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In the infant-to-3-year-old category, Ellajune Hart (owl) left, was the winner, and her sisters Maybelle and Apprielle Hart (both lambs) won second place in the Belleville Central Business Community's costume contest on Monday night in downtown Belleville.



The winner of the family category was the scarecrow family made up of Liberty, Jessica, and David Curylo.



Nathan Ehnis in the McDonald's French Fry costume was the winner in the 10-12-year category.



Independent photos by Bob Mytych
Madyson Barnes won first place in the 7-9-year-old category, dressed as a Spanish dancer.

VBT fire fighter John Henderson earns national Award of Valor

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

John Henderson of Van Buren Township, who recently offered his resignation to the VBT Fire Department where he had served for 15 years, has been honored with a 2015 *Firehouse Magazine* Michael O. McNamee Award of Valor.

Henderson and other honorees were honored for displaying great bravery in the face of dangerous conditions. Henderson placed fourth in the national ranking.

The story of Henderson's bravery was described in the August issue of *Firehouse Magazine*:

"On Dec. 13, 2015, the Van Buren Fire Department was dispatched to a working house fire in a tri-level-style home. Lt. John Henderson arrived with his partner, Firefighter Campbell, and saw that the second floor of the home was well involved with fire. Henderson was alerted to fact that a young child was still inside the home. He rushed to the front door and directed his attention to the area where police officers had first observed a child; however, he could only see smoke and fire conditions. With the fire only about 12-18 inches off of the floor, he donned his SCBA only to realize he had left his helmet on the truck. Sensing he only had a matter of seconds to attempt a rescue, he entered the front door and began crawling on his stomach. Moments later, he felt the soft clothing of a small toddler. Under intense heat, Henderson dragged her with him back to the front door. He was met there by Firefighter Campbell, who began providing medical care to the unresponsive girl. The 2-year-old was treated at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital after suffering burns to more than 50 percent of her body. She has since been released."

Henderson reportedly offered his resignation from the VBT Fire Department recently when a new rule was instituted that said paid-per-call fire fighters had to work

four duty crew shifts a month or be written up. This eliminates Henderson since his job as a teacher of closed-space rescues takes him from the community for weeks at a time. Last week he was in Arkansas, where he was called to help in a rescue.

Just two weeks before pulling the little girl from the house fire in VBT, Henderson reportedly was promoted to lieutenant in the fire department. Then he was given a deadline of 30 days to complete a project of rewriting and bringing up to date a manual on fire scene procedures or he would be put on probation for a year. Henderson had been delayed with that project because of his work in installing a support beam to make training safer for fellow firefighters. He resigned his lieutenant position and went back to fire fighter.

He was referred to as Lt. Henderson when he was honored on Father's Day weekend with a state award for the girl's rescue and also in the recent *Firehouse Magazine* award, but now is referred to as fire fighter.

On Tuesday, Fire Chief Dan Besson said Henderson's resignation is not "official."

The Michael O. McNamee Award of Valor reflects a larger mission to change firefighters' perspectives about what it means to be brave in the face of danger. Specifically, the award is now named after Worcester, MA, Fire Department District Chief (ret.) Mike McNamee because of

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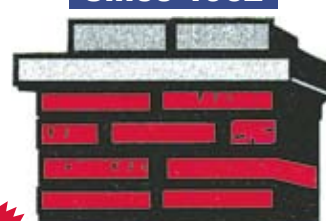
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT DDA reluctantly gives Aerotropolis another year

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority at its Oct. 25 meeting was on the warpath telling Aerotropolis it no longer wanted to pay its \$25,000 annual dues for zero return.

The DDA has paid the \$25,000 yearly membership dues for the township since the Aerotropolis organized in 2009, which makes it \$175,000 paid so far for nothing in return, DDA officials said.

But after an hour-long, spirited discussion, the DDA agreed to pay its dues and gave Aerotropolis one more year to prove its value to the township or the DDA could stop paying dues.

DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland said it was time to pay this year's \$25,000 dues to Aerotropolis and it was in the budget, but she sat on it because of concerns of DDA members and invited representatives of Aerotropolis to come to the DDA's regular meeting to talk to board members.

Present for the meeting were Marco Salomone, the full-time director of business development for the Detroit Region Aerotropolis for more than a year, and Luke Bonner, a marketing consultant working for Aerotropolis since February.

They told the DDA of all the things they have been doing, including a meeting of ten corporate site selectors from around the country in June and putting a billboard up at the airport. After giving their spiel, DDA chairman Craig Atchinson began the grilling.

Atchinson had been the most outspoken in questioning the return on investment with Aerotropolis.

"How long has Aerotropolis been in effect?" Atchinson asked and Salomone said it was formed in late 2009.

"Here we are seven years later," Atchinson said. "What has Van Buren Township benefitted from being in it? What are we getting out of it?"

Bonner said he has seen development in Romulus, but since he's been here he hasn't seen a project in Van Buren. He noted Romulus projects will hire VBT people.

"What is the benefit?" Atchinson persisted.

Bonner said he worked at Ann Arbor SPARK, an economic development organization, for some time and they were never engaged with anything from Aerotropolis.

He said that he had been at SPARK for two years and gave a speech to the Wayne County Commission. Kevin McNamara, who is soon to be elected supervisor of VBT and was a Wayne County Commissioner, was in the DDA audience and said he was

"Here we are seven years later. What has Van Buren Township benefitted from being in it? What are we getting out of it?"

-- Curt Atchinson, Chairman

VBT Downtown Development Authority

impressed with SPARK.

Bonner told of his work at SPARK to get development of connected and autonomous vehicles at Willow Run Airport and the state gave \$20 million to start phase 1.

Bonner said since 2009 Aerotropolis has had "a failure to launch" and "study after study."

He said there was more time spent on changing the name to VantagePort and then back to Aerotropolis than anything else.

"More money was spent on flash and pizzazz than tackling and running," he said, adding there needs to be marketing of the region collectively.

"You have a major site," Bonner said. "Everyone calls it the 440," referring to the 440-acre site at the northwest corner of Ecorse and Belleville roads.

He said the tour Aerotropolis had brought in people from around the country and they gave unabated feedback on the weaknesses and strengths of sites in this area.

"The assets we have here are on a par with others," Bonner said, adding, "I think we are doing the right things."

Ron Akers, VBT director of planning and economic development, agreed with what Salomone and Bonner had said.

"A failure to launch is a good way to say it," he said of Bonner's words.

Akers said developers don't start off coming in the door to talk to him, but they look at the infrastructure and other aspects of sites first.

"When you have somebody putting that all together and handing it to them, that really helps," he said of Aerotropolis' recent efforts to get information on sites in its district.

Atchinson asked Salomone if he was full time and he said he was, but until a year ago Aerotropolis was run by part-time people and consultants and was, "really, just reactive."

"We're going to Chicago in December to meet with site selectors there," Salomone said.

Bonner said his firm does economic incentive work. He said he has four other people on his team and they do social media and try to make sites look good. He said they've done six to seven blog posts related to Aerotropolis and posted on Twitter, "creating a dialog of good things happening."

DDA member Ron Blank said Romulus has

broken ground touted as new construction within Aerotropolis. He said the owner of that property knows every piece of property in Southeastern Michigan, more than anyone else.

"What did you do?" he asked the two Aerotropolis representatives.

"A whole incentive package came through our board," Salomone said. "It saved them \$1,000."

"They were there anyway," Blank said. "In 2009 when it originally started they told us Aerotropolis would have development start to finish in 90 days. Nothing goes up in 90 days."

Salomone and Bonner were shocked at that promise and said they knew nothing about it.

"We can accelerate your time line ... to fast-track projects," Bonner said.

"A few people sitting at this table were here at the time," Blank said of the promises by Aerotropolis. "We had 440 acres and thought somebody was going to develop that piece ... it's all over the country anyway, listed by Signature."

"You say you may go after the people who don't know about it," Blank said.

"Why is that vacant earth after 3.8 billion years? Why is it still vacant?" Bonner asked.

"Because for the first \$3.1 billion years GM owned it and thought they would build a plant," Blank said.

"Why is there so much vacant property?" Bonner asked. "How should we package it to bring people to the property? There is so much online these days. Economic development companies bring a lot to property than they can do on their own."

"We've got a \$25,000 annual membership that has not been renewed," Blank said. "Since 2009 we've paid -- a couple hundred thousand already. We have not had any development through Aerotropolis to date."

DDA member Helen Foster asked how many of the seven original communities have dropped out of Aerotropolis.

She was told Belleville and Huron Township have not paid for a couple of years. Ypsilanti Township pays just \$15,000 and the City of Ypsilanti asked for a \$10,000 waiver. Romulus pays the full dues.

Foster asked if they are taking into account the highest and best use of a municipality's

master plan.

Salomone said Huron Township has areas boxed in by trains and homes that didn't have trucks before now have trucks.

"We're trying to be collaborative," said Akers.

"Just looking for premiere community, sir," Foster replied.

Salomone said Aerotropolis gets \$100,000 from Wayne County, \$50,000 from Washtenaw County, \$10,000 from DTE, and got \$90,000 from the Airport Authority this year for the marketing event and expects more next year.

Bonner said they are tied together with *Cranes* to do an event in February from the Airport Authority budget to promote the Aerotropolis region.

McNamara rose to speak on behalf of Aerotropolis. He said SPARK worked on autonomous cars and they went on the wrong side of the airport (from VBT).

"They know what's happening with Aerotropolis and not a darn thing for VBT. We know Huron Township pulled out."

He said starting in January he will sit down with the township's planning and economic development department and come up with a strategy and will be pulling off partners.

"I'm begging you to give them one more year," McNamara said to the DDA. "Give them \$25,000 and if something doesn't happen ..."

"We've been in a deal now for seven or eight years and got nothing out of it," Blank replied. "We wasted our money, spent \$100,000-\$150,000 and got nothing for it ... the operation itself is dysfunctional."

Blank said he'd expect they'd be coming in and saying, "Sorry about that and we can do better." He said they should look into the way some other communities pulled out or negotiated less in dues.

"Some projects fell apart in Huron Township and we have a meeting coming up with their attorney," Bonner said.

He said VBT can lean on Aerotropolis on day-to-day stuff as much as it wants, concerning marketing, project management, and research. They'll try to make stuff happen, he said.

DDA member Carol Bird said some of the communities didn't pay anything and they're still on the map and, "We may not pay and we're still on the map."

Bird said as a long-time Realtor she knows that when a person likes an area, they like it, period.

"I think we've been taken," Bird said.

Salomone said the Aerotropolis approach is for regional development.

"If we don't pay, we're still on the map," Bird insisted.

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

VBT Board OKs police command contract on 4-3 vote

Three members of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees refused to approve the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) command unit contract at Tuesday's meeting, but four others voted yes and ratified the contract.

