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## Federal safe schools program hosted by Belleville PD at BHS

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The Belleville Police Department hosted a Partnership for Safe Schools program put on for law enforcement agencies, schools and other juvenile justice agencies on Tuesday and Wednesday at Belleville High School.

The two-day workshop was designed to prepare diverse teams of juvenile justice stakeholders to implement or strengthen school safety plans that enhance the protection of students, teachers, and the surrounding community.

Through interactive discussions, case study exercises, and individualized action planning, participants obtain practice skills they can apply immediately on the job.

The workshop, offered without charge to participants, was sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Office of Juvenile Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, and was co-hosted by the Belleville Police Department.

Retired Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor had been working through the Department of Homeland Security to get this program locally and it originally was set for last year. But then the federal sequestration cuts hit and money was cut for this program.

Chief Taylor said they told him they would put Belleville at the top of the list when funds were available.

Chief Taylor said he repeatedly dropped by the Homeland Security office to remind them that Belleville Police were waiting to host the specialized training. He said last week he was told registration for the workshop was full.

Topics covered included: Developing a school safety team, assessing the safety of your school, developing prevention and intervention strategies, analyzing your school safety plan, and preparing for, responding to, and recovering from a crisis.



Photo courtesy of Richard Smith

The old, steam-powered Detroit Arrow 765 passed through Belleville twice on Saturday and twice again on Sunday, with many train lovers waiting at crossings along the route between Allen Park and Fort Wayne to watch the train go past and hear its unique whistle. Janis and Joe Amadore of Hollow's Landscaping on Rawsonville Road were passengers on the train and said they waved to people at crossings all along the way. Even Amish communities were out to wave, Janis said, adding they'd never had their pictures taken so many times. The passengers on Norfolk Southern's Detroit Arrow excursion train were given time during the four-hour layover in Fort Wayne to attend the Three Rivers Festival in downtown Fort Wayne before beginning the ride back to Allen Park. Tickets were sold for coach, first-class and scenic-dome car seating. Nickel Plate 765 was built in 1944 at the Lima Locomotive Works and after its retirement by the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad was donated to Fort Wayne, which displayed it in a city park until the early 1970s. A historical society organized to restore it to operating condition after a decade of exposure to the weather. It ran on a variety of excursion trains between 1979 and 1993, after which the 765 was sidelined for a major overhaul that began in 2000 and took six years to complete. Two years ago, in part to celebrate its 30th corporate anniversary as well as the historical group's 40th, Norfolk Southern arranged for a series of excursions led by Engine 765.

## Sumpter Board buys new police car for Chief Pierce

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township Police Chief James Pierce will have a brand-new car to drive when he gets back to work from his second knee surgery.

At its July 8 meeting, the board of trustees approved purchase of a 2015 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicle from Atchinson Ford at a cost of \$28,601.

Trustee Don Swinson abstained because he is an employee of Atchinson Ford.

Police Captain Eric Luke explained that the chief's current vehicle was purchased



Chief Pierce

in the fall of 2002 and is a 2003 model. It has 125,000 miles on it and is 12 years old.

He said the chief needs an emergency vehicle since he responds to incidents.

He said the Interceptor Utility is actually an Explorer. The chief's present car will be transferred to the ordinance department for use.

"It's time to buy another vehicle," he told those gathered at the meeting.

Captain Luke said Sumpter has been buying its cars from a Ford dealer in Brighton for the past 10 years. He said this year Craig Atchison said he would be able to match the price.

"This is the first police vehicle from a local dealership," said Luke.

He said a regular police vehicle lasts three to three and a half years because it is 24 miles around the township.

Luke said Chief Pierce was quiet about the condition of his car and didn't want to bring it up.

"I asked for it," Luke said.

Luke said when the police department bought the 2011 Crown Vics, they talked the township into an extended warranty of \$2,000 on each car that has really paid off over the years. He said a repair that would cost \$5,000 to \$10,000 is fixed and the township only pays \$100.

In other business at the July 8 meeting, the board:

- Approved directing the planners to draw up language to amend Section 5.3 Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses, in the zoning ordinance;

- Approved terminating firefighter Ed Dobbins for lack of participation;

- Accepted the resignation of fire fighter Bernard Rich, Jr., with regrets;

- Directed Trustees William Hamm and Alan Bates to look over the poster board that is to be sent over to the community center by the library board to make sure it just contains information and not promotion of

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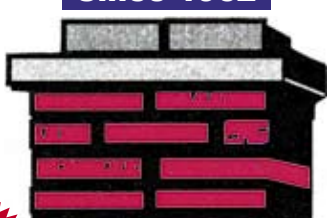
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## Sumpter Planners postpone public hearing on MJ zoning ordinance

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

At its meeting July 10, Sumpter Township Planning Commission members voted unanimously to postpone the planned Aug. 14 public hearing to Sept. 11 on the proposed zoning overlay for medical marijuana provisional centers.

The item was not on the meeting's agenda, but Commissioner Matthew Oddy, who had not been at the June 12 meeting when the public hearing was set, wanted to discuss it.

He said he has a friend who is familiar with both the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor dispensary ordinances and he had questions about the Sumpter proposal.

Sumpter Police Detective John Toth, who has been enforcing the medical marijuana growers' ordinance passed last fall, was present at the June planning meeting to explain the details of the new ordinance, along with Laura Kreps, planning consultant from Carlise / Wortman.

Det. Toth was not at the July 10 meeting.

Commissioner Oddy said he had received the proposed overlay zoning laid out for commercial zoned property for the dispensaries that was discussed at the June meeting.

Kreps said her original sentiment was to put the dispensaries in commercial districts, but there are not many commercial districts in Sumpter. What she wrote was what the police wanted.

She said the planning commission is working on the zoning ordinance part of the project. She said a second ordinance, the general law ordinance, will have five possible locations laid out for dispensaries, but only three sites will be chosen.

Kreps was informed the general law ordinance put together by the police department and township attorney Rob Young had had its first reading approved by the board at its July 8 meeting.

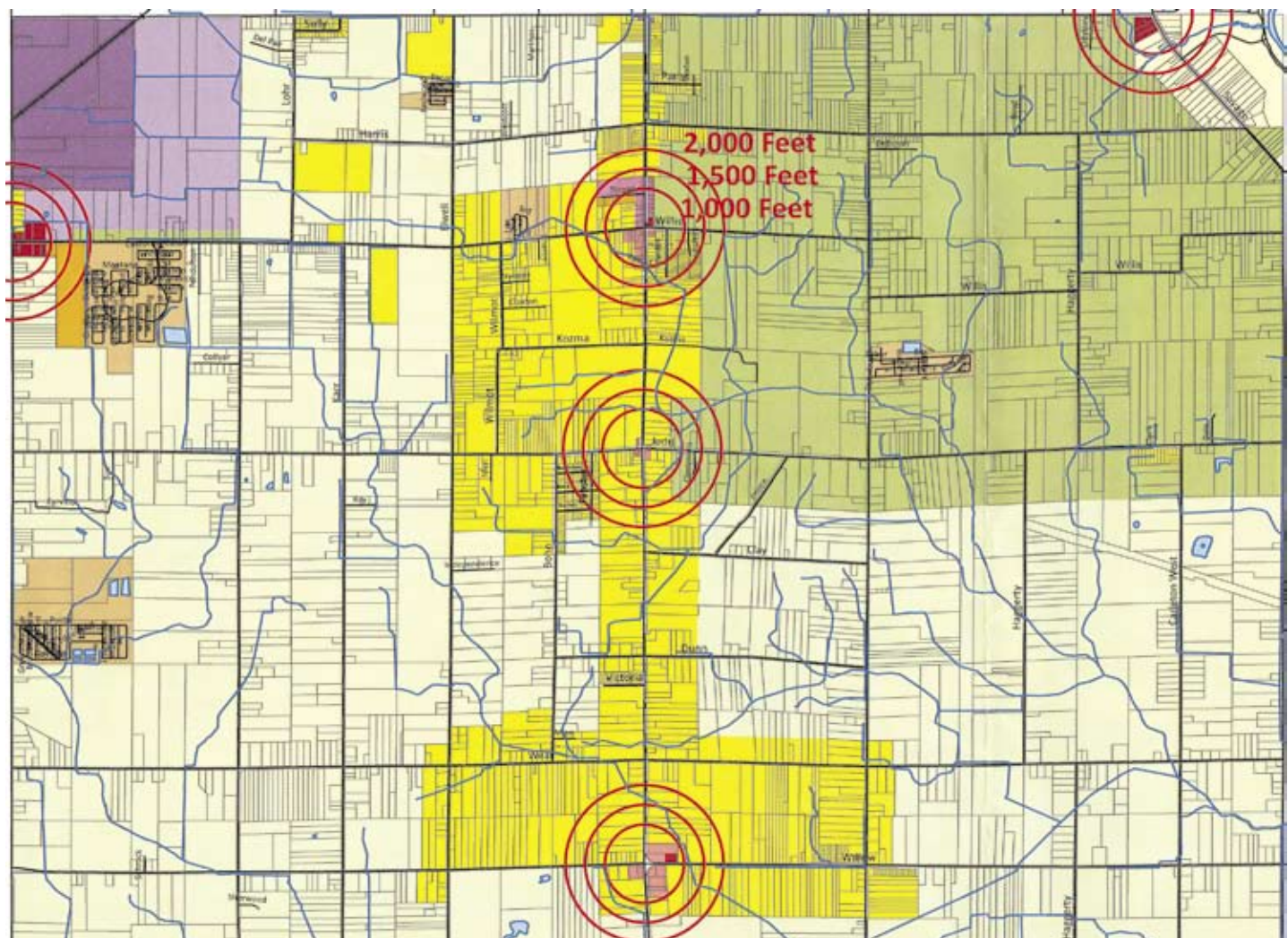
Kreps said she had not seen that ordinance and was not told it was in the process of approval. Township Deputy Clerk Esther Hurst gave her a copy of what the board had given first approval.

