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## Belleville DDA to go out for bids for kayak launch before FERC OK

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Hoping on upcoming approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Belleville Downtown Development authority voted unanimously at its Dec. 17 meeting to go out for bids on the kayak launch and other upgrades to Horizon Park before FERC rules.

If all goes well, the DDA would like to have a community celebration during the Taste of Belleville on Aug. 20, when local officials and others ceremoniously launch their kayaks and canoes to kick off use of the facilities.

The project is estimated to cost \$172,000 and the MDNR Trust Fund grant is \$121,000, with a \$51,000 match from the DDA.

When it applied, the Belleville application was among 200 grant applications statewide

and scored the highest.

The application received lots of support, especially since it would be a part of the Huron River Water Trail, an effort of the Huron River Watershed Council. The trail is a 104-mile inland paddling trail connecting people to the river's natural environment, its history and the communities it touches.

The DDA started planning the project design in October 2012 and moved forward with application for a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant in early 2013. Funding for the grant was recommended in December 2013.

Then, the Van Buren Township review said a review by FERC was needed, because of the dam at French Landing, and so a new series of reviews started.

The VBT permission letter for the MDEQ was received in July, 2014. The MDNR review approved the final plans and bid documents in October and the MDEQ permit was issued Nov. 25.

The FERC process started in December and includes reviews by the DNR, SHPO and U.S. Fish and Wildlife by early January, followed by STS Hydropower (which runs the dam) then submission to FERC for review and public comment.

The DDA plans to bid out the project in February and award the bid in March with a request to guarantee bid prices for six months.

They hope to receive FERC approval in the spring or summer and to begin construction, which will take two or three weeks.

Vallier said they would do it in two divisions. First the "everything else" category and then the floating dock construction.

Carol Thompson, Belleville DDA coordinator, said Belleville is just asking to extend a standing project at Horizon Park and is putting something on the lake bottom. She said she expects FERC to approve the

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Photo courtesy of Roger Kadam

Romulus City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg, at left, swore in 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge David Parrott for another six years on the bench. The swearing-in took place at the Dec. 22 Romulus City Council meeting. Judge Parrott was reelected to the post in November.

## Pedestrian in critical condition after accident on S. I-94 Service Drive

Billy McFarley, a 39-year-old Van Buren Township resident, was walking eastbound on the I-94 South Service Drive near Denton Road at about 9:53 p.m. on Christmas Day when he was struck by a motor vehicle.

McFarley was treated at the scene by VBT public safety personnel and Huron Valley Ambulance paramedics prior to being transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital where he was listed in critical condition.

VBT Police Lt. Kenneth Floro said Brian Lemble, a 41-year-old Indiana resident, was driving eastbound on the I-94 South Service Drive when he struck McFarley.

The VBT Accident Investigation Team responded to the scene to investigate the incident and collect physical evidence. Anyone with information or questions about this incident is asked to contact Lt. Floro at (734) 699-8915.

## VBT Environmental Commission seeks to increase recycling

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Jennifer Price of the Van Buren Township Community Services Department gave a presentation on the township's recycling program to the VBT Environmental Commission at its regular meeting Dec. 17.

That was after a pre-meeting Christmas party that featured pizza and conversation.

After the meeting started, Price told of the township's efforts to encourage recycling and her work to help residents with any garbage pickup or recycling problems they may have. She handles the landfill passes and explains the process to residents.

Price said she works with Waste Management to put together instruction sheets on recycling and a recent sheet was included in the VBT water bills. That sheet is already out of date, she said. They will put up new information on a new flyer, she said.

Commission Chairman David Brownlee said a recent trip to Woodland Meadows landfill showed that in spite of all their recycling efforts they saw a lot of paper and plastic being buried in the landfill.

"We need to set some groundwork for 2015," said Commission Chairman David Brownlee. "We need to get organized.

What are all the little things we can take advantage of and continue because it doesn't go away."

He referred to recycling of products so they don't go to fill up the landfill.

Township Trustee Jeff Jahr, who sits on the Environmental Commission, suggested a large-screen television could be put up in the township hall lobby to run tapes on recycling and other announcements.

Jack Knowles, the new director of the township's planning and economic development department, said people are lazy and there is no incentive for them to recycle.

The commission's secretary, Brenda Kurtz, said, "We are very fortunate to have a free pickup for being a host community. Is it feasible to put in an ordinance [to require recycling]? Yes, it's free, but we need to recycle."

Trustee Jahr said part of the problem is if there is an ordinance, "We've got to enforce it. If it's not enforced, it breeds disrespect for the law."

He said people will envision garbage inspectors going around and writing tickets for your garbage.

"The more we increase recycling, the less tipping fees we get," Jahr said.

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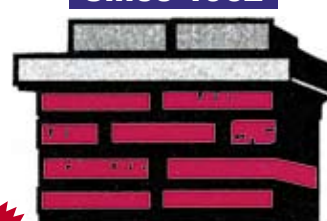
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## Turkey fryer on deck results in house fire on Christmas Day in VBT

A house fire, with flames neighbors say were above the roof line, was the result of a turkey fryer on the deck at 1163 Roulo Street in Van Buren Township on Christmas Day.

Fire Chief Dan Besson said fire fighters were dispatched at 3:20 p.m. and arrived at 3:24. The fire was under control at 3:30 p.m. and crews cleared at 4:26 p.m.

Chief Besson said heavy smoke was witnessed by Engine 1's crew leaving nearby Station 1. There was a quick knock-down of the fire from outside the home while waiting for Engine 2 to arrive to make

an interior attack. OSHA rules require two fire fighters to be stationed outside when two go into a burning structure, Besson said.