It runs from Jan. 1, 2014 through Dec. 31, 2017. It's been in negotiation for years. The contract already had been ratified by the union, so it's now in effect.

Trustee Jeff Jahr, an attorney, said he didn't get information on all the TA's (technical agreements) and he was being asked to accept what he hasn't seen.

"It's a let's vote on it and we'll tell you what it means," Jahr said and John Delaney called out from the audience, "Like Nancy Pelosi."

Jahr voted "emphatically no" during the roll-call vote on the contract. Also voting no were Trustees Phil Hart and Reggie Miller. Hart asked for an electronic or hard copy of the contract so he could see what he was voting on, but there was no move to furnish him such a copy.

The discussion at the board table was so unruly that Supervisor Linda Combs called for a five-minute recess. Clerk Wright, Miller and Hart went into the back room to discuss the situation and Jahr was refused admittance because it would have been a quorum. During and after the meeting negotiators Clerk Wright and Treasurer Budd announced no details to the public. Not a good scene before a millage vote.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A special work/study meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees will be held today (Thursday, Nov. 3) at 7 p.m. to discuss "a fifth amendment to the Host Community Agreement with Waste Management."

At Tuesday's regular VBT board meeting, John Delaney pressed Supervisor Linda Combs for what that meant, asking what the meeting was about.

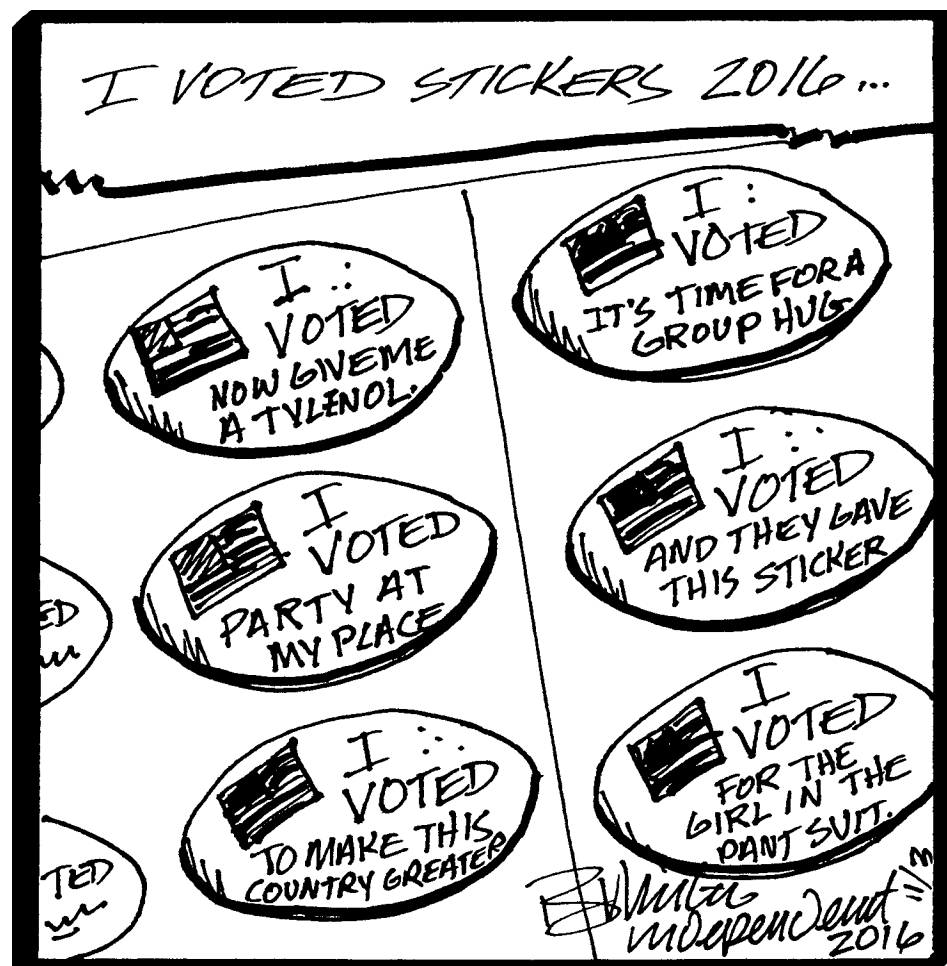
Supervisor Combs said the meeting concerned Waste Management and Woodland Meadows; she offered no more details.

Delaney asked if it was about "revenue and finances" and Combs said "yes and no." When asked if it would be televised, Combs said it wouldn't because it was a special meeting. In her administration only regular board meetings are cablecast. The only other meetings cablecast are the planning commission meetings. The other commissions get to meet without the cameras running.

At Tuesday's meeting, Trustee Jeff Jahr said the trustees got notice of the special meeting on Nov. 1, when the public was notified. He said there was a confidential summary from the township attorney on the subject.

Guess we'll have to wait until the meeting to find out what this pretty-much lame duck board is up to. Four members will be leaving as of Nov. 20 and Tuesday they all got framed resolutions bidding them goodbye and praising their work.

But, they still have at least three meetings left: the Nov. 3 meeting on Waste Management, the work-study meeting on Nov. 14 and the regular meeting on Nov.



15. Treasurer Sharry Budd said the awards were presented at the Nov. 1 meeting because some of those leaving might go deer hunting. She looked at Phil Hart with that remark.

Those leaving the board are Phil Hart and Brenda McClanahan, who both ran for supervisor in the primary and lost, Trustee Jahr, who is retiring from the board; and Supervisor Combs, who decided not to run for reelection when her husband was dying and now is running as a write-in candidate for trustee.

Also, on Tuesday, Supervisor Combs said the public safety millage now in effect covers operations through December 2017, so township officials are not "counting chickens before they're hatched" in approving a new contract with the POLC Command Unit. "We have money enough through 2017," she said.

Reg Ion keeps pushing the VBT Board to get signed contracts with towing companies for their work of towing off people's cars by order of police. He said he was asking for written agreements because he had evidence in his family of varying rates being charged.

John Delaney agreed, saying the township has contracts on all kinds of services and he knows if you go to the front desk at the Westland or Livonia PD you can get a copy of towing charges.

"That material is available at the Public Safety Department," Supervisor Combs told him at Tuesday's meeting and Delaney replied, "No, it's not." He said the charges need to be "in stone" posted ahead of time.

Trustee Jeff Jahr, who is retiring, said he thought contracts were a good idea and he encouraged the new supervisor and new board to study this.

Nelson Po tells me his jury trial on the Sumpter Township charge of growing too much marijuana has been set for Jan. 26 before Circuit Court Judge Ulysses W. Boykin. There is a court session for motions on Dec. 9 and a Dec. 16 session for the judge to decide on the motions.

He said his attorney will make a motion to dismiss the charges.

He said his wife's civil case against Sumpter Township is before Judge Colombo.

As you are sure to have noticed, this is a very unusual election year. At the *Independent* we've been pleasantly surprised that this is the first time in our 22 years that anyone has purchased advertising for a Presidential candidate.

We can hardly wait for Tuesday night to find out the results of the local races as well as the BIG race for the Oval Office.



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League of Women Voters offers election help

To the Editor,

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At www.VOTE411.org you can also see if you are registered to vote and find your polling place. In addition, print copies of the LWVMI Voter Guide were distributed throughout the state in early October and can mostly be found in public libraries. Also, printable copies of Michigan's state and congressional races, plus the U.S. President race, can be downloaded from our Voter Guide page.

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If you have questions about your voting rights, contact your local clerk, go to Michigan.gov/sos or call the Election Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE. Due to two recent court decisions, you have a right to vote a straight party ticket in the partisan section of the ballot and you may NOT take a selfie at the polling place.

Please remind your friends and family of the importance of voting and share this information with them!

Judy Karandjeff, Michigan President
 League of Women Voters

Vote for new library, operating millage

To the Editor,

The library is a fundamental anchor in the life of a community. It is an intellectual resource, a safe refuge to exchange ideas and a community meeting place.

We have an opportunity on Nov. 8, 2016, to vote for what we want our community to be -- vibrant with new ideas with resources for all ages.

I have reviewed the library plans and I support the current library trustees fully. I thank them for their thoughtful planning and progressive thinking. I plan to vote yes for the new library and yes for its operating millage. I ask the community do the same.

Barbara Rogalle Miller
 A Van Buren Resident

America needs change and God's mercy

To the Editor,

I thought Mr. Tackett just about covered this year's election in last week's *Independent*, but I just wanted to add a couple of thoughts.

A few years ago a man running for President said there are two Americas -- the rich (of which he was one) and the rest of us. And, I added a third -- the ruling class that sits in Washington and does not obey laws that the rest of us do.

There is now a king and a court that has the privilege of spending our tax dollars any way they want regardless of what we the people want.

Allow me one more point. The definition of insanity: Doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. Some of us have automatically voted to send the same people to Washington -- and look where we are today.

America is in trouble and we need change and God's mercy.

Mickey Widener
 Van Buren Township

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To the Editor:

This is a "thank you" to St. Jude for answering my novena that I made to him. God bless. Grateful reader



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Obituaries



Marie Elizabeth Sienko

MARIE ELIZABETH SIENKO (GREGG)

(August 23, 1921 - October 26, 2016)

Marie Sienko was born August 23, 1921 in Detroit, MI, to Percy and Rose (Novak) Gregg. Her parents moved the family to a home on Harris Road in Belleville.

Marie began her education in a one-room school house on the corner of Elwell & Harris Roads. She was a 1939 Graduate of Belleville High School. Shortly after graduation from high school, she went to work at Coykendall's Greenhouses until 1942. At that time, Marie worked at the Willow Run Bomber Plant as a secretary in support of the troops during WWII. Marie married Steve Sienko on February 16, 1943, who was serving in the U.S. Army. They were together 60 years until Steve's death in 2003.

Marie spent her early married years as a stay-at-home mom raising her three children: Tom, Betty Ann, and John. After the kids were older, Marie worked outside the home. She worked at Kotts Shoe Store and Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, both in Belleville. She also worked at the Sears Catalogue Store in Ypsilanti. Marie was also a Tupperware dealer. During this time, she earned many awards as Top Sales Woman. Marie's most enjoyable job was working as the Deputy Clerk for Sumpter Township for 14 years. There she met many life-long friends and was a friendly and knowledgeable fixture in the Township Hall for many years.

Marie and Steve were both actively involved in St. Anthony's Church and school. Marie was involved in the Altar Society as well as the Mothers' Club.

Marie and Steve enjoyed their retirement years together. They spent a great deal of time in the yard and/or garden in a home they built together. They were quite content tending to the yard, trees, flowers, and vegetable garden. They traveled throughout the country and even made it to Hawaii one year. They were very happy spending time together -- and rarely did you see them apart.

