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VBT pays \$650,000 in Civil Rights law suit

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Friday a check for \$650,000 was put into the client trust account of Belleville attorneys DePietro & Day by insurance attorneys for settlement in a First Amendment law suit brought against Van Buren Township on behalf of VBT resident Paul Bevins and four others.

By Monday the total was expected to be divided up among the litigants, with 30% going to the attorneys who have been working on the case since September 2013.

The township paid about \$100,000 of the settlement -- the deductible -- with the rest paid by its insurance company.

Plaintiffs were Paul Bevins, owner of 11605 Haggerty, commonly known as the Lakeview Motel, and his tenants Doreen Meyers Corp, Corey Budek, Kenneth James Phieffle, and Robert Bleeker. A fifth plaintiff, Bevins' now ex-girlfriend Deborah Sutherland, withdrew from the suit early this year and retained other counsel.

Named as defendants in the suit were the Charter Township of Van Buren, Arthur Mullin, Judy Fields, James Taylor, and VBT Police Lt. John Doe.

The case was filed in Wayne County Circuit Court in the fall of 2013 and then was moved on to U.S. District Court when it was deemed a Civil Rights case.

Attorneys Hugh M. Davis and Cynthia Heenan came on board as co-counsel for the plaintiffs to assist DiPietro & Day in federal court.

And, said attorney Day, it never would have gotten into the courts at all if the township just would have turned the water service back on as they had asked.

Water service to the property was off for six months before the township's insurance attorney told them to turn it back on.

The whole convoluted situation appeared to start when Bevins applied for a township permit to replace his roof. Bevins said he thinks that may have led the township to take notice of him and to suddenly find a 2008

letter to his father from the county advising that the septic tank needed replacement.

Or, it may have been May 11, the night Bevins rented his home out to a Wiccan group and they put out a sign "Passion Fest" that generated some calls to the township.

Bevins said that renting it to them was a bad idea and he'll never do that again. He doesn't put out signs for his personal gatherings.

Bevins participates in an alternative lifestyle and had his Rebel's Realm parties about once a month. His tenants, who do not attend the events, say the events are quiet and their only complaint is that on those nights it's hard to park.

The lifestyle involves a variety of erotic practices or roleplaying involving bondage, dominance and submission, sadomasochism, and other interpersonal dynamics.

At about 7 p.m. on May 25, 2013, the Friday before Memorial Day, three VBT Police cars pulled up to the motel carrying Officers Raschke, Champagne, and Vettraino. They called their shift supervisor Sgt. Bart Devos to join them. Earlier, at roll call, Sgt. Devos read a letter to his officers from Director of Planning and Economic Development Arthur Mullen advising that if anyone was at the address of 11605 Haggerty Road that they were to be taken off the premises.

The letter said the property was condemned, the water was shut off, and nobody was to be occupying it until an occupancy permit was gained.

In his sworn deposition, Sgt. Devos said he observed several vehicles and people on the premises, so he called Mullen at his home "to confirm the removal of the subjects from the property." He testified that Mullen said to remove them.

The tenants that were home said police told them they had an hour to get out. They were to grab their things and leave and they couldn't come back.

Former tenant Robert Bleeker, who now lives in Kalamazoo, said if he would have been home at the time, the story would



Paul Bevins, Belleville High School class of 1988, said he moved forward with his law suit so people would know how Van Buren Township officials treat residents they don't like.



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman
Corey Budek, left, and Robert Bleeker, two of the plaintiffs in the case against Van Buren Township, met with their attorney John Day on Saturday to discuss the settlement.

have taken a different turn, since he knows tenants' rights and police can't just come and evict anyone without notice.

Since it was the Friday of Memorial Day week end, no one was in the township offices until Tuesday, so Bevins couldn't talk to officials about why they evicted everybody.

The water was shut off on June 4 and Sgt. Louis Keele stood by as the water

department disconnected service and secured the building.

The tenants said there was never any postings on the building or caution tape.

Corp said she has two cats and was worried about them. She said the police told her she could come back to feed them. She left when told to, but then came back and moved back in. She had no where else to go

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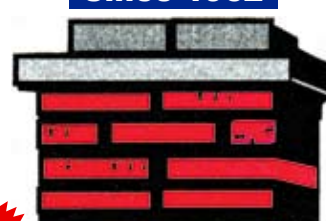
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Civil Rights

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and was battling recurring cancer.

Budek said he came home later that evening and was surprised that no one was around. He said he just got a snack and went to bed.

Bevins said he thought they would just be waiting out the week end until the township told him what was wrong – but it turned out the water would be off for six months.

The tenants moved back in and carried in water to bathe and cook and clean. A neighbor across the street allowed them all to use his spigot and they carried bucket after bucket of water across the South I-94 Service Drive to their homes.

“You just don’t realize how much it means not to have water,” Bleeker said.

On May 28, when the offices reopened, Bevins was told by Mullen that the reason for the actions was his septic tank, so he put in an upgraded septic system for his building.

Then he was told that building inspector Judy Fields had revoked his certificate of occupancy. That was done orally before her inspection of the property that he had to pay \$300 for. During the inspection, she took about 50 pictures of the insides of the tenants’ apartments and private areas of Bevins’ home.

Fields didn’t write up her reports until Sept. 18, 2013 after attorney Day requested documents under the Freedom of Information Act. The township withheld other documents requested by Day, so DiPietro & Day filed a FOIA law suit against VBT and got \$7,000 from the township for that suit.

Day said half-way through that litigation the township lost the original files and lost the pictures.

Day said Bevins’ water bill was current and he tried to jump through all the hoops the township put before him and didn’t call attorney Day until mid-August.

“He told me his story and I didn’t believe him,” Day said. “It was so unusual.”

But Day reviewed township building files and found no notices, no condemnations, no inspections. He said he did a FOIA request and found the files the township had on this address were duplicates. The township had no originals.

He said he filed suit in August because of statute of limitation concerns, but didn’t serve the township until later on.

Day asked for a meeting with Blevins, Supervisor Linda Combs, Arthur Mullins, and township attorney Dave Greco.

“We wanted the water turned back on...” Day said.

Also, Day didn’t have all the documents requested. He said a whole lot of pictures were missing and later Ethan Vinson, the insurance attorney who just took over the case, didn’t know anything about them. At

the next meeting, they had the pictures, Day said.

It was September and still no water, Day said.

In early November, Vinson said to turn the water on and they did. The building had hot water heat and having no water in the septic system would have destroyed it.

