Rubino to come back, but he didn't. There was another, "kid" seven feet tall with a half mask on. He ran away, too, Woodly said.

Woodly said the window in the back bedroom, his father's bedroom, was ripped out of its frame. He said he called police and they came and took pictures of the window.

Court-appointed defense attorney Longstreet asked Woodly if he immediately called 911 and he said he did. She asked if he said the last name of the intruder on the call and he said he couldn't remember what he said but he didn't know Rubino's last name at the time.

Woodly said nothing was taken.

Prosecutor Walker made a motion for Judge Parrott to bind the case over to circuit court and he did, setting the arraignment on the information for 9 a.m., June 25.

Sumpter Township Police Det. John Toth is the lead officer on the case.

### Jeremy David McLaughlin

Jeremy David McLaughlin, 25, who had been in jail for 38 days, accepted a plea deal where he pled guilty to receiving stolen property.

A second charge of home invasion second degree was dropped.

He said on May 9 in Van Buren Township he was in possession of a stolen iPad. Judge Parrott ordered restitution of \$249 for the scratched iPad and the sentence was time-served. He also will have non-reporting probation for 12 months to keep the restitution on track, Judge Parrott said.

Judge Parrott said if the defendant doesn't pay the restitution, he will put him in jail for another 58 days.

McLaughlin's court-appointed attorney Jeffrey Bowdich said there may be some lag time on the restitution, since McLaughlin has a hold on him from another case.

According to court files the amount McLaughlin owed on the last case was \$903 as of June 19.

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# Court Watching:

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## Matthew Biggs

Matthew Biggs, who said his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday was the next day, was brought from the Wayne County Jail on June 18 and pled guilty to domestic violence.

The plea deal he accepted dropped charges of being a minor with alcohol and failure to report a property damage accident.

He told Judge Parrott that at about 6:30 p.m. June 1 in Van Buren Township he and Amanda, the mother of his child, got into an argument. He said he was drinking and she claims he hit her, “and I’m not going to call her a liar.”

“There’s a high probability she’s telling the truth,” said Judge Parrott and Biggs replied, “A chance, sir.”

Judge Parrott asked if he had ever been charged with assaultive behavior before and Biggs said in Florida last year he got in a fight. He and his father had an argument and police thought Matthew was the aggressor. But, after investigation the charges were dropped. Also, police thought he was drinking, “But, I wasn’t. I blew zero.”

Judge Parrott said Biggs already has spent 18 days in jail and he will be released with fees to pay and a directive to attend the court’s batterer’s counseling program. Judge Parrott also changed the “no contact” directive to “no assaultive contact.”

Judge Parrott also told him to use no alcohol and there will be spot tests. “You’re not old enough to drink. You shouldn’t be drinking,” Judge Parrott said.

## Elizabeth S. Chamberlain

Elizabeth S. Chamberlain, 33, waived her right to a preliminary exam and Judge Parrott bound her over for an arraignment on the information at circuit court on July 2. She is charged with home invasion, second degree, at 58 Rose Blvd.

VBT Det. McCarthy is the lead officer on the case.

## Samuel Maurice Banks

Samuel Maurice Banks, 32, who is trying to get into veterans’ court in another district court had his preliminary exam adjourned for six weeks, to July 30.

“We do want to try to help out a veteran,” said Judge Parrott, but, “This is the final adjournment. I really mean it this time.”

On May 28, Judge Parrott adjourned the preliminary exam until June 18 to give court-appointed attorney Bowdich time to get Banks into the special court. But, Bowdich said it taking longer than expected.

Banks is facing charges of assault by strangulation and domestic violence, from a March 3 incident.

Bowdich said this matter could be referred to 36<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> district court, where they have veterans’ courts. Banks is receiving counseling at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Detroit.

“Fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities.  
Truth isn’t.”

Mark Twain



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2013 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.15 NTU	100%	no	Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.			

2013 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System					
Regulated Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	in one month	No	Naturally present in the environment.
E.coli or Fecal Coliform Bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive.	entire year	No	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

2011 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers’ Tap								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2011	ppb	0	15	4 ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2011	ppb	1300	1300	168 ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.								
Contaminant	Treatment Technique		Running annual average		Monthly Ratio Range		Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.							Erosion of natural deposits

## 2013 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5.54	Erosion of natural deposits

Collection and sampling result information in the table provided by Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) Water Quality Division, ML Semegen.

## National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Compliance

This report was prepared by Mr. Keith Tackett, Director of Public Services for the City of Belleville using data supplied by the water provider. The City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the City of Belleville at 734-697-9323.

This report has been prepared and provided to the residents of the City of Belleville in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (1976 PA 399, as amended) 1998 PA 56. This act was passed to ensure compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act and rules promulgated by the U.S. EPA dealing with this law. Most of the specific language within this report is required and as such cannot be altered.

