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'No' voters tell library board why they turned down proposals

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

About 30 people filled up all the chairs set out in the district library meeting room on Aug. 12, some present to tell the district library board why they voted against the library proposals in the August primary election.

John Delaney started the comments by stating, "We don't know who damaged your sign ... which is a felony ... but it's despicable and disrespectful ... That was terrible and I hope they catch whoever did that."

Then library board president Mary Jane Dawson read a statement on the background of the district library and ended by saying, "The board did all the district library agreement asked them to do."

She said the proposals failed and people make the final decision.

"This board has to regroup quickly and come up with something more acceptable to the community," Dawson said.

"I go to the Romulus gym every day," said board member John Juriga, saying people talk to him there and tell him the big issue is finance.

"If it costs a lot, maybe it's too big," Juriga said.

He said in the new issue of the AARP magazine there was an article on how seniors in Michigan are really afraid of what's going on in Michigan with finances.

Juriga suggested the library have a survey on what people really feel the library should entail, and what would be nice, if possible, so the people can take ownership.

Board member Joe Monte said most people think a new library is needed, but he's on a fixed income, too. He reminded them it took three times for the high school millage to pass.

"People feel they are not a part of the process. Maybe we didn't do a good enough job," Monte said.

"Maybe people in far reaches of the community didn't know the details of the millage, the size, the location," he said.

"There were people who didn't know," he said referring to his time spent promoting the library proposals. "We have a local newspaper and not everyone reads the local newspaper."

Monte supported Juriga's idea of a survey. "People have to feel they have a say."

Board secretary Joy Cichewicz said she is from Sumpter Township, "And, Sumpter Township turned it down 5 to 1."

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City Council puts off action on new Sign Ordinance until Oct. 6

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After another lengthy and spirited discussion on the City of Belleville's proposed new sign ordinance on Monday, the City Council voted unanimously to postpone action on the ordinance and to put it on the Oct. 6 agenda.

"With all the comments, tonight is probably not the time to vote on this," said Mayor Kerreen Conley. She said by postponing action they would have time to get information from Jill Bahm, the city's planner, who was not at that night's meeting.

"We can try to find alternatives and maybe there are no alternatives," Mayor Conley said.

She said they wanted to make it easier to put the ordinances into the hands of the business owners and ClearZoning does that by putting it on the internet.

She said there are lots of exceptions wanted and you can go over all the ordinances to

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Rodney Wiley received honors from the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees and the Fire Department at the Aug. 12 board meeting on the occasion of his retirement from the paid-on-call department after 13 years of service. "He was one of our best," said Fire Chief Joe Januszyk, who gave Wiley the department's first retirement badge. From left are Trustee Peggy Morgan, Treasurer John Morgan, retired Firefighter Wiley, and Chief Januszyk.

Inkster man drowns in Belleville Lake looking for boat motor cover

Orlando Lee Ponder, 50, of Inkster drowned in Belleville Lake while trying to retrieve his boat's motor cover at about 5:54 p.m. Saturday.

That was according to the preliminary investigation conducted by Van Buren Township Police, according to a news release by Lt. Kenneth Floro.

A homeowner on Belleville Lake made the 911 call advising that a person fell into the lake while working on a boat in the 43400 block of the South I-94 Service Drive.

The caller told police that the person fell in the lake while attempting to retrieve a boat motor cover. He went under the water and they could not relocate him.

Dispatched to the scene were police units, fire apparatus, the VBT Marine Division, the Wayne County Sheriff Marine Division, the VBT Dive Team, and Huron Valley Ambulance.

Emergency officials were able to gather additional information to establish a last scene point for the man and the Dive Team started searching at 6:36 p.m.

At 6:40 p.m., the Dive Team located Ponder in 15 feet of water about 20 feet from the closest dock and 40 feet from shore. HVA and VBT Fire Department immediately initiated life-saving efforts.

HVA transported Ponder to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Ponder was not wearing a life jacket at the time of the incident. VBT police were conducting an investigation into the drowning and were waiting for information from the Washtenaw County Medical Examiner. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor in this case, Lt. Floro said.

Anyone having information about this incident is asked to contact the VBT Police Department at (734) 699-8930.

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Court Watching:

Judge Green binds over David Brooks to trial for road rage

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

David Ryan Brooks, 25, of Van Buren Township was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court for trial following a preliminary exam in district court over a May 29 road-rage incident.

Brooks was an off-duty Romulus police officer at the time of the incident, but was terminated by his department once the warrants were filed. He also had served as a police officer for the City of Belleville.

He is charged with felonious assault and a weapons violation and is scheduled to appear for an arraignment on the information at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice at 9 a.m. on Aug. 27.

Chief 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green presided over the almost two-hour exam on Aug. 13, which called three witnesses to testify: the victim Gary Pratt of Romulus and VBT Police Officer Michael Long for the prosecution and the defendant's cousin Dustin Brooks for the defense. Dustin Brooks was a passenger in David Brooks's vehicle.

VBT Lt. Ken Floro sat next to the prosecutor in the courtroom.

Before the exam began, defense attorney Michael Vincent asked for a brief meeting with Judge Green and he and Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Patrick Joseph Coletta went into Green's office.

When they came out it was announced that a consultant on police tactics hired by Vincent would be allowed to stay in the courtroom to hear the testimony and would not ever be a witness.

The alleged victim Pratt, age 62, testified that on May 29 at about 3:15-3:20 p.m. he was traveling north on Belleville Road toward I-94 in the area of Venetian Street, coming from a job at the cemetery in Belleville. He was driving his 450 Ford bucket truck.

"I could see traffic backing up in the construction zone. I was in the right lane and I had to merge. I tried to merge. I saw a black Dodge Ram 4x4 and I thought he was letting me in. I waved as I started to merge. He jarred it forward," Pratt said.



Brooks

Vincent protested the "jarred" wording. Pratt said the Ram went from a dead stop, "he jolted forward" and traffic was at a snail's pace.

Vincent objected, saying that Coletta was leading the witness. The judge let Coletta continue.

"Our fenders were almost touching and our mirrors were touching," Pratt testified, saying the Ram was an elevated 4x4 and he was in a 450 bucket truck.

"I had to fold his mirror back to back up," Pratt testified. "His passenger mirror was touching my driver's side mirror. He got so close to me." He said he put his truck in reverse.

He said the Ram had its window half down. He said all the windows on the truck were blacked out with the exception of the windshield and he couldn't see in. Prosecutor Coletta showed a picture of a truck and Pratt identified it as the Ram.

He said there was a window on the passenger side and he could see there was a passenger that looked ball-headed. He could see the passenger from the nose up and could see the driver.

When asked if he recognized the driver

in the courtroom, Pratt testified that he saw his picture on the internet last week and pointed out Brooks in the courtroom.

Pratt said both people in the truck had sunglasses on and, "I probably would not have recognized him without the internet. I probably could pass him on the street and not recognize him."

Vincent objected to the identification.

Judge Green said for the purpose of this exam she would allow it.

"He ID'd the gentleman he saw on the internet," Vincent protested.

Judge Green agreed that without the internet he couldn't recognize him.

Pratt continued testifying, saying that after he folded his mirror in, the driver pulled his handgun, holding his arm out.

"He pointed it right at my face and said, 'You touch my truck again and I'll blow your head off,'" Pratt testified.

Pratt said he wears hearing aids, which he usually takes off for phone calls and he can't remember if he had his hearing aids on, but the driver shouted at him and he didn't need his hearing aids to hear him.

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Court Watching:

Mayes, Rogers bound over for trial in Montroy Market armed robbery

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Devon Lamar Mayes, 21, and Hyo Sang Rogers, 29, both of Taylor, were bound over to circuit court for trial on charges they took part in an armed robbery of Montroy's Market, at the corner of Van Born and Haggerty roads, in Van Buren Township at about 6 p.m. July 11.

They are each charged with two counts of armed robbery, two counts of assault, and a weapons charge and are being held in the Wayne County Jail on bonds of \$100,000 or 10% each.

Their preliminary exams were held together in front of 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green on Aug. 13 and there were two witnesses: the owner of the store Adil Jarvo and a customer who walked in on the armed robbery Derek Hamilton.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Shannon Walker called the first witness.

Jarvo testified that two guys walked inside the store, one white guy and one black guy. He could not identify Mayes and Rogers as the men.

He said the white guy had the gun and said, "This is a robbery. I'm not joking." Jarvo said his brother and sister were also



Mayes



Rogers

in the store.

Jarvo said the black guy was taking the money and the white guy said, "Make any mistake, I shoot all of you." The black guy took the money from the cash register and Lotto register, some juices, \$220 of whiskey, and a carton of Newport cigarettes, worth more than \$70, and then they took off, he testified.

The next witness was Derek Hamilton who testified he was on his way home from school when he took his friend Shawana Bryant to Montroy's so she could get a pop at about 6 p.m. July 11.

Hamilton said she took 10-15 minutes inside so he went inside to see what was taking so long and he saw her inside with her hands up, shaking her head as if to warn him about coming in. But, it was too late

and the guy with the gun standing to the left of the door said, "Do anything and I'll blow your head off." Hamilton identified Rogers as the man with the gun.

"I did what he said," Hamilton testified, adding "He grabbed me and pushed me to Shawana." He said the other man was standing at the cash register and he identified Mayes.

He said Rogers pointed the black handgun toward the employees.

When they were leaving, Hamilton said Rogers said, "Don't leave the store or I'll kill you."

"We didn't leave until the police got there. I made my statement and left," Hamilton said.

Rogers' court-appointed attorney Eric Goze cross-examined Hamilton over the identification of his client since Hamilton said he was wearing sunglasses.

Hamilton is 6'2" and his statement described a 5'9" Asian man wearing sunglasses, the attorney said, wondering how he knew he was Asian with his face covered. The attorney said Rogers was 5'11".

Hamilton said he determined that from the facial features. He said two detectives showed him a six-picture photo lineup

an hour later at Shawana's house and he identified the two.

Mayes' retained attorney stand-in Caroline Chapman also cross-examined Hamilton.

When the prosecutor made a motion to bind the case over to circuit court, the attorneys for both defendants said the owner didn't identify the men and only one man had a gun and so both shouldn't have gun charges.

But, the prosecutor explained the theory of aiding and abetting, noting the black guy is taking items and the white guy had the gun. The witness walked into an armed robbery and was told not to move or he'd be killed.

Judge Green bound both defendants over to circuit court on all counts for an Aug. 20 arraignment on the information and the bonds were continued. She also referred both over to pretrial services for bond reviews.

The prosecutor had asked the two defendants to be kept separate from one another. Judge Green said her court had kept them separated, but "downtown hasn't done that."

OPINIONS

Editorial

Radioactive fracking waste stirs fears in VBT

Wayne Disposal at the EQ facility on the North I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township has been accepting low-level radioactive fracking waste since last October, some from out of state.

On Tuesday, the *Detroit Free Press* published a front-page story about a load coming in from Pennsylvania, stirring up fears among those who didn't know such waste has been here for some time.

Scott Russell, who is running for reelection to the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, was at Tuesday night's VBT board meeting, trying to get an injunction or an ordinance or something to stop this shipment.

Supervisor Combs advised Russell that the township was advised about the fracking waste last year. This was approved by the federal government after public hearings. Trustee Jahr, who sits on the VBT Environmental Commission, said Wayne Disposal has been accepting radioactive waste for some time and it took waste from outbuildings at a nuclear facility that was demolished. They are licensed to do so.

The hazardous waste landfill in our midst is highly regulated and it reports any problems, not only to the federal government, but to the state and VBT, they said. And, VBT will ask a representative of EQ to come to a future meeting to discuss the fracking waste. Russell is unconvinced on the safety, but he'll have to deal with the feds on that.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A reader who lives lakeside on Potter Drive in the City of Belleville, called on Monday to tell me he used to keep careful tab of all the drownings in Belleville Lake and he stated it has been at least one a year for many years.

He said he has come to the conclusion that Belleville Lake is cursed.

At the end of last week's District Library Board meeting, board members gave comments, as they always do at the end. Some were about the failed library proposals:

Joy Cichewicz: "It was heart breaking, because we worked so hard..."

Elaine Gutierrez: "Good meeting. Got heated at the end, but that's the democratic process"

Mike Boelter: "Selfish reasons. I'm sorry the vote failed in Sumpter. It would have helped the township in paying utilities. We will have to take one step at a time."

Mary Jane Dawson: "A really good discussion. Did get a little heated."

The audience's favorite came from Joe Monte, who explained his wife likes all things British and she has a Queen Elizabeth bobble head doll that has a hand that bobbles and has the saying, "Keep calm and carry on."

He said that was his comment: "Keep calm and carry on."

A reader emailed me, asking how much the sculptures in downtown Belleville cost to lease and so I found a story I wrote in April that explained. It was a total of about \$11,000 for the year, but more than half was



paid by private donations. The Belleville DDA had allocated \$5,000 for the project.

Our reader's reply: "Wow, \$11,000. That's more than my annual Social Security pay! So, to gaze upon EACH sculpture costs \$1,833/year ... \$152.77/month ... \$35.25/week ... \$5.04/day. Hmmm. That's a lot of looking."

While we were waiting for the school board work/study session to begin on Monday, Trustee Kevin English was telling how part of a big tree fell on his sister's roof and damaged her house. Since her backyard backs up to the backyard at our office building, I found this very interesting.

It happened last Wednesday during the daytime. I was in district court last Wednesday, so I guess I missed it all.

