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34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green swore in the newly elected Van Buren Township Board shortly after noon on Friday before a large crowd in the board meeting room. From left are Deputy Treasurer Sean Bellingham, Treasurer Sharry Budd, Trustee Reggie Miller, Trustee Phil Hart, Trustee Brenda McClanahan, Supervisor Linda Combs, Trustee Jeff Jahr, Clerk Leon Wright, and Deputy Clerk Kathy Cline.

Independent photos by Rosemary K. Oztzman

Judge Green to swear in newly elected Sumpter Twp. officials on Nov. 19

The public is invited to witness 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks

Green swear-in the newly elected Vawters Team in Sumpter Township at 6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 19, at the Sumpter Township Hall.

The public also is invited to the party that follows at the Tin Pan restaurant, paid for by friends of the township.

Those elected and set to be sworn in are Supervisor Johnny Vawters, Clerk Clarence Hoffman, Jr., Treasurer John Morgan, and Trustees Alan Bates, William Hamm, Peggy Morgan, and Don Swinson.

EARLY DEADLINES
 Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving Day Holiday, **ALL** ads must be submitted by 4 p.m. Friday, 11/16/12. Classified advertising deadline is Noon Monday, 11/19/12.



Van Buren Township Supervisor Linda Combs, left, takes time before her swearing in on Friday to pose for a First Family shot with her daughter Cindy Shepherd; her newest grandchild Logan Shepherd, who was born Sept. 11; and her husband Oakie Combs, who has been dubbed "First Dude."

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VB School Board seeks temporary board member for 2 meetings

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Members of the public are invited to apply for a temporary seat on the Van Buren Public School Board of Education – that will last one or two meetings.

School Board Trustee Brenda McClanahan resigned Nov. 7, before the end of her term, after being elected as Van Buren Township trustee on Nov. 6. She was sworn into the township position on Nov. 9.

According to the bylaws of the school board, a vacant seat must be filled within 30 days or RESA will fill it. The seat has been vacant since Nov. 7.

So, on Monday the board put out a call for anyone interested in serving for the one or two meetings in December to write a letter of application and get it to School Supt. Michael Van Tassel by noon on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

At a special meeting at 6 p.m. Monday,

Nov. 26, the board will speak with the applicants and at the meeting that follows at 7 p.m. the board is expected to make an appointment.

The selected person will sign the necessary paperwork and be sworn in during the next day or so and be an official member for any meetings until the end of the year.

That's when the two new school board members will take their seats and the temporary board member's job will be

over.

Board President Martha Toth urged the two newly elected board members – Kelly Owen and Kathy Kovach -- to apply for the position.

Toth said if there had been only one new board member, the board could have suspended the bylaws and seated that one in the temporary position. But since there are two, she said she feels they have to go through the official steps.

Auditor gives VB School Board a preview of what 'Obamacare' means

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After Auditor Tom Taylor gave the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education their good, unqualified audit report for the 2011-12 fiscal year, he went on to explain some of the things the district will have to do to satisfy the Healthcare Reform Act, better known as "Obamacare".

Taylor, of Taylor & Morgan, CPAs and Business Advisors, said the requirements are very complex and people didn't worry about it before the General Election. But now they know it's not going to be repealed and it is something to deal with.

For instance, he told the board at Monday's regular meeting, as of January 2013, the district has to report a summary of benefits and health insurance coverage on its employees' W-2 forms.

He said there is no easy way to do this, so the financial office will have to do the employee forms one by one. They have to show the coverage for children up through age 26 and must show proof of delivery.

He said there are compliance issues, since now full time is 30 hours and more a week, and there are significant penalties for non-compliance.

Taylor said there are potential penalties even if the district complies.

A new annual return is required in January 2015 to track who is offered coverage. Also, new taxes are expected in 2013 and district officials have to become educated on what is required, as well as unintended consequences.

He said Finance Director Karen Moffitt is attending classes and learning the unintended loopholes.

He said all of the details aren't known yet, so this is an ongoing project.

Taylor said a friend of his who owns a small business told him if he has to spend money on this compliance, he will have to buy less equipment.

