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Belleville Fire Dept. celebrates 100 years

One hundred years ago the City of Belleville Volunteer Fire Department was organized with only axes and pails.

There are no records indicating payment to the volunteers and there wasn't a fire hall until much later.

The City of Belleville Volunteer Fire Department currently has 16 volunteers and five pieces of apparatus and a station at Second and Liberty that was acquired in 1978.

"What a milestone for this department to accomplish when we are in a time of departments closing and merging," said fire fighter Collette McClintock, chairperson of the celebration.

The City of Belleville Volunteer Fire Department is celebrating 100 years of service to the community this Saturday, Oct. 13, with a full day's schedule of events.

The day starts off with a pancake breakfast sponsored by the St. Anthony Boy Scouts #793 at St. Anthony's church from 8 a.m. until noon.

At 9 a.m. Survival Flight from the University of Michigan Hospital will be on view at St. Anthony's property.

The 100th Anniversary Parade starts at 10:30 a.m. down Belleville's Main Street.

One of the City of Belleville's early fire trucks, a 1923 Brockway-LaFrance (the Belleville Torpedo) will lead the parade, followed by a 100th Anniversary banner, Honor Guard, City of Belleville Fire Chiefs, the Anniversary's parade Grand Marshalls, Mary Talaga and Millie Baker (whose husbands served 35 and 50 years of fire service to the city), past firefighters and apparatus that served the city, and then the current apparatus, the Fire Auxiliary, HVA, fire apparatus from neighboring departments, and antique apparatus from

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztzman

Trying to keep warm around a campfire at Van Buren Park on Saturday were these Civil War re-enactors. From left are Bob Krouse of Van Buren Township, Susan Campbell of Redford, Marie Krouse of Van Buren Township, and Nathan Tingley of Jackson. The Saturday and Sunday Civil War re-enactment at the park was put on by the Belleville Area Museum.

New Belleville sports center, The Indoor, opens Monday

The Michigan Nationals Sports Center, called "The Indoor", will open to the public in the Davenport Complex at 290 Industrial Drive in the City of Belleville at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 15.

The owner, Ryan Taylor, a Belleville insurance agent, said it is a full-turf indoor facility for baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, and football. He said it also has batting cages and pitching machines.

On Monday The Indoor will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Regular fall hours through Dec. 1 are 3-

9 p.m., Monday through Friday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Saturday; and 1-8 p.m. Sunday. It is closed on Halloween and Nov. 22.

For more information 734-325-2018 or michigannationalsbaseball@gmail.com.

Taylor also has the Michigan Nationals Baseball program, a kids' travel youth baseball program with 27 teams.

The program is having a private fund raiser at the Beck Baseball Fields on Sunday, with a homerun derby, all to raise money for Motts Children Hospital. The teams already have been raising funds for the hospital, Taylor said.



Civil War re-enactors Scott Timoszyk of Westland, center, and Jason Bertera of Belleville talk with visitor Mike Robinson of Ypsilanti

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Belleville Area Women's Club hosts 18 General Election candidates

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Congressman John Dingell was one of the candidates who attended the forum put on by the Belleville Area Women's Club at Owen Intermediate School on Oct. 3.

He thanked the women's club for giving him the "opportunity of talking to my people."

Dingell, a Democrat, is running for his 30th term in Congress and his new district includes Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter.

Dingell asked if he could address the audience first because he said he had other appointments that evening.

"I have plans and dreams for the U.S., as do we all," he said, adding he wants the country to grow and provide jobs and opportunity. He also briefly spoke of a decent environment.

Each of the 18 candidates who attended the forum was given three minutes to tell about themselves. Some spoke about themselves and some spoke about their platforms.

34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley was master of ceremonies and he said he was dismayed that there were more people on the stage than there were in the audience. He exaggerated slightly, since there were 19 people on the stage and 60 in the audience.

Also addressing the audience during the evening was Dingell's Republican opponent **Cynthia Kallgren** who said she was the mother of four children, a small business owner, and had run for state representative and lost. She has been helping create proposed legislation in Lansing since then. She said the stories she heard at the doors while campaigning encouraged her work.

Kallgren said the 2010 census showed that one million people have left Michigan and job creation is her goal.

Other speakers stood in order from where they were seated on the stage:

• **George Chedraue**, an attorney who is running for a seat on the library board, spoke about how when he was on the city council he had a dream of a new city hall and a library that everybody can use. His city hall dream didn't come true, and now he wants to work on getting a library. "That's why I'm running."

• **Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara** is running for reelection and noted that the county rebuilt the Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter parks with grants and put in a new gymnasium in VBT. He said Sumpter had the worst recreation spots and rebuilt all the parks with county money. He said if you give \$100,000 to Canton, they use \$50,000 on engineering and design. If you send \$20,000 to Sumpter, they have a barn raising party and make it worth five times that. "They know how to spend it down there."

Commissioner McNamara said that whether the public notices or not, the



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman
Congressman John Dingell, center, was among candidates speaking at the Oct. 3 forum put on by the Belleville Area Women's Club at Owen Intermediate School. At left is Kathie Steigerwald, co-chairman of the event, and, at right, Debbie Dingell.

county is spending all its road funds in southwestern Wayne County now because it's preparing for aerotropolis, an explosion that's about to happen in the next 10 years. He said pieces of land are being bought up and consolidated into large parcels in anticipation of aerotropolis.

He urged the public to vote for the county's proposals on the ballot, including allowing the governor to remove the county executive from office, under certain circumstances.

• **Van Buren Township Trustee Jeff Jahr** said he is running for his fourth term in office because he said he feels he does a good job for the people. He told of his Belleville roots, his late wife who was children's librarian, and his law practice. "We all want a quality community that's safe. And, where we feel safe going to the store."

• **Kathy Kovach**, who is running for the school board, said she worked 20 years for the Van Buren Public Schools, starting as a lunch lady and ending up working as secretary to five different superintendents over 11 years. She retired in June.

"I know how things work. How things should work," she said. "Public education is strong and viable and a good choice for your student."

• **State Representative Dian Slavens** is running for her third term in the State House. She told of the bills she wrote or supported and said she is working for the Democrats to take back the House. She complained that all three branches now are controlled by Republicans.

• **Larry Fix**, who is a write-in candidate

for supervisor of Van Buren Township, said he is trying to climb a mountain with his bid for office, since keeping people from pulling a lever for votes for all one party is hard. He, too, noted that the room should be packed with voters seeking to get information on candidates.

• **Mike Boulter** is running for reelection to the library board. He noted his great-grandfather was Fred C. Fischer, in whose honor the Belleville library was originally built. He has lived here all his 54 years, he said.

• **Toni Hunt**, who noted she was Mike Boelter's sister, is running for reelection to the school board. She said she lived in Sumpter for 25 years, VBT for eight, and Augusta Township for the rest of her life. She has been on the school board since 2005 and there have been a lot of changes since then.

• **Kelly Owen** is running for the school board, as a first-time candidate. She said her oldest child is a junior at Belleville High School and she has volunteered with the schools, was a paraprofessional for three months, and supported the millage for the new BHS, dressing up as a ballot for Halloween. She belongs to the VBPS Educational Foundation and Band Boosters. She has lived in the community for 18 years.

• **Brenda McClanahan**, who is serving her first term on the school board, is not seeking reelection to that board, but is running for trustee of VBT. She said she retired after more than 20 years on the Detroit Police

Department. Now she substitutes in various school districts and teaches finance at Saginaw University. She has lived in the community for 11 years.