The case went forward through the court system and a couple of mediations that didn’t work.

Then came a series of about a dozen depositions of township employees that Tom DiPietro took for the case last spring. The final pretrial settlement was the first of September, Day said, and they reached a settlement.

“It’s half of what we originally started off wanting,” said Bleeker.

“This never would have gotten this far if they had turned the water on,” Day reiterated. “That’s what we asked them to do.”

On his Rebel’s Realm website, Blevins told his story. He said when he pulled a building permit for a roof repair in May 2013, it apparently sent up flags on a septic system issue the previous owners, his parents, had on the building back in 2008.

“They ended up losing the building and I bought it back at the very tail end of ’09,” he said. “When I bought it I knew there was an issue with the septic, but wasn’t fully aware of the extent of the issue.

“I just pumped the system out more often ‘til I could afford to put in a new system. The new septic system required two 1,500-gallon tanks and one 1,000-gallon pump tank as well as a 3,300-square-foot raised bed drain field. Not a small system by any stretch and was rather expensive to have installed.

“Luckily I knew a contractor and was able to catch a bit of a break. So within three weeks a new system was installed up to code and passed all inspections during the installation process.

“The new system passed all inspections for approval on June 19. At which time I went to have the water turned back on, only to be told that the township had revoked my certificate of occupancy and refused to turn on the water to the building for other code violations.

“During this time I’m being told that no one is allowed to live at the building. Considering this building is my personal home and the home of four other tenants that rent here at the building this went from a bad situation to a complete nightmare.

“The township came back at me upon completion of the septic system, [saying] that they believed there were many code violations and that I was required, due to the certificate of occupancy being revoked by the township, to have a special inspection to decide what those violations were.

“I needed to draw a floor plan [with architect’s seal] of the entire building and

submit it for a \$300 permit to inspect the property so they could tell me what I needed to bring up to code. There were delays to actually getting this special inspection done due to requiring all building trade inspectors and the fire marshal to come out on the same day at the same time to do this inspection.

“Once it was finally scheduled and completed I received a letter from the township a week later which amounted to absolutely nothing. It told me I had violations but did not tell me what the violations were for. I was told to hire contractors and have them inspect the building now and they would tell me how to bring it to code. My question was, then why did I just pay you \$300 for an inspection?”

That’s when he went to see his family’s attorney Day. Day found that police officers, acting under the direction of Lt. John Doe, continually entered the property and conducted unauthorized searches of the property without the benefit of a search warrant or consent of the owners of the property.

Bevins asks: “When did a township or city get so much power that they can forcibly remove you from your home without due process of any kind? There was never any notices sent, never any court dates, never any chance to even try and respond to any concerns the township had regarding this property. But they feel they can walk all over a person, bully them and try to run them out of town on a rail. There are policies and procedures for the actions taken against me and the Realm building. None of them were followed or even made to look like they were following them.”

Day said years ago Bevins’ father came to see him. He was trying to sell the property, which is three to four acres on two lots. The south lot is Commercial and the north lot is Residential. The motel had been there for 60-70 years and was an old fishing motel.

The land is between the South I-94 Service Drive and eastbound I-94.

Day said they petitioned the township back then to change the Residential zoning to Commercial because a person wanted to buy it. But, the township refused saying it wished to protect the residential area.

“Had they granted our request, the motel wouldn’t be there,” Day said. “It would be a gas station or retail.”

“The township didn’t like his lifestyle so they took it out on innocent people,” Corp said, adding Bevins is a very good landlord, the location is quiet and peaceful and she likes living there.

She said it is so remote that pizza deliveries have trouble finding the address.

Day said the first six months he worked on the case by himself and, “The longer it went on, the madder I got.”

Bleeker said police told him, “We’re going to get them out one way or another.”

During the depositions witnesses stated that a dispatcher, police, and Mullen were all assessing Blevins’ Rebel’s Realm website.

Day said, “The last piece of evidence we acquired was a 1:40 p.m. Friday, May 24, 2013 email from Karen LaMothe to a township trustee that said: ‘Paul Bevins, Jr., 11605 Haggerty Road. Illegal commercial operations was reason for shut down; water was a separate issue (with Wayne County septic).’”

LaMothe was the executive assistant to Supervisor Combs at the time and the email was addressed to Trustee Brenda McClanahan.

Day said thinking that way about “illegal commercial operations” people could be evicted from their homes by the township for having a Tupperware party.

Bevins said he had been pumping his old septic system twice a year, but there were never any backups or funny smells. He said he knew the pipes were old.

“It seems they think their moral authority is higher than anyone else’s,” Blevins said. “I didn’t allow drugs, anyone under 18, no alcohol.

“If someone came and talked to me, I would explain it to them. No one was doing anything illegal.

“I was following the rules. I put in a septic field that cost from \$15,000 to \$20,000,” Blevins said.

“It wasn’t until we were without water for three months that I got an attorney,” Blevins said. “What they were doing was grossly inappropriate and they didn’t want to stop. They were digging their heels in and wanted to hide and hide and hide.

“If they had just turned on the water, it never would have gone to court,” Blevins agreed. “We went on to prove a point.

“No one in the township should be treated like this.”

Blevins said that on a night after the eviction he saw a VBT police car parked in front of his property. The only reason he noticed it was because the door was partially ajar and a light showed out the door.

He went outside and walked around his property and found a police officer with a flashlight walking in his backyard toward his beehives. He called out to him. “What are you doing?” The policeman, a very tall, skinny officer, answered, “Who are you?”

Bevins told him he was the owner of the property and he wanted to know what he was doing on his property. He said the officer waved a letter in the air that he said was from Mullen that said no one should be on the property.

Bevins said he ordered the officer from his property and the officer left.

There were never any charges filed against Bevins and he cooperated with the interview because he wants the public to know how residents are being mistreated.

Township officials were unavailable for comment for this story.

**Next week: Part Two –
Palace Politics**

OPINIONS

Editorial

Go to Dexter for example of a 30,000 square foot library

The Belleville Area District Library Board met Tuesday and considered Options A, B, and C for a 30,000-square-foot-library in downtown Belleville. This is down from the 45,000-square-foot library on the lake turned down by voters.

Options A and B are two-story additions to the present library which was built in 1953 and 1992. Option C is a new, two-story building set on Fourth Street and the present municipal parking lot, with parking to the east.

That option relies on the closing of Fourth Street and architect Dan Whisler envisions a green space with a fountain along Fourth up to Main leading to the library entrance. Or, maybe just angle parking on both sides of Fourth up to the library site.