Marie's retirement years after Steve's death were spent with family and friends. She was often seen around Belleville visiting and eating breakfast with friends at various local restaurants. Marie enjoyed her many visits to Reno, Nevada and the surrounding areas. She became very familiar with many landmarks there and loved reminiscing about her and Steve's time spent there. Marie loved her family and friends and her home of 62 years on Bemis Road. In 2013, Marie moved into Cedar Woods Retirement Center in Belleville.

Marie was a gracious, caring and generous person, loved by many. She maintained a positive attitude, even during difficult times. She became a role model for younger family members. She will be remembered for her mantra, "It's not that bad." Marie was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents Percy and Rose Gregg, and her brothers Robert (Genevieve) Gregg, and Bernard (Mary) Gregg. She was also preceded in death by her husband

Steve Sienko and their daughter Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Sienko Connell. She is survived by her two sons Thomas (Sandy) Sienko of Romulus, MI and John (Lynda) Sienko of Reno, Nevada. Also surviving Marie, are her sisters-in-law Bernice (Marvin) Worden and Donna (Ed) Sienko, and son-in-law Arlan Connell.

Visitation was held Sunday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, followed by a Funeral Mass on Monday, October 31, 2016 at St. Anthony's Belleville. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Marie's honor can be made to St. Vincent DePaul or Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue, Sumpter Township. Please sign Marie's On-line Guestbook and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

MAE 'JEAN' MANNES

(January 2, 1925 - October 29, 2016)

Age 91, of Dexter, MI, died on October 29, 2016 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. Jean is the dear wife of the late Leon (d.1990); dear mother of Melinda (Craig) Rafail of Dexter, MI, William (Kathy Goike) Mannes of Roseville, MI and Leon (Deborah) Mannes of Florida. Mae is also survived by her cherished grandchildren Dyllan, Marissa and Sierra Rafail, Laura Tocco, Jennifer Mannes, and great-grandchild Tori Tocco.

Born on January 2 in Tarkio, Missouri, Mae was a sixty-year resident of St. Clair Shores, MI, before moving to Belleville in her later years. She was one of the top sales people with Hudson's department store at Eastland Mall, working in the men's store. When she was not working, she loved being with family and socializing with friends.

In keeping with Mrs. Mannes' wishes, a simple cremation had been arranged. No public services will be held. A private interment of cremains will take place at Roseland Memorial Park in Berkley, MI.

RICHARD MERLE GIBBONS

(July 29, 1959 - October 29, 2016)

Age 57, of Canton, died suddenly. Survived by children Amy and Roxy; his mother Madeline; grandchildren Dominick, Desiray, Adahlia; seven siblings. Celebration of Life at 7 p.m., Nov. 3, at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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Obituaries



Daniel Perez

DANIEL PEREZ

(June 21, 1963 - October 25, 2016)

Daniel Perez, age 53, of Van Buren Township died suddenly on October 25, 2016.

Daniel is the beloved husband of Melissa for twenty wonderful years; proud father of Daniela and Victoria; cherished son of Jesse and Esperanza of Belleville; dear brother of Jesus (Irene) Perez of Belleville, Louis (Ester) Perez of Florida and Andrew (Dolores) Perez of Brownstown. Daniel is also survived by many loving extended family and friends.

Born on June 21, 1963 in Detroit, Michigan, Daniel and Melissa moved to the Belleville area in 1993. He was involved for many years with the Perez family's Mexican restaurant, Dos Pesos of Belleville. He enjoyed playing and following sports, including golf and bowling. He truly was a family man and will be deeply missed.

A Funeral Mass celebrating Daniel's life was celebrated at 11:00 AM, October 29, at St. Anthony's Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. Visiting hours were Friday from 3 until 8 PM at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville (734) 697-4500. A visiting hour was also held from 10:00 AM until the time of the mass. A time for praying the Rosary and sharing stories was held at 7 PM.

Memorial tributes may be made to the wishes of the family.

MICHEAL ALAN VIVIAN

May 23, 1957 - October 28, 2016)

Age 59, of Willis. Survived by wife Anita; children David, Marc, Jessica, Daniel; siblings Ann, Patricia, Steven, Christopher. Service was Nov. 2 at David C. Brown Funeral Home. Interment at Washtenong Memorial Park.

RICHARD M. DONAHEY

(May 31, 1928 - November 1, 2016)

Richard Milton Donahey, age 88, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at his home. He was born May 31, 1928 in Detroit, son of Milton Sloan and Grace I. (Seley) Donahey. Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, and a funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Correction: The name is April Crawford

April Crawford is the name of the newly appointed member of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education. We named her properly in the Oct. 13 issue when she was first appointed and then misnamed her Alice in the Oct. 20 issue. We apologize for the mistake.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

Aerotropolis

(continued from page 3)

Bonner said in SPARK they had a bunch of communities that didn't participate and they were not supposed to provide hands-on stuff to the community, but regional stuff they did.

"I'm still looking at what is the benefit," said Atchinson. "We're still on the map."

"There are seven communities in the region," Bonner said.

"We're not going to chop Huron Township off the map," said Salomone.

Bonner said a Colorado company wanted to develop in Huron Township, but the township made an error. They could have had incentive, Bonner said.

"When it started, it was some way to speed the process," Bird said of claims made of Aerotropolis.

"But they never heard of it before," Blank said of the new Aerotropolis leaders.

"Completely approved in three months or six months," Blank recalled. "It wasn't going to happen and we knew it." He said the first four or five years were in a bad economy.

"If we're being asked for the same \$25,000 this year, that's not fair," Blank said. "Can you offer us something?"

Akers said the township supervisor's seat on the Aerotropolis corporate board would be lost if the dues aren't paid.

VBT Supervisor Linda Combs said she's been going to the meetings for four years and leading were Joe Nardoni, Sean Brosnan, and Tim Keyes, all part time. Now, Salomone is full time.

"It's like Kevin said, give them one more year and see what they can do," Combs said.

DDA member Mark Laginess said Aerotropolis already has shown it makes accommodations.

"Give them half and in six months see how they're doing," Laginess said.

Salomone said he wants to sit down and see the township's criteria for progress and they'd be happy to come back in six months.

"This is a fork in the road," Foster said, "What are you going to do? I'd like to see us maintain that seat on the board for a period of time."

"I can't imagine Aerotropolis would take us off the board after all these years," Blank said.

Atchinson said he can't make the motion, but the DDA could pay such and such and they could take it to their executive board.

Blank said he was ready to make the

motion, but he was interrupted by DDA Executive Director Ireland.

She said the Aerotropolis project was brought to VBT by an enthusiastic person and expectations were more than what was delivered. It was a major project for this person, with VBT right in the middle of the Aerotropolis region.

"It's hard to do a full-time job on a part-time basis," Ireland said. "You have allocated money in the budget for it," she said of this year's dues. "They have been able to help Ron [Akers] a lot," she said.

"The things they're doing, Matt [Best] and myself don't have time for," Akers said.

Blank said two motions could be made: one, a payment of \$25,000 or two, the DDA send a letter that they accept a lesser amount.

Salomone said the reduced rates for the City of Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township are actual hardships.

"It goes to you, Ron," Atchinson said to Akers. "Is it something we should do?"

Akers replied that someone in his planning training told him development is a "shots on goal game."

Blank replied, "We just learned the Zambone wasn't even on the ice."

"I think another year would be warranted ... to see what they can do," Akers said. "I think they're moving in a positive direction."

DDA member Chris Brown asked what metrics they have to gauge success and Salomone said, "bricks and mortar, investment and jobs."

"There are a lot of metrics, but it's *can I see something being built in my community?*" Bonner said.

Bonner told of Ashley Capital that decided to build in Livonia instead of Van Buren Township and he is meeting with Ashley Capital next week.

Supervisor Combs said the township told Ashley Capital they had to upgrade a road. "They paved a whole bunch of stuff they weren't supposed to pave," she said.

Bonner said they are building a 500,000-square-foot facility in Livonia and may land a headquarters there.

Blank made a motion to pay \$25,000 to Aerotropolis for one more year and the motion passed unanimously.

Lincoln Consolidated Schools increase substitute teacher pay

Lincoln Consolidated Schools report the adoption of a pay rate increase for substitute teachers to \$90 per day, up from \$75 per day.

Lincoln, along with many other districts across the state, has been suffering from a substitute shortage. The pay increase is expected to address the disadvantage Lincoln has faced while competing with neighboring districts offering a higher per-day rate.

Lincoln contracts substitute teachers from EduStaff as part of a consortium agreement through Washtenaw Intermediate School District.

"I am glad we were able to increase our pay rate for substitute teachers and bring it in line with other neighboring districts," said Director of Human Resources Julia Butler. "This change will allow us to fill our daily positions and ensure consistent classroom coverage."

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Keith Johnston for VBPS school board

To the Editor,

Almost ten years ago my wife and I moved back to Michigan because of medical issues. We chose Belleville because we saw this community as an unpolished diamond.

Now, over this span of time we see some in the community who are committed to improvement and polishing this fine gem, and others that merely sit and standby watching others do the work.

Keith L. Johnston is one of the fine committed community members who has always worked hard for the kids and the community. He has been and is committed to polishing this diamond for our kids and

their future.

He talks the talk and walks the walk. He is a dynamic leader who always places the well-being of the kids, the schools, and the community first. He and his family are invested in the greater Van Buren area. They live here and go to school here.

Keith is experienced with the intricate operations of the school board having served previously for eight years. He has shown his dedication to the kids and community by volunteering in many worthwhile honorable activities like the Boys and Girls Club, the Community Assistance Foundation, Van Buren Little League, Belleville HS Assistant football coach, Coach for the Cougar Football program, and the Belleville Chamber of Commerce. No other candidate comes close to this depth and breath of experience.

As a university professor and administrator, I find his vision for academic student improvement solid and well-founded. Lastly, as I have observed Keith in multiple facets of his private, professional, and public life, I can say without any hesitation this gentleman has the highest personal standards and integrity. I am voting for Keith Johnston for Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

Dr. Ken Grice, retired U.S. Army

Reelect Mikulski to school board

To the Editor,

When a member of our community becomes involved with our school system, it's my impression that this is a person who wants to be involved in the future development, achievement, and growth of our school district. Our children are the future leaders of our world and to participate in this endeavor is priceless.

Brent Mikulski has served on the Van Buren Public School Board since 2012, and was nominated to be the President in 2014. Brent was on the board when the district was removed from the state's deficit reduction plan and has continued into 2016 with a balanced budget.

He not only has worked cooperatively with the unions, but gave surplus district money back to the teachers in the form of a stipend.