• **Joy Cichewicz**, has lived in the community for 20 years and is seeking reelection to the library board. She recalled as a child riding her pony and tying it to the bike rack at a rural library to get books that took her mind away from the unhappy things that were happening at home. She said she can see the need for a new local library building.

• **VBT Trustee Phil Hart** is running for reelection to the post he has held for 16 years. He said he has lived in the community for 29 years and has completed his 35th year of work for Ford Motor Co. He said he uses honesty and integrity in all that he does.

• **Dave Curson** of Van Buren Township is a candidate for U.S. Congress in the 11th district to fill the partial term left vacant by Thaddeus McCotter when he resigned last summer. Curson said he has been an official of UAW for 39 years and was part of a small task force that when to Washington to save GM and Chrysler. He said many important issues have to be addressed in the lame duck session coming up.

• **Benjamin Ross**, who recently moved into the area with his wife, is running for school board. He said his wife is an administrator in the Owen Intermediate building and he has been a special education teacher for 12 years in a neighboring district. He said he is for safe schools, high student achievement, and clear lines of communication with the community. He said he was surprised that school board meetings aren't on public TV.

• **Leon Wright**, who is running for reelection as clerk of VBT, said he too felt the room should be filled by people getting to know the candidates. He gave a list of things done during his term of office, including going to the high school and WCCC teaching youth that every vote counts and putting up signage in subdivisions announcing voting locations.

• **Linda Combs**, who served as senior director at Van Buren Township for 15 years, is running for supervisor without opposition on the ballot. She said she has been married to the same man for 41 years and they have two daughters who graduated from BHS. She said she wants to unify the township board, operate with fairness to all, make sure VBT is a true premier community and raise property values, filling the vacant homes with responsible people.

After everyone introduced themselves, Judge Oakley read questions that had been written on cards by members of the audience.

At the end of the evening, Judge Oakley said he felt this candidate forum is one of the greatest projects this club does.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Sumpter looking at wastewater treatment plant

There are a lot of steps ahead, but Sumpter Township could finally move toward building its own wastewater treatment plant.

The elevation drops by 40 feet from the northwest to the southeast corners of the township and the treatment plant has long been dreamed of for the southeast area of Sumpter.

Currently Sumpter pumps its sewage uphill to Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority and its contract with YCUA is about to expire. The new fees are sure to be much, much higher.

If Sumpter can get Republic Services and Waste Management to join in, the project could get going. The landfill currently is trucking its millions of gallons of leachate a year to YCUA. They could save a lot of money with a plant next door.

And, those irritating grinder pumps would be removed from the present system that would be changed into gravity flow – all at no addition cost to residents.

On Tuesday, the Sumpter Township board approved spending \$3,000 to have its engineer John Hennessy prepare an application for \$1 million in S-2 money from the State of Michigan. The million would be 90% from the state and 10% from the township and friends. It would be used for study and design.

If Sumpter can get a good study and support, it can go on to build a wastewater treatment plant. Good luck, Sumpter.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A senior citizen who lives in the City of Belleville was shopping at Walmart the morning of Oct. 3 when she headed toward the checkout. A woman approached her and asked if she was going to check out and she said she was.

The woman said she wanted to exchange the gift card she had for cash and then the woman could check out with the gift card.

The senior almost complied, but then felt something was wrong about the situation and she told the woman she had some other things to get and headed off.

She went home and called Belleville Interim Police Chief Hal Berriman right away.

Chief Berriman wants to get the word out to the public about this scam, urging everyone else who might be approached with something like this to alert store security immediately, so security might be able to apprehend the suspect.

He praised the senior for being sharp and not being taken in and wants to alert others who might be tempted to take part in such a scam.

In the past such incidents concluded with the shopper ending up with an empty or expired gift card, unable to check out. You can pick up the empty cards right in the store from a rack and you can't tell they have no worth by looking at them.

A news report on ClickonDetroit last week told of a 28-year-old Belleville woman who got a ticket from Michigan State Police for driving with her knees because she was texting with her hands.

The woman, which the story did not identify, was seen by a MSP motorcycle



trooper speeding at 82 miles per hour on the ramp from I-96 to I-696. She got cited for speeding and texting while driving. The texting charge is \$100 for the first offense and \$200 for a second offense.

Crain's Detroit Business reported in its Sept. 24 edition that five planning firms were chosen by the Aerotropolis Development Corp. to help market potential development and redevelopment sites throughout the aerotropolis region, which is this area.

The firms include Carlise/Wortman Associates of Ann Arbor, which is Sumpter Township's planning consultant, and McKenna Associates of Northville, which is Van Buren Township's planning consultant.

At Monday's School Board meeting, board president Martha Toth announced that McBride Middle School social studies teacher Jason Strzalkowski's two-year-old daughter has a malignant brain tumor. She is undergoing treatment and heading toward a stem cell transplant.

Martha said a fund raiser will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on Oct. 19 at Fourth and Main in downtown Belleville where they will be selling bracelets. It's called Operation Amelie-aid after the child named Amelie. Martha said more information is at FundRazr.com.

On Monday, Oct. 15, beginning at 10 a.m. the local Walmart will be hosting

the Kids Wish Network. Jahmier Mays, a local child who is terminally ill, is getting a \$1,000 shopping spree at the store from the Network. When he was granted a wish, he asked the Network for a shopping spree at his favorite store: Walmart. There will be cake and balloons and he'll get to buy whatever he wants.

The Detroit Tigers will donate personal items for him and the VBT fire department will bring a fire truck for him to explore.

Jahmier has brittle bone syndrome and has been in and out of the hospital for most of his life, with many broken bones and the effects of a weakened immune system. He also is suffering from hearing loss in one ear.

He will be cheered on by Walmart employees when he enters the store around 10 a.m. I'm sure others will be cheering him on, too.

If you know a child between the ages of 3 and 18 who may need a wish granted through the Kids Wish Network, call toll-free 888-918-9004.

For more information go to their website at: www.kidswishnetwork.org.

The Harvest Fest and 100th Anniversary of the Belleville Fire Department will have the city buzzing all day Saturday. Don't miss it.



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Letters

What's it going to take to slow you down?

To the Editor,

This is to the woman in the white Envoy on Sherwood Road.

On Oct. 2 you and I had an incident on Sherwood Road. Let's remind everyone of what happened.

I was riding my horse down the side of the road on Tuesday and you went flying past me. I'm going to guess you were going about 50 mph.

Since you did not slow down, I proceeded to flip you off. Then, you slammed on your brakes, backed up to me, rolled down your window and so nicely asked me, "Is there a reason you're flipping me off?" and I replied, "Yeah, maybe you should slow down next time you see a horse on the side of the road."

You responded, "Well, I didn't see you and I can drive however I want!" then slammed on the gas and peeled out, throwing dirt and rocks towards me and my horse.

Now, if you honestly can't figure out why I flipped you off, maybe you should take a step back from your self-centered life and reconsider your priorities and morals.

What if my horse got spooked and jumped into the middle of the road while you were roaring past me? Five minutes after our little mishap my horse did spook, at a chicken to be exact, and jumped into the middle of the road and wouldn't budge. I physically had to get off and lead him by it on foot.

What if you had been so recklessly driving past me then? Me and my horse, my best friend, would be dead. Could you

live with that for the rest of your life and be just fine and dandy? What if my 7-year-old niece was with me? How great of an example would that be to her?