The two ordinances had been planned to move forward together.

Deputy Clerk Hurst said the plan is for the board to wait until the zoning ordinance is recommended for approval by the planning commission and sent on to the board, so the two ordinances can be approved together.

Oddy said measurements in ordinances are usually lot line to lot line and the zoning ordinance Kreps wrote for the planning commission says building to building.

Kreps said ordinances usually say lot line to lot line, but if they do that in Sumpter, "None of them would be able to operate."



There are five proposed areas for Marijuana Provisional Centers under current plans in Sumpter Township in commercial areas. The Planning Commission has some problems with where the centers would be placed.

She said the ordinance does not have the intention to exclude.

"You're benefitting certain individuals and excluding others," said Commissioner Jim Clark.

Ordinances in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti were referred to and Kreps said those two cities have large commercial areas.

Commissioner Clark said the areas laid out for dispensaries will be affecting other people in those neighborhoods.

That part of the ordinances was being handled by the board, she said, noting, "I did not work on the general law ordinance."

Clark said the Sumpter ordinance should not be less restrictive than Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor and, "Other people are trying to make this fit for existing operations."

Commissioner Joy Cichewicz asked if any other ordinances are not lot line to lot line and Kreps replied, "Not any that I saw."

"Looks like it should be rewritten," said Clark.

"I sent this to the police department and got no response. It's been two months," Kreps said.

"I don't want to come next month and be on the hook," Kreps said, referring to the public hearing.

She referred to the belief that a large crowd of people will be at the public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance, including people who are growing medical marijuana now, their customers and supporters, and people opposed.

Oddy said all the commercial properties named have residences above businesses.

Clark said the commission shouldn't hold a public hearing unless the ordinance is the way they want it.

"If you're not comfortable with the language, you shouldn't have a public hearing," Kreps agreed.

She said she has been waiting six weeks for feedback from the police department and attorney.

Commission chairwoman Jane Stalmack said she was not comfortable with the proposed ordinance.

Kreps said she could rewrite it to specify commercial property and change the measurements from lot line to lot line.

Commissioner Sharon Claxton said all the commercial property Sumpter has in the township is in the five places specified in the proposed ordinance.

"Stick with commercial and redo the map," Clark said. "I don't like the idea of favoring individuals."

Oddy said the master plan could be changed to make more commercial zoning.

Kreps said if they wanted to keep their public hearing for Aug. 14, she could make the changes the commission wants before the public hearing.

She said she could tell the attorney the proposed ordinance is now different from what the police wanted.

"I would hate to come next month and have a lot of angry people here," she said.

Oddy pointed out the proposed zoning ordinance says the dispensary needs to be 500 feet from a school and the general law ordinance being accepted by the board says 1,000 feet.

That discrepancy was what did it for Oddy. He made a motion to postpone the Aug. 14 public hearing until Sept. 11 because of a lack of clarity and conflicting definitions between the general law and zoning ordinances.

Township Trustee Alan Bates, who is a member of the planning commission, seconded the motion and the board passed it unanimously.

The Sept. 11 meeting will be held at the community center, since a large crowd is expected.



# O P I N I O N S

## Editorial

### VBT Board OKs lawsuit against Wayne County

At Tuesday's meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees a proposed law suit against Wayne County, regarding the Downriver Sewer System, was approved unanimously. Trustee Phil Hart was absent and excused.

The law suit was first brought to the board at its July 1 meeting and it voted 4-3 to postpone action until the next meeting. DPW Director Jim Taylor said litigation is a last-ditch effort to bring issues to the forefront. He said the system's Joint Management Committee has been trying to meet with the county since the contract expired two years ago. Once the law suit was proposed, the county wants to meet, he said.

At the July 1 meeting, Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp told the board he had information for them and they didn't have all the facts, so they postponed action and township representatives met with Helmkamp to hear what he had to say.

Apparently, they weren't impressed. He said the county took enterprise funds from the Downriver Sewer System, but they have been restored with interest and they won't do that again.

Trustee Jeff Jahr recommended approving the resolution to file suit, but it won't be filed tomorrow or next week. Meanwhile, attorneys from the township, county and others in the 13-member system will be meeting on Friday to try to avert the suit. Get tough with the county.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A reader e-mailed me to ask if I knew what all the pounding was in downtown Belleville on the evening of July 7. She thought it might be something at the car show. Or, on the lake. It could have been people banging on their docks.

I told her this had been discussed at the library board meeting on July 8. Turns out it was a teen program at the library. They were going to have it inside, but were informed it would be too loud. It was raining off and on, so they had it on the porch.

It was Taiko Japanese Drumming. It's part of the summer teen program called "Spark-a-Reaction," which our e-mailer thought was quite apt.

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A senior citizen bike rider came in to tell me that since the kids are on vacation for the summer she has found dog droppings on the sidewalk in front of Belleville High School. She said the dog owners must think they don't have to pick up their dogs' waste in the summer. She was very irritated at this because she has to steer around the droppings.

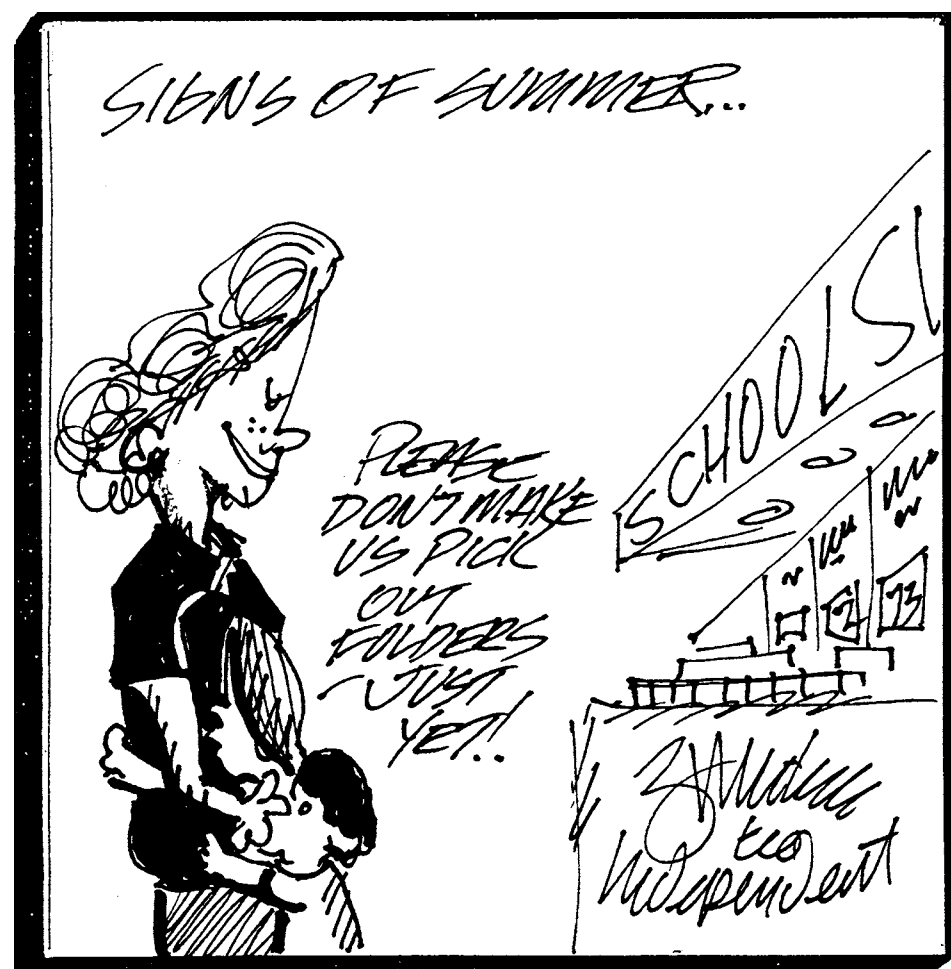
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As of July 7, Belleville Police Officer Joshua Wolfe left Belleville to be a police officer in Westland. He was sworn in as a full-time Belleville officer on April 26, 2012, to fill the full-time position vacated by David Brooks, who left to work for the Romulus Police Department.

Officer Beech has moved from part time to full time in Belleville.

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Received an email Friday night: "Just saw a very clever, but simple, handmade



sign out front at the Quirk farmhouse (Belleville Road and Quirk across from the new library site). A big NO with a smaller NO inside the large O."

My tipster said she honked twice and waved in case anyone could see her from inside the house.

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The Davenport Center is looking all bright and welcoming as it gets into the final stages of construction. Belleville's Secretary of State office is moving in to the big part of the building under the clock. (Is that a real clock?)

The Secretary of State plans to open there on July 21. This new office will have public restrooms, which will be a nice change. I've been told at the old location people who needed a restroom went over to the nearby restaurant.

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They seem to be getting near an agreement for Blue Country Walk people to be able to get permits to build at Country Walk #3 and #4 in Van Buren Township.

When the economy tanked, Country Walk was not completed and eventually the lots (about 137) were sold to the SR Jacobson group now calling itself Blue Country Walk. Country Walk was a PRD, a planned residential development, that was worked out with VBT. The township gave special agreements in the PRD and the builder promised to pave Martinsville Road and other things.

That didn't happen and the new owners of the lots weren't a party to the PRD and so really don't have to follow what was planned.

It's been about a year that VBT has been going around with the new owners. There was a very long work/study session for the VBT board on Monday during which several attorneys spoke on the newest proposal. I think we're getting close to an agreement.