Kevin said his sister was inside the house, but she was not injured. He said a big tree was rotten inside and part of it just fell over. Thank goodness nobody was hurt.

I asked Scott Russell about his adventures in trying to get home during the big rainstorm on Aug. 11. It was announced at the school board meeting that he probably wouldn't make it to the meeting because of the flooding.

Oh, my. The story he had of trying to get home from work in Troy that evening was scary. It turned out that every underpass between here and there was flooded and

there are many, many underpasses on major roads.

He had to turn around and go back and try this and that. He stopped in a coffee shop and emailed documents to the school board for his report, which he couldn't give. He started out again. He finally got home, but it's sure to be a memory he will never forget.


I see the tennis courts at Belleville High School are finally open. Last spring there were some rust spots on the surface, indicating the new courts had some bad something in them that had to be fixed.

The contractor tried drilling out the rust spots, but there were too many. Finally, they had to completely redo the whole court surface, digging out what was put down and replacing it. It was under warranty so that didn't cost taxpayers any more money.

The courts have been closed all summer.

The playing surface was recently ready and on Monday as I headed to the administration building for the school board meeting, I saw some young people having a great game of tennis. It looks beautiful.





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Letters

**Davenport Brothers
thanks Larry Porter**

To the Editor:

Davenport Brothers Construction would like to thank Larry Porter for his 20 years of work at our company.

As a company, we've been lucky to have several employees who have been with us for over a decade. And, Larry has been with us for two.

His contribution as our truck driver has been invaluable. We are where we are as a business because of hard-working employees like Larry, and we appreciate everything he has done for our business over the years.

From everyone at Davenport Brothers Construction, thank you, Larry.

Harlan, Steve, Mark Davenport

about Darrin at Cool Cone which is located on East Huron River Drive in Belleville. Darrin chooses a daycare and delivers free ice cream to all the children. He chose Becky and Jessica's Place / daycare this last week.

So many children sat in anticipation that day at the daycare waiting for their promised ice cream treat. Sure enough, Darrin delivered on his promise! In came the ice cream, "yea" came the shouts of joy, then Thank-you sooooo much, Darin! That was "one act of kindness" that the children are still talking about!

Many people are so kind-hearted in the city and township of Belleville. It's time we start writing about those acts of kindness that for some reason, rarely get printed. It's so wrong that people who do those horrible acts to others are the ones that seem to get the recognition. Do you have a story about a Good Samaritan? If you live in Belleville, I'm sure you do!

Sincerely,
Lots of happy children &
Becky and Jessica Thornell

**Darrin at Cool Cone &
his random kindnesses**

To the Editor:

We have heard many stories about people who commit those horrible crimes that we just can't understand the why. However, rarely do we hear about those people who commit those "acts of kindness" that can only make us smile.

Today, I am writing just about that one person whose one "act of kindness" makes sooooo many people smile. The smile I like to see so much, and that's the smile on children's faces. I am writing today

**Thank you to Jim, John,
Paul for their help**

To the Editor:

We would like to thank Jim from Sumpter Collision for his help on a Friday, the day we broke down with our Thunderbird.

We tried to get in touch with someone from Martin & Sons but they closed early that day. John, I think, was there at Martin & Sons working on his car and stayed after closing time until we arrived with the tow truck.

Paul from Martin & Sons drove our repaired Thunderbird back to us the next week.

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More Letters

Jane Kovach has been an inspiration to me

To the Editor:

A gardener of land and canvas has made her transition to a greater assignment. Jane Kovach has been an inspiration to me and to many others in her artwork and in her wit. She always had something encouraging to say and she had lots of books that she shared with me.

Mr. Mouse and I say so long to a grand lady whose flowers will always bloom in our hearts.

Marian Caldwell
Van Buren Township

Want to join the ALS ice bucket challenge?

To the Editor:

As you know there is a fundraiser going on for ALS-Lou Gehrig's disease. The nation is challenging officials, residents and community people to pour a bucket of ice water over their heads. If you don't want water on you, you can donate at least \$100.

I wouldn't mind participating in such an event. Belleville would have a little excitement. This would bring people into Belleville and enjoy the businesses.

Just a thought. Any takers?

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Obituaries



Florence Louise Horste

FLORENCE LOUISE (HANLE) HORSTE

(January 31, 1921 – July 31, 2014)

Florence Louise (Hanle) Horste died July 31, 2014 at Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor, MI. Florence was 93 years old. She had lived in Belleville, MI, since 1959.

She was born January 31, 1921, in Grayville, IL, and graduated from Grayville High School as Salutatorian of her class. Following graduation, she worked as social reporter for the Grayville Mercury Independent. At the height of World War II Florence married another Grayville grad, Robert Merrill Horste, on April 24, 1944, shortly before he was stationed in England with the Army Air Corps.

This small-town girl placed her greatest pride in the fact that she produced and raised three very accomplished children. Robert Joseph, the first-born, served his country in the Air Force during the Vietnam conflict and retired from General Motors Hydromatic as machinery Maintenance Supervisor. Mona Kathryn earned a PhD from the University of Michigan and taught the history of art at the college level. Kenneth Lee Horste displayed his brilliance from an early age, achieving the level of National Merit Semifinalist in the national high school competition. Kenneth earned a BS from the University of Michigan and later an MS degree, both in engineering. He worked his entire career for Ford Motor Co. as Research Engineer.

Florence is survived by her daughter M. Kathryn Horste, by a daughter-in-law Cheryl Ann (Baisch) Horste, by two grandsons Benjamin Jacob Horste and Ian Andrew Horste, as well as two great-grandsons, Jacob and Michael Horste. Other survivors are a brother-in-law Donald Hooks and two nephews Don and Michael Hooks, as well as numerous other nephews and nieces on the Horste and Pierson sides.

Florence was pre-deceased by her husband Robert M. Horste, by her mother Bessie (Treadway) Hanle, and by her father Lee Lehman Hanle. Also, preceding her in death were her two sons Robert J. and Kenneth Lee Horste and her sister Francis Kathryn (Hanle) Hooks.



Dorothy Schroeder

DOROTHY RITA SEARS SCHROEDER

(November 3, 1921 – July 16, 2014)

Dorothy Rita Sears Schroeder, 92, passed away peacefully on July 16, 2014 in Jerome, Idaho of natural causes. Two of her sons, Jeffrey and Tom, were with her.

Dorothy was born November 3, 1921 in Belleville, MI and had a very full life with 14 brothers and sisters. Her husband Walter built their home, by hand, next door to the family farm in Belleville.

Family and religion were utmost in her life. A devout Catholic, she attended mass almost daily. She was an accomplished business woman, running her own real estate business in Belleville. She also served as a city councilwoman for the City of Belleville. Always impeccably dressed, she was private, prim and proper.

Dorothy and Walter retired to Sun City, California where she was near two of her sisters giving care to them and their spouses. She volunteered at the church library, was a volunteer ombudswoman and member of the Red Hat Society. Learning to swim at age 60 and do the Hula at age 70. Dorothy and Walter moved to Twin Falls, Idaho in 2013 until her husband's death in March 26, 2014, then moved to Jerome, Idaho with her son, Jeff and his wife, Liz.

Dorothy was proud of her long-lasting marriage of 73 years to Walter, and her four children. She is survived by her children, Sharon (Tim) Sohoza of Clinton, MI; Thomas (Barbara) Schroeder of Twin Falls, Idaho; Michael

(Margaret) Schroeder of Stockbridge, MI; and Jeffrey (Elizabeth) Schroeder of Jerome, Idaho. Also 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and many extended family members and friends. She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 73 years, Walter, her parents, 14 siblings (she was the last of the 15 original Sears clan), and two grandchildren.

A memorial mass will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at St. Anthony's Church in Belleville, Michigan. She has been laid to rest with her husband at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise, Idaho. Please join us to celebrate Dorothy's life and her peace in heaven.



Angeline J. Fensch

ANGELINE J. FENSCH

(January 10, 1920 - August 14, 2014)

Angeline J. Fensch, age 94, a lifelong Sumpter Township resident, passed away Thursday, August 14, 2014 at Waltonwood in Canton, MI. She was born in Belleville, MI, daughter of the late Charles & Mary (Zemanek) Piecha.

She is survived by three children Gail Treece of Belleville, MI, Allan Fensch of Belleville, MI, Jacqueline Alter of Rockwood, MI; three grandchildren Eric Treece, Jessica Fensch, Sara (Ryan) Buffa; two great-grandchildren Ainsley Buffa, Vincent Buffa; brother Edward Pieche, of Belleville, MI; and good friend Jeanne Fensch. Angeline was preceded in death by her parents; husband John Fensch; four sisters Marianne Zieelinewecz, Irene Fensch, Ann Piecha, Agnes Fleszar; two brothers Frank Piecha, Alexander

Piecha; sister-in-law Barbara Pieche; and son-in-law Edward Alter.

She was a devout member of St. Anthony Catholic Church. Angeline was the last surviving of triplets. Most of all she loved spending time with her family.

Visitation was Sunday, August 17, 2014 from 1-4 PM and 6-8 PM at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, and Monday, August 18, 2014 from 10-11 with a funeral mass following at 11 AM at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, with interment to follow at Michigan Memorial Park. Please sign her online guestbook and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

Upcoming Meetings

• Tuesday, Aug. 26 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water & Sewer Commission, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Aug. 27 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Aug. 28 – Workshop of the Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 6:30 p.m. to discuss ordinance for medical marijuana provisional centers before the Sept. 11 public hearing. The township board is invited to attend.

• Monday, Sept. 1 – Labor Day – no meetings.

• Tuesday, Sept. 2 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m. Also Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session, 4 p.m. followed by VBT regular meeting at 7 p.m.

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Obituaries



Amy L. Bolmowski

AMY L. BOLMOWSKI

(August 22, 1957 - August 5, 2014)

Amy L. Bolmowski, 56, of Romulus, MI, passed away on August 5, 2014. Amy was born August 22, 1957 in Wapakoneta, Ohio. She was the daughter of Charles Huebner and Genevieve (Hill) Huebner.

Amy enjoyed watching Tiger games, studying the Bible, and praying. Amy also enjoyed going to Ohio to visit her family and she also loved T.V. shows.

To cherish her memory she leaves her husband Mark Bolmowski; her daughter Heather Whetstone; three brothers Charles "Butch" Huebner, Don (Sherrie) Huebner, John (Jennifer) Huebner; two sisters Susan (Don) Cole, Aileen (Patrick) Merricle; one brother-in-law David Zeigler; and two grandchildren.

In addition to Amy's passing, she was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Charleen Zeigler.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at Crane Funeral Home, 36885 Goddard Rd., Romulus, MI 48174, (734) 941-9200, with Rev. Ray DeLong of Church of God in Belleville officiating.

Online guests may leave condolences, share a photo, or light a memorial candle by visiting www.cranefuneralhome.net.



Heidi Lynn Mills

HEIDI LYNN MILLS

(August 14, 1970 - August 12, 2014)

Heidi Lynn Mills, 43, of Bitely, MI and formerly of Belleville and Ecorse, MI, passed away suddenly at home on August 12, 2014.

Heidi was the daughter of the late Clifford and Sandra Lee (Mason) Mills.

She is survived by two daughters Brittney Nicole Mills and Shanae Desire Mills; and five grandchildren Damarion, Taeshawn, Calderome, King, and Bishop. Two brothers Steven (Jackie) Mills of Dearborn and Richard (Lynne) Mills of Bitely, MI; and three sisters: Lisa (Art) Van DeMark of Corbin, KY, Pamela Alexander of Belleville, and Donna (Joseph) Garofalo of Vero Beach, FL. She was dearly loved and will be sorely missed by her many family members and friends.

Funeral arrangements were by the Husband Family Funeral Home in Westland. Services appreciably officiated by Pastor Robert White of Grace Baptist Church of Belleville. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorial contributions to Heidi's family would be greatly appreciated and can be made through the Husband Family Funeral Home, 2401 S. Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48186.



Edward Sienko

EDWARD SIENKO

(December 2, 1929 - August 18, 2014)

Edward Sienko, born December 2, 1929 in Augusta Township, MI to Anthony & Mary Sienko, departed August 18, 2014 after an extended illness. A star athlete in football, basketball and track, Ed graduated from Belleville High School in 1948 then attended Michigan State Normal College prior to his being called to serve in the US Army from 1951 to 1953, where he was posted both here in the states and in Germany as an MP. His time in Germany was spent securing the Autobahn for the allies and standing honor guard for visiting US dignitaries, including President Harry S. Truman. His stateside duty was enjoyed playing football around the country with the 503rd Military Police Battalion football team, playing with a number of fellow servicemen who would go on to become college football All Americans.

Having met initially years earlier at a local track meet, Ed renewed his courtship of Donna Peebles from Ypsilanti, MI upon his return from the Army which saw them married on June 11, 1955. His first job following the Army was a short stint with Ford Motor Company. Determination played a key role in his landing a position with Detroit Edison, following in his brother Theodore's (Ted) footsteps. What followed was a forty two year career, starting as a "grunt," then a tree-trimmer, followed by appliance repair, into his final and longest position with the credit & collection department. Numerous times throughout his career, Ed was sent around the country in support of other utility companies during major storms.

A tireless worker, Ed found the time to support the activities of his three children whenever possible. He also loved his numerous pets over the years and spent countless hours devoted to the caring of his manicured lawn at their long-time home in Belleville. In his later years, he thoroughly enjoyed attending the activities of his seven grandchildren.