## Public Participation

Each and every month the Board of Water Commissioners meet at the Water Board building at 735 Randolph Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226. There are also public hearings and meetings, which are open to the public. To confirm dates and times of the BOWC meetings residents are asked to contact Detroit Water and Sewerage Department’s Public Affairs Division at 313-964-9570 or visit the DWSD website at [www.dwsd.org](http://www.dwsd.org).

## City Comments

We hope you find this report useful. Copies of this report are available at the Belleville City Hall located at 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Look for future reports prior to July 1 of each year.

Water quality data for community systems throughout the United States is available at <http://waterdata.usgs.gov>.

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## Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, June 30 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 1 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 2 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.

- Monday, July 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 8 – Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority (LDFA), 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, July 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, July 10 – Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 14 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building.
- Tuesday, July 15 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 16 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, VBT

Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

- Monday, July 21 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, work/study session, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 22 – 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.
- Wednesday, July 23 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

## Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

### Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

Belleville Area District Library Board Candidates who wish to seek office at the November General Election must file with the Wayne County Clerk (2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 502, Detroit, MI) before July 17, 2014 at 4pm.

Nominating petitions can be obtained from the Wayne County Clerk or from local municipal clerks on a general form, accepted by Wayne County. Signatures from each community (Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren) must be on separate petitions. The total number of signatures on the petition(s) shall be no less than 40 nor more than 100. In lieu of filing a nominating petition, a candidate may file a \$100 non-refundable fee, to have their name placed on the ballot. In addition to the fee or petition, the candidate must file an affidavit of identity.

Publish: June 26, 2014



## Sumpter Township Public Notice



### HELP WANTED: PLUMBING INSPECTOR

The Township of Sumpter is seeking an individual for the part-time position as inspector. They are paid on an inspection basis. Must have a High School Diploma, have Act 54 certification, experience in inspection or code enforcement work or the equivalent. Must have state of Michigan certification. Applications available at the Sumpter Township Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerks Office 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111. 734-461-6201. Sumpter Township is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Publish: June 12, 19 & 26, 2014

# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014

#### To the Qualified Electors of CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN– WAYNE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Monday, July 7, 2014 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

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

Candidates for the following offices will be voted upon:

Governor  
United States Senator  
United States Representative in Congress  
State Senator  
Representative in State Legislature  
County Executive  
County Commissioner  
Judge of the Probate Court, Non-Incumbent Position  
Judge of District Court, 34<sup>th</sup> District, Incumbent Position  
Delegate to County Convention

### PROPOSALS: STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROPOSAL 14-1  
APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AMENATORY ACT TO REDUCE STATE  
USE TAX AND REPLACE WITH A LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION  
SHARE TO MODERNIZE THE TAX SYSTEM TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES  
GROW AND CREATE JOBS

### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY REGIONAL  
ENHANCMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

### DISTRICT LIBRARY

BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY BONDING PROPOSITON

BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

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](http://www.vanburen-mi.org).

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

#### In Person:

At the township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.

At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.

At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.

At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

#### By Mail:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP CLERK  
46425 TYLER RD.  
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, MI 48111

Telephone number: 734.699.8909

#### Qualifications for Registration

1. Applicant is at least 18 years of age.
2. Resident of Van Buren Township for at least 30 days.
3. Citizen of the United States.

**Note:** A Person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the August 5, 2014 Election is Saturday, August 2, 2014 until 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk's office.

Leon Wright  
Township Clerk

Publish: 6-26-14



# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE 06-17-14

First reading of Ordinance 06-17-14; Second reading for adoption will be held at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at 7:00 PM to be held in the Board of Trustees Room, Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, 48111.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ZONING ORDINANCE 06-02-92, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

**The Charter Township of Van Buren Ordains:**

### SECTION 1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Zoning Map in connection with the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

#### **Ordinance No. 06-17-14**

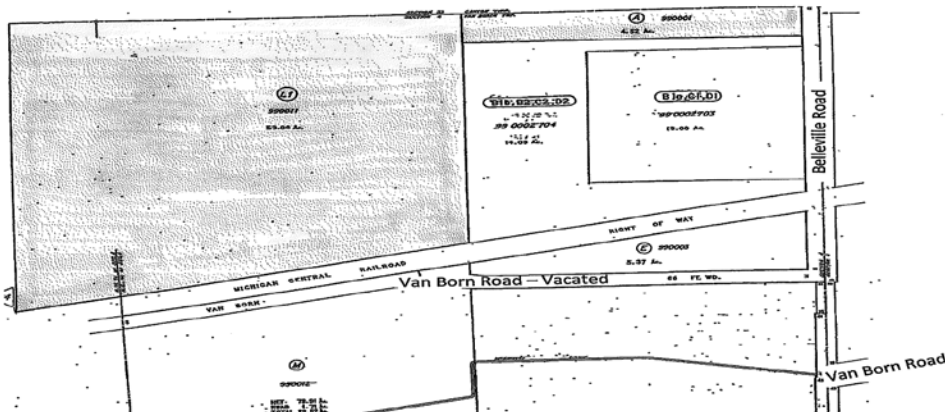
A request to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcels V-125-83-013-99-0011-000 and V-125-83-013-99-0001-000 from M-1 (Light Industrial) to M-2 (General Industrial).

