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## VB School Board to consider Sinking Fund renewal next spring

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education will discuss a renewal vote for the Sinking Fund millage at next Monday's work/study session.

The public meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Administration Building.

The present seven-year, 1.26-mill Sinking Fund millage was passed in November 2008 and was to be in effect from 2009 through 2015. It was down to 1.13 mills levied this year and brought in more than \$2 million per year.

The board is considering putting a Sinking Fund question on the spring ballot for renewal and will discuss it at length at the Aug. 18 meeting. Since it is not a regular meeting, no votes can be taken.

At last Monday's regular board meeting, the board renewed the services of Plante Moran CRESA at \$7,500 per month, the same as last year, which is paid out of the Sinking Fund.

School Supt. Michael Van Tassel said Plante Moran CRESA saved the district a huge amount of money by advising on how to use the Sinking Fund for school maintenance proactively over the past three years, keeping the project costs down, and providing oversight of contractors. He said having them kept the district from having to hire another employee.

He said they will advise the board on how to best use the 2015 Sinking fund through Sept. 30, 2015.

School Board President Brent Mikulski said Plante Moran CRESA helps Building & Grounds Director James Williams assess future needs and plan in advance, instead of waiting for emergencies.

Plante Moran CRESA presented a nine-page proposal for 2015 Sinking Fund projects for every school with the exception of the new high school, but no representative of the firm was at Monday's meeting.

Trustee Sherry Frazier said while \$7,500 a month is a lot of money, "Their expertise is top-notch and they are a well-respected firm."

### Tuition preschool

The board took no action on a report from Director of Instruction Diane Kullis who said Supt. Van Tassel requested the district investigate an alternative way to provide parents with a tuition preschool experience at Haggerty, since the district had announced the cancellation of Bright Beginnings.

She said she is presenting the pre-school issue separate from the latchkey program because pre-school really isn't a part of latchkey.

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Jane Kovach, 92, passed away on Friday afternoon. Her family is putting together an art scholarship for Belleville High School students to honor her memory. See her full obituary on page 7.



Photo courtesy of Richard Smith

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds were the headliners for last weekend's 2014 Baltia Thunder Over Michigan Air Show at Willow Run Airport. The U.S. Navy Blue Angels are coming to the Air Show next year, Aug. 29 and 30, 2015. Deeply discounted tickets will be available in November 2014.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

A ground parade of World War II military U.S. and German vehicles, along with re-enactors, rolled up Belleville's Main Street on Friday afternoon and then headed back to Willow Run Airport where they were a part of the Air Show. A dozen or so old military planes flew over the parade route.

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## VBT Planning Commission focuses on Costco Depot plans

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Costco Wholesale is requesting preliminary site plan approval to construct a 347,720-square-foot depot / truck terminal on a 71.84-acre site behind the Bayloff Industrial building at the Canton Township border on Belleville Road.

At the July 23 regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission, Seth Johnson of Design Strategies, gave a PowerPoint presentation on details of the Costco plans.

Johnson, who is in charge of Costco Midwest projects, said he is a registered planner and a registered landscape architect, as well as an architect.

[When McKenna Associates planning consultant Sally Hodges asked if Johnson was an attorney, too, he said he wasn't but he played an attorney once on TV.]

Costco has requested a variance and so Costco will appear first at the Aug. 12 meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals before coming back to the planning commission in late August for a decision on the site plan.

All of the proposed light poles on the site are 35 feet tall and the VBT ordinance prohibits light poles over 25 feet, so the BZA will be asked to allow the taller poles.

Johnson said the lights they want to use have a five-foot concrete base and are 30 feet high, with a standard shoebox fixture.

He said the lights will not exceed 0.5 foot candles at the property lines.

The Costco discussion went on for well over an hour before the commission and covered:

- Costco's history: second-largest retailer in the country, seventh-largest retailer in the world, having 75 outlets in Europe, Asia and Australia. There currently are 17 depots in North America and the current Midwest depot serving 13 states is in Morris, IL. The Morris depot is currently close to maximum capacity, serving 62 retail stores. Costco will be breaking this into two parts and the VBT depot will cover Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky and by early fall 2015 that will include 30 stores.

- Costco is purchasing the Holly Construction property with a one-story building at 5800 Belleville Road to add to its site. After going through the BZA meeting, Costco will go through a parcel combination because there are three parcels now.

- Costco needs a signalized intersection on Belleville Road and it has been working with Wayne County. Johnson said Costco has a county signoff on this location and

is working on the signal. Johnson said it is estimated every day there will be 231 trucks coming into the depot and 231 going out. The roads to the site are under Wayne County jurisdiction and trucks are not restricted.

- The routes of the trucks will be recommended to the drivers, but only the Costco trucks, about half of those coming and going, will have to follow the routes as directed. The other trucks are vendors who will use what routes they want. Trucks coming from the west will be asked to take I-94 to Michigan Avenue and then go south on Belleville Road to the site. Trucks coming from the east are being asked to take I-275 to Michigan Avenue or Ecorse to the site. As far as exiting, trucks heading to Chicago will be asked to go south on Belleville Road and west on Ecorse to I-94 and those going north, south or east, to drive north to Michigan Avenue and then to I-275. Hodges said it is not in the township's best interests to have trucks go south "through our downtown" and she said Costco should post signs at the exit, with penalties. She said there were some concerns truckers had about Michigan lefts.

- There will be 126 employees during the first three years: 110 making \$43,600; six making \$38,800; and 10 making \$38,040. Johnson said if expansion proceeds as it has in other sites in the Midwest, they easily will have 350 employees in VBT in the future.

- Costco said it will invest \$50 million in the first three years, with \$44 million in year one for acquiring the land and building the depot. Then they will add material and machinery.

- Storm water will be detained in ponds with aerators for mosquito protection along the railroad track with a small underground vault in the northeast section because that water doesn't drain to the south.

- There will be more discussions on raised curbs at Belleville Road at the truck drive, which is a quarter-mile long. VBT Treasurer Sharry Budd said the township should go with Costco's experience on the matter, calling for pavement markings. "I don't like to see what trucks do to curb cuts," Budd said. "It's going to look like nothing."

Johnson said it has been his experience that if there is no mountable curb in the drive, emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks, can enter through the out lane when the in lane is packed.

### Missing documents

Johnson said that some of the documents Hodges has asked for were already provided



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Erica Boughan, left, and David Boughan brought in the sign they used last year for their business, Boughans Haunted Hayride of Fright at 15851 Martinsville Road, to show to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at its July 23 meeting. David said if this sign doesn't comply with the sign ordinance, "We don't need to use it, with modern-day GPS." The commission approved their Temporary Land Use Permit for the business.

by Costco to VBT's building department.

The soil borings requested by Dave Nummer of Wade Trim at the July 23 meeting, were already submitted to the township in April, Johnson said.

"The same thing happened to the tree [removal] application," Johnson said. He said when he asked the building department about the documents, he was told, "Maybe

we threw it out."

When Hodges said the township didn't have sketches from Costco until recently, Johnson said they submitted sketches on July 18, but it was not the first time they submitted sketches. He said since January Costco has been submitting sketches to the township.

## VBT Board approves rezoning 57.52 acres for Costco truck depot

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on July 1, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approved the second reading and adoption of an amendment to the zoning ordinance to rezone 57.52 acres of land for Costco.

The property is located west of Belleville Road and north of the railroad viaduct, and is being rezoned from M-1, Light Industrial, to M-2, General Industrial, to make way for the Costco truck depot.

In other business at the July 1 meeting, the board:

- Approved the telecommunication right-of-way permit application for Fiber Technologies Network LLC under state regulations. The applicant wants access to and ongoing use of public right-of-way to build and maintain a fiber optic

telecommunications network (no company name was disclosed) and potentially for subsequent communications companies. The applicant intends to use existing utility poles and underground conduit to install network facilities. A term of 15 years was sought, with three subsequent renewal terms of five years each;

- Approved the request of special land use for the proposed expansion of the used car sales and addition of vehicle servicing as "Quick Lane" operation for Atchinson Ford on Belleville Road;

- Was advised this year's Senior Olympics begins Aug. 18.

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# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Jane Kovach leaves community with lots of memories

Last Friday afternoon, Jane Kovach was sitting in her golf cart in her beautiful garden waiting to be picked up by a friend to go to dinner. Then, at the age of 92 on a beautiful summer day, she slipped away. She was still warm to the touch when her friends found her.

Jane was a unique woman. She could get so mad at someone and then come back and love them to death. She loved her sweet little stray cat she rescued and family members are working now to find the beloved pet a new home.

Jane was an artist and most art lovers in town have one of her paintings hanging on their wall. After she broke her pelvis in a crash with her beloved Mustang, she taught art classes at the rehab facility where she was healing. There are a lot of young adults in our community who were taught art one-on-one from Mrs. Kovach.

She was very interested in the schools and called us before every school board meeting to find out what was on the agenda to decide whether she should attend and speak her mind. She was not shy of speaking her mind.

Jane was very critical of all the funds the Wayne RESA gets from taxpayers and she called us the day after the Aug. 5 election to find out if the library proposals passed and about the RESA request.

Jane was living her life and tending her plants and calling her friends and then, suddenly, decided to leave us all.

Farewell to a sweet and talented woman.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

What a sad week end. First, Jane Kovach passed away on Friday afternoon and then Don Juchartz left us on Monday.

These were two giants in our community and they will be missed and mourned.

They were very, very different, but both touched many lives. They will be remembered with gratitude for what they gave to our community.

Our community is less for their passing.

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Jane's family said they will be putting up a display of her artwork at her visitation at Brown's. What a nice sendoff.

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A man dropped by on Monday to complain about the detours he had to take on Sunday as he tried to head from Michigan Avenue to Sumpter Township. He said he knew we would listen to him. We did.