Ed is survived by his wife of fifty nine years Donna Sienko (Peebles); his three children, Terri Benedict (David) of Brighton, Mark Sienko (Pamela) of Ypsilanti, and Sandra Lennox (Jack) of Bloomfield Village, along with seven incredible, loving grandchildren. Also surviving Ed are his sister Bernice Worden (Marvin) and a sister in law Marie Sienko (Stephen). He is preceded in death by his parents, sisters Helen Sokol (Joseph), and Martha Ostrowski (Ray) along with brothers Sigmond 'Sig' Sienko (Jean), Stephen Sienko and Theodore Sienko (Betty). Also preceding Ed in death was a niece, Linda Beattie and nephew "Eddie" Worden.

Visitation will be Friday, 1 - 8 PM and Saturday, August 23, 2014 from 11 AM - 1 PM, followed by a 1 PM funeral service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, with Pastor Jim Walker officiating. Entombment will be in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. Donations in Ed's honor can be made to the First United Methodist Church, Belleville, or the Huron Valley Humane Society, Ann Arbor. Please sign Ed's on-line guestbook & share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **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** – The Belleville Area District Library is presenting a Native American Dance and Culture-Sharing Family Program from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Songs, dances, artifacts.

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

• **Friday, Sept. 5** – Friends Family Drive-in Theater FREE Movie Night at dusk, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road, at Bemis, in Ypsilanti. "Veggie Tales: Celery Night Fever" and "Mom's Night Out." Information: (734) 482-5074.

• **Saturday, Sept. 6 and Sunday, Sept. 7** – Citywide yard sales in the City of Belleville. No permit needed.

• **Sunday, Sept. 7** – The Sumpter Township Fire Department will be serving its 5th annual Chicken Broil from noon to 5 p.m. at the fire hall. Cost is \$9 per person.

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Library Board seeks input on what you want

Residents of the library district:

The Belleville Area District Library [BADL] Board met last Tuesday at their usual place and time: The Program Room at the BADL, second Tuesday of the month, at 7 p.m. I was pleased to see new faces in the audience as well as to hear new voices speak publically regarding the options the public would like to see incorporated into a new library.

Over the last four years that the BADL Board has been involved in developing a plan for improved library services for our Tri-Community, besides our monthly and special meetings we have had a number of open forums at the library and two presentations at the high school in an effort to get the public's input as plans were being developed. For about 18 months or so, there was a *Blue Book Box* on the counter at the Circulation Desk for anyone who wanted to let us know what their "dream library" might look like. I read every one of those "dreams".

The BADL Board spent time reviewing possible locations for a new main building based on the geographic requirements outlined in the 2010 District Library Agreement which was approved by the elected officials of all three communities. The Board took into account not just the cost to acquire various properties, but also what type of changes to the infrastructure might be necessary, whether there might be hazardous building materials within structures that had to be demolished, whether or not streets would need to be closed, what type of impact a main library building may have on the surrounding property owners, whether or not a particular location might have an adverse effect on a particular community's tax base, and also whether or not in the end... overall, was this location in the best interests of the residents who live within the district.

The design of the main building that many of you have probably seen was a conceptual idea that was intended to give the public an idea of what could be built on

the selected site. It was never intended to be construed as the final design because that portion of the project would not have been implemented until a Bond and Operating Millage were passed by the voters who live within the district.

So now, here we are... two weeks post-election. Now what? Both proposals were defeated, overall, 2:1. Exit polling indicated the majority of the "NO" votes were due to how much the taxes of individual property owners would be increased if the Bond and increased Operating Millage proposals passed. While many voters indicated they supported the idea of a new library, they felt the cost of building and maintaining a 45,000-square-foot building was more than they could afford.

In order to determine the size and services within a new main library and a satellite location, the BADL Board needs input from **YOU!** The population within the library's district far exceeds the amount of people who have attended the BADL Board meetings, the public forums in the Program Room, or the presentations at the high school over the past 4 years. I am asking each of you who may be reading this letter to talk to your neighbors, your homeowners' group, your family members, those you know from PTO, those with whom you attend meetings, those you see at local community events, those you may see at your local place of worship, as well as those you may see at the library to take some time to reflect on what type of services each of them would be able to support in a new library.

I would like to see members of the community within specific groups or affiliations who would be willing to meet with members of the board in small informal groups to hear their ideas and gather more input so that the board can go forward with a plan that the majority can support.

The library's web site, *Facebook* page, and bulletin board [at the entrance of the building] will post additional information regarding when, where, and how the public will be able to assist the board in prioritizing what they would like in a new library. Information will also be available, with the permission of the two townships and the city, at those government office locations, too. Please check those locations beginning

Aug. 27 to find out the information you will need to be involved in this process.

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

We're turning the Towns Teal for ovarian cancer

To the Editor:

I have been a local resident (transplanted from the west side of the state) for 18 years now and I am also a member of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MIOCA). We are not asking for money or any kind of donation - I'm writing to provide you with information about our upcoming campaign in the Belleville community called *Turn The Towns Teal*.

Turn The Towns Teal is a national campaign to create awareness about ovarian cancer and its symptoms. It consists of volunteers providing ribbons (biodegradable and made in the USA!) to stores, health clubs, libraries, restaurants, etc., along with symptom cards (size of business cards) and information (8.5x11" poster) pertaining to ovarian cancer. We do this in September, which is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. This will be our eighth year.

Ovarian cancer is often referred to as "the silent killer" as its symptoms are often vague and easily dismissed. There is NO early detection test, which is why we need women to be aware of the known symptoms. When detected at an early stage, the survival rate is 90-95%, which is why this awareness campaign is so very critical. Detection in a later stage results in a five-year survival rate of a mere 5-15%.

I am writing to ask permission for our volunteers to place a ribbon and some information in your business the weekend of Aug. 29 and return to remove it the weekend of Sept. 27. We request only a small amount of space on a window or bulletin board. If you have a tree outside your business, we would hope to place the ribbon there.

Thanks to the support of businesses like yours, we are saving lives with this campaign.

This letter is just a means of introducing myself - and *Turn The Towns Teal*. I am not asking that you take the time to reply to

this note - we will stop in to your business while we are placing ribbons to see if we may provide information to your patrons. If, however, you have any questions please feel free to email or call me. You may also visit our web site at TurntheTownsTeal.org to see our campaign at work.

Thank you for your time. I hope, together, we can spread the word about this silent killer.

Michelle Nasers
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Help us celebrate 50 years for Church of God

To the Editor:

I am writing to inform your readers about an upcoming celebration at Belleville Church of God.

We are celebrating 50 years of ministry this Sunday, Aug. 24. The celebration begins at 11 a.m. at 45170 Hull Road.

State Overseer Bishop Spivey will be preaching and a picnic will be held on the grounds after service. Please bring a dish to share. There will be a 3 p.m. Southern Gospel concert under the pavilion, led by the Thurston Family.

Everyone is invited to help us celebrate.

Pastor Jonathon Fuson
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Thanks to boaters for lifting my husband

To the Editor:

On Saturday, the 16th of August, my husband was carrying a pot of flowers and accidentally fell, then tumbled down our hillside on Belleville Lake.

I went to help him, but I can't bend over. A boat of nice people was going by and asked if we needed help. I said, yes. Just to lift him up, as he didn't get hurt.

They got my husband to our patio and two men helped me up the hill, also.

Keep up the good boating. Hope to see you again under different conditions.

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David Brooks

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He said the gun was a dark, semi-automatic handgun.

"I didn't know what was going to happen," Pratt testified. "I didn't know who he was. I thought it was a little ridiculous, being in a traffic jam backed up." Pratt said he felt scared.

Prosecutor Coletta asked if he was scared he might get shot and Pratt said yes, he was scared. "I was possibly visibly shaken. I go hunting," he said, but he's never had a gun pointed at him.

Pratt testified he did not have a gun and his windows were not tinted.

He described how he reached out to fold back the mirrors. He said he isn't very tall, only 5'7", so he had to reach out to turn the mirrors. He said he folded the mirrors with his left hand and used his right hand for leverage on the steering wheel to raise up to reach out.

"First, I looked at him in disbelief and then I put it in reverse and the driver behind me let me in and that's when I called 911," Pratt said.

Defense attorney Vincent then cross-examined Pratt, who testified that he was looking for an opening and Brooks' truck had an opening of 8-10 feet in front of him and, "I thought he was letting me merge ... when he didn't let me merge."

Pratt said because the Ram driver was watching the fenders, he thinks he didn't realize the mirrors were touching.

"His mirror was overlapping my mirror," he said.

He told Vincent that he was not cursing and he was not upset. He said he had not been drinking and he doesn't drink.

"Nobody was going no place. We were stuck in traffic... After he pulled the gun, I was upset ... I was not in a hurry to get home. I get home when I get home..."

He said he did not ask Brooks for permission to fold his mirror, but just reached out and folded Brooks' mirror and then his own.

"Did you punch his mirror?" Vincent asked and Pratt said no.

"You were not angry?" Vincent asked and Pratt said he wasn't until Brooks pulled his gun.

He said the window tapers, with the front side of the window different from the back

side. The whole front part was down, he said.

Vincent then asked about how the gun was held and then argued with him later about how a trained police officer wouldn't hold the gun in gangster style as he described.

Pratt told Vincent he was not spinning his tires or touching the left front fender and did not hear Brooks identify himself as a police officer.

Pratt said Brooks opened his door and dared him to get out of his vehicle. He said Brooks was shouting. That part of the story wasn't in Pratt's written report of the incident.

"Everything after pulling the gun, he was screaming. He was yelling very loud," Pratt recalled.

As far as the picture of Brooks on the internet, Pratt said his wife brought it to his attention, otherwise he probably would not have identified Brooks in the courtroom.

The second witness was VBT Officer Mike Long who stopped a black Dodge Ram in the old Farmer Jack parking lot at about 3:30 p.m. after being dispatched over a reckless driver with a weapon.

Officer Long identified David Brooks as the driver. He asked the driver and passenger to put their hands out the window and Brooks gave his police ID out the window. When the sergeant arrived, he said it was David Brooks.

Officer Long testified that Brooks said the driver of the white F-450 punched his mirror and nearly struck the passenger in his vehicle. Brooks told him he indicated he was a police officer several times and the driver told him to "Back the f--- off."

Long said Brooks was "pretty pissed the driver touched his new truck and at one point he pulled a weapon."

Prosecutor Coletta asked if Brooks said he feared for his life or the life of his passenger and Long said "not initially."

"Brooks was a little upset, angry that he touched his vehicle," Long said.

Coletta asked if Brooks acted scared and Long said he didn't.

Vincent cross-examined Long and Long testified that he has known Brooks for many years and has been friendly with him. Long said Brooks said he identified himself as a police officer three times and the other driver punched his mirror and was yelling and cursing and revving his engine basically indicating he would get in, no matter what.

Long said eventually Brooks said he was in fear for his life because he couldn't see the driver's right hand.

As a trained police officer, Brooks was holding his gun sideways, gangster-style? Vincent asked.

"It's an issue of fact for a jury to decide? Nothing like Denzel Washington in that movie. He was afraid because he couldn't see his right hand?" Vincent asked.

"That's what he stated," Long said, noting he did a quick evaluation of the truck and the mirror was not folded, as he recalled. Brooks didn't appear to be scared, Long said.

"Cops try to control their fear," Vincent said and Long agreed. Judge Green added, "At least attempt it."

Prosecutor Coletta pointed out that Brooks said nothing about being in fear for his life until his written report which was at 4:45 p.m.

Vincent called witness Dustin Brooks to the stand as a defense witness. Dustin said he has been a Texas State Trooper for five years and David is his cousin.

Dustin said he was a front-seat passenger in David's truck when the incident occurred. He said the other truck tried to squeeze in behind them and then tried to cut in front of them. Traffic was at a dead stop and the other truck was a big truck, 8,000 pounds.

"He punched our mirror and used vulgar language and was going beserk," Dustin said.

"He was coming out of the window and we couldn't see his right hand," Dustin said, adding David drew his gun at "low ready" so if something is going to happen, you're ready.

When asked how David held the gun, Dustin demonstrated a two-hand hold and then said he meant a one-hand hold below the base of the window. He said he didn't remember if the car window was up and then he glanced down and the prosecutor asked if he was reading something.

Dustin said he was referring to his statement, which is not allowed in testimony, and Judge Green ordered him to flip it over.

When testimony was about how David held his gun low, Judge Green asked how did you suppose the victim saw the gun? Dustin said the other truck sat higher and his vehicle was bigger.

In cross-examination, Prosecutor Coletta asked Dustin if the truck tried to get over

in front of them and the defendant wasn't letting him in and Dustin said that was true.

"We all know you're either going to let the person in or you're not," said Judge Green. She determined the mirrors were designed to fold in. She asked if the driver threatened them and he said he didn't know.

"No verbal threats?" Judge Green asked and Dustin said based on the vulgar language it could be a threat.

"Perceived as a threat, valid or not," Judge Green said.

Dustin said David didn't pull out his badge and Dustin's gun was in his luggage. Dustin said he didn't say anything to the driver because David was talking and he let that person be in control.

Prosecutor Coletta then made a motion to bind Brooks over for trial.

Vincent said the testimony shows disparity. He said Pratt has hearing problems and Brooks is a trained police officer. A Texas state trooper said the man was out of control and punching mirrors.

"He comes up with a story that he folded the mirror," Vincent said. "He never pointed the gun at him. A far cry from felonious assault. He thinks he sees a gun pointed at him."