Now besides VBT and the builders, two homeowners associations are involved, since the residents are the ones who will have to live with the results once everyone else has gone home.

It looks like there will be Savage Road improvements, for sure, and an agreement on the road surface within the subdivisions. The township is not giving out any building permits until this is all settled and everyone is getting antsy.

Maybe a special township board meeting will be set up to approve the Memo of Understanding that then must go to the HOAs for approval. The construction season is fading fast.

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**Letters****Wayne RESA millage  
a raw deal for taxpayers**

To the Editor:

Slipped into the Aug. 5 primary ballot is a proposal to raise taxes for Wayne County residents. Enhancement millages, as they are deceptively known, override constitutional limits on school property taxes. This proposal is a raw deal, and there's why:

If approved, taxes will increase by about \$80 million per year. While proponents attempt to minimize the increase by dividing it into "only \$50 per year on a home with a \$50,000 market value," that's like breaking up your 32-ounce soda into "only 100 calories) in each of six servings – that's deceptive when you finish the bottle at one sitting. It's still an \$80 million annual tax increase which will remain in place for the next six years.

That's a total tax increase of \$480 million, and that's a big pile of money out of the taxpayer's pockets, no matter how it's sliced up.

This local tax doesn't fund local schools; funds are collected based on property values and distributed based on pupil counts. As a result, districts that have attracted residents and businesses, increasing their tax base, will pay more; others that have often driven out development will pay less. My district, Northville Public Schools, will receive only \$2.8 million per year on \$5 million in new taxes.

It's no wonder that our Board of Education voted 7-0 to opposed this new millage and 43% of the districts in Wayne County voted against even putting this income redistribution scheme on the ballot. The biggest winner is the Detroit Public Schools, which, while having made strides to improve the school and its finances, remains significantly behind other districts in enacting necessary reforms."

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far as to celebrate that the new tax revenue will come without "strings." Those "strings" include necessary reforms, like competitively bidding non-core services, adjusting healthcare benefits to reflect market realities, and disposing of surplus property.

Some districts, like Northville, have enacted those reforms and the state has rewarded our district and others with extra financial resources. Many districts that voted for this millage have surprisingly not reformed, turning away additional state funding. Those same districts, after turning down state funding, are now asking their residents, and ours, to pay more taxes.

Rather than making the difficult choices and often heart-wrenching changes that Northville public Schools has over the last five years, these districts have kicked the can down the road. Now the road is at its end, and they are again asking voters to part with their hard-earned money so that unpopular but necessary changes need not be made.

They ought to instead seek their residents' advice, many of whom adjusted their own lives to reflect today's economic conditions. It's not too much to ask that our school districts undergo the sometimes painful changes that our hard-working residents already endured.

Raising taxes by \$480 million isn't the answer, fixing structural financial problems is.

Matthew J. Wilk, treasurer  
Northville Board of Education

**I enjoy the scenic view  
of the lake at the park**

To the Editor:

I'm writing to notify anyone concerned with the appearance of our wonderful lake. More specifically, the view from the park west of Johnny's Grill. That 1/8 of a mile stretch is perfect and I enjoy the scenic view each time I drive by the lake.

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Come on out and enjoy the fun while supporting your local Senior Center. Reservations are required for dinner so be sure to call 734-699-8918 by July 30 for your FREE registration, whether you're staying for dinner or not. Admission is \$3 after July 30 or walk-ins at the door.

Thank you. See you on Aug. 1!  
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# Obituaries



David Harris

## DAVID 'DAVE' HARRIS

(September 25, 1948 – June 17, 2014)

David Harris, age 65, of Ypsilanti Township suddenly departed this life at home, on Tuesday morning, June 17, 2014. He was born in Detroit to Preston Lee Harris and Mamie (Kirkwood) Harris on September 25, 1948.

David was a 1967 graduate of Belleville High School and a two-year student at Washtenaw Community College. He served in the U.S. Army, honorably discharged in 1976. He retired from the University of Michigan Hospital in 1999.

David was a quiet and a very loveable person. He loved his family and home life. He enjoyed fishing, reading, sports, politics, history, traveling and collecting firearms; like his father, he was a sharpshooter and marksman.

David married Karen Garrett-Coleman on September 20, 1983, which ended September 8, 2009, when Karen departed this life. David and Karen brought into their marriage two children each. Their 25 years of marriage and their love for children increased their family size with nine additional children: A total of 13 children.

David leaves to cherish his sweet and loving memories, nine daughters: Nyheima Heard of Pittsburgh, PA; Deirdre Coleman of Redford; Jenna Harris of Romulus; Ernestine Harris of Ypsilanti; Jada Garrett of Charlotte, NC; Kesha Coleman-Jackson of Whittaker; April Harris of California; Kalene Harris-Parker of Romulus; and Kristen Garrett of Columbia, SC; four sons: David Heard of Detroit, Rayshawn Harris of Ypsilanti, Mark Harris of Taylor, and Nerak Garrett of Detroit; one brother Preston L. Harris, Jr. of Sumpter Township; two sisters, Jewel Harris-Leonard of Sumpter Township and Bettye Harris-Pope of Ypsilanti; two sons-in-law, Mark Jackson and James Parker; brothers-in-law Roy Pope, Bennie Leonard, Jeffrey Garrett, Steven Garrett, Ervin Garrett Jr., Allen Garrett and Al Clinkscales; sisters-in-law Marilyn Harris, Barbara Harris, Laura Garrett, Zenobia Garrett, and Evelyn Clinkscales; and special childhood friends Reigen Folks of Sumpter Township and Gregory H. Jones of Mill Valley, CA.

David's family also consists of 17 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and other relatives. David was preceded in death by his parents Preston Lee and Mamie Harris; his wife Karen Garrett-Harris; a brother Calvin R. Harris; a brother-in-law Mark Garrett; a sister-in-law Mattia Garrett; and the mother of his children Sandra Heard Steward.

Visitation was 3-8 p.m. on Sunday, June 29, 2014 at C&H Community Home for Funerals, Lucille's Memorial Chapel. Family hour was at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 30, followed by the funeral at 11 a.m. at C&H, 411 S. Adams Street, Ypsilanti (734) 482-9889. Cremation followed the service.

Sign his guestbook at [www.chfuneral.com](http://www.chfuneral.com).



Delores A. Budd

## DELORES A. BUDD

(February 21, 1929 - July 10, 2014)

Delores Alvina Budd, age 85, passed away Thursday, July 10, 2014, at St. Joseph Hospital. She was born in Chicago, Illinois, daughter of Charles & Abbie (Davis) Reeves.

She is survived by her children, Corrine (Larry) Ertzbischoff of Higgins Lake, Robin Budd of Clinton Twp., Randall Budd of Willis, Raymond (Linda) Budd of Belleville, and Rebecca (Steve) Williams of Ypsilanti; 13 grandchildren, Jennifer, Kimberly, Giles, William, Adam, Emily, Lisa, Betty Jane, Alexa Jean, Christine, Autumn, Jeremiah, and Jarrett; 14 great-grandchildren; and sister Abbie (Tommie) Malone McGowan.

She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond in 2001, granddaughter Amy Lee, grandson Gilbert, daughter Rosalind, son Ronald, and sister Florence M. Fowler.

Delores was a member of September Days Red Hatters of Belleville. She was also part of the Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary.

Visitation was Sunday, July 13, 2014 from 3-8 PM, at Higerson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main Street, Belleville, MI. 48111. Monday, July 14, 2014 from 10:30-11 AM followed by a funeral mass at 11 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 9425 Whittaker Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Burial followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cass Community Social Services 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).



Dennis M. Wilson

## DENNIS M. WILSON

(September 13, 1966 - July 9, 2014)

Dennis Michael Wilson, age 47, lifelong resident of Sumpter Township, MI passed away Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at St. Joseph Hospital. He was born Tuesday, September 13, 1966 in Detroit, MI, son of Bert & Helene (Moore) Wilson.

Dennis is survived by his parents, two children Samantha Wilson of Westland, MI, and Zackery Wilson of Westland, MI; and brother Danny

(Sandy) Wilson of Ypsilanti, MI. He was preceded in death by two brothers Joseph Scott Wilson and Bert Wilson Jr., and grandmother Maggie.

Dennis was a world-class player of Dungeons and Dragons, and he volunteered at the Children's Hospital playing Santa Claus during the holiday. Dennis also helped grieving people, and would sit and talk for hours.

Visitation was Sunday, July 13, 2014 from 3-8 PM, Monday, July 14, 2014 from 1-5 PM & 6-8 PM, and Tuesday, July 15, 2014 from 11 AM -12 PM, followed by a funeral service at 12 PM at the David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111. Burial followed at Alban Cemetery, Ypsilanti Twp., MI.

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



Wanda Helena Johnson

## WANDA HELENA JOHNSON

Johnson, Wanda Helena Johnson (nee Denny), age 83, passed away July 13, 2014.

Beloved mother of Sharon (Terry) Sayres; proud grandmother of Jeremy Sayres and Kristin (Matthew) Farina; great-grandmother of Kaylee, Isabella, Aubrey, and Jacob. Entombment at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Bluefield, WV. Offer condolences at [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com).

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# Obituaries

## JERRY C. JOHNSTON

(June 30, 1951 – July 12, 2014)

Gerald C. "Jerry" Johnston, age 63, of Willis, MI, passed away Saturday, July 12, 2014 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born June 30, 1951 in Highland Park, MI, son of Charles Amos & Charlotte Ruthann (Nimock) Johnston.