Board member Sharry Frazier said RESA probably will get a computer program set up to help with the compliance.

Taylor began his comments with his audit

"We spent more money than we brought in this year, some \$1 million." He said there is \$572,337 left in the fund balance, with only \$490,000 of that unassigned, and the district had to borrow \$6 million from the state for operation.

-- Tom Taylor, auditor

report which was accepted unanimously by the school board.

He complimented the work of Moffitt, saying the books and records were in much better shape than in previous years because of her work.

He said the district's foundation allowance went down \$470 per student from the previous fiscal year, to \$7,318, and the blended rate student population was down to 5,347.

He said the combination of losing students and falling foundation allowances has severely cut the income.

"We spent more money than we brought in this year, some \$1 million," Taylor said. He said there is \$572,337 left in the fund balance, with only \$490,000 of that unassigned, and the district had to borrow \$6 million from the state for operation.

He said the fund balance at the end of the fiscal year represented 1.19% of the total budget.

"You're operating on fumes," Taylor told the board. It's hard to withstand shocks, such as higher fuels costs, he said.

"It doesn't give you much room for those kinds of shocks," Taylor said.

He said the state operates on a fiscal year that starts Sept. 30 and the district had to wait for some of its state money. The district got its first state aid payment in October.

He said Moffitt did a better job than those handling the funds in the past by requesting federal funds early.

Taylor spoke of the retirement rate that went up to 25.36%, noting all of the district's employees are in the state retirement system. That means for every \$100 paid in salary, the district pays \$25.36

in retirement costs.

He said the food service department has a very healthy program with a \$300,000 fund balance.

Athletics income was down and the general fund contributed \$300,000 to that. School Board President Martha Toth noted that figure was just 1% of the general fund budget.

He then spoke of the 1998 Sinking Fund that committed funds to a 2005 bond refunding and the issues with that.

Toth pointed out the district has lost one-third of its tax base.

Taylor pointed out that a year ago the board adopted a deficit budget and it was able to pull the district out of that deficit, but it's a narrow margin.

Frazier said the district needs to add more students and needs to be more concerned with getting students into the district.

Board members agreed the new BHS should draw more students.

Toth said the district still has to cut because of rising costs.

"I just want people to know it's not over yet," Toth said.

Taylor credited the board with getting out of the deficit and Frazier pointed out there were a lot of sacrifices by the staff, and board members agreed.

In other business at the Nov. 12 meeting the board:

- Approved hiring Charolette Buck as English teacher at McBride Middle as of Nov. 5; Michelle Malbone as Intervention Teacher at Owen Intermediate as of Oct. 31; and Robert Shafer as Social Worker and Asha Williams as Intervention Teacher, both as of Nov. 5 at Edgemont;
- Accepted 32 American Flags from

the VFW and PLAV for placement in Belleville High School classrooms, which will be required by state law in the spring. Most of the elementary and middle school classrooms have flags;

- Presented a plaque to Brenda McClanahan for her four years of service as a school board member;

- Approved spending \$44,181 of BHS bond money for hardware revisions, as presented by Sid Dotinga of Granger Construction. This includes straight hardware and also electronic security hardware. The athletic vestibule doors will be able to close off the rest of the school from the fitness center;

- Approved spending \$33,142 in BHS bond money for food service equipment for the high school, including a walk-in Alto-Shaam Combi oven, to use for steaming, baking, and oven-frying by using steam, convection heat or a combination of both. This would replace the fryers which will not be allowed in schools in the state;

- Approved the Best Practices Incentive Resolution which will qualify the district to receive \$52 per pupil in state best practices funds. The district satisfies seven of eight best practices criteria to qualify. The eighth item concerned bidding a non-instructional service, but it was uncertain if the district complied. Having eight best practices doesn't bring more money. Moffitt said the district may be eligible for \$48 more per student for its MEAP scores;

- Approved paying for the new board members to take Michigan Association of School Board classes available in December;

- Approved minutes for disciplinary hearings on Oct. 25 and Oct. 30 that resulted in two Owen students suspended for 180 days, one BHS student expelled permanently, and one BHS student charged with a weapons violation unanimously reinstated; and
- Went into executive session to consider reinstatement of another student.