"He gets in right behind him in traffic? The supposed version doesn't add up. Didn't hear him ID as a police officer. His story's not credible. It should be a charge of reckless use of a firearm, not felonious assault. His identification was a newspaper article?" Vincent asked.

Prosecutor Coletta said the officer identified him as the driver. He said there is probable cause to bind him over. The conflicting evidence is for a jury to decide.

"I understand the issues with the witness," said Judge Green. "This is a probable-cause hearing and the relative of the defendant potentially could have a bias. There's a credibility issue between two individuals. It's up for a jury to decide. Conflicting evidence for a jury to decide," she said and then bound Brooks over to circuit court.

The prosecutor asked for the judge to make Brooks turn in his weapon as a part of his bond, but Judge Green did not make that a condition of his bond.

She did remind Brooks that he was to have no contact with the victim.

Vincent said Brooks was terminated from his police officer's position before this hearing and it was in litigation.

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VBT Planners OK pond already constructed at Yost Sand & Gravel

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Planning Commission, at its regular meeting Aug. 13, voted unanimously to approve a water feature already built in front of Yost Sand & Gravel at 45697 Ecorse Road.

The pond and waterfall was in violation of five different setback requirements, but the commission decided the reduced setbacks would not have adverse impacts upon the public health, safety, and welfare.

The commission approved the variances in setbacks necessary to get the pond permit.

A letter from Wayne County official John Jones was submitted stating no soil erosion and sedimentation control permit is required for constructing an ornamental waterfall at Yost Sand & Gravel.

Jones stated, "A soil erosion permit is required under Part 91 of PA 451 and Wayne County ordinance if you are creating an 'earth disturbance' (grading, excavating, trenching, etc.) of greater than one acre in size OR creating an earth disturbance of any size that is located within 500 feet of waters of the state (Lake, stream, county drain, MDEQ regulated wetland).

"If you do not fall into either of these two categories, you are exempt from obtaining an SESC permit..." he wrote.

The total site is about 1.15 acres and is located in the O-T (Office-Technology) zoning district on the south service drive on Ecorse.

Sally Hodges of McKenna Associates read the Aug. 4 report to the Planning Commission from Patrick Sloan of McKenna, who is serving as interim

head of the VBT Building and Planning Department.

Sloan wrote that Yost Sand & Gravel recently constructed a pond in the front yard of its site. On June 2, the VBT Code Enforcement Division notified property owner Richard Yost that the pond was in violation of township ordinances and a pond permit is required before a pond can be constructed.

Upon notification of this requirement, Yost submitted an application for the pond permit.

The pond is 24 feet long, varies between 8 to 10 feet wide, and is 2 to 3 feet deep.

Glenn Gatt of Norway Landscape & Design, 45263 Ecorse, designed and constructed the water feature. He represented Yost at the Planning Commission meeting.

He told the commission he was unaware he needed a permit and was stopped before he could complete the landscaping part of the waterfall and pond.

He said they built the pond for "attention, for beauty, and since the intersection was done at Ecorse and Belleville Road, we decided to beautify this..."

Hodges said this is a small pond and falls under general ordinances for ponds written in 1981 to include landscaped and farm ponds.

She said the Yost pond is on a lot too small to meet setback requirements. It is steeper than prescribed, but has a "ledge situation."

"It's an unusual case," Hodges said referring to the design of the Yost pond. "It's a square peg in a round hole."

VBT Treasurer Sharry Budd said with just the stone and mulch, it looks pretty bare.

She said the waterfall is beautiful, but there are bare spaces and it needs something.

Gatt said he plans Colorado spruces and wild grasses, along with perennials and annuals. He said he had to stop the project before he could do the plantings when the township shut him down.

Commissioner Carl Johnson asked if this was the only water feature ever built in Van Buren Township and Hodges said she didn't know.

She said years ago she reviewed a farm pond. She said she didn't know if people weren't building them or if they weren't coming in for permits.

Hodges said it would be beneficial to the township to go back and look at the pond ordinances.

Commissioner Johnson said that setbacks should be different for water features and farm ponds.

Commission chairwoman Carol Thompson asked if someone could tumble into the pond since it is so close to the front porch of the house and Gatt said the porch has a railing and they don't use the front door and want to block it up. He said they want to cover the house up with trees and "leave the open beauty from Ecorse Road."

"This property is zoned Office-Technology," Hodges said, adding they did make the wording in the ordinance to encourage landscaping.

"This ordinance isn't satisfactory. It needs help," Hodges said.

VBT Downtown Development Executive Director Susan Ireland said the property is in the DDA district and, "It does look very nice. It's a type of amenity we haven't seen."

On behalf of the DDA, she supported approval of Yost's water feature.

The commission then unanimously approved the water feature.

"We look forward to seeing it finished," said Thompson.

Costco ZBA request

In general discussion at the end of the half-hour meeting, Hodges reported that at its Aug. 12 meeting, the VBT Zoning Board of Appeals granted the request for 35-foot-tall light poles for the Costco Truck Depot, to be constructed on the west side of Belleville Road at the VBT border with Canton Township.

She said Costco should be back to the planning commission with its changed plans at the last meeting in August or first one in September. She said Costco worked

with Bayloff to have a driveway to Bayloff and Bayloff will be adding parvment at this entry and extending its parking lot across the front to wrap it up to Belleville Road.

"I believe we can process this administratively," Hodges, adding it may trigger storm water requirements, but engineer Dave Nummer is on top of it. That would have to come back to the planning commission, she said.

"I like administrative approval to keep the project going – unless there are storm water issues," Thompson said.

This project is scheduled for staff review soon, she said.

Hodges said the commission will be very busy at its Aug. 27 meeting, with the following items scheduled:

- Public hearing for Menards special land use approval, so it can have outdoor display and storage. A few variance requests will be heading to the BZA;
- Preliminary site plan review for Clark gas station at Hull and Sumpter roads;
- Costco plans; and
- Ecorse/Haggerty master plan, dealing with commercial zoning on the south side of Ecorse from I-275 to Hannan.

"Things are happening in Van Buren Township," Hodges said.

Kevin English earns Book Lover award of 500-book class library

Kevin English of Belleville, a third-year teacher from Wayne Memorial High School, was among ten teachers nationwide who each was awarded a 500-book classroom library by the Book Love Foundation.

English also is a member of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

The Book Love Foundation announced this summer the winners from high school and middle school English teachers in seven different states.

Besides English, nine other libraries were granted to: Terri Burg of Grass Lake, Kelcey Grogan of Detroit, and Serena Kessler of Romulus; Melissa Cournia from North Dakota; Diane Hamilton of Arizona; Rebekah Hess of Virginia; Courtney Johnson of Ohio; Jennifer Kelly of New Jersey; and Ben Wilkinson of Tennessee.

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The bridge walk begins at 5:30 p.m. at **Doane's Landing Park** followed by the official photo for the *Independent* after the walkers cross the finish line. The **Belleville Rotary Club** will hold its rubber ducky race beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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Van Buren Public Safety presents **Family Fun & Public Safety Day** this Saturday, August 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the **Walgreen's** on Belleville Road. See their insert in today's paper for a coupon to receive a free child's bicycle helmet. Supplies are limited. Some of the family activities include child safety seat checks, face painting, and the chance to meet the township's police and fire units, marine division-dive team, and tours of the fire safety trailer.

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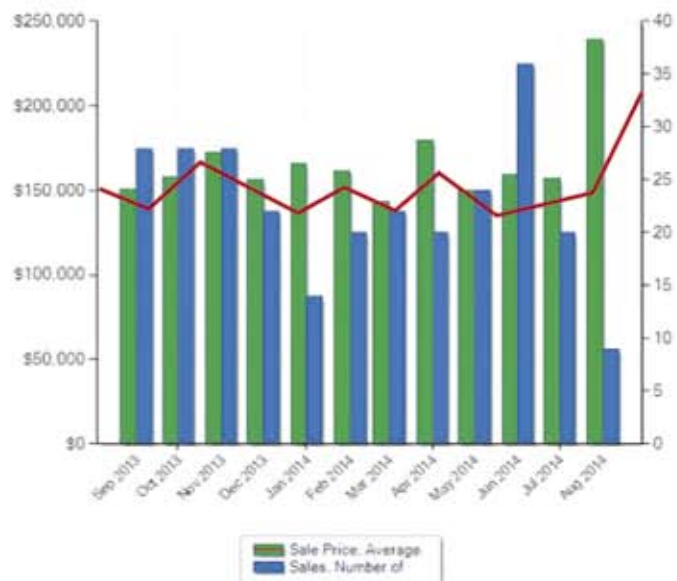
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City Council

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handle exceptions here and there.

Mayor Conley said she thinks the new ordinance person, Rick Rutherford, is working in a spirit of cooperation and not just writing a ticket and leaving.

(Rutherford works 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.)

“I think we’re headed in the right direction and I don’t want to bring it back unless we’re ready to act on it,” Conley said.

Councilwoman Kim Tindall said the planning commission has already approved this document and it is dated November 2013. She said the first available date the chairman of the planning commission, who also was chairman of the sign committee, could meet with the council would be the first meeting in October. (She referred to her significant other: Steve Jones.)

Conley agreed the comments from that evening should be shared with those who put the ordinance together and passed it on to the council for action.

The council held a half-hour public hearing on the sign ordinance Monday, followed by a lengthy discussion when the item came up on the agenda for action.

John Delaney of Van Buren Township introduced himself as having a licensed sign shop for 25 years and reminded them he attended a city council meeting when they were deciding on an LED city sign to fill in the frame of the late Chesley Odom’s announcement sign – about five to seven years ago.

He pointed out items in the ordinance that he thought needed changing. He said the 35% of the store windows allowed to have signs was too liberal and he thought it should be more like 20%. He said it was a public safety situation and police and vigilant citizens should be able to look in the windows.

“There is a current sign ordinance,” Rutherford pointed out. “It’s 25% now. If they’re not complying with that, they won’t with the new 35%.”

The family from Mr. Muffler came to ask if they were going to make them lower

their signs and Mayor Conley said they were grandfathered in and wouldn’t have to change them unless they sold the business or the sign was damaged more than 50%.

Michelle Mahaffey of A&W has been wrestling with the city over the sign ordinance for many years, even serving on a sign commission for a year and a half.

She is a franchisee and pays fees out of the business’ income to A&W Corporation for advertising, which they have to buy. She can’t request smaller signs and she has to pay.

The banners are larger than the city ordinance allows. All the signs in her windows are a particular size and she can’t have anything electronic.

She said she has seven windows, which allows for three corporate signs and three blank windows.

Mahaffey said although she served on the committee and has come to many meetings on the sign ordinance, she never saw anything like what is at the end of the ordinance now that says after each day a violation is continued, it would be counted as another offense – every single day.

“I think it’s pretty harsh,” Mahaffey said.

Dr. Brian Loranger, fire chief, said his office has been across from A&W since 1986 and he admired how they keep the signs neat.

He said he talked to Mo at Minimart and he asked the council how it is they can’t advertise what they have?

Mahaffey said she knows Mo at Minimart and he asks her how the city can come in and tell him what to do.

She said Mo says, “Nobody ever helps me and tells me what I can do. They just say what I can’t do. There’s no help.”

Mahaffey said she has gone in to see City Manager Diana Kollmeyer when she is upset over city regulations and Kollmeyer would calm her down.

Mahaffey said Mo won’t come in and sit and talk, but someone should be helping him.

Rutherford said he talked to Mo a week ago and told him how he could come into compliance.

Mahaffey discussed the bakery that put up a sign without a permit or a certificate of occupancy and had to take down the sign.

“I think as small a town as we are and how many businesses are closed, we need to be more helpful,” Mahaffey said.

“Unless people have been contacted in a nice way, they won’t want to cooperate,” Mahaffey said. “If it’s a small business, running it by yourself is hard. I know.

“Does this ordinance work for me? No. Do I have issues with it? Yes,” she said.

She said she doesn’t think it’s fair to be paying \$500, \$600 or \$700 for a variance meeting before people who are volunteering.

Businesses don’t know the rules.

“Not everyone reads that one little paper in town,” Mahaffey said.

Delaney said when you open a business you have to learn things and find out the rules.

Loranger asked the council to see, “What

can you do to help your businesses, like the A&W and Mr. Muffler ... Help a chain type of business who has to pay for that advertising.”

Delaney said a variance is the answer and the city can work with them and there were other suggestions.