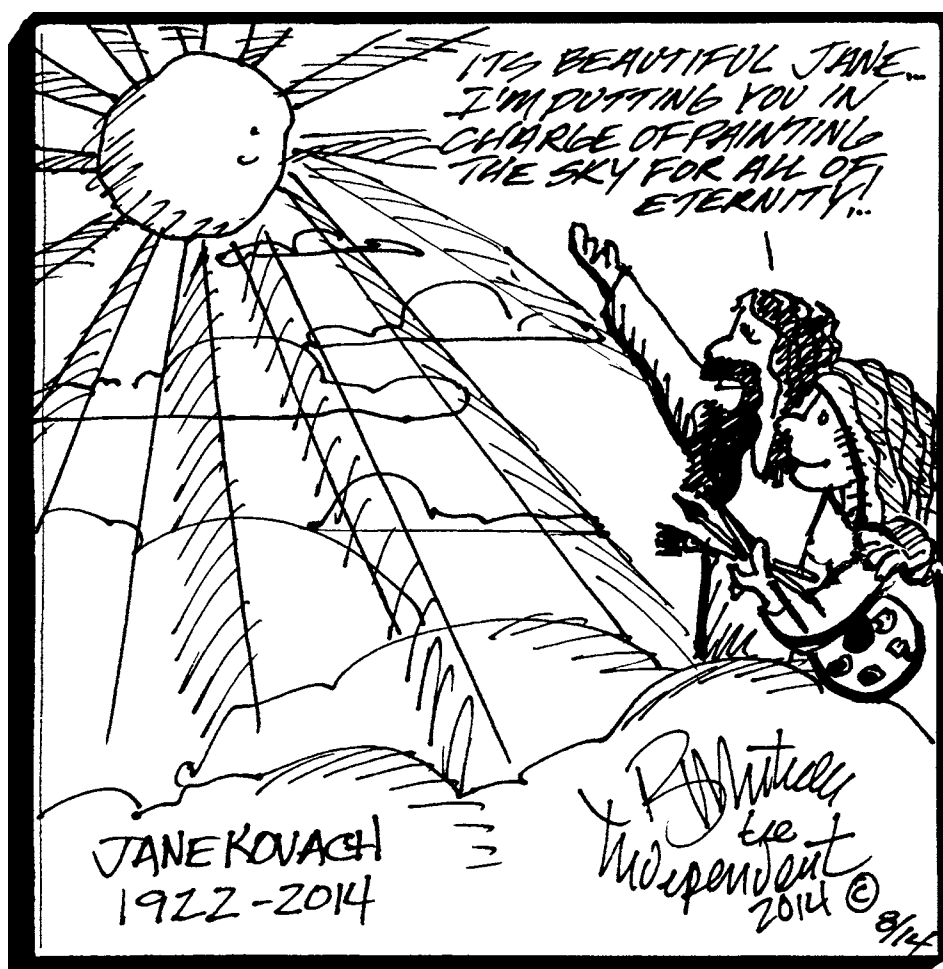
He headed south on Belleville Road from Michigan Avenue and was detoured east at Van Born Road. He thought he could cut down Sheldon and get on Ecorse to get back to Belleville Road, but no. He was detoured away again. He finally made it to Sumpter by way of Haggerty Road, but he was still steaming on Monday.

He couldn't understand why police would shut down the road in the middle of the day when no planes were performing.

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Another reader dropped by to remind me that truck cabs cost \$100,000 and all the ones in line at the Costco planned depot in Van Buren Township aren't going to be built after 2010, when new emissions went into effect.

He was responding to a recent letter that said not to worry about the exhaust from



the 200 or so trucks that will be waiting at Costco depot to unload or load, once the facility is built up near the Canton border in VBT.

He said he was behind a cement truck in heavy traffic recently and couldn't get away. That truck was blowing fumes that choked him and his wife, who has breathing problems.

All this is to say, he is very reluctant to believe that the exhaust from the new depot won't have negative effects on the health of people in the area.

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While we were waiting for the school board to get out of closed-door session on Monday, I was able to talk to James Williams, director of the district's Buildings and Grounds. I told him someone came in our office to suggest that the district use Sinking Funds to put a fountain in the pond in front of the high school so it wouldn't look so bad.

From time to time people complain about the gunk in the pond.

Williams said he recently had a long talk about the ponds and could tell me the green plant growth in the bottom of the pond was put there on purpose and helps to clean the pond. He said you only can see it when the water is low. It's not algae, he said.

Williams also said the plants around the edge of the ponds are native plants and there are very few weeds.

He said the design of the ponds, the two

steps, make a fountain unsuitable.

I remember one discussion at a school board meeting long ago where it was noted that they had considered putting in a fountain to keep the pond clear, but decided against it because of the ongoing cost over the years of maintaining a fountain.

Maybe that's when they decided to put the green stuff in the bottom of the pond.

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A reader went out for a walk around Belleville on Tuesday morning and wrote me an e-mail about what she saw. She was saddened by the names on the Brown Funeral Home visitation sign. She was saddened by the vandalism on the sign at Oakwood Clinic that looked, maybe, like a gang tag. She saw the sign still on the bridge for the Wayne County Fair that closed last Saturday night.

"A few good laughs from Robin Williams would help right now," she said, sadly.


"Maybe I shouldn't go out & about," she pondered.

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All my tomatoes and cucumbers really liked the rain on Monday and Tuesday, but it was a bit much, don't you think?

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## Letters

### Thanks to all who supported library

To the editor:

On behalf of the Belleville Area Citizens for a New Library (BACNL) Ballot Proposal Committee, I would like to thank those of you in the community who supported the committee during the run-up to the August Primary Election.

For those of you who attended our fundraiser in June; or who sent donations to help offset signage, printing and postage expenses; or who displayed the yellow YES sign, or who spoke to neighbors, friends, and family members about the need for an up-to-date library; or for any way in which you were positively involved in our efforts to get the proposals passed: Thank you.

Although neither of the library's proposals passed on Aug. 5, BACNL believes that the communities of Belleville, Sumpter, and Van Buren still need access to a modern, up-to-date library that can serve the needs of everyone.

It is not our job to come up with a new plan for the library board. That is the job of the elected officials of the library board. However, members of our committee plan to stay informed and involved as the library board comes up with an alternate plan for a main library and a satellite location in Sumpter.

As one of the elected officials who worked on the District Library Agreement which was passed in 2010, I am fully aware of certain conditions that were written into the District Library Agreement. Those conditions were put in the agreement in order to protect the library's assets as well as to document the promises that were made during our negotiations.

As the library board moves forward to come up with a plan that is more acceptable to the majority of the tri-community's voters, it would probably be a good idea for each of us to review the District Library Agreement as well as either attend the monthly board meetings and/or review all of the documentation that is available on the Belleville Area District Library website so that each of us are able to weigh the facts rather than only listen to those who would shout their opinions the loudest.

By the way, this newspaper reported last week that: *"The Belleville Area Citizens for a New Library raised \$6,297.99, according to the pre-primary report filed with the state."*

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Those of you who want the best for our community and our library are invited to stay the course with the Belleville Area Citizens for a New Library either on Facebook or by contacting us through our post office box: BACNL; PO Box 26; Belleville, MI 48112.

Rick Dawson – Belleville Resident  
Member of Belleville Area Citizens for a New Library

### Build a real library, not a showpiece on the lake

To the Editor:

With the meeting of the BADL [Belleville Area District Library] on Tuesday the 12th, one can only hope, with the mandate of the voters, there will be a return to sense and sensibility.

Writing this, I am refusing the chance to gloat or to feel bad for the leaders of the failed bid to create the mega-monster of size and debt to the community. The mass of voters turned out and let the wishes be known. Those of us opposed to the mega-library can thank Sumpter Township whose record numbers of voters turned the tide sealing the fate of the bond issue.

With, in November, the running of the candidates for the library board, one can hold out hope for a change of course and new direction in the leadership of the board.

Like the editor's piece in last week's paper, it's not a library that people didn't want, it was the size, location and mostly, the cost of the bond. It is my understanding, I could be wrong, that the library should have been built by 2010; four years later, we still are at 4th Street, in the same building.

I look forward, moving on, to the campaign and elections for the BADL; I can only hope, like that of the outpouring of votes we had against the bond issues, the public sends a notice to the council for a change of leadership and its supporters are voted out of office and we can move on to building a real library, not a showpiece on the lake.

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### Jane Kovach cared for the well-being of citizens

To the Editor:

I was so sad on Saturday to hear of the passing of a longtime friend and community member. I would like to share a few of my thoughts about Jane Kovach.

I remember Jane's concern for the tri-community well-being that goes back to the days when I served on Belleville City Council. Jane attended meetings and freely expressed her concerns and ideas for the well-being of our citizens and the tri-community.

When I was president of Belleville Area Council for the Arts, Jane was always active in the many activities the Arts Council presented to the tri-community.

I would like to say, "A big thank you, Jane, and may you rest in peace and know you will be missed."

Kay Atkins  
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# Obituaries



Jane Kovach

## E. JANE KOVACH

(July 23, 1922 - August 8, 2014)  
Elizabeth Jane Kovach, age 92, of Belleville, MI, passed away Friday, August 8, 2014 at her home. She was born July 23, 1922 in Adrian, MI, daughter of John Dewey & Sarah Katherine (Enders) Auten.

Jane graduated from Milan High School. She studied art at University of Michigan. She worked for Ford Motor Company, Rawsonville Road Plant for 40 years in the cafeteria as a chef. She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, the Democratic Club, and was very active in the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. She also enjoyed gardening.

Mrs. Kovach is survived by two sons Phillip John (Kathleen) Kovach and Louis G. (Yao Elizabeth) Kovach II, both of Belleville; a daughter Pamela (Jesse) Chambers of Albany, Georgia; 6 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three siblings: Marvin, Joanne and Robert (Pat) Auten, all of Milan, MI, also numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Louis George Kovach, Sr. on May 29, 2001; a brother William Auten; also four sisters Doris Hamilton, Gertrude Hutchinson, Alice Conner and Jean Burrows.

Visitation was 6-8 PM Tuesday and 1-8 PM Wednesday with a 7:00 PM Scripture Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr. Visitation will be 10-11 AM Thursday, August 14, 2014 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. Jane's Funeral Mass will begin at 11:00 AM. Father Thomas H. Cusick will serve as Celebrant. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jane Kovach Art Scholarship fund.

Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).



Donald Juchartz



## DONALD D. JUCHARTZ

(February 11, 1929 - August 11, 2014)  
Donald Daniel Juchartz, age 85, Belleville resident for nearly 60 years, passed away at his home Monday, August 11, 2014. He was born February 11, 1929 in Wyandotte, MI, son of Herbert Julius & Olive Myrtle (Dougherty) Juchartz.

Don proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. He graduated from Michigan State University with a Master's degree in Horticulture. He was known as the Garden Doctor on radio and television for over 60 years. He was a very active member of the Belleville Rotary Club and the Cozaad Foundation.

Don was a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod for over 80 years. He taught and led adult Bible classes for more than 45 years, and was also in the choir. He led worship services on his U.S. Navy destroyer for 4 years during the Korean war. He was President and Elder in his congregation, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waltz (New Boston), MI.

He was Wayne County Extension Agent, on the 4-H Fair Board, Past President of the MI County Agents, Past President of the National County Agents Association, Chairman and charter member of the MI Land Trust Fund for many years, member of the Board that developed Crosswinds Marsh, on the Board of Directors for many Horticultural Associations, and a member of the Wayne County Planning Commission.