The board's Nov. 19 work/study session was cancelled because three board members will be out of town for Thanksgiving.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Sumpter invites hungry families, seniors to dinner

The Sumpter Township Supervisor's office, with a lot of help from its friends, is serving a hot holiday meal for families and seniors of the community who couldn't afford such a meal on their own.

At Tuesday's regular meeting, township board members gave permission for use of the PNA Hall from 2 to 6 p.m. Dec. 17.

Deputy Supervisor Craig Moody said they had been inspired by a similar meal to feed the hungry put on by former police officer Steve Chung, about 6 or 7 years ago.

People who are able are asked to donate funds to help the project. Non-perishable foods are being collected at the supervisor's office, so those who eat the turkey dinner with all the trimmings can also take home a box of food for their holidays. The Gleaners are involved.

Those who want to attend the meal are asked to call Moody's office to register (so they'll know how many turkeys to cook) at 461-6201, ext. 226.

Moody said he and Deputy Treasurer Karen Armatis are coordinating the event.

They are inviting seniors in Belleville, and maybe even Van Buren Township, to attend. The senior bus available to pick up seniors. For those who can't leave their homes, they can deliver the meal.

What a marvelous, vitally needed present to the community from Sumpter Township. Congratulations, Sumpter, for again stepping up to serve your residents.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The Van Buren Township Board of Canvassers certified the township's Nov. 6 election last week. I asked about how many write-in votes Larry Fix got for supervisor and I was told that number was 515. There had been a local pool being run on the number of votes he would get.

Other election tidbits:

Brenda McClanahan said she tendered her resignation to the School Board the day after she was elected to the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees. That meant she was good to go when she was sworn in to the VBT position on Friday.

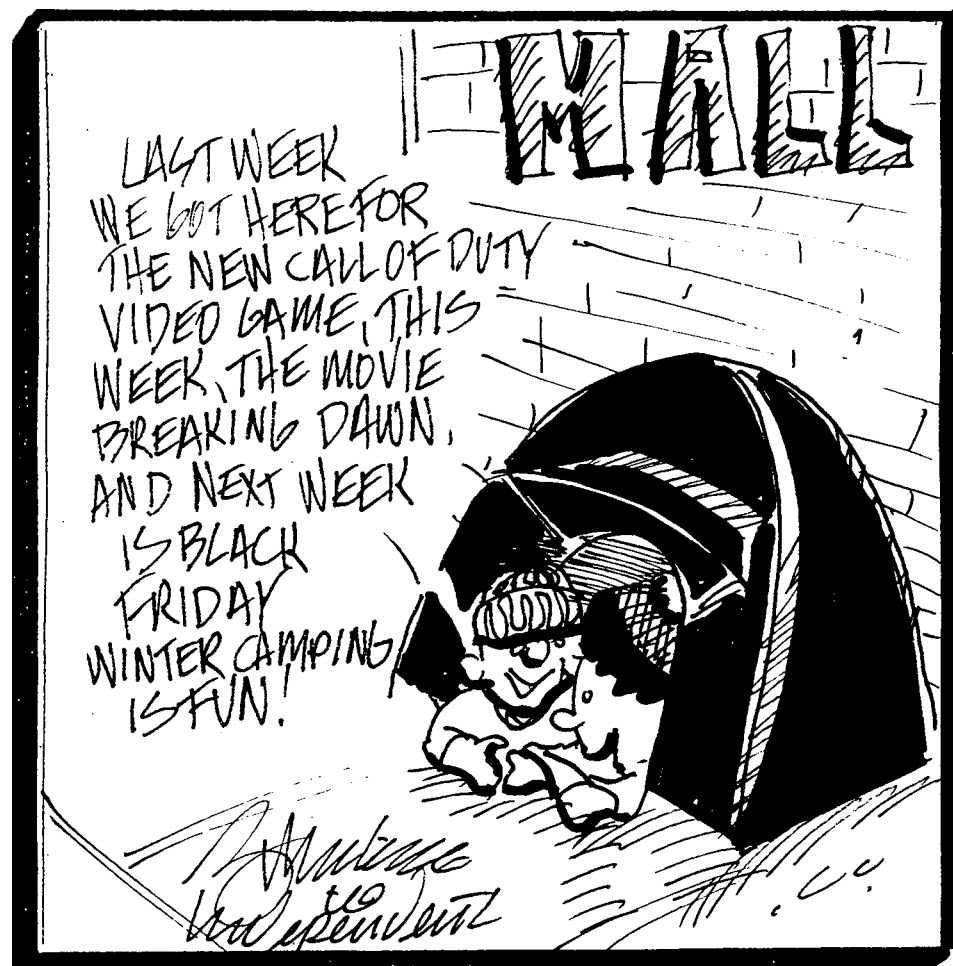
And, Reggie Miller resigned from the VBT Public Safety Committee on the Wednesday before being sworn in on Friday to the VBT Board of Trustees.