The house occupants were preparing for a large family gathering and made it safely out of the home. The occupants were renting the home and had renter's insurance, he said. No injuries were reported.

City of Belleville Fire Department sent an engine and crew to assist.

VBT Battalion Chief Ron Folks was incident commander. There was no estimated loss to report as yet.



Photo by VBT Battalion Chief Ron Folks

On the afternoon of Christmas Day, residents at 1163 Roulo Street were frying a turkey on the deck in preparation for a large family gathering, when the house caught on fire. Everyone got out of the home safely and Van Buren Township fire fighters put out the fire with the assistance of City of Belleville fire fighters.

## Belleville DDA

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project without a problem.

Besides the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) canoe/kayak launch, the upgrades include an ADA floating dock system, improvements to the landscape, signage and kiosk improvements, benches and trash receptacles, a concrete pad for an ADA picnic table, and parking lot resurfacing.

Dave Vallier, of Spicer Engineers, said they will clean up the trash along the shoreline and plant a mixture of wildflower seeds.

He said they wanted five finger docks to accommodate 10 water craft, but the manufacturer recommended 20' spacing so they reduced that to three, with eight docking spaces.

"We hope we can have it complete in July and have it completely done Oct. 15," Vallier said.

Thompson said they are looking for a local business to be a livery for water craft

for the launch, someone who would rent the craft at Horizon Park and then have someone there to show the person how to use it.

Mayor Kerreen Conley, who sits on the DDA, said the city council just approved \$40,400 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds for ADA elements of the project.

City Councilman Tom Fielder asked about the construction's impact on park use this summer, since there will be big machines needed for the project.

Vallier said some areas of the park will be fenced off during construction and there will be some big equipment. The concrete work and the resurfacing of the parking lots will require areas being blocked off.

He said the landscaping should not affect the park too much. They will use an approved chemical to kill off the vegetation, then harvest it, and put more soil on the bank and then the seed mix.

"Parts will be off limits for a while, but the fishing platform should be open all the



Photos courtesy of John Delaney

At about 1:40 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 23, the Van Buren Township Fire Department was called to a van fire on eastbound I-94 at the ramp to Haggerty Road. VBT Lt. Ken Floro said the van was travelling eastbound on I-94 when it experienced mechanical problems and caught fire. The owner had just filled up the gas tank, which was compromised during the incident and gas poured into the fire, Lt. Floro said. VBT called the City of Belleville Fire Department to assist for water supply purposes since VBT was using water and foam to control the incident. No one was injured and, "The family was appreciative of our efforts and thankful for our service," Floro said.



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while," Vallier said.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said they have agreed to stop work early on the Thursdays that Music Lakeside will be at the park.

Thompson said there is a slight risk if they bid the project without the FERC approval, and then had to rebid, there would be additional cost.

Fielder said he talked to Mike Dotson of Wayne County Community College and he is interested in a rowing team for WCCC. Fielder said he put Dotson in touch with Belleville High School so maybe they could have a club sport.

Fielder also said he had concerns about the Belleville Bridge. He said the DDA invested money in the bridge and the county has not maintained the basic structure very well.

"We need to at least call them to have a look at it," said DDA Chairman John Hoops.

Hoops said he was making a decision on whether to continue with a new term on the

DDA, so this might be his last meeting.

Treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams said she lives in Victoria Commons and usually takes the "back way" home from work and doesn't drive through downtown Belleville. But recently, she drove down Main Street and, "I put my brakes on when I saw Belleville Bariatrics Center." She was amazed at how beautiful it looked. And then, she said, "If you squint and close one eye, Egan's looks like Rochester and Detroit."



# O P I N I O N S

## Editorial

### Heading into 2015 with lots of hopes for good news

We're heading into the new year of 2015 with lots of hopes for good news stories for the tri-community.

• **The Belleville Area District Library.** Now that the library has three new board members and an involved survey to find out exactly what the voters want, maybe things can move forward. A huge, new structure on the lake seems out of reach when you consider that the tri-community is having trouble funding the museum it already has in downtown Belleville.

• **The Museum.** Van Buren Township is tired of picking up most of the cost for the museum and is pressuring the City of Belleville and Sumpter Township to do their parts or the museum could close. Presently it is being kept on life supports with new income from the EQ hazardous waste landfill, but that will only be for a few months until VBT figures out how much Belleville and Sumpter will chip in. The museum probably won't close if VBT doesn't get help, but it could have much reduced hours;

• **Belleville Kayak/Canoe Launch.** The City of Belleville DDA is SURE that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will OK its new kayak/canoe launch at Horizon Park, so they are going out for bids BEFORE its final approval. Hope they are right. They plan to have everything in place by the Bridge Walk/Taste of Belleville in August.

Hope all our stories are happy ones in 2015. And, that your days are happy, too.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On the Van Buren Township website, I saw a notice in red that said "Note: The Cemetery Advisory Committee will be dissolved as of Jan. 1, 2015." I hadn't heard about that at any meeting.

The present VBT Supervisor Linda Combs also dissolved the Cultural Advisory Committee on Sept. 11, 2013.

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The sinkhole incident on Monday, Dec. 22, started out as a law enforcement call of an accident with no injuries, said Fire Chief Dan Besson.

This happened on the I-94 North Service Drive near Borgman, west of Quirk Road.

"I can confirm that a vehicle struck the hydrant and pulled it up from the ground damaging the 16" water main below that saturated the ground and caused a sinkhole -- swallowing the front end of the vehicle," Chief Besson said.