Mr. Juchartz is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Doris Jean (Boettcher) Juchartz; daughter Debbie (Peter Quenet) Juchartz of Belleville; two sons Jon (Pat) Juchartz of Colorado and Dave (Kathie) Juchartz of Belleville; 7 grandchildren; twin great-grandchildren due in December; 3 sisters Carol Salliotte of Royal Oak, MI, Linda (Carl) Enzenberger of Oregon and Sandy (Kyle) Hudson of Woodhaven, MI; two sisters-in-law Mervyn Juchartz of Ann Arbor, MI and Helga Juchartz of Wyandotte, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers Conrad, Grant, Richard, Robert and Edward Juchartz; also a sister-in-law, Shelly Juchartz.

Visitation was 6-8 PM Wednesday and 1-8 PM Thursday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Funeral Services will be 11:00 AM Friday, August 15, 2014 at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28320 Waltz Road, New Boston, MI 48164. In-state at church 10-11 AM. Rev. Dr. Kurt Taylor will officiate. Interment will be in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, Belleville Rotary Club, or Arbor Hospice, and would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).

## LOREN H. OTTER

Loren H. Otter, 75, of Bolton, CT, the husband of Elaine (Vesco) Otter, died Sunday, August 10, 2014. Born in Huron Township, MI, he was the son of the late John H. and Alice (Miller) Otter.

He was a 1956 graduate of Belleville High School, received his B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering from University of Michigan in 1961, and his M.S. in Mechanical Engineering

from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1966. He was a charter member of the Bolton Lions Club, having served as its secretary and president. Active at the state and international levels he served as District Governor in 2004-2005 for The International Association of Lions Clubs District 23C Connecticut. He was also a member and past chairman of the Bolton Planning and Zoning Commission for many years, and was a member of the Bolton Republican Town Committee.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his sister Arla Stader of Tucson, AZ; sister-in-law Jean Fenn and her husband Raymond of Ashford, CT; and nieces and nephews, Susan A. Fenn, Laurie F. Welply, Stephen A. Fenn, Tracey F. Hunter, Eric J. Fenn, Cheryl L. Smith, Daniel A. Otter, Tina M. Stiller, Rodney D. Otter, Linda M. Vasser, Richard D. Otter, John F. Otter and Aletha M. Yeager.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Donald J. Otter, Byron K. Otter, Duane K. Otter, and his brother-in-law Orin Stader.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday (August 14) at 10 a.m. at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 West Center St., Manchester, CT, followed by burial in St. Augustine Cemetery, Glastonbury. Family and friends called at the funeral home on Wednesday and a Lions Club service was held Wednesday evening. Memorial donations may be made to the Lions Low Vision Center of Eastern Connecticut, PO Box 43, Colchester, CT 06415; the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Center, PO Box 9268, New Haven, CT 06533; or the Bolton Scholarship Fund, Inc., 72 Brandy St., Bolton, CT 06043. For online condolences please visit [www.tierneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tierneyfuneralhome.com).

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# Obituaries



Rose (Townsend)  
Anderson

## ROSE J. (TOWNSEND) ANDERSON

(August 14, 1939 – August 16, 2013)

Rose Anderson, age 74, passed away Friday, August 16, 2013 at her Milan home with family by her side. She was born August 14, 1939 in Willis, MI, daughter of Ernest and Sophia Townsend.

She was a proud graduate of Lincoln Consolidated High School, Ypsilanti, MI, and a dedicated Rawsonville Ford Motor Company employee and supervisor for 31 years. Rose dearly loved animals, giving heartfelt attention and caring to her furry family of cats and dogs. Aptly named "Rose," she extended energy and expertise to her vegetable and rose gardens.

Rose is survived by her companion Richard Anderson; one son Albert (Robin) Sobolewski; two sisters Mary Fitzpatrick and Lottie (Jim) Dgarmo; one brother Ernest (Linda) Townsend of W.VA.; four nieces; two nephews; two grandchildren Albert Sobolewski IV and Amanda Cooper; and four great-grandchildren. Graveside services will be held at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI, on Saturday, August 16, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.

## ELIZABETH A. GRAVES

(June 10, 1939 - August 5, 2014)

Elizabeth Ann Graves, age 75, of Belleville, MI, passed away Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at Henry Ford Hospital, Wyandotte, MI. She was born June 10, 1939, in Detroit, MI, daughter of Floyd & Nola Irene (Johnston) Estep. She enjoyed reading, word puzzles, Wheel of Fortune, bird watching and going to the casino. She also loved to travel, annual trips to Florida beaches, up north on the farm and especially the Smoky Mountains.

Mrs. Graves is survived by her loving husband of 58 years John Harris Graves; four children Patrice Graves of Belleville, John Graves of Texas, Richard Graves of Texas and Sharon Hartwell of Brooklyn, MI; 8 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; three siblings Louise Wynn of Westland, MI, William (Nancy) Estep of Manchester, MI and Shirley Ramsey of Livonia, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews

and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, also a daughter Pamela Roth on June 27, 2006.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life Service is being held at a family friend's home, 15950 Sheridan, Clinton, MI, on Saturday, August 16, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. Memorial contributions may be made to Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Foundation and would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for them to treasure at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).

## PAUL LITWINCZUK

(February 3, 1950 - August 9, 2014)

Age 64, of Belleville. Survived by son Paul, two grandchildren, mother Maria, four sisters, including Anna (Bob) Exner of Belleville, and two brothers. Local arrangements by Brown Funeral Home. Burial in Minneapolis, MN.

## BHS All-Class Alumni Reunion set for Sept. 13 at high school cafeteria

This year's Belleville High School All-Class Alumni Reunion will be held in the BHS cafeteria on Saturday, Sept. 13.

A social gathering and school tour is set for 2-5 p.m., followed by dinner from 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person before Aug. 16 and \$30 per person thereafter. Checks should be made payable to Mildred Baker, Treasurer, and sent to the class representative for the graduate's particular year.

Late registrations and walk-ins are not guaranteed seating with their classmates.

For more information, see Facebook: Belleville H S Alumni Reunion, phone 734-787-4601 or email the committee at [bellevilleallclass@gmail.com](mailto:bellevilleallclass@gmail.com).

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## Court Watching:

# Speed Marcell Miller, 17, has Aug. 13 disposition conference

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

Speed Marcell Miller, 17, of Romulus was arraigned on the information in circuit court on Aug. 6 and a 9 a.m. disposition conference was set for Aug. 13 before Judge James Chylinski.

Miller is facing charges of breaking into a building in Sumpter Township, two counts of receiving and concealing stolen property, and one count of larceny from a

building.

Miller's bond was \$20,000/10% and he was lodged in the Wayne County Jail and bonded out shortly after the bond was set.

Sumpter Police Detective John Toth said the break-in was reported just after midnight on July 12 in the 20000 block of Sumpter Road. He said two John Deere Gators were taken, along with a minibike.

Miller has retained attorney Allen W. Venable for his defense.

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## More Letters

### Judge Parrott thanks voters for primary win

To the Editor:

Please accept my sincere thank you to the voters of Belleville, Sumpter, Van Buren, Huron, and Romulus for a resounding primary victory on Aug. 5.

With the endorsement of our local elected officials and organized labor representing working men and women, you gave me over 60% of the vote and propelled me to a nearly 2-to-1 margin over my closest opponent!

As a long-time active member of our community, I am humbled and honored by your confidence and trust. Please keep in mind that that the race is not over and I still face opposition in the general election.

Your vote on Nov. 4 will allow me to continue as part of your team of experienced and dedicated 34th District Court judges. I look forward to serving the residents of the 34th District Court for six more years. Thank you again for your support!

Judge David Parrott  
34th District Court

### Against any new noise rules for Fairgrounds

To the Editor:

Comments on: Shrinking Fairgrounds  
Township residents, BEWARE! There is a movement on the horizon by some disgruntled residents to restrict events

you may enjoy at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. If you enjoy these events, I urge you to contact your elected officials and let them know you do not want any change or operation restrictions placed on this venue.

I wrote to this paper July 10. I stand by my suggestions. Allow me to summarize. I made a case supporting Fairgrounds events as good for the community.

And, suggested those that were upset had choices, such as closing their windows or leaving the area. Mr. Edwards corrected me and I agree with him. I have no right to tell him to close his windows or go to a movie. I fully support his right to subject himself to all the noise and dust he needs to work himself into an appropriate frenzy.

I am quite aware of the noise that happens on event days, as I live directly across from the main Quirk gate and have been exposed to all the traffic (coming and going) for many years. I have had my ditch torn by drivers not paying attention, frequently have bottles and cans thrown in my yard, my windows occasionally rattle, as well. I have had neighbors get their mailboxes knocked over.

We all cope, repair, pick up and replace whatever we need to. We understand none of this is malicious.

Now for some perspective. These large events are rarely more than 20 a year. The "Fairs, Rodeos, Monster Trucks, Demolition Derbies, etc." Mr. Edwards cites are actually all held during the Fair, not typically as separate events. On average, that leaves us all with roughly 345 days a year to have intelligent conversations with any intelligent people we can find, enjoying the peace and tranquility Mr. Edwards treasures.

I also agree with Mr. Edwards. He is correct stating the Fairgrounds is operated by a non-profit corporation. Many entities operate as non-profits, but let us be clear. This does not mean they cannot operate striving to increase revenues for any maintenance, building or infrastructure improvements the board deems necessary to increase the enjoyment of people who visit.

His opinions about economic benefit and dangers he is certainly entitled to. And, I am entitled to educate those that would be misled by false generalities and whimsical wishes about reality.

I know a young man who works at the BP gas station on the corner of Belleville Road and the North Service Drive. On the day of the Mexican rodeo they did in FACT, Mr. Edwards, sell out of a number of products to the attendees of Mexican Rodeo, as well as increased gas sales.

If anyone believes this one business is so exclusive as to attract each and every new customer in the area for the day, and no one shopped any other stores nearby, I would like to sell you a bridge up north.

In addition, I spoke with a friend who attended the rodeo and being a friend and acquaintance of one of the township police officers, struck up a conversation with him. To be clear once more, I have met and spoken with many Van Buren Township Police officers and Firemen on many occasions. I have always found them to be confident, capable, well-trained professionals who serve the community well. The police officer said to my friend, "They sure know how to have fun, don't they?" This does not exactly sound like the quivering, shrinking violet, Barney Fife type fearing for his safety Mr. Edwards

conjured for us.

He states further that he "complained to the proper authorities as required by law." I am not a lawyer, but I have studied the law a bit and I challenge Mr. Edwards to show me the statute that requires any citizen to complain about anything.

The fairgrounds have been here for 68 years. Everyone that came to the neighborhood after that accepted that fact when they bought their homes, unless they were blind to the big, fenced-in event facility with the grandstands and banquet facilities in the middle of the field with the big painted letters reading WAYNE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. I say, buyer beware.

I urge the good citizens of Van Buren Township to contact their elected officials and let them know how they feel about any potential changes in noise ordinance, and/or new restrictions on special events. Do nothing and you may find the noise police at your door next time you are lighting fireworks, your dog is barking or your kids are playing loudly in your yard, or anytime someone deems your behavior excessively noisy.