In other business at Monday’s meeting, the council:

- Approved the Belleville Area Council for the Arts’ request to rent out spaces at Victory Park during the citywide yard sales on Sept. 6 and 7. BACA President Doug Dalton said a lot of people in Van Buren Township are in condos or apartments and don’t have space for a sale. BACA plans to charge \$10 for space and expect 13 to 15 vendors and, “It is almost like a public service,” Dalton said;

- Approved hiring Keith Tackett as the city’s part-time Director of Public Services. He will work 32 hours a week, four days a week, Monday through Thursday;

- Approved disposing of two vehicles no longer being used by the police department, a 2000 and a 2004 Ford Crown Vic. The department may also sell the 2007 Dodge Charger before the 2006 Charger, yet to be determined;

- Approved closing Fourth Street from Main to the library from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 11 for the annual Belleville Harvest Fest, as requested by the city, one of the sponsors of the event;

- Approved accounts payable and departmental expenditures in excess of \$500, with the exception of \$14,000 for R&R/Superior/Fox to repair a fire truck, because the charter calls for going out for sealed bids for anything over \$5,000, and \$1,225 for police membership dues for Macomb County Community College because council members wanted to know what it was for and the interim police chief Hal Berriman was not present to explain;

- Also approved paying \$4,900 to Blue Ribbon for sewer repair; \$604.21 to Martin & Son for police vehicle repairs; not to exceed \$5,000 to Osborne Cement for concrete repairs; and \$1,200 to WorkNGear for DPS uniform allowances; and

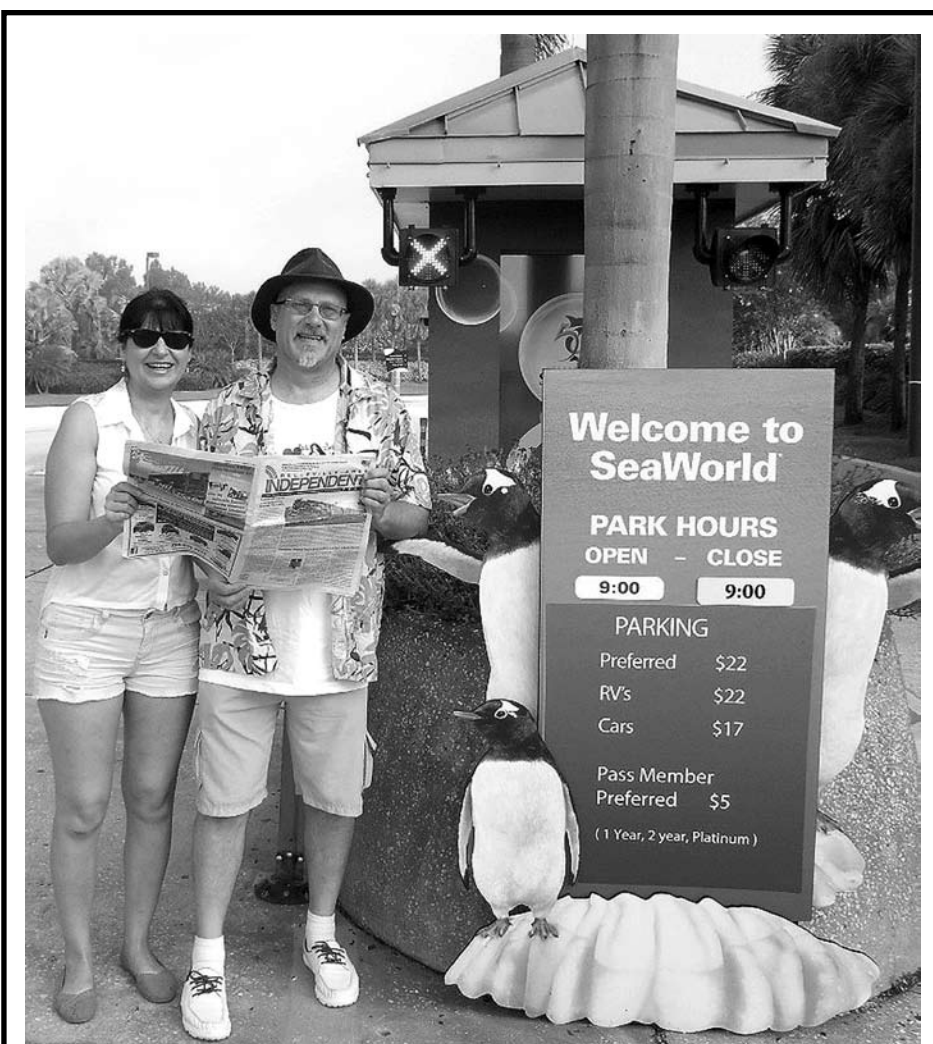
- Went into closed-door session to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations.

Bring an umbrella to VBT Public Safety Day

At Tuesday’s Van Buren Township Board of Trustees meeting, Public Safety Director Greg Laurain announced that he had picked up 400 bags of cotton candy for Saturday’s Public Safety Day and there will be lots of free food and fun.

The event is running from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the area next to Walgreen’s on Belleville Road.

He said there is a 50% chance of rain, so people should bring their umbrellas – and there will be umbrellas on hand at the event. See the flyer in today’s paper for more information.



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'No' voters

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She said maybe Sumpter doesn't want library services at all. Maybe they want the status quo, she said.

She said under the district library agreement they are required to give \$200,000 to create a Sumpter library.

"Maybe we could put a few books in a room and call it a library," Cichewicz said.

Treasurer Elaine Gutierrez, who is not running for reelection in November, said as a real estate profession, she said they have to handle the two biggest objects: the site and the size.

"And, until we handle those objections we can't proceed," she said.

She said people have said told her they want a smaller library in the present general library location.

"Nothing has changed in their minds. Gutierrez said. "We are not listening to the people. Have a survey. We've got to listen to the people."

Board member Chris Brasil, who also is not running for reelection, said people talk to her and tell her it was the site that was the problem. She agreed with having a survey.

"I don't want Sumpter to feel they are being excluded," Brasil said. "If Sumpter felt, 5-1, there was an issue, we have to find out what Sumpter wants."

"People in this area turned down any taxes," Brasil continued. "I was laid off from the school district and it has to be medium ground."

Board member Michael Boelter said the vote came in "a little shorter than we thought" and the problem is getting the vote out.

"I talked to people who didn't know the library was on the ballot. We have to do a better job to get the information to everyone."

"I'm proud all the information we put out was correct. We didn't scare anyone. We'll just have to try it again," Boelter said.

Deputy Library Director Mary Jo Suchy thanked everyone for their efforts. She said she doesn't think anyone disagrees that they need to move forward.

She said people who came into the library were sick when they heard the proposals failed. She said she is gratified the people see the value of having a library.

Mr. Howell, who lives across Belleville Road from the proposed library site, said the information held up a \$50,000 valued home which would cost \$200 a year in new library taxes, but he owns a more expensive home and two businesses.

"I'm looking at \$1,000 a year in new taxes, not \$200," he said. "I voted no."

Cichewicz asked him what level of tax he would pay and Howell said he would pay \$200 "in a moment," but not \$800 to \$1,000.

Joe Lasecki of Van Buren Township said the land area the present library is built on could be used for a new library, with the closing of Fourth Street and the entrance to the library at the present city parking lot.

He said a basement could be put in and there would be all kinds of office space, reading rooms, "whatever you'd like right on this footprint at less than half the cost."

He urged them to keep it downtown. "I voted no," he said. "And, people didn't know? Forty-two percent vote is a lot, with Oakland and Macomb voters coming in at 7%."

He said they could avoid what happened. They wanted the biggest and best and the voters said they aren't going to pay that.

"I know you don't want to redo what's here," Lasecki said, adding if they eliminate the parking lot on the side, they can double or triple the size. He said people can use the city parking lot and park on all the streets around the library.

Monte said the city and the township have requirements for parking.

Delaney said if they want to build on the present building they would have to close it for a year. Delaney said he spent 45 minutes talking to the library attorney John Day and went to every precinct in the library district three times on election day, a total of 54 trips.

"Sumpter Township? What they want is to be heard," Delaney said. "They were the ones who started this off with passing a library millage first."

"Taxation without representation is tyranny. We fought that war," Delaney said.

Delaney said the size of the proposed library was too big and maybe they could build something smaller with the idea of building onto the library as the taxes increase. He said Canton did that.

He said the grandiose size didn't go. He said it took Canton a total of 10 years to build their library.

"You tried to get it all done at one time," Delaney said, adding, "Building on this [present] footprint can be done, but you have to be creative."

He said he voted no for the DNR site.

Monte asked Delaney what he thought about the DNR location and Delaney responded that the DNR site is a jewel, but it needed to be cut down. He said there was wrong information out in the community on the fishing piers. The information wasn't pushed right, he said.

"To say you have to hurry up and get to the voters is wrong," Delaney said. "They're not ready for you ... not in November or February."

A woman in the front row accused Delaney of beating up the board.

Delaney said five and a half months ago he told the board publicly that it needs a safety net if its first plan fails, but he didn't want to rehash what was said in February.

He said the community does need a library but that location and that footprint is the problem.

Dawson tapped her gavel and said he had only limited time to speak.

Delaney continued, saying they need to get something creatively done. And, as for Sumpter Township, "They've been heard and ignored."

He said the timing of the vote was the worst part of the whole thing since people

are worried about their finances and health care and social security.

When asked when construction on Sumpter's library would start, Dawson said construction would start in Sumpter when construction started on the main library, which is in the library agreement.

"It is to bring the community together ... not one brother fighting against another brother," Dawson said.

Mary Ban of Sumpter said two buildings adjoining the library property went up for sale and another one next door is also up for sale.

"Maybe God's plan could be used," Ban said, noting those could be used for parking, no matter what the city wants.

She reminded them that the Grace Baptist Church property was offered, too.

"Many did not know of the vote," Ban said, adding, "All said it was a bad location, bad location, not just us."

Cichewicz asked what location Ban would like and Ban said her favorite site was Elwell School, but the school board tore that down.

Ban said many seniors did not like the library coming into the Sumpter Community Center since they had a problem with the library using their space.

When Cichewicz pushed Ban for a new Sumpter site, Ban said she thought of the medical building that could be used as office space and build on for books. Although the building was sold to Joe Nasser, Ban said he would find a buyer.

Ban said the medical building is not as pretty, but people in Sumpter like the

"practicability."

Dawson said there was mold in that building.

Architect Dan Whisler said he developed sketches for that building. He said Sumpter Township had to provide the building according to the district library agreement.

"I think the community answered," said Phil Miller, who had just joined the meeting after his Rotary Club meeting across the street.

Michele Montour said the election was an education. She said her preference would be the DNR site, but maybe something smaller.

She said when people come into town they see Hayward's and Lakeview which do not reflect the community.

"The lake is beautiful and then ... Lakeview," she said, adding the new library would be good as a welcome to the city.

"I think we've made more progress tonight than any other time and we should have more of this," said David Wilson. He said the time has been drawn out, but that's the way the system works.

"There is a strong disagreement here," pointed out Cichewicz.

"Not everyone will agree," Brasil said. "That's part of the democratic process. We're hearing from the people we've never heard from."

Lasecki said once you get past the DNR site visitors go two blocks then have four blocks of empty buildings. Maybe they should destroy them and put something in there.

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"That's up to the city and the DDA and the planning commission," Dawson replied.

Lasecki said the library isn't trying to enhance the area and putting in a beautiful building doesn't entice the people to go past it to the city. Moving the library would provide the downtown with another empty building.

He suggested increasing the length of the bond, but Cichewicz said the longer you go the more it costs.

"How about lowering the taxes?" Lasecki asked. "Before 20 years is up, I'll be in the ground."

A young mother, who did not identify herself, said she had two young children and said an investment in the Belleville community would affect it for many years down the line.

"The community is not going to grow unless we invest in it, she said. "The site isn't as important as the investment."

Ban said moving the library from downtown Belleville would be the death of downtown Belleville.

Monte said the DNR site was the least expensive because it was vacant and if they got other property they would have to buy it and tear something down.

Ban said the proposed site is costing too much especially for senior citizens and those with children in school. She said going to the grocery store is becoming overwhelming in cost.

"If you keep it here, people might be more supportive," Ban said.

Dawson questioned the idea that moving the library out would be the death of Belleville. She said the library has been here all along and businesses were closing.

Juriga said the library wanted to buy Grace Baptist Church, which was appraised at \$845,000 and they wanted \$2.5 million.

Miller said that wasn't the question asked of Pastor White. Miller said White explained at a library meeting that the \$2.5 million was what it would cost the congregation to move into a new facility.

Delaney pointed out that nowadays black mold is not hard to deal with on the cheap, regarding the medical center.

Wilson said the library was on a champagne budget, but this community is

on a beer budget. He suggested before the next library meeting that people make a list of what is absolutely needed in a library and then add what would be pleasant to have. And, he said, a cost is needed.

Lasecki said he has 18 books in the eReader he is holding. He said everything is going electronic.

"If you build something on a champagne budget, what's the value when there's no champagne?" he asked.

Monte said that eBooks have plateaued and people are going back to books.

Lasecki predicted it would all be electronic in 20 years.

Miller said this plan was resoundingly defeated in two out of three communities.

"The few of us here tonight do not represent the thousands who defeated the proposals," Miller said.

He said with the DNR site there is going to be a larger parking lot, larger physical plant. With the Grace Baptist site all the infrastructure is in place.

Miller said on Thursday in the summer hundreds of people come out to Horizon Park. The church doesn't own the water front, but enjoys it and the library could have that, too, without the expense of the shoreline.

"I represent the opposition," Miller said. "This community needs a new library, but not this site."

He suggested the library board cool out for a little while and come up with a better plan, doing a real thorough study.

Monte said there is a variety of opinions and some didn't realize there was a library question on the election.

"Shame on the professionals for leading us down the primrose path and not tell how to let the people know," Miller said.

He said this is one of the easiest defeats in his experience with politics and the library board should be embarrassed.

Rick Dawson, husband of the library president, stood up, glowering in front of Miller, confronting him.

When members of the audience asked chairwoman Dawson to take control of the meeting, she hammered her gavel and Rick sat down.

After more discussion, School Board Treasurer Sherry Frazier joined the discussion, as a Realtor, saying the new high school helped property values in the

community.

She said the democratic way is to go to the polls. She said she is disappointed the proposals failed.

She there are not too many people who are not supporting the library and supporters need to put their heads together.

She said Canton library regularly surveys its users and hires someone to do it.

"We need to have a complementary state of the art library," Frazier said, asking the board to vote in favor of going back to the drawing board.