Legal Description of Property:

**Parcel V-125-83-013-99-0011-000:** Part of North ½ of Section 4 Township 3 South Range 8 East, Beginning at the North ¼ Corner of Section 4; then North 89 Degrees 54 Minutes 42 Seconds East 1356.30 Feet; then South 0 Degrees 10 Minutes 42 Seconds West 1216.18 Feet; then South 79 Degrees 28 Minutes 15 Seconds West 1713.61 Feet; then North 0 Degrees 11 Minutes 20 Seconds East 1526.67 Feet; then North 89 Degrees 57 Minutes 01 Seconds East 327.22 Feet to Point of Beginning, 53.00 acres.

**Parcel V-125-83-013-99-0001-000:** Part of NE ¼ of Section 4 Beginning South 89 Degrees 07 Minutes 15 Seconds West 63.01 Feet from the North East Corner Section 4; then South 89 Degrees 07 Minutes 15 Seconds West 1257.99 Feet; then South 0 Degrees 32 Minutes 15 Seconds East 156.77 Feet; then North 89 Degrees 07 Minutes 15 Seconds East 1256.52 Feet; then Due North 156.79 Feet to Point of Beginning, 4.52 acres.

This property is located west of Belleville Road, and north of the railroad right-of-way and Van Born Road.



### SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

In the event any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or word of this ordinance is deemed invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion deemed severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

### SECTION 3. REPEALER.

Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

### SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect immediately after adoption and publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

YEAS: Budd, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan, Miller and Combs.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: Wright (excused).  
ABSTAINED: None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days of passage.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Leon Wright, Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Combs, Supervisor

Adopted:  
Published: 6-26-14.  
Effective:

# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

## VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP FIREWORKS SAFETY ACT ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 06-03-14

Second reading for adoption of General Code of Ordinance 6-3-14 to amend the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Van Buren, Chapter 46 – Fire Prevention and Protection, by replacing Article III Fireworks.

AN ORDINANCE TO CONTROL THE USE AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS AND OTHER EXPLOSIVE AND FLAMMABLE COMPOUNDS, CHEMICALS, AND DEVICES USED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

**The Van Buren Charter Township ordains:**

### SECTION 1 – TITLE

### SECTION 2 – PURPOSE

### SECTION 3 – DEFINITIONS

### SECTION 4 – PROHIBITIONS

### SECTION 5 – PERMITS

### SECTION 6 – COST RECOVERY

### SECTION 7 – INSURANCE

### SECTION 8 – PENALTIES

### SECTION 9 – SEVERABILITY

### SECTION 10 – REPEALER

### SECTION 11 – SAVINGS CLAUSE

### SECTION 12 – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

### SECTION 13 – ADOPTION

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting called and held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

YEAS: McClanahan, Miller, Jahr, Hart, Budd and Combs.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: Wright (excused).

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Leon Wright, Township Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Adopted: 6-17-14.  
Published: 6-12-14 & 6-26-14.  
Effective: 6-26-14.

## Benefit this Sunday for Belleville Area Museum

On Sunday, June 29, the Feral Foods Community Supported Agriculture Farm will host a fundraising breakfast for the Belleville Area Museum and Historical Society's Don Keene Memorial Fund.

Reservations may be made by calling Museum Director Katie Dallos at the

museum, (734) 697-1944, no later than Friday June 27 or at [tinyurl.com/localbreakfast](http://tinyurl.com/localbreakfast) to make sure there is enough food.

Feral Foods CSA Farm is located at 10944 Tuttle Hill Road, Ypsilanti (Willis), near Don and Emmy Keene's home.



**CITY OF BELLEVILLE  
NOTICE OF CLOSE OF  
REGISTRATION FOR  
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE, WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that Monday, July 7, 2014 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the City you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also change their address in the following manners:

In Person:

At the City Hall Clerk's office, or at the office of any County Clerk during normal business hours.

At any Secretary of State Branch office located throughout the State during normal business hours.

At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 17, 2014

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent: Clerk Wright, (excused). Others in attendance: Planning Consultant Hodges, Executive Assistant LaMothe, Secretary Cline and an audience of thirteen (13).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the agenda, as presented. Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes June 2, 2014; Closed Session Minutes June 2, 2014; Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 3, 2014; Voucher List of June 17, 2014.] as presented. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor Combs read an update from DDA regarding the Belleville Road construction project.