He said there were no injuries and no flooding reported into private homes, since the water department shut off water in the main.

Chief Besson said the fire department was dispatched to set up road barriers and stand by for safety reasons.

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The Michigan State Police report their school bus inspections on line and for the 2013-14 school year (Sept.-Aug.) they inspected a total of 73 school buses at the Van Buren Public Schools. Sixty-nine passed, three had yellow scores, and one was red and had to be fixed within 60 days. It doesn't report what was wrong with that red bus.

In the 2014-15 school year, Sept. 1-Nov. 30, just one bus was inspected and it passed.



More to come, I'm sure.

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We received a website comment about Christmas Eve. Our reader was disappointed when going to the candlelight service at First Methodist church. The reader could not enjoy the beautiful light display put up at the north side of bridge because the lights were out. The reader called VBT to ask if they could have them turned on. The reader reported ones in front of the museum were functioning.

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There was a news story a couple of years ago about a woman in Sumpter starting a farm on her property to teach people and children how to grow their own food. She would start the seeds using cardboard toilet paper rolls filled with soil.

A couple in Sumpter started collecting the rolls for her and she came over and picked them up last year. This year they have done the same, but lost her card and can't call her. We are unable to find that story again, so we are no help.

If you have a contact number for that lady and would share it, we can print it so we can tell everyone where to take their toilet paper rolls. Nice recycling project.

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My cousin, Mark Riggs, works for the IRS in enforcement. Mark, BHS class of 1972, lives in Iowa and is visiting his brother, Richard, in Van Buren Township for the

holidays. Richard had a nice gathering at his home on Sunday.

Mark said it is true the IRS is in charge of enforcement for the Affordable Care Act. If people don't have health insurance then they have to pay. It's not a fine, he said, but it's like a fine.

I told him I thought the whole thing was kind of confusing, but he wasn't confused. All he has to do is enforce it.

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We got an email over the week end alerting us to a blood drive in Taylor that was on TV-2 and TV-4 and drew more than 100 people. It was held in honor of Peyton Williams and was the fourth blood drive held in her honor. Her parents are Danielle and Kyle Williams of Belleville. They wanted to say thanks for the blood that had been used for their daughter.

Peyton, a beautiful 2-year-old girl, suffers from DBA (Diamond Blackfan Anemia), a rare blood disorder in which the bone marrow does not produce enough red blood cells.

The parents have formed Peyton's Pals a nonprofit organization. Paul Swift of Belleville is secretary of Peyton's Pals and people can go on line to find out more about it. Peyton's Pals are sponsoring blood drives and raising money to help with DBA research. DBA presently has no cure.





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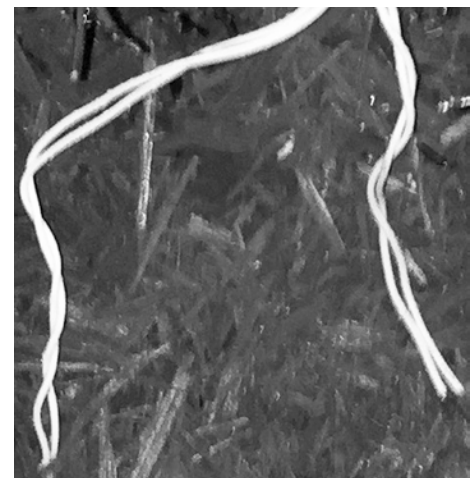


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street; forms of racism**

To the Editor:

I am sharing the following letter I sent to Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain.

Dear Director Laurain,

For the past several months now I have listened to the media talking heads, innumerable black community activists, and most of the recognized African American civil rights representatives as they publicly debated the recent slew of law enforcement initiated killings across America.

There has been a lot of discussion regarding community policing policies and the complete lack of trust between black people and the various local police departments that are now being so critically scrutinized because of the questionable actions of a few officers.

It appears that many of the policies that were previously accepted as standard reactionary procedure for police officers under duress, and in critical situations, are now considered abusive and an excessive use of force because of the numerous deaths that have occurred following law enforcement's response to life threatening situations. Of course this is a very rational and necessary conversation to have, especially when violence in our major urban cities and metropolitan areas is out of control and worsening daily.

What isn't very responsible is how often the black community and many

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*"The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending and having the two as close together as possible."*

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**Thanks to Grinch who  
ruined Belleville display**

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the "Grinch" or "Grinches" who cut the electric cords on our Christmas display which is in our yard.

Whoever did this dastardly deed, cut the cords to our Christmas Castle along with Snoopy and Woodstock display.

The decorations are for our own enjoyment! Not for a contest, if that's why it was destroyed. It was a well-thought-out and expensive display that we enjoyed looking at.

Thank you for disrupting our Christmas Eve. Well, it's good that at least one of our grandchildren got to see it twinkling.

It appears that goodwill toward man does not exist in the City of Belleville especially in the Harbour Pointe subdivision.

I want to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to whomever did this and all is well with my family.

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liberal white media personalities are quick to label these unfortunate killings as racially motivated simply because of the ethnicity of the victims and the police officers involved. Not once has there been a racial epitaph or provocation used in reference to any of the recent televised police actions where someone has been killed by police officers in the line of duty. There had been remarks made by several white patrol officers in Ferguson, Missouri that were considered prejudiced and very inappropriate in nature, and in each case those officers were let go.

Whenever a man or a woman dons a military uniform and becomes involved in serving our nation in far-distant lands we consider that to be an admirable tradition. However, when these same individuals return home, and many elect to become law enforcement candidates, how might their previous military service and post-traumatic combat stress affect their decisions in policing our communities? There are psychological tests that are often conducted by some police departments that may actually screen applicants for personality disorders, but what about the ones that don't incorporate these safeguards?