Jerry was a skilled tradesman who worked for Ford Motor Company for 35 years as a machinist before retiring. He enjoyed traveling the United States, camping 5-6 times a year. He also enjoyed riding motorcycles, snowmobiling, word working and rooting for the Detroit Red Wings and U of M football. He also loved history.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 29 years, Linda E. (Thomason) Johnston; 6 sons, Patrick (Marsha) of Tennessee, Thomas (Tina) of Mississippi, Tony of Westland, MI, Gerald (Ashlie) of Chattanooga, TN, Larry (Lonnie) of Mount Clemens, MI and Jeffery (Katrina) of Plymouth, MI; 32 grandchildren, Destiny, Jessie, Casey, Wayne, Joanie, Melisa, Patrick, Nicholas, Seth, Brandon, Nicholas, Cadie, Kirsten, Ryley, Collin, Evan, Erin, Jordan, Meghan, JJ, Mariah, Chris, Dusty, Johnny, Mandy, Kylie, TJ, Savannah, Lane, Seth, Kaylee and Layla; 3 great-grandchildren, Cameron, Anthony and Kylie; a brother Mark (Charlotte) Johnston of Colorado, also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, also a brother David Johnston.

Visitation was 4-8 PM Wednesday and 11 AM-12 PM Thursday, July 17, 2014 at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel, 5500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville with a Noon Funeral Service. Interment will follow in Union-Udell Cemetery, Ypsilanti Township, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to any local Hospice and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)



Luanne Smith Schonfeld

## LUANNE SMITH SCHONFELD

Luanne Smith Schonfeld, 61, of Howell, passed away peacefully July 14 at Arbor Hospice with her loving family at her side, ending an eight-year struggle with cancer.

The daughter of Bert and Lee Smith of Tecumseh, she was born Feb. 28, 1953 at St. Joe's Hospital, Ann Arbor. Along with her parents, she is survived by her son, Matt and wife, Meagan of Ann Arbor, and daughter, Katie and husband, Craig, of Chicago. She also leaves her beloved 10-months-old grandson, Lucas Jeffrey; two sisters, Susan and husband, Larry, of Philadelphia and Carol and husband, Wally, of Grosse Pointe; as well as two nieces and three nephews; a very special aunt, Mary Anne Hudge of Ann Arbor, and a host of cousins and caring friends.

"Lu", from age 12, was an avid Detroit Tiger fan and enjoyed nothing more than being at Comerica Park to root for her "Tiges." She was fortunate in that her son was employed by them when they won the pennant in 2006. She was

thrilled to be a guest of management when they went to the World Series in St. Louis. She was also a world traveler, having gone to Europe, the British Isles, Spain and Australia with one or the other of her children. She especially enjoyed doing the Greek Isles with Katie only a few years ago. She loved nothing better than family gatherings and was a fierce competitor in Scrabble, UpWords, gin rummy, hand and foot and a host of other games.

She was a dedicated volunteer for LACASA of Livingston County, putting in countless hours on its domestic abuse crisis line. If you had Lu as a friend, you knew great love, generosity and caring. She, in turn, was blessed with friends who gave her care, comfort and compassion, especially during the past year.

Lu graduated from Belleville High School in 1971, earned her BA degree from Kalamazoo College and her MBA from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. She was a self-employed photographer; her black and white works being shown at galleries in Petoskey and Charlevoix. She loved "Fernview" -- her getaway cottage in Harbor Springs -- and was generous in sharing it with good friends and family.

Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to LACASA, Arbor Hospice or the American Lung Assoc. Nie Funeral Home, Ann Arbor, is handling arrangements which were not final at this time. Those interested may call 734-971-2345 for details.

Luanne will be deeply missed but her love of family, her faith and her spirit will live on. Remember: To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die.



Dorothy Venclewicz

## DOROTHY VENCLEWICZ

(February 8, 1926 – July 9, 2014)

Dorothy Venclewicz, age 88, of Belleville passed away Wednesday, July 9, at Annapolis Hospital. She was formerly of Wayne, MI, and was a resident of Columbia Court senior residence for 27 years. She had worked for Mike's Red Apple for 30 years. She loved to travel and go to casinos.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Francis and Walter Venclewicz, and six siblings.

She will be greatly missed by her nieces and nephews. Cremation rites have been accorded.

## Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, July 21 – Belleville City Council will get a presentation on Healthcare at 6 p.m., during a work/study session, followed by the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, work/study session, 7 p.m., Administration Building.

- 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.

- Monday, Aug. 4 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

## Sumpter Board

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the two proposals on the upcoming ballot;

- Heard Hamm report that the ad in the *Independent* for a plumbing inspector brought no applicants, so they will be putting it on MLive through the internet. Clerk Clarence Hoffman asked if the Van Buren Township person who applied for the job is still on the list and he was told she was. Hamm also said a trustee came into township hall recently complaining about the time it is taking to demolish buildings. Hamm said the projects are being held up by DTE which is taking one and a half to two months to shut off the power. "We can't tear them down if the electrical is hooked

up," Hamm said. "We have to go through a series of procedures. We've procedures we must follow." He said the department is doing very well; and

- Heard Treasurer Morgan (who is filling in for Supervisor Johnny Vawters who has been out ill since last October) say that the township is not here to punish people and, "We don't want to go like the Gestapo. We just want them to follow our ordinances." Trustee Peggy Morgan added that back in the day there was dumping on every street in Sumpter, with washers and dryers and tires being strewn around. She said as a school bus driver she gets around and she sees that Van Buren Township is now getting things dumped on its roads. Trustee Morgan said it was Ordinance Officer Randy Lynch who cleaned up the township.

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## More Letters

### FMAR explains how it helps community dogs

To the Editor:

I read your editorial on the dogs in the city of Belleville and I wonder if you wouldn't mind letting me comment on a couple of things regarding the city and Van Buren Township.

First, I would like to thank Dr. Yvonne Craiger from Sumpter Pet Care for her compassion and offer to help by starting a committee to address this issue.

FMAR [Friends of Michigan Animal

Rescue] agrees that we may be too small to take every animal that someone may want to re-home, however FMAR has a section in their website that has resources for people who need help with medical care for their pets [http://www.fmar1.org/pet\\_help.aspx](http://www.fmar1.org/pet_help.aspx). If you can afford a low interest rate loan there is a company called *Care Credit* who will give a 0% interest loan to families who qualify. Many of our friends, family, and board of directors have used *Care Credit* and say it is wonderful and most vet offices will help you through the process.

FMAR is happy to give food to families who have dogs who they can't afford to feed, in fact, we have given out 100s of pounds of food to our community and have a couple volunteers who have actually looked for people in need and delivered the

food.

Most importantly, FMAR has answered several calls from the city of Belleville when they needed help with an abandoned, stray, or hurt dog. In fact, we currently have a stray dog at the shelter that was running in the city of Belleville. We have also had several conversations with Van Buren Township regarding their decision to take their dogs to Taylor, and then to Romulus Animal Control. We were told to call these shelters and they would work with FMAR to get the dogs once they were delivered to them; but that is not the case. In fact, they want FMAR to pay to get dogs out of their shelters and they won't let us have the Van Buren dogs. They want us to take the dogs they choose.

FMAR would like the opportunity to have first choice at the dogs they pick up, however, they felt it was too much trouble so it had to be all or nothing. FMAR has never asked to be compensated, however they pay Romulus a monthly fee to take the Van Buren dogs and then Romulus charges rescues to take their dogs. FMAR agrees that we can't save them all and there are some dogs we would not take for aggressive behavior and we limit our shelter to 1 or 2 Pitt Bulls because they require extensive adoption procedures, are the hardest to get adopted, and they stay in our shelter an average of 3-5 years before someone adopts them. We do have a couple of Pitt Bull rescue groups in our community, so we try to leave it to them to do what they can.

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I am not sure if our community knows but Sumpter Township works with FMAR when they find a stray dog. They don't have a paid animal control officer but the

police department contacts us when they find a nice dog and we do everything in our power to make room for it. It has been a great partnership and we wish we could do more for Sumpter Township, but they understand we are doing what we can to help our community and they work with us. The City of Belleville has also worked with FMAR and we will continue to do what we can for their stray dogs if they ask.

When FMAR started in 2003 our goal was to help as many adoptable dogs in high-kill shelters and animal control facilities as we could. We have more than doubled our dog capacity in the last 10 years and will continue to try to do more, however in order to survive we need to have limits. Dogs who have homes are safer than the dogs who are in kill shelters waiting for their "end date" to arrive. We have to limit our intakes to the space we have so we have to make tough choices and we think taking animals from high-kill shelters is the best choice. There is a way to keep some of our community's adoptable dogs from getting to these shelters. We hope someday soon we can come to a compromise with all of Belleville and save more of the dogs in Belleville. For now we go to the Monroe Animal Control to get our dogs. They allow FMAR to choose who we take and they don't charge us to take them because FMAR is state-licensed (however we are not state-funded, just state-inspected). We believe if you ask Monroe Animal Control if they think FMAR is making a difference in their euthanasia rate we are sure they would say we are making a significant difference.

FMAR is more than happy to help with the dogs in Belleville even if it is on a smaller scale for now. However we do have a building that we can renovate to help even more if the Belleville groups would like to help fund a renovation! It is 8,200 square feet and will hold twice as many dogs as we have now! Perhaps you might want to pool your animal control resources and help us grow?

I hope I have helped our community get a better understanding of FMAR and how dedicated we are to the dogs in our community. Blessings,

Marcy LaFramboise, vice president  
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## More Letters

### That lady in Sumpter scammed our family, too

To the Editor:

I am so glad I read that letter in the paper last week about the woman going around trying to get money for her daughter that died. My mother-in-law who lives on Harris Road had this woman come to her door and show her pictures of her daughter saying she was trying to raise money for her daughter to be cremated.

