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VBT DDA supports outdoor emergency sirens

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

"If something happened and the sirens could have helped" that would be a problem, said Ron Blank, a member of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, at its regular meeting on July 22.

Blank said even though he doesn't live in the township, he looks at what happened in Monroe and Dundee with emergency sirens saving lives.

"Emergency Sirens" was No. 14 on the list of things DDA Director Susan Ireland was reporting on at the meeting.

"I have had conversations with Lt. [Charles] Bazy in the police department and he is concerned about the lack of emergency sirens in Van Buren Township," she wrote in her report.

"I have shared the information in the DDA files, which includes our interest in partnering to begin emergency siren installation within in the District and ultimately throughout the township.

"Lt. Bazy is researching additional funding sources and as I have information available, I will update the DDA Board," Ireland wrote.

Ireland said VBT is the only community in Wayne County that doesn't have outdoor emergency sirens.

DDA Chairman Jere Dolph recalled that he and DDA member Mark Laginess attended the VBT Public Safety Committee meeting on emergency sirens. [VBT Supervisor Linda Combs dissolved the Public Safety Committee when she came into office.]

Dolph said people who were experts in the sirens came in and the leader said VBT was the only one in the county that didn't have them.

"He asked why and we never received an answer," Dolph said.

Dolph said Sumpter recently put in the

final sirens of their 14.

"How can Sumpter Township have them and we can't afford them?" Dolph asked.

"Initially, the fire department started working on it," Ireland recalled, noting now Lt. Bazy of the police department is handling it.

"I handed him the file," Ireland said referring to the information the DDA had, including the CDBG census tracts.

She said the DDA could cover the north end of the township.

"This is the township's responsibility," Dolph emphasized, adding the DDA could contribute three of the sirens needed.

"The south end is out of luck," said Supervisor Linda Combs.

Ireland said the sirens cost about \$19,000 to \$23,000 each.

Dolph recalled the expert said VBT needed 16 units and the concrete poles were \$1,000 each and the wooden poles \$500.

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Five candidates file for three school board seats in Nov. 4 election

The deadline for withdrawing as a candidate for three open seats on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education was 4 p.m. Friday, July 25.

According to the Wayne County Clerk's Office the following five school board candidates will be on the Nov. 4 general election ballot.

- Alison Bennett
- Kevin English
- Sherry Frazier
- Matthew Mann
- Scott Russell

Incumbents are English, Frazier, and Russell.



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Oztman

The Secretary of State office opened at the Davenport Plaza on East Columbia Avenue in Belleville on July 21. Work continues on the rest of the plaza, so Jet's Pizza, Belleville Charhouse, and Affordable Vet can move in as soon as their units get done. There are a couple of signs up for empty units.



Last weekend the Artaffair on Main in Downtown Belleville drew the largest crowd ever in its four years of existence. Above, artist Tim Marsh of Van Buren Township talks to a potential customer. There were 31 vendors showing off their art wares from their booths in the middle of Main Street, live music at the stage on Fourth Street, food vendors, a hands-on creation area, and information booth. With word of the approaching storm on Sunday afternoon, the vendors folded up their tents early and Main Street was clear by the time the storm blew in. The event is presented by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts with the help of local sponsors.

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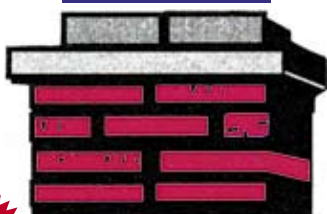
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VBT response:

Van Buren Township's compliance is Federal requirement

Thank you for providing Van Buren Township the opportunity to clarify the July 24, 2014 front-page article entitled, "Belleville's Kayak Launch put on hold by Van Buren Township's decision to go to FERC."

As many community residents may already know, Van Buren Township owns the property under Belleville Lake.

Detroit Edison Company dammed the Huron River in 1925 to create Belleville Lake, the largest inland all-sports lake in Wayne County.

In 1972, Edison deeded the dam to Van Buren Township for \$1.00.

In the 1980s, Van Buren Township contracted with STS Hydropower to generate hydroelectric power at the French

Landing Dam; this contract continues today.

The French Landing Dam is regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); Van Buren Township and STS are co-licensees on the Federal project.

In accordance with the FERC license, Van Buren Township may grant use of its lakefront property to single-family-type dwellings for personal use; this project use is then subject to approval from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Granting use of its property on Belleville Lake to other than a single-family-type dwelling requires Van Buren Township and STS Hydropower (as co-licensee) agreement, a State agency review and

comment period, and official FERC approval.

In February 2013, Van Buren Township personnel had an informal meeting with a City of Belleville official and a City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority member in which the topic of Bayshore North Condominiums' required FERC compliance was briefly discussed.

Van Buren Township representatives shared concern and caution with representatives of the City of Belleville and its DDA regarding the multi-faceted Federal approval process that may be required of the City should it obtain the MDNR grant funding.

In compliance with the FERC license, a governmental entity (in this case, the City of Belleville) is not considered a single-

family-type dwelling.

The FERC license and its language are not subject to interpretation: Van Buren Township and STS Hydropower must request FERC project use approval on Belleville Lake for the City of Belleville.

While Van Buren Township strongly supports the Kayak Launch Project, which will benefit City and Township residents alike, FERC compliance is mandatory.

Indeed, Van Buren Township representatives are working closely with the City of Belleville DDA on the FERC process and are anxious to continue its mutually beneficial inter-governmental relationship.

-- Submitted at the direction of Township Supervisor Linda H. Combs

Letters

Support existing library in present location

To the Editor:

My apologies for the timing on this but I would like to add my comments regarding the Belleville Area District Library (BADL) request for additional funding for their enterprise (a.k.a. Operating Millage Proposal and Bonding Proposition) in the Aug. 5 election.

I support the existing library in the current location at the existing millage.

Why? Probably because there has always been a library wherever I have resided and I guess there is some comfort in the fact that there will be going forward. Do I use it? No. Is it up to date? I don't know, but if it has been properly managed and budgeted for, it should be. Is it in good repair? Again, I don't know, but properly managed, monies should have been budgeted for regular upkeep, maintenance and upgrades as appropriate. Would I miss it if it were gone? Probably not.

Where did this notion of NEEDING a new library originate? Who says we need a new library? Was it the library board?

I have read many comments regarding the library and the desire to build a new "Taj Mahal" combination library and DNR (Department of Natural Resources) fishing center. Most of the supporting comments have come from library board members and residents who regularly use the library -- as you would expect. I liken this group of residents to a "special interest group." They are a dedicated group who place a high value on the library and

its programs. I would hazard a guess that they are a minority of the total residents in Belleville, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township and they are asking the general population fund their dreams.

In case you haven't noticed, there are a whole host of upcoming liabilities that we as residents may have foisted upon us in the not too distant future. Do we really want to volunteer to take on this kind of liability? Who can I get to fund my dreams? Where do I get in line for that?

Respectfully,
Ernest Tozer
Van Buren Township

'Bad Location' and 'Higher Taxes'?

To the Editor:

You have a solid choice before you on Aug. 5. This library board, of which I am a member, has worked for years to improve this library and this community to offer you a choice at the polls. However, opponents to the Belleville Area District Library have purported in signs, letters and postcards that the library board has selected a "bad location"? But have they mentioned why? I have yet to see any letters from any of the new board candidates, some of which are part of that opposition, that clearly say why. It's all implications and innuendos, lacking solution and substance. Why is it a bad location?

Is it a bad location because it's on the lake where adults and kids can walk along the lake or fish, just like they do at all the nearby parks already on the lake? Or because it will allow all of the community to enjoy the beauty of our lake, not just those who

are wealthy enough to own property on the lake as are some of the opposition?

Which library is in a bad location? The main branch where the populations are the most closely packed together? Or the south satellite branch where population is spread apart but the distance is greater? Or do these two locations make a perfect combination?

Is it a "bad location" because it cost the taxpayer significantly less money to acquire the property from the DNR and purchase a house that was already for sale rather than any of the many explored combinations of properties in downtown?

Or maybe because it allows the library enough room to provide ample parking? Is it a "bad location" because most of the proposed location is owned by the DNR and therefore already off of Van Buren Township's tax rolls? Or maybe because it's the only location, closest to downtown, that still allows the struggling city to develop the downtown area in a way that will increase tax dollars and provide relief to its citizens?

Is it a "bad location" because it's on a main road between the downtown and major shopping areas? Is it a "bad location" because it's near the walkway above I-94 to allow those from Quirk Sub to walk to the library? Or maybe it's because of the 1-minute drive from downtown, literally, just over the bridge? Perhaps it's because of the frequently mentioned dreaded "curve"? If you look at the curve from the other direction, going south, one driveway after another is coming into Belleville Road and there are no stoplights, actuated or otherwise.

And what about these "higher taxes"? It is true, there will be a tax increase for every household in the three communities. We are

all currently paying .7 mil operating costs, passed in 2010 just to keep the current library running, which took the library off of Van Buren Township's and the City of Belleville's general funds. Sumpter residents had been paying .7 for years. The 2010 millage did NOTHING to make any improvements in the current library. It kept the doors open, status quo, which is all it was designed to do. This millage will be in existence through 2022.