Supervisor Combs stated the Township has been in contact with Wayne County Roads in regard to dust issues on county dirt roads in the Township.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of General Code of Ordinances, 06-03-14 to amend the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Van Buren, Chapter 46 – Fire Prevention and Protection, by replacing Article III Fireworks. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McClanahan, Miller, Jahr, Hart, Budd and Combs. Nays: None. Absent: Wright (excused). Carried.

\*(A copy of the synopsis of Ordinance 06-03-14 follows the minutes. Copies of the Ordinance may be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jahr moved, Budd seconded to accept the 2013 Audits from Plante & Moran. Carried.

Jahr moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 06-17-14 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance by rezoning 57.52 acres of land (Parcels V125-83-013-99-0011-000 and V125-83-013-99-0001-000) located west of Belleville Road and north of the railroad viaduct from M-1 (Light Industrial) to M-2 (General Industrial). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Budd, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan, Miller and Combs. Nays: None. Absent: Wright (excused). Carried.

\*(A copy of the Ordinance 06-17-14 follows the minutes. Copies of the Ordinance may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

**REPORTS:** Supervisor Combs received and filed the March 2014 and April 2014 Budgetary Reports.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supervisor Combs made the following announcements: The Belleville Area Museum will host Orphan Trains of Michigan with Al and Dave Eicher on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at Township Hall; Township parking lot construction project will begin on June 23<sup>rd</sup>; Fireworks will be held on June 28<sup>th</sup> at Beck Ball Field, rain date is June 29<sup>th</sup>.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Non-Agenda Items started at 7:48 p.m. and ended at 8:12 p.m. Comments were made regarding: Alden Road residents informed the Township of the excessive dust is a public safety issue; single family home on Alden Road now has multi-homes (zoning and permits); junk cars; ordinance enforcement.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jahr moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leon Wright, Township Clerk  
Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor  
Publish: June 26, 2014

Commission and some office of the Commission for the Blind.

At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the Clerk's office by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

Lisa Long, City Clerk  
(734)697-9323 ext. 7010  
6 Main Street  
Belleville, MI 48111

**Note:** A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the City/Township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION:

1. Applicant is at least 18 Years of age.
2. Resident of Belleville for at least 30 days.
3. Citizen of the United States.

**APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS** are available starting June 27, 2014 at the City Clerk's office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the August 5, 2014, Primary Election is Saturday, August 2, 2014 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the City Clerk's office.

Lisa Long,  
City Clerk

Publish: June 26, 2014

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On Wednesday, July 2, 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.

1995	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNEL19W2SB273630	14-9349
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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.

2005	GMC	PU	1GTEC14V95Z220426	14-6529
2005	GMC	PU	1GTEC14V25Z219585	14-6529
1990	BUICK	4D	1G4HR54C3LH471815	14-7086
2009	FORD	SW	1FMCU04739KB95176	14-7696
1994	DODGE	PU	1B7GG23Y7RW114885	14-7863
1995	MERCURY	4D	1MELM5349SG616527	14-7892
2007	HONDA	4D	1HGCM564X7A179145	14-8522
2004	FORD	4D	2FAHP71W64X118254	14-8770
1999	FORD	4D	1FAFP10P0XW270738	14-9604

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  
Publish: June 26, 2014

**The Belleville-Area  
Independent New Website  
is Now Online! Visit us @  
bellevilleareaindependent.com  
Read The Newspaper  
On The Web!**

## Sumpter Twp. board approves memorial courtyard construction

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting June 10, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees approved a proposal for township employees to construct a memorial courtyard on the south side of the township hall at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 for the supplies.

Deputy Clerk Esther Hurst told the *Independent* that employees are planting a tree there in memory of longtime employee Clarence Primm and got to thinking it would be nice to have a place to honor others as they pass on.

"None of us are getting any younger," Hurst said.

She said a tree could be planted in memory and a stone carved for placement. She said it's a small area and presently a picnic table is there.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a resolution authorizing the fire department to apply for a grant through Burnham & Flower insurance company. The request is for a grant for purchase of equipment and training with continuing education for fire fighter protection and safety while operating in or near moving vehicle traffic;

- Removed from the agenda reconsideration of park rules of allowing alcoholic beverages in township parks;
- Removed from the agenda consideration to approve having any future employees be in a defined contribution retirement program;

- Heard Trustee Bill Hamm report that Ordinance Officer Randy Lynch was rear-ended in a township truck and the other driver ran, fleeing and eluding. The truck was damaged. Acting Police Chief Eric Luke said the driver was arrested in West Willow after the occurrence and he is charged in Wayne County for a "slew of felonies" on this incident;

- Approved previously discussed non-union policies and procedures;