Brent also was a part of a Board of Trustees who brought all the elementary schools in compliance ensuring that they were teaching the same curriculum, using the same techniques, and evaluating them in the same way. The new programs instituted were Carnegie Math, Everyday Math, The Turnaround Program, and Read 180. Also, the BHS New Tech Program has been expanded to facilitate a college atmosphere along with team projects, and these projects are conducted in the tri-communities.

These programs helped to solidify the gaps in the educational programs between what the state required and what the vision for the growth of students in the Van Buren Public School District is. The middle schools were realigned into 5-6 and 7-8 buildings and obsolete buildings were closed along with a realignment of district boundaries.

I consider serving on a school board the ultimate act of volunteerism and moving forward with the achievements made by Brent, I believe our best days are still to come. School districts today face challenges of funding; these issues vary from district to district. Our school district has struggled with upgrading technology, training teachers, and staff. Upgrading buildings is a balancing act between what is urgent and

what isn't. Some districts haven't been as fortunate as ours in terms of expertise and have suffered when they attempted to right-size their school district.

Brent is a staunch supporter of public schools and promotes this at every opportunity. The decisions that he makes are always student-focused which creates successful student leaders. So to continue on the current path, I enthusiastically support Brent Mikulski for Van Buren Public School Board!

Brenda McClanahan
Van Buren Township

Country not perfect, but worth sacrifice

To the Editor,

While setting out flags for deceased veterans on Saturday, I came across a vet who was killed in combat. I paused for a moment to think of how people were disrespecting his flag, the same flag he died for so people could live free.

Being a vet myself, I remember standing watch, missing my loved ones, being afraid, but seeing my flag, knowing that what I was doing protected those back home. I knew my country wasn't perfect, but well worth my sacrifice.

I see those who benefit the most and paid so little for the privilege are complaining the most.

With respect for those who made the sacrifice, I thank you. All vets, God bless you and thank you.

A Vet Who Will Always Stand For His Flag

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Nov. 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 8 – Election Day. No meetings.
- Wednesday, Nov. 9 – Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 10 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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Vote YES for VBT Public Safety Millage

To the editor,
OUR CHOICE:

Nov. 8, 2016 we have a huge choice in Van Buren Township. Do we want to provide our community with funding to dedicate resources for our public safety department or do we want to cut all dedicated funding to support public safety funding?

OUR PRIORITIES:

This millage identified three key priorities of the community which include:

1. Keeping our community's emergency response times low.
2. Keeping our community's insurance premiums low.
3. Keeping our municipal taxes the third-lowest in Wayne County.

OUR COMMITMENT:

Voting "YES" for the Van Buren Township Public Safety Millage will allow your police, fire, and emergency dispatchers to have enough funding to continue the valued service we all deserve. We cannot afford to cut public safety and have sky-rocket insurance premiums, emergency response times that take hours to be served, and pay ten times as much in insurance premiums then if we voted YES for this millage.

Our commitment is to maintain the premier community we have in Van Buren Township and keep our community safe. We are asking that you partner with the Van Buren Patrol and Dispatcher's Union, government officials, businesses, organizations, and multiple community volunteers and vote YES for our Van Buren Township Public Safety Millage.

Vote YES November 8, 2016 for Van Buren Township Public Safety Millage. For more information please visit us on the web at www.supportvbps.com.

Thank you community,
Adam Byrd, Van Buren Patrol and
Dispatcher's Union President, Resident,
and Community Advocate

VBT Police hope you don't remember...

To the Editor and Voters of Van Buren Township:

The township police department hopes that the voter will not remember prior news articles about their department. If you recall, there was a letter that appeared about the command staff wanting to be demoted to get overtime like the road officers have been working.

There were comments that the blended-rate officers have been reduced to five officers (five too many) to make the public feel warm all over. Wait to see how many officers with benefits, regular pay, and overtime are close to the \$150,000 mark this January when the costs come out. You

also have seen they are in contract talks now and they are looking for more money.

And when one of these blended rate officers was reported for violations and punished by his superior officer the director was informed and the command officer that reported the violation was fired because the officer who committed the act was a friend of the director and the violations were dismissed.

They talked about their response times. I bet if you check Sumpter and the city police their response times are just as good if not better.

With the Visteon situation looming in the future of the township, these officers should be concerned about the community that they work for and not themselves.

Fire and Police officers have a hard job, but when they put their greed over their oath then the voters should say why should my taxes go up when there are officers who spend a great deal of time patrolling a restaurant, rather than the neighborhoods.

As I stated, the aforementioned all has appeared in the local newspaper and you can check with them about the information.

William Hastings

Go Fund Me page set up for Perez family

To the Editor,

When you lose someone unexpectedly, like a dear friend, a father, a husband, a son, a brother, or anyone close to you, it's tough on everyone. Unfortunately, we're all dealing with the sudden passing of Daniel Perez. He passed away on Tuesday Oct 25, at the age 53 while working at Dos Pesos, his family business in Belleville, MI.

We're mourning the loss of a man with many talents and blessings in our community. We will all miss his wit, humor, laughter and smile. He was one of a kind.

Danny Perez was a devoted husband, father, a son, brother and dear friend to many. Melissa Perez, his lovely wife of 20 wonderful years, survives him. He's a proud father of Daniela and Victoria; cherished son of Jesse and Esperanza of Belleville; dear brother of Jesus (Irene) Perez of Belleville, Louis (Ester) Perez of Florida and Andrew (Dolores) Perez of Brownstown.

Danny and Mela were very involved in sports as their daughters played volleyball, basketball, softball, golf and bowling. Daniela attends Concordia

College and Victoria is in her senior year at Belleville High School.

We'd like to put together a memorial fund raising effort to help the Perez family pay for funeral expenses and to help with college expenses for both Daniela and Victoria.

Please consider making a donation to help this wonderful family deal with this unforeseen hardship. They have helped our community in so many ways and your generous contribution is needed.

Thank you and please keep the Perez family and friends in your prayers.

Kim Marvin

<https://www.gofundme.com/daniel-perez-family-2wdw2jrj>

Library hosts Nov. 3 astronomy program, outside use of telescopes

On Thursday, Nov. 3, at 6:30 p.m. the Belleville Area District Library will host Jesse Mason, physics and astronomy lecturer, to present Hubble's Hot 100.

Join guests in the library program room for a guided tour of the solar system through photographs taken by the Hubble space telescope. Then head outside (weather permitting) for a view of the stars through a telescope.

Wear appropriate clothing for the outdoor portion of the program. All ages welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Charles Tackett of Olive Hill recently attended the Trump Rally in Cincinnati, Ohio. He went with Jim Short and both enjoyed the rally. Here were about 20,000 people in attendance. Rudy Giuliani of New York also spoke. Needless to say, the crowd was loud and supportive. It required tickets to attend and was held in the U.S. Bank Arena in Cincinnati, Ohio.

I'm pretty proud of my father. A lifelong UAW Democrat, a devout Christian man, a strong part of the Trump movement. The Democratic Party left him, he didn't leave the party.



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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Nov. 3** – Annual Sauerkraut Dinner from 5 p.m. until sold out at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig, New Boston 48164. Full pork and kraut dinner, plus accompaniments and apple or pumpkin pie. For information, call (734) 753-9048.

• **Thursday, Nov. 3** – Free class on Family History Research from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on six Thursdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17 and Dec. 1, 8, and 15 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 941 South Grove, Ypsilanti 48197. Learn basic genealogical research and research tools. Contact Kathy Bailey to reserve a place in the class: (734) 461-6133 or (734) 660-1971, kbailey@gmail.com.

• **Friday, Nov. 4** – St. Aloysius Church Ushers Club Feather Party Bingo. Doors open at 5 p.m., Bingo begins at 7 p.m., at 37200 Neville St., Romulus, Parish Activity Center (Schools Building). Bingo prizes awarded are gift certificates for chickens and turkeys. Raffle. Information (734) 697-2016.

• **Friday, Nov. 4** – Join Honor and Remember, Inc. at Belleville High School Main Auditorium at 6 p.m. to honor the sacrifice of families of two fallen heroes. Flags will be presented to the families.

• **Friday, Nov. 4** – Friends Family Theater Movie Night, & Family Fun Night starts at 7 p.m. Fine family films, fun, food, all for FREE! Movies shown in the Youth House, 7890 Tuttle Hill Rd. (at Bemis Rd.), Ypsilanti. Featuring: "Veggies in the House" (2015-8 minutes) and "America: Imagine the World without Her" (2014-105 minutes) Questions: (734) 482-5074 or previews at www.friendsfamilytheater.com

• **Saturday, Nov. 5** – Annual Craft Show at the Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Road, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds benefit Senior Christmas Party.

• **Sunday, Nov. 6** – Waco Band performs from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 8** – Vote. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

• **Wednesday, Nov. 9** – Chicken Supper from 5 p.m. until sold out at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Road, New Boston 48164, (734) 654-9020. Carry-outs start at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person, with children 12 and under \$5 each. Menu: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole slaw, dessert, coffee, hot tea, milk. Veterans will be honored at this event.

• **Thursday, Nov. 10** – "A Viking Cruise: Into the Midnight Sun" will be presented at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library as part of its ongoing Homegrown Knowledge series. Travel along with Dee Crowe to Iceland, Norway, and Scotland, along with stories and pictures from a previous trip to Sweden. Free. Refreshments.

• **Friday, Nov. 11** – State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D. Taylor, invites veterans to a free movie at 1 p.m. at MJR Westland Grand Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne Rd., Westland. The movie is "Inferno" (PG-13) — which is based on the bestselling novel in author Dan Brown's Da Vinci Code series. Tickets are limited to two per veteran and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. RSVP is required, (517) 373-7800.

• **Friday, Nov. 11** – State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D. Taylor, invites members of the community to join him for a 3 p.m. coffee hour at Romulus House, 9110 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174. Sen. Hopgood represents the 6th Senate District, which includes Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township.

• **Sunday, Nov. 13** – Jay Frandsen with Dick Johnson perform from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Sunday, Nov. 20** – 18 Strings perform from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Saturday, Dec. 3** – Belleville Winter Fest Parade starts at 6 p.m. at BHS and heads to Five Points and then up Main Street to the museum.



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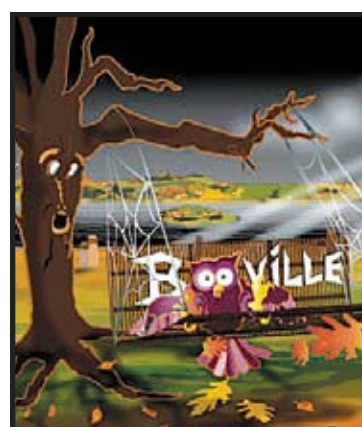
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Consider carefully and vote for Trump

To the Editor,

If your reason to vote for the Democratic candidate for President is:

1. ... because she would be the first female president of our country – ask yourself, especially if you voted for Obama in either of the last two elections, have the major issues facing our country improved as our first black president promised (consider racial divisiveness, the national debt, support of our constitution, education, employment, our standing in the world), or gotten worse? Isn't it just as racist (or sexist) to vote *for* someone because of their race (or sex) as it is to vote *against* them for the same reason?