If you claim to have not seen me, you obviously failed to see the kid about 700 feet in front of me crossing the road on his bike. If you can't see a 1,500-pound animal on the side of the road, maybe you shouldn't be driving.

Can I ask how you saw my middle finger if you didn't see my horse? If you were in such a hurry, how did you have time to stop, back up, and argue with a 17-year-old girl?

As a resident of Sumpter Township for my whole life, I know the speed limit is 55 mph if not posted. Does that mean you speed past any pedestrian you see on a dirt road whether it be a person on a bike, someone walking their dog, a horse, or horse and buggy, or the kid on the Big Wheel?

I know these are all "what if" questions, but is it really going to take an accident for you to realize the consequences of carelessly driving?

We live out in the country where we like John Wayne, Johnny Cash, and John Deere and if you don't, maybe you should move back to the hustle and bustle of the city.

With the many people that own horses, ride their bikes, jog, and walk their dogs around these parts, I'd hope that you think twice next time you see a pedestrian on the side of the road because our lives depend on it, if that's not too much to ask.

Sincerely,

Samantha Garlick, BHS '12
Sumpter Township

Here's another scam alert from local citizen

To the Editor,

On Oct. 4, I received a call from Area Code 903, Texas. I was told that all senior citizens throughout this country were getting new medical cards. My address including zip code was all correct, which I was asked to confirm.

Then I was asked if I bank in Belleville. Since I would not say, I was then asked for my driver's license number and Medicare number. I just hung up.

Please do not give out any personal information as it is just another way to take your money.

Concerned in Belleville

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More Letters

I watched the debate and was surprised

To the Editor,

Watched the debate Wednesday night. Imagine my surprise. Mr. Romney did not have horns, tail, pitchfork, or red suit. Mr. Obama seems to be a better campaigner than debater or President, for that matter.

Besides wanting my children and grandchildren to have jobs, I don't want them to live in the darkness of Mr. Obama's socialism. (Socialism: Communism with the dash of religion – for those of us clinging to our guns and Bibles.)

For those that think they will be happy with the FREE Obamacare, on pages 58-59, the government will have access to your bank account and will be able to transfer funds from it. Page 272, at age 76 you will NOT be eligible for cancer treatment. The list goes on and on.

The president, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi prefer a more PATRIOTIC tax code. Definition: We take from you that have and give to those that have not.

No thanks, Mr. President. I'll vote for Romney.

Mickey Widener, Van Buren Township



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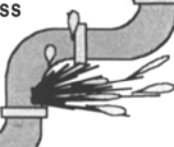



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Obituaries



Mary Helen Mills

MARY HELEN MILLS

(November 2, 1922 - October 2, 2012)

Mary Helen Mills, age 89 of Belleville passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones on October 2, 2012. She was born on November 2, 1922 in Convoy, Ohio to the late John S. and Cora A. (Denig) Redinger.

Mary worked in food service most of her life and lived life to the fullest, spending time with family and friends. She enjoyed bowling, crocheting, traveling and occasional trips to the casino. Since moving to Belleville in 1946 Mrs. Mills has been a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. She was active in the Altar Guild, took pleasure in volunteering and through her passion for music she served as "Choir Mother" for the Junior Choir. She was also a member of the Senior Choir for many years.

She is survived by her children, Melvin (Barbara) Mills of Milan, MI, Penny Mills, Bonnie (Richard) Martin and Judy (William) Settles, all of Belleville, MI and Frank (Karen) Mills of Brighton, MI. Also survived by 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, and several close friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis, in July of 2000, a sister and three brothers.

Visitation will be at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel in Belleville, MI on Thursday, October 4, 2012 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Friday at 11 a.m., at Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville, with Father John R. Hagan officiating. Interment will be at Cadillac Memorial West in Westland, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the New Organ Fund at Trinity Episcopal Church and would be appreciated by the family. Please sign her online guest book and share a memorable story with her family at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Anna R. Kowal

ANNA R. KOWAL

(November 2, 1923 - October 1, 2012)

Anna Ruth Kowal, age 88, of Belleville, passed away Monday, October 1, 2012 in Kentucky. She was born November 2, 1923 in Gary, West Virginia, daughter of the late Joseph & Anna (Jurisko) Kamensack.

Mrs. Kowal was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville. She was a devoted mother and wife and enjoyed her home and her flowers.

She is survived by six children Robert E. Kowal of Romulus, MI, Richard J. Kowal and Donna T. Kowal, both of Belleville, Diane M. (Steven) Wheelock of Allen Park, MI, Stanley D. Kowal of Romulus and Denise A. (Kevin) Rodgers of Morehead, Kentucky; five grandchildren Lindsay and Brittany Kowal, Melissa Wheelock and Ashley & Kevin Rodgers, also many other family and friends.

Mrs. Kowal was preceded in death by her husband Stanley Kowal.

Visitation was Friday, October 5, 2-8 p.m., with a 7 p.m. Rosary at the David C. Brown Temporary Viewing and Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. A Funeral Mass was held Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 11 a.m., at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. Father Thomas H. Cusick served as Celebrant. A Private interment will be in St. Hedwig Catholic Cemetery, Dearborn Heights, MI.

Memorial contributions in the form of Masses would be appreciated by the family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

ALICE MAY BOYD

(December 25, 1922 - October 6, 2012)

Age 89. Survived by children Marilyn, Don and Mark, brother Elton Baldwin, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren. Service at Grace Lutheran Church, 150 50th St., Wyoming, MI, Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. David C. Brown Funeral Home



Wendy Woods Grishaber

WENDY WOODS GRISHABER

(February 14, 1950 - September 29, 2012)

Wendy Woods Grishaber, 62, of Romulus passed away on September 29, 2012 at Arbor Hospice after a long battle with breast cancer. She was born Feb 14, 1950 in Ypsilanti, MI to James and Glendaline Woods.

Graduated from Belleville High School in 1968. Married Jerry Grishaber July 19, 1968 in Belleville. Retired from Van Buren Public Schools.

She is survived by her husband Jerry, daughters Cindy (John) Jordan and Robyn Johnson, grandchildren Jerry and Shane Jordan, Courtnee, Marcus and Devlin Johnson. Her mother Glendaline Woods, sister Lois Wiertella and brother Jim Woods. Mother-in-law Annie Grishaber, brothers-in-law Harry (Sandy) and Richard (Sharon) Grishaber. Many special nieces, nephews and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her father James Woods and brother Gary Woods. Wendy loved spending time with family, attending her grandchildren's events and traveling.

Visitation will be held Thursday, October 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. Memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday, October 12, both to be held at Bethany Bible Church in Belleville, MI. In lieu of flowers the family would prefer donations to Arbor Hospice, Susan G. Komen Foundation and/or Bethany Bible Church.

Three injured in early morning crash on Bemis Road in VBT Oct. 3

By Rosemary K. Oztzman
Independent Editor

A two-vehicle crash injured three people in what appeared to be a head-on collision on Bemis Road between Haggerty and Martinsville roads at about 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 3.

Van Buren Township Police Captain Gregory Laurain said the driver of one vehicle, a 51-year-old VBT man, went left of center and struck an oncoming vehicle occupied by two people – a 33-year-old female from Willis and a 28-year-old male from Sumpter Township who both were in serious condition at the scene.

The driver of the other vehicle was in critical condition. All were transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital by HVA.

On Friday, Captain Laurain said it was unknown if alcohol or drugs was a factor as of yet.