The owner of the business next door to the library came in to offer her building for sale for \$200,000. The 83.5'x165' parcel is just to the east of the library and all of the options need that property for parking.

On Friday, library officials plan to meet with the Belleville mayor, city manager, DPW chief and building official to discuss the options and find out how they feel about closing Fourth Street.

A special library board meeting is set for 7:30 p.m., Nov. 24, to report on what the city says. And, everyone is urged to go to Dexter to see the 30,000-square-foot library there. Reportedly, it's a good example of what Belleville wants to do.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

On Nov. 1, a dead, eight-point buck with his two back legs broken, was found in the water and partway on the shore of Belleville Lake on North Shore Drive in Van Buren Township.

Les Neinas said the man who was there to work on a dock repair worked to pull it out of the water and took the deer away.

Les said that the deer could have been hit by a car before it got in the water.

Les also pointed out the water along his shoreline that looks like what you find inside the top of a can of old paint.

He went over to the Planning and Economic Department at township hall, after a game of Pickle Ball at the senior center. He said Jennifer Price was very helpful.

Les said he was told that Deputy Director Matthew Best was on the case and the township also had gotten calls about the water from those along Harmony Lane, which also is along the north shore of the lake.

On Nov. 4, Best sent out an email to officials in VBT and the city of Belleville concerning a “Blue Green Algae Bloom in Belleville Lake”:

“Please be aware that Belleville Lake is under going a large blue green algae bloom due most likely to the warm weather and clear water of the lake. Blue-green algae are microscopic, plant-like organisms that occur naturally in ponds, rivers, lakes and streams. Although often blue-green, they can also be olive-green or red. Blue-green algae are not normally visible in the water, but populations can rapidly increase to form a large mass or scum called a bloom



when conditions are favorable. Blooms most commonly occur in late summer and early fall. They thrive in areas where the water is shallow, slow-moving and warm, but they may be present in deeper, cooler water. Dense blue-green algae blooms may make the water look bluish-green, or like green pea soup or turquoise paint. Very dense blooms may form solid-looking clumps. Fresh blooms often smell like newly mown grass, while older blooms may smell like rotting garbage.”

It was nice to see former Savage Elementary School Principal Kelly Villa at Monday's school board meeting. She didn't get up to speak to the board, but just listened intently to the proceedings. She said she really likes her new job. Kelly was especially interested in who was being hired and let go. You can't get that information at the meeting because there are no full packets of information put out for visitors to see. I told her I'd send her the complete packet that I get, which I did.

It's hard to hear and see at the school board meetings. There are so many blockages and the microphones don't seem to be working right or the board members and superintendent aren't speaking into them properly. I've moved from here to there, but there is no good place. Lately, I've been hanging out at the side at a table with two retired teachers who care about

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the district. Nice.

I used to sit with Supt. Van Tassel's administrative assistant but when she started throwing out our *Independents* from the Ad Building, I decided I didn't want to sit with her anymore.

Tom DeRousie sent me information on something that isn't quite a scam, but is misleading advertising. His wife received a letter from Preferred Client Services in Livonia offering a free, 7" Android tablet if she filled out a brief survey after getting the tablet.

He looked into it and found that the Better Business Bureau has given the company an F grade for the promotion to lure people into purchasing a vacation package.

Before you get the tablet you have to fill out a W-9 form with your social security number on it and give them a copy of your photo ID. Of course, they'll also get your phone number when you call in with your special code from the letter. Then you have to pick up the tablet in person and listen to a spiel for time share or something.

Tom said, apparently, it's an old come-on and TV news and newspaper stories in Ohio have focused on this supposedly free tablet you get for just filling out a survey.



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Letters

When we hit a wall, there's always Plan B

To the Editor:

We have learned a few things in our 11 months here at Sugar Plum Candy Shoppe. First off, the residents are awesome! Second off, trying to get in with the entities in town is just disheartening.

We tried working with the CBC early on and after 30 seconds they decided to support Walmart rather than a small business within their city limits. I kind of chuckled to myself seeing their budget after the fact and knowing we could have supplied the same amount of candy for their Easter event at a smaller cost.

We sucked it up though and passed out kiddie coupons for free candy and introduced ourselves to more residents. It was a great time for us. We reached out to the school system to do a Poetry contest and received 2 entries, so both won, but only one picked up their prize.

Then we cut through all the red tape to be part of the Strawberry Festival only to get a letter that we wouldn't be eligible for a booth due to our location on South street (well within the DDA district).

Then for Halloween we found out we weren't part of the "Downtown" route that the route was only on Main Street. So we posted on social media and put out a single sign which helped us to pass out 323 candy bags with our cards inside.

Now today I hear the rumor that we are closing. Rest assured that is far from the truth! Our Christmas candy is trickling in, our one-year party is coming up on the 28th and we are forming a group of Business relationships to possibly get an event together in 2016.

We have learned that dealing with the citizens of Belleville is way easier than the entities that are theoretically here to help. If we aren't allowed to join in any reindeer games I guess we have to do things a bit differently, and sometimes we may have to take the overflow from those games and make it a benefit to us. We serve the community, we enjoy the people we meet everyday, and will continue to do so.

If we didn't want to be a part of the community we could easily have been a wholesale site and sold candy online, but we wanted people to talk again. Belleville has the proper feel for that, to bring people together with a common topic. Everyone has a candy experience or candy memory. Parents can reminisce and the new generation of children can explain why they find sour or disgusting candies desirable.

I guess my whole point is the word *no*

only has meaning if you count on the wrong group of people. We count on the residents and they have always said yes to us and we appreciate that more than words can say.

We haven't given up on the entities in this city. We just always maintain a Plan B. Thanks again to all the residents for their ongoing support!

Dorene Mroz

Sugar Plum Candy Shoppe

Sumpter Firefighters did 'Trunk or Treating'

To the Editor:

Sumpter Firefighters did something new for Halloween this year "Trunk or Treating"! We appreciate all the "Trunkers" that decorated their cars and helped us take care of the treaters.

The winners of this year's decorating contest are Sonya Gasper, Kathleen & Bewey from Rollers Roller Rink, Cathy Sykes and Esther Hurst. Special Thanks to Supervisor John Morgan, Treasurer Alan Bates, and Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis for their support and contributions.

We hope next year Trunk or Treating will be bigger and better.

We would also like to thank Five Star Market owner Roy Acho and The Pumpkin Factory for their generous donations toward our Halloween Event.