She ended up giving her \$5 ... see, she had a daughter die at a young age many years ago, so she felt compassion for her. Well I told her what I read and she was taken aback. At that time we were headed out to eat to celebrate my mother-in-law's birthday when my husband spotted a woman walking up to a door.

His mother said that was the woman, so we pulled up to the house. She turned away from the door and I told her that everyone knew her because of the *Independent* and that she was panhandling money for beer. She said she doesn't drink. I said, yes, you do and I wanted the money back that my mother-in-law gave her. She immediately gave me the money back and head toward Savage.

We called the police and told them what was going on. About two hours later when we came back that way, we saw an officer in the driveway of the last house the woman

was seen at.

Later, my mother-in-law called saying the police stopped by and asked about the situation. She said the officer said he let her go, but should have arrested her.

What? Why would he not? They had my phone number to call me, also.

I plan on calling them today to see why they let her go

I am so thankful that writer wrote in to help others.

Sumpter Township resident

Name withheld by request

### Thanks, Cool Cone, for the treats at day care

To the Editor:

Tuesday morning was a rainy, drab time. But, the afternoon brought sunshine and happy smiles for the children at Our Father's Child Daycare on South Street when Daren from Cool Cone at 644 East Huron River Drive arrived with a cooler full of ice cream treats and topping for all the children to enjoy and to cool off from the summer heat.

As Darrin O'Connell approached the entryway, the children were led in the old-time saying so many of us recall from our childhood. "I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream" and, in fact, the children did.

What a nice gesture and donation from a neighboring business. Thanks, Cool Cone, from the parents and children at Our Father's Child.

Doreen Mroz, Owner

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**Thursday, August 7 (Kids Day)**

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9 am	Goat Milking	Livestock Pavilion
9 am	Horse Show	Equine
11 am - 2 pm	Lunch	Dining Hall w/A/C
12 pm	Lysts on the Great Lakes	Barn 1
	Jousting Practice	
2 - 10 pm	Carnival \$8 - 2 pm til close; \$16 after 6 pm	
2 - 10 pm	Miracle of Life Exhibit	Cozadd Building
2 - 10 pm	Crafters / Vendors	
2 pm	Coloring Contest w/Prizes	Dining Hall
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4 - 7 pm	Pedal Tractors	
6:30 pm	Livestock Auction	Livestock Pavilion
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	Night of Destruction \$10	
	Friday, August 8 (Veteran's Day)	
7 - 10 am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8 am	Pig Trail	Livestock Pavilion
9 am	Horse Show	Equine
10 am	Shepherd's Trail	Livestock Pavilion
11 am	Goat Pack Class	Livestock Pavilion
11 am - 2 pm	Lunch	Dining Hall w/A/C
12 pm	Lysts on the Great Lakes	Barn 1
	Jousting Competition	
1 pm	Master Stockman Workshop	
1 - 10 pm	Carnival - \$16	
2 - 10 pm	Miracle of Life Exhibit	Cozadd Building
1 - 10 pm	Crafters / Vendors	
Various	Wood Carving Shows	
4:30 - 7 pm	Dinner - (\$1 Discount for Veterans)	Dining Hall w/A/C
7 pm	Unique Motor Sports presents	Track
	Night of Destruction \$10	
	Saturday, August 9	
7 - 10 am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
10 am - 6 pm	Car Show	
10 am	Master Stockman Contest	Livestock Pavilion
11 am - 2 pm	Lunch	Dining Hall w/A/C
12 pm	Youth Pet Show	Livestock Pavilion
12 pm, 2 pm & 4 pm	Lysts on the Great Lakes	Barn 1
	Jousting Competition	
1-10 pm	Carnival - \$16	
1-10 pm	Crafters / Vendors	
Various	Wood Carving Shows	
2-10 pm	Miracle of Life Exhibit	Cozadd Building
3 pm	Livestock Awards	Livestock Pavilion
4 pm	Youth Awards	Livestock Pavilion
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## More Letters

### Garden Club will meet July 21 at Church

To the Editor:

The next Belleville Area Garden Club meeting will be at the First United Methodist Church, located at 617 Charles

Street, at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 21.

Our speaker will be Mary Fitzpatrick who will orchestrate a "hands-on" experience using dried flowers. Members will create a bookmark after learning her special drying techniques. Bring tweezers and small scissors. A short business meeting will follow.

If you are interested in gardening, making new friends, and getting involved in the community, come and join us Monday

night. We meet the third Monday of every month except February and December at the First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. In addition to our monthly meetings, we have occasional workshops at members' homes, field trips to gardening venues, and social events.

Judy Sheehan

### Little League sets fund-raising sale at Beck

To the Editor:

Have too much clutter? Need more room in the garage? The Van Buren Area Little League is having a "clean out your clutter" fund raiser Saturday, July 26, and Sunday, July 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Beck Fields. Call (734) 260-5990 to reserve your spot: two parking spots for \$10 for one day or \$15 for both days.

Help support the local Little League and be a part of all the amazing changes going on at Beck Fields.

Marc Littleson  
Van Buren Township

### Vote Yes on Aug. 5 for both library proposals

To the Editor:

What an opportunity our community has! By erecting the new library on the chosen site, we make the statement that Belleville values LITERACY! How attractive to prospective residents driving into this area!

I am a retired elementary school teacher. Over my 32-year career, I worked in seven schools. Never was a school library adequate. My last 23 years of employment were with Lincoln Consolidated Schools.

My drive along Whittaker Road to the

(Continued on page 16)

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## More Letters

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downtown Ypsilanti library was always somewhat sad. I knew that library was inadequate, too, but it did offer me different selections. How I salivate now driving on Whittaker to the new library there! I meet at YDL for book club once a month with a retired teacher group. How I would have loved this resource during my teaching days!

Our new library will feature flexible meeting rooms which could accommodate local homeowners associations, scout troops, scout leader meetings, knitting groups, school sub-committees that need evening time, little league meetings, literacy tutors, etc. in addition to space for youth story times and free concerts for the community.

I have spent hours at the Sumpter Fest and Strawberry Festival over the last ten years talking to people in the streets about how they could help Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue with one click on a computer. I find a common theme -- there are many people without computer access.

Computer access in BADL is at a premium in its current small area. We need more computers to serve more people. This can be done by voting YES on Aug. 5 for both BADL proposals.

My stepdaughter, Dawn Gentz, didn't ever use the BADL collection for her children. She transported them to the Canton Township Library. Let's vote YES on Aug. 5 so that will never happen with another local family.

Linda Luke-Neinas  
Van Buren Township

## Aug. 5 election can't come fast enough for me

To the Editor:

I am a big proponent of education. However, I believe in supporting local businesses of Belleville to keep this city alive. With a proposed new library, are they planning a fly-over bridge to get into town (Main Street)?

The mere construction just done on

Belleville Road between the ramps of I-94 up to Walmart caused considerable traffic jams. Any given day of the week from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. the traffic over the bridge is stop and go.

With this library the businesses on Main Street will certainly be affected. I received their post card of the new proposed library. I was taken by surprise to see the library providing a fishing area off the library premises.

The first fatality of a child dropped off to the library and decides to go to the water will justify what logic?

How will the library survive? From the return of overdue books? Traffic and safety has not been a consideration.

There are so many other sites for a library, but the word around this small town is that the person who has a home on the proposed site has been trying to sell his home for some time. Now, it will be bought for the library to be built.

Very interesting.

Aug. 5 cannot come soon enough to vote.

Carol Ann Pesta  
Van Buren Township Resident

## Vote NO and NO on library ballot questions

To the Editor:

I am writing once again to remind all of the property taxpayers in the Belleville Area Library District that there is a .7 millage already that we pay each year.

For a little history about the .7 mil I wish to explain citizens worked hard in Sumpter Township to be FIRST to pass a millage to pay for our Sumpter's citizens to be able to use the Fred C. Fischer Library at that time. The city of Belleville and Van Buren Township did not decide to vote for the .7 millage until approximately five years ago. So the proposed new operating millage of 1 mill is an increase with all of us taxpayers now being asked to pay 1.7 mills, plus the bond for construction -- quite an increase, as you can see.

I continue to urge all property taxpayers to VOTE NO on both the bond and millage increase proposals, as it will be a huge tax increase.

At the same time on Aug. 5, the RESA (Regional Education) millage increase is also on the ballot.

We still continue to pay our huge school bond for 30 years.

We taxpayers are also still paying on the \$200,000,000 bond for the now defunct Wayne County Jail. The jail is not in existence, but the bonds have to be paid. Where is that taxpayer money going? I've asked, but have not been given an accurate answer.

We the People say ENOUGH is ENOUGH! Vote No on the two library proposals.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Ban, Sumpter Township

## Make sure you have the facts before you vote

To the Editor:

**FACT CHECK:** There was never any thought given by the library board to design or construct a "pedestrian bridge over Belleville Road." That particular rumor has circulated via word of mouth and this newspaper by one of the local resident ultracrepidarians.

However, Van Buren Township's DDA has been working on a plan to provide a means for pedestrian traffic to safely

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## They're reading the Independent everywhere

Gale LaRoche of Van Buren Township recently read her *Independent* in Seoul, South Korea, and Tokyo, Japan. She submitted two pictures, one in Seoul and one halfway up Mt. Fujii in Japan, which she reports was very beautiful. Gale works at the Wayne County Airport Authority as its Vice President of Human Resources.

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

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travel over I-94 rather than dodging cars and trucks that are entering or exiting the freeway ramps. My understanding of the DDA's plan is to have sidewalks connect to the **EXISTING** pedestrian overpass that was installed a number of years ago by MDOT. This overpass is currently aligned with Quirk Road.