VBT Fire Chief Dan Besson said the fire department was dispatched at 6:31 a.m. and arrived at 6:36, clearing the scene at 9:21 a.m.

Chief Besson said fire fighters blocked traffic and supported the accident investigation. He said fire fighters used the Jaws of Life to extricate one patient from each vehicle.

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Jacob Smith poses with his mother Giovanna Smith in his winning design.

More Letters

Jacob Smith design is on BelleVelocity shirt

To the Editor,

Jacob Smith entered a contest last school year while he was an 8th grader at North Middle School, a drawing contest to have a student's art displayed at the 2012 second-annual BelleVelocity Walkathon, and he was the winner!

From approximately 20 submitted pieces of art, Jacob Smith's design stood out from the others, with his meticulous detail, vibrant colors, and its distinct message of cohesion. He chose the Tiger and Viking shaking hands to symbolize unity, versus the previous rivalry that the two schools have had for years.

When Jacob was asked how he felt to receive the message that his art was selected, he said, "I almost jumped out of my seat! I was ecstatic and it was over the top! I had to read the message like five times!"

Jacob Smith is now a 15-year-old ninth grader who attends Belleville High School. He states that he initially became interested in drawing when he was six years old, but during his time at North, he learned about the various styles of art, and has now found his niche in graffiti

and tagging style art where it is requested in commercialized settings (not to be confused with vandalism).

He plans to attend college after high school to study theater and drama, but is still exploring his placement options. He also aspires to design cars for a major automobile company, stating, "Car and Driver would be pretty cool too!"

When Jacob was asked who inspires him most in life, his answer was his mom and dad, Giovanna Smith and Damon Smith, both of Canton.

"They always inspired me to draw and have taught me to always be the best that I can be. Shaun White inspired me, too, through his multiple success stories, primarily with snowboarding. He chased his dreams until he made it to the top."

Jacob's art has been printed on the front of 600 t-shirts that Owen and McBride students will be wearing at the 5K walkathon which will be held at the new BHS track on Oct. 20 at 9 a.m.

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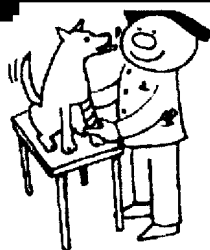
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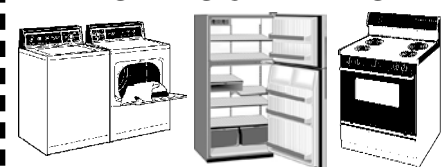
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Parents seek help from School Board because textbooks can't go home

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Shelley and Leon Johnson asked the Van Buren Public School Board of Education for help with their son's education.

They spoke at length at the end of Monday's regular school board meeting.

One of the Johnsons' complaints was that their son couldn't bring his math book home from McBride Middle School so they

could work with him on his math skills.

Shelley said she hasn't seen a social studies, math, or Spanish book and at McBride orientation teachers told them the kids can't take the books outside.

The Johnsons have two seventh grade students, a boy and a girl. The girl is excelling and the boy is struggling.

Shelley told the board they had their students in a charter school and then took a risk bringing them to the public school.

She said she emails the teachers daily on her children's work and she works with them at home.

"There are no books to refer to, so we can help our teacher help our children," Leon said, adding, "I see us with a beautiful building and I look on line at our MEAP scores. They're dreadful, ladies and gentlemen."

He said he was born and raised in Ypsilanti and lived in the Willow Run- Belleville area.

"We're better than that," he said, referring to the scores. "In the urban schools, there are books. I want to help you help teachers to help our children."

"My main concern is math and science," Shelley continued. "We have 16.9% of our kids proficient in math..." according to MEAP scores online.

She said she didn't have confidence in her son's math teacher who when she asked for help told her she should have come to curriculum night. Her son's new math teacher is better.

They are paying a tutor from outside the district, she said, adding, "I'm not expecting anyone to give us anything."

She said she has a high level of expectation at home and she allows no television Monday through Thursday.

Education is of prime importance in her family, she said.

Leon said he wants to know if the district has textbooks on math.

School Supt. Michael Van Tassel said he doesn't know what's going on at McBride.

"We spent a lot of money and delivered workbooks and hardback books for the year," he said, referring to the new Carnegie Math program.

"We need to look into this," Van Tassel said.

"I asked the teacher and she said they aren't allowed to take books home," Shelley said, adding, "From the teachers' mouths..."

"We were not informed there was a shortage," Van Tassel continued. "We received no request."

Shelley said a teacher told her the science books weren't purchased because they bought equipment, and Supt. Van Tassel

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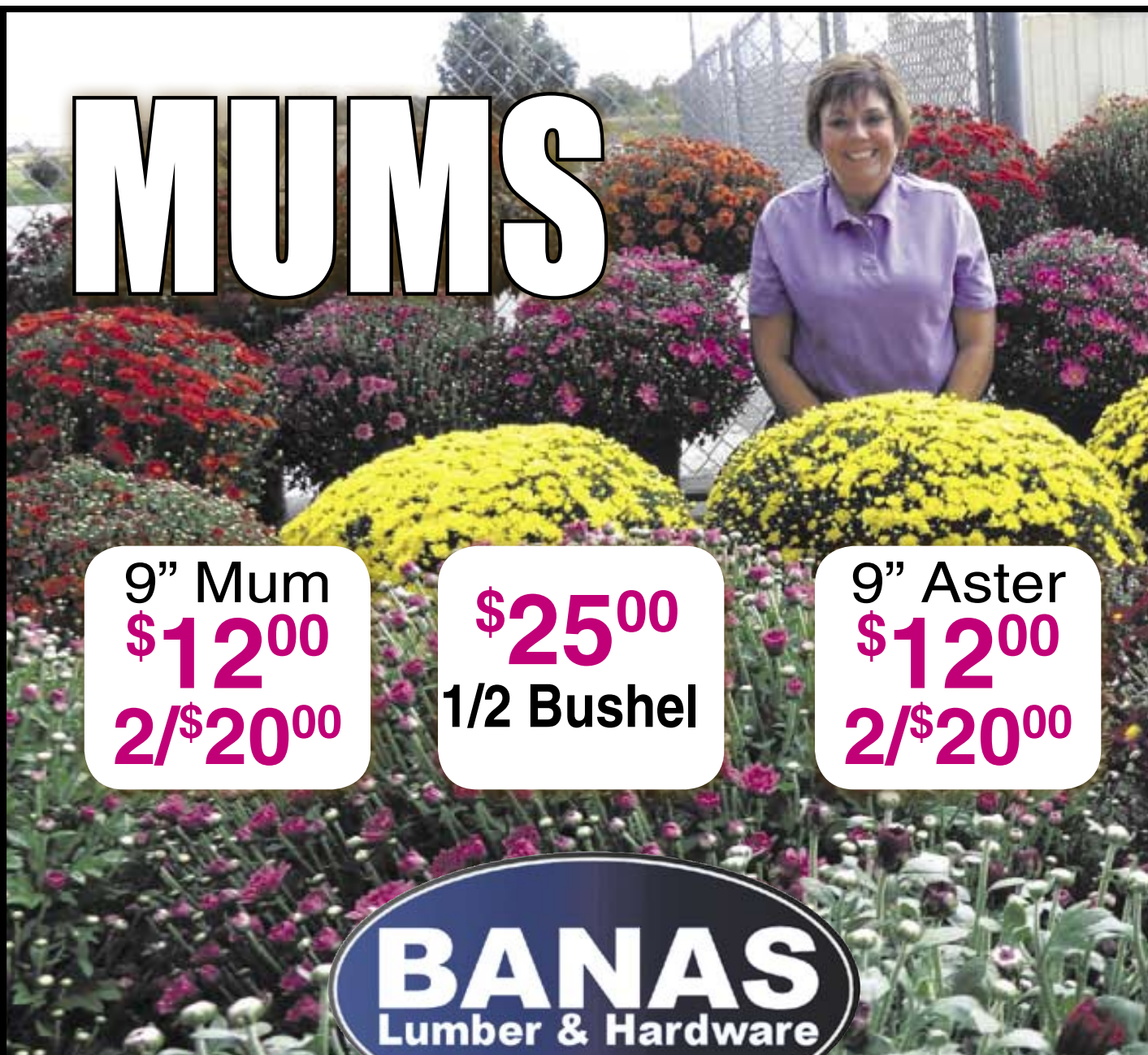
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School Board

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looked surprised at that statement.