Jane Kovach reports that on Election Day she spent two hours standing with her cane outside the polls at Savage Elementary School talking with voters. Jane recently turned 90 years old and she said it was a privilege to be there.

It was hard to do, but she did it, she said, and she was glad. "You never know," she said of future elections.

During a report on activities in the fire department, VBT Fire Chief Dan Besson said that he and Police Captain Greg Laurain attended a seminar on Safe Surrender Training and changes in the Safe Surrender law.

Besson explained the Safe Surrender law is about giving up newborns within 72 hours of being born. He said parents giving up the baby don't have to supply



information, but it is helpful to the baby if they do. Parents have 28 days to contest the surrender if they change their minds.

He said the baby can be given to police, fire, and hospital officials in uniform, and noted a custodian at a hospital is in uniform and can accept a surrendered baby.

As to the baby that was surrendered at VBT Fire Station #1 recently, Besson said that baby is doing just fine.

Besson also reported that the fire fighters union (which is everyone in the department but him) purchased shirts with a logo for a cancer drive and recently held boot drives and a car wash that earned \$8,500 to give to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's Cancer Center.

Besson also reported that at the 100th anniversary celebration of the Belleville Fire Department, the VBT fire fighters won the water hose contest.

School Supt. Michael Van Tassel sent out an advisory to the media on Friday afternoon about flu-like symptoms at Edgemont Elementary School:

"Over the past few days, we had several students experience flu-like symptoms at Edgemont Elementary School. The Health Department has been contacted and they have assured us that we are following the proper procedures. The Superintendent has directed that Edgemont Elementary be thoroughly disinfected over the weekend, paying particular attention to the common

areas of the school."

This was expanded upon by a TV report on Channel 7 news on Friday night where parents said they wished they would have known after the first 10 got sick so they could have taken their students out of class instead of leaving them inside with all the germs. Two said they felt it might not be safe to send their children to school on Monday. They said they got a call and letter from the school recommending they watch their children for flu-like symptoms. Those interviewed said they knew of children with vomiting and diarrhea.

A reader called on Friday to say he called the school offices about the speed limit signs at the schools that are wrong as far as the times go this year. He said they haven't returned his calls.

I called the school offices and did get a return call on the subject. Kathy Kovach, who was filling in at the Ad. Bldg. because some people were out with flu, said that Building and Grounds Director James Williams has called, emailed, and written a letter to the county requesting changes (including the removal of signs altogether at Haggerty and Elwell schools which are closed). She said every year it takes a while for the county to change those signs.



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Letters

There is a need for more Ruth Bleekers

To the Editor:

THANK YOU Ruth Bleeker! I have never met you, but I feel we have a lot in common. You are attempting to do something that many people support, but don't have the guts to say so.

My family, as well as my husband's family moved to the Belleville area in the very early '50s. Belleville was a beautiful small town with many stores, friendly people, excellent schools, good churches of various denominations and an ability to honor our traditions.