2. ... or, because her opponent has said degrading things about women --- did you vote for Bill Clinton in the past (maybe even twice), while he had actually raped young women throughout his career, and was finally impeached only for lying about it.

3. ... or, because she "stands for women and children" – remember that she is the attorney that fought to free the rapist of a twelve-year-old girl, claiming the child was attracted to the older guy, and actually recorded laughing about it after getting him off on technicalities. Also remember that she has savagely gone after all the women taken advantage of by her husband in every level of his career, again aware of the truth.

4. ... or because she and the Democratic Party "stand for the minorities and women" – please consider why the Republican Party was born. The Democrats and the Whigs were the two-party system in the mid 1800s. Slavery and male dominance in society were the norm. It was the new Republican Party that pushed through the abolition of slavery (Lincoln was first Rep. President), while Democrats opposed 77% in Congress. It was again the Republicans who pushed through the women's as well as the blacks' right to vote, again opposed nearly 100% by the Democrats. Even the KKK was started and supported by the Democrats. If you vote Democrat because your family always has, you owe it to yourself to consider its past,

and what is best for our future – and not to vote by habit or emotion, or worrying what your friends may think.

5. ... or, because she and the Democratic Party "stand for the lower and middle class" – consider where the great majority of her support comes from – the richest people (George Soros, Warren Buffet and their puppets, including the national media). The larger the government, the stronger the lobbyists become, and the more powerful the rich become. Conversely, her opponent has done a lot of self-funding, and has relied on the "average Joe" for his major help. Also consider how the lower class has grown in the last eight years, absorbing the shrinking middle class – resulting in a growing voting mass to feed the Democrat liberal machine.

6. ... or, because the Republican candidate wants to build walls for border security – seems on the surface to be politically incorrect. Looking deeper, it makes sense to slow the flood of illegal immigrants, and stem the influx of radical Islamic terrorists. We now have timely evidence of the need being demonstrated in France with their recent reaction to the influx of refugees.

Please consider that the Democratic candidate has proven her lack of leadership while in an official office (Benghazi deaths, erased emails, illegal and insensitive use of private servers), while watching our country slide downhill for the last eight years. Neither candidate is someone that I would want as a BFF, but we must choose one of them this November. America is once again at the place she was in the mid 1800s, with a broken two-party system, and we have just one person that has enough gall to stand up and yell "enough" to both parties, to the lobbyists, to the media, and to those pulling the strings. If you want to shrink government and clean up wasteful spending, end Obama Care, make a difference in our safety as a nation with a stronger military and stronger borders, get our economy rolling again with new jobs and new international trade conditions, and especially to have a Supreme Court that will protect our Constitution as it was meant to be, please vote for the only candidate that stands with conviction for these ideals, in the face of an entire political army bent on business as usual – Donald Trump.

Mike Aimone
Sumpter Township

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Doug Brown to tell Army stories at special event to honor veterans

Local resident Doug Brown will tell the story of his service in the Army during the Korean War in a special event at 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 12, at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St.

Veterans are encouraged to attend and the public is welcome to attend the event being put on in honor of Veteran's Day.

When he was in the military, Brown was given a special assignment with the White House Press Corps where he served as a photographer and had the opportunity to

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Food Closet won't solicit holiday funds

To the Editor,

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During the recent Harvest Fest in downtown Belleville, the bake sale generated over \$600 for our clients.

The food closet teamed up again, for the third year, with the Belleville Road Meijer and because of their generosity and our community, we earned \$18,080 with the Simply Give program. For this reason, we will not be soliciting funds for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday bags this year. We are so grateful for all those who continue to support us in our mission of feeding the hungry in our community.

On another high note, we would like to honor our area veterans on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 2 p.m. at the Belleville First United Methodist Church at 417 Charles St.

A local resident, Doug Brown, will tell his story and show photos of his special assignment with the White House Press Corps where he served as a photographer and had the unique opportunity to spend four days traveling with President Harry S. Truman.

A dessert reception will follow.

We encourage veterans to attend and the public is also welcome. There is no charge for this event.

Sincerely,
Janette K. Renton, Director
Belleville Food Closet

Nominations sought for BHS Distinguished Graduate award

Nominations are being sought for the annual Belleville High School Distinguished Graduate award that has a nomination deadline of Jan. 31.

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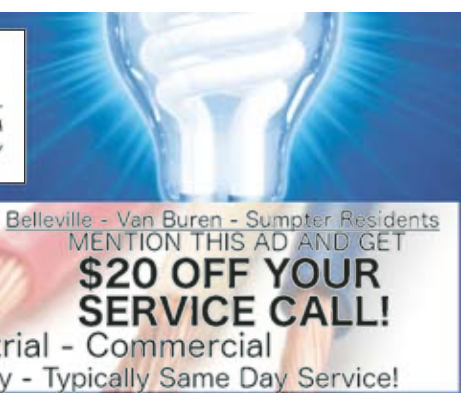
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More Letters

Rush doesn't want to work to get elected

To the Editor,

Facts about Tim Rush.

I would like to start out by saying that Tim is a very nice person. With that being said, he ran in 2003 for a vacant seat for trustee as a Republican. He won by less than 40 votes over Peggy Morgan Democrat. In 2004 he was not re-elected. Tim Rush did not hold any seat after that point.

Tim ran again in August of 2008 as a Democrat. There were 10 people running for trustee. The winners in order were Peggy Morgan - 744, Linda Kennedy - 653, Alan Bates - 634, Bill Hamm-612, Tim Rush came in seventh with 346 and Jay Bardell took on 237 votes for tenth place.

Now in 2016 he is running as a Republican again. Tim hasn't shown any interest in the township until he decided to run. He has been heard telling many people that he is "Just hoping that the Democrats will vote straight-ticket for Trump. So he can win by taking out the lowest vote-getting Democrat. This way he doesn't have to work hard to get elected."

How sad that you don't care if you're a Democrat or a Republican, as long as you're elected. It is a shame that you are OK with not having to work to be elected.

Do you even know where you stand on issues? We haven't heard about it. How about plans for if you get elected?

These are important things.

My favorite thing is Tim telling the whole Morgan team how he worked so hard during the primary to get people to vote for them. Showing up at their party where they wait for the primary number to come in. Told everybody what a great job they were doing and then did it again at John Morgan's October annual party. So my question is: Why is he running?

Please vote for people that you know work for every single person in our township: The true Democrats. The Morgan team.

Chris Walter-Hamm
Sumpter Township

Editor's Note: Since this is the last issue before the election and he would not have time to rebut these charges, we thought it was fair to call Tim Rush to tell him about the letter attacking his candidacy. Rush replied that he refuses to join the fray. "It's been clean, nice, and based on issues and ideas," Rush said of this campaign season. He said Hamm doesn't even know him and she's basing her comments on second or third-hand information. "This has been the classiest campaign season in Sumpter's history," Rush said. "It's really sad it's taken this turn."

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Reelect Morgan Team in Sumpter Township

To the Editor and the Voters of Sumpter Township

The upcoming election is very important for the Morgan team this Tuesday. The executive board is running unopposed for their seats. The trustee seats are still undecided. We are being challenged by a Republican, Tim Rush. I feel all of us on the Morgan team have been and will continue to work very hard to keep "Country living at its finest" here in Sumpter Township.

Moving forward we have balanced the budget, grant funds, reduced debt, and plans for emergency shelters should the need for any arise. A new siren system, security systems for our buildings, more family activities, improvements for our parks, and additional senior services as funding becomes available.

We as trustees have made sure to be heavily involved with our township. Many residents tell us directly what issues they would like to see resolved when we are out talking to them. An issue that has been brought up to us recently is that many of you would like to see recycling curbside. Another issue is blight. We are working diligently to solve these problems.

All four trustees are liaisons to different departments. I am liaison to the fire department. This involves many hours making sure the men and women have the proper equipment, updating the board with day-to-day operations, and keeping the residents updated. Don Swinson is liaison

to Parks and Recreation. He is constantly working on the 5-year plan, securing grant funds for the parks, getting sponsors for activities, and improving the department any way he can. Matt Oddy is liaison to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board. He keeps the board updated on all meetings taking place. He provides the board with information from the planner. He also spends many hours working with his counterparts updating township ordinances and the master plan. Don LaPorte is liaison to the police department keeping the board updated on the day-to-day operations. He has an excellent rapport with the chief and officers. Equipment updates, training, even ways to save money. Are all things he works on with the chief. Don really enjoys the position and because he is a fire fighter he also gets to work side-by-side with many of the officers.

We are not just trustees on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. We all work very hard all year round. It is more than just going to meetings and looking at an agenda. Our job is whenever our residents need us. We are on call even when we go on vacation. We love what we do. We are not fair-weather trustees, nor do you only see our faces throughout the community sporadically. All of us have been strongly tied to and involved with our township and hope to do so for four more years. Please do your part to keep us in office.

Thank you.
Trustee Peggy Morgan
Sumpter Township

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Save the Heritage, vote no on VBT mills

To the Editor:

I have somewhat to say concerning politics and the upcoming election. From my experience in running for local office, I can say the Republicans will stab you in the back; the Democrats will stab you EVERYWHERE.

The slogan I chose for my non-partisan campaign for VBT Trustee is "Save the Heritage," related primarily to the preservation of the Riggs House, but also to the entire American Heritage. As the Riggs House has been torn down, there is no longer any opportunity to preserve it. On Oct. 10, VBT tore the House down despite attempts on the part of not only myself, but many others, including one sitting and an incoming Trustee, who disagreed with the VBT decision to raze it. That decision may well affect the minds of VB voters. I certainly hope so. As one who has independently preserved the local history and heritage, I am indeed confronted with the actions of those who could care less.

I now own two old millstones, relics from the day when this section of the Huron was being settled. My own research has led to some conclusions about them, and extremely fabulous theory about where they came from and how they ended up in the place I found them when I was given them by the Horste family.

I placed them both on public display in front of the Historical museum on Main Street. One of those stones I have traced to Morristown, New Jersey, and came to the Huron most probably as Major Benjamin Woodruff's Mill, the first on the Huron. This stone most likely fed the Continental Army at Morristown when George Washington camped the Army there for two winters during the Revolutionary War, 1776-77, and 1779-80. During the Civil War it probably ground out flour to feed the Union Army here on the Huron.