The two library proposals on the Aug. 5 ballot are for a Bond that will average .96 mils and an Operating Millage of 1.0, both for 20 years. Including the previous .7 mils, the new Bond AND new Operating Millage, our TOTAL library taxes would be 2.66 mils. I live in a modest home with a taxable value of \$54,307, have lived there 20+ years. My TOTAL cost (current operating millage, additional operating millage, AND bond) for my library taxes for my home will go from \$38 to \$144. If you live in a home with a taxable value of \$100,000 (estimated sale value of \$200,000), then your TOTAL library tax (current operating millage, additional operating millage, AND bond) will be \$266 per year, \$22 per month. No library funds will be going to support any fishing docks, paths along the lake or other fishing structures. The library WILL maintain the grounds (garbage pickup, mowing, etc.) on the entire site, just as it would have done anyway, fishing or not.

What could I get from a library that would make it worth \$266 per year? I could check out books on CD or download audiobooks (an audible.com subscription costs \$180 per yr.) to listen to while I garden. I could check out DVDs (borrowing 2 blockbuster DVDs per month would save me about

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Important to cast your ballot on Tues.

If you're going to have a say in what's going to happen in our pitiful Wayne County, you've got to vote Aug. 5 – and you've got to vote as a Democrat.

We live in a strongly Democrat county and this is a primary election. We have to vote as either a Democrat or Republican in the partisan part of the ballot and, according to everyone who knows about these things, the Republicans haven't a chance to win in November.

There are 11 Democrats and three Republicans running for county executive and one of the Democrats will win in the primary. That means he will win in the General Election in November when he will be unopposed on the Democrat side.

You've got to vote! There are three Democrats running for State Rep., two for County Commissioner and two for Congress. The winner on Tuesday will run against the Republican in November – and probably win. In the General Election you can vote for some Democrats and some Republicans, but not in the primary.

As for the 34th District Court Judge, that race will be decided in the primary. It is non-partisan so the Dem.-Rep. label doesn't apply. Whoever wins Tuesday will be the judge for six years.

Then, there's the state proposal to get rid of personal property tax and three proposals to raise taxes – one for the school and two for the library. Experts say few people will show up to vote on Tuesday. Let's prove them wrong in our area. Don't let someone else make these important decisions for you.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On Friday, I received a call that informed me a group has been formed to get Sherry Frazier and Scott Russell off the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

On Saturday, we got a postcard here at the office saying the same thing.

I think there are those who want to get rid of the two because they ask too many questions. Sherry and Scott often are the only ones voting against things that the rest of the board supports. That's OK with me, but not with those who want a united board.

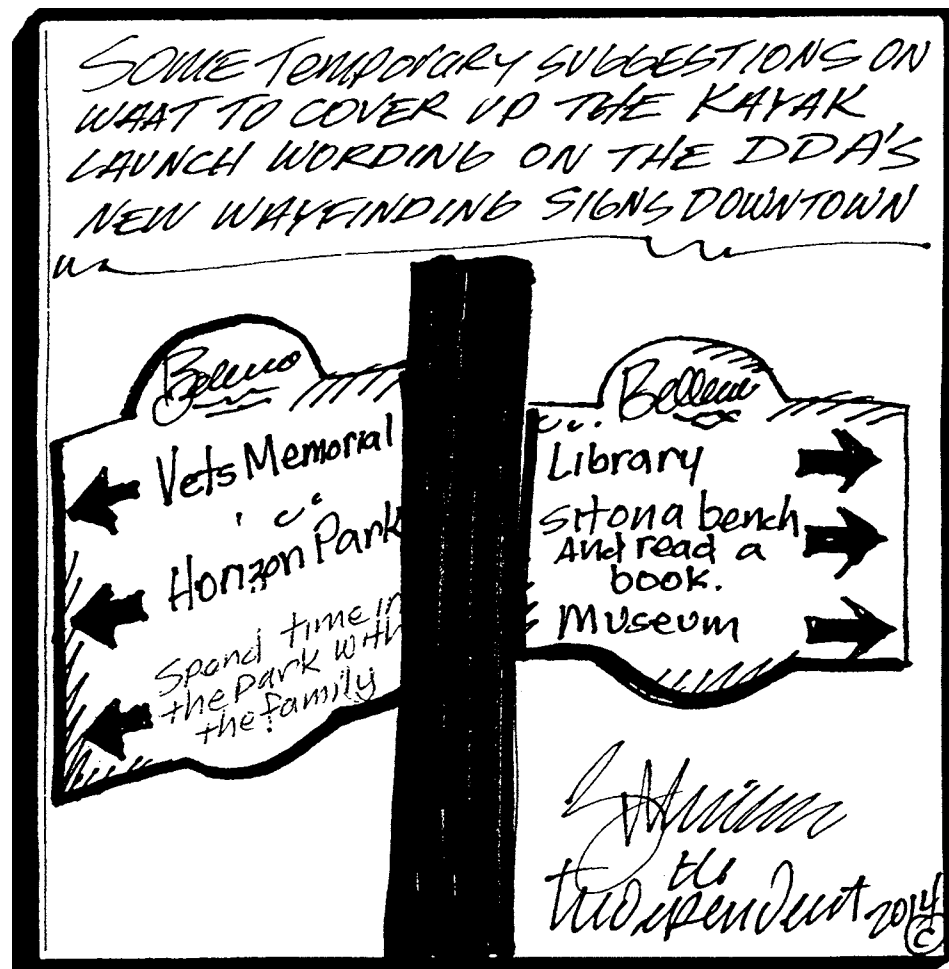
Sherry and Scott are running for reelection. So is Kevin English, but the ones that don't like Sherry and Scott, do like Kevin, so he's not a target.

I'm sure you'll be hearing more between now and the November General Election when three school board candidates will be elected out of the five filing to run.

The postcard we received has a return address in Chelsea because my caller said that's where she has moved.

I received another call on Monday from a person who received the postcard and said she checked on the property listed in the return address area and it is a vacant lot owned by Toni Hunt's family. Toni used to be on the school board. Also, although it has a committee name in the corner, my Monday caller said she checked and there is no such committee registered in the county or state.

The Belleville Area District Library Board has eight candidates running for four seats in the General Election. It looks like this will be one slate of four against another slate of four. The letters should be



hot between now and the Nov. 4 election. And, can you imagine the signs?

A lady from Willis Road called to tell me the man who wrote the letter about the lady scamming him of \$5 to buy beer, when she said it was to cremate her dead daughter, had a case of mistaken identity.

She said the lady who had come to visit her was gone just long enough to go to the party store to buy a 15-pack of beer and a newspaper for her. She wasn't gone long enough to go to the man's house and ask him for money.

"This is not the house," said the lady. "The cops never came to my house."

I talked to Det. John Toth at Sumpter Police and he said Officer Joseph Balowski canvassed the Harris and Savage road area and multiple residents had seen the scam artist and given her money.

If you were a young person who answered the door, Officer Balowski said he was told, she said she was looking for a lost Chihuahua. But, if you were a mature adult, it was the story about how she needed money to cremate her daughter.

Det. Toth said the Sumpter Police did a photo lineup and a woman at a Judd Road address was identified. But, she has been told she is not allowed to come back to that address, so she has left. Will they find her to charge her with a local ordinance for larceny and swindling? Who knows?

But, the lady on Willis Road is right.

Her house guest was a victim of mistaken identity.

One of our readers, a senior citizen, wanted to point out the total tax increases coming to tax payers now – and that they are excessive for those on a fixed income.

First, his property tax went up because his property value has been increased. Then, he said, there would be the 2 mills for educational enhancement (RESA), if that passes on Tuesday. Then, there are the two library millages being sought. He said after the election, the state will be figuring out how to deal with the deteriorating infrastructure and that will bring a higher tax or two.

He said some people are against this millage or that millage, but you've got to look at the tax structure as a whole: "Very few in Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township can afford all these additional taxes."

I've talked to a few local residents before they headed off to Sturgis, S.D. last week end for the annual motorcycle rally. One lady is taking a motor home and trailer along so if a bike has a problem, the rider can load it up on the trailer and get inside the motor home to ride. Efficient planning.



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To the Editor:

I have attended all but five of the library board meetings since the Fred C. Fischer Library became the Belleville Area District Library. If you are unsure on how to cast your vote Aug. 5 because you are confused from what you may have read in the papers or heard second-hand, I would be happy to help.

Much of the information that you are reading in the papers is coming from people who have NEVER attended a single library board meeting.

Well, guess what? I will not tell you how to vote, but if I may, I would like to pass along information that may clear up the confusion and help you decide YES & YES or NO & NO.

For example, were you aware that the BADL Board tried everything they could to keep the library downtown? I am not sure that ever was made clear to the public.

I am not looking for a debate just a passing on of correct information. Feel free to call me any day after 6 p.m. 734-325-2678.

Michael Boelter
Sumpter Township

Editor's Note: Michael Boelter is a member of the Belleville Area District Library Board.

design of the proposed main library. She mentioned the first floor would be used by children, for toddlers through the teen years. As I noted, the fishing pier would also be on the same level. I do not believe adequate attention has been given to the cost of liability insurance that would be required due to the proximity of the water on Belleville Lake. I am sure no thought has been given to the allure that water holds for small children especially.

She also gave a rough dollar figure for the tax increase on an average property owner of approximately a minimum of \$300. That is quite an increase.