There was always a Christmas tree at 5 Points. Many years there was a special tree lighting and carol singing. The high school band even played on occasion. I remember, because I was in the band and choir.

When I married we moved to another area for a few years, but came back to Belleville because we wanted our children to grow up in a "good" community. I asked them if they remembered the Christmas tree at 5 Points and they definitely did.

It is just plain awful that Mrs. Bleeker is facing such difficulty attempting to do something that the majority of the area residents would really enjoy. It is okay that some people don't celebrate Christmas, but this country was founded on Christian principles. Traditions from various cultures and religions can be shared, valued and treasured. I'm not Polish, my husband is, and we're not Catholic either, but on Christmas we celebrate the Polish Dinner. I visit St Anthony's to get the "wafers" we share and break.

Viewing a Christmas tree does not turn someone into a Christian, but can bring a smile. Smiles always make the heart happier. Shame on you, city leaders. Some of you not only need to smile yourself, but some of you need to clear out the dust in your memory banks and remember the past Christmas trees in your lives.

There is a need for more Ruth Bleekers in our homes, cities and country. We need to all step up to the plate like she has done.
Jo Ann Sech Kotlarczyk
Belleville

Would one Christmas tree add confusion?

To the Editor:

Supposedly, the addition of a temporary CHRISTMAS tree will compound a street confusion problem in Belleville. I just do not understand what and/or why but let us try to rationalize this supposition.

When leaving Rawsonville Road it's a West turn onto Textile or an East turn onto Huron River Dr. (for 2 miles) with all sorts of cross roads until we arrive at High Street "Y" and the SAME street changes to W. Columbia Ave.

West Columbia Ave. meanders for another mile with various street intersections until the Five Points and South Street intersection. If I stay to the right, I am still on W. Columbia Ave. However, if I turn to the "Y" left am I still on W. Columbia Ave. for 50', or is this an extension of East Huron River Dr. as it intersects with southbound Main Street, **OR** northbound South Street?

Is this the same Huron River Dr. we left a mile back at the "Y" intersection of High Street? Nevertheless, we continue on the right of the "Y" [in the left lane as the right lane is right turn only and "no turn on red."] and we assume this is W. Columbia Ave. - cross Main Street (or is it South Street) to E. Columbia Ave.?

Wow! We are now straight across and continue ½ mile to the railroad tracks (avoided a name change because of S. Liberty Street "Y" now a one-way intersection) and low-and-behold we are on Savage Road. This is the same street/road but with FOUR different names.

Aw, let's go back to the beginning of High Street, make a left off West Huron River Dr., therefore avoiding a bumpy W. Columbia Ave., to the first stop sign at Edison Street, no stop at Brain Street intersection, stop sign at the intersection of High/Church/Roys and High.

To stay on High Street I must turn left on High Street (that could logically be Church Street, Roys Street eliminated and High Street stop at Main Street) two blocks to a traffic light at Main Street. To leave Belleville, turn left on Main Street to the next traffic light.

A question: If I go straight from here, is this still Main Street or the beginning of Belleville Road? It must be Main Street since there is a bridge ahead and in this town, roads/streets change names with intersections and since the river crosses under the street it must be Main Street to the Belleville Bridge then change names to Belleville Road.

Aha, that explains why, at this intersection, if I go West it will be Denton Road and if I turn East it will be North Liberty Street (or is it still just Liberty Street) until Huron River Dr. - again - **OR** is this East Huron River Dr. - and another intersection that becomes South Liberty Street? OIH - VEH!

Of course we could have turned right at High/Main Street intersection and gone

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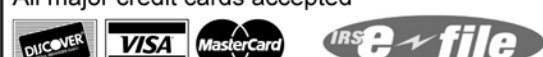
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More Letters

Congratulations to Kathy Kovach, Kelly Owen

To the Editor:

Congratulations to school board elect members Kathy Kovach and Kelly Owen.

While I am disappointed not to have been reelected, I also am confident these two fine people will serve the district with honesty and integrity.

Kathy Kovach is a dear friend, has a huge working knowledge about the school district, and will work tirelessly for our students.