**FACT CHECK:** The DNR property on the north side of the Belleville Road Bridge was purchased about 30-some years ago by funds from the MDNR Trust Fund in order to provide recreational access to Belleville Lake. As such, it **cannot** be sold to, gifted to, transferred to, or deeded to a personal property owner, a homeowner's association, or a commercial enterprise, etc.

It can, however, be sold to a Taxing Authority with the approval of the Director of the Department of Natural Resources. The Belleville Area District Library (BADL) became a Taxing Authority for library funding when the Belleville City Council, Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, and the Charter Township Van Buren Board of Trustees approved and signed the District Library Agreement in 2010. The Director of the DNR approved and signed off on the purchase agreement that was negotiated between the DNR and the BADL in May of 2014. The written agreement between the DNR and the BADL

is that the DNR will provide the funding to build the recreational components along the lakeshore of the main library site. The DNR plans to build their recreational amenities in phases.

There is **factual** information available to everyone regarding the BADL Board's plans for the main and satellite library locations. This information is available at the library and online via the BADL website and includes written and video reports from the very qualified consultants that have been retained by the board over the past four years. In a free society such as ours, I would hope that whether one votes for or against any proposal that one at least **knows the facts** rather than relying on rumors that have been bandied about.

Mary Jane Dawson, Chair  
Belleville Area District Library Board  
<http://www.belleville.lib.mi.us/>

### A little cost here, a little there adds up to a lot

To the Editor:

"Credit is not a dirty word;" at least this was my opening statement to a General Business Class that was just starting the Credit Unit. "It is the ABUSE of credit that creates the stigma of it being an evil creature!" People use credit every day, for water, rent or house payments, electricity, gas heat for our homes, automobile payments, and a myriad of other everyday living expenses. When the amount due is

not paid and the amount due continues to grow and is ignored, we then have an abuse of credit.

The definition of credit is: the commitment of future earnings. This seems pure and simple enough until some individuals consider only the litany of TV hucksters who pander their wares with, "No money down and only \$15.00/month for this \$450 room set." Or, how about: "Buy this car for zero down payment, and only \$199/month!" Then add the deftness of that sly Visa or Master or Discover card that allows you to charge \$3,500 for only \$10/month? Wow, it's only \$10 here, \$10 there, or \$20 on this card or \$30 on that one. When you only make the minimum payment you are in deep trouble. Even when I watched the reporter on TV talk to some people in Detroit with overdue water bills that started at \$15/month, then \$30, then \$75 until there is a \$1,500 balance due. No attempt to pay the previous small amounts, just "I need water!"

So what does this have to do with the "price of beans?" Well, the panderers of a small amount of the millage for the library are doing the same as those TV hucksters. "...For a home worth \$150,000 and having a taxable value of \$75,000, this would average \$147 a year." My first question is, what 'average?' Is this a mean, median or modal average? Second question, average of what? This is not an average. This is a "would be an additional \$147 a year!" There are 15 listings for real estate in this issue of the *Belleville Independent* and only ONE is \$150,000, ONE is \$119,900 and ONE is \$139,900; FOUR are \$160,000 or \$165,000 or \$169,900 and ONE is \$189,000. The SEVEN left are listed from \$204,900 (tax increase of \$201/year,) \$225,000 (\$221/YEAR,) \$250,000 (tax increase of \$260/year,) \$259,000 (tax increase of \$254/year,) \$265,000 (tax increase of \$260/year,) \$279,900 (tax increase of \$275/year), and \$350,000 dollars (tax increase of \$343/year.) Again the owners of business buildings will pay their unbalanced share on this one example of a listing at \$795,000 or \$779/year. And these ARE the increased amounts!

We have the schools needing more money for enhancement/operating funds or an additional \$150 a year on that "mythical \$150,000 house." Now some county prison taxes (additional dollars) are heading our way - yes we are in Wayne County - there are the Visteon Bonds (additional dollars) with which to be reckoned; more dollars needed for the replacement of the high school football field that is of the disposable

type and board ignored Mr. Juchartz for natural grass. Then we are all involved with the Detroit mess, especially the distinct possibility of quadrupling of water/sewer rates to adjust for a deteriorated system and millions of dollars in unpaid water usage. Don't forget the renowned "Zoo Millage" that was captured by the DIA and many DDA's will be asking for an increase. Now the road mess with the county trying to make up for absconded funds and no funds for repairs so the State is talking adding a gasoline or usage tax to fund the highway debacle. These are all "little amounts" that add up to staggering amounts and that "hill of beans."

This is what is meant by the errant philosophy of "It's only a small amount!" It's all of these small amounts that lead to financial disaster and people moving out or staying away from our communities.

All of this so that, "...the use of the library as a civic hub, where the community came together and young families with baby strollers met up with each other... offering our community public space for community gatherings..."

Do you want a library or a Civic Center? Has the Library Board assessed the community needs or do we have a WANT vs. NEED situation? Remember, ALL FUNDS be it state, county, township, city, school, and yes, library, come from you the taxpayer. There are no free rides, nobody else footing the bill, just you the little guy struggling to make ends meet, to meet the financial demands of our state and community. Yes, there are needs... but this library is a selfish want!

VOTE NO, NO on Library Bond Proposals.

Cornell Anton, Jr.  
Belleville

### Reasons to vote YES, YES on library

To the Editor:

I'd like to give a few reasons for a Yes. Yes vote for the Belleville Area District Library millage and bond issue on Aug. 5.

The space presently available for public computers is inadequate. I have frequently been in the library when every one of the public computers was in use. Usage by students is often heavy during the school year. The new facilities would provide 70 computers at the main library and 18 at the Sumpter branch, which should solve the

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problem.

The present library has insufficient space for tutors and study groups. Additional room for these activities would provide valuable support to our students and schools.

I understand that additional space is badly needed for the library's early childhood literacy programs. Admittedly, at my age (84), this is not a matter that impacts on me directly! But most of us have children, grandchildren, and perhaps great-grandchildren whose needs we must consider.

Space for books in the present library is inadequate. Books are squeezed into some of the shelves so tightly that I have often found it very difficult to remove them and extremely difficult to return them to the shelf without damaging them.

Additional space would permit quite a bit more in the amount of programming for children, teens, and adults, including computer classes and activities like our present Local Knowledge series.

Please give serious thought to giving a Yes, Yes vote for the library on Aug. 5.

Sincerely yours,  
David J. Wilson  
Van Buren Township

## VOTE NO on District Library proposals

To the Editor:

How would you describe today's libraries? In one's mind's eye, would you see stacks and stacks of books, reference material, musical, artistic items, manuscripts, films, and etc.? Not in today's libraries.

The invention of the personal computers, the internet, and computer-type technologies has caused many bookstores to close their doors. Not that the Belleville Area District Library would close their doors. However, we need to take another look at the current proposal/plans. Whether we want to admit it or not, we are in the age of extinctions.

The current planning personnel need to see the contents of the "new" library maintaining less books and not more and plan a more community functioning library, i.e. computer labs, teaching/training/workshop facilities, community conference/meeting space, a place to hold special events, a place to re-enact historical events, and etc.

Can the current library be renovated to accommodate the above-mentioned descriptions or can a smaller library be constructed in the downtown area more convenient to the high school, to young families, to young children, and to senior citizens? A location less hazardous to the walking and commuting public!

VOTE NO on the District Library's current proposals.

Jewel Butler  
Sumpter Township

## Community should show it supports libraries

To the Editor:

In a national survey conducted by KRC research, more than 8 out of 10 Americans want more funding for public libraries. Even a strong majority of non-users want increased funding.

Why is this so? Yes E-Magazine says that, "In an age of greed and selfishness, the public library stands as an enduring monument to the values of cooperation and sharing. In an age where global corporations increasingly control our lives, public libraries remain rooted in local communities. And, in an age of cynicism and distrust of government, the tax supported, public library has widespread, enthusiastic support."

In 1833, New Hampshire created the first public library and today there are over 16,000 main libraries and branches in our country. More libraries than there are Starbucks. Since the beginning, the library's main purpose has been to protect the public's access to information.

In 1953, at the height of McCarthyism, when magazines like The Nation were banned and novels by Faulkner were seized for being pornographic, the American Library Association adopted a Library Bill of Rights which stated in part that "ideas can be dangerous. Freedom itself is a dangerous way of life, but it is ours."

Now is not the time to take the word public out of the public library. It is time to put it in in capital letters. Let our community show that we believe in knowledge for all, not just for a privileged few. That we want our citizens to have free access to the tools to help them be successful, informed citizens. We will be proud of that legacy.

Linda Priest

## Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, July 17** – Yard Sale and Antique Appraisal Day noon to 7 p.m. at the museum. (Appraisals: 2-6 p.m.) Admission to appraisals and first item is \$10; each additional item is \$5, limit 4. Also, book signing by Jean Scheffler, author of "The Sugar House," 1-3 p.m.

• **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, noon to 3 p.m. Sumpter vs. Belleville police and fire fighters ballgame starts at noon. Children's activities include egg toss, hula hoop contest, limbo, pie eating, potato sack race, water slide. Hot dogs, etc. Free.

• **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.

## Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

### Public Notice Request for Proposal (RFP)

Van Buren Public Schools is currently accepting, Request for Proposal (RFP) for providing Latchkey services for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school year.

Contact Pam Melton at 734-697-9123 ext. 1014 for further information. All proposals must be submitted by July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

### NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
- 2) Homestead exemption status; and
- 3) Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to July 18, 2014.