I do not know that it would actually come to this, but I know it is a possibility if the public does not involve itself in the debate.

I want to preserve the freedoms and easy access to entertainment at the fairgrounds; others want to curb your access.

Township officials deserve to hear from both sides of the issue to make an informed decision. I will accept whatever outcome emerges. I only hope the cantankerous complainers are not the only voices our officials hear.

Timothy Nieland  
Quirk Road Resident and Fairground supporter

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## More Letters

### Canton Lions Club sets annual corn roast

To the Editor:

It's Saturday morning and the Canton Lions Club is beginning to put together the most enjoyable and fun event of the summer.

It's the annual corn roast held at the Cady/Boyer Barn located in Preservation Park on Ridge Road just north of Cherry Hill Road on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Canton. This promises to be the biggest event of the year as the Lions will have the following for all to enjoy.

- America's Most-Wanted Car Club with classic cars from the past
- Ascent Audiology and Hearing in Canton will check hearing of those in attendance
- Canton Concert Band, official band of the Village Theater
- Canton Historical Society will show life as it was in the past
- Face painting and a balloon twister for the kids
- Friends of the Bartlett/Travis House will provide a view of this historical beautiful house
- Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind will advise about barrier free living for the blind
- Kids bouncing house
- Leader Dog School will have puppy-raisers and dogs for the blind
- Michigan Eye Bank who provide sight to four plus people per day
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- Sisters of the Union will be wearing attire from the Victorian era
- Village Wellness Center will provide massages for those tired backs
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The Canton Lions is a diverse group who service Belleville and Canton areas. The Club would like to invite you to become a member and share in this rewarding work. You'll see the good you can do by helping others less fortunate. The Lions Club meets once a month at Rose's Restaurant 201 N. Canton Center in Canton. For information call Lion Bill Van Winkle at (734) 254-9404, email govbill1@wowway.com or see Cantonlions.org.

Bill Van Winkle  
Canton Lions Club

### Court Watching:

### Smith gets a year in jail, extended probation after chop-shop arrest

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Dauwan Smith, 54, who was arrested by the Michigan State Police on I-94 near Rawsonville Road as he rode as a passenger in a U-Haul carrying a cut-up, stolen F-150, has been sentenced to jail and an extended probation.

On July 22, Smith agreed to a plea deal on new charges of receiving and concealing a motor vehicle before Circuit Court Judge Deborah A. Thomas. He also had his probation extended because he hadn't finished his probation from his last stolen car conviction.

Judge Thomas sentenced him to 12 months in the Wayne County Jail, starting July 22, and probation was extended. Instead of ending Nov. 9, 2014, probation will go until July 22, 2016.

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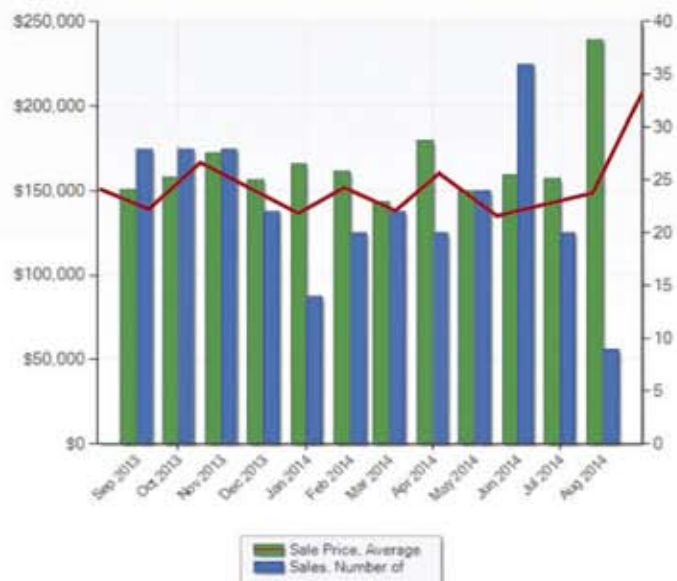
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**Court Watching:**

# **Accused murderer Richard Jackson's jury trial reset to Sept. 17**

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Accused murderer Richard Elmer Jackson, Jr. of Van Buren Township has retained an attorney, had his case reassigned to a different judge, and had his jury trial postponed from the original Aug. 7 date until Sept. 17.

Jackson's court-appointed attorney had been Mark Procida. His retained attorney is William Otis Culpepper.

His original Circuit Court Judge Gregory D. Bill has been replaced by Judge Timothy M. Kenny.

Jackson, 49, has been held in the Wayne County Jail since he was charged with the Dec. 17 first-degree murder of his wife Travisteen in their VBT home.

He was found competent to stand trial and 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green bound him over to circuit court for trial, after holding a preliminary exam on Feb. 26.

**Dale Kenneth Phifer**

Dale Kenneth Phifer, 76, of Van Buren Township agreed to a plea deal to lesser drug charges. He had been charged with delivery / manufacture of 5-45 kilograms of marijuana.

Dale Phifer and his son Kirkwood Phifer were arrested Nov. 13 at their home on Bog Road, Dale for possession of 83 marijuana plants and Kirkwood for 65 tablets of LSD.

On May 29, Kirkwood pled guilty as charged to possessing 65 tablets of LSD. The charge of delivery/manufacturing 5-45 kilos of marijuana was dismissed in the plea agreement.

Kirkwood Phifer was sentenced to pay \$1,800 in fines and costs or spend four months in the Wayne County Jail. He paid the fines.

Dale Phifer was scheduled for a final conference July 7 in Judge Dana Hathaway's courtroom before a scheduled jury trial.

But, on July 7, Dale failed to show up for court and a bench warrant was issued.

The next day, however, Dale was in court and he was arraigned on a failure to appear charge. His final conference was held, a day late.

At a pre-trial conference on Aug. 1, Dale accepted a plea deal. He pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, which was reduced to a misdemeanor. The original charge of delivery/manufacture of marijuana was dismissed.

The jury trial was cancelled.

Judge Hathaway referred Dale to the probation department for a pre-sentence report. She will sentence Dale on Aug. 29.

Van Buren Township Detective Donovan McCarthy is the officer in charge of the Phifer cases.

**Court Watching:**

# **Third man charged in breaking & entering bound over for trial**

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

On Aug. 6, Jeremy Allen Sneyd, 28, waived his preliminary exam on first-degree home invasion charges and 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley bound him over to circuit court for an Aug. 13 arraignment on the information.

Court-appointed attorney George Chedraue is Sneyd's defense counsel.

Sneyd is a co-defendant with Robert Norman Stark, 53, and Randy Eli Black, 43, for the break-in of an occupied dwelling on July 15, 2012 in Van Buren Township.

First-degree home invasion is a 20-year felony.

Co-Defendant Stark took a plea deal on July 18, pleading guilty to home invasion second-degree, with the first-degree charge dismissed. He was sent to the Wayne County Jail for 10 months starting Aug. 7 and will be on probation for two years. He was fined \$468. He will be part of the Jail Plus Program with aftercare at the Salvation Army.

Co-Defendant Black also took a plea deal on Aug. 1 in which he pled guilty to second-degree home invasion in exchange for the first-degree home invasion charge being dismissed.

Black was referred to the probation

department for a pre-sentence report. He is due to be sentenced Aug. 28 by Circuit Court Judge Qiana Denise Lillard.

The Aug. 13 jury trials for Stark and Black were cancelled due to their guilty pleas.

**Tricia Lynn Burke**

Tricia Lynn Burke, 42, was bound over to circuit court for trial by Judge Oakley after waiving her preliminary exam Aug. 6 on a charge of uttering and publishing.

She was charged with writing a \$475 illegal check at the Rawsonville Chase bank branch on June 6, 2007. She had been out of state since then, but recently came back and was arrested.

She is under a bond of \$3,000 or 10%.

The 70-year-old male victim was still able to be found, although he had moved a few times since then and the bank employee was still at the bank and could be a witness.

Van Buren Township Police Det./Sgt. Jeff Gueli said it was surprising that they could get everyone together from so long ago to prosecute this case.

**Anthony Lockridge**

Anthony Lockridge was present for his preliminary exam on Aug. 6 to face charges of larceny from a building and unauthorized driving away of a motor vehicle in Van Buren Township on Oct. 20, 2013.

He was brought to Judge Oakley's courtroom from the Wayne County Jail. He had been unable to post the \$10,000 or 10% bond.

It was announced that VBT Det. Mark Buxton has been unable to contact the victim and so she was not in the courtroom for the exam.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Shannon Walker said they would be unable to proceed.

Judge Oakley dismissed the case without prejudice, explaining to Lockridge that means the prosecutor's office could re-file the case in the future.

Judge Oakley noted that Lockridge still

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# School Board

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Kullis said she went out for pre-school proposals and got three. Data was collected and compared based on the vendor responses.

"Two of the providers would be able to provide a program that would be slightly less expensive than two other preschool providers in the Belleville area, but would be about 16% higher than the Bright Beginnings tuition program," that the district had founded, Kullis reported.

"After studying the three proposals and engaging in numerous conversations with the three owners, based on their responses to the requested information in the RFP (request for proposals) and analyzing the potential cost to the parents, I cannot make a recommendation to the board regarding the district entering into an agreement to allow an outside vendor to provide a tuition preschool at Haggerty," Kullis wrote in her recommendation to the board.

She presented a chart showing responses of K.C. Childcare, YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit, and Happy Days Daycare & Preschool.

"We wanted to keep you updated," Supt. Van Tassel said to the board concerning the pre-school efforts. He said hopefully something can be put together for the 2015-16 school year. He said they are not comfortable in putting something together at the last minute.

"The worst thing to do is put something in place and it feels rushed," Van Tassel said.

Kullis said Happy Days Daycare said

there is not enough time for them to put something together for this school year, but perhaps they could mimic what they do in the Lincoln Schools.

President Mikulski asked if the number of kids taking part increased would the price go down?

Kullis said Happy Days said that, but the others didn't want to say that.

"Our concern is the overall cost," Kullis said.

Treasurer Frazier said it wouldn't cost the school district anything, but it would cost the parents who are willing to pay. She said at the end of the school year there was a contingency of parents who wanted the preschool.

"When we have people who can afford to pay to have their kids in school before Kindergarten, we should provide it," Frazier said, pointing out the district provides for those who can't pay and should pay more attention to those who can pay.

"We're not saying this is over," Van Tassel said. "We'll try to come to you well ahead of next school year."

Van Tassel recalled what Trustee Scott Russell had said about "being cognizant of the businesses in our community so we don't take away from them."

Frazier said she believes that when children start with Bethany Daycare, they keep going into the charter school.