Kelly Owen has a proven history of volunteer service and community commitment. Both of these people will serve the district fairly. School board trustee is not an easy job, but I believe they both have the courage to stand up for what is right for kids, even if it means losing supporters or friends.

Thank you to all of those who've been behind me, but more importantly, thank you to all of those who support what is right for our schools. This is a great community, and I still firmly believe we are on our way to being one of the best school districts in the state!

Toni Hunt, Sumpter Township



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Obituaries



Lt. Col. Emerson W. Riggs



LT. COL. EMERSON W. RIGGS

(April 1, 1919 - November 8, 2012)

Lieutenant Colonel Emerson W. Riggs, age 93, of Seminole, Florida, formerly of Belleville, passed away Thursday, November 8, 2012 at Morton Plant Hospital in Florida. He was born April 1, 1919 in Belleville, son of the late Elmer & Helen (Richardson) Riggs.

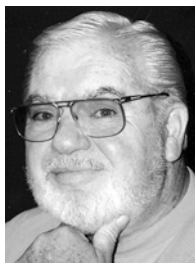
Emerson was born and raised in Belleville on his family farm. He graduated from Belleville High School in 1937. Then he graduated from college and enlisted in the U.S. Army. He wrote home, "We get three squares a day and can go back for seconds!" He later transferred to the U.S. Air Force and often told horror stories of flying over Nagasaki, Japan, after the bombings. He then entered the Reserves where he achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

He taught high school in Hazel Park for 19 years as an Industrial Arts teacher. He resigned to build his own businesses. He often talked of the toils, sacrifices and teamwork of farm life. He was a tough, smart, gentleman, who loved his parents and held them in the highest regard. We hope they greeted him with loving arms on his next flight.

Emerson is survived by his loving companion Evi Hilliard of Seminole, FL, a sister Alice (Riggs) Herkimer of Belleville, a daughter, a grandson, great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 brothers Lloyd and Albert Riggs. Visitation was Tuesday, November 13, 2012 from 10-11 a.m. with an 11 a.m. Funeral service at the David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Pastor Douglas Valentine officiated. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, with full military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to Injured Young Veterans and their families or The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and would be greatly appreciated by his family. Please sign this on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Paul Rodney Brown



PAUL RODNEY BROWN

(September 10, 1936 - November 10, 2012)

Mr. Paul Rodney Brown, 76, passed away Saturday, November 10, 2012 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was born September 10, 1936 in Saginaw, MI, a son of Paul and Waverly Marie (Canole) Brown.

On December 18, 1971 he was married to Jane E. Bobo at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Belleville, MI. Mr. Brown has been a Belleville resident for 41 years. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force.

Mr. Brown was a member of Phoenix Lodge #13 F&AM, a life member of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, and a life member of the DAV. He was a member of the VA Wheelchair Sports Team.

He was a member of the MUCC and served as the District Chair for 10 years with the Detroit Chapter. He worked with the National Forestry in order to allow the disabled access to the forests. Mr. Brown was an active advocate for the disabled and wheelchair bound.

Mr. Brown enjoyed woodworking and fishing. Prior to his retirement in 1965 due to an injury, he served in the U.S. Air Force. He then retired in 1990 as an agent with American General Insurance Co. (National Life) following many years with them.

Mr. Brown is survived by his beloved wife Jane E. Brown. Dear father of Steven Paul (Tanya) Brown, Mitchell Rodney (Tami) Brown, Paul Rodney (Melanie) Brown, II and Paula Marie (Lonnie) Carpenter. Fond grandfather of seven grandchildren. Brother of Sandra Wilson. Preceded in death by his granddaughter Sandra Brown.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2012 at the Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville (734-697-9400). The family has requested memorial contributions to the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, 40550 Grand River Ave., Novi, MI 48375 in lieu of flowers.

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KRISTOPHER DEAN CORNETT

(July 5, 1992 - November 11, 2012)

Age 20, of Ypsilanti Township, formerly of Belleville and Milan, died at home. Survived by parents; brothers Kenny, Kevin and James. Viewing 6-8 Thursday, Service 11 a.m. Friday at Brown's.