Every year there are more and more reported deaths of Public Safety Department men and women who have sacrificed their blood to protect the lives and property of all citizens from the viciousness of criminals, which in turn has caused most Americans to be anxious about the future of our society. Some of the fears that police harbor are in direct response to answering reports of domestic disturbances and reported cases of weapons discharged in public places. For traffic officers, pulling over a motor vehicle for a standard moving violation can turn deadly, especially if the occupant is unstable or deranged and looking to kill a cop. This has happened many times over the years and it remains a vital training

exercise for every uniformed officer in every department throughout the country.

Trust is a two-way street. When cops distrust someone who is considered suspicious-looking it is referred to as "profiling." If it happens to be a black person under suspicion, then it is called "racial profiling." Well, the same holds true for black citizens who don't

follow police commands because they believe that white officers are acting in a prejudiced manner in black neighborhoods. And so, they resist police authority. Isn't this a form of racism also? I don't see African-Americans turning against the police in intercity ghetto neighborhoods when one of their loved ones has been slaughtered by neighborhood

gangs in a drive-by shooting. Yet, do they always come forward with the names of the culprits when the identities are well-known? Absolutely not! Trust is a matter of convenience, or so it seems.

In solidarity,  
CeJay Marshall  
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# Obituaries



Thomas WOODY Myers



## THOMAS 'WOODY' MYERS

(December 19, 1944 - December 23, 2014)

Thomas WOODY Myers, age 70, of Willis, MI, passed away Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at the VA Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born December 19, 1944 in St. Petersburg, FL, son of Harry & Mary Emma (Wood) Myers.

Mr. Myers graduated high school and went into the Marines and served during the Vietnam conflict. He was a life-member of the VFW, attending the Belleville Post #4434 and the Ypsilanti Post. He was the owner of Wooden Painting and specialized in residential painting. Woody is survived by his wife of nearly 37 years, Diane D. (Czinski) Myers; daughter Velina (Chris) Rogers of Tampa, FL; two grandchildren Tori & Nick Rogers; also numerous in-laws and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Memorial Gathering was held Tuesday, December 30, 2014 3-7 PM with a 7 p.m. Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI, 48111 (734) 697-4500. Cremation rites have been accorded. The family has requested no flowers. Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warriors and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign this on-line guest book and share a memory for this family to treasure at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).



## ROBERT E. 'BOBBY' SKYLES, SR.

(December 17, 1955 - December 15, 2014)

Age 58 of Romulus. Retired from General Motors. Vietnam veteran. Survived by mother Helen Skyles, 5 children, 11 grandchildren, 3 brothers, former wife Robin. Service was Dec. 20 at Janowiak Funeral Home.

## CHARLES 'CHARLIE' HELTON

(May 6, 1937 - December 26, 2014)

Age 77 of Sumpter Township. Retired from Ford Rawsonville Plant. Survived by wife Nancy, 4 children, granddaughter, brother. Service was Dec. 30 at Faith Assembly Church. Arrangements by Janowiak Funerals.

## CLYDE WALTER BRADEN

(March 13, 1931 - December 23, 2014)

Age 83. Owner of Clyde's Market at the corner of Judd and Sumpter Roads in Sumpter Twp. until he retired in 2000. Survived by 10 children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sisters. Higginson & Neal Funeral Home.



Linda M. Bowling-Church

## LINDA M. BOWLING-CHURCH

(November 4, 1947 - December 28, 2014)

Linda Marie Bowling-Church, age 67, of Belleville, MI, passed away at her home. She was born November 4, 1947 in Detroit, MI, daughter of Louis John & Virginia Lucille (Linkiewicz) D'Orazio.

Linda moved to Belleville, from Romulus, MI, ten years ago. She was a professional shopper who loved interior design and working outside and around her swimming pool. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, and loved to travel. Everyone who knew her knew her door was always open. She is survived by her husband Allen Church, Jr.; four children Steven (Catherine) Bowling of Elkhorn City, KY, Tricia (Matt) Manzo of Westland, MI, Kevin (Charlene) Bowling of Birch Run, MI and Stacy (Charles) Simms of Romulus; two step-sons Allen (Candace) Church, Jr. and Adam (Colene) Church; 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; mother Virginia D'Orazio; two sisters Lois (Albert) Cyr of Maine and Patricia (Mark) Kwiatkowski of Dearborn Heights, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Linda was preceded in death by her father Louis D'Orazio, first husband Eugene Bowling, also a sister Rosemary d'Orazio.

Visitation was 2-8 PM Tuesday with a 7:30 PM Rosary and 10-11 Wednesday, December 31, 2014 with an 11:00 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734)697-4500. Father

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Matthew is the son of Richard Riggs of Van Buren Township and Catherine Riggs of Findley, OH. Maria is the daughter of Kim and Ann-marie Palmö of Carmel, NY.

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### Court Watching

## Father of two bound over for holding family hostage on Hannan Rd.

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
*Independent Editor*

The preliminary exam for Cora Ladane Lymon began on Dec. 10 before 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley and then abruptly ended when Lymon told his court-appointed attorney David Lankford that he wanted to waive the exam and bind the case over to Circuit Court in Detroit.

Lymon, 43, allegedly held his wife and children, aged 13 and 15, captive for 12 hours at their home on Hannan Road in Van Buren Township on Sept. 5.

Lymon was charged with three counts of torture, three counts of unlawful imprisonment, three counts of interfering with a crime report, three counts of felonious assault, and a weapons/felony firearms charge.