On Oct. 10, by 9 a.m., The Riggs House was rubble. Realizing I could no longer trust VBT, by noon of that day I removed that most-important millstone from VBT Museum property to a safe location, not willing to allow the opportunity for VBT to destroy that, too. The Millstone shall be preserved.

My analysis of the primary election? I feel

that Phil Hart was betrayed and sacrificed on the Visteon altar. Other incumbents seem to be running from that issue by not running for office again. The upcoming board will have to deal with that issue.

VBT's errors in expanding the Public Safety expenditures: If the millage fails (and I hope it does), that will mean VB will have to fund its mistakes directly from the general fund, and will have to trim the budget, which they already should have done much sooner during this current recession.

This fiscal irresponsibility will have to be dealt with by the incoming board. I would reorganize the Public Safety Department to better cost efficiency for the people. You, the voters, ought to force the issue. Simply vote no on the millage, and put better candidates in office.

Paul White and Linda Combs are responsible for not preserving the Riggs House, and she for destroying it. They have done NOTHING to address the looming Visteon bond problem, which should not have been entered into in the first place. Combs never responded to my request to fill the VB Historian position vacated by the late Cathy Horste.

I think the electorate has had enough of \$20 trillion national debt, the media fanning the fires of racial tension, undeclared wars (last declaration 1941), and increasing government power misused in tyrannical fashion.

The entire American Heritage is on the altar, with no real choices in sight at the national level. I think both Clinton and Trump are dangerous to the United States survival. If changes are to be made it must begin here at the local level; this is why I offered to voters in VBT a fresh option, and filed for Trustee -- and as a non-partisan, I owe nothing to party politics.

I like Reggie Miller and Sherry Frazier; working with them would be a joy. Again, I support Keith Johnston for the school board. Perhaps, there may be a return of teaching the Constitution, and Building trades, or am I just wishfully thinking?

James Chapman

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Firefighter falls through floor at Sunday morning fire on Haggerty Road

On Sunday at 7:44 a.m., Van Buren Township police officers and firefighters were called to the 7800 block of Haggerty Road, just south of Ecorse Road, for heavy smoke coming from a residence.

In a press release sent out by Fire Chief Dan Besson, he reported police arrived first, confirmed a working house fire, and attempted to locate anyone that may be still inside the home.

Engine 2 arrived at 7:51 a.m. and discovered that the fire had penetrated the front windows and the front of the home was well-involved with fire.

Engine 1 and additional firefighters arrived moments later. Firefighters were able to quickly knock down the flames from the front of the home and entered the home in order to do an interior search for anyone that may still be inside, as well as looking for the source of the fire.

While searching the interior of the home in very smoky conditions a VBT fire fighter, a four-year veteran, fell through a hole in the floor on the first floor -- catching himself with his elbows before he would have fallen completely through to the basement.

He was able to self-rescue himself along with some assistance provided by the crew that was with him. He was evaluated and denied any injuries. He was not transported to the hospital.

Fire fighters discovered no one was home at the time of the fire and that the hole in the floor was caused by a fire that had started in the basement and had burned through the floor joists above it.

An investigation is on-going but at this time the fire appears to have been caused by an electrical issue in the basement.

Additional resources were called to the scene to pump water out of the basement and secure the home. The rental home was turned over to homeowner Johnny Gambino who was in contact with his insurance carrier. Firefighters cleared at 11:34 a.m.

Police said what was growing at the house is under investigation.

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To the Editor,

First, I wish to thank and compliment you for publishing the two letters in the Oct. 6, 2016 edition. The letters revealed anxiety, but were well thought out and able to be understood. Very clean, clear, respectful. These letters were written by June Youngoldis and Cornell Anton, Jr. I thank them for sharing the information with me. They were inspiring letters.

Also, I would like to bring to your attention a most remarkable article by Nolan Finley that he wrote in *The Detroit News* on Oct. 6, 2016. Mr. Finley is an editorial page writer. He tells and gives his analysis to the problems involving the children in our schools, their lack of grades on the reading tests.

It is my fervent hope that every parent, every school board member, the teachers, and the superintendent read Mr. Finley's article. He is telling the conditions, worry, embarrassment, fear and the need to aspire in correcting the problem. Please read the article, as the children passing the state tests are not a high percentage. Reading is a must! You can see every child now has a phone, can get info but are playing games, Facebook, and are not reading. How can they succeed after leaving school? What will our nation be like in 20 years? Other countries are ahead of our nation.

It seems as though we have reverted backwards to our cowboy days – everyone can carry a gun, a real lack of reading, and our nation's intelligence is certainly affected.

Mr. Finley has the uncanny ability to point out the problem. It certainly appears we need to go back strongly for the 3 R's: Reading, 'Riting, and 'Rithmetic. Thank you, Mr. Finley.

Don Bluhm
Belleville

Editor's Note: Among other things, Finley advocates that every hour of a child's school day should be dedicated to reading for as long as it takes. Then individual students can move into classrooms that add science, math and other subjects. "But a STEM curriculum is useless until children master the R," he wrote.

Protestors need to be reminded of sacrifices

To the Editor,

Crispus Attucks, a black militiaman, was assumed to be the first person killed during the Boston Massacre in 1770. He, along with an estimated 9,000 other black Patriot soldiers, was instrumental in the eventual victory over Great Britain during the American Revolutionary War. Thousands of other African Americans responded to the call of freedom after the battles of

Lexington and Concord.

Following the siege of the British at Yorktown in 1781 and at the conclusion of hostilities and the final surrender by England it was estimated that nearly one-fourth of the Continental Army consisted of black soldiers. Finally in 1789 African American men could vote in five of the original 13 colonies, including North Carolina. This was a milestone for black men within the boundaries of our fledgling new nation.

In April 1898 an expeditionary force of 17,000 American troops, including 3,000 black "Buffalo Soldiers," distinguished themselves in battle, under adverse conditions during the Spanish American War, ostensibly to liberate Caribbean and Philippine Islanders from Spanish oppression.

During World War I African American soldiers and sailors were segregated from their white counterparts and were neither recognized by the American military establishment or the American Government as an integral fight force representing the United States. Instead, the New York National Guard 369th Infantry Regiment, nicknamed the "Harlem Hellfighters," was attached to the French Army's 161st Division where they were issued French Army uniforms.

The 369th suffered a loss of 1,500 men along the German front and the unit was engaged in battle for the longest continuous period of any Allied Unit. All of their actions were fought under the French Flag and 500 of the regiment's members were awarded the French "Croix de Guerre" for bravery in battle. U.S. President Woodrow Wilson had encouraged the Army to shun black soldiers and encouraged segregation as the official policy to be implemented by U.S. General John G. Pershing. I wonder how the students of Pershing High School in Detroit would react if they understood this history?

During World War II, the Korean War, the war in Vietnam, and the much later Middle East Gulf Conflicts, black American

military enlistees had proven beyond any doubt their capability and patriotism during battle. Many thousands of black troops were wounded and killed while sacrificing themselves for the cause of freedom and fighting for America.

The next time a "black lives matter" protestor refuses to stand for the National Anthem or raises a fist in defiance of the U.S. Flag please remind them of the sacrifices that their ancestors made so that we can enjoy the Constitutional right to offer solidarity with others in the current social conflict between Public Safety

Officers and the black community. Surely there must be a better way to express our discontent and strive for unity and lawful protection of all citizens -- each and every one!

In memory of those who sacrificed,
CeJay Marshall
Vietnam-Era Veteran

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City of Belleville Public Notice



POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE BIDS

BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Belleville Police Department is accepting sealed bids for the following vehicles:

2001 Ford Explorer
2002 Ford Focus
1999 Ford Taurus
2000 Pontiac Grand Prix
2000 Ford Escort
1999 Lincoln Town Car
2003 Ford Taurus
1995 Dodge Dakota

The vehicles are being stored at J&T Towing in Belleville. Bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked with which vehicle you are bidding on and "Bid for Vehicle." Bids are due in the City Clerk's Office by Friday, November 18, 2016, no later than 4:00 p.m. They will be opened and read publicly at the November 21, 2016 City Council Meeting at Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan 48111 in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

Vehicles may be viewed at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, Michigan.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in the best interest of the City of Belleville.

DATE: October 26, 2016

**PUBLISH: November 3, 2016
November 10, 2016
November 17, 2016**



City of Belleville Public Notice



City's Fall 2016 Leaf Collection

The City of Belleville will not be picking up leaves in a "Fall Leaf Collection" program for 2016. Leaves must be bagged in yard waste bags and placed with your regular refuse pick up. Twigs and other yard waste may continue to be placed in paper bags or yard waste containers for the regular refuse collection through November 25th.