We appreciate their thoughtfulness, over the years.

Sincerely,

Sumpter Firefighters

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To the Editor:

My name is George Roman. I live in Belleville and I am 90 years old and served in World War II.

I contacted St. Anthony Catholic Church to ask if they would ask their Scout Troop #793 if they would come to my house and pick up the leaves for me. They did and did a great job.

I can't thank them enough for their efforts. Thank you to Scoutmaster Jeff and wife, son, and group for your help.

George Roman

City of Belleville

To our Veterans: Thank you for your service

To the Editor:

In an effort to show support during the month of November, I would like to encourage the residents of Van Buren Charter Township to support the sacrifices our Veterans have made to defend our nation, both here and abroad.

To our Veterans: With Respect, Honor, and Gratitude, we thank you for your service.

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Thanks to the 2,857 people who voted 'yes'

To the Editor:

As the Chair of the "Supporters of Van Buren Schools Campaign," I wish to thank the many volunteers and businesses that played a vital role with the Van Buren Public School Sinking Fund Millage Campaign.

A close margin of 3% means that every volunteer played a significant part with the success in this campaign.

I wish to give a special thank you to our Superintendent Michael Van Tassel, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jeff Moore, and the entire Van Buren Public School Board, Staff, and Union. They supported and many times volunteered with the many things our committee was tasked with.

Though we had a great team we could not have done it without the 2,857 people that voted yes. I publicly thank the yes voters that came out to support this millage. Your vote is very much appreciated and will be used to good use.

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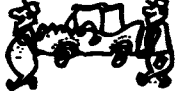
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Lucille Marie Muelling

LUCILLE MARIE MUELLING

(July 19, 1927 – November 5, 2015)

Lucille Marie Muelling, age 88 of Canton, MI, formerly of Iron Mountain and Adrian, MI, passed away peacefully, on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at the Regency at Canton, Canton, MI. She was born in Wilson, MI, the daughter of Otto John and Beatrice Sarah (McNeely) Pavlat.

She is survived by 3 children Susan Rae (Tom) Ballard of Adrian, MI, Sally (Richard) Otto of Kalkaska, MI and Kathryn Marie (Richard) Bohms of Belleville, MI; 7 grandchildren Krysti, Thomas, Bradley (Scott), Rosemary (John), Paige (Todd), Richard and Robert; 10 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving is 1 sister, Beverly Jean Lundell of Belleville and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lucille was preceded in death by first husband Ray Antonini on December 25, 1991, her second husband Allen Muelling on March 22, 2011, also two sisters Marilyn Coombe and Bonnie Lou Pavlat.

Lou worked various jobs, beginning as a store clerk and ending as a bank teller. During her life she took school census, delivered phone books, was a PTA officer, baked wedding cakes, square danced, had a Christian puppet ministry. She was also accomplished in various forms of needlework. She was a woman of faith and is now at peace with her Lord and Savior. She will always be remembered for having a heart of gold.

As Lucille wished, cremation rites have been accorded. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at Grace United Methodist Church, 9250 E. Monroe Road, Britton, MI 49229, (517) 451-8280. Interment of cremated remains at Knollwood Cemetery, Canton, MI.

Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI. (734) 697-4500. Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family and would be appreciated. Please sign Lucille's guest book at www.davidcbrownfh.com and share a memory for the family to treasure.



JOSEPH CHARLES COSTANZO

(October 10, 1921 – November 4, 2015)

Age 94, of Simi Valley, CA, formerly of Belleville, died in California. Graveside prayers with military honors to be held at 11:30 a.m., Nov. 14, at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. David C. Brown Funeral Home.



E. June Harden

E. JUNE HARDEN

(September 23, 1927 – November 7, 2015)

E. June Harden, age 88, of Belleville, MI, passed away Saturday, November 7, 2015 at Superior Woods, Ypsilanti, MI. She was born September 23, 1927 in Lincoln Park, MI, daughter of Lloyd Franklin & Rose Lillian (Singleton) Burton. June graduated from Belleville High School with the Class of 1946. She married the love of her life, Kenneth F. Harden on June 7, 1947. She was a cook for Van Buren Public Schools and spent many years at Edgemont Elementary and Belleville High School. Mrs. Harden was a member of Grace Baptist Church, Belleville, and one of the first couples married in the church. She enjoyed gardening, needlework, crocheting and baking for her grandchildren. She loved weekend trips with her girlfriends. Recently, June enjoyed the activities at Superior Woods. She loved playing Bingo and all the crafts.

June is survived by daughter Karen (Glenn) Bradsher of Waterford, MI; two sons Mark (Vicky) Harden of Canton, MI and Tim Harden of Smithville, Kentucky; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Kenneth F. Harden on May 1, 2003, son Thomas, daughter Earline Rose Jones on December 11, 2006, brother Lester Burton, also two sisters Christine Vivian Burton and Shirley Mae Burton.

Visitation was 11 AM until 1 PM Tuesday, November 10, 2015 with a 1 PM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Rev. Robert J. White officiated. Interment followed in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Baptist Church, Arbor Hospice & Home Care, or to Superior Woods for their Activities Fund, and would be greatly appreciated.

Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

CLARA NELL DALTON

(December 28, 1935– November 5, 2015)

Clara Nell Dalton, age 79, of Sumpter Township.

Clara is the beloved wife of the late Jack (d. 2004); loving mother of Jack (Ann) of Belleville, Dusty of Carleton and Bart of Taylor. Mrs. Dalton is also survived by her cherished grandchildren John, Dallas and Dusty Ann; her great-grandchild, Dakota. Also, she is survived by siblings Jane (Ron) Hinson of Hohenwald, TN, Bonnie Dever, Joe Davis and Gerald Davis, all of Waynesboro, TN.

Born on December 28, 1935 in Clifton, TN, she was married to the love of her life Jack for 48 wonderful years. She enjoyed gardening and shopping.

A visitation celebrating Clara's life was held on Saturday, November 7, from 9 AM until 12 noon at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Private interment was at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

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Obituaries



Donald L. Coleman

DONALD L. COLEMAN

(December 25, 1933 – October 5, 2015)

Donald L. Coleman, age 81, of Spring Hill, FL and formerly of Ypsilanti, passed away Monday, October 5, 2015 in Brooksville, FL.

He was born December 25, 1933 in Ypsilanti, the son of Donald S. and Frieda (Hoeman) Coleman.