After more discussion and a five-minute break, Dawson read a letter thanking the library board for all its efforts from James B. Lenze, reportedly the library's webmaster.

More Letters

The problem with paramilitary-style police

To the Editor:

This is a copy of the email I sent to Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Laurain today (Aug. 14).

Dear Director Laurain,

As an American citizen I am appalled at the police handling of the situation in Ferguson, Missouri. I certainly understand the difficulty associated with the civil unrest, especially when throngs of people begin breaking into and burning business establishments.

Similar unruly crowds of rampaging black people did exactly the same thing in the City of Detroit in 1967. I lived in Detroit at that time and I remember the frustration which my father experienced as a police officer assigned to the 6th Precinct. The station house on McGraw Avenue, directly across the street from Chadsey High School, just happened to be in the very heart of the disturbance. With black people rampaging in the streets, and destroying businesses in their own neighborhoods, it was a time of chaos and great anxiety for everyone. Now 47 years later the same situation is center stage again.

Ferguson, a city of approximately 20,000 people, is a region with a majority black population and a predominantly white police force. The news media has covered every moment and camera angle of the disturbances to the complete shame of the St. Louis County Police Organization. Though it is normal for the news media to cover these moments in history, at the same time it seems almost grotesque and surreal to watch the complete upheaval of the community over the questionable killing of a teenager.

To the credit of the local police department, the investigation process has been delegated to other agencies for an impartial determination of what actually transpired during the police shooting. Now that the Missouri State Police have stepped in to quell the rioting, and the St.

Louis County Swat Team Members have been relieved of their requested assistance, perhaps calm will be restored.

What disturbed me about the county police presence was how the officers portrayed themselves not as peace officers, but more as a paramilitary unit.

This had all the markings of a government military operation rather than a policing action. The Constitution prevents the intervention of federal military units in civil matters within the territories and properties of the United States. Individual state and local police authorities are our primary safeguard to preventing dictatorial intervention and federal takeover of singular state governments by federal military operatives. In other words the U.S. Army isn't regarded as the law enforcement bureau for civilian populations.

The general public has always maintained a sense of security and a reasonable trust in most local police units across our nation. Of course, there are situations that require sensitive negotiations and that is where the professionalism and the leadership of these local departments come to bear.

Wearing camouflaged fatigues with abundant and obscene amounts of paraphernalia, while aiming assault rifles at the civilian population, does little to calm the fears of a disturbed populace. This is especially acute when a predominantly white department is facing off against a nearly totally segregated black community.

I hope that we will never again find ourselves in this situation in Michigan, and if we should ever face a similar situation in Van Buren Township that we wouldn't resort to such tactics and intimidation of citizens to restore order.

It's time to stop pretending to be soldiers and instead proudly display the uniform and discipline of peace officers. In confidence and with trust,
CeJay Marshall
Van Buren Township

Military Retiree Appreciation Day set Sept. 20 at Selfridge

A military Retiree Appreciation Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Retirees from all branches of the armed forces and their family members are eligible to attend. The event will run from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Retiree Appreciation Day is an opportunity for all armed forces retirees, spouses, widows and/or guests to receive updated information about retiree entitlement programs.

Photo identification is required for all personnel to access the installation.

Pre-registration is required and must be accomplished by Sept. 10. The registration form, available online at http://www.mccoy.army.mil/Services/ACAP/Documents/2014_RAD_REGISTER.PDF, contains detailed information about the event. Direct any questions to 586-239-5580.

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Court Watching:

Circuit Court Judge Van Houten again resets White's final conference

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The final, pretrial conference for disbarred Belleville attorney Thomas A. White, before his Nov. 3 jury trial, was moved from Aug. 8 to Aug. 15 before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Margaret Van Houten – and now is being moved again to Sept. 12.

White, 46, has 20 felony charges pending against him concerning stealing from the clients of his law firm. Although the charges started as two cases, Judge Van Houten consolidated the cases in May.

His defense attorney Michael Vincent was not present at the Aug. 15 court session set by Judge Van Houten, but Vincent's assistant filled in for him at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor on the case is Daniel Williams. He and Olga Wermalenka asked for a sidebar with the

judge and spent eight minutes talking quietly with her about the judge's upcoming surgery and when she was scheduled to return to the bench Dec. 2.

Defendant White waited in the courtroom while the private discussion with the judge continued and then he and Wermalenka left the courtroom together. There was no public discussion of the case.

Williams did tell the *Independent* the next court session was Sept. 12 and that the trial was still set for Nov. 3.

Judge Van Houten has said a two-to-three-week trial will be needed. Prosecutor Williams previously told the judge that 50-60 witnesses will be called if the cases go to trial.

Official charges in what was the first case, filed Sept. 6, 2013, are uttering and publishing, larceny by conversion - \$20,000 or more, embezzlement, and two counts of identity theft.

In White's second case, which was filed Dec. 18, 2013 charges are one count of conducting a criminal enterprise and 14 additional counts of embezzlement.

White is accused of stealing an estimated \$11 million from widows, families, and estate beneficiaries.

He practiced law in an office across Main Street from Belleville City Hall for 20 years.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On Wednesday, August 27th, 2014, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1999	CHEVROLET	2D	2G1WW12MXX9106981	14-12536
1994	PLYMOUTH	SW	2P4GH55R1RR772145	14-13605
2001	FORD	4D	1FAFP55U91G199482	14-13912
2000	MAZDA	4D	JM1BJ2221Y0273251	14-13912
1999	CHEVROLET	PU	1GCCS1445XK149884	14-14136

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

2009	PONTIAC	2D	1G2ZM177694184956	14-10102
1998	JEEP	SW	1J4FJ67S3WL100189	14-10209
2006	FORD	PU	1FTPW145X6FA03468	14-10483
2000	PONTIAC	4D	1G2NF52E4YC561472	14-11647
2010	CHEVROLET	SW	3GNBABDB7AS593595	14-11872
1985	BUICK	2D	1G4EZ57Y6FE440428	14-12014
1993	JAGUAR	4D	SAJKW1741PC672326	14-12932
1994	OLDSMOBILE	4D	1G3AG55M5R6305478	14-12496
2002	FORD	4D	1FAFP34352W244485	14-12932
2001	DODGE	4D	1B3EJ46X81N703172	14-13400
2009	BUICK	4D	2G4WC582391203045	14-13577
1995	BUICK	4D	1GHR52L1SH497220	14-13712

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

Leon Wright, CMC
Van Buren Township Clerk
Published: August 21, 2014



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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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan.

The public hearing relates to parcel tax ID number V-125-83-061-99-0005-721, which is vacant. The site is located on the west side of Belleville Road between Tyler Road to the north and I-94 to the south. The site is approximately 27.24 acres and is located in the C-2, Extensive Highway Business Zoning District. The applicant is Menard, Inc.

The Board of Zoning Appeals will review variance requests from the following sections of the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended:

- **Article 13, Section 13.03(c)(1): Outdoor storage shall be located no closer than 200 feet from any residential district.** The proposed outdoor storage area is 100 feet from the single-family residential district to the west and 25 feet from the multiple-family residential district to the north.
- **Article 13, Section 13.03(c)(5): All materials stored outdoors shall not be piled to a height of more than 6 feet.** The proposed height of the uncovered materials stored outdoors on the south side of the building is 14 feet.
- **Article 4, Section 4.27(d): All outdoor storage areas must be surrounded by a fence at least 6 feet high capable of intercepting wind-blown trash and other debris; and Article 4, Section 4.30(f): The height of a security fence in a nonresidential zoning district shall not exceed 8 feet.** The proposed height of the fences on the east side of the outdoor storage area is 14 feet.
- **Article 4, Section 4.23 (Total Signage): The total permitted area of outdoor signage is 339 square feet.** The proposed signage is 742.3 square feet – 652.3 sq. ft. of signage proposed on the principal building and 90 sq. ft. of signage proposed on the monument sign.
- **Article 4, Section 4.23 (Building Wall Signage): The total permitted area of wall signage on a building is 200 sq. ft.** The proposed wall signage on the principal building is 652.3 sq. ft.
- **Article 4, Section 4.23 (Directional Signage): Directional signage is permitted, provided they do not exceed 6 sq. ft. in area of 4 feet in height.** 1 "IN" and 2 "OUT" signs are proposed to be 17.5 feet high, 1 lumber yard entrance sign and 1 thank you sign are proposed to be 24 sq. ft. and 19 feet high, and 16 cart corral signs are proposed to be 8 sq. ft. and 6.5 feet high.

Written comments will be accepted by the Department of Developmental Services until 4:00 p.m. on the date of the above referenced public hearing. You can contact the Department of Developmental Services at (734) 699-8913.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made available with advance notice.

Posted: August 21, 2014
Published: August 21, 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
Clark No. 2 Drain Drainage District	Reiser Drain Drainage District
Clark No. 3 Drain Drainage District	Richardson Drain Drainage District
Clee Drain Drainage District	Richman Branch of Morrison Drain Drainage District
Crane Drain Drainage District	Sanders Drain Drainage District
Denton & Branch Drain Drainage District	Sherben Drain Drainage District
Ellward Drain Drainage District	Sherman Drain Drainage District
English Drain Drainage District	Shetrum Drain Drainage District
Evans Drain Drainage District	Silver Creek Drain Drainage District
Flowers Drain Drainage District	Smith Creek Drain Drainage District
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
Hale Drain Drainage District	Truax Drain Drainage District
Hale Creek Drain Drainage District	Uht Drain Drainage District
Hand Drain Drainage District (HURON)	Van Cleef Drain Drainage District
Head & Branches Drain Drainage District	Vandicar Drain Drainage District
Holbert Drain Drainage District	Vreeland Drain Drainage District
Hosmer Drain Drainage District	Wallace Drain Drainage District
Jewett Drain Drainage District	Warner Drain Drainage District
Jones Drain Drainage District	Waterman Drain Drainage District
Kauffman Drain Drainage District	Zink Drain Drainage District

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

Publish: August 14, 2014 and August 21, 2014



City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2014

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Absent (excused)
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS None.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Smith, Second by Loria to approve the City Council/DDA/Planning Commission joint Work Study meeting minutes of July 16, 2014 and approve the City Council Work Study meeting minutes of July 21, 2014 and the Regular City Council meeting minutes of July 21, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Harbour Pointe Sub-Division – Parking on One Side of Street Only.

Discussion was held regarding the posting of signage designating no parking on one side of each street in Harbour Pointe Sub-Division. DPS Director was asked the difference between galvanized and non-galvanized posts. Director Tackett stated that it has been his experience that there is really not much difference other than the color.

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-089**, authorizes City Administration to proceed with purchase of signs and posts from Hall Signs in the amount of \$729.64.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Police Vehicle Purchase.

Chief Berriman presented a request to purchase a 2015 Ford Police Interceptor, AWD Utility Vehicle in the amount of \$26,295.00 with financing through Ford Motor Municipal Finance Department. This vehicle will be purchased through the State bidding process. The vehicle will remain all white with black lettering.

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-090**, the purchase as stated above.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. CDBG – Amended and Restated Urban County Cooperative Agreement.

This document is the first amendment to the original 2000 agreement. Agreement assures the desire for continued community participation and a mutual understanding between Communities, HUD and Wayne County Community Development Block Grant.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 14-091**, authorization to submit Amended Restated Urban County Cooperative Agreement for the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-092**, accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana J. Kollmeyer, City Manager

Approved: August 18, 2014
Published: August 21, 2014

Sumpter OKs horseshoe pits, sand volleyball courts at Banotai Park

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Five horseshoe pits and a sand volleyball court were approved by the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees to be constructed at Banotai Park with funds from a Wayne County Parks grant.

The board unanimously approved the projects at its regular meeting on Aug. 12.

R. Henry Construction will build the horseshoe courts per specifications at a cost of \$2,500.

Eric Christman & Sons will build the new sand volleyball court per specifications at a cost of \$9,500.

Trustee Alan Bates, who is parks administrator, will get together with two members from the board and parks and recreation committee members to determine the exact locations.

"Most parks and recreation members haven't been down to the park for a year," said Trustee Bill Hamm, saying people

who know the park should be involved in the siting.

Parks and Recreation chairman Don Swinson, also a township trustee, said it is still a Parks and Recreation venture and the grant came to them and they should be involved.

In other business at the Aug. 12 meeting, the board:

- Approved a policy that any future employees hired will be in a defined contribution retirement program. Attorney Rob Young will put that into the proper form for an agreement with the POAM and COAM with whom he is negotiating. Part-time employees and fire fighters are not included;

- Was informed the Fire Fighters annual chicken broil will be served beginning at noon on Sunday, Sept. 7. Cost is \$9; and

- Heard 34th District Court Judge David Parrott thank the people in Sumpter for their support of him in the August Primary election.