He has been held in the Wayne County Jail since his arrest. He was found competent to stand trial on Oct. 20.

His wife of 21 years had just taken the witness stand to testify against him when Lymon put a stop to the proceedings.

Judge Oakley gave the surprised prosecutor and defense attorney time to find out if it was proper to stop a preliminary exam once it had started.

It was determined that Lymon could get his exam waived and so he was bound over for a 9 a.m. Dec. 17 arraignment on the information at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Lymon was being held without bond and Judge Oakley said that *remand* is only for a homicide, so he set the interim bond at \$100,000 or 10% with pretrial services asked to give a recommendation.

"He could come back at any time," said Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Danielle Strace. "He knows where they are living."

Lymon was arraigned on the information Dec. 17 before Circuit Court Judge Daniel A. Hathaway and a plea of not guilty was entered by the court.

He was referred to pretrial services for a bond review and a calendar conference was set for 9 a.m. Jan. 6 before Judge Dana Margaret Hathaway.

VBT Detective Mark Buxton is the officer in charge of the case.

### Dylon Marcus Braun

At the Dec. 10 court session before Judge Oakley, Dylon Marcus Braun, 22, had his preliminary exam adjourned for a week until Dec. 17 since he was not available at court on Dec. 10. He was being held in the Washtenaw County Jail on another charge.

He was charged with stealing a motor vehicle, failure to stop after a collision, interfering with a crime report by taking the victim's phone, domestic violence, strangulation, and being a habitual offender. This is alleged to have happened in Van Buren Township on April 18 and then Braun fled to Florida.

He has returned and was being held in the Washtenaw County Jail for the same victim he had in VBT.

In charge of this case is VBT Detective Donovan McCarthy.

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The folks over at the **Romulus Athletic Center** want 2015 to be the year you commit. Their latest offer works like this: When purchasing your membership, you have the opportunity to weigh in on the challenge and when it's time to renew the membership, any weight loss over the period will equal the percentage off your renewal cost. For info, call RAC Manager Andy Mackay at (734) 942-2223 or visit [www.romulusathleticcenter.com](http://www.romulusathleticcenter.com).

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Midnight, Dec. 31, is the last opportunity to purchase \$25 tickets to the 2015 **Thunder Over Michigan Air Show**, Aug. 29-30 at Willow Run Airport. Tickets at the gate will be \$40. To get early tickets, visit their website at [www.yankeeairmuseum.org](http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org). Next summer's show will feature the U.S. Navy Blue Angels.

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Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no charge to be in this column.



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

• **Wednesday, Dec. 31** – New Year's Eve Bash at the Moose Lodge at the corner of Sumpter and Harris roads, 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. featuring Southern Heat Band, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Dinner, 7-9 p.m. Dancing, champagne toast, door prizes and midnight munchies. Tickets \$20 each in advance; \$25 at the door. Tickets on sale at the lodge.

• **Wednesday, Dec. 31** – Celebrate New Year's Eve at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Road, Van Buren Township. Cocktail hour 6-7 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Music by Second Wind, classic rock. Tickets are \$30 which include dinner, champagne, party favors, pizza after midnight and entertainment. Call (734) 787-2255 or (810) 247-0914 for tickets.

• **Friday, Jan. 9** – Help the *Belleville-Area Independent* celebrate completion of its 20<sup>th</sup> year of publishing, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the newspaper office, 152 Main Street, Belleville. Each person attending is entitled to a free classified ad for three weeks – regularly offered for \$10. Refreshments and fun.

• **Saturday, Jan. 17** – Wayne County Fair Association invites you to the annual Wild Game benefit dinner at the fairgrounds. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:15. Pre-sale tickets \$30; at the door, \$35. Door prizes and raffles. Information (734) 942-1684; (734) 799-3692, Proceeds go to the upkeep of the fairgrounds.

## Upcoming Meetings

• **Monday, Jan. 5** – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• **Thursday, Jan. 8** – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., required meeting. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• **Monday, Jan. 12** – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, BHS Commons, 7 p.m.

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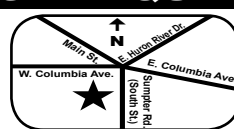
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## Environmental

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"But, the landfill lasts longer," Brownlee added.

The Waste Management landfill that currently gives the township free trash, recycling, and yard waste pickups has an estimated life of 12 more years.

Price said she liked Brownlee's idea of a series of "Did You Know?" thoughts to be posted, such as, "Did You Know? We'll

have a free service longer if you recycle."

After a long discussion on how people don't know where to take various items, such as batteries and light bulbs, for recycling, it was decided to make a list of places to post for the public.

White plastic bags, for example, are not welcome in the recycling bin because they gum up the shredding machines at the recyclers, but there are bins for them at Walmart and Meijer.

Also, Price has put together a senior trip to the recycling plant for April and will be putting together another trip before then.

In other business at the two-hour-and-45-minute Dec. 17 meeting, the commission:

- Held its annual election and reelected Brownlee as chairman and Norman Debuck as vice chairman;

- Heard Commissioner Tony Gibson say that the trucks are tracking asphalt out from the Cadillac Asphalt facility on the North I-94 Service Drive. He said the road is slick from the mud there. Gibson said Cadillac used to have a street sweeper it used to clear the tracks on the road. He said he called Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara and an aide returned his call. He said a street sweeper was seen out there after that. Brownlee said there is asphalt built up on the bridge over I-94 in that area;

- Heard Gibson ask about the activity seen on the property north of Willow Run Airport that has been a vacant field forever.