Trustee Kathy Kovach said her kids went to Bethany, then on to Edgemont Elementary, and then through the grades and Belleville High School, "and received a fine education."

(Kovach called out to the *Independent* that her first name is spelled with a K,

inviting the paper to quote her comments.)

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

- Approved a two-year agreement with Happy Days Daycare and Preschool to provide latchkey services at Tyler, Rawsonville, Edgemont, Savage, and Owen for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years. Van Tassel said the school district isn't in charge of this program and doesn't run it. The vendor rents space from the district. "It's really a service to our parents," said Trustee Kovach. The program is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and offers a discount to school district employees. The K.C. Childcare program had done the latchkey for several years;

- Ratified the Van Buren Association of Educational Secretaries contract economic re-opener for the 2014-15 school year. Shonta Langford-Green, Director of Human Resources, said two years ago the secretaries gave up 10 vacation days they usually were paid for and gave up their flexible spending account and took pay cuts. This contract includes a 2% salary increase and \$160 deposit into Flex Spending Account;

- Approved Domino's Pizza bid for the 2014-15 school year over the second bid from Benito's Pizza Corp. Both vendors were used last year. Domino's meets all the nutritional requirements to qualify as a reimbursable meal. The Benito's proposal, filled out by the corporate office not the local store, was incomplete in its information, according to Food Service Director Jennifer Yee;

- Approved the second reading and adoption of Board Policy revisions, made necessary by changes in state and federal laws. Trustee Scott Russell, who had presented the revisions from the committee, was not present because he was stuck in a flooded freeway and couldn't get to the meeting. President Mikulski filled in and made the presentation;

- Approved naming Andrew Lindsay as the new assistant principal for Owen Intermediate School beginning the 2014-15 school year. He presently is Dean of Students at McBride. The one-year contract pays \$90,535, plus the usual fringe benefits;

- Heard a PowerPoint report from Athletic Director Jon Zajac on the results of the

2013-14 BHS athletic season;

- Approved the McBride Middle School field trip request for about 100 eighth graders to travel by bus to Washington, D.C. April 21-25 with their cost all paid by the students at \$614 each;

- Approved the retirement of custodian Robert Hinchliff, 16 years; the resignation of custodian James Fogarty, one year; and the resignation for relocation of bus driver Kelly Mull, six years;

- Approved the hiring of tech specialist Jesse Johnson at Belleville High School starting July 30;

- Approved the resignations of teachers Kristin Rahn, 14 years, BHS; Erin Knotts, 4 years, Savage; Paul Petrimoulx (relocating), 14 years, McBride; and Vivian Taylor, 1 year, Haggerty;

- Approved the new hires of three BHS teachers: Alyssa Gipson, Joel Garcia, and Deborah Kummer; and

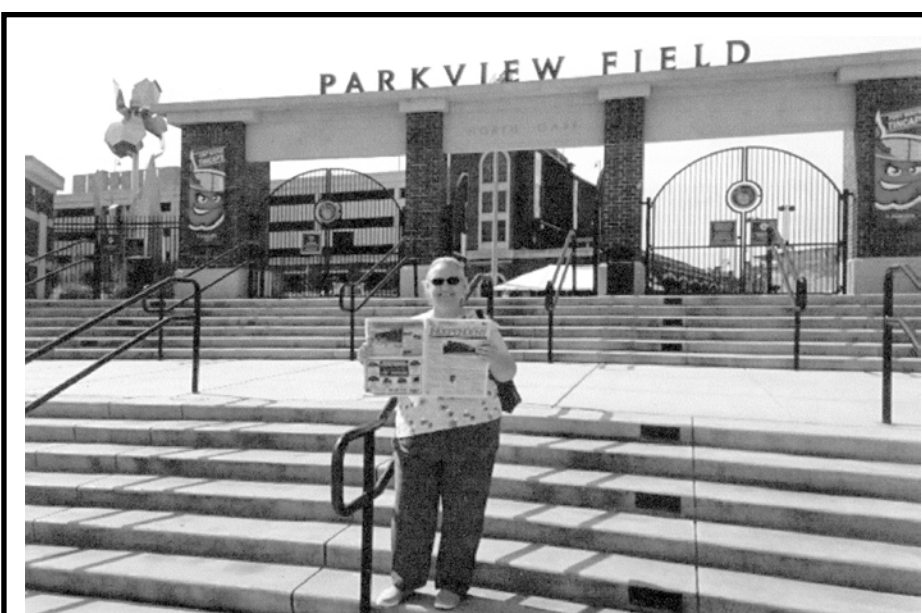
- Heard Frazier say that she went to the Wayne County Fair and saw representatives of the Plymouth Canton schools recruiting students for openings in their Kindergarten, first, and second grades. "If we had a PR person it would have been covered for us," Frazier said, adding she would like to have the Van Buren School District go out and recruit new students since that is what brings in the money from the state for school operation. "We have to avail ourselves of all opportunities," she said.

The meeting, scheduled for 6:30 p.m., started and went right into closed-door session with school district attorney Bill Blaha. The board was scheduled to consider an attorney/client letter and negotiations with secretaries. At 7:25 p.m. the board returned to the meeting room and the 47-minute regular meeting began.

## Back 2 School Blitz set Aug. 24 at Trinity Episcopal

The 2014 Back 2 School Blitz to collect new school supplies and back packs for Belleville students K-12 will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road.

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# Here's how local voters cast their ballots in 2014 Primary Election

By Rosemary K. Otzman

*Independent Editor*

The two proposals on the Aug. 5 Primary Election Ballot for the Belleville Area District Library were defeated by about 62% for each question.

The total numbers cast by voters for the library proposals in the Tri-Community were:

- Construction Bond Proposal to levy 1.08 mills in 2014, then 0.96 annually for 20 years to raise \$19,050,000:  
Yes – 2,487 – 38%  
No – 4,032 – 62%
- Operating Millage Proposal to levy 1 mill for 20 years:  
Yes – 2,617 – 38%  
No – 4,230 – 62%

Sumpter Township voters cast 325 yes votes (21.7%) and 1,172 no votes (78.2%) on the construction bond proposal and 344 yes votes (22.9%) and 1,211 no votes (80.8%) for the operating millage.

City of Belleville voters cast 210 yes votes (29.91%) and 492 no votes (70.09%) for the construction bond proposal and 228 yes votes (30.4%) and 521 no votes (69.56%) on the operational millage.

Van Buren Township voters cast 1,952 yes votes (45.19%) and 2,368 no votes (54.81%) for the construction bond and 2,045 yes votes (45.01%) and 2,498 no votes (54.99%) on the operational millage.

## Wayne RESA Regional Enhancement Millage

The Wayne RESA Regional Enhancement Millage of 2 mills for six years failed with 97,492 yes votes (49%) and 100,534 no votes (51%).

Locally, the breakdown was:

- Sumpter Township – 232 yes (20.8%); 881 no (79.1%)
- City of Belleville – 214 yes (31.99%); 455 no (68.01%)
- Van Buren Township – 1,558 yes (38.53%); 2,486 no (61.47%)

## State 14-1 Proposal

The proposal to eliminate the state use tax and replace with local share passed statewide 863,953 yes votes (69%) to 382,407 no votes (31%).

Locally, the breakdown was:

- Sumpter Township – 809 yes (55.2%); 654 no (44.7%)
- City of Belleville – 433 yes (62.39%); 261 no (37.61%)
- Van Buren Township – 2,624 yes (61.28%); 1,658 no (38.72%)

## 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge

The total votes in the five communities that make up the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court for the incumbent judge position were:

- David M. Parrott, incumbent – 5,405 (60%)
- Lisa Martin - 2,795 (31%)
- Charles Septowski – 793 (9%)

Judge Parrott and Martin will face off for the six-year position in the Nov. 4 General Election.

Votes in the local precincts were:

- Sumpter – Parrott, 816; Martin, 231;

Septowski, 115

- City of Belleville – Parrott, 413; Martin, 132; Septowski, 34
- Van Buren Township – Parrott, 2,117; Martin, 1,121; Septowski, 271

## County Commissioner, 11<sup>th</sup> Dist.

Voters in the 11<sup>th</sup> Wayne County Commission District chose A. Haidous to be the Democratic candidate for the position in the Nov. 4 election, to fill the vacancy left by Kevin McNamara.

- A. Haidous – 3,497 (44%)
- Jeremy R. Cady – 3,109 (39%)
- William J. Collop – 1,347 (17%)

Votes in the local precincts were:

- Sumpter Township - Haidous, 311; Cady, 262; Collop, 116
- City of Belleville – Haidous, 142; Cady, 136; Collop, 56
- Van Buren Township – Haidous, 870; Cady, 799; Collop, 385

## Wayne County Executive

Warren Evans was the top Democratic candidate for Wayne County Executive in the Aug. 5 primary and he will face off with the top Republican vote-getter John Dalton on Nov. 4.

Totals in Wayne County for the Democratic candidate for the four-year term of county executive were:

- Warren Evans, 68,471 (44%)
- William Wild, 40,436 (26%)
- Phil Cavanaugh, 15,008 (10%)
- Kevin McNamara, 10,503 (7%)
- Robert Ficano, 9,223 (6%)
- Bettie Cook Scott, 4712 (3%)
- Christopher Wojtowicz, 2,557 (2%)
- Cindy Darrah, 2353 (2%)
- Sigmunt Szczepkowski, Jr., 818 (1%)
- Adam Adamski, 657 (0%)
- Russell Leviska, 302 (0%)

Totals in Sumpter Township for the Democratic candidates were:

- Warren Evans, 252
- William Wild, 264
- Phil Cavanaugh, 56
- Kevin McNamara, 256
- Robert Ficano, 60
- Bettie Cook Scott, 21
- Christopher Wojtowicz, 10
- Cindy Darrah, 17
- Sigmunt Szczepkowski, Jr., 9
- Adam Adamski, 1
- Russell Leviska, 5

In the City of Belleville, voters chose:

- Warren Evans, 83
- William Wild, 120
- Phil Cavanaugh, 36
- Kevin McNamara, 129
- Robert Ficano, 31
- Bettie Cook Scott, 8
- Christopher Wojtowicz, 12
- Cindy Darrah, 17
- Sigmunt Szczepkowski, Jr., 1
- Adam Adamski, 4
- Russell Leviska, 0

In Van Buren Township, voters chose:

- Warren Evans, 971
- William Wild, 725

- Phil Cavanaugh, 198
- Kevin McNamara, 605
- Robert Ficano, 152
- Bettie Cook Scott, 70
- Christopher Wojtowicz, 38
- Cindy Darrah, 75
- Sigmunt Szczepkowski, Jr., 13
- Adam Adamski, 10
- Russell Leviska, 7

Totals in Wayne County for the Republican candidate for county executive were:

- John Dalton, 15,498 (44%)
- Fred Bolden, 10,245 (29%)
- Daniel Wenderlich, 9,293 (27%)