The RESA (Regional Education Service Agency) also has a proposed 2 mil increase equal to about \$200 per property owner. If I add that correctly, that's a \$500 increase per year on our tax bills. Can you afford that?

Remember the construction bond cost alone over a 20-year period of time goes from \$19,000,000 to \$35,000,000 with the interest that must be paid. We do not need the library to be a community center with a coffee and snack shop and lounges.

As far as the proposed Sumpter Satellite Library, I believe it will get minimal attention as it is only pacifying the District Library Agreement of 2009 and taking much of the Sumpter Senior Center away.

Please VOTE NO. They expect to pass this monstrosity and public safety hazard at the critical Aug. 5 primary to fool you, the taxpayer.

As the Common Cents Committee's signs say: VOTE NO because it is a BAD LOCATION and HIGHER TAXES.

Mary Ban
Sumpter Township

**Miami University awards
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To the Editor:

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More Letters

Civic duty to future members of community

To the Editor:

I may not agree with every decision of the Fischer Library board, but I support them to bring us the best facility for our community.

I watch the youngsters going home with ten or more books. Their eyes gleaming in anticipation of their enjoyment awaiting them when they can open the books and start reading.

I watch the computer users working and learning from equipment they may be unable to afford.

I join seniors and others engrossed in newspapers and magazines, while relaxing in the comfortable seating.

I enjoy the evening events that expand my horizons.

The citizens before me that sacrificed to build and expand the present Fischer Library have made these and other things possible.

I believe it's my civic duty and pleasure to enlarge on their sacrifices for the future members of our communities.

George Craven
Van Buren Township



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Obituaries



Elizabeth L. Palmer

ELIZABETH L. PALMER

(June 2, 1924 - July 22, 2014)

Surely there was much celebration in heaven on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 as our Lord welcomed Elizabeth Palmer home. As we celebrate her life amidst broken hearts, her family takes solace in the profound impact our sweet wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend has had on each one of us.

Elizabeth was born in Alto, Michigan on June 2, 1924, the middle child of two older brothers and two younger sisters. She graduated from Caledonia High School in 1942 and then as a Registered Nurse from Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1945. Her desire to help the fighting men and women returning from World War II soon took her to Tucson, Arizona where she accepted a job at the Veterans Hospital. It is there she met the love of her life, Kenneth Palmer, a young Navy man from Mason, Michigan. After a brief courtship, Elizabeth and Ken were married in 1950. Soon after they made their home in Belleville and raised five children: Vicki, Dan, Cynthia, Brian, and Kim. Although Elizabeth's nursing career was put on hold once she and Ken started a family, she never lost her innate desire for serving others. She was a dedicated volunteer to their church of 50+ years and fulfilled many leadership roles in UMW.

Elizabeth was one of the sweetest, kindest, most gentle souls ever to grace the earth. Her highest priority was her relationship with Jesus Christ, followed by the love she had for her family. She never uttered an unkind word about anyone, and had the rare ability to make each person in her life feel like they were uniquely special and important to her. Elizabeth's laugh was contagious, and her sense of humor put people immediately at ease. Among her many talents and interests, she loved to garden and do needlework the most, as was evident in her beautiful flower beds and masterpieces she proudly displayed in the Palmer home. Elizabeth's love of the outdoors has been passed down through the generations, along with her affinity for all creatures great and small.

Elizabeth is survived by her loving husband

of 64 years, Kenneth, and their children: Vicki (Terry) Bower, Daniel (Wilhelmina) Palmer, Cynthia (John) Fletcher, Brian (Mary) Palmer and Kim (Ed) Paris. She is also survived by her eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren: Allisyn (Justin) Wheeler and daughter Leighton, Erica (VJ Goichai) Bower and son Greyson, Jonathan (Tamara) Palmer and son Jonathan Jr., Michael (Andrea) Palmer, Julia Palmer, Alexandra Palmer, Ben Palmer and Laenie Fletcher. Elizabeth also leaves behind her sister Marilyn Johnson and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her brothers Albert and Marvin and her sister Martha.

A gathering was held at Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville from 5-8 p.m. on Friday. A memorial service at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville, was on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at 11 a.m., with visitation from 10-11 a.m. The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Association. Please sign her online guestbook and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Peggyann Gardner

PEGGYANN GARDNER

(September 18, 1935 - July 16, 2014)

Peggyann Gardner, age 78, lifetime resident of Belleville, MI, passed away Wednesday, July 16, 2014. She was born September 18, 1935 in Detroit, MI, daughter of John and Jeanette Walters.

She loved her rose garden, animals, and

gathering with friends. She also enjoyed her annual trip to Hawaii for over 40 years. She is survived by her daughter Janet (J.C. Harlan) Gardner of Boyd, Texas, and many special friends including Clara Tomlin, Kelly Williams and family and Marge Spino, all of Belleville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, also her husband Vern Gardner in 1987.

Graveside services were held at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society and would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Please sign her on line guest book & share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Patricia J. Banas

PATRICIA J. BANAS

(December 17, 1941 - July 28, 2014)

Patricia Jean Banas, age 72, life-long resident of New Boston, MI, passed away Monday, July 28, 2014 at her home, surrounded by family. She was born December 17, 1941 in Dearborn, MI, daughter of John Jefferson and Bessie Elenor (Benner) Bidwell.

Mrs. Banas is survived by her loving husband of nearly 50 years, Walter Banas; 8 children Charlotte Cooke of Flat Rock, MI, Joe (Charlotte) Banas of New Port, MI, Jeff (Heather) Banas of Belleville, MI, Patrick (Paula) Banas of Belleville, Becky (Steve) Kimbrell of Townley, Alabama, Sarah (Jon) Harrington of Belleville, Liz (Bill) Loucks of New Boston and Rachel

(Frank) Robinson of New Boston; dear grandmother of 28 grandchildren, Kate Cooke, Christine (Vince) Gibson, Micheala Gilbert, Richard Granby, Derek (Amanda) Granby, Lloyd Granby, Joey Banas, Jessica Banas, Kari Banas, Faith Banas, Antonio Gondeck, Sean Gondeck, McKayla Gondeck, Josh Banas, Justin Banas, Dominic Banas, Alyssa Banas, Daniel (Tiffany) Hammer, Nicholas Hammer, Johnathon Kimbrell, J.D. Kimbrell, Kasey Kimbrell, Brendan Harrington, Haylee Loucks, Griffin Loucks, Hailey Robinson, Hannan Robinson, Halaina Robinson. Wonderful great-grandmother of Dillon Granby, Damian Granby, Alexis Granby, Victor Gibson, Jack Hammer; 2 brothers Jack (Pat) Bidwell of New Boston and Norman (Barb) Bidwell of Flat Rock; three sisters Elaine Kahkoen of Belleville, Freda (Pete) Der-Stepanian of Belleville, and Lieta (Lu) Lopez of Tecumseh, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Patricia worked at The Detroit Truck Stop in Woodhaven as a waitress for 15 years. She was a proud mother of all of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents John & Bessie Bidwell, grandparents Foster & Freda Bidwell and William & Annie Benner, brother-in-law Bill Kahkoen, also a nephew Mike Bidwell.

Visitation will be 1-8 PM Thursday and 10-12 Noon Friday with a Noon Funeral Friday, August 1, 2014 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI. Chaplain Anne Lanier will officiate. Interment will be in Otisville Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Feeding America or Wounded Warriors, 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.

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Mary-Ann Miotto

MARY-ANN MIOTTO

(July 28, 1950 - July 26, 2014)

Mary-Ann Miotto, age 63, resident of Belleville since 1993, formerly of Dearborn Heights, MI, passed away Saturday, July 26, 2014 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. Mary-Ann was born July 28, 1950 in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, daughter of Alexander and Rose (Fraser) Hillhouse. She loved to read, garden, play with her cats, and was an animal lover.

Mary-Ann was deeply loved, will be sorely missed, and is in our hearts forever.

Mary-Ann is survived by a sister, Jane (Henry) Drury of Melbourne, Australia; a niece Amanda (Tim) Drury of New York, NY; two great-nephews Dash and Baxter; four step-children, Robert (Denise) Miotto of Canton, MI, Cathy Miotto-Sadler of Superior Township, MI, Laurie (Jim) Hooper of Westland, MI and Ronald (Shari) Miotto of Redford, MI; 7 step-grandchildren Heather, Colin, Amanda, Steven, Brittney, Shelby and Anthony; two step-great-grandchildren Desmond and Madeline DeGrave, and many special friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Robert Miotto, and nephew Simon Drury.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Interment will be with her husband in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2014. Those who speak at the interment may do so. A celebration of her life will be held afterward from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Sidetrack Bar and Grill, 56 E. Cross Street in Ypsilanti's Depot Town.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, D.C. 20090-6929, online www.aspc.org/donate, or to Alley Cat Allies, 7920 Norfolk Ave., Suite 600, Bethesda, MD 20814-2525, online www.alleycat.org would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Charles "Chuck" Sweeney

CHARLES 'CHUCK' S. SWEENEY

(April 10, 1966 - July 23, 2014)

Mr. Chuck Sweeney, 48, of Canton, passed away on July 23, 2014. He was born on April 10, 1966 at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Virginia, a son of Donna J. Sweeney.

Chuck's greatest joy in life was his family, especially his grandchildren. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time on his pontoon boat. He was an avid collector of many things.