- Heard a complaint from Jessica McIntyre about how her handicapped grandmother was treated at Sumpter Fest. McIntyre wanted special transportation for her grandmother to the bingo area since she was on a walker and couldn't make it down an incline. She said Kim Toms was rude. Toms explained he was tired and "had a bad moment." He apologized in detail and she accepted his apology. Treasurer John Morgan who was presiding at the meeting said to Toms, "You acquitted yourself quite well. You are standing up like a man and taking responsibility";

- Heard Charles Londo of Carleton introduce himself as a candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives. He currently is the city manager of Luna Pier;

- Heard Mary Ban say Wayne County is redoing Belleville Road again and, "I don't know how long they're going to keep digging. I beseech them to do Bemis Road."

# INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

## MANUFACTURED HOME FOR SALE

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3 bed/2 bath for only \$17,995? Yes! All appliances including washer, dryer, a/c, shed and deck.

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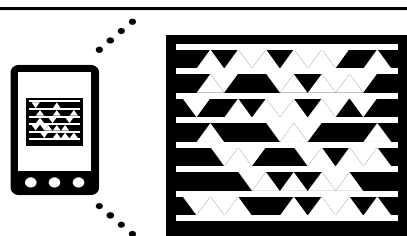
\*some restrictions apply. WAC, EHO Expires 6/30/2014. NMLS #33675

2 BR. APARTMENT. Close to freeways & airport. \$585/mo. water included. \$585 deposit. (734) 730-8286 6/26

PRIVATE UPSTAIRS APARTMENT Top story of my home. Small two bedroom. \$700/mo. (734) 776-5848 Shelly 7/17

ROOMMATE NEEDED. Own Bedroom and Bath, Kitchen privileges. No smoking, or pets. (734) 474-7685. 6/26

"I fear the day that technology will surpass our human interaction. The world will have a generation of idiots."  
— Albert Einstein



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**http://gettag.mobi**

## HELP WANTED

**Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue of Sumpter Twp. is looking for volunteers to help with our dogs.**

**Morning & afternoon positions available.**

**Call Sandy at (734) 417-5117**

**or email**

**seatonsandra@yahoo.com**



## Immediate Hiring Driver with CDL license

for local excavating and septic company. Full time position. Wages negotiable.

Call (734) 461-6838 or

email for application at

**kovalak@comcast.net**

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

HAIR STYLIST with or without Clientele needed at a Modern Salon w/ Friendly Workers. Bladez (734) 697-5600 TFN

TRAINED STAFF Wanted for Group Home in Romulus, (734) 942-1010 ALSO Riverview & Brownstown, (734) 282-0230 6/26

LAWN SERVICE - Must have experience in all areas of lawn service. Must have own transportation. (734) 587-2410 No Experience? Don't Call 7/03

## HELP WANTED

**Caring, mature, enthusiastic people needed to work with women who have disabilities. Midnights, full time and part time. Weekends, day shifts and call ins. Will train the right person. \$7.90/hr. to start with paid for training. Please call (734) 461-2204**

## HIRING IMMEDIATELY

**Dedicated & Reliable Bus Drivers for Permanent Positions for Van Buren Public Schools. Summer Training for Fall Driving. Starting Pay: \$11.50/hour. Call 734-699-5100**

CONSTRUCTION LABORER NEEDED F/T or P/T needed immediately for local excavation & septic company. No experience necessary. Wages negotiable (734) 461-6838 or email kovalak@comcast.net 7/10

LOCKWOOD MANAGEMENT is hiring 3 Maintenance Technicians for two locations in Belleville and Ypsilanti. Must be able to pass background, drug screen and have valid driver license and 1 year apartment experience. Send resume to esimmons@lockwoodcompanies.com or (734) 699-7322. 7/03

## HELP WANTED

**There's a good chance we're right in your neighborhood. We're looking for Direct Care Assistants to support persons we serve in their homes in the Belleville & Romulus communities.**

**\$8.25 total per hr. plus good benefits.**

**Call (734) 699-3808 or (734) 699-6543**

**Email resume to: recruiter@questserv.org**

## DIRECT CARE ASSISTANT

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**Email resume to: recruiter@questserv.org**



# INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

## AUCTION

**JNG Auction Services**  
881 Sumpter Rd.

**Live Auction**  
**Saturday June 28**  
6pm preview / 7pm auction  
Inventory Liquidation  
A bit of everything!

www.JNGAUCTIONS.com  
**734-489-4636**

## GARAGE/YARD SALE

46425 HARRIS RD. W. of Sumpter Rd.  
June 27-28, 9 a.m./6 p.m. 6/26

HUGE YARD SALE - 10812 Buchanan  
(Haggerty Sub). June 26-28. Lots of  
items for everyone. Boy clothes (12-18),  
Appliances, Tools, Lawn equipment &  
Much more. 6/26