Curriculum Director Diane Kullis said her first stop in the morning will be to find out what's going on at McBride.

"I care about all kids, but I don't have a responsibility for other kids. I have a responsibility for my kids," Shelley said.

"My son is struggling," Leon said. "I refuse to lose my boy. I need help so I don't lose my boy."

"If he blinks wrong, you call me," Shelley said she has told his teachers. "I do not tolerate foolishness... I know kids are goofy."

School Board Trustee Toni Hunt said it was really nice to have parents come to the board to fight for their kids.

Van Tassel said he is extremely perplexed and there isn't one single educator who would say what has happened is right.

"Somehow it got screwed up and we will fix it," he promised the parents.

Van Tassel said that they have the new Carnegie Math program for students in seventh through high school and he is completely baffled by what is happening.

"I applaud you," he said to the parents.

"I haven't seen the book," Shelley said. "I just find it unacceptable."

"I can't address it if I'm not told," Van Tassel said.

Throughout the discussion with the board, Leon reached out to support a frail Shelley at the lectern and later said she was being treated for breast cancer.

The family waited almost two hours to fit into the public comment section for non-agenda items at the end of the meeting.

Also at Monday's meeting the board:

- Approved hiring Plante Moran CRESA past the December expiration date of its contract on the BHS bond project until the project is considered complete at a rate of \$8,500 per month. Architect Fanning Howey and Granger Construction will be gone from the site;

- Approved hiring Plante Moran CRESA for 2013 Sinking Fund Projects recommendations and long-range plans for sinking fund projects at a rate of \$5,200 per month (\$62,400 for the year), plus expenses. Van Tassel said they will figure out priorities for future work instead of the way it was done in the past, just deciding which fire to put out on emergencies. A long-range plan will be worked out and presented to the board;

- Heard a report on the BHS Bond/Sinking Funds projects from Paul Wills of Plante Moran CRESA. Wills said there is \$850,000 in reserve that can be used for the BHS project through the spring of 2014. The sinking fund spent \$750,000 this year in projects at Owen and McBride;

- Was informed by Sid Dotinga on Granger Construction's change order credits of about \$250,000 that can be used on other bond projects; and

- Considered 36 field change orders that had been approved by Van Tassel for Granger Construction and Convergent Technology.



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Nina Hallaway, Andrew East marry in Ypsilanti

Nina Hallaway of Ypsilanti and Andrew East of Fairport, NY were married Oct. 6 at Affinity Chapel in Ypsilanti.

Nina is the daughter of Roy and Terry Hallaway of Whittaker. Andrew is the son of James and Dianne East of Fairport, NY.

Maid of honor was Shawna Paluchniak and best man was Niles Paluchniak.

The bride wore an ivory, floor-length gown with train and a floor-length jacket with beading. The bridegroom wore a black tuxedo with champagne vest.

The reception was at Eagle Crest Resort.



Shawna Hallaway and Niles Paluchniak, both of Ypsilanti, were married in Las Vegas on Feb. 28. Nina Hallaway of Ypsilanti was the maid of honor and Andy East of Fairport, NY, was best man. Shawna is the daughter of Roy and Terry Hallaway of Whittaker. Niles is the son of Paul and Sharon Feters of Tecumseh.

Halloween Pug-N-Play set for Oct. 21 at the Wayne Co. Fairgrounds

The Southeastern Michigan Pug Play Group will host a Halloween Pug-N-Play from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. A costume contest begins at 2:30 p.m. The fairgrounds are located at 10871 Quirk Road in Van Buren Township, north of the I-94 North

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The Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Department will once again be holding its popular Turkey Shoots on Sundays, at noon at the police firing range. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 14, 21, and 28.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 2, 2012

Supervisor White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor White, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Partridge. Absent: Trustee Ostrowski (excused). Others in attendance: Public Safety Director McClanahan, Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll, DPW Director MacDonald, Recreation and Parks Director Wright, Fire Chief Besson, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty-one (21).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Partridge moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes September 17, 2012; Closed Session Minutes September 17, 2012] as presented and Regular Board Meeting Minutes September 18, 2012 as amended to add under Audience (Non-Agenda Items) page 2, sixth paragraph "Trustee

Partridge and Trustee Ostrowski both disagreed with the attorney's recommendation." Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: A representative from Atchinson Ford announced a "Drive 4UR School" fund raising event at Belleville High School on Saturday October 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ford Motor Company will donate \$20 to Belleville High School for each test-drive. For more information contact Atchinson Ford at 734-697-2124.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2012-16 advising the Wayne County Department of Public Service of the Township's willingness to accept jurisdiction and maintenance of the storm water drainage system constructed in connection with the development of General Electric Corporation tax ID number V125-83-041-99-0002-702. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Partridge, Hart, Budd, Wright and White. Nays: Jahr. Absent: Ostrowski (excused). Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to adopt Resolution 2012-18 the amendment to Township Purchasing Policy. Carried.

Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 10-02-12 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to revise regulations pertaining to Wireless Communication. Carried.

*(A synopsis of Ordinance 10-02-12 follows the minutes. A complete copy of the ordinance is available in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd., during business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

Budd moved, Partridge seconded to postpone New Business #4 "Consider the proposal of Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency to provide administrative services to the Van Buren Housing Rehabilitation Program." to the next Board Meeting if all items are in place (copy of the contract and meeting with AFSCME union). Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve the October 2, 2012 voucher list. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright stated the November 6, 2012 General Election Ballot will have two pages. The first page of the ballot all partisan positions will be on the front and the back of the first page all non-partisan positions; the second page contains all proposals. The state has six proposals; Wayne County has five proposals; Wayne County Community College has one proposal; and for those voters in Precinct 10 that are in the Lincoln Consolidated School District has two proposals. Clerk Wright stated absentee ballots are anticipated to be mailed to those voters who requested ballots on Friday. He further recommended voters who

are eligible to vote absentee to vote absentee due to the length of the ballot and for those going to the polls on Election Day to review the sample ballot which is posted on the township's website and are available at the Clerk's Office.

Also, if you chose to mail your ballot back the postage is sixty-five cents or you may drop your ballot off in the drop box located in front of Van Buren Township Hall or at the Clerk's Office.