Chuck is survived by his loving children: Jacob (Brittany) Sweeney, Chassidy (Chris) Jamnick

and Phillip Black. Adored Grandfather of Jayden Sweeney, Brandon Jamnick, and Justin Jamnick. Loving son of Donna J. Sweeney. Brother of Bill Sweeney and Linda VanYorx. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. Loving companion of Kim Hoskins. He was preceded in death by his brother Joe Sweeney on September 5, 2013.

A memorial gathering for Mr. Sweeney will be held on Sunday, August 3, 2014 from 2:00 P.M. until time of service at 4:30 P.M. at the Higginson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville, MI 734-697-9400.

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More Letters

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\$432 per year) to watch at night. I could read a bestseller (borrowing one per month would save me about \$216). I could visit the library and use their print magazine subscriptions, or stay at home and use their numerous library databases or magazine service Zinio account to get access to tens of thousands of magazines and journals. I could borrow music CDs and enjoy them without paying \$15 each.

All of this is at your library right now but, with more space comes more choices! With a larger main library I could take my grandchildren to a library program that is not packed tightly together in a small room and high quality educational programs and entertainment. Or, I could look up local history in a climate-controlled condition to best preserve archival paper materials. Or, I could take a computer class and learn how to use software, search the Internet or use Facebook. Or I could use library meeting rooms to plan my organization's event. Or, I could enjoy a cup of coffee while reading the Sunday *New York Times* (about \$700 per year), looking at the lake. I could also visit the satellite location, take a computer class, use their wireless, enjoy the courtyard, or take my grandchildren to story times.

So yes, we will pay higher taxes and we will receive tremendous value for those dollars! We will pay less operating millage per household than the residents using Ypsilanti libraries which has three locations and a bookmobile. We'll pay slightly more operating millage than residents using Canton library which is running only one location. Is it worth it? Two trips per year, checking out a few items, and a couple uses of their online databases or downloadable resources would easily give me back the value of my tax dollar, and that would just be the start! The convenience of using the south satellite branch to drop off and pick up materials closer to home, that just sweetens the pot. And in addition to that, if I ever plan on selling my house, the progressive services offered by my library will add value to my home.

So what's the deal with the "bad location"? I believe the proposed main branch and the satellite are in the BEST locations possible! And, what about "higher taxes"? Absolutely and worth every penny! Libraries, like schools, are an investment in this generation and future generations, an investment in your home and family. **Vote YES and YES** for the Bond AND Operating Millage on Tuesday!

Joy Cichewicz

Belleville Area District Library Board Member and Sumpter Township Resident

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More Letters

Library, RESA taxes add up to \$300 increase for me

To the Editor:

When the Belleville Area District Library consultant said they would have to sell the

public on the concept of a new library and the chosen DNR location, they meant it. The KRC Research Corporation (alluded to in a letter to the editor) states, "What We Do ... If you want to win, you need to do good research. Research is a critical element of any successful advertising ... campaign." KRC will, "... identify and define audiences and ... inspire audiences to take action." And, KRC Research has particularly deep expertise with advocacy organizations seeking to raise awareness of an issue or change opinions ..."

And E-Magazine (whoever this is, what credentials other than "opinion") has categorized us as, "In an age of greed and selfishness ... when global corporations control our lives ... and of cynicism and distrust of government," it seems only the library can or will be our shining salvation!

The American Library Association 2010 Assessment Household Survey conducted

by KRC Research Corporation (by telephone of 1,006 interviews with adults nationwide, ages 18 or older) dated January 30, 2009 found that:

- Fifty-nine percent have a library card while 41% do NOT.
- During the past year only 11% visited the library over 25 times (111) vs. 42% or 423 Not at all!
- During the past year only 1% telephoned the library over 25 times (10) vs. 87% or 875 Not at all!
- During the past year only 4% visited by computer over 25 times (40) vs. 77% or 775 Not at all!

* Asked only if used the library in person, by telephone, or by computer of N=604 respondents: Entertainment - 35%; Educational - 28%; Informational - 6%; Job search or resume - 3%; etc., etc.

For some additional consideration, we as a nation are concerned with the trillions of dollars in national debt; our grand- and great-grandchildren will be paying for this! Remember, this is "for the kids!" The bonds that are passed now for the high school, operating bonds for all of the school districts, prison bonds, water bonds, road/street bonds, Visteon Bonds, school operating bonds, etc., etc., etc., "is for the kids." Its non-ending and the 84-year-old gentleman who wrote, "... 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." Hit the mark!

Notice we don't have many "Tax Increases" just long-term bond payments. Yes, at his age and ours (82) the impact is temporary, but for our "KIDS" who are beginning their lives, their families, and their futures, and are struggling to pay

their taxes, this IS A CURRENT, LONG-LASTING IMPACT! Between the library and the Wayne County Education millage ours is a \$300/year increase and this is only the beginning!

As for us, let's do as a bumper sticker reads: **SKI: Spending Kids' Inheritance!** And that is what a yes vote will accomplish. Spending KIDS' future!

LIBRARIES? VOTE NO, NO, NO

Cornell Anton, Jr.
Belleville

Join me in voting Yes & Yes for the library

To the Editor:

Several years ago, the elected leaders of our three communities (the Belleville Area) realized the need for a larger, more modern library to meet the evolving needs of our growing area. That is why they approved the District Library Plan, which was then approved by the voters.

Since that time, the Library Board has worked on finding a solution to meet the community needs. They offered many opportunities for public input. Now they are asking for our vote of support, and I am hoping you will join me in voting Yes and Yes.

The nay-sayers will dream up many wild scenarios to illustrate why it is bad. I have neither the time or patience or argue with each wild claim made by the opposition. These claims are designed to distract residents from what is really at issue.

There are only two questions to ask yourself: 1. Do you want a Library built to meet the current and future needs of our residents? And, 2. Do you want to properly fund it? I firmly answer Yes and Yes, and am encouraging my neighbors and friends to do the same on Aug. 5.

James Lenze
Van Buren Township

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Voting YES-YES is a NO-NO

To the Editor:

Is Voting YES-YES a NO-NO?

Most local residents would agree that our present library doesn't meet some of the needs of the community, especially when considering the libraries in some of our neighboring communities (who also have much larger tax bases).

I just don't agree with a few "details" about the new library proposal, and also

don't agree that tax payers' votes and money should be taken for granted, as the "future location" signs along Belleville Road make it seem.

Location -- Many residents, especially senior citizens and local high school students, would be better served with it located in town, as it's always been. The new proposed location on Belleville Road across the bridge is less accessible, and a poor usage of valuable lakefront property.

Size and Cost -- It wasn't that long ago that we were pushed toward a similar millage and bond proposal by some of the same people, to build a library over the top of a proposed Kroger store in downtown Belleville -- that we were assured would

meet the requirements of the community.

One of their selling points was the retention of the in-town location! In hindsight, is anyone glad that clearer heads prevailed, and that you and your kids aren't still paying a tax increase for that boondoggle?

Now consider: 1. Has everyone been thoroughly shown and convinced by our community leaders that this proposal uses your long term tax increase to best meet the needs of the community at a reasonable cost? 2. Is such a large facility still necessary considering the rapidly changing function of a library, with much less paper book storage required and more e-Books, i-Pads and web-sourced literature coming onstream? 3. Is it a true waste of valuable lakefront property, even considering their included "fishing dock" and its related liabilities, paid for and maintained by your tax increase? 4. Is it just in the wrong place at the wrong price? If you have any doubt, don't take on the new debt. Let them return with a plan that better meets your budget and the communities' needs -- this proposal is a NO-NO.

A Concerned Taxpayer

Vote YES and YES for library next Tuesday

To the Editor:

While canvassing over the past few weeks for myself as a precinct delegate I have also taken the golden opportunity to reinforce the positive aspects of the two proposals for the library that are on the Aug. 5 ballot. People! That date is next week! Every registered voter in Sumpter, Van Buren, and Belleville has a wonderful opportunity to make one of the most positive decisions for everyone who lives in either of the two townships and the city.

The current site for the Belleville Area District Library is SO inadequate for all of us! There is ONE handicapped parking

space and less than a dozen parking spaces in the entire lot that borders the library. At the new site on the lake there will be over 150 parking spaces and the satellite location in Sumpter will be able to accommodate quite a few vehicles for those who choose to use the services at the satellite rather than driving to the main building.

Despite what some of the local naysayers may espouse, libraries are not becoming extinct. Rather, they are fostering an increase in circulation of reading, audio and/or video materials, plus programming, entrepreneurship, lifelong-learning experiences, and early reading and literacy opportunities. If we are to have a well-educated populace, we need to promote and provide funding for our public libraries!

Qualified voters who live within the area that the Belleville Area District Library services have a chance to bring our local community up to modern standards. I have seen the plans. This is NOT the Taj Mahal. This is a well thought out plan that will provide enough space and services to serve the needs of our community for the next 50-100 years.

Is it a bad location? NO! It is a beautiful location that will afford everyone who lives within the 72 square miles that the Belleville Area District Library serves to take advantage of and enjoy the beauty of our most beautiful asset: Belleville Lake! Those who say "NO" just don't want the rest of us to have access to the lake!

Will our taxes go up? Yes. Will they be manageable? YES! For the average homeowner, the increase in taxes for the bond and the operating millage is not exorbitant. It will be money well-spent because not only will the main and satellite locations benefit our community directly, the library locations will also enhance the value of our homes and businesses.