At one time it was owned by General Motors. This is the area north of Ecorse Road, he said, and it has wetlands. No one was aware of what was going on;

- Heard Brownlee say that VBT doesn't have good communications. It has Nixle and a website, but the problem is they are seldom used to communicate. He said in Ypsilanti or Washtenaw County, they put out Amber Alerts and notices about police activities in neighborhoods. "We don't get information out to our people. We have the tools, but it's manpower or whatever." He said he signed up with the township for environmental information and never got any. Commissioner David Wilson said there was no notification to the public of the Water's Edge apartment fire;

- Heard Trustee Jeff Jahr say the township buys hardware without any plan on how to use it. He said with the new sirens, who's going to push the button? Who gets the call? He said Brenda Kurtz got stuck in the middle in the recent toxic spill by YCUA by answering the phone at the end of the day. "If it was serious, it should have been routed immediately to public safety." He said the township hall was closed because of a snowstorm, but it wasn't on VBT-12 cable channel because nobody could get to the township hall to put it on; and

- Was presented with eight letters and reports on environmental matters from various sources.

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#### City Planning & Zoning Services



The City of Belleville

is accepting proposals for Planning & Zoning Services until

**4:00 P.M. on February 2, 2015**

Proposals may be hand-delivered and must be in the City Clerk's office by 4:00 P.M. on Monday, February 2, 2015.

Each proposal must contain the information described in the nine (9) sections of the Request for Proposals. To request a copy of the RFP, please send a request by mail to the below stated address or by calling 734-697-9323, ext. 7010.

The City intends to evaluate the proposals received and possibly conduct interviews with three or more firms. The City will independently select a firm based on the firm's qualifications and experience.

Seven (7) complete copies of your proposal must be submitted in one or more sealed envelopes showing your name, marked "Planning & Zoning Services, and addressed to:

Lisa Long, City Clerk  
6 Main Street  
Belleville MI 48111

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Keystone Academy Students of the Month for December posed for a photo. They were judged on their Self-Control. Row one in back, from left, are Sarah Sucui, Clay Meggison, Kylea Foster, Lauren Marshall, Justin Kinzel, Chinedum Egeh, Jordan Coleman, Bryan Ardelean, and Ian Corbin. Middle row, from left, are Noah Hickman, Victoria Morrison, Arielle Chamberlain, Olivia Parsons, Olivia Messina, Mason Vlademar, Maura Henderson, Brett Thornell, and Jaden Clark. Front row, from left, are Sophia Kelley, Abigail Heringhausen, Emima Franciuc, Hunter Orr, Jacob Newberry, Jaclyn Sterly, Elliana Haney, Evan Strochine, Dominic Mills, and Madden Meadows.

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# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*The following are selected calls for VBT Police.*

**Sunday, Dec. 21:**  
0000 – noise complaint, Christina Ln.  
0438 – agency assist, I-94/Belleville  
0830 – malicious destruction of property, W. Adams  
1355 – E-911 cellular, Sumpter Rd. (unable to locate)  
1638 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.  
1716 – malicious destruction of property, Parkside  
1718 – motorist assist, Tyler/Belleville  
1809 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Haggerty Rd.  
1837 – operating while intoxicated, EB I-94 / Rawsonville  
1847 – property damage accident, Jackson St. / Jackson Ln.  
1923 – E-911 hang up/investigation, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2046 – malicious destruction of property, Jackson  
2117 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.  
2129 – assault & battery, Sylvia Dr.

**Monday, Dec. 22:**  
0035 – missing person, Westlake  
0038 – suspicious vehicle, Belleville Rd./Van Born  
0225 – suspicious situation, Western St.  
0300 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.  
0614 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.  
0803 – malicious destruction of property, Parkside  
1013 – malicious destruction of property, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
1244 – private property accident, Belleville  
1245 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.  
1254 – assist fire dept., Maurice Dr.  
1352 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1412 – property damage accident, Borgman Ave.  
1431 – breaking & entering, Lighthouse Dr.  
1440 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Borgman Ave.  
1447 – personal injury accident, Belleville / McDonald’s  
1456 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Borgman  
1557 – assault & battery, Locust Dr.  
1651 – malicious destruction of property, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1732 – agency assist, Borgman Ave./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1909 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1910 – retail fraud, Belleville  
1906 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1958 – E-911 cellular, Dunn  
2043 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.  
2326 – armed robbery, Haggerty Rd.

**Tuesday, Dec. 23:**  
0108 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.  
0327 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.  
0831 – missing person, Sheldon Rd.  
0908 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Archwood Dr.  
0912 – larceny, Meadows Cir.  
0922 – larceny, Belleville  
1004 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Archwood Dr.  
1031 – larceny from auto, E. Sadie Ln.  
1250 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1300 – assist fire dept., EB I-94/Haggerty  
1339 – trespassing, Woodlands  
1342 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Anna  
1427 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1524 – harassment call, Maple  
1547 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.  
1552 – fraud, Wildflower Ct.  
1647 – suspicious person, Denton Rd./Cross St.  
1704 – suspicious person, Pebblebrook Dr.  
1752 – suspicious situation, Denton/Bridge  
1821 – vehicle repossession, Anna Dr.  
1821 – fraud, Water’s Edge Ln.  
1848 – breaking & entering, Reedgrass Ln.  
2016 – loitering, Lake Villa Dr.  
2111 – motorist assist, Belleville/Westlake Cir.  
2124 – private property accident, Southport  
2134 – robbery, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.  
2140 – larceny from auto, Sadie Ln.