Director Wright announced the National Recreation Parks Association Young Professional Network in conjunction with National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), Visit a Park Day on Friday, October 5th. Also, on Saturday, October 13th Gordon Russ Spooky Monster Magic Show will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Riggs Heritage Park. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 8:06 p.m. to 8:24 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: lack of resolution from a residents continuous issue regarding a Township Official and a school bus; school union issue not a Township issue; violations of Michigan Open Meeting Act; Van Buren Township Board Rules of Conduct; Supervisor White; local landfills; odor complaints; Co-Generation facility project at Grace Lake; complaint filed for violation during Work Study during Non-agenda Items; New Business #1 Storm water maintenance agreement regarding Wayne County and request this issue be sent to State Attorney General.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Paul D. White, Township Supervisor
Published: October 11, 2012

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
COUNTY OF WAYNE STATE OF MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 10-02-12
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE 6-2-92, AS AMENDED,
OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

The First Reading of Ordinance 10-02-12. Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 to be held in the Board Room, in the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 as amended of the Charter Township of Van Buren to amend and modify provisions and requirements of Section 4.24b Wireless Communication Facilities and to modify Section 4.31.D Colocation Administrative Approval.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.	WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES	ADD
SECTION 2.	COLOCATION ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL	ADD
SECTION 3.	CONFLICTS	ADD
SECTION 4.	SEVERABILITY	ADD
SECTION 5.	EFFECTIVE DATE	ADD

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the ____ day of _____, 2012.

YEAS :
NAYS :
ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after passage.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Leon Wright, Clerk

Paul White, Supervisor

Adopted:
Published: 10/11/2012.
Effective:

- ## Upcoming Meetings
- Thursday, Oct. 11 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
 - Monday, Oct. 15 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday, Oct. 16 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Oct. 17 – South Huron Valley Utility Authority, 10 a.m., Brownstown Township Hall. Also, Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, VBT Environmental Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Special meeting of the VBT Public Safety Committee, 5:30 p.m., at Fire Station 2 on Belleville Road. Review of third quarter budget.
 - Thursday, Oct. 18 – Keystone Academy school board meets at 6 p.m. Public welcome.
 - Monday, Oct. 22 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building
 - Tuesday, Oct. 23 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water & Sewer Commission, 7 p.m.

Court Watching**VBT teens Marsh, Fair sentenced to 5-15 years, plus 2 more for guns**

By Diane Madigan

Independent Court Reporter

The sentencing process has begun for four Van Buren Township teens in connection with the March 22 armed robbery in Wagon Wheel South Mobile Home Park in the township.

On Oct. 5, Joseph Marsh, 17, was sentenced to 5-15 years for pleading guilty to reduced charges of unarmed robbery plus 2 years for a felony arms conviction, to be served consecutively.

In addition to court costs, restitution in the amount of \$300 to the victim for theft of an I-pod, TV and Wii game system will be split jointly between all four defendants.

Marsh was originally charged with two counts of armed robbery, home invasion, felony firearm and possession of marijuana. He could have ended up with life in prison.

Marsh's attorney Murray Duncan in defense of his client said that Marsh had a clean record and was portrayed as a follower rather than a leader in this crime.

Duncan admitted that Marsh had made a serious mistake, but unlike the others took a BB gun in while the others had real guns.

Duncan asked for Marsh to be able to turn himself in on Dec. 21 so he could finish the first semester of his senior year at Belleville High School. Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Gregory Bill denied the request.

The female victim was very distraught and although she had planned to make a statement in court, changed her mind. In March the four teens had kicked in her door and held her and her family at gunpoint while robbing them.

Marsh turned to the victim and apologized, saying, "I'm sorry for what I have done."

Marsh stated that he would like to go to college, play football, and become a chef.

Judge Bill stated that he sees only 1 in 15 defendants turn to apologize.

He counseled Marsh that the Department of Corrections will be watching to see if he goes to class, is respectful, and shows initiative. It is possible that some people learn from their mistakes and if Marsh can prove himself, the Department of Corrections will write a letter to the judge asking for alternative incarceration.

The victim was escorted from the courtroom by a Wayne County Sheriff's deputy because of all the people who had come to the court to support Marsh.

Brandon Fair sentenced

Brandon Fair, who recently turned 18, was sentenced Oct. 9 for the same 5-15 years of plea-bargained crimes of unarmed robbery, plus two years for a felony fire arms conviction.

His court cost is \$790, plus shared restitution of \$300 to the victim.

Fair will turn himself in on Nov. 8 at 9 a.m. in Judge Bill's courtroom. An agreement has been made that allowed Fair to vote in the upcoming election before heading to prison.

Alvin Sallen, Fair's defense attorney, said he appreciated the grace offered. He stated

his client was extremely remorseful and, no question, this was a stupid and serious act that was out of character. He said Fair wishes to take all classes offered by the Department of Corrections.

Fair thanked the court for "letting me stay out a month," then turning to the victim he stated, "Sorry, it was a terrible mistake that I did and I'm going to learn from it."

Fair said when released he hopes to go into Real Estate.

Other progress on the Wagon Wheel crime

Jaleel Booker whose trial was to begin Oct. 9 accepted a plea bargain, pleading guilty to unarmed robbery with a sentence of 1.5 years in prison and 3 years probation. Booker's sentencing will be Nov. 1.

Benjamin Schibbling-Elmore's sentencing has been changed to Oct. 15.

All the defendants were 17 years of age and BHS students at the time of the crime.

The Salvation Army seeks paid bell ringers

The Salvation Army is seeking individuals to ring bells for the 2012 holiday season.

Open interviews will take place between 1 and 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 16 at The Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main Street, Plymouth, 734-453-5464.

These are paid positions with flexible hours from Nov. 9 to Dec. 24.

Those interested are asked to bring two forms of identification with them.



Joseph Marsh



Brandon Fair

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Oct. 11** – Home Grown Lecture Series at 7 p.m. at the library, free. Michigan in the Civil War With a Focus on Gettysburg with Brian and Gerry Cullin.

• **Friday, Oct. 12** – Benefit bowling event at Plaza Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, to raise funds for a scholarship in memory of Heather Nicole Hill, who drowned in Belleville Lake on Aug. 4. Information: 734-589-4768

• **Saturday, Oct. 13** – Harvest Fest in downtown Belleville, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also, 100th anniversary celebration of the Belleville Fire Department all day, includes 10:30 a.m. parade of fire vehicles and send off of 100 lighted Chinese lanterns at dusk.

• **Saturday, Oct. 13** – Gordon Russ Spooky Monster Magic Show, 2-3 p.m., at Riggs Heritage Park, 12945 Martinsville Rd. \$2 per person. Rain location is Rec. Center at Van Buren Township Hall.

• **Saturday, Oct. 13** – Take your household hazardous waste, including old computers and other electronics, to a Wayne County Collection from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Southland Shopping Center parking lot, 23000 Eureka Road, Taylor. Information: (734) 326-3936.

• **Monday, Oct. 15** – Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will meet at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Rd. At 6:30 p.m. Robert Brenner will speak on the emigration experience and at 7:30 p.m.

Brenner will speak on “Sailing to America,” which uses an historical timeline.

• **Tuesday, Oct. 16** – Join Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano for Harvest Fest 2012 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Apple Charlie's Cider Mill, 38035 South Huron Road, New Boston. Free for family and friends. Hay rides, donuts and cider, fresh apples, pumpkins. For information, call Jakleen Ochalek at 313-224-0755.

• **Tuesday, Oct. 16** – Bill Emerson will present “100 years ... The Belleville Fire Department” at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area Museum. Free for Historical Society members; \$3 for non members.

• **Tuesday, Oct. 16** – Everyone is welcome to attend the Health and Wellness Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins. The event targets senior citizens, but is open to people of all ages from Romulus and other communities. There will be flu shots, blood-pressure checks and blood-sugar screenings. Many of the offerings are free. There will be raffles and prizes.