This is a win-win for all of us! Don't let the "downers" influence your vote on Aug. 5 (this coming Tuesday). They don't want what is best for all of us! Vote "YES" and "YES" on Aug. 5!

Virginia Belinski
Sumpter Township

Support Natalie Mosher for State Representative

To the Editor:

I am writing to ask that you join me in supporting Natalie Mosher for State Representative, 21st district. She is an experienced public servant, active locally for years, and is endorsed by our current, hard-working state legislator, Dian Slavens, who is term-limited in that same seat. Natalie will fight for us and carry her civic and business expertise to Lansing for the people of Belleville and Van Buren Township. Vote Mosher on Aug. 5!

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NO voters invite you to Aug. 5 meet at Tin Pan

To the Editor:

Voters, please take notice that the current library plan is bad for the community and we urge you to vote NO on both District Library proposals.

Maybe we should ask ourselves: Are we building the last grand library in the digital age at the cost of a better option?

The current library proposals are flawed in numerous ways. Let's highlight the most egregious false claims and logical failings:

"The city doesn't want the library located downtown" is a patently false statement. On numerous occasions we have asked supporters of the proposed library to show documents or other communications from city officials expressing this position. They cannot. Do you know why? It is because no such communications exist. The city, acting through City Council, resolved unanimously this spring to keep the library downtown. The Council understood that a downtown library has a positive impact on business and residents, an impact necessary to sustain a vibrant and active city. Look at Dexter and Chelsea, two local libraries cited as models of library development. Dexter voters rejected proposed millages when the plans intended to move the library away from the central city. Chelsea's library is located downtown along a creek. Belleville leadership recognized the urgency to the local businesses and the convenience to citizens and voted unanimously in support of the library remaining downtown. Claims otherwise are just charlatan propaganda to justify the atrocity.

"This DNR site represents the best value for the citizens" is something that was heard time and time again from this Board. How do they know? They don't. During library

board presentations put forth last fall, they were asked for a financial analysis that included capital construction, operating and acquisition costs, in one package, so that the information met with the best practices of the Government Finance Officers Association, a standard necessary to determine the complete picture of the value/expense for capital expenditure discussions. It wasn't until the last meeting before the operating ballot proposal question had to be finalized by law that any such discussion along these lines occurred (called the 11th hour). This delay of an important discussion was patently unfair to citizens interested in the most basic of discussions about site acquisition and construction costs, programming levels, operating costs or staffing or service alternatives. Had total ownership costs been well considered, it is very likely that this site would not have seemed like such a great value.

"The new library would be a great economic development for the community." While we can all agree in the most basic term of development for this site, (i.e. a green field becoming a facility) we also must ask: "Is it the highest and best use of this site?" A library is not its best use and here is why. First, too much money spent on an extravagant facility doesn't improve library programming quality or hours of operations, values people want in a library. The economic impact of a library system is minimal. It has a closed number of users and most of the services are free (often competing directly with private enterprise). On the other hand, if that same site were developed into a public-private partnership marina, users would come from throughout the region, spending money, time and making social connections to the area. The use of natural resources is good for the local economy. Look at the towns of Breckenridge, Vail and Aspen, Colorado. When their primary industries went away (mineral mining) and were reduced to only a few thousand residents, with limited

production capacity and geographically difficult to get to, they figured out how to capitalize on natural resources (big hills that couldn't be built on easily). They have become international destinations leveraging tourist dollars and investments for the benefit of the community.

"The library is partnering with the DNR to cover the costs associated with the waterfront aspects of the site." First, this partnership is a clear admission by the library that it lacks the resources, capacity, and expertise in physical plant maintenance to properly care for the DNR site. The attorney for the library board admits that the library board is unable to spend money on assets that are not in direct support of library operations. Would that mean that emergency repairs to the walkways or waterfront (owned by the DNR) would be illegal? By embracing this DNR partnership, the BADL is dancing with the Devil in this very expensive gamble with our tax dollars. Let's look at how the DNR manages the East and West Boat Launches. First, the West Boat Launch, located off of Rawsonville Road, suffers from neglect. The security lighting is out. The ramp and parking lots often have trash and debris strewn about. Bushes and shrubbery are overgrown, making use of the fishing piers difficult and cumbersome. The East Boat Launch, located on Huron River Drive, suffers from deferred maintenance. The infrastructure is failing or abandoned as road and ramp surfaces are in a state of severe disrepair. It appears that the current library agreement with the DNR does not specify timelines for the development of

the waterfront features and relies on "will come" investments by the state agency. The DNR agreement does not have performance metrics or standards of care that would make it clear when parties are responsible. The City of Detroit has had plenty of opportunity to develop libraries along the Detroit River over the last 313 years, yet they have chosen not to do this. Why? Because they recognize this is a bad idea. We should, too.

For these reasons and many more, including the insult to the citizens of Sumpter who are being asked to bear a disproportionate share of the costs while getting minimal benefits (<5% of capital expenditures), we ask voters to reject resoundingly these two library millage proposals on Aug. 5.

The Common Cents Library Committee is a collective of citizens living in the 48111 zip code with nearly 100 years of combined experience in municipal finance, economics, project management, construction and law. We want to revisit this library issue and bring a meaningful and engaged dialogue to the community about the location and services of a new library.

Those of us concerned about these ill-advised library millages and the greater governance of the library (the NO voters) are going to gather on election night (Aug. 5) around 8:30 at the Tin Pan in Sumpter. You are welcome. Please join us.

Phil Miller, MPA

Treasurer of the Common Cents Library Committee

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Lisa Long, CMC
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VBT sirens

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"It was undecided at that time how many we need, but not 16," Dolph said.

"There are calculations," Blank said.

"It's the responsibility of the township and each and every citizen," Dolph said of the safety brought by emergency sirens.

"I'm glad the Public Safety Department is on it," Dolph said.

Ireland said Lt. Buzzy is working with the planning department to see about CDBG funding.

"I think a mistake was made, way before Linda [Combs] came," said Dolph. "Money for the sirens was offered to everyone by Homeland Security and VBT didn't take it up. I don't know why."

Dolph passed out copies of the July 14 Nixle communication sent out by the Sumpter Police Department concerning installation of the final six sirens which makes 14 emergency sirens in the township. They were paid for by a grant through the Department of Homeland Security/Wayne County Emergency Management.

The Nixle alert also included the procedures being followed for the siren use.

Other business at the 50-minute meeting included the following subjects.

Audit of 2013 Fiscal Year

The DDA unanimously accepted the audit for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2013.

Booville

The DDA approved partnering with the Belleville DDA and the Belleville Central Business Community for the Booville event during the month of October by authorizing up to \$2,000 from the Belleville Road Streetscape line item to decorate the triangle at Quirk Road in a harvest theme.

Sidewalks

Ireland reported on the Belleville Road and I-94 North Service Drive sidewalks. She said she met with the new owner of the Jacobs property and he was interested in the sidewalk from Quirk Road along the North I-94 Service Drive once she said it wouldn't cost him anything.

"We might have a problem with Wayne County," Ireland said. "It's been harder to get these sidewalk plans through than anything we've done."

"Where's the water going to go? That's the preliminary question," Ireland said. "Hopefully they want to resolve that issue."

Wade Trim engineer David Nummer said he went to talk to the county and he was told people are not allowed to walk on a trail for non-motorized vehicles. He said he imagines they will have to rip out the

sidewalks already there.

Nummer said the State of Michigan is funding 10' wide trails to the Upper Peninsula.

Belleville Road Curbs

Ireland reported on Belleville Road curbs that are a part of the Belleville Corridor Project. Two spots outside the scope have been added to the overall job.

Traffic Signals

The hanging of signals and cameras on Belleville Road is progressing according to schedule and contractors will stop during the Air Show so as not to interfere with traffic. They currently are working six days a week on the hanging.

Nummer said they are able to complete two mast arms a day. He said the following week, contractors will be working on the three center lanes and then do striping on the outside lanes, especially the overpass on the freeway.

Nummer said the outside lanes will be striped first and then, when it's done, the inside lanes will be painted.

"The operational dates depend on when we get the controlling signals back from Wayne County," Nummer said, noting they are about half way done programming the signals.

Dolph said the project is, Good for the township and good for visitors."

Belleville/Ecorse Rd. Landscaping

Ireland reported landscape plans for the Belleville/Ecorse Road corner have been submitted to Wayne County for approval, along with the irrigation plans.

Belleville Road Fence

The DDA has received money from the insurance company as a result of a vehicle destroying nine sections of fence on Belleville Road between Harmony Lane and Sunrise. The broken fence pieces have been replaced, along with a single panel that was smashed in, perhaps by a baseball bat, Ireland said.

Streetlight Banners

Banner arms have been removed from a few light poles near the Belleville Bridge and the flag banners put up in the remaining area, Ireland reported. The winds in that area made it not possible to keep banners up there.

Regional Detention Pond

Wade Trim engineer Nummer reported that as a result of a meeting with the Wayne County Drain Office, he is compiling information to submit to it about the proposed regional detention pond.

He said now he is working on sizing the new storm sewer to put in Belleville Road to get to the pond. He said he hopes to fit it in the right of way. Also, he needs to get a cost estimate, which is, "a bit of an unknown."