On November 17, 2001, he married Claire Caciccio in Hudson, FL and she survives. Donald was a retired machine operator from Ford Motor Company. He was a member of Beacon Baptist Church in Hudson, FL and was a Mason. Donald enjoyed golf and bowling.

In addition to his loving wife of 14 years, survivors include his son Donald Coleman of Ypsilanti; grandson Jason Coleman; great granddaughter Brooklynn Coleman; brother David (Linda) Coleman of Ypsilanti; three sisters Wanda Richards of CA, Carolyn Ann Gibson and Karen (Tom) Vanover, both of AZ; several nieces and nephews; and his loving dog Holly.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Robert and Larry. The memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, November 14, 2015 at Ypsilanti Missionary Baptist Church, 7180 S. Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti where the family will greet friends from 10 a.m. until time of service. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to either Beacon Baptist Church, 13343 Fivay Road, Hudson, FL 34667 or the University of MI Mott's Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. Please sign his guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.

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Bruce Burnett

Friends set benefit dinner to celebrate life of Bruce Burnett

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A chicken dinner will be served at 4 p.m. for \$10 a plate.

"Please join us to celebrate this great man's life," said Linda LeBlanc of The Pumpkin Factory. "Everyone is welcome to attend."

If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate, send donations to Joy Burnett at 48761 Harris Road, Belleville 48111.

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School Board approves audit of \$57 million funds for 2014-15 year

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At Monday's meeting, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approved the financial audit of some \$57 million for the 2014-15 fiscal year, ending June 30.

The audit had to be sent to the state by Nov. 1 so the district could get its state aid, so it has already been submitted.

A representative of Taylor & Morgan, P.C., gave the "unmodified audit" report.

He said the student enrollment for 2014-15 was 5,030 and the state aid for each of those students was \$7,422.

He said the district was able to add to the fund balance again this year and as of June it was \$8,089,543, 17.9% of the budget. He said the state average for 2014 was 9.45%.

He said as of June 30, the district had \$8 million due to it in state aid, so the fund balance was good so there would be funds on hand until the state aid came.

The food service department, which keeps decreasing in income, has a half million dollar fund balance, he said.

Expenditures for the athletic department were \$500,000, with \$350,000 from the general fund and \$150,000 raised on its own.

He discussed economic considerations such as the state's retirement rate, pensions,

and GASB-68, which "adds district's share of the MPSEs unfunded pension liability to the government-wide statements."

He said Van Buren's calculated portion of unfunded liability for the pensions is \$62,185,620.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the school board;

- Approved the ERATE grant to update internal connections and wireless technology infrastructure. "This will provide redundancy to our existing wireless environment when outages occur for all buildings district wide and add additional wireless capabilities to our elementary schools," Curriculum Director Jeff Moore said in a memo to the board. The district will be responsible for 20% of the project cost. The project cost for the base bid is \$84,811 and the district's share is \$16,802. School Supt. Michael Van Tassel said it was "a pleasant surprise" to get the grant;

- Approved the resignation of Stephanie Karlinski from non-instructional duties at Tyler Elementary after 7 years as of Nov. 6 because she is relocating;

- Approved the hiring of two building secretaries: Felicia Mahdi at Owen Intermediate as of Nov. 2 and Ursula L. Wester at Tyler Elementary as of Nov. 5;

- Approved the termination of McBride counselor Slavica Vidojevski after three years of service as of Sept. 25 because she is leaving counseling;

- Approved the BHS field trip to Europe for 2017 for 32 students grades 10th through 12th. The trip is to Spain, France, Monaco, and Italy. Cost to student will be \$3,873. They plan to leave March 30, 2017 and return April 8, 2017;

- Approved Owen sixth-grade camp for Nov. 16-20 to YMCA Camp Copneconic in Fenton. There will be about 225 students, including counselors from the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. Cost to student is \$230;

- Approved the Jazz Band's Feb. 5-6 trip to Central Michigan University to perform and receive comments from jazz adjudicators along with hearing other high school, college, and professional jazz groups. Cost to student \$125-\$150; and

- Voted to move the Dec. 14 regular meeting to Dec. 7 instead and cancel the Dec. 21 work/study session.

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• **Saturday, Nov. 14** – Party to honor Bruce Burnett, who is suffering from a very-rare, brain disease called CJD, runs between 2 and 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, corner of Sumpter and Harris roads. Chicken dinner at 4 p.m. for \$10 a plate. If you can't come to the party and would like to donate, send donations to Joy Burnett at 48761 Harris Rd., Belleville 48111.

• **Sunday, Nov. 15** – Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Sandhill Crane Vineyard in Jackson, noon to 4 p.m., to benefit Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue. \$45 ticket for those over 21 includes bus ride from Belleville locations, buffet lunch, wine tasting and tour of the winemaking process. Tickets at www.fmar1.org

• **Sunday, Nov. 15** – Off-leash playtime at 2 p.m. with other friendly Pugs and Pug owners in the Abbott Building at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township. FREE, but donations accepted to help. Your Pugs will love you for their new social life! www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs

• **Monday, Nov. 16** – Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia at 5:30 p.m. to eat the dinner you brought then enjoy conversations with other members until the Q&A open forum at 6 p.m. Karen Krugman will speak about Colonia New England. Open to the public, guests welcome. www.wwcgs.org

• **Tuesday, Nov. 17** – Festival of Holiday Trees opens at the museum and runs through Dec. 29. (Museum is closed Dec. 23-28 and Dec. 30-Jan. 4)

• **Wednesday, Nov. 18** – FREE document shredding day open to all community members, sponsored by Edward Jones from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce office, 248 Main Street. A service will be there for on-site document destruction. Information: (734) 697-7151.

• **Wednesday, Nov. 18** – The Kiwanis Club is organizing a new Belleville Club and you are invited to the first meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce building, 248 Main Street. Information: Larry Memmer at LarryMemmer@gmail.com

• **Saturday, Nov. 21** – Fall Craft Show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Belleville Moose Lodge, corner of Sumpter Road and Harris. Juried. Presented by Women of the Moose 1135. Table reservations (734) 699-0649 or (734) 904-7729.

• **Saturday, Nov. 21** – "Say Yes to Prom" expo is on at the Belleville High School Commons from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to help students prepare for their big night. Local businesses will be on hand. Admission is \$3 and proceeds go to benefit the BHS class of 2016 senior party.

• **Friday, Nov. 27, and Saturday, Nov. 28** – Police and fire fighters will be out on the streets of Belleville and Van Buren Township to collect donations for Goodfellows work to help the needy at Christmas time.