**Wednesday, Dec. 24:**  
0017 – property damage accident, W. Michigan / Johnny’s  
0044 – retail fraud, Belleville  
0900 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0906 – fraud, Rolan Meadows Dr.  
0929 – harassment call, Buchanan St.  
0954 – private property accident, Industrial  
0956 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Tyler Rd.  
1040 – suspicious person, Hull Rd.  
1252 – abandoned auto, Ross Dr./Morton Taylor  
1324 – abandoned auto, Stratford Dr.  
1353 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler  
1510 – suspicious situation, Belleville/WB I-94  
1649 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.  
2021 – larceny, Denton Rd.  
2115 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2200 – operating while intoxicated, Tyler/Morton Taylor Rd.  
2208 – suspicious vehicle, Parkwood Manor

**Thursday, Dec. 25:**  
0040 – suspicious vehicle, W. Archwood Dr.  
0227 – noise complaint, Renton Rd.  
0614 – hospice, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1101 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Meadows Cir.  
1247 – noise complaint, Pine Dr.  
1520 – assist fire dept., Roulo St.  
1700 – harassment call, Brandi Dr.  
1725 – shots fired, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1748 – property damage accident, CVS  
1818 – intimidation threat, Andover Dr.  
2033 – personal injury accident, Haggerty / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2152 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton Rd.

**Friday, Dec. 26:**  
0116 – noise complaint, Westlake  
1057 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1122 – fraud, Anna Dr.  
1126 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Haggerty  
1141 – private property accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
1150 – suicide or attempt, McBride Ave.  
1201 – fraud, Milton Dr.  
1255 – private property accident, Belleville  
1333 – mental, Bayshore Dr.  
1648 – assist citizen, Main  
1916 – retail fraud, Belleville  
1929 – suspicious situation, Burtrig/Martinsville  
2010 – narcotics crime, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2017 – assault & battery, Ecorse Rd.  
2044 – larceny, Meadows Ct.  
2105 – vehicle repossession, W. Archwood Dr.  
2250 – assault & battery, McBride Ave.

**Saturday, Dec. 27:**  
0010 – disorderly conduct, Lake Villa Dr.  
0122 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0248 – noise complaint, Pine Dr.  
0415 – noise complaint, W. Archwood Dr.  
0620 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0743 – abandoned auto, Cedar St./Denton Rd.  
0905 – shots fired, Arlene  
1208 – property damage accident, Anna Dr.  
1247 – fraud, Sunset Pond Cir.  
1250 – larceny, Woodbury Dr.  
1401 – larceny, Harmony Ln.  
1520 – private property accident, Winding Pond Trl.  
1612 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1740 – assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.  
1803 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.  
1807 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1843 – operating while intoxicated, Bemis Rd. / Sumpter Rd.  
1844 – missing person, Haggerty Rd.  
2005 – fraud, Belleville  
2327 – hospice, Wildflower Ct.

Also on this week’s log are 99 traffic stops, 11 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

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# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Dec 21:**  
0010 – disturbance, N. Liberty St.  
0946 – harassment call, Main St.  
1112 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.  
1623 – parking complaint, Robbe St.  
1851 – civil matter, Main St.  
2149 – suspicious vehicle, South St.

**Monday, Dec. 22:**  
0007 – property damage accident, Main St.  
0610 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
0902 – narcotics crime, N. Edgemont Ave.  
0926 – breaking & entering, Menlo Park Dr.  
1258 – assist fire dept., Main St.  
1433 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.  
1433 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.  
1433 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.

**Tuesday, Dec. 23:**  
1432 – property damage accident, Liberty/Main  
1454 – assist fire dept., Main St.  
1824 – assist fire dept., Main St.  
2005 – suspicious situation, Main St./First St.  
2116 – assist fire dept., Wexford Ave.

**Wednesday, Dec. 24:**  
0840 – found property, Main St.  
1347 – suspicious vehicle, S. Industrial Park Dr.  
1653 – malicious destruction of property, Breakwater Dr.  
1821 – assist fire dept., Church St.  
1830 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.  
2300 – suspicious vehicle, Edgemont Elementary

**Thursday, Dec. 25:**  
0001 – suspicious situation, San Carlos St.  
0012 – suspicious situation, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.  
0240 – suspicious situation, main St.  
0904 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.  
1200 – intrusion alarm, High St.  
1454 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
1529 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.  
1613 – motorist assist, Main St.  
1733 – assist fire dept., Robbe St.  
1923 – property check, E. Huron River Dr.  
1926 – assist fire dept., Wexford Ave.  
2023 – animal complaint, Chase Bank  
2208 – agency assist, S. I-94 Service/Denton

**Friday, Dec. 26:**  
0039 – agency assist, Main St.  
1017 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.  
1344 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
1417 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1531 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.  
1607 – private property accident, N. Aberdeen Ct.  
1627 – operating while intoxicated, Main St.  
1807 – vehicle lockout, Loza Ln.  
2241 – noise complaint, Menlo Park Dr.

**Saturday, Dec. 27:**  
1259 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.  
1305 – all other traffic, Sumpter  
1320 – juvenile complaint, E. Thornhill Ct.  
1404 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.  
1608 – fight, E. Wabash  
2012 – agency assist, Benito’s  
2315 – civil matter, Carmell St.

Also on this week’s log are 36 traffic stops.

# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Dec. 21:**  
0111 – alarm, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
0320 – suspicious vehicle, 18000 bl. Martinsville  
0954 – recovered property, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.  
1822 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1842 – well-being check, 26000 bl. Martinsville  
1938 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
2131 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2319 – suspicious incident, Willis/Martinsville  
2332 – suspicious incident, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.