He said the current wastewater pipes are 30 inch pipes on the west side of Belleville Road and 21, 24, and 30 inches on the east side. He said 40 inches might be a good size for the pipe to the pond.

"I'll try to nail that down and bring the cost to the DDA," Nummer said.

He said Wayne County is very interested in the project, but it will be the first one in the county and, "It's outside their comfort zone."

He said there are other regional ponds in Michigan, but it would be the first of its type in Wayne County.

Public Safety Day

The DDA approved an allocation up to \$10,000 out of the Public Relations line item to spend on Public Safety Day, which will be held this year on Aug. 23. Ireland said this is a wonderful event and very well attended.

Ireland said Walmart has given the DDA more bicycle helmets to fit on kids. Also, the Metroparks have called the township to ask if there were any community events they could take part in and they were given the Public Safety Day event as a recommendation.

\$2.5 million Bond Sale complete

Ireland reported the \$2.5 million sale of new tax increment bonds is complete and the DDA is in receipt of the funding for the projects. The interest rate is 3.5% and the term will expire in 2032.

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PARTISAN SECTION VOTE ONLY 1 PARTY SECTION		NONPARTISAN SECTION
REPUBLICAN PARTY SECTION	DEMOCRATIC PARTY SECTION	JUDICIAL
STATE	STATE	JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT 34th DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 1
GOVERNOR Vote for not more than 1	GOVERNOR Vote for not more than 1	Charles Septowski <input type="radio"/>
Rick Snyder <input type="radio"/>	Mark Schauer <input type="radio"/>	Lisa Martin <input type="radio"/>
		David M. Parrott <input type="radio"/>
CONGRESSIONAL	CONGRESSIONAL	PROPOSAL SECTION
UNITED STATES SENATOR Vote for not more than 1	UNITED STATES SENATOR Vote for not more than 1	STATE
Terri Lynn Land <input type="radio"/>	Gary Peters <input type="radio"/>	PROPOSAL 14-1 APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AMENDATORY 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
		The amendatory act adopted by the Legislature would:
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 12th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 12th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	1. Reduce the state use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share of the tax for the purpose of modernizing the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs in Michigan.
Terry Bowman <input type="radio"/>	Raymond G. Mullins <input type="radio"/>	2. Require Local Community Stabilization Authority to provide revenue to local governments dedicated for local purposes, including police safety, fire protection, and ambulance emergency services.
	Debbie Dingell <input type="radio"/>	3. Increase portion of state use tax dedicated for aid to local school districts.
LEGISLATIVE	LEGISLATIVE	4. Prohibit Authority from increasing taxes.
STATE SENATOR 6th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	STATE SENATOR 6th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	5. Prohibit total use tax rate from exceeding existing constitutional 6% limitation.
Darrell McNeill <input type="radio"/>	Hoon-Yung Hopgood <input type="radio"/>	Should this law be approved?
		YES <input type="radio"/>
REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 21st DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 21st DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	NO <input type="radio"/>
Carol Ann Fausone <input type="radio"/>	Cornell Mathis <input type="radio"/>	
	Natalie Mosher <input type="radio"/>	
COUNTY		
COUNTY EXECUTIVE Vote for not more than 1		
John Dalton <input type="radio"/>	Kristy Pagan <input type="radio"/>	
Daniel K. Wenderlich <input type="radio"/>		
Fred A. Boldon <input type="radio"/>		
	COUNTY	
	Bettie Cook Scott <input type="radio"/>	
	Sigmunt John Szczepkowski, Jr. <input type="radio"/>	
	William R. Wild <input type="radio"/>	
	Christopher Wojtowicz <input type="radio"/>	
	Adam Salam Adamski <input type="radio"/>	
	Phil Cavanagh <input type="radio"/>	
	Cindy Darrah <input type="radio"/>	
	Warren C. Evans <input type="radio"/>	
	Robert A. Ficano <input type="radio"/>	
	Russell George Leviska <input type="radio"/>	
	Kevin M. McNamara <input type="radio"/>	

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REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 12th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 12th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1
Kelly Thompson <input type="radio"/>	Erika Geiss <input type="radio"/>

Sumpter Township only

REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 17th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 17th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1
Charles A. Londo <input type="radio"/>	Bill LaVoy <input type="radio"/>

PARTISAN SECTION - CONTINUED VOTE ONLY 1 PARTY SECTION		PROPOSAL SECTION CONTINUED
REPUBLICAN PARTY SECTION	DEMOCRATIC PARTY SECTION	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY	COUNTY	WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL
COUNTY COMMISSIONER 11th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	COUNTY COMMISSIONER 11th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count.
	Jeremy R. Cady <input type="radio"/>	Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mills (\$2 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2014 to 2019, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$80,000,000 when first levied in 2014.
	William J. Collop <input type="radio"/>	The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the following school districts:
	A. Haldous <input type="radio"/>	Allen Park Public Schools, Crestwood School District, Dearborn City School District, Dearborn Heights School District #7, School District of the City of Detroit, Ecorse Public School District, Flat Rock Community Schools, School District of the City of Garden City, Gibraltar School District, Grosse Ile Township Schools, The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Hamtramck Public Schools, City of Harper Woods Schools, School District of the City of Highland Park, Huron School District, School District of the City of Lincoln Park, Livonia Public Schools, Melvindale - Northern Allen Park Schools, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Redford Union School District, River Rouge School District, Riverview Community School District, Romulus Community Schools, Southgate Community School District, South Redford School District, Taylor School District, Trenton Public Schools, Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne-Westland Community School District, Westwood Community Schools, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, Wyandotte City School District.
		YES <input type="radio"/>
		NO <input type="radio"/>
		DISTRICT LIBRARY
		BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY BONDING PROPOSITION
		Shall the Belleville Area District Library, formed by City of Belleville, Charter Township of Van Buren, and Township of Sumpter, each in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Nineteen Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$19,050,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for all or a portion of that amount for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new building for library purposes; constructing renovations to, furnishing and re-furnishing and equipping and re-equipping an existing building for library purposes; and acquiring sites for library buildings?
		The following is for informational purposes only:
		The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2014, is 1.08 mill (\$1.08 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty (20) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 0.96 mill (\$0.96 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).
		(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)
		YES <input type="radio"/>
		NO <input type="radio"/>
		PROPOSAL SECTION CONTINUED
		DISTRICT LIBRARY
		BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY DISTRICT LIBRARY OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL
		This proposal will allow the District Library to levy additional millage in the City of Belleville, Charter Township of Van Buren, and Township of Sumpter for library operating purposes.
		Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all taxable property within the geographic boundaries of the Belleville Area District Library, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased by 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 20 years, 2014 to 2033, inclusive, to provide funds for library operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2014 is approximately \$1,352,779, of which the District Library will receive \$1,224,806 and the following entities will capture a portion of the revenues: Belleville Downtown Development Authority (\$24,891), Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (\$73,050), and Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority (\$30,032)?
		YES <input type="radio"/>
		NO <input type="radio"/>

More Letters

NO: We cannot afford this library design

To the Editor:

As the day of reckoning nears, the “quiet” supporters of the library continue to make noise about the legacy and beauty of the mega building on the lake, they so desire.

Personally, I think all those so-called supporters should be the only ones taxed for support of the bond issue and let’s see just how many supporters there really will be. Didn’t the failed Wayne County Jail teach us anything? These are difficult times. I don’t know about you, but I don’t want or can stand any more unwanted taxes on my plate.

Speaking of legacy and wonderful opportunities for education, the proposed library will “offer” to the students of our local schools; did anyone else notice, or am I the only person who reads the paper, that once again, the school board repeats its annual statement of how “our” schools scores are still lacking, but improving.

So pray tell, give me \$40 million dollars of more reasons, why we have a brand new, state-of-the-art school, and lousy MEAP, ACT AND SAT scores but yet, we “NEED” a brand-new, state-of-the-art, “library” on the lake?

Just because I ate a baked potato should I release other people’s money, just because it’s focal point in our community? The local DDAs keep cutting monies to the local “arts,” city budgets are cut to the bone, other bonds and taxes are still here, waiting to be paid, even with the average income levels dropping. When will the “quiet” people open their eyes to the fallacy of their ways; WE CANNOT AFFORD this current design. Period.

Funny, I find, it is that the elections, for the library board are in November; curious that MJ Dawson’s job is on the line, as well. Here’s to hoping that not only will the library bond issues be soundly defeated, but Ms. Dawson with her charming demeanor, shouting down nay-sayers, avoiding the press, expecting the city councils to come to her, not the other way around, closed, behind-door meetings, as well as electing to have studies done without prior board approval; needs to meet the same fate of the library bond, vote NO and come November, VOTE her out, of the library board and bring back living within our means.

Bob Balderston
Belleville

The status quo must go, vote NONONONONO

To the Editor:

Years ago Josephine Chapman ran for 34th District Judge -- her campaign slogan was: “The Status Quo Must Go.” She is my dearly departed mother and I must agree

with her on that point, at least.

Since I found myself in possession of the millstones mentioned in the Otisville chapter of “Water Under the Bridge,” I did a critical examination of them and came to the following conclusions: 1. One probably ran at the Old Red Mill on Denton Road, circa 1837; and 2. The other was much older, probably from Maj. Ben Woodruff’s mill, the first on the Huron in 1824. Because this is a whole stone, it probably came from out east, and since Woodruff hailed from Morristown, NJ, probably from an older mill there.