• **Thursday, Dec. 3** – Van Buren Township Parks & Recreation hosts best-selling children's author/artist Jan Brett for a book signing from 5 to 7 p.m. at the township hall. Barnes and Noble Bookstore of Ann Arbor will be selling her recently released book, "The Turnip," along with other of her favorite titles.

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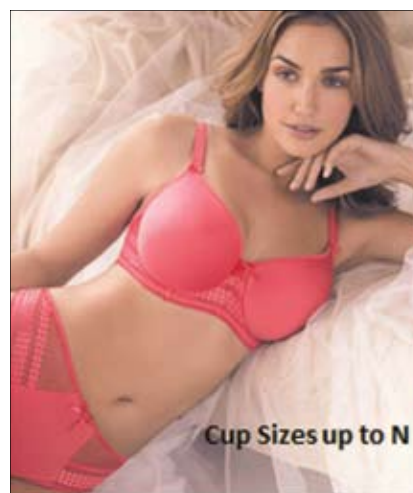
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DNA charge dismissed

Judge Strong dismisses appeal of Chapman's trespassing conviction

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Nov. 3, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Craig S. Strong signed an order dismissing the appeal of the trespassing conviction of James Forrest Chapman of Belleville.

On Nov. 9, Chapman's misdemeanor charge for refusing to give a DNA sample also was dismissed by Judge Brian A. Oakley at 34th District Court.

Judge Strong's order dismissing the appeal noted the court found: "Matter Rendered Moot."

After a jury found Chapman guilty of trespassing, Chapman's attorney John Day filed the appeal of Chapman's trespassing conviction, alleging a conspiracy by Van Buren Township police.

He said, even though the appeal requested an emergency hearing, which usually is set immediately, the Wayne County Circuit Court didn't schedule the appeal hearing until two days before Chapman was released after completing the sentence, more than five and a half months later.

Chapman served two consecutive 90-day sentences, one for trespassing and one for disobeying a court order not to reenter the property in question. He served his time in the Clare County Jail.

Upon his slightly early release from the Clare County Jail for good behavior, VBT Police arrested him on a new charge of aggravated stalking and he is set for a Dec. 2 jury trial on that charge at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Day also filed a motion to dismiss that charge and his motion will be heard on Nov. 20.

DNA charge dismissed

VBT police also charged Chapman with not providing a DNA sample after his arrest for aggravated stalking. That case was before Judge Oakley at 34th District Court on Nov. 9.

Attorney Day had filed a motion to dismiss the DNA charge and after listening to Day and Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Doug Dwyer debate the motion briefly,

Judge Oakley granted Day's motion for dismissal.

Judge Oakley made no comments on his decision, saying only, "Granted," and then moving on to the next case.

Day cited parts of Michigan law to Judge Oakley and pointed out nothing says taking a DNA sample can be done without court order.

Prosecutor Dwyer failed to file a response to Day's motion to dismiss, but told Judge Oakley, "It appears the police did what they were supposed to. A person was arrested for a felony and then the DNA sample is taken."

Day pointed out the part of the law that said "pursuant to court order" which means a judge had to authorize the taking of the sample.

After Oakley dismissed the DNA case, Day told the *Independent* that there is a lot of misunderstanding on the DNA sample issue.

He said he talked to a number of prosecutors from other counties and they were unsure of what the new rules were.

Day said he read the statute with the "pursuant to court order" wording which is quite clear.

A breath test or blood sample for those accused of drunk driving and refuse to have a blood alcohol test is different, Day said. He said the courts see "implied consent" of drivers for driving while drinking. That's how they go around the Fourth Amendment, Day said.

"But a person can't be walking around the street, get picked up, and have to give a DNA sample," Day said.

VBT Police said they attempted to get a DNA sample from Chapman upon his arrest based on a May 27 letter from Wayne County Prosecutor Kim Worthy advising all out-county police chiefs to get a sample "upon arrest" when a person is arrested for a felony. She stressed that included all felonies. She said P.A. 2014 No. 459, which went into effect July 1, 2015, called for that.

When Day was asked if he thought the prosecutor would file an appeal, he said he didn't know. But, he said he is due for a hearing on his motion to dismiss Chapman's aggravated assault charge and if that motion is granted there is no reason to get a DNA sample and the question would be moot.



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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 660 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Nov. 1:

0026 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.
0048 – suspicious person, Jackson St.
0124 – malicious destruction of property, Arthur
0214 – juvenile complaint, Van Buren Ln.
0249 – assault & battery, Laguna Dr.
0311 – noise complaint, Beckley
1021 – missing person, Van Buren St.
1518 – larceny, Belleville
1510 – assault & battery, Belleville
1720 – assault & battery, Van Buren St.
1816 – property damage accident, Haggerty /
Coolidge
2112 – property damage accident, Tyler/Hannan
2150 – larceny, Belleville

Monday, Nov. 2:

0202 – noise complaint, Capitol Dr.
0715 – malicious destruction of property, Bemis
0912 – abandoned auto, Van Buren St.
1142 – juvenile complaint, Hamilton St.
1349 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
1509 – sexual assault, Martinsville Rd.
1556 – property damage accidet, Ecorse/Visteon
Way
1656 -- assault & battery, Fairbanks St.
1747 – private property accident, S. I-94 Service
1750 – assault & battery, Outer Dr.
1921 – property damage accident, W. Huron River
Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
1932 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood
Dr.

1937 – assault & battery, Bemis/Martinsville
2035 – juvenile ocmplaint, Ecorse/I-275
2058 – neighbor trouble, Fret Rd.
2134 – retail fraud, Belleville
2207 – intimidation threat, Fret Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 3:

0113 – larceny, Daisy
0418 – assault & battery, Van Buren Ln.
0727 – malicious destruction of property, N.
Bellridge Dr.
0850 – narcotics crime, Sumpter Rd.
1318 – agency assist, Main/Liberty
1354 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1448 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1505 – larceny, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1506 – malicious destruction of property, Jackson
1550 – assault & battery, Sylvia Dr.
1725 – harassment call, Rawsonville Rd.
1750 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1756 – intimidation threat, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1915 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-375
1921 – malicious destruction of property, Harbour
Pointe Ct.
1922 – property damage accident, Woodlands
1948 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2018 – hospice, Lake Cret Dr.