WALDEN WOODS COMMUNITY will  
be having its annual Sub Wide garage sale  
on June 28-29, 8 a.m./3 p.m. Tyler Rd.  
between Belleville & Morton Taylor 6/26

16787 MARTINSVILLE Rd. June 26-  
28, 9 a.m./4 p.m. Tools, Beer Posters,  
Sewing, Household & Everything else. 6/26

1170 W. Huron River Drive. June  
27, 9/5. June 28, 9/4 June 29, 9/?  
Bargain Day. Furniture, Sm. Appliances,  
Collectibles, Books, Women's Clothing  
size 18, lg., XL & plus sizes, Household  
misc. 6/26

BIG YARD SALE 50462 BOG ½ Mile S.  
of Huron River Drive, E. of Rawsonville.  
June 26-28, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. Men-Women-  
Kids, Furniture, Antiques . 6/26

41440 & 41444 Fret Rd. June 26-28,  
9a.m. - 5 p.m. Kids Hockey Equipment,  
Books, Movies, Girls and Boys Clothes,  
Household, Ethan Allen 5 pc. Girl's  
Bedroom Set . Oak night stands. 6/26

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LIKE NEW, RARELY USED 36" round  
Pub table w/4 matching swivel back  
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Shrine of Remembrance, Flat Rock, MI.  
Pair, \$12,000 Cell (313) 909-3770 7/03

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Mower. 22" cut, Mulch, Bag, Electric  
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REMODEL SPECIAL - Complete  
Kitchen. (4) white GE appliances. Dark  
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# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*The following are selected calls for VBT Police.*

**Sunday, June 15:**

0141 – operating while intoxicated, McDonald’s Rawsonville

0154 – noise complaint, Westlake

0217 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.

0330 – fireworks, Village Green Ln.

1418 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1615 – noise complaint, Arthur St.

1841 – private property accident, DNR Huron River Dr.

1851 – assault & battery, Hannan Rd.

1919 – disturbance, Van Buren Park

2023 – operating while intoxicated, Huron River Dr. Boat Launch

2040 – fraud, Tyler Rd.

2139 – fireworks, S. I-94 Service Dr.

2210 – fireworks, Lohr Rd.

2236 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton Rd.

2237 – disturbance, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.

2312 – disturbance, Outer Dr.

**Monday, June 16:**

1605 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1635 – agency assist, Belle Villa

1703 – juvenile complaint, Denton

1819 – agency assist, EB I-94/Haggerty

1846 – fraud, Linda Vista Ct.

1924 – noise complaint, Westlake

1940 – agency assist, WB I-94/Haggerty

1946 – larceny, Denton Rd.

2137 – noise complaint, Madison Dr.

2348 – shots fired, Haggerty Rd.

2353 – suspicious situation, Kirkridge Park Dr.

**Tuesday, June 17:**

0108 – noise complaint, Cherry Ln.

0156 – assault & battery, Westlake

0937 – larceny, Maple Dr.

1040 – agency assist, N. Bellridge Dr.

1557 – narcotics crime, Denton Rd.

1559 – trespassing, Boots & Saddle

1751 – disturbance, Westlake pool

2009 – narcotics crime, Comfort Inn

2042 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

2305 – weapons violation, E. Schooner Dr.

**Wednesday, June 18:**

0734 – larceny from auto, Van Buren St.

0934 – private property accident, W. Archwood

1430 – assist citizen, Sumpter Rd.

1447 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.

1504 – personal injury accident, Owen/Sumpter

1624 – fraud, Endicott St.

1637 – larceny from auto, Rawsonville Rd.

1816 – assist citizen, N. I-94 Service Dr.

2022 – hospice, Sheldon Rd.

2041 – suspicious vehicle, WB Ecorse/Denton

2109 – assault & battery, Taco Bell

2210 – assault & battery, Ashbury

2221 – disturbance, Belleville

2221 – property damage accident, Belleville / Belleville Manor

**Thursday, June 19:**

0200 – harassment call, Van Buren St.

0737 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.

1012 – malicious destruction of property, Jackson

1015 – larceny, Maple Dr.

1332 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1848 – missing person, Ironwood Dr.

1929 – private property accident, Hardwood Dr.

2009 – juvenile complaint, Jeremy Rd./Samantha

2015 – disturbance, Belleville

2025 – fraud, Belleville

2053 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, Rawsonville Rd.

2128 – noise complaint, Madison Dr.

2202 – fireworks, Hamilton Ct.

2240 – assault & battery, McBride Ave.

**Friday, June 20:**

0032 – juvenile complaint, Elwell Rd.

0336 – trespassing, Belleville

0835 – larceny, Jeremy Rd.

0857 – suspicious situation, Victoria St.

0922 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.