Gen. George Washington camped the Continental Army at Morristown in the winters of 1776-77, and again in 1879-80. The possibility that this stone ground out wheat into white flour that made bread to feed the Continental Army is pretty darned good, and still being researched.

I have seen the ornaments at Hayward’s and Five Points which the Belleville DDA would have us believe is “art” -- my opinion is they are JUNK and have no business existing there. The DDA, the Belleville City Council Members, Mayor, Van Buren Township, et. al, have been advised of my project idea of building a Mill Memorial. I even thought to buy some graves in Hillside Cemetery for such a memorial, but this was blocked by Keith Boc, whom nobody misses.

I am not done with this, indeed have not yet begun to fight for the preservation of our history, which has had substituted with in favor of JUNK, both actual and historical, so we now have tyranny and JUNK.

There’s a quid-pro-quo somewhere on this Library deal. Unilateral traffic studies, with nobody’s permission? That is the worst possible location for a new Library. Frankly, no taxpayer can really afford another hit, while moving an adequate library away from the high school neighborhood and across the bridge, in an area already overloaded with traffic. That is new pavement there, and whatever engineers did that, it won’t even drain in a downpour -- and there a ravine and a RIVER for it to be drained to. Will a new library suffer such engineering? Fishing? They won’t even let us fish off the bridge like we did when we were kids -- And that’s another thing...

We had this new high school thing shoved down our throats and now they’re trying it again with the library.

I smell a rat on this Library. Therefore, please vote NONONONONONONO.

One more thing -- it might be a good idea to vote out ALL existing politicians and see if the changes make anything better -- from Dingell on down, the STATUS QUO MUST GO!

This letter is being written from an adequate Library, not the BADL, but the Fred C. Fischer Public Library, and I found it completely adequate to do so.

As ever, and still willing to FIGHT,
Jimmi Chapman
South of the Huron

Spend pennies a day to pay for new libraries

To the Editor:

We are coming to the end of this long and intense journey to bring a new library to our district. Of all the communities around us, we were the last to give our children an up-to-date high school. One equipped with state-of-the-art learning tools so our students will be able to compete for spots in the country’s top universities and become part of the next generation of leaders.

And, during the years leading up to that bond election, the same nay-sayers were out with their objections. It’s like the pastor who goes to his file cabinet and keeps pulling out the same old sermon and just makes a few changes to fit each new situation. Same arguments, different proposal.

I remember one letter in particular that said, “Buildings don’t teach kids, books and teachers teach kids.” For once, I totally agree, and where can every kid in 20,000 households in our tri-community go to get books? **The library!** Not one, but two facilities large enough to meet the needs of a growing community, jammed with books in all forms to whet the appetite and feed the imagination of every single person in this district.

But the best part is that I can provide this for my family for \$138 a year. I live in a nice house in a nice neighborhood, and thanks to the economic downturn several years ago, the taxable value of our homes went very low and our taxes decreased as well. Yes, they bottomed out and have recently started slowly creeping up, but it will take many, many years to recover our house value to the high of 10 years ago.

So, the \$138 per year my taxes will increase breaks down to \$11.50 per month or **\$.38** per day. How exciting to think that I can give my family whole new worlds, any world they choose, for \$.38 a day. I can’t think of anything I could buy for just \$.38. I would have to save for three days

just to buy one item from the dollar menu at McDonald’s, but I can give them not one, but two new libraries for \$.38 a day. Yes, it’s books that teach our children and I have my change purse ready.

Vote YES and YES next Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Bonnie McRitchie
Belleville resident
Proud volunteer and Friend of the Belleville Area District Library

Sumpter Township Police Department now offers CrimeMapping

On July 8 the Sumpter Township Police Department went live with CrimeMapping.com in an effort to proactively share information with the public.

The new service was announced in a Nixle alert.

The CrimeMapping.com website allows residents to see a map of recent crime activity near a user-specified address. They can also select crime types, date ranges, generate reports, and receive free crime alerts.

The Police Department now provides a new level of transparency for the residents it serves, said Sumpter Township Police Captain Eric Luke in issuing the alert.

“CrimeMapping.com has been proven effective in reducing crime in other local communities by increasing the number of eyes and ears that are aware of local activity,” Captain Luke said.

“The Sumpter Township Police Department encourages citizens to collaborate with us by increasing awareness in their neighborhoods using this proactive tool.”

Captain Luke said those interested may check out the police department website at sumpterpd.org and follow the link under the “crimemapping & stats” tab.

He encouraged citizens to also keep up with local information by following the police department on several different social media: Nixle, Facebook, the Web (www.sumpterpd.org), and on Twitter (@sumpterpolice).

Van Buren Township Police Department also uses Nixle and CrimeMapping and those interested may link up with it on the police website through vanburen-mi.org.

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VOTE NO FOR THE NEW LIBRARY PROPOSALS AUGUST 5!

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I'm going to vote my pocketbook & vote NO on August 5th!





Photo by Susan Gohl

A reader reports the sign on Belleville Road is a misprint and will cause out-of-town folks to get the wrong directions from their GPS systems. Whoever made the sign put the DR. backwards as RD. A completely different road and different city will come up when searching for addresses. The reader who took this picture at the corner of Belleville Road and I-94 Service Drive said she uses her GPS daily for her delivery job and it must be spelt correctly in order to have precise navigation.



Two signs urging voters to "Vote Yes, Yes" for the library millages were put on a tree in the backyard of Library Director Deb Green, above the fence and facing Belleville Road, just north of Harmony Lane last week. The person who sent the picture to the *Independent* said the signs were placed higher than the five feet in height allowed by the Van Buren Township sign ordinance. VBT Ordinance Officer David Schuler confirmed that the VBT political sign ordinance says all political signs must be ground or wall signs and the ground sign be no higher than 5 feet. No tree signs allowed. On Monday, the signs were gone.

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• Wednesday, Aug. 6 – Van Buren
Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.

• Monday, Aug. 11 – Van Buren Public
Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.,
Administration Building.

• Tuesday, Aug. 12 – VBT Recreation
Committee, 5:30 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., with the
Costco Depot lights on the agenda. Also,
Belleville Area District Library Board, 7
p.m.

• Wednesday, Aug. 13 – Van Buren
Township Planning Commission, 7:30
p.m.

• Thursday, Aug. 14 – Belleville Planning
Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Aug. 18 -- Van Buren Township
Board of Trustees work/study session, 4
p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board
of Education, work/study session, 7 p.m.,
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• Tuesday, Aug. 19 – Van Buren Township
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To vote or not to vote, that is the question

To the Editor and Citizens:

To vote or not to vote, that is the question. Whether or not you want to take part in our American system of choosing what happens to us, the people, is UP TO YOU!

If you decide to not vote and the vote goes against your wishes, you lost your opportunity to support your wishes.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, July 20:
0103 – fraud, Belleville
1003 – assault & battery, Wayne County Fairgrounds
1201 – animal complaint, WB I-94/Belleville
1245 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1758 – larceny, Denton Rd.
1911 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Haggerty
1929 – property damage accident, Belleville/I-94
2042 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
2055 – disturbance, Parkwood Dr.
2138 – private property accident, Rawsonville DNR
2325 – operating while intoxicated, DNR
2327 – operating while intoxicated, DNR

Monday, July 21:
0000 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
0048 – noise complaint, Alba Ct.
0118 – breaking & entering, Van Buren St.
0130 – water leak found, Beacon Trl.
0219 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
0747 – disturbance, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0804 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1222 – larceny, W. Huron River Dr.
1325 – private property accident, Belleville
1357 – 1357 – ATV/ORV complaint, Beck Rd./Ayres Ave.
1444 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1454 – private property accident, Express Tire
1548 – missing person, N. Cumberland Dr.
1633 – malicious destruction of property, Tyler Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1703 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1908 – property damage accident, DNR Rawsonville
2001 – juvenile complaint, Kirkridge
2156 – disturbance, Dalton Dr.
2224 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
2236 – noise complaint, Stoneybrook Ct.

Tuesday, July 22:
0125 – intimidation threat, Packard Ct.
1045 – disturbance, Dellor St.
1228 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Bemis
1423 – harassment call, Westlake
1449 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1456 – intimidation threat, Dellor St.
1511 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1517 – private property accident, Landmark
1751 – narcotics crime, Comfort Inn

Wednesday, July 23:
0213 – suspicious person, Quirk Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
0344 – suspicious person, Rawsonville
0906 – fireworks, Edison lake Rd./E. Huron River Dr.
1019 – larceny, N. Cumberland Dr.
1024 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1113 – fraud, Westlake
1303 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1721 – assault & battery, McBride Ave.
1754 – fight, Maple Dr.
1832 – animal complaint, Hoeft Rd.
1852 – disorderly conduct, Rawsonville
1952 – personal injury accident, Denton Rd./Ecorse Service Drive A
2102 – assault & battery, Winchester St.
2103 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2144 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville BP
2212 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Haggerty
2238 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Bldg. 20
2257 – intimidation threat, Brandi
2341 – fight, S. Bellridge Dr.

Thursday, July 24:
0016 – agency assist, Main St.
0037 – agency assist, Robbe
0122 – assault & battery, Bemis Rd./Haggerty
0138 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0147 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0246 – disturbance, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0616 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0836 – animal complaint, Pond Bluff Dr.