Publish: November 3, 2016; November 10, 2016

General Election -- Tuesday, November 8, 2016 Sample Ballot

PARTISAN SECTION		STATE BOARDS		COUNTY	
STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET Vote for not more than 1		MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Vote for not more than 2		SHERIFF Vote for not more than 1	
	Republican Party ☐	Tom McMillin Republican ☐		Benny N. Napoleon Democratic ☐	
	Democratic Party ☐	Nikki Snyder Republican ☐		CLERK Vote for not more than 1	
		Ish Ahmed Democratic ☐			
	Libertarian Party ☐	John Austin Democratic ☐		Cathy M. Garrett Democratic ☐	
	U.S. Taxpayers Party ☐	Scotty Boman Libertarian ☐		☐	
		Bill Hall Libertarian ☐		TREASURER Vote for not more than 1	
	Green Party ☐	Karen Adams U.S. Taxpayers ☐		Eric Sabree Democratic ☐	
		Douglas Levesque U.S. Taxpayers ☐		☐	
	Natural Law Party ☐	Derek M. Grigsby Green ☐		REGISTER OF DEEDS Vote for not more than 1	
		Sherry A. Wells Green ☐		☐	
	Working Class Party ☐	Mary Anne Hering Working Class ☐		Bernard J. Youngblood Democratic ☐	
		☐		☐	
PRESIDENTIAL		REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN Vote for not more than 2		COUNTY COMMISSIONER 11th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	
ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES Vote for not more than 1		Carl Meyers Republican ☐		A. Haidous Democratic ☐	
		Ron Weiser Republican ☐		☐	
		Laurence B. Deitch Democratic ☐		TOWNSHIP	
Donald J. Trump Michael R. Pence Republican ☐		Denise Ilitch Democratic ☐		SUPERVISOR Vote for not more than 1	
Hillary Clinton Tim Kaine Democratic ☐		James Lewis Hudler Libertarian ☐		Kevin McNamara Democratic ☐	
Gary Johnson Bill Weld Libertarian ☐		John Jacob Libertarian ☐		☐	
		Audra Driscoll U.S. Taxpayers ☐		CLERK Vote for not more than 1	
Darrell L. Castle Scott N. Bradley U.S. Taxpayers ☐		Richard A. Hewer U.S. Taxpayers ☐		Leon Wright Democratic ☐	
		Latham Redding Green ☐		☐	
Jill Stein Ajamu Baraka Green ☐		Bridgette Abraham-Guzman Natural Law ☐			
		☐		TREASURER Vote for not more than 1	
Emidio Mimi Soltysik Angela Nicole Walker Natural Law ☐		William Deary Republican ☐		Sharry A. Budd Democratic ☐	
☐		Dan Kelly Republican ☐		☐	
		Dianne Byrum Democratic ☐		TRUSTEE Vote for not more than 4	
CONGRESSIONAL		Diann Woodard Democratic ☐		Sherry A. Frazier Democratic ☐	
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 12th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1		Justin Burns Libertarian ☐		Kevin Martin Democratic ☐	
Jeff Jones Republican ☐		Gregory Scott Stemple Libertarian ☐		Reggie Miller Democratic ☐	
Debbie Dingell Democratic ☐		Angela Grandy U.S. Taxpayers ☐		Paul D. White Democratic ☐	
Tom Bagwell Libertarian ☐		Will Tyler White Green ☐		James F. Chapman No Party Affiliation ☐	
Dylan Calewarts Green ☐		☐		☐	
Gary Walkowicz Working Class ☐		GOVERNOR OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY Vote for not more than 2		☐	
☐		Michael J. Busuito Republican ☐		☐	
LEGISLATIVE		Kimberly Shmina Republican ☐		NONPARTISAN SECTION	
REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 21st DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1		Yvette McElroy Anderson Democratic ☐		JUDICIAL	
Derek Moss Republican ☐		Mark Gaffney Democratic ☐		JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT Vote for not more than 1	
Kristy Pagan Democratic ☐		Bhagwan Dashairya Libertarian ☐		Doug Dern ☐	
☐		Al Seder Libertarian ☐		Frank Szymanski ☐	
		Robert Gale U.S. Taxpayers ☐		David Viviano Justice of Supreme Court ☐	
SUMPTER TWP. BALLOT		Marc Joseph Sosnowski U.S. Taxpayers ☐		JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT INCUMBENT POSITION Partial Term Ending 01/01/2019 Vote for not more than 1	
		Margaret Gutshall Green ☐		☐	
LEGISLATIVE		Fran Shor Green ☐		Joan Larsen Justice of Supreme Court ☐	
REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 17th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1		Wendy Goossen Natural Law ☐		Kerry L. Morgan ☐	
Joseph Bellino, Jr. Republican ☐		☐		PROSECUTING ATTORNEY Vote for not more than 1	
Bill LaVoy Democratic ☐		☐		Deborah Thomas ☐	
Jeff Andring U.S. Taxpayers ☐		Kym L. Worthy Democratic ☐		☐	
☐		David Afton Libertarian ☐			
		☐			

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JUDICIAL	JUDICIAL	TOWNSHIP	
JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS 1st DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 2	JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 2	CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE Shall the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan assess a 6.5 mill levy to provide funds for public safety services, including: police; fire; dispatch; emergency management; and ordinance enforcement? The 6.5 mills (\$6.50 per \$1,000 taxable value) is to be levied against all property within the Township, pursuant to 1947 PA 359, as amended, for a period of seven years beginning December 2017 through December 2023, inclusive, which would be approximately \$6,421,136 when first levied in December 2017, less the estimated tax captures: Downtown Development Authority in the amount of \$292,084 (pursuant to 1975 PA 197, as amended); and Local Development Finance Authority in the amount of \$128,266 (pursuant to 1986 PA 281, as amended). If approved, this new millage would replace a previously authorized police and fire services millage that expires December 2016.	
	Lisa Marie Neilson <small>Judge of Probate Court</small>		
	Lawrence J. Paolucci <small>Judge of Probate Court</small>		
	JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT 34th DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 1		
JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3rd CIRCUIT INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 16	Brian A. Oakley <small>Judge of District Court</small>		
Eric William Cholack <small>Judge of Circuit Court</small>			YES ☐
James R. Chylinski			NO ☐
Patricia Susan Fresard <small>Judge of Circuit Court</small>	LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT		
Alexis A. Glendenning <small>Judge of Circuit Court</small>	BOARD MEMBER VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS Vote for not more than 4		
David Alan Groner <small>Judge of Circuit Court</small>			
Cynthia Gray Hathaway <small>Judge of Circuit Court</small>	Darlene Loyer Gerick		
Susan L. Hubbard <small>Judge of Circuit Court</small>	Keith L. Johnston		
Muriel Diane Hughes <small>Judge of Circuit Court</small>	Brent Mikulski		
Timothy M. Kenny <small>Judge of Circuit Court</small>	Kelly A. Owen		
Sheila Gibson Manning <small>Judge of Circuit Court</small>	David Peer		
Bruce Underwood Morrow <small>Judge of Circuit Court</small>	Simone Pinter		
John A. Murphy <small>Judge of Circuit Court</small>	Victor De Libera		
Lita Helene Popke <small>Judge of Circuit Court</small>	Susan K. Featheringill		
Mark Slavens <small>Judge of Circuit Court</small>			
Martha M. Snow <small>Judge of Circuit Court</small>			
Brian R. Sullivan <small>Judge of Circuit Court</small>			
	DISTRICT LIBRARY		
	BOARD MEMBER BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT Vote for not more than 3		
	Joy Cichewicz		
	Alma Hughes-Grubbs		
	John Juriga		
	PROPOSAL SECTION		
	AUTHORITY		
	A PROPOSAL AUTHORIZING THE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN (RTA) TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT		
JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3rd CIRCUIT INCUMBENT POSITION Partial Term Ending 01/01/2019 Vote for not more than 1	The proposal would authorize the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) to levy within Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties a property tax assessment: • at a rate of 1.2 mills (\$1.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value); • for 20 years beginning in 2016 and ending in 2035; • that may not be increased, renewed, or used for other purposes without direct voter approval; and • to be used upon the affirmative vote of an RTA board member from each RTA member jurisdiction for the purpose of construction and operation of a public transportation system connecting Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties, including rapid transit bus routes across county lines, specialized service for senior citizens and people with disabilities, commuter rail, airport express service, and other public transportation purposes permitted by law, consistent with RTA bylaws and subject to the limitations of the Regional Transit Authority Act. If this new additional assessment is approved and levied, revenue will be disbursed to the RTA. It is estimated that \$160,907,285 will be collected in the first year. Should this assessment be approved?	YES ☐	
Adel A. Harb <small>Judge of Circuit Court</small>		NO ☐	
JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3rd CIRCUIT NON-INCUMBENT POSITION Vote for not more than 4			
Matthew M. Evans			
Wanda A. Evans			
Robert Ficano			
Thomas John Hathaway			
Brian L. Morrow			
Kelly Ann Ramsey			
Regina Thomas			
Melissa Anne Cox			
	YES	☐	
	NO	☐	

SUMPTER TWP. BALLOT
TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISOR Vote for not more than 1
John W. Morgan <small>Democratic</small>
CLERK Vote for not more than 1
Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr. <small>Democratic</small>
TREASURER Vote for not more than 1
Alan D. Bates <small>Democratic</small>
TRUSTEE Vote for not more than 4
Tim Rush <small>Republican</small>
Don LaPorte <small>Democratic</small>
Peggy Morgan <small>Democratic</small>
Matt Oddy <small>Democratic</small>
Don Swinson <small>Democratic</small>

Sumpter Goodfellows, Toys for Tots to start taking applications

Sumpter Township Goodfellows will be taking applications for Christmas help for 2016 beginning Nov. 7.

Application packets for Sumpter Township Goodfellows and Toys for Tots are available at Sumpter Ace Hardware, Sumpter Township Hall - Supervisor's Office, Edgemont Elementary, Keystone Academy, Tyler Elementary, Savage Elementary, Headstart at Haggerty, and Owen Intermediate School. They can also be dropped off at the same locations and

the applications will be picked up.

Those with any questions may call Cathy Sykes at (734) 740-6300.

Deadline will be Dec. 9 for all applications and they will distribute the week of Dec. 14.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 11, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m., showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Swinson, Oddy, P. Morgan, LaPorte. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 13 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Swinson, supported by Oddy to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Oddy to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve Special Board Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Bates to accept Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of August 18, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve Warrants totaling \$205,519.38. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Swinson, P. Morgan, Oddy, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer Report-Bates: Motion by Swinson, supported Oddy to approve Water & Sewer Report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Police Report-Luke:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to postpone Sergeant Promotional Exam to December 19, 2016 (tentative). Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Swinson, supported by P. Morgan to approve Police Report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Building/Ordinance Report: Motion by Swinson, supported by Oddy to approve Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Fire Report-Januszyk:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve for the Fire Department to proceed having annual Trunk or Treat at Fire Station #1 October 31, 2016.

B. Motion by Bates, supported by C. Hoffman to approve Fire Report. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Treasurer's Report-Bates: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Supervisor's Report-J. Morgan:

A. Women of Moose Chapter 1135 having Trunk or Treat October 28, 2016.

B. Library Forum October 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

C. DTE conversion of street lights to LED has been approved, project set for 2017.

D. Monster Mutt Walk October 15, 2016 in Belleville

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to Approve Supervisors Report. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Attorney's Report-Young:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the three new hires into MERS Define Benefit Program. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Bates, supported by P. Morgan to approve Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Board Response:

15. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the recommendation of Award for Senior Center Generator Installation to go to Nova Electric (Lowest Bidder). Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Bates, supported by Swinson to approve Sumpter Seniors to use gym for craft show on Saturday, November 5, 2016. Proceeds to support the Senior Christmas Party. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve to have the Township Hall closed for the Holiday Season from December 23, 2016 thru January 2, 2017. PTO or Vacation Time to be used for December 28 & 29, 2016. Return to work January 3, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve awarding UMS to excavate and repair 3 parking lot drains and repair a section of sidewalk at Fire Station #1 at a cost of \$12,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Announcements:

A. October 16, 2016 is the 3rd Sunday for the Turkey Shoot. 11:30 am Registration, Noon start time.

17. Open Floor:

A. Mary Ban

December 31, 2016 the Treasurer's Office will be open for Taxes

Is Police aware or have any complaints of gun shooting in neighborhoods at night?