Leon Wright  
Van Buren Charter Township

Publish: July 10, 2014  
July 17, 2014

Post: July 2, 2014



## Sumpter Township Public Notice



### Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 24, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Treasurer J. Morgan showing present: Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Bates, P. Morgan, & Swinson. Excused absence Supervisor Vawters, Clerk Hoffman, Trustee Hamm. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and 12 residents.

**3. Agenda:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. Public comments on agenda items only

#### 5. Minutes:

**A.** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve minutes of the regular board meeting June 10, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

**B.** Motion by Bates, supported by Swinson to accept minutes of parks & recreation May 7, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Warrants:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve warrants totaling \$180,072.37. Roll call vote: Yes: P. Morgan, Bates, P. Morgan, Swinson. Nay: None. Absent: Vawters, Hoffman, & Hamm. Motion carried unanimously.

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

#### 8. Attorney:

**A.** First reading of Medical Marijuana Provisionary Centers Regulations

**B.** Amendment of the Fast Track Landfill Agreement modification regarding the synthetic liner for new construction.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the attorney's report with items above.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 9. Board Response

#### 10. New Business:

**A.** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve to accept with regrets the retirement of Rodney Wiley from the fire department for 13 years of service. Motion carried unanimously.

**B.** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve a leave of absence for firefighter James Talbert to attend college. Motion carried unanimously.

**C.** Motion by Bates, supported by P. Morgan to approve resolution 2014-10 merge Comcast and name change to Midwest Cable Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 11. Announcements

#### 12. Open Floor

**13. Adjournment:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to adjourn at 7:11 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on June 24, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk  
Publish: July 17, 2014

# Sixty-eighth Annual Wayne County Fair set Aug. 4-9 in VBT

The 68<sup>th</sup>-annual Wayne County Fair will be held Aug. 4-9 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road, north of I-94, featuring activities for adults and children.

The popular Miracle of Life exhibit runs from 2 to 10 p.m. daily in the Cozadd Building, showing animals being born.

## Monday, Aug. 4

Swine, horse and sheep shows for the 4-H Clubs will be held on Monday, Aug. 4.

## Tuesday, Aug. 5

The carnival opens from 1 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 5, with riders paying \$1 a ride. Also on Tuesday are the poultry, horse

and goat shows, along with the mini horse pull at 7 p.m. Crafters and vendors will be open 2-10 p.m.

## Wednesday, Aug. 6

Wednesday, Aug. 6, is Senior Day-10 a.m. breakfast in the dining hall. The Rabbit/Cavy/PocketPet show begins at 8 a.m. in the Cozadd Building. The Fruit Pie bake off is at 2 p.m. and the Senior Citizen basket raffle at 4 p.m. The carnival runs from 4 to 10 p.m., \$10.

Dinner is from 4:30 to 7 p.m., with \$1 off the price for Senior Citizens. The Dairy Show is at 6 p.m. and Beef Show at 7 p.m.

The Enduro Derby/Figure 8 Off-Road show begins at 7 p.m., with cost of \$10. Local participants are welcome.

## Thursday, Aug. 7

Thursday, Aug. 7, is Kids' Day, which includes breakfast, goat milking, horse show, lunch, jousting practice at noon, coloring contest, games, and pedal tractors.

Carnival is \$8 for 2 p.m. until close and \$16 after 6 p.m.

The annual livestock auction begins at 6:30 p.m. and the SJO Super Cross Championship Series is at 7 p.m., \$10. Super Cross sign up is at 3 p.m. and practice at 5 p.m.

## Friday, Aug. 8

Friday is Veterans Day with Jousting Competition at noon and wood carving shows throughout the day. Following breakfast, 7-10 a.m., is the pig trail at 8 a.m., horse show at 9 a.m., shepherd's trail at 10 a.m. and goat pack class at 11 a.m.

Lunch is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the carnival running 1-10 p.m., cost \$16.

The Master Stockman Workshop is at 1 p.m. and crafters and vendors 1-10 p.m.

Dinner is 4:30-7 p.m. with \$1 off the price for veterans. The Unique Motor Sports' Night of Destruction starts at 7 p.m., cost \$10.

## Saturday, Aug. 9

There's a car show from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., following breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. on Saturday. The Master Stockman Contest starts at 10 a.m. and lunch is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Jousting competition is at noon, 2 and 4 p.m. The carnival runs from 1 to 10 p.m., \$16. Crafters and vendors are on hand 1-10 p.m. and the Wood Carving Shows are at various times.

Livestock awards are at 3 p.m.; youth awards, 4 p.m.; steak dinner, 4-8 p.m. at \$12 each; equine awards, 5 p.m.

Unique Motor Sports presents the Mud Bog at 5 p.m., for \$10.

For more information, call 734-699-7002 or email: [rvfairgrounds@gmail.com](mailto:rvfairgrounds@gmail.com)

## Egg shell art on display at museum until Aug. 6

Local artist Bekee Smith has her art on display at the Belleville Area Museum through Wednesday, Aug. 6.

Smith makes three-dimensional scenes inside real egg shells. Pre-made eggs and custom work is available for sale. Shells are button quail up to ostrich in size.

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## Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

### Public Notice Advertisement for Pizza Bid

The Van Buren Food Service Department is now accepting firm, sealed bids to provide fresh-made pizza for the 2014-15 school year. Bid specifications are available at Van Buren Public Schools Administration Office, 555 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, from Deb Evans no later than July 31, 2014, 9:00 a.m. No determination of winning bid will be revealed at that time. Bids will not be accepted via oral, telephonic, email or fax.

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### Notice of Publication Issuance of Environmental Decision Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact Closure of Runway 14-32 at Willow Run Airport (YIP) Ypsilanti, Michigan

Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) has completed, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has approved for public distribution, a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the closure of Runway 14-32 at Willow Run Airport. The EA considered several alternatives as well as the probable economic, social, and environmental effects of the proposed project.

On the basis of the evaluation of the Final EA, dated June 2014, the FAA has issued a FONSI for the closure and removal Runway 14-32 and reconfiguration of the eastern portion of Taxiway C. The section of Taxiway C located between the primary parallel runways (Runways 5R-23L and 5L-23R) will be removed and reconstructed in an alignment which is perpendicular to the primary runways to meet current FAA Standards.

The decision documents, background reports, Final EA and FONSI are available for review through **August 15, 2014** at the following locations:

- Willow Run Airport Administration Office (801 Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti)
- Fred C. Fischer Library (167 Fourth St., Belleville)
- Ypsilanti District Library (229 West Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti)
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## LOST

**DIGITAL** Red Camera in black case, at Rowe's June 13th. By the sweet pea parking area or checkout. Camera had pictures of my seven month old baby. **REWARD** for return. (734) 883-1422 Mira. 7/24

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## GARAGE/YARD SALE

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Van Buren Township  
Police Dispatch Log

*The following are selected calls for VBT Police.*

**Sunday, July 6:**  
0023 – fireworks, Robson Rd.  
0033 – fire investigation, Forestdale Dr.  
0042 – noise complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
0050 – fireworks, Holly Ln./Cranberry Dr.  
0125 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0201 – personal injury accident, Morton Taylor Rd./Van Born Rd.  
0214 – disorderly conduct, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0305 – assault & battery, McBride Ave.  
0306 – disturbance, Village Green Ln.  
0333 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.  
1001 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr.  
1139 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
Martz Rd.  
1217 – private property, Jackson St.  
1312 – larceny, Barnwell Dr.  
1520 – property damage accident, Haggerty BP  
1618 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1715 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1804 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.  
1802 – welfare check, Van Buren Park  
1926 – disorderly conduct, Van Buren Park  
2129 – fireworks, Bemis Rd.  
2202 – fireworks, W. Walden Dr.  
2205 – fireworks, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2247 – fireworks, N. Bellridge Dr.  
2342 – fireworks, Parkwood Dr.

**Monday, July 7:**  
0028 – suicide or attempt, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0858 – private property accident, Van Born  
0903 – property damage accident, Rolan Meadows  
0937 – breaking & entering, Belleville Rd.  
1135 – ordinance violation, Tyler Rd.  
1309 – larceny, Belleville  
1349 – suspicious person, Savage Rd./Lenmoore  
1514 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. /Belleville Rd.  
1541 – intimidation threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1716 – intimidation threat, Belleville  
1746 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Riggs  
1844 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2033 – suspicious situation, Denton Rd.  
2035 – property damage accident, Martz Rd. /Rawsonville Rd.  
2114 – fireworks, W. Walden Dr.  
2226 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.

**Tuesday, July 8:**  
0054 – suspicious person, Belleville/I-94  
1203 – fraud, E. Huron River Dr.  
1214 – intimidation threat, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1312 – fraud, Kahla Dr.  
1318 – fraud, Fairview Ct.  
1413 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.  
1453 – ordinance violation, Mida Dr./Ecorse Service Dr. B  
1500 – fraud, Anna Dr.  
1652 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd. /Savage Rd.  
1809 – private property accident, Belleville  
1931 – fireworks, Wheeler St.  
2028 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd  
2144 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2201 – larceny, Maple Dr.  
2203 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.  
2237 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

**Wednesday, July 9:**  
0011 – suspicious vehicle, Belleville  
0206 – suspicious situation, Wabash Rd.  
0313 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.  
0735 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0752 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.  
1017 – property damage accident, WB I-94 /Rawsonville  
1118 – fraud, Holly  
1409 – agency assist, Liberty/Main  
1700 – suspicious situation, Peachtree  
1806 – fight, Rawsonville McDonald’s  
1838 – neighbor trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1859 – property damage accident,Tyler/Revere  
1913 – harassment call, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1946 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2142 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Manor

**Thursday, July 10:**  
0643 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.  
0703 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.  
0750 – malicious destruction of property, Marlowe  
1253 – larceny from auto, McBride Ave.  
1404 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. /Belleville Rd.  
1634 – larceny, Park Estates  
1700 – juvenile complaint, Edison property/Tyler  
1733 – fraud, Amanda Dr.  
1824 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.  
/ Van Born Rd.  
1844 – harassment call, Oak Blvd.  
1945 – fraud, Westlake Circle  
2227 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.  
2343 – assault & battery, Outer Dr.