City of Belleville Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON **AUGUST 30, 2014** at 9:00 a.m., at Region Towing, 45908 Bemis Road, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle will be held:

2002 FORD, STA-WAGON, VIN: 2FMZA52412BB22123

DATE: AUGUST 18, 2014 **BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**
6 MAIN STREET
PUBLISH: AUGUST 21, 2014 **BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111**

BY LISA LONG, CITY CLERK



City of Belleville Public Notice

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2011 CHRYSLER, FOUR DOOR, VIN: 1C3BC1FB7BN603374
2002 FORD, STA-WAGON, VIN: 1FMZU73E12ZB96990
2002 SATURN, FOUR DOOR, VIN: 1G8ZF52842Z243230
2001 MERCURY, TWO DOOR, VIN: 1ZWFT61L815613784
2001 YAMAHA, 2-WHEEL, VIN: JYACE08C61A003232
1999 CHEVROLET, FOUR DOOR, VIN: 1G1NE52MXX6259308
1998 DODGE, PICKUP, VIN: 1B7HC16Y1WS675639
1997 FORD, PICK-UP, VIN: 1FTCR10AXVTA85873
FORD TRUCK BED, 8 FT.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HALL
46425 TYLER ROAD
BELLEVILLE, MI 48111

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to consider a request for a PA 328 (Exemption of New Personal Property pursuant to Act 328, Michigan Public Acts of 1998, as amended for Constellium Automotive USA, LLC 6331 Schooner Dr., Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Following is the described parcel:

Parcel # 83-017-99-0014-703

05 H3 PT OF NE 1/4 SEC 5 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG S 88D 09M 00S W 1215.10 FT AND S 04D 28M 18S E 1011.81 FT FROM NE COR SEC 5: TH S 04D 28M 18S E 1149.42 FT TH S 77D 31M 39S W 1013.28 FT TH N 04D 28M 18S W 1079.12 FT TH ALONG A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE W RAD 430.00 FT CHORD N 09D 28M 52S E 207.36 FT TH N 04D 28M 18S W 10.09 FT TH N 85D 31M 42S E 953.42 FT TO POB. 27.93 AC.

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

Publish: August 21, 2014
August 28, 2014

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Phyllis, Richard Smith celebrate 50 years

Phyllis and Richard Smith of Belleville were honored with a backyard, lakeside celebration at their home on Friday to mark their 50th wedding anniversary.

The party for about 55 friends and family was put on by their son James and his wife Terry, and their daughter Sarah. James currently is working on his PhD in Economics at the University of California.

They enjoyed food from the grille, with Rick Dawson serving as cook.

Phyllis Deering, Belleville High School Class of 1960, and Richard Smith, BHS Class of 1959, were married Aug. 15, 1964 at the Belleville Methodist Church.

Phyllis served as a school teacher, first for two years in White Cloud, and then 39 years in the Van Buren Public Schools.

Richard was in the insurance business for 40 years and involved in local politics, including serving as Mayor of Belleville, with 12 years on the City Council. He was a Reserve Police Officer for 18 years in Belleville and served as chairman of the Charter Commission that wrote the Belleville City Charter.

Richard also worked at Ford Motor Co., and in quality control at Gerber's in Fremont. One of his most unusual jobs was serving as the weekend cop in White Cloud for a year, where the police chief brought the police car to Richard's house each Friday and Richard took it back Sunday night.



Phyllis and Richard in 1964



Phyllis and Richard Smith

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

The Salvation Army in partnership Van Buren School District, Open Arms Lutheran Church, Trinity Episcopal Church and the First United Methodist Church of Belleville will host a school supply "back to school" blitz on Aug. 24.

The drive seeks to collect new school supplies and back packs for Belleville students K-12.

From 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 24, volunteers will be on hand at Trinity Episcopal Church (11575 Belleville Road, south of I-94) to accept donations. The supplies will then be sorted and packed into backpacks for distribution to families on Tuesday, Aug. 26 at The Salvation Army in Plymouth.

Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter families needing assistance should call The Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464 for an appointment. Proof of residency and household income, as well as identification for all children, will be required at the time of the appointment.

Needed supplies include new backpacks (particularly for older students), binders, supply cases/bags, colored pencils, markers, wide-ruled paper and one-subject note books, highlighters, pens (red, black and blue), rounded-tip scissors, #2 pencils, rulers, glue bottles, glue sticks, composition

books, and folders.

Monetary gifts will be used to purchase Payless gift cards that will be distributed to each child so they can purchase new school shoes.

"We are seeing and hearing of clients returning to work, albeit at a much lower rate or at reduced hours," said Laurie Aren, director of family and community ministries at The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps.

"We also know that many continue to struggle as unemployment benefits run out or as folks accept pay cuts to maintain their jobs. Preparing kids to go back to school can be very expensive so this is a practical way to support our families and students as they return to school," Aren said.

"If your family is experiencing a financial hardship, please call us. This is such a generous community and there is no need for any child to go back to school without a backpack and new school supplies."

Volunteers are needed to help sort and pack school supplies on Aug. 25 and distribute school supplies on Aug. 26. Those interested in volunteering should contact Sandy Kollinger at (734) 453-5464 or send her an email at Sandra_kollinger@usc.salvationarmy.org

City of Belleville & the Belleville Central Business Community Presents the 19th Annual Bridge Walk & Taste of Belleville August 21, 2014



The National Award Winning Bridge is two thousand Two hundred and fifteen inches

5:30 p.m. Bridge Walk - Meet at Doane's Landing Park (Welcome followed by Bridge Walk)

6:00 p.m. Taste of Belleville
Horizon Park, High Street
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2. Belleville Community Chorus

Fruit Kabobs..... 2 tickets
Brownie 1 ticket

3. Angel Foods

Pot Roast Sliders..... 2 tickets
Country Coleslaw 1 ticket
Lemonade 1 ticket
Ice Tea 2 tickets

4. Twisted Rooster

Twisted BBQ Pulled Pork Slider Sandwich W/Crispy Noodle Slaw 3 tickets
Twisted Mac & Cheese 3 tickets

5. Hungry Howies Pizza

Deep Dish Pizza 3 tickets
BBQ Chicken Pizza Slice ... 3 tickets

6. JT's Pub & Grub

Slice of Pepperoni Pizza .. 2 tickets
Slice of JT's Special Pizza .. 3 tickets
Catfish Nuggets 3 tickets

7. Benito's Pizza

Slice of Pepperoni Pizza .. 1 ticket
Slice of Specialty Pizza .. 2 tickets

8. Cracker Barrel Old Country Store

Fried Apples..... 1 ticket
Chicken N Dumplings..... 2 tickets
Hash Brown Casserole 3 tickets

9. Tim Hortons

Frozen Hot Chocolate no charge
Hot Chocolate no charge
Frozen Lemonade no charge
Coffee no charge

10. Open Arms Lutheran Church

Taco Salad 2 tickets

11. St. Vincent DePaul/St. Anthony

Ear of Corn..... 2 tickets
Water 1 ticket



12. Applebee's

Oriental Fried Chicken Salad .. 3 tickets

13. Lunch Box

Pulled Pork Sliders 3 tickets
Philly Steak 4" 3 tickets
Chicken & Dumpling Soup Free Taste

14. A&W Restaurant

½ Coney Dog..... 1 ticket
Whole Coney Dog 2 tickets
Root Beer 1 ticket

15. Edible Arrangements

Dipped Strawberries 3 tickets
Dipped Apples 3 tickets
Fruit Salad 5 tickets

16. Culvers

One Scoop - no topping ... 1 ticket
One Scoop w/ 1 topping ... 2 tickets
Two Scoops w/ 1 topping ... 3 tickets
Two Scoops w/ 2 toppings .. 4 tickets

17. C & C Seven Star BBQ

Ribs - 3 bones 6 tickets
Rib Tips 6 tickets
Grilled Corn 3 tickets
Pulled Pork Sliders 4 tickets

Tickets -- One Dollar Each



Robert Carlesso

VBPS new finance director comes from Warren Consolidated

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its June 9 meeting, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approved the hiring of Robert Carlesso as the new Director of Finance to take the place of Karen Moffitt who is retiring.

The two-year contract, effective July 1, pays \$104,000, plus fringe benefits offered to all administrators.

Carlesso, of Sterling Heights, has been the Chief Financial Officer of the Warren Consolidated Schools since July 2008. He worked with an operating budget in excess of \$160 million.

The VBPS operating budget is about \$51 million.

Before that he served as Assistant Superintendent for Business and Benefits, August 2004 to July 2008, at Fitzgerald Public Schools, with an operating budget of \$34 million.

From August 2001 to August 2004, he was Executive Director of Fiscal Services for the East Detroit Public Schools, with an operating budget of over \$52 million.

His resume said he, "Restored integrity and accountability to the Fiscal Services office of a district rocked by scandal and unethical leadership prior to my arrival. Implemented internal control, procedures, and financial controls that helped erase a \$3.5 million fund equity deficit. These efforts also enabled the district to achieve its first-ever 'unqualified' audit opinion in 2003..."

Carlesso has a Michigan School Business Officials Chief Financial Officer Certification and holds a Master of Business Administration in Finance from Wayne State University. Among many other courses, Carlesso also took the Dale Carnegie Human Relations Course.

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Truth isn't."

Mark Twain

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Holland is hiring in Romulus! The Driver Recruiter will be at the terminal on August 26 & 27 from Noon to 5pm, 27411 Wick Road, Romulus, MI. Taking applications for FT local & Regional drivers. 21 yrs old, having a CDLA w/ hazmat & tanker w/ 1 yr or 50k miles experience. Apply on line at www.hollandregional.com/careers. EEO/AE Minorities/Females/Persons with Disabilities/Protected Veterans

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INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

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ATTN: BHS CLASS OF '62. Casual get together at Van Buren Park, Sept. 6, 11am. Bring your own picnic lunch & drinks, etc. See you there - tell all your classmates. Donna Hyde Collins, Alyce Curry, Donna Dickinson Renton, Peach Januszyk Williams, Pat Curtis Wilson 8/21

GARAGE/YARD SALE

AUGUST 22-24, 9am-5pm. 48757 Sully Dr. (off Bemis & Lohr). Kitchen table & chairs, household items, books, shelves, biwheels, etc. 8/21

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

AUGUST 23-24 & 30-31, 10am-5pm, 20315 Martinsville (South of Willis). '90 4-Wheeler Suzuki, tools, clothes, household items, toys, & Lots More. 8/28

AUGUST 15-17 & 21-31. 9am-Dark. 46000 McBride. Quilting Books W/ Patterns, embroidery kits, household items, Antiques, men & women's clothing, Christmas decorations. 8/28

THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY. August 21-23, 9am-5pm. House for sale garage sale. 30 years of stuff! 45951 Hull (West of Sumpter). 8/21

BIG YARD SALE and Fish Fry. August 23, 9am-? & August 24, 2pm-? 6580 Oakville-Waltz, 48117. Generators, electric wheelchairs, power pressure washer, clothing & more. 8/21

AUGUST 28-30, 9am-6pm. 45171 Judd (East of Sumpter). Housewares, picnic table, small utility trailer, plus-size men/women's clothes. Cheap Prices. 8/28

HUGE YARD SALE. Stuff you want at prices you can't refuse, something for everyone. August 21-23 & August 28-30, 9am-6pm. 46507 Bemis (between Sumpter/ Elwell). 8/28

AUGUST 21-23, 9am-6pm. 44823 Harris. Kitchen table, toddler beds, horse stuff, boys & girls clothes and lots of everything. 8/21

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE. St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia. September 5, 8am-5pm & September 6, 8am-2pm. 9/4

ITEMS PLENTIFUL! Friday, August 22 and Saturday, August 23, 9am-5pm. 43140 Judd, Sumpter Township. 8/21

GARAGE/YARD SALE

3 FAMILY SALE. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 21-23, 9am-4pm. 6575 Sadie Lane (Homestead Subdivision) 8/21

AUGUST 23 & 24, 10am-5pm. 15752 Aspen, Romulus. Baby clothes, scrap booking supplies, household items, electronics & furniture. Many things never opened. 8/21

COMMUNITY YARD SALE at Kirkridge Park Cooperative, 8107 Kirkridge Park Drive. August 21-24, 9am-5pm. 8/21

FOR SALE

SHORE STATION BOATLIFT for Pontoon. Located on Belleville Lake - \$500 you take out - \$650 I bring to you. (734) 796-3009 8/21

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WANTED - WORK - Asking \$11/hr. plus mileage taking you to Doctors, Shopping, Moving, Cleaning, Gardening, etc. Belleville Area (734) 697-7506 8/28

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SUNGLASSES beside the road on Savage. Call (734) 699-9020 or stop by the Belleville Area Independent. TFN

TAN & BROWN long hair looks Siamese cat. Red collar W/bell. (734) 328-6086 8/21

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LOST

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PLAIN GREY FEMALE COCKATIEL with some white under both wings flew out into Belle Villa Condo Complex on July 8. Last seen on Potter Drive. She is pretty nice. Call Linda (734) 699-2266 8/21

LOST DOG. Tennessee Walker named Ladybird with orange collar. Went missing August 11 around Sumpter and Bemis. Last seen in the Lower Huron Metro Park. Call (734) 697-3204 or (734) 599-4888. 9/4

FOR RENT

COZY, FURNISHED one bedroom in Belleville Area. All utilities. Mature woman looking for roommate. (734) 649-1710 9/11

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, Aug. 10:
0054 – disturbance, Hull Rd.
0213 – disturbance, W. Huron River Dr.
0223 – noise complaint, W. Archwood Dr.
0714 – larceny, Mitchell Dr.
0945 – agency assist, Meadows Cir.
1015 – disorderly conduct, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1126 – assault & battery, Ayres Ave.
1149 – assault & battery, Ayres Ave.
1219 – private property accident, Quirk Rd.
1220 – property damage accident, Arthur St.
1449 – private property accident, N. I-94 Service
1635 – malicious destruction of property, W. Archwood Dr.
1659 – disorderly conduct, DNR boat launch
2159 – suspicious situation, Outer Dr.
2204 – malicious destruction of property, Bradley
2221 – larceny, Edison Lake

Monday, Aug. 11:
0435 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0959 – larceny, Martinsville Rd.
1015 – assault & battery, Kent Ln.
1358 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1425 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.
1612 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/S. I-94 Service Dr.
1617 – property damage accident, Belleville/Van Born

1701 – personal injury accident, WB bypass / Denton
1705 – sexual assault, Quirk Rd.
1728 – property damage accident, EB Michigan / bypass
1921 – suspicious person, Meadows Cir.
2245 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2308 – breaking & entering, Jackson St.