1112 – suicide or attempt, Rogers Ave.

1147 – citizen assist, Van Buren St.

1422 – harassment call, Lohr

1627 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.

1638 – harassment call, Tyler Rd.

1723 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.

2056 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.

2126 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.

2201 – larceny, Fret Rd.

2332 – disorderly conduct, Oak Blvd.

2327 – assault & battery, Mott

2348 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.

**Saturday, June 21:**

0649 – malicious destruction of property, Riggs Rd

0924 – private property accident, Packard Ct.

1401 – intimidation threat, Belleville Rd.

1656 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1830 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.

1853 – holdup alarm, Belleville Rd.

1957 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.

2041 – juvenile complaint, Denton Rd./Cross St.

2114 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.

2153 – personal injury accident, Tyler/Beck

2158 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.

2159 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.

2204 – mental, Borgman Ave.

2306 – fireworks, Chaney Ave.

2316 – agency assist, Main/Roy

2327 – fire investigation, Park Estates Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 147 traffic stops, 21 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, June 15:**

0104 – juvenile complaint, Main St.

0114 – miscellaneous complaint, South St.

0517 – animal complaint, St. Anthony’s

0951 – warrant arrest, Van Buren Plaza

1143 – larceny, Loza Ln.

1411 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

1453 – civil matter, Lunch Box

1615 – property check, W. Columbia/Henry

1717 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Fourth St.

1719 – intrusion alarm, Main St.

1729 – juvenile complaint, St. Anthony’s

1808 – civil matter, Main St.

1851 – private property accident, St. Anthony’s

2000 – vehicle lockout, Lunchbox

2140 – agency assist, Martinsville

2328 – missing person, Menlo Park Dr.

**Monday, June 16:**

1001 – information, Main St.

1131 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.

1153 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Estrada

1219 – E-911 hang up/investigation, N. Liberty / Main St.

1247 – larceny, Owen St.

1355 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.

1631 – malicious destruction of property, Belle Villa Blvd.

1704 – child abuse, Clarence St.

2013 – animal complaint, Jet’s

2119 – warrant arrest, Main St.

2309 – malicious destruction of property, Victorian

**Tuesday, June 17:**

1044 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.

1109 – intrusion alarm, Greylock St.

1153 – serve warrant, Loza Ln.

1228 – property damage accident, Points

1501 – intrusion alarm, Oxford Ct.

**Wednesday, June 18:**

0925 – assist fire dept., Madelon St.

1055 – disorderly conduct, Main St.

1225 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.

1356 – traffic hazard, Main St./High St.

1418 – missing person, N. Liberty St.

1441 – private property accident, W. Columbia

1507 – agency assist, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.

1613 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.

1644 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter

2020 – civil matter, Church St.

**Thursday, June 19:**

0258 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.

0807 – miscellaneous complaint, W. Columbia

0936 – vehicle lockout, Main St.

1249 – property damage accident, Main St./Third

1321 – vehicle lockout, Anaheim St.

1359 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.

1522 – information, Church St.

1559 – traffic complaint, E. Huron River Dr.

1612 – missing person, Belle Villa Blvd.

**Friday, June 20:**

0202 – suspicious person, Savage/tracks

0733 – suspicious vehicle, Potter Dr.

1017 – private property accident, Citgo

1025 – lost property, W. Columbia Ave.

1904 – assist fire dept., W. Wabash Ave.

**Saturday, June 21:**

0751 – narcotics crime, Horizon Park

1042 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.

Also on this week’s log are 37 traffic stops.

# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, June 15:**

0312 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0912 – assist other agency, Waltz south of Judd

1255 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.

1322 – neighbor dispute, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1851 – suspicious vehicle, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz

1930 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.

1949 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.

2030 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 37000 bl. Willow Rd.

2042 – disorderly person, 22000 bl. Martinsville

2054 – violation of park rules, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

2057 – fight, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

2118 – suspicious incident, Martinsville/Willis

**Monday, June 16:**

0634 – juvenile complaint, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.

0823 – warrant arrest, 16000 bl. Lohr Rd.

0942 – larceny, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1216 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1231 – alarm, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.

1236 – civil dispute, Colorado

1251 – shots fired, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.

1324 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.

1503 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.

1551 – assault, Brookview

1947 – traffic hazard, Sumpter/Judd

2024 – assault, Brookview

2214 – civil dispute, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

2304 – suspicious person, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

**Tuesday, June 17:**

0922 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Martinsville

1131 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.

1224 – fire dept. assist, Brookview

1634 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.

1648 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.

1758 – juvenile complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood

2044 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

2057 – suspicious incident, Willow/Haggerty

2254 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Martinsville

**Wednesday, June 18:**

0006 – suspicious incident, 8100 bl. Rawsonville

0240 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Judd / Rawsonville

0329 – suspicious vehicle, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1234 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1439 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Sherwood

1647 – assist other agency, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.