1002 – animal complaint, Edgedale
1042 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Monroe Ct.
1355 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1521 – breaking & entering, Renton Rd.
1545 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.
1649 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1918 – private property accident, Rose Blvd.
1956 – juvenile complaint, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty
2021 – noise complaint, S. Purple Sage Ct.
2056 – suspicious situation, Dellor St.
2104 – noise complaint, Bldg. 30 boat launch
2244 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
2346 – missing person, Buchanan St.
2353 – suspicious vehicle, Van Buren Ct.

Friday, July 25:
0027 – noise complaint, Outer Dr.
0134 – disorderly conduct, Belleville
0229 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville
0800 – ordinance violation, Chaney Ave./Sumpter
0843 – suspicious situation, E. Archwood Dr.
1256 – intimidation threat, Village Green Ln.
1259 – private property accident, Elwell Rd.
1314 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1328 – operating while intoxicated, WB North Service Dr./Rawsonville
1639 – trespassing, Parkwood Dr.
1650 – shots fired, Hannan Rd.
2022 – assault & battery, Gilmore St.
2041 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
2114 – disturbance, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
2144 – noise complaint, Westlake
2309 – fight, Haggerty Rd.
2345 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.

Saturday, July 26:
0042 – assault & battery, Sadie Ln./Ecorse Rd.
0207 – assault & battery, Belleville
0625 – noise complaint, Cherry Ln.
1140 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1249 – intimidation threat, McBride Ave.
1311 – assault & battery, N. Bellridge Dr.
1320 – intimidation threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1321 – property damage accident, Belleville/N. Service Dr.
1418 – larceny, Belleville
1449 – malicious destruction of property, Rebecca Ct.
1536 – property damage accident, Belleville / Belleville Square
1734 – disorderly conduct, BP Belleville
1938 – suicide or attempt, S. Bellridge Dr.
1956 – indecent exposure, Morton Taylor Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
2135 – fireworks, Woodbury Dr./Haggerty Rd.
2221 – fireworks, Jackson Ln./Jackson St.
2317 – disturbance, Vernon St.

Also on this week’s log are 145 traffic stops, 32 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 20:
0142 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
0400 – intrusion alarm, S. Aberdeen Ct.
0550 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter
1609 – assist fire dept., E. Waterbury Ct.
1844 – assault & battery, Loza Ln.

Monday, July 21:
0057 – agency assist, Rawsonville
1136 – intrusion alarm, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1152 – prisoner transfer, 34th District Court
1207 – assault & battery, Loza Ln.
1903 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Tuesday, July 22:
0734 – welfare check, Main St./4th St.
1212 – fraud, Main St.
1251 – fraud, Main St.
1601 – larceny, Loza Ln.
1608 – intrusion alarm, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1611 – animal complaint, Carmell St.
2218 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, July 23:
0022 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Belle Villa Blvd.
1945 – juvenile complaint, Carmell

Thursday, July 24:
0008 – disturbance, Main St.
0028 – suspicious vehicle, Robbe St.
0757 – animal complaint, Main St.
1142 – agency assist, Sumpter Rd.
1522 – fraud, Main St.
1751 – animal complaint, N. Liberty St.
2112 – welfare check, Clarence St.
2222 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Villa
2239 – civil matter, Henry St.

Friday, July 25:
0346 – animal complaint, Estrada Dr.
0658 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
0850 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1110 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1119 – trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.
1442 – suspicious person, Spencer/Sumpter

Saturday, July 26:
0003 – suspicious vehicle, Charles St./4th St.
0140 – property check, Main St./4th St.
0921 – civil matter, Main St.
1038 – follow up, Alaska
1333 – follow up, Loza Ln.
1406 – follow up, Henry St.
1511 – suspicious person, Main St.
1841 – suspicious person, W. Columbia Ave.
1858 – assist citizen, W. Huron River Dr./Bay Pointe Dr.
1956 – assist fire dept., Main St.
2256 – trespassing, N. Liberty St.

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

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 20:
0019 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
0116 – juvenile complaint, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
0513 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1036 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1301 – breaking & entering report, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1647 – fireworks complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1942 – soliciting complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2026 – ORV complaint, 21000 bl. Clemmons Ct.
2219 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
2231 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2248 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2319 – family trouble, Greenmeadow

Monday, July 21:
0055 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0233 – alarm, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1044 – alarm, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1115 – alarm, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1126 – subpoena service, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1239 – noise complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1255 – larceny report, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1336 – assist other agency, 21000 bl. Fenster
1525 – suspicious incident, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1550 – neighbor dispute, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1632 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1738 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1927 – alarm, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Tuesday, July 22:
0016 – breaking & entering report, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0623 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
0814 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
0832 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0918 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1013 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1030 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1237 – assist other agency, Sumpter/Bemis
1333 – assist other agency, 27000 bl. Martinsville
1657 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1754 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1932 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2002 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2049 – civil dispute, Greenmeadow

Wednesday, July 23:
0143 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0751 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0810 – reckless driver complaint, Rawsonville / Judd
0923 – breaking & entering report, 26000 bl. Karr
1058 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1130 – threats complaint, Pecan
1142 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.

1456 – assist other agency, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1531 – warrant arrest, Willis/Rawsonville
1609 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1925 – assist other agency, Carriage Ln.
1939 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2132 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

Thursday, July 24:
0105 – 911 hangup, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0118 – suspicious person, Savage/Bemis
0133 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0337 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
1037 – suspicious person, Willis/Rawsonville
1208 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Oakville Waltz Rd.
1302 – subpoena service, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1352 – missing person report, Stonecrest
1739 – subpoena service, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
2140 – accidental damage report, 43000 bl. Willis
2319 – ordinance violation, 20000 bl. Martinsville

Friday, July 25:
0114 – noise complaint, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
0151 – suspicious vehicle, Rustic Ln.
1128 – subpoena service, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1339 – suspicious incident, Rawsonville/Willis
1457 – alarm, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1510 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1514 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1721 – breaking & entering report, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1749 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1831 – shots fired, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2218 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.

Saturday, July 26:
0314 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Clark / Judd
1001 – malicious destruction of property report, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1110 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Harris
1217 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1500 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1752 – shots fired, 24000 bl. Clark Rd.
1827 – well-being check, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1837 – property damage accident, 51000 bl. Willis
2044 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
2102 – warrant arrest, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
2134 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
2207 – warrant arrest, Country Club Blvd.
2259 – juvenile complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Also on this week’s log are nine follow-up investigations, 37 miscellaneous details, 116 patrol checks, and 58 traffic stops.

Correction: School Board story was from July 14 meeting

On page 12 in the July 24 issue of the *Independent*, we published a story on a meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education. That meeting was held July 14 and we said it was “Monday,” leaving the reader to believe it was July 21. We apologize for referring to the wrong date. -- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

BHS Football Booster Club sets scrap metal drive on Aug. 9, 10

The Belleville High School Tiger Football Booster Club will hold its second-annual Scrap Metal Drive Aug. 9 and 10 from noon to 5 p.m. This is the club’s main fund raiser for the coming season.

The collection box will be located on Davis Street behind St. Anthony’s near the BHS parking lot.

The club is collecting anything metal - yard tools, old appliances, fans, bikes, utensils, Christmas lights, car parts, etc.

For more information or big item pick up call Joe Walker (734) 787-0054.

Birthdays

July 25 – John Aloysius Danks
 July 28 -- Janet Schonschek
 July 30 – Mark Tooley
 July 31 – Linda Maton, Colette McClinton
 Aug. 2 – Tina Pyzik, Trish Decoster
 Aug. 5 – Dr. Anna Loranger, Jackie Davis

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• **Thursday, July 31** – Music Lakeside at Horizon Park at 7 p.m. with Rustbelt Revival (Classic Rock). Free. Bring your own chairs. Presented by Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

• **Friday, Aug. 1** – The Health and Wellness Expo runs from noon to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. You can have a free turkey dinner if you pre-register before July 31. Otherwise, it will be \$3 at the door. Expo and Health Screenings, Music and Dancing, Catered Dinner, Door prize Drawings, 3-7 p.m.

• **Friday, Aug. 1** – **Free Gift Night:** Friends Family Drive-in Theater FREE Movie Night at dusk, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road, at Bemis, in Ypsilanti. “Theo: God’s Desire” and “Acts of God.” Information: (734) 482-5074.

• **Saturday, Aug. 2** – Used book sale at the Belleville Area District Library, from 11 a.m. to noon for members of the Friends group and noon to 3 p.m. for the public. Buy-one-get-one-free offer.

• **Sunday, Aug. 3** – You’re invited to a 1-6 p.m. open house at the newly refurbished David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville. It’s been closed for two years.

• **Sunday, Aug. 3** – 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.

• **Monday, Aug. 4 – Saturday, Aug. 9** – Wayne County Fair at the fairgrounds on Quirk Road in Van Buren Township, north of the North I-94 Service Drive.

• **Tuesday, Aug. 5** – VOTE in the Primary Election, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The tax proposals are very important to all taxpayers, as is the personal property tax question. Judge of 34th District Court will be determined and other partisan candidates whittled down for the November General Election. It’s pretty much assured that whoever wins the Democratic primary for Wayne County Executive will be the next county executive.



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