Michael L. Tumas

MICHAEL LEON TUMAS

(November 3, 1940 - November 8, 2012)

Michael L. Tumas, age 72, a 25-year Van Buren Township resident previously of Taylor, MI, passed away on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at his home. He was born in Detroit, MI, on November 3, 1940, son of the late John and Eileen (Gagnon) Tumas.

Mr. Tumas was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville. He loved to dance, loved people and going to parties and he always had a good "one liner" for everyone! Most of all, he had a deep love for his family.

Michael is survived by his wife of over 20 years Patricia K. (Kipper) Tumas and 6 children, Michelle (Greg) Simon of Tampa, FL, Christopher (Amy) Tumas of Brooklyn, MI, Todd (Cindy) Tumas of Taylor, MI, Timothy (Tammie) Gray of Dearborn Heights, MI, Deanna (Paul) Shed of Garden City, MI and Kevin (Nocolette) Gray of Royal Oak, MI; 15 grandchildren Alexis, Hilary, Bradley, Allison, Julia, Sam, Ryan, Jensen, Jacob, Jared, Sabrina, Joe, Tyler, Jackson and Shruti. Also, 2 sisters Sandra (Bob) Zube of Garden City, MI and Victoria Williams of Plymouth, MI.

Preceded in death by 2 sisters: Susan and Lana. Visitation was Sunday from 2 to 7 p.m. with a 5 p.m. Rosary service at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. A Funeral mass was held on Monday, November 12, 2012 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI at 10 a.m. with an hour prior visitation. Father Thomas H. Cusick was celebrant. Cremation rites were accorded.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Belleville Food Closet and would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Please sign Michael's on line guestbook and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

SUSAN LYNN (MIENTKIEWICZ)

(Dec. 13, 1961 - Nov. 5, 2012)

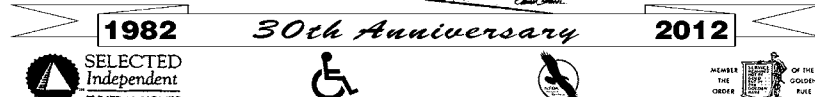
Age 50, of White Cloud, MI; born and raised in Belleville. Survived by daughters Jennifer and Stephanie; 2 granddaughters; her parents; brother David. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funerals, Belleville.

MARY L. PLETTL

(May 1, 1924 - November 3, 2012)

Age 88, of Haslett. Received treatment for chronic back pain with an Aug. 16 steroid injection resulting in fungal meningitis. Survived by children Judy, Diane, Peggy, Ron. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funerals.

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Margo (Robson)
Turpening

MARGO R. (ROBSON) TURPENING

(December 8, 1939 – October 22, 2012)

Mrs. Margo R. Turpening, a resident of Andover, MA, for more than 34 years, beloved wife of Roger M. Turpening, died unexpectedly at her home October 22, 2012. She was 72 years old. She was born in Romulus, MI, on December 8, 1939 to the late Robert and Floretta (Bower) Robson. Mrs. Turpening was a graduate of Cleary College in Ypsilanti, MI, and worked as an Executive Secretary for Arthur D. Little for many years.

Along with her husband, she was an auto sports fan and enjoyed working at the track as a timer and control worker. Margo also loved to play the piano and travel to Ragtime Jazz concerts. She was also a member of the North Shore Rock and Mineral Club.

Besides her beloved husband Roger, Margo will be very sorely missed by her three loving brothers and sisters-in-law: Robert and Arlene Robson of Romulus, MI, Donald and Emily Robson of Sandpoint, ID and Lynn and Arleen Robson of Belleville, MI; and a niece and many nephews.

Her funeral service was held November 4, 2012 in Andover, MA. Interment will be November 20, 2012 at Tyler St. Cemetery, Tyler Road, Belleville, MI at 1 p.m. Family and friends are most welcome to attend.

Donations in Margo's memory may be made to the Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St., Andover MA 01810. Envelopes will be available at the service.