Wednesday, Nov. 4:

1031 – property damage accident, Van Buren St.
1108 – lake complaint, Belleville Lake/Denton
1238 – weapons violation, Denton
1252 – fraud, W. Huron River Dr.
1343 – private property accident, Ecorse Rd.
1624 – private property accident, Oak
1711 – private property accident, Van Born Rdd.
1804 – mental, Quirk Rd.
1810 – fraud, Meadows Cir.
1927 – larceny, Bentley Dr.
2226 – fraud, Haggerty/Van Born
2300 – property damage accident, E. Huron River

Thursday, Nov. 5:

0732 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
0833 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
0948 – mental, Sadie Ln.
1036 – private property incdent, Van Born Rd.
1145 – disturbance, Marlowe Ave.
1407 – assault & battery, Rogers Ave.
1446 – hunting complaint, Robbe
1554 – assault & battery, Richard Run
1655 – private property incident, Maurice Dr.
1746 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville
1800 – larceny, Parkwood Manor
1813 – assault & battery, Peachtree Ln.
1830 – suspicious situation, French Landing Park

1843 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
/ Quirk Rd.
1849 – intimidation threat, Stonebridge Dr.
Friday, Nov. 6:
0007 – noise complaint, Ash Dr.
0032 – private property incident, Van Born
0111 – noise complaint, Ash Dr.
0419 – robbery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0604 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
0734 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.
0756 – suicide or attempt, Oak Ln.
0848 – assault & battery, Michigan Ave.
0943 – private property accient, N. I-94 Service
1341 – fraud, Hamilton Ct.
1426 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1649 – trespassing, Kouza Ct.
1740 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Bypass
1755 – property damage accient, Van Born /
Haggerty

1808 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /
S. I-94 Service Dr.
1847 – property damage accident, Hannan Rdd. / S.
I-94 Service Dr.
2054 – assault & battery, Park Estate
2139 – noise complaint, Parkwood Manor
2210 – sexual assault, Bog Rd.
2308 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2310 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave..
/ Denton Rd.

Saturday, Nov. 7:

0011 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
/ W. Huron River Dr.
0140 – vehicle repossession, Parkwood Dr.
0332 – noise complaint, Beckley Rd.
0452 – vehicle repossession, Lake Villa Dr.
0529 – private property accident, Belleville BP
0826 – assault & battery, Jackson St.
0923 – assault & battery, Bemis Rd.
1224 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1415 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville
Rd.

1451 – larceny, Lohr/Martz
1620 – fight, Van Buren St.
1809 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1909 – larceny, Mida Dr.
2034 – distrubance, E. Huron River Dr.
2328 – noise complaint, W. Archwood
2337 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.

Also on this week's log are 223 traffic stops, 41 of
which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 1:

0241 – suspicious situation, South St.
0421 – intrusion alarm, E. Waterbury Ct.
1027 – follow up, Belle Villa Blvd.
1032 – follow up, Stonecrest
1216 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1318 – suicide or attempt, Victorian Ln.
1435 – vehicle repossession, E. Waterbury Ct.
1834 – intrusion alarm, Henry

Monday, Nov. 2:

0950 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park
0958 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1542 – agency assist, Main St.
1606 – larceny, Main St.
1836 – mental, Victorian Ln.
1954 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Fourth St.

Tuesday, Nov. 3:

0344 – vehicle repossession, N. Liberty St.
0910 – civil matter, Anaheim
0930 – breaking & entering, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1001 – intrusion alarm, Harbour Pointe
1030 – disorderly conduct, McBride
1030 – information, W. Columbia Ave.
1120 – intrusion alarm, Harbour Pointe
1210 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1214 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd., cancelled
1233 – assist fire dept., Main St./N. Liberty St.
1417 – traffic complaint, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
1811 – suspicious person, Carmell St.
2102 – agency assist, Belleville/So. Service Dr.

Wednesday, Nov. 4:

0843 – malicious destruction of property, Loza Ln.
0849 – intimidation threat, Main St.
0851 – juvenile complaint, Light Tower Ct.
1021 – juvenile complaint, Harbour Pointe
1147 – intrusion alarm, Owen

1305 – neighbor trouble, Second St.
1630 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont St.
1645 – lost property, Main St.
1728 – juvenile complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1933 – miscellaneous complaint, Tuscan Manor
2056 – assist fire dept., Main St.
2142 – suspicious situation, Main
Thursday, Nov. 5:
0131 – welfare check, Biggs Ave.
0147 – suspicious vehicle, Main St./Fifth St.
0909 – civil matter, Loza Ln.
1345 – all other traffic, N. Liberty St./E. Huron
River Dr.
1506 – E-911 cellular, Sumpter
1638 – E-911 hang up/investigation
1833 – missing person, Menlo Park Dr.
1847 – suspicious vehicle, Victorian Ln.
1945 – civil matter, Marathon Gas
1946 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Fourth St.
2254 – civil matter, Sumpter, cancelled

Friday, Nov. 6:

0923 – suspicious person, W. Columbia Ave.
1218 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Mobil
1510 – sexual assault, W. Columbia Ave.
1640 – E-911 hang up/investigation, W. Columbia
1642 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1932 – warrant arrest, Main St.

Saturday, Nov. 7:

0849 – animal complaint, N. Liberty St.
1043 – suicide or attempt, W. Columbia Ave.
1335 – parking complaint, E. Waterbury Ct.
1740 – suspicious person, Main St.
2025 – vehicle repossession, Estrada
2111 – assist fire dept., High St.
2119 – suspicious person, Main/Second
2235 – suspicious situation, Winding Pond
2345 – agency assist, Harris

Also on this week's log are 40 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 1:

0018 – noise complaint, Karr/Wear
0230 – assist other agency, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
0322 – shots fired, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0701 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0850 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1113 – disorderly person, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1223 – assist other agency, out of township
1426 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1636 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville
1706 – assist other agency, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1801 – warrant arrest pickup, out of township
1817 – traffic hazard, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2034 – citizen assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2328 – suspicious vehicle, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.

Monday, Nov. 2:

0119 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0121 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0400 – suspicious person, 51000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0915 – juvenile complaint, Rustic Ln.
1110 – civil dispute, Second St.
1131 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1132 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1254 – well-being check, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1332 – civil dispute, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1335 – neighbor dispute, 21000 bl. Martinsville
1344 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1402 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.
1724 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2024 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.

Tuesday, Nov. 3:

0036 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0230 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1040 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1137 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1230 – fire dept. assist, Redwood
1341 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1514 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1530 – assist other agency, out of township
1740 – reckless driver complaint, 46000 bl. Claxton
Dr.