1732 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1923 – malicious destruction of property, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.

2021 – suspicious person, 25000 bl. Carleton West

2119 – well-being check, 48000 bl. Timber Park ct

2237 – family trouble, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.

**Thursday, June 19:**

0022 – assist other agency, 13000 bl. Rawsonville

0539 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1120 – civil dispute, Ohio

1236 – malicious destruction of property, Country Club Blvd.

1546 – larceny, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.

1719 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1944 – warrant arrest, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.

2130 – warrant arrest, 36000 bl. S. Huron Rd.

2249 – suspicious vehicle, 26000 bl. Haggerty

2318 – suspicious person, Bemis/Sumpter

2323 – noise complaint, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.

**Friday, June 20:**

0256 – personal injury accident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

0710 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0832 – lost property report, Clark/Wear

0942 – assist other agency, out of township

1204 – citizen assist, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.

1431 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Rustic Ln.

1715 – well-being check, Alaska

2034 – fire dept. assist, Pecan

**Saturday, June 21:**

0050 – suspicious incident, 8200 bl. Rawsonville

0936 – malicious destruction of property, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.

1118 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.

1221 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1250 – suspicious vehicle, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.

1446 – alarm, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1511 – alarm, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1515 – abandoned vehicle, 17000 bl. Martinsville

1744 – property damage accident, 44000 bl. Bemis

1746 – traffic hazard, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.

1824 – property damage accident, 44000 bl. Bemis

2012 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Martinsville

2017 – fight, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

2032 – ORV complaint, 18000 bl. Moton Ave.

Also on this week’s log are six follow-up investigations, 38 miscellaneous details, 146 patrol checks, and 70 traffic stops.

## Court Watching: Calendar conference set July 3 at circuit court for Billy Ray Patrick

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent* Editor

A calendar conference has been set for 9 a.m., July 3, before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Thomas C. Cameron for accused shooter Billy Ray Patrick of Belleville.

The conference is expected to set out the dates for court sessions leading up to a final trial date. Patrick remains in the Wayne County Jail on \$500,000/10% bond.

The date for the calendar conference was set during an arraignment on the information June 18 before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Dana Hathaway at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

Patrick, 22, is charged with shooting Thomas Strunk, 16, in the face with a .22 caliber pistol on May 12 as Strunk stood in his driveway in the 200 block of West Columbia Avenue eating pizza.

The defendant stood mute before Judge Hathaway and a plea of not-guilty was entered by the court.

The charges are: Assault with intent to murder, Assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder; assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), and felony firearm.

Patrick’s retained attorney is Michael Vincent who has ordered a transcript of the preliminary exam held at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court on June 11.

## Birthdays

June 25 – Thom Price

June 26 – Jim Coleman

June 27 – Jeff Schonscheck

June 30 – Kathy Dwornik

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# **VBT 19 year old arrested by Huron Twp. Police on drug charges**

The preliminary exam for Devin Kent Ruiz, 19, of Van Buren Township, set for June 18 was adjourned by 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge David Parrott until July 23 so Ruiz' attorney could get the evidence he had requested. He said it is coming soon. Ruiz was arraigned June 4 and waived the 14-day rule for a preliminary exam so

his attorney could gather evidence. Ruiz was arrested Sunday, June 1, on northbound I-275 at South Huron Road by Huron Township officers Robert Kelch and Craig Brna who were conducting traffic stops for speed enforcement. Police say Ruiz had more than \$49,000 cash and a large amount of suspected marijuana in his car. He was charged with delivery / manufacture of marijuana, a four-year felony. He is being held on \$500,000 or 10% bond.



Photo by Cynthia Hewlett

At about 12:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19, another accident in the 300 block of Main Street closed the street down while Belleville Police tended to the drivers and the damaged cars. There were no injuries. According to witnesses, a driver pulled out from the curb and there was a collision with a younger driver in a Taurus who banged into the back of a white SUV. The driver of the SUV drove off and didn't wait for police. There were also traffic accidents in that same part of Main Street on May 28 and June 2.



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## **Belleville's Nancy Sanders dies after being struck by U of M Blue Bus**

Nancy Sanders, 58, a lifelong Belleville resident, died Friday after being hit Thursday morning by a Blue Bus from the University of Michigan, according to a report by *The Ann Arbor News*.

Ann Arbor Police said Sanders was crossing Zina Pitcher Road at Ann Street with the light when she was struck around 6 a.m. Thursday by a U of M bus driven by a 69-year-old Ypsilanti resident, described as a veteran driver.

Sanders had been a custodian for the university since 1977, working for several years at West Quad and most recently at Couzens and Alice Lloyd halls.

Ann Arbor Police are investigating.



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