• **Thursday, Oct. 18** – The Other Book Club meets at 7 p.m. at different restaurants throughout the Belleville area. Call the library for today's location, 699-3291. Today's book is “Rose: My Life in Service to Lady Astor” by Rosina Harrison.

• **Sunday, Oct. 21** – Bring your pug to Halloween Pug-N-Play from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road. Costume contest is at 2:30 p.m. Hosted by the SE Michigan Pug Play Group. By donation to cover rental fees.

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100 Years

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private owners.

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Belleville's Harvest Fest will also be going on Saturday and the fire department will have a Kiddie Zone set up so the children can have pictures taken with fire trucks and personnel, play games, learn fire prevention tips and stay safe, free hand outs from State Farm agencies (Ryan Taylor and Jake Hunt), an anniversary cake provided by Victoria Sweets, a smoke house and a bounce house until 4 p.m.

Special commemorative Challenge coins and t-shirts will be available for sale. After the parade the fire fighters have a chance at competing in waterball behind St. Anthony's church and everyone is invited to watch. Fire trucks will be on display.

The City of Belleville Fire Station, at the corner of Second and Liberty, will be open to the public to walk through until 4 p.m.

As the day continues, the Machine Gun Kelly band will be playing at the Fourth Street Square until dusk.

At dusk the City of Belleville Fire Department will release 100 lighted Chinese lanterns from the Denton Road Bridge and this can be viewed from various parts of town.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected runs for VBT Police.
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Sunday, Sept. 30:

0003 – hospice, 44401 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0049 – larceny from auto, 50521 W. Huron River Dr., Pine Creek
0203 – assault & battery, lat/long
0451 – shots fired, 7209 Westlake
0453 – shots fired, 7206 Westlake
0713 – suspicious situation, 41248 N. Woodbury
1319 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1438 – fight, 8800 Parkwood Dr.
1449 – private property accident, 10850 Belleville
1542 – fraud, 10930 Belleville Rd.
1716 – fraud, Kmart
1917 – noise complaint, 49241 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1927 – juvenile complaint, 7806 Kirkridge Park Dr
1956 – harassment call, Walmart
2044 – shots fired, Martinsville/Hull
2110 – assault & battery, 48490 Denton Rd.
2132 – fight, Eagles
2347 – disturbance, 48880 Denton Rd.

Monday, Oct. 1:

0217 – agency assist, Spirits
0808 – property damage accident, Haggerty / Savage
0834 – larceny from auto, 11010 Lighthouse Dr.
0912 – larceny from auto, 11000 Lighthouse Dr.
0918 – larceny from auto, 13118 Ventura Dr.
0951 – fraud, 48711 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1125 – larceny, 45220 Sunrise Ln.
1241 – property damage accident, Belleville/ I-94 N. Service Dr.
1525 – assault & battery, 47097 McBride Ave.
1709 – intimidation threat, 11531 Belleville
1817 – child abuse, 13 Pine Dr.
2149 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville
/ I-94
2242 – noise complaint, 11123 Oak Lane
2250 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, 46425 Tyler Rd.
2330 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty/I-94

Tuesday, Oct. 2:

0142 – noise complaint, 6 Birch Dr.
0223 – fraud, Walmart
1131 – private property accident, Walmart
1154 – malicious destruction of property, 41611 S. Bellridge Dr.
1253 – malicious destruction of property, 41567 S. Bellridge Dr.
1309 – larceny, 49265 Hull Rd.
1329 – malicious destruction of property, 41567 S. Bellridge Dr.
1329 – malicious destruction of property, 41567 S. Bellridge Dr.
1330 – malicious destruction of property, 41567 S. Bellridge Dr.
1359 – personal injury accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1454 – disturbance, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1455 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd. / Spencer St.
1503 – disorderly conduct, 49211 S. I-94 Service
1628 – disturbance, 48450 Denton Rd.
1708 – trespassing, 9541 Rolan Meadows Dr.
1830 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1836 – larceny from auto, 41611 S. Bellridge Dr.
1919 – harassment call, 7 Maple Dr.
1948 – operating while intoxicated, 43444 N. I-94 Service Dr.
2002 – miscellaneous complaint, Fifth/Third
2045 – fraud, Walmart
2104 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Rawsonville Rd.
2126 – breaking & entering, 11047 Oak Ln.
2219 – fraud, Meijer

Wednesday, Oct. 3:

0017 – assault & battery, 46145 Village Green
0353 – suspicious person, rest area
0439 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0542 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, 41577 S. Bellridge Dr.
0626 – personal injury accident, Bemis / Martinsville

0812 – juvenile complaint, 10702 Oak Lane
0840 – larceny from auto, 9154 Solitude Lane
0852 – larceny from auto, 43460 Robson Rd.
0916 – larceny from auto, 46815 Ayres Ave.
1122 – larceny, 10410 Morton Taylor Rd.
1136 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1727 – larceny from auto, 46015 Chatsworth Dr.
1755 – larceny, 8248 Marlowe Ave.
1816 – larceny, 14661 Elwell Rd.
1844 – fraud, Kmart
1927 – assault & battery, 14967 Wildbrook Dr.
2008 – fraud, Walmart
2314 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2316 – property damage accident, 41775 Ecorse

Thursday, Oct. 4:

0000 – larceny from auto, 43087 Bradley Dr.
0017 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville / Ecorse
0337 – disturbance, 48671 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1028 – malicious destruction of property, 42871 Riggs Rd.
1219 – trespassing, Belleville/N. I-94 Service Dr.
1329 – property damage accident, 5890 Haggerty
1504 – property damage accident, Van Born/ Haggerty
1546 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1550 – malicious destruction of property, 46832 McBride Ave.
1716 – trespassing, Belleville BP
1722 – larceny, 48952 Ashbury
1741 – property damage accident, 49851 W. Huron River Dr.
1918 – agency assist, 26 Loza Lane
1952 – fraud, Kmart
2148 – fight, 41649 Van Born

Friday, Oct. 5:

0623 – mental, 10686 Borgman Ave.
1220 – larceny from auto, 8974 Parkwood Dr.
1338 – larceny, 47500 W. Huron River Dr.
1343 – property damage accident, 14987 Elwell Rd
1448 – assault & battery, 45707 S. I-94 Service
1843 – miscellaneous complaint, Savage Elementary School
1848 – fraud, Meijer
2121 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor / Tyler Rd.
2225 – intimidation threat, 18 Maple Dr.
2356 – property damage accident, Beck/Van Born

Saturday, Oct. 6:

0019 – fraud, Walmart
0204 – agency assist, Spirits
0426 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Sunrise Ln.
0850 – mental, Old Rawsonville/Michigan
0857 – shots fired, 10743 Oak Ln.
1148 – operating while intoxicated, NB Rawsonville / Huron River Dr.
1259 – assault & battery, 45250 Jeannette Ave.
1348 – trespassing, 42350 Owen St.
1432 – larceny, 47500 W. Huron River Dr.
1525 – fight, 42859 Fret Rd.
1643 – property damage accident, 43716 Robson
1730 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 41470 E. Archwood Dr.