2100 – recovered stolen property, 43000 bl. Harris
Wednesday, Nov. 4:
0607 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0916 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1247 – fire dept. assist, Second St.
1615 – mental health commitment, 40000 bl. Willow
Rd.

1813 – personal injury accident, 10000 bl.
Rawsonville Rd.
2005 – warrant arrest pickup, Rustic Ln.
2250 – property damage accident, Judd/Sherwood
Thursday, Nov. 5:
0224 – suspicious vehicle, Butternut
0625 – suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
0747 – assist other agency, Willis/Elwell
1228 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1602 – suspicious incident, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1755 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, Nov. 6:

0334 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0749 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1044 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1150 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis d.
1253 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1328 – larceny, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1405 – alarm, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
1422 – assist other agency, out of township
1518 – citizen assist, Clark/Huron Rd.
1746 – breaking & entering, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1752 – opern burning, 46000 bl. Traskos
2002 – warrant arrest pickup, 47000 bl Wear Rd.
2126 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Martinsville

Saturday, Nov. 7:

0106 – down wires, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0718 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0900 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
0956 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1000 – fraud complaint, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1142 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1328 – shots fired, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1507 – property damage accident, Judd/Carleton

West
1515 – breaking & entering, 29000 bl. Martinsville
1528 – malicious destruction of property, 22000 bl.
Karr Rd.

1657 – larceny, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1939 – civil dispute, 8800 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Also on this week's log are 13 follow-up investigations,
29 miscellaneous details 136 patrol checks, and 88
traffic stops.

BHS Productions to present ‘12 Angry Men’ Nov. 19-21 at auditorium

Belleville High School Productions will
present the play “12 Angry Men” at the BHS
Auditorium Nov. 19-21.

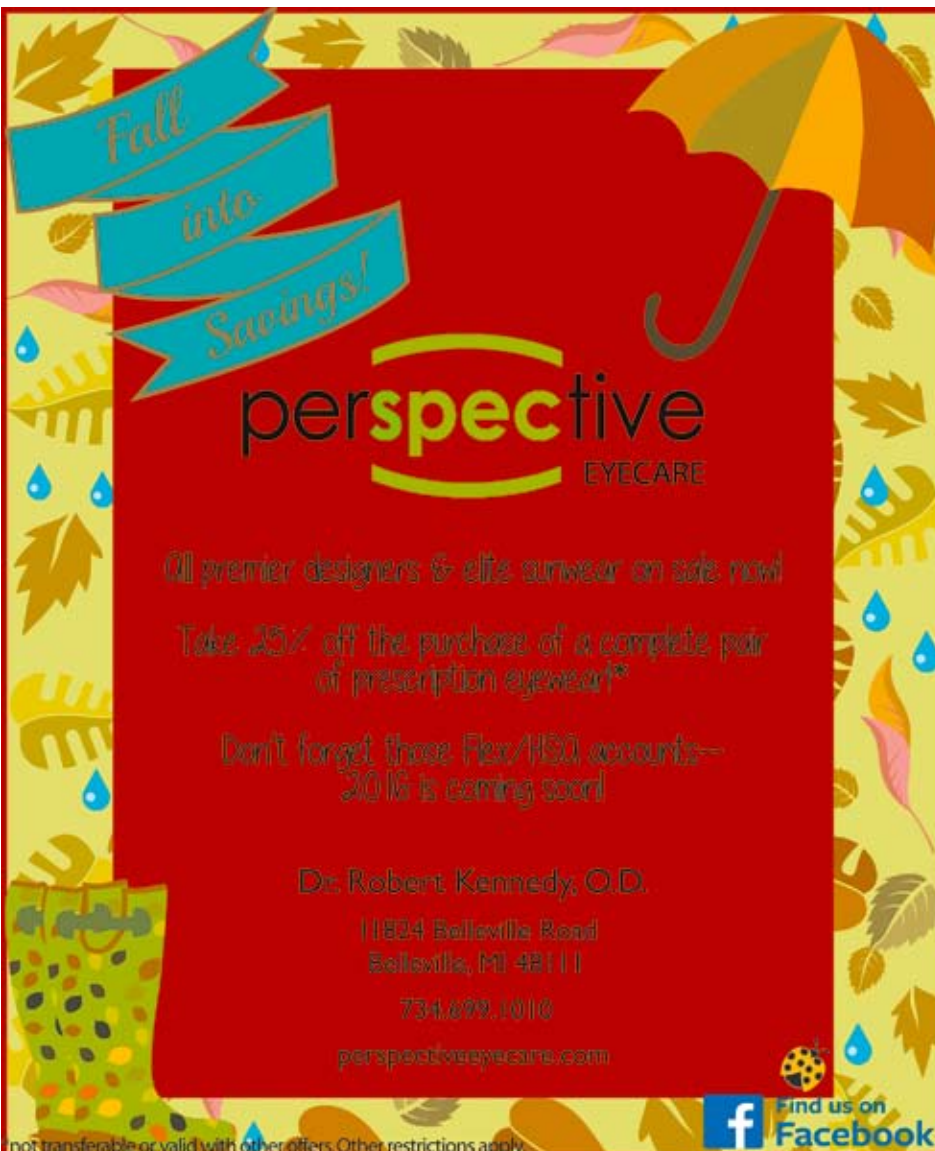
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Curtain time is 7 p.m. on Thursday and
Friday, Nov. 19 and 20, and 1:30 p.m. on
Saturday, Nov. 21.

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Nov. 1 – Larry Pinter
 Nov. 11 – Paul Atkins
 Nov. 12 – Charles Zywicki
 Nov. 20 – Phil Hart, Jacob Whitt
 Nov. 24 – Lillian McArthur
 Nov. 25 – Ken Dixon
 Nov. 26 – Larry O'Sullivan, Rowena Zimmerman, Dea Cammet
 Nov. 27 – William Cooper
 Nov. 28 – Jane Vesche, Jacqueline Copeland, Justine Kimbler, Bruce Cammet
 Nov. 29 – Brent Mikulski
 Nov. 30 – Charlie Butler III, Jacob John Helton

New Kiwanis Club in Belleville sets first meeting on Nov. 18 at Chamber

A new Belleville Kiwanis Club is organizing and its first meeting is at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce building, 248 Main Street.

For more details, contact Kiwanis Club Opener Larry Memmer at LarryMemmer@gmail.com.

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— Dr. Seuss

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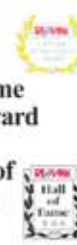


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