In Sumpter Township the Republican totals for county executive were:

- John Dalton, 168
- Fred Bolden, 116
- Daniel Wenderlich, 74

In the City of Belleville the Republican totals for county executive were:

- John Dalton, 63

- Fred Bolden, 59
- Daniel Wenderlich, 29

In Van Buren Township the Republican totals for county executive were:

- John Dalton, 374
- Fred Bolden, 269
- Daniel Wenderlich, 194

## State Rep., District 21

Kristy Pagan won the race to be the Democratic candidate in the Nov. 4 election. The overall vote was:

- Kristy Pagan, 3,003 – 45%
- Natalie Mosher, 2,731 – 41%
- Cornell Mathis, 1,005 – 15%

In the City of Belleville, the numbers were:

- Kristy Pagan, 164 – 40%
- Natalie Mosher, 160 – 39.80%
- Cornell Mathis, 75 – 18.66%

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## Sumpter Township Public Notice



### Accepting sealed bids for the demolition of dangerous buildings

Sumpter Township is now accepting sealed bids for the demolition of dangerous buildings. A complete list of addresses and what is required is available at Sumpter Township Clerks Office bids must be received by August 27, 2014 at 3:00 pm. EEO, Compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act for Minority Hiring and Prevailing Wages set forth by Wayne Co. & H.U.D. paid by Wayne County Community Block Grant Funds. Specifications available at the Township Clerks Office, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., 23480 Sumpter, Belleville, MI 48111

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## City of Belleville Public Notice



### CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A NEW SIGN ORDINANCE Chapter 66 of the Code of Ordinances



The City Council for the City of Belleville will conduct a public hearing on August 18, 2014 beginning at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the agenda will permit. The hearing will be conducted at the City of Belleville City Hall, located at 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan 48111.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from the public on the adoption of a new sign ordinance that will replace the sign ordinance in its entirety. The proposed sign ordinance employs a more logical organizational structure and contains additional graphic representations of sign regulations, designed to make the sign ordinance easier to understand and more user-friendly.

A draft copy of the sign ordinance is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The draft copy may also be viewed at the City's website, <http://www.belleville.mi.us>, anytime prior to the hearing. Written comments may be submitted in person at City Hall or mailed to the City of Belleville, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan 48111 prior to August 18, 2014 meeting. Oral comments will be taken during the public hearing.

Lisa Long,  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish Date: August 14, 2014

# Charter County of Wayne Public Notice

## OFFICE OF THE WAYNE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

### NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

**Notice Is Hereby Given** that on **August 25, 2014**, the Wayne County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Apportionments from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Department of Public Services Roads Division, Central Maintenance Yard, located at **29900 Goddard Road, Romulus, Michigan**, for the benefits of land within the Drainage Districts for the following Drains:

A.A. Hale Drain Drainage District	King Tile Drain Drainage District
Anglum Drain Drainage District	LeClair Storm Drain Drainage District
Big Swan Creek Consolidated Drain Drainage District	Lee Drain Drainage District
Blakely Drain Drainage District	Lindsay Drain Drainage District
Brahmer Drain Drainage District	Lindsay West Drain Drainage District
Breitmeyer Drain Drainage District	Mc Kinstry Drain Drainage District
Brown Drain Drainage District	Mc Kinstry South Branch Drain Drainage District
Brownstown Creek Drain Drainage District	Monroe Drain Drainage District
Bull Drain Drainage District	Morrison Drain Drainage District
Burns Drain Drainage District	Morrison Branch Drain Drainage District
Carr Drain Drainage District	Nowland Drain Drainage District
Carsontown Drain Drainage District	Number One & Three Drain Drainage District
Carter Drain Drainage District (BROWNSTOWN)	Olds Drain Drainage District
Carter Drain Drainage District (ROMULUS)	Olmstead Drain Drainage District
Cass Tract Drain Drainage District	Peters Drain Drainage District
Chase Drain Drainage District	Quirk West Drain Drainage District
Cicotte Drain Drainage District	Ray Drain Drainage District
Clark No. 1 Drain Drainage District	Reh Drain Drainage District
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Clark No. 3 Drain Drainage District	Richardson Drain Drainage District
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Denton & Branch Drain Drainage District	Sherben Drain Drainage District
Ellward Drain Drainage District	Sherman Drain Drainage District
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Goetske Drain Drainage District	Stear Drain Drainage District
Gregory Drain Drainage District	Strong Drain Drainage District
Groh Drain Drainage District	Texas Marsh and Branch Drain Drainage District
Gudith Drain Drainage District	Trosin Drain Drainage District
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Any property owner within the listed Drainage Districts, Road Commission representative, representative from the Michigan Department of Transportation, Township, City, Village or County wishing to be heard or wishing to inspect the computation of costs with respect to the special assessments may appear during the day and time specified.

The computation of costs for each of the Drains will also be available for review. The Drain Commissioner will have available to review the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within each of the Drainage Districts. Drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the collection period is greater than one year, the land owner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office at the number noted below (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

**You Are Further Notified** that persons aggrieved by the decisions of the Drain Commissioner as to the apportionment of benefits for a Drain may appeal to the Wayne County Probate Court within ten (10) days of the decisions.

Kenneth M. Kucel, P.E.  
Wayne County Drain Commissioner  
Telephone (313) 224-3620

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## Election details

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In Van Buren Township, the numbers were:

- Kristy Pagan, 777 – 37.27%
- Natalie Mosher, 761 – 36.50%
- Cornell Mathis, 534 – 25.61%

Carol Ann Fausone is unopposed as the Republican candidate for 21<sup>st</sup> State House District. In the primary election, she earned 178 votes in Belleville, 383 in Sumpter, and 797 in Van Buren Township.

### State Rep., District 12

Part of District 12 runs through Van Buren Township, including Haggerty Subdivision and Budd's farm. Erika Geiss is the lone Democratic candidate seeking to replace her term-limited husband in the position. Geiss earned 372 votes in VBT. Kelly Thompson is the lone Republican candidate in the 12<sup>th</sup> District and she earned 149 votes in VBT.

### State Rep., District 17

Incumbent Democratic State Rep. Bill Lavoy was unopposed in the primary election and got 669 votes in Sumpter Township.

Republican candidate Charles Londo also was unopposed in the 17<sup>th</sup> District and got 383 votes in Sumpter.

They will face each other on the Nov. 4 General Election ballot.

### State Senator, 6<sup>th</sup> District

Hoon-Yung Hopgood is the lone Democratic candidate in the 6<sup>th</sup> Senate District. He got 322 votes in Belleville, 627 in Sumpter, and 1,972 in VBT.

His Republican opposition is Darrell McNeill, who got 177 votes in Belleville, 390 in Sumpter, and 955 in VBT.

### Rep. in Congress, 12<sup>th</sup> District

Overall, Debbie Dingell won the right to move on to the Nov. 4 General Election to seek the seat being vacated by her husband. She got a total of 44,974 votes (78%) and her opponent Raymond Mullins earned 12,960 (22%).

Locally, Dingell got 319 votes in Belleville, with Mullins getting 112. In Sumpter, Dingell got 649 and Mullins 264. In VBT, Dingell got 2,081 and Mullins 666.

Unopposed Republican candidate Terry Bowman got 176 votes in Belleville, 404 in Sumpter, and 986 in VBT.

### City of Belleville

In the Aug. 5 primary, there were 3,199 registered voters and 1,022 voters cast ballots, a turnout of 32% in Belleville. There were 290 absentee voters.

### Sumpter Township

In Sumpter there were 7,411 registered voters and 2,814 cast their ballots, a turnout of 37.97%. There were 440 absentee voters.

### Van Buren Township

In Van Buren Township there were 22,451 registered voters and 9,024 cast ballots, a turnout of 40%. There were 3,641 absentee voters.

"Reality leaves a lot to the imagination."

– John Lennon

# Court Watching:

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had some misdemeanors pending from Sumpter concerning operating while license suspended and a high blood-alcohol test. The judge appointed attorney Jeff Bowdich to represent him.

## Darrell Demetrius Brown

Darrell Demetrius Brown, 21, waived his preliminary exam on charges of carrying a concealed weapon and controlled substance - possession of marijuana and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Aug. 20.

Brown had posted his bond of \$5,000 or 10%. His retained attorney is TaTaNisha Shondai-Morenike Reed.

The alleged crime happened on July 9 in Van Buren Township. Officers David Champagne and Christopher Herrick handled the case.

## Cosmo Cosmic Roof

Cosmo Cosmic Roof, 33, waived his preliminary exam on a July 23 charge of possession of controlled substances (narcotics or cocaine) less than 25 grams in Van Buren Township. Judge Oakley bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Aug. 20.

Roof has a court-appointed attorney and is out on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond.

On the case are VBT Officer Champagne and Det./Sgt. Gueli.

## Ernest Leon Trammell

Ernest Leon Trammell, who is facing charges of driving while license suspended

– 2<sup>nd</sup>, asked for a bench trial and was thinking of representing himself. His bench trial was set for 11 a.m., Aug. 27 before Judge Oakley.

On the case is Belleville Police Officer Jeffrey Wickham.

## Brandon Lamar Webb

Six felony charges against Brandon Lamar Webb, 30, were dismissed by Judge Oakley after the Michigan State Troopers needed to testify in the case were not present on Aug. 6. This was the second court session the troopers were not present and the defendant was, so Judge Oakley agreed with Webb's retained attorney Marlon Evans that charges should be dismissed.

They were dismissed "without prejudice" and they could be re-filed by the prosecutor's office in the future.

The six felonies, including weapons charges, controlled substance charges and possession of a weapon by a felon, were brought by the DRANO [Downriver Area Narcotics Organization] team.

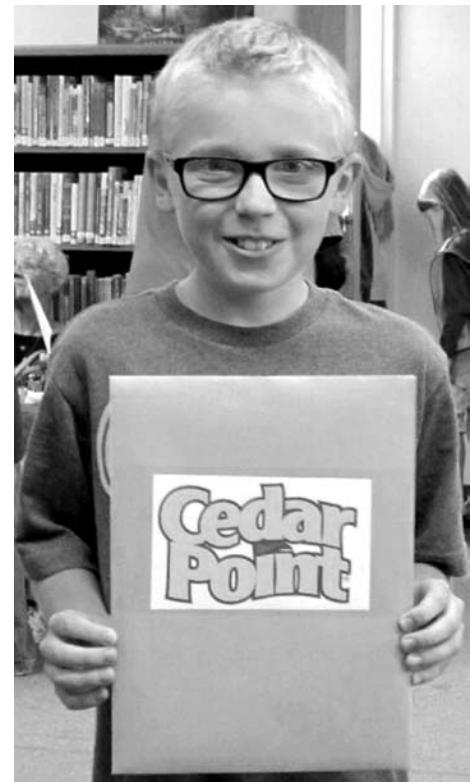
Assistant Prosecutor Walker had asked for an adjournment until the troopers could return from their vacations. She said this all stemmed from a miscommunication between the prosecutor's office and the MSP.