1737 – dumping complaint, Michigan Ave./Denton
1841 – disorderly conduct, 46650 Bemis Rd.
1846 – assault & battery, 13440 Martinsville Rd.
1949 – fraud, Meijer
2020 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
2048 – fraud, Walmart

Also on this week’s log are 258 traffic stops, 45 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways and 7 within the City of Belleville.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 30:

0236 – follow up, 468 E. Waterbury Ct.
1223 – suspicious situation, Hayward’s
1409 – juvenile complaint, 35 Carmell St.
1552 – domestic assault, 678 Light Tower Dr.
1750 – breaking & entering, 124 Carmell St.
1827 – assist fire dept., 661 Greylock St.
1933 – intrusion alarm, 45201 Owen, Owen Intermediate School

Monday, Oct. 1:

0025 – parking complaint, Carmell/Belle Villa

0729 – malicious destruction of property, Owen School
1338 – assault & battery, 32 Loza Lane
1404 – miscellaneous complaint, 32 Loza Lane
1408 – disorderly conduct, BHS
1409 – disorderly conduct, BHS
1718 – disorderly conduct, 208 Belle Villa Blvd.
2016 – malicious destruction of property, 208 Belle Villa Blvd.
2359 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.

Tuesday, Oct. 2:

0834 – miscellaneous complaint, BHS
0948 – assist fire dept., 575 Sumpter, Co-Op apts.
1120 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Henry
1240 – juvenile complaint, Owen School
1241 – harassment call, Owen School
1906 – larceny, 167 Fourth St., library
2002 – domestic assault, 457 Breakwater Ct.
2029 – disorderly conduct, 605 Estrada Dr.
2041 – intrusion alarm, 84 Carmell St.
2343 – hospice, 228 Second

Wednesday, Oct. 3:

0138 – suspicious situation, Belle Villa
0410 – assist fire dept., 209 Charles Ct.
0630 – property damage accident, Main/Fifth
1027 – suspicious situation, 307 S. Industrial Park
1031 – follow up, 6 Main St.
1723 – parking complaint, 4 Belle Villa Blvd.
1807 – malicious destruction of property, 23 Loza
1809 – assist fire dept., 73 Menlo Park Dr.
1849 – suspicious situation, 506 Harbour Pointe
1932 – miscellaneous complaint, 194 N. Liberty

Thursday, Oct. 4:

0047 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Plaza
1135 – miscellaneous complaint, 6 Main St.
1253 – harassment call, 795 Sumpter Rd.
1633 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave./Main St.
1657 – juvenile complaint, Owen School
1656 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Clarence
1750 – property damage accident, Huron River Dr. / W. Columbia Ave.
1909 – trespassing, 34 Loza Lane
2039 – civil matter, 34 Loza Lane

Friday, Oct. 5:

0051 – suspicious vehicle, Main St./N. Liberty
0209 – suspicious vehicle, Victory Park
0254 – suspicious situation, 109 Potter Dr.
0714 – intrusion alarm, 45 S. Edgemont Ave.
0852 – larceny, 41 Potter Dr.
1501 – domestic assault, 40 Carmell St.

Saturday, Oct. 6:

0827 – malicious destruction of property, 6 Main
1019 – welfare check, 575 Sumpter Rd., Co-Op
1113 – intimidation threat, 377 Charles St.
1217 – civil matter, 6 Main St.
1439 – larceny, 6 Main St.
1441 – water leak found, 185 E. Huron River Dr.
1544 – suspicious vehicle, Church/W. Columbia
1622 – suspicious situation, 575 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
1625 – larceny, 530 W. Columbia Ave.

Also on this log are 28 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 30:

0123 – 911 hangup, Wayside
0242 – property damage accident, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1028 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1256 – animal complaint, Willow/Sherwood
1537 – suspicious vehicle, 83000 bl. Rawsonville

Monday, Oct. 1:

0024 – threats complaint, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0537 – suspicious vehicle, Wear/Elwell
0836 – breaking & entering, 24000 bl. Sumpter
0941 – well-being check, Nevada
0943 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1057 – breaking & entering, Brookview
1118 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1230 – suspicious incident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1449 – found property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1453 – fraud report, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1642 – ordinance violation, 21000 bl. Sherwood
1735 – fight, Rustic Lane
1851 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1903 – child abuse/neglect, Pine
1911 – family trouble, Hampshire

1922 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
2218 – suspicious vehicle, Carriage Ln./Rustic Ln.
2352 – suspicious vehicle, Arizona

Tuesday, Oct. 2:

0741 – malicious destruction of property, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
0855 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville
0924 – malicious destruction of property, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0927 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
1319 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1423 – larceny, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1840 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1851 – suspicious vehicle, 43000 bl. Deborah Ct.
2132 – fight, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 3:

0629 – property damage accident, Bemis / Martinsville
0844 – suspicious vehicle, Haggerty/Willow
0848 – animal complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
0907 – civil dispute, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0915 – assault, Harris/Wescott
1116 – malicious destruction of property, Brookview

1246 – child abuse/neglect, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1516 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1609 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1610 – larceny, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
2044 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
2045 – larceny, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2114 – suspicious person, Willis/Rawsonville
Thursday, Oct. 4:
0437 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0836 – citizen assist, Bemis/Rawsonville
1126 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1502 – lost property, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
1540 – 911 hangup, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1630 – well-being check, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
2113 – suspicious incident, Dakota
2136 – suspicious person, Alaska
2355 – civil dispute, 49000 bl. Sherwood Ct.

Friday, Oct. 5:

1127 – abandoned vehicle, 20000 bl. Martinsville
1222 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1429 – citizen assist, Dakota
1439 – disorderly person, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1800 – family trouble, Birch
1958 – well-being check, Carriage Lane
2029 – suspicious incident, Rawsonville/Willow
2033 – assist other agency, Carriage Ln.

Saturday, Oct. 6:

0146 – assault, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0645 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0902 – larceny, Pecan
0935 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1432 – citizen assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1452 – reckless driver complaint, Bemis / Martinsville
1536 – larceny, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1833 – civil dispute, Colorado
2201 – threats complaint, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
2309 – civil dispute, Dakota

Also on this week’s log are 13 follow-up investigations, 28 miscellaneous details, 177 patrol checks, and 52 traffic stops.

Brian, Gerry Cullin featured in Library program on Civil War

Brian and Gerry Cullin will present a program on Michigan in the Civil War with a focus on Gettysburg at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11, in the Belleville Area District Library Program Room.

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2 Chronicles 7:14

VBT Public Safety special meeting set at 5:30 p.m., Oct. 17

A special meeting of the Van Buren Township Public Safety Committee will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Fire Station #2 on Belleville Road.

Committee chairperson Diane Madigan said the meeting will be for third-quarter budget review for the Public Safety Department.

The meeting is open to the public and will welcome any Public Safety concerns from the audience, Madigan said.



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<p>10% OFF YOUR ENTIRE BILL</p> <p><small>Excludes Specials. Not to be combined with any other offer. Expires November 30, 2012</small></p>	<p>BREAKFAST SPECIAL</p> <p>2 OMELETS</p> <p>\$8.50</p> <p><small>WITH COUPON With 2 Drink Purchase. From 7am - 11am Only. Excludes Weekends & Holidays. Not to be combined with any other offer. Expires November 30, 2012</small></p>	<p>DINNER FOR 2</p> <p>\$10.99</p> <p><small>WITH COUPON From 3pm - Close Select From Our Dinner Favorites Menu Not to be combined with any other offer. Expires November 30, 2012</small></p>
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SWEET & TASTY

ICE CREAM PARLOR

Waffle Cones

Sundaes

Shakes

Ice Cream Cakes (pre order)

Mixers

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Entertainment Mon & Tues evening

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