**Friday, July 11:**  
0006 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville /Grove  
0042 – suspicious situation, Robbe Rd.  
0134 – disorderly conduct, Rawsonville  
0656 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0833 – juvenile complaint, VB Plaza  
0936 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1026 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1206 – larceny, Denton Rd.  
1209 – private property accident, Belleville Square  
1229 – harassment call, Savage Rd.  
1454 – property damage, N. I-94 Service/rest area  
1535 – private property accident, Westlake  
1615 – private property accident, Open Arms Day Care  
1753 – private property accident, Lighthouse Dr.  
1855 – robbery alarm, Van Born Rd.  
1901 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.  
2019 – larceny, Bradley Dr.  
2117 – suicide or attempt, Rogers Ave.  
2246 – larceny, Madison Dr.  
2319 – fireworks, Jackson

**Saturday, July 12:**  
0126 – disturbance, Lake Villa Dr.  
0354 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0500 – noise complaint, Bemis Rd.  
0744 – retail fraud, Belleville  
0801 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.  
1244 – property damage accident, Hull/Sumpter  
1750 – noise complaint, Parkwood  
1804 – missing person, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1909 – larceny, DNR boat launch  
1932 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2145 – noise complaint, Churchill Dr.  
2156 – fireworks, Hannan Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
2207 – property damage accident, Rawsonville /Grove  
2209 – fireworks, Beacon Trl.  
2302 – noise complaint, Homestead

Also on this week’s log are 151 traffic stops, with 62 of those on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police  
Dispatch Log

**Sunday, July 6:**  
0045 – fireworks, S. Aberdeen Ct.  
0405 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
0409 – malicious destruction of property, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1415 – suspicious person, Owen Intermediate  
1629 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.  
2229 – juvenile complaint, Oxford Ct.

**Monday, July 7:**  
0532 – vehicle lockout, Carmell St.  
1221 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.  
1542 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.  
1540 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.  
1602 – parking complaint, Carmell St.  
1827 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
2024 – assist fire dept., Main St.  
2051 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
2219 – family trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.  
2251 – disturbance, Clarence St.

**Tuesday, July 8:**  
0026 – E-911 hangup/investigation, Clarence St.  
0724 – intrusion alarm, Main St.  
0957 – disorderly conduct, Owen  
1643 – intimidation threat, W. Davis St.  
1658 – assist fire dept., South St.  
1846 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

2135 – intrusion alarm, Main St.

**Wednesday, July 9:**  
1013 – court duty, N. Liberty St.  
1032 – missing person, Main St.  
1405 – personal injury accident. N. Liberty/Main  
1408 – vehicle lockout, Main St.  
1437 – juvenile complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1618 – animal complaint, Main St.  
1943 – suspicious situation, Huron River Dr.  
2010 – disorderly conduct, Victory Park  
2121 – noise complaint, W. Thornhill Ct.  
2208 – fireworks, Victorian Ln.

**Thursday, July 10:**  
0511 – Pbt alcohol, Main St.  
0549 – property damage accident, Belleville /Harmony  
0848 – juvenile complaint, 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
1040 – intimidation threat, Citgo gas  
1325 – larceny, Menlo Park Dr.  
1542 – animal complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
1748 – suspicious situation, Owen  
1950 – operating while intoxicated, Main St.

**Friday, July 11:**  
0158 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.  
0909 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
1209 – abandoned auto, E. Davis St.  
1302 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1333 – private property accident, Greylock St.  
1434 – follow up, Sumpter  
1656 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
1707 – civil matter, Carmell St.  
1855 – family trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.  
2037 – suspicious situation, Carmell St.  
2105 – fraud, Sumpter  
2348 – fireworks, Carmell St.

**Saturday, July 12:**  
0005 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.  
0018 – warrant arrest, Main St.  
0138 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
0444 – traffic complaint, Main St.  
1126 – agency assist, E. Liberty Apts.  
1218 – welfare check, Main St.  
1240 – animal complaint, Menlo Park Dr.  
1304 – agency assist, Sumpter/Hull  
1441 – assist fire dept. S. Liberty St.  
1501 – intrusion alarm, Harbour Pointe Dr.  
1723 – agency assist, Hayward’s  
2101 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
2149 – suspicious person, Village Park  
2211 – suspicious vehicle, W. Columbia Ave.  
2325 – warrant arrest, Main St.

Also on this week’s log are 44 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township  
Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, July 6:**  
0003 – fireworks complaint, Magnolia  
0026 – fireworks complaint, Bohn Rd.  
0058 – down wires, Haggerty/Arkona  
0312 – suspicious incident, Clark/S. Huron Rd.  
0725 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Arkona  
1129 – ordinance violation, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1131 – warrant arrest, out of township  
1251 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1429 – larceny, Rustic Ln.  
1846 – child abuse/neglect, 21000 bl. Fenster  
2135 – warrant arrest, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2201 – fireworks complaint, Montana  
2248 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2304 – fireworks complaint, Magnolia

**Monday, July 7:**  
0105 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Willis  
0833 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0859 – animal complaint, Willow/Sumpter  
1104 – fraud complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1352 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood  
1406 – fraud complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1520 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1604 – well-being check, Judd/Haggerty  
1742 – warrant arrest, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1844 – well-being check, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1847 – warrant arrest, Maple  
2059 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.  
2145 – mental health commitment, Arizona  
2359 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.

**Tuesday, July 8:**  
0132 – fire dept. assist, Nevada  
0227 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0534 – suspicious person, Bemis/Sumpter

0940 – suspicious incident, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1253 – mental health commitment, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1603 – larceny, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.  
1817 – harassment complaint, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1855 – trespassing complaint, New Mexico  
2102 – warrant arrest, Pecan  
2105 – assault, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2136 – breaking & entering report, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
2354 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

**Wednesday, July 9:**  
0258 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
0346 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
0942 – malicious destruction of property, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1509 – fire dpet. Assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
2028 – larceny, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.  
2200 – juvenile complaint, Greenmeadow

**Thursday, July 10:**  
0249 – suspicious incident, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0510 – suspicious vehicle, Willis/Martinsville  
1408 – missing person report, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1543 – suspicious vehicle, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1754 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1818 – suspicious vehicle, 8200 bl. Rawsonville  
1859 – suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
2246 – abandoned vehicle, Willow/Haggerty

**Friday, July 11:**  
0315 – suspicious vehicle, Texas  
0743 – fire dept. assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville  
0816 – suspicious vehicle, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0959 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1222 – abandoned vehicle, 17000 bl. Martinsville  
1307 – suspicious incident, Hampshire  
1709 – fight, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1724 – warrant arrest, out of township  
1813 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Fenster  
1930 – assault, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2043 – threats complaint, Arizona  
2142 – assist other agency, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.

**Saturday, July 12:**  
0147 – noise complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0158 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
0307 – family trouble, Texas  
0751 – breaking & entering report, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0902 – larceny, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1057 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1355 – animal complaint, 5500 bl. Oakville Waltz  
1747 – suspicious person, Haggerty/Willis  
1752 – larceny, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1822 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Fenster  
1842 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
2033 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Carleton West  
2149 – 911 hang up, Edgewood  
2340 – assist other agency, 21000 bl. Martinsville

Also on this week’s log are 16 follow-up investigations, three miscellaneous details, 122 patrol checks, and 50 traffic stops.

Lawrence Tech Univ.  
names Stephen Bohlen  
to Dean’s Honor Roll

Stephen Bohlen of Belleville has been named to the Dean’s Honor Roll for the Spring 2014 semester at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

Bohlen is majoring in Architecture. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term.

Davenport University  
honors Cole, Hurley

Davenport University of Grand Rapids has announced that Bridget Cole and Jessica Hurley of Belleville have been named to the Dean’s List for the winter 2014 semester.

## Birthdays

July 11 – Jeannie Patton  
 July 14 – Lisa Hammond  
 July 16 – Christine Michalski  
 July 18 – Lusseine Sobh, Makayra Grinnge  
 July 19 – Jeni Deming  
 July 24 – Hayden Shea Duncan  
 July 31 – Allen Deming

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Members of the community are invited to join the St. Anthony's Men's Club for a trip to Comerica Park on Aug. 2 to watch the Tigers play and cheer them on.

Tickets are \$70 each, which includes the ticket, transportation, and drinks and snacks on the chartered coach.

Fans will gather at the church at 4:30 p.m. and depart around 5 p.m., arriving early enough in Detroit for dinner or touring/shopping at the stadium before the 7:08 game time.

Tickets are being sold on a first-come, first-served basis. This is usually a sold-out event. Tickets are in shaded seats, section 113.

Make checks payable to St. Anthony's Men's Club and send to Matthew Cosgro, P.O. Box 123, Temperance, MI 48182. If there are any questions, call Cosgro at (419) 351-9728.

## Sumpter residents invited to Family Fun Day this Saturday

Residents of Sumpter Township are invited to the annual Family Fun Day at Graham Park from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 19.

The free event for township residents is sponsored by Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation.

They will be serving hot dogs, chips, pop, freezer pops and Popsicles.

Children's activities will include an egg toss, hula hoop contest, limbo, pie eating contest, potato sack race, and a water slide.

At noon the softball game begins between the Sumpter Township Police and Fire Departments and the City of Belleville Police and Fire Departments.



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