Tuesday, Aug. 12:
0027 – noise complaint, Westlake
0046 – noise complaint, Timberview Ct.
0722 – breaking & entering, Tyler/Haggerty
0927 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Westlake
1008 – private property accident, Cranberry
1206 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Wildflower Ct.
1258 – fraud, Burtrig St.
1429 – mental, S. Woodbury Dr.
1517 – dumping complaint, Water’s Edge Ln.
1735 – fraud, N. Timberview Dr.
1929 – malicious destruction of property, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1928 – property damage accident, I-275/Hannan
1943 – larceny from auto, Country Walk Blvd.
2112 – suspicious situation, Hot Spot
2113 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, Aug. 13:
0830 – personal injury accident, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.
1425 – larceny, Maple Dr.
1556 – mental, S. Bellridge Dr.
1735 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1745 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1803 – juvenile complaint, Lighthouse
1809 – parking complaint, Van Buren Park
1951 – agency assist, E. Huron River Dr.

Wednesday, Aug. 14:
0047 – suspicious situation, Westlake
0056 – property damage accident, The Creek
0309 – disturbance, Belleville Rd.
0640 – assault & battery, Hannan Rd.
0944 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
1334 – disorderly conduct, Quirk Rd.
1707 – trespassing, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1846 – disturbance, Westlake
1945 – property damage accident, Woodbury Dr.
2145 – disturbance, Meadows Ln.
2157 – juvenile complaint, Hamilton St.
2034 – sexual assault, Ecorse Rd.
2205 – assault & battery, Meadows Ct.

Friday, Aug. 15:
0127 – juvenile complaint, Rawsonville/Martz
0536 – disturbance, Denton Rd.
1045 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1156 – suspicious person, Edison Lake Rd.
1258 – fraud, W. Archwood Dr.

1338 – private property accident, Morton Taylor
1548 – property damage accident, Belleville
1835 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
1955 – intimidation threat, Outer Dr.
2012 – neighbor trouble, Holly Ln.
2015 – PPO violation, Rogers Ave.
2202 – suspicious situation, Village Green Ln.
2236 – juvenile complaint, Hamilton St.
2254 – noise complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.

Saturday, Aug. 16:
0221 – operating while intoxicated, S. I-94 Service
0424 – suspicious vehicle, Robson Rd./Marlow Ave.
0639 – larceny from auto, Zachary St.
0848 – intimidation threat, Lilac Ln.
0915 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
0931 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1129 – assault & battery, Redwood
1151 – fraud, Harmony Ln.
1315 – assault & battery, Freedom Way
1320 – assault & battery, Ivy
1547 – juvenile complaint, Belleville
1626 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1754 – man down, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1826 – violation of public health code/violation controlled substance act, Lighthouse Dr.
2018 – noise complaint, N. Dartmoor Cir.
2107 – larceny, Lighthouse Dr.
2146 – fight, Ash Dr.
2247 – suspicious person, Lighthouse Dr.
2255 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 136 traffic stops, 12 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 10:
0100 – agency assist, Sumpter/Hull
0145 – suspicious person, Hillside
1231 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1838 – missing person, Main St.

Monday, Aug. 11:
0201 – vehicle repossession, Carmell St.
0228 – suspicious situation, W. Columbia Ave.
1303 – traffic complaint, Five Points
1349 – fraud, Carmell St.
1424 – assist fire dept., S. Edgemont Ave.
1805 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
2301 – suspicious situation, Church St.
Tuesday, Aug. 12:
0818 – welfare check, Church/High
1308 – property damage accident, Charter One
1805 – wires down, Savage
1902 – water leak found, Carmell St.
2004 – animal complaint, E. Huron River/Loza Ln.

Wednesday, Aug. 13:
0147 – suspicious situation, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Park Dr.
0229 – property check, Sumpter Rd.
0301 – suspicious vehicle, Lakeview
0920 – trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.
1211 – prisoner transport, Main St.
1327 – wires down, N. Liberty St.
1419 – family trouble, Carmell St.
1442 – background investigation, Main St.
1707 – welfare check, Victorian Ln.
1714 – larceny, Sumpter
1755 – domestic assault, S. Liberty St.
1956 – fraud, Main St.
2133 – suspicious situation, W. Columbia Ave.
2137 – domestic assault, E. Waterbury Ct.
2259 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
2359 – suspicious situation, Davenport Plaza

Thursday, Aug. 14:
0401 – suspicious vehicle, South St./Industrial Park Dr.
0857 – malicious destruction of property, Charles
0955 – assist fire dept., S. Edgemont Ave.
1031 – vehicle lockout, Third St.
1110 – suspicious vehicle, Tuscan Manor
1606 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.
1605 – disorderly conduct, W. Davis St.
1608 – abandoned auto, Savage/RR tracks
1720 – abandoned auto, E. Huron River Dr.
1749 – larceny, Loza Lane
2207 – assist citizen, Meadows

Friday, Aug. 15:
0230 – suspicious situation, Fourth St.
0323 – assist citizen, S. Edgemont Ave.
1028 – animal complaint, Belle Villa
1727 – property damage accident, S. Liberty St./ E. Columbia Ave.
2147 – traffic complaint, Belleville/Harmony
2312 – agency assist, Hanover
2347 – animal complaint, Main St.

Saturday, Aug. 16:
0106 – information, San Carlos St.
0147 – suspicious vehicle, Andrew’s
0246 – agency assist, Farmer Jack
0342 – suspicious vehicle, Lakeview
0739 – suspicious person, High St.
1206 – civil matter, Light Tower Ct.
1409 – larceny, Sumpter Rd.
1612 – malicious destruction of property, Carmell
2111 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
2221 – noise complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr./Light Tower

Also on this week’s log are 30 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 10:
0151 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willow / Clark
0221 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz
0805 – larceny, Colorado
0943 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Willow
1122 – assist other agency, out of township
1239 – fire dept. assist, Redwood
1355 – citizen assist, 9600 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1429 – assist other agency, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1644 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1652 – assault, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1701 – personal injury accident, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1741 – family trouble, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1753 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1930 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
2010 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
2124 – breaking & entering report, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2214 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2328 – noise complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Monday, Aug. 11:
0732 – alarm, 25000 lb. Clark Rd.
0907 – alarm, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1012 – traffic hazard, 20000 bl. Clark Rd.
1303 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Martinsville
1418 – 911 hang up, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1437 – fire dept. assist, 9600 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1529 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.
1652 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willow
1709 – warrant arrest, out of township
1731 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1927 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 12:
0714 – fire dept. assist, Wyoming
1011 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1300 – fraud complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1416 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1509 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Clark Rd.
1606 – accidental damage report, Main St.
1703 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
1721 – reckless driver complaint, Willow / Sumpter
1749 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1805 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1902 – warrant arrest, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1913 – animal complaint, 5400 bl. Oakville Waltz
2210 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 13:
0106 – shots fired, Timberlane
0844 – civil dispute, Willow/Sumpter
0959 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1133 – traffic hazard, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1200 – malicious destruction of property report, Colorado
1202 – neighbor dispute, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1511 – larceny, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1516 – identity theft complaint, 45000 bl. Victoria
1603 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1832 – suspicious incident, 8700 bl. Rawsonville
1900 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.

1904 – personal injury accident, Judd/Haggerty
2140 – animal complaint, Judd/Sumpter
Thursday, Aug. 14:
0121 – suspicious incident, Willis/Sumpter
0648 – civil dispute, Judd/Clark
0749 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0812 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1058 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1227 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1421 – larceny, Third St.
1520 – assist other agency, out of township
2009 – animal complaint, Arkona/Sumpter
2242 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.

2347 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Martinsville/Willis

Friday, Aug. 15:
0134 – traffic hazard, 27000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0954 – death investigation, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1035 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1317 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
2355 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sumpter
Saturday, Aug. 16:
0828 – death investigation, 9300 bl. Rawsonville
1235 – assist other agency, out of township
1522 – breaking & entering report, 45000 bl. Kozma Rd.

1730 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1906 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
2117 – fireworks complaint, 25000 bl. Sumpter
2252 – juvenile complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 10 follow-up investigations, 36 miscellaneous details, 139 patrol checks, and 35 traffic stops.

EQ, State of Michigan, YCUA team up on Mercury Collection

EQ – The Environmental Quality Company of Van Buren Township has partnered with the State of Michigan to facilitate the collection of mercury through The Great Lakes Mercury Collection Program until September 2014.

Any Michigan resident or business can contact EQ for a free collection bucket/box and instruction kit by calling 877-960-2025, emailing mercurybucket@eqonline.com or going to Facebook to request a bucket.

The container is delivered to the residence or business with a return UPS label. Mercury devices such as thermostats, thermometers, gauges, barometers, switches, relays, sensors, dental amalgam and much more can be placed in the bucket or box and returned to EQ for proper disposal using the UPS label.

EQ will ensure proper recycling methods, which will reduce the amount of mercury from entering the earth’s environment.

The community of Ypsilanti also is taking part in the program. According to Luther Blackburn, Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority is partnering with EQ as a proactive approach to reducing mercury pollution in its community.

YCUA will accept unbroken mercury-containing products through Aug. 31. It will not accept free mercury or any other hazardous material. Mercury-containing devices can be dropped off at the YCUA Water Treatment Plant at 2777 State Road in Ypsilanti. Call Luther Blackburn at 734-484-4600 for more information.

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Anniversaries

Aug. 21 – 32 years, Tom and Debbie Griffin
 Aug. 24 – 1 year, Brandon and Jessica Smith
 Sept. 9 – 70 years, James and Matilda Coleman

Birthdays

Aug. 3 – Faith Hill
 Aug. 6 – Keith Tackett
 Aug. 11 – Marek Thompson

Aug. 15 – Diana Kollmeyer, Mary Talaga
 Aug. 19 – Steve Jones
 Aug. 20 – Eric Luke
 Aug. 21 – Tina Hill
 Aug. 23 – Lynne Mills

Aug. 24 – Stanley Michalski, Matilda Coleman
 Aug. 25 – Christina Brasil
 Aug. 27 – Kevin McNamara

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49075 ARKONA, SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
ENJOY THE PLEASURES OF PRIVACY in this picturesque 37 ACRE FARM. Extraordinary 2 bedroom (was 3 - with expanded master) 2 bath Brick Ranch. Large Basement, shows extremely well and has many updates. Large Pole Barn, pond, 37+ acres. \$250,000 Call Ashlee at Greenstone Farm Credit Services (734) 625-3813. ADDITIONAL 40 acres available.



429 HARBOUR POINTE, BELLEVILLE
CUSTOM BUILT brick and vinyl 3 bedrooms Cape Cod with large master suite plus sitting room and huge master bath, hardwood floors, family room, double fireplaces, 2 1/2 baths, large basement, three seasons room and properly landscaped with deck. 2 1/2 car attached garage. Great neighborhood. Immediate Occupancy. \$189,000.



224 ABERDEEN, BELLEVILLE
EVERYTHING'S LIKE NEW IN THIS DECKED OUT 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial with NEW roof (2014), NEW deck (2014), NEW granite countertops (2013), NEW energy efficient furnace (2013) plus newer windows - wood floors - water heater. Other must see features include vaulted ceilings, natural fireplace, stainless steel appliances and professionally finished walkout basement to a brick paver patio and fenced yard. \$179,900



47515 BEMIS, SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
A VALEDICTORIAN OF VALUE! More Dimensions for Your Dollars in this Larger 3 Bedroom Country Home with an Oversized Kitchen showing Craftsmanship Down to a Fine Art. Huge Rear Deck with Large Yard on a Paved Street and Great Neighborhood. Clean, Neat and that Kitchen is one for you to Shake 'n Bake in Style - Got to See It! \$109,900.



9502 HAGGERTY, VAN BUREN
CAR COLLECTORS DREAM! Load up the pole barns with 30+ cars! 5+ acre brick ranch offering 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, finished basement plus large family room & bar. Paved street and 2 huge pole barns. Possible rezoning to commercial use. It's clean and neat with new carpet and fresh paint. This one shows new! Offered at \$219,900



46030 ARKONA, SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
COUNTRY LIVING AT ITS BEST. Updated 3 bedroom vinyl ranch situated on 5 acres of great country living. Storage and workshop areas with Pole Barn and lean to. This home has more than enough room to gather family and friends Over-sized living room and family room. New high energy furnace & many updates. \$175,000.



44675 ROBSON, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
OVERSIZED EVERYTHING. Welcome to Stretch-Out City in this large 3 bedroom country home offering 2300+ Square feet, larger living room and family room, 2 1/2 baths, open kitchen, plus TWO 2 1/2 car garages, covered deck and more. On 2.68 ACRES in a great neighborhood. Got to see this one priced at \$209,900



500 HURON RIVER DRIVE, BELLEVILLE
HIGHEST QUALITY! Brick Commercial building in the City of Belleville. Former florist, coffee house, and bakery with potential for immediate franchise opportunity and occupancy. The quality, potential and design of this newer (2002) constructed building are beyond description. \$795,000