Price of Generator Installation

RESA Tax increase

B. Virginia Belinski

Library Forum October 12, 2016

18. Closed Session: Pending Litigation: Po vs. Sumpter Township

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Bates to go into Closed Session at 7:05 pm to discuss Clarita Po vs. Sumpter Township Litigation. Roll Call Vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Oddy, Swinson, P. Morgan, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to go back into Open Session at 8:01 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

19. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson at 8:02 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Respectfully submitted, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk Sumpter Township

Certification

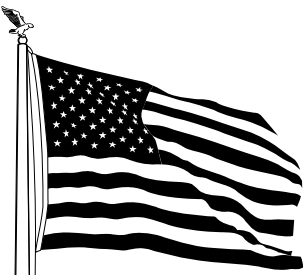
I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on October 11, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Published: November 3, 2016

General Election -- Tuesday, November 8, 2016 Sample Ballot

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PROPOSAL SECTION		
DISTRICT LIBRARY	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT	
BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY I. BONDING PROPOSITION Shall the Belleville Area District Library, formed by City of Belleville, Charter Township of Van Buren, and Township of Sumpter, each in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Fourteen Million Dollars (\$14,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for all or a portion of that amount for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new building for library purposes; constructing renovations to, furnishing and refurbishing and equipping and re-equipping an existing building for library purposes; and acquiring, developing and improving sites for library buildings? The following is for informational purposes only: The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2017, is 0.75 mill (\$0.75 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-one (21) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 0.68 mill (\$0.68 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). (Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.) <div>YES ☐</div> <div>NO ☐</div>	REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count. Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mills (\$2.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2016 to 2021, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$80,000,000 when first levied in 2016. The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the following school districts: Allen Park Public Schools, Crestwood School District, Dearborn City School District, Dearborn Heights School District #7, Detroit Public Schools Community District, Ecorse Public School District, Flat Rock Community Schools, School District of the City of Garden City, Gibraltar School District, Grosse Ile Township Schools, The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Hamtramck Public Schools, City of Harper Woods Schools, School District of the City of Highland Park, Huron School District, School District of the City of Lincoln Park, Livonia Public Schools, Melvindale - Northern Allen Park Schools, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Redford Union School District, River Rouge School District, Riverview Community School District, Romulus Community Schools, Southgate Community School District, South Redford School District, Taylor School District, Trenton Public Schools, Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne-Westland Community School District, Westwood Community Schools, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, Wyandotte City School District <div>YES ☐</div> <div>NO ☐</div>	LINCOLN SCHOOL BALLOT
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT		
BOARD MEMBER LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS Vote for not more than 2		
Allison Sparks ☐		
Laura Van Zomeren ☐		
☐		
12th DISTRICT BALLOT		
LEGISLATIVE		
REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 12th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1		
Erik Soderquist ☐ Republican		
Erika Geiss ☐ Democratic		
☐		
		

Vote November 8th

Higgerson & Neal offers free Vital ICE app

Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home in Belleville is offering free access to the Vital ICE (In Case of Emergency) app for local residents' cell phones to have important information on hand for first responders in case of an emergency.

Owner Beverly Neal recognized an opportunity to assist local first responders through a marketing initiative that could help save lives.

Neal and her staff ask local residents to download the Vital ICE app, from either the

Apple App Store or Google Play, for smart phones and enter in their code: #2028.

Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home is making this potentially life-saving app available for free to download in the community as a way of showing their gratitude for allowing them to serve you.

They ask that residents take a few minutes to download the Vital ICE app and fill in the information so they are prepared in case of an emergency. This app is available to the entire community, regardless of age.

Circuit Court jury trial for James Chapman declared mistrial

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Margaret Van Houton declared a mistrial Friday in the jury trial of James Chapman,

Valor award

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the courage he displayed at the Worcester Cold Storage Warehouse Fire in December 1999, when he made the bold decision to stop additional Worcester firefighters from entering the building when there were already six lost inside.

Judges in the nationwide contest for the honors were Fire Chief Paul Bourgeois of the Superstition Fire & Medical District, AZ; Deputy Chief William Goldfeder of the Loveland-Symmes, OH, Fire Department; Assistant Chief Brian Schaeffer of the Spokane, WA, Fire Department; and Deputy Chief John B. Tippet, Jr. of the Charleston, SC, Fire Department.

56, a candidate for Van Buren Township trustee in the Nov. 8 general election.

Judge Van Houton rescheduled the jury trial for Jan. 23, 2017.

Chapman is charged with the felony of resisting/obstructing a police officer on June 3 when he allegedly jumped into Belleville Lake instead of following directions of a VBT officer. If found guilty, he could have to pay a fine of \$2,000 and/or spend one year in jail.

He also is charged with the misdemeanor offense of refusing to provide a DNA sample after his arrest, which could result in a sentence of \$1,000 and/or one year in jail – or more.

Last Thursday, the jury had been selected and the prosecutor presented her case. The court-appointed defense attorney had just begun her case when lunch time arrived and they took a break.

Chapman said a juror in the jury room had a severe asthma attack and another

juror ran out into the hallway, running from locked door to locked door desperately seeking help. All the doors were closed for the lunch break.

Chapman said Detective Mark Buxton, officer in charge of the case, and the prosecutor's only witness Officer David Champagne were in the hallway and the juror ran to them, seeking help.

After pausing to consider the situation, Det. Buxton sent Officer Champagne, a cross-trained police/fire fighter, into the jury room to help the juror.

Once it was reported that a witness had gone into the jury room, Judge Van Houton took testimony on what had happened and then declared a mistrial.

Reportedly Chapman's attorney asked how she could criticize Champagne, who was "a knight in shining armor who came in to the rescue."

The incident at the heart of the charges against Chapman occurred June 3 when he was arrested after reportedly jumping into Belleville Lake and swimming off to avoid VBT Police.

VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazzy said

Chapman was visiting his friend on Alba Court when they allegedly got into a fight. The friend called VBT police and then Chapman called VBT police, Lt. Bazzy said.

When police arrived, Chapman fled and jumped into the water, Lt. Bazzy said. Chapman swam along the shoreline, with Officer Champagne following along on the shore. The officer reportedly was taking off his bulletproof vest and other heavy gear to remove Chapman from the water for his safety, when Chapman came out of the water himself and was arrested.

Lt. Bazzy said Chapman placed the police in jeopardy for requiring them to enter the water to save him, thus the obstructing a police officer charge.

After Chapman's arrest, he refused to provide a DNA sample as required by law, so he was charged with a simple misdemeanor for the refusal. He also is charged as a habitual offender.

Before the jury trial was scheduled, the prosecutor offered Chapman a plea deal of pleading guilty to two misdemeanors and

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On Wednesday November 9, 2016; the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2003	Ford	4D	1FAHP56S93A126799	16-17862
1991	Ford	PU	2FDLF47MOMCA45610	16-18365
1994	Cadillac	2D	1G6ET1293RU605766	16-17621
2003	GMC	PU	1GTCS19H738143393	16-18990
2005	GMC	SW	1GKET16M356138461	16-20096
2002	Buick	4D	2G4WB55KX21288821	16-16337
2004	Chrysler	SW	2C8GM68414R503768	16-16993
1997	Mercury	4D	1MELM6531VK618476	16-16935
1991	Ford	2D	1FACP41E4MF163897	16-16257

At 11:00am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2000	Ford	4D	1FAFP3433YW405344	16-16277
2002	Ford	SW	1FAFP36322W308415	16-17599
2000	Dodge	SW	1B4HS28Z4YF227922	16-17408
2003	Ford	SW	1FMRE11L03HB44396	16-16684C
2005	Ford	SW	1FMYU02ZX5DA16592	16-15680
2006	Nissan	4D	1N4AL11D76C165317	16-15379
2002	Dodge	SW	1B4HS38N72F130840	16-15378
1988	Toyota	4D	JT2VV21E0J0023267	16-16684D
2011	Hyundai	4D	5NPEC4AC4BH271257	16-16684B
1998	GMC	PU	1GTEK14W0WZ535533	16-16684
1999	Dodge	4D	2B3HD46R3XH534475	16-18229A
1996	Saturn	4D	1G8ZG5289TZ288520	16-18229B
1997	Pontiac	2D	4G2JB32T8VB205510	16-18031
2002	Pontiac	4D	1G2WK52J92F158798	16-17831
1997	Specwellcraf	BT	WEL02733M77J	16-16383
2001	Chevrolet	2D	1G1JC124117191592	16-15259

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

Leon Wright, CMC
Van Buren Township Clerk
Published: November 3, 2016

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Notice of Advertisement

Seeking Demolition Bids. The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI will receive bids for the demolition, removal, and disposal of all structures and debris at **1050 Savage Road (Parcel Number V125-83-105-99-0022-000)**. Bid forms and demolition work specifications are available at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday or on the Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org. Bids shall be submitted to the Clerk's Office by **3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23, 2016** and will be publicly opened immediately following the closing of the bid. Interested contractors may contact Ron Akers, Director of Planning & Economic Development at (734) 699-8913 to schedule a Pre-Bid Meeting. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and reserves the right not to award a contract. Van Buren Township is an equal opportunity employer. This project will be funded with federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

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Judge Oakley said at the motions hearing on Nov. 2 they could set a trial date at district court for the 2015 DNA misdemeanor charge.

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This weekend is the Belleville Area Council for the Arts Community Art Show at the Belleville Yacht Club on East Huron River Drive. On Friday evening the art show reception will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Refreshments and a cash bar will be offered. Art Show awards will be handed out at 7:30 p.m. Regular art show hours are Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

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The Belleville Presbyterian Church on Belleville Road is holding its annual Christmas Luncheon, Craft and Bake Sale this Saturday, Nov. 5, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children 5-12, and free for 5 and under. The lunch includes coffee or tea and dessert. The event is sponsored by the Belleville

Presbyterian Women's Association. Call (734) 697-8687.

Our hearts go out to Jesse and Esperanza Perez of Dos Pesos Mexican on Belleville Road, who lost their son Daniel, suddenly to a heart attack on Oct. 25. He was 53 and left behind wife Melissa, and two daughters, Daniela and Victoria. Funeral services were held Oct. 29. Prayers to the Perez family.

The public is invited to Friday's ribbon-cutting ceremony at AAA Willis Insurance Agency at 10778 Belleville Road in the shopping plaza behind McDonald's. The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will cut the ribbon with agency owner Vellon Willis at 12 noon, followed by light refreshments and special giveaways. Call (734) 697-0170.

Congratulations to Leo's Coney Island on Belleville Road which is celebrating its 5th Anniversary this week and held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and dine-to-donate event on Wednesday with 10% of the proceeds going to the local Goodfellows. Leo's presented a check to the Van Buren Fire Department from a dine-to-donate event held on 9/11.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the candidates, groups, and supporters who advertised with us for the upcoming elections next Tuesday, Nov. 8. All the best to you. We appreciate your business.

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24409 SHERWOOD 1.15 ACRES \$30,000
20743 GRIFFIN COURT 1.4 AC \$29,500
ELWELL ACROSS FRM 29300 10AS \$59,500

42915 WILLIS 4 SPLITS \$30,000 TO \$40,000
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