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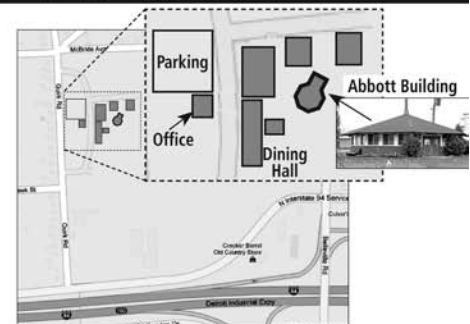


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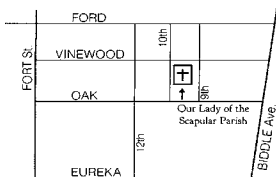
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The **Belleville Coney Island** restaurant on Sumpter Road is offering tasty breakfast and daily specials, including a fresh and light dessert menu where everything on the list is just \$1.99. They're open at 7 a.m. every day and carryouts are available by

calling (734) 325-7551. They also offer a banquet room that seats over 100 for private parties, banquets, showers, luncheons, and post-funeral gatherings.

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The **2014 Polish Festival** returns to **Our Lady of the Scapular Parish**, formerly Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Aug. 22-24 at 10th and Vinewood avenues in Wyandotte. Over a dozen of Polish bands and dance groups will be featured along with family events including kiddie rides, games, Polish dinners, bingo, and more. See their ad in today's paper for the music line-up and call (734) 284-9135.

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The **Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue**, based in Sumpter, is holding its monthly adoption clinic this Saturday, Aug. 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the **Petco Pet Store** of Westland on Warren Ave. across from the mall. Call (734) 461-9458.

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The **10th Annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics** get under way Aug. 18-22 with the communities of Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Van

Buren Township taking part. The Sumpter Senior Center is hosting the Baking Contest Drop-off next Tuesday, Aug. 19, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Quirk Park will be hosting the Shuffleboard tournament the same day, beginning at 10 a.m. Last year, the City of Belleville had 8 participants with 7 medal winners, Sumpter had 42 participants with 18 medals, and Van Buren Township had 47 participants with 35 medals. Good luck to all!

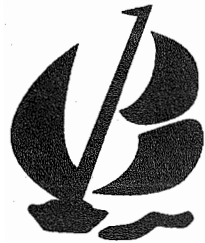
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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



### Charter Township of Van Buren

#### ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111-5217  
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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HALL 46425 TYLER ROAD

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to consider the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate pursuant to Act 198, Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended for NEAPCO Driveline, 6735 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Following is the described parcel:

Part of: V125-83-002-99-0026-704 described as:

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Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

Leon Wright, Clerk  
Charter Township of Van Buren

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August 14, 2014

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

• **Friday, Aug. 15** – Friends Family Drive-in Theater FREE Movie Night at dusk, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road, at Bemis, in Ypsilanti. "Theo: God's Truth" and "Touched by Grace." Information: (734) 482-5074.

• **Sunday, Aug. 17** – Off-leash playtime at 2 p.m. with other friendly Pugs and Pug owners at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township. [www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs](http://www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs)

• **Thursday, Aug. 21** – Water Craft and ATV sale on High Street, followed by the annual Belleville Bridge Walk at 5:30 p.m., and then the Taste of Belleville at 6-8 p.m. at Horizon Park. Rubber Ducky Race sponsored by the Rotary Club at 6:30 p.m.

• **Friday, Aug. 22** – Friends Family Drive-in Theater FREE Movie Night at dusk, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road, at Bemis, in Ypsilanti. "Unlimited" (premier) and "Wednesday Morning Breakfast Club." Information: (734) 482-5074.

• **Saturday, Aug. 23** – Van Buren Township Public Safety Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Walgreens on Belleville Road. Children can get a free bike helmet.

• **Saturday, Aug. 23** – Canton Lions Club Annual Corn Roast, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., at Cady/Boyer Barn in Preservation Park on ridge Road just north of Cherry Hill Road. Lots of activities and free food. Free-will donations requested to fund the charitable work of the Lions Club.

• **Sunday, Aug. 24** – From 1 to 4 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, is hosting this year's Back 2 School collection of donations of new school supplies and back packs to be distributed to local needy students.

• **Friday, Aug. 29** – Friends Family Drive-in Theater FREE Movie Night at dusk, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road, at Bemis, in Ypsilanti. "Theo: God's Truth" and "Bad Neighborhood." It's the FEE end of season BBQ and Ice Cream Night. Information: (734) 482-5074.

• **Saturday, Aug. 30, and Sunday, Aug. 31** – Township-wide yard sales in Sumpter Township. No permit needed.

## Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Aug. 14 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission's public hearing at 7 p.m. on proposed additions to zoning ordinance. Also, 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., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Aug. 19 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Aug. 20 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, VBT Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

# VBT DDA committee to lay out duties of DDA Coordinator

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority Directors Robert Bechtel, Carol Bird, and Mark Laginess have agreed to serve on a subcommittee to assist with laying out the scope of a DDA Coordinator position and to bring a proposal back to the DDA for action.

This was announced at the DDA's regular meeting on July 22.

The committee is expected to work with Executive Director Susan Ireland during the first week of August. The coordinator position would be to assist Ireland in DDA work.

Currently, Supervisor Linda Combs' Executive Assistant Karen LaMothe is being loaned to the DDA for 16 hours a week to assist Ireland.

Also, during the July 22 DDA meeting, the following subjects were discussed.

## Poisoned Trees

Ireland reported that DuPont has agreed to pay \$715.30 to resolve the issue of the poisoned trees in the streetscape, especially in the right of way in front of Applebee's.

Township attorney Patrick McCauley reviewed the issue and advised her that as the DDA is the "owner" of the four trees, he recommended accepting filling out and submitting all the paperwork required for the claim. Ireland said she sent off the final paperwork for the claim on July 11.

She first filed the claim for four trees the DDA had to replace in the Streetscape in 2012, after they apparently were killed by an application of Imprelis. She met a DuPont representative at the site and the trees were inspected.

At the end of 2012, Ireland was informed the claim was going to be denied. She recently received a correspondence that the claim was being reevaluated and they offered to pay the DDA the \$715.30 to resolve the issue.

## VantagePort (Aerotropolis)

Ireland reported that VantagePort (formerly called Aerotropolis) has relocated its office to 11895 S. Wayne Road, Suite 101, Romulus, and there will be an open house from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sept. 4.

Ireland said one of the objectives of VantagePort was to establish an outreach program to the business community in the VantagePort region.

"I will be working with VantagePort to reach out to one or more employers so that we can together make a business retention visit and discuss VantagePort," Ireland reported.

She told the DDA, "I may be working a little out of my area."

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## Sumpter Planners set Aug. 14 public hearing on zoning changes

At its July 10 meeting, the Sumpter Township Planning Commission voted to meet at 7 p.m. Aug. 14 to hold a public hearing on the addition of language on Additional Regulations on farm structures and an addition of AG district to a chart on setbacks and sizes for Accessory Buildings in a residential district.

Planning consultant Laura Kreps, of Carlise/Wortman, said in the recent redoing of the zoning book, "We missed one thing..." noting a less than 600 sq. ft. building in the AG area should be the same as RF.

She said the building department has been getting requests for buildings and this omission was discovered.

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**AUGUST 22 & 23, 9am-5pm.** 47544 Bentley, 48111 (off Elwell). Furniture, tent, mower, men's clothing, golf clubs, variety of everything. Come See! 8/21

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## Domonique Holmes earns AA degree from Ferris

Domonique Holmes of Belleville completed requirements for an Associate in Arts in Pre-Criminal Justice at Ferris State University during the semester that ended in May 2014.

## Setter, Meckl, Edwards earn honors at Ferris State

Jessica Setter, Chalese Meckl, and Loren Edwards, all of Belleville, received Academic Honors for the semester that ended in May 2014 at Ferris State University.

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# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*The following are selected calls for VBT Police.*

**Sunday, Aug. 3:**  
0029 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0248 – fire investigation, Parkwood Dr.  
0418 – fight, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0720 – malicious destruction of property, Tyler Rd  
1119 – larceny, Denton Rd.  
1246 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1358 – disturbance, Lake Villa Dr.  
1453 – private property accident, Sumpter Rd.  
1546 – private property accident, E. Huron River  
1703 – private property accident, Moms Dr.  
1929 – suspicious situation, Belleville  
1935 – assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.  
2002 – disorderly conduct, Wendy’s  
2058 – hospice, America  
2110 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.

**Monday, Aug. 4:**  
0157 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.  
0535 – property damage accident, Belleville / McDonald’s  
0901 – ordinance violation, Haggerty School  
0934 – assault & battery, Van Born  
0939 – animal complaint, Hoeft Rd.  
1419 – property damage accident, Belleville/I-94  
1421 – harassment call, Pebblebrook Dr.  
1626 – agency assist, Aberdeen  
1621 – disturbance, Sylvia Dr.  
1629 – malicious destruction of property, Western  
1739 – intimidation threat, S. Woodury Dr.  
2044 – assault & battery, E. Walden Dr.  
2254 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville  
2353 – suicide or attempt, Stoneybrook Ct.

**Tuesday, Aug. 5:**  
0229 – personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Haggerty  
0940 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1004 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville/Quirk  
1138 – larceny, Lighthouse Dr.  
1158 – disturbance, Hamilton St.  
1329 – disorderly conduct, Cracker Barrel  
1437 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94  
Service Dr.  
2133 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Manor  
2344 – noise complaint, Parkside Dr.

**Wednesday, Aug. 6:**  
0039 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Manor  
0731 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Westlake Cir.  
0818 – suspicious person, Elwell Rd./Hull Rd.  
0919 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./ N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0924 – assault & battery, Lighthouse Dr.  
1037 – suspicious person, Hoeft Rd.  
1057 – agency assist, Chaney Ave.  
1154 – suspicious person, Wildbrook Dr.  
1155 – suspicious vehicle, Harmony Ln.  
1241 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.  
1246 – larceny from auto, Beckley  
1448 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.  
1457 – assist fire dept., Van Buren Park  
1503 – fraud, Andover Dr.  
1509 – suspicious person, Parkside Dr.  
1539 – fraud, Haggerty  
1659 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.  
1718 – assault & battery, Oak Blvd.  
2029 – PPO violation, Holly Ln.  
2119 – trespassing, Alva Dr./Martinsville Rd.  
2235 – malicious destruction of property, W. Huron River Dr.  
2253 – disorderly conduct, Savage Rd.