**Monday, Dec. 22:**  
0856 – animal complaint, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz  
0910 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1611 – suspicious vehicle, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1618 – suspicious incident, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz

1725 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1746 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.  
2000 – family trouble, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
2052 – suspicious person, Arkona/Sherwood  
2124 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

**Tuesday, Dec. 23:**  
0552 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.  
0844 – civil dispute, 6700 Oakville Waltz Rd.  
1153 – fraud complaint, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1227 – warrant arrest, out of township  
1237 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1316 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1508 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1624 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
1644 – disorderly person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1747 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Carleton West

**Wednesday, Dec. 24:**  
0135 – animal complaint, Dunn/Sumpter  
0854 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1116 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1342 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1532 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1705 – 911 hang up, Nevada  
1713 – civil dispute, 20000 bl. Crandell Ct.  
2201 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Crandell Ct.

**Thursday, Dec. 25:**  
0033 – personal injury accident, 45000 bl. Willis  
0107 – family trouble, Dakota  
0821 – citizen assist, Haggerty/Judd

**Friday, Dec. 26:**  
0938 – death investigation, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1008 – alarm, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1208 – shots fired, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1701 – alarm, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1725 – suspicious incident, 8100 bl. Rawsonville  
1828 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.  
2032 – warrant arrest, out of township  
2343 – 911 hang up, Judd/Rawsonville

**Saturday, Dec. 27:**  
0139 – alarm, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.  
0141 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter  
0841 – animal complaint, Arkona/Martinsville  
0855 – suspicious vehicle, Fenster/Bontekoe  
1041 – well-being check, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1242 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1327 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Boyd  
1537 – suspicious incident, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1729 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.  
1839 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Bemis / Sumpter  
2019 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Griffin Ct.  
2208 – suspicious vehicle, 29000 bl. Martinsville

Also on this week’s log are 7 follow-up investigation, 32 miscellaneous details, 140 patrol checks, and 34 traffic stops.

# Get a gadget for Christmas? Library will help you learn to use it

If you received a new phone, tablet, or digital camera for the holidays, the Belleville Area District Library will help you learn how to use it.

The Gadget Gurus will be available on Tuesday, Jan. 6, with free, half-hour appointments. Call (734) 699-3291 to reserve a spot.

# Birthdays

Dec. 27 – Janet Millard  
Jan. 2 – Robin Gragg, Thelma Blanck  
Jan. 4 – Paul George  
Jan. 6 – Sara Davenport  
Jan. 11 – Tom Higgins

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

## Canton Township to celebrate life, legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Canton Township will once again honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a special tribute, "Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," on Monday, Jan. 19, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill

Road, Canton.

A display of artworks and essays by PCCS Arts Academy students and a punch and cookie reception will begin at The Village Theater at 5:30 p.m., followed by the main program at 6 p.m.

This annual event is presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage; members of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sub-Committee; and Canton Township. Admission to this special presentation is \$2 at the door.

This year's keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Wm. Reese, Jr. M.A.R.S., L.L.P., Pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church of Detroit, Psychotherapist at Henry Ford Hospital Dearborn Outpatient Behavioral Health Clinic, and Adjunct Professor Oakland Community College.

The program will also feature Plymouth Canton Educational Park Step Team and musical performances by the BeckRidge Choral.

This year, community youth who are part of the PCCS Arts Academy under the direction of Amy Morgan, will share their thoughts and ideas about Dr. King through artworks and essays, which will be on display from Jan. 19 through Feb. 28, in the theater gallery.

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| Population               | 28,282                       | 3,900                | 9,310                      |
| Aggravated Assault       | 40                           | 3                    | 11                         |
| Arson                    | 3                            | 1                    | 1                          |
| Burglary                 | 109                          | 15                   | 39                         |
| Forcible Rape            | 10                           | 1                    | 2                          |
| Larceny and Theft        | 485                          | 61                   | 60                         |
| Motor Vehicle Theft      | 70                           | 8                    | 9                          |
| Murder and Manslaughter  | 1                            | 0                    | 0                          |
| Robbery                  | 12                           | 0                    | 1                          |
| Property Crime           | 664                          | 84                   | 108                        |
| Violent Crime            | 63                           | 4                    | 14                         |
| 2012 Crime               | Van Buren Township Incidents | Belleville Incidents | Sumpter Township Incidents |
| Population               | 28,548                       | 3,954                | 9,457                      |
| Aggravated Assault       | 77                           | 9                    | 9                          |
| Arson                    | 1                            | 0                    | 1                          |
| Burglary                 | 170                          | 32                   | 53                         |
| Forcible Rape            | 19                           | 0                    | 2                          |
| Larceny and Theft        | 559                          | 71                   | 106                        |
| Motor Vehicle Theft      | 72                           | 4                    | 11                         |
| Murder and Manslaughter  | 1                            | 0                    | 0                          |
| Robbery                  | 10                           | 1                    | 1                          |
| Property Crime           | 801                          | 107                  | 170                        |
| Violent Crime            | 107                          | 10                   | 12                         |

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## Huron Valley Ambulance seeks Volunteer Team

Huron Valley Ambulance is seeking individuals interested in training to be a member of its Volunteer Team.

The volunteers help by serving as ancillary personnel during community events with both medical and non-medical responsibilities.

The person can train to be a Medical First Responder at community events or to assist with community education / awareness programs and administrative tasks.

An information meeting will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14 at Emergent Health Partners, 1200 State Circle, Ann Arbor. At this meeting, participants will receive information about the Volunteer Team and have an opportunity to complete an application and sign up for an interview.

The eight-week free training for Medical First Responders starts Feb. 23. Classes meet on Monday/Wednesday from 6 to 10:30 p.m. and three Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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