**Thursday, Aug. 7:**  
0005 – agency assist, Van Born Rd./Beck Rd.  
0529 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Meadows Ln.  
0616 – assault & battery, Rolan Meadows Dr.  
0902 – holdup alarm, Laguna Dr.  
1024 – larceny from auto, Nautica Dr.  
1148 – animal bite, Wayne County Fairgrounds  
1227 – private property accident, Van Born Rd.  
1439 – larceny, Beckley  
1444 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1504 – holdup alarm, Barnwell Dr.  
1534 – assault & battery, Old Michigan Rd.  
1707 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1917 – private property accident, Ecorse Rd.

1949 – parking complaint, Van Buren Park  
1949 – overdose, Ecorse Rd.  
2013 – property damage accident, Westlake  
2131 – larceny, Revere Dr.  
2137 – fraud, Anna Dr.  
2155 – suicide or attempt, S. I-94 Service Dr.

**Friday, Aug. 8:**  
0215 – mental, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0251 – noise complaint, W. Archwood Dr.  
0321 – larceny from auto, Denton  
0346 – suspicious vehicle, Riggs Rd./Renton Rd.  
0555 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. Woodbury Dr.  
0851 – suspicious vehicle, Rawsonville/DNR  
0933 – assault & battery, Capitol Dr.  
1121 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.  
1153 – suspicious person, Hanover Dr.  
1156 – harassment call, Rolan Meadows Dr.  
1205 – private property accident, Van Born Rd.  
1519 – suspicious person, Maple Dr.  
1527 – private property accident, Haggerty Rd.  
1634 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.  
1715 – assault & battery, Brandi  
1718 – malicious destruction of property, Bog Rd./Farm Rd.

1722 – assist fire dept., Burtrig St.  
1734 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
1734 – ordinance violation, Belleville/Denton  
1823 – intimidation threat, Holly Ln.  
1940 – private property accident, McBride Ave.  
2053 – disturbance, S. Prairiegrass Ct.

**Saturday, Aug. 9:**  
0001 – retail fraud, Belleville  
0011 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.  
0048 – disorderly conduct, S I-94 Service Dr.  
0656 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Alden  
1031 – trespassing, S. Purple Save Ct. / Sage Cir.  
1215 – intimidation threat, Vista Dr.  
1432 – lake complaint, Belleville Lake  
1511 – panic alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
1531 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.  
1541 – disorderly conduct, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.  
1556 – traffic complaint, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.  
1619 – fight, Jacobs Boots  
1634 – property damage accident, Beck Rd./Ecorse  
1859 – assault & battery, Forestdale Dr.  
1953 – loud party complaint, Beacon Trl.  
2118 – fireworks, Riggs Rd./Renton Rd.  
2127 – noise complaint, Pine Dr.  
2133 – assault & battery, Locust Dr.  
2216 – fight, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.  
2243 – loud party complaint, Denton Rd./Beck Rd.  
2253 – fireworks, Redwood Dr.  
2304 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.  
2325 – fireworks, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
2329 – neighbor trouble, Dalton Dr.

Also on this week’s log were 180 traffic stops, 25 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Aug. 3:**  
0759 – agency assist, Edison Ave.  
1224 – all other traffic, Loza Ln.  
1806 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.  
2103 – agency assist, Martinsville  
2204 – suspicious situation, Church St.  
2243 – suspicious vehicle, N. Liberty St.

**Monday, Aug. 4:**  
0538 – agency assist, Bedell St.  
0756 – parking complaint, Carmell St.  
0945 – animal complaint, Main St.  
1501 – animal complaint, Main St.  
1516 – parking complaint, Main St.  
1626 – disorderly conduct, S. Aberdeen Ct.  
1628 – disturbance, Main St.  
1654 – bank drop, Main St.  
1839 – harassment call, Carmell St.  
2215 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.  
2257 – assist fire dept., Clarence St.  
2331 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.

**Tuesday, Aug. 5:**  
0238 – property check, Savage/tracks  
0928 – parking complaint, Main St.  
1045 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.  
1758 – agency assist, Rawsonville  
1810 – welfare check, S. Edgemont Ave.  
1822 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.  
2052 – missing person, W. Columbia Ave.

**Wednesday, Aug. 6:**  
0309 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.  
0951 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1034 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Third St.  
1035 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Third St.  
1605 – civil matter, W. Columbia  
1917 – family trouble, Potter  
1946 – private property accident, A&W  
2047 – agency assist, Oxford

**Thursday, Aug. 7:**  
0006 – warrant arrest, Main St.  
0231 – warrant arrest, Main St.  
0240 – property check, Owen  
0857 – welfare check, DNR  
1409 – parking complaint, Main St.  
1810 – parking complaint, Potter Dr.  
1812 – property damage accident, Main St.  
2112 – mental, Potter Dr.  
2215 – found property, Main St.  
2251 – information, Main St.

**Friday, Aug. 8:**  
0150 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd./Main St.  
1024 – parking complaint, Potter Dr.  
1032 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.  
1814 – animal complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.  
2023 – suspicious person, Main St.

**Saturday, Aug. 9:**  
0037 – suspicious vehicle, Victorian Ln.  
0159 – malicious destruction of property, Oakwood Healthcare  
0228 – suspicious situation, E. Huron River Dr.  
0400 – suspicious vehicle, High St.  
0609 – suspicious person, E. Thornhill Ct.  
0931 – breaking & entering, Carmell St.  
1928 – agency assist, Sherwood  
2015 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
2107 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia ave.  
2219 – suspicious vehicle, S. Aberdeen Ct.  
Also on this week’s log are 35 traffic stops.

# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Aug. 3:**  
0243 – suspicious person, 10000 bl. Rawsonville  
0424 – property damage accident, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.  
1008 – breaking & entering report, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1113 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1352 – well-being check, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1539 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1635 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
1847 – warrant arrest, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2219 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2252 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.

**Monday, Aug. 4:**  
0350 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1331 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1334 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1452 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.  
1638 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bontekoe  
1802 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Martinsville  
1904 – warrant arrest, Rustic Ln.  
2116 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.  
2210 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.

**Tuesday, Aug. 5:**  
0252 – suspicious person, Washington  
0658 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1413 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1436 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1600 – ORV complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1604 – suspicious incident, Judd/Rawsonville  
1727 – larceny, 42000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1755 – larceny, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1757 – civil dispute, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1839 – accidental damage report, 44000 bl. Harris  
1858 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2002 – breaking & entering report, 25000 bl. Karr  
2032 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Fenster Rd.

**Wednesday, Aug. 6:**  
0905 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Sherwood  
0908 – noise complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1213 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Clay  
1247 – ordinance violation, 28000 bl. Sumpter  
1258 – suspicious incident, Oakville Waltz / Sumpter  
1525 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1847 – animal complaint, Texas

2004 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.  
2059 – larceny, Rustic Ln.  
2318 – citizen assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
**Thursday, Aug. 7:**  
0216 – animal complaint, 11000 bl. Rawsonville  
0912 – recovered property, 28000 bl. Martinsville  
1354 – neighbor dispute, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1413 – animal bite, Rustic Ln.  
1637 – fraud complaint, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2159 – suspicious person, Kozma/Sumpter  
2313 – parking complaint, Graham Park

**Friday, Aug. 8:**  
0122 – warrant arrest, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
0403 – assist other agency, 17i000 bl. Savage Rd.  
0829 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
0838 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.  
0844 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1022 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1058 – breaking & entering report, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1159 – abandoned vehicle, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1419 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1534 – larceny, Birch Dr.  
1555 – warrant arrest, out of township  
1634 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1641 – neighbor dispute, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1925 – parking complaint, 18000 bl. Morton  
2021 – warrant arrest, out of township  
2109 – shots fired, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2158 – fireworks complaint, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.

**Saturday, Aug. 9:**  
0211 – noise complaint, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.  
0354 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.  
0647 – warrant arrest, out of township  
0706 – family trouble, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1022 – animal complaint, Wyoming  
1047 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.  
1150 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1200 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1239 – assist other agency, out of township  
1527 – suspicious vehicle, Oakville Waltz / Haggerty

1536 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1544 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1559 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1612 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1713 – civil dispute, 24000 l. Sherwood Rd.  
1852 – threats complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1854 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1911 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1919 – threats complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1928 – felonious assault, Rawsonville/Willow  
2104 – well-being check, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

Also on this week’s log are nine follow-up investigations, 40 miscellaneous details, 140 patrol checks, and 42 traffic stops.

# Belleville Police seeking information on vandalism of buildings

On Tuesday, Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said four or five buildings have been tagged with black spray paint over the past few days.

Chief Berriman said tagged locations included the library, a trailer, Oakwood Health Center sign, and a house.

He said police believe a small group is responsible, perhaps an adult and older teens, and police are seeking information and pursuing tips in the case.

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## Birthdays

Aug. 16 – Anglina Johnson  
 Aug. 17 – Ted Montie  
 Aug. 18 – Karl Vollberg  
 Aug. 19 – Peggy Voigt  
 Aug. 20 – Martha Hanoian  
 Aug. 21 – Lynn McArthur, Stacy Etherton

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

## Ribbon-biting ceremony launches Service Animal relief area at Metro

Delta Air Lines, working in cooperation with Detroit Metropolitan Airport, has opened the hub's first airside Service Animal Relief Area near gate A-34 of the McNamara Terminal.

The new facility, which some employees have dubbed "Central Bark," is a more convenient location for passengers to take their service animals.

"Prior to the opening of this facility, connecting passengers with service animals would need to go outside to find the relief area on the International Arrivals level," said Airport Authority CEO Thomas Naughton. "This is a convenient, time-saving and easy-to-find location."

Designed by Arconcepts, Inc. and built by The Peterson Companies, Inc., the relief area was officially dedicated April 20 with the assistance of service dogs provided by

Michigan-based PAWS With A Cause.

"Having the relief area inside of security will allow the service dogs to travel more comfortably," said Deb Davis, Community Outreach Manager for PAWS With A Cause. "This will be a fantastic convenience for their handlers whose travels take them through Detroit Metro Airport."

Inside the relief area are two "porch potties," one with simulated grass, a second with real grass, and even a fake fire hydrant. Solid waste disposal bags and disposal instructions are available and mini sprinkler systems rinse the grass after each animal has accomplished its duty with all due dignity. The wide entrance easily accommodates wheelchairs while blocking the view of passersby.

"We know that traveling with pets is important to our customers and we're quite pleased to offer this new convenience whether customers are beginning or ending their travel in Detroit or connecting across the globe at our hub here," said John Fecushak, Delta's Vice-President-Detroit Hub.



Breeana Wolf of Belleville won Best of Show for Cavy and Preston Downing, 10, of Belleville won Reserve Champ for Cavy at the 4-H Fair last week. Standing with the winners is Judge Gayle Newton.

## Pet of the Week

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