VBT Fire Department Blood Drive set Wed., Nov. 21 at VBT Hall

The Van Buren Township Fire department is sponsoring a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21, at the Van Buren Township Hall.

To make an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: VanBurenFire or call 800 REDCROSS.

More Letters

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past Fifth Street - only on the left; further on past Roys Street - only on the right; next is Fourth Street - only on the right (since someone in their infinite wisdom blocked off a through street for a "Fourth Street Square").

Continue South through the intersection of Third Street and its traffic light, onward through Second Street intersection and past First Street - only on the left. We sure have a few blocked off streets!

Well, our destination has not eluded us! We are at Five Points again! Straight ahead, bear to the right is South Street that changes its name at the railroad tracks and not the Belleville City limits to Sumpter Road!

However, if we bear to the left, one can proceed on E. Columbia Ave. / Savage Road (ugh!). Turn left it's East Huron River Dr.; turn right and it's East Huron River Dr. for 50 feet.

On the other hand, did this become West Huron River Dr., since the street intersected with South Main/North South Street? Alternatively, it could be W. Columbia Ave. for 50 feet that turns into W. Columbia Ave. but then W. Columbia Ave. already exists on the left -- I think.

I do not know if the little street in front of Victory Park Comfort Station is South Street but it seems the only correct extension, and yet the "Master Plan" for the City of Belleville in conjunction with Wayne County and Van Buren Township has created chaos!

Are you befuddled? I know that I am thoroughly perplexed! What Master Plan is in effect? The City Council thinks the placement of one 20-foot **CHRISTMAS** tree will create confusion. Just try rationalizing the no-left-turn when going North on South Street onto W. Columbia Ave. The signage indicates "NO Left Turn" at the first traffic light; "OK Left Turn" at the second traffic light and both turns end up at the same spot on W. Columbia Ave. or is it the intersection of West Huron River Dr. and W. Columbia Ave.?

Can all of this CONFUSION be compounded with the addition of one **CHRISTMAS** tree or as Fred Stossel

would expound, "Gimme a Break!"

Cornell Anton, Jr.
Belleville

Editor's Note: To be precise, it was City Manager Diane Kollmeyer who said the administration has concerns about having a big tree at an already confusing intersection. Members of city council seemed to be in support of such a tree, except Kim Tindall.



I DO want to make a political statement!

To the Editor:

Veterans Day 2012

As you can see from the above picture, I do want to make a political statement.

While promoting Flag Day a few months ago, I, along with a group of people, posted small flags in the area between the sidewalk and the street. We covered S. Biggs, along with Potter, Clarence, and Edgemont streets.

Nearing the end of our project, we did run into one resident who came out of

the house and objected to our project and indicated it was against the law, was like a *political statement*, and he did not want our U.S. Flag displayed in front of his house. We pulled the flag from the ground and left.

As a Veteran, I am proud to be a citizen of the U.S.A. and will never object to a U.S. Flag being displayed anytime, anywhere. It's a good thing we don't have many neighbors like the one we encountered a few months ago.

Note: Next Patriotic day for displaying our Flag: Dec. 7th, Pearl Harbor Day.
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Pete Pitzen, Belleville Resident

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Congressman Dingell recognizes Veterans Day

To the Editor:

It is with utmost pride, respect, and admiration that I salute our nation's heroes on Veterans Day.

As of last year, over 21.5 million men and women, with courage and love of country, have sacrificed their lives so that we may be able to continue to live freely in this glorious democracy. I urge Americans to join together in recognizing all who have served, and to welcome home troops who have recently returned from Iraq and Afghanistan.

However, just because a soldier returns home from combat, doesn't mean the battle is over. As a fellow veteran, I firmly believe we must support our troops upon their transition from military to civilian life.

This includes providing job opportunities, health care, and wellness programs that alleviate both the mental and physical outcomes of war. It is America's duty to provide those who risked everything on our behalf with adequate and equitable incentives, and the chance to contribute their talents and skills to a growing workforce.

I will continue to be champion of veterans' rights in Congress, supporting legislation that will improve the quality of life for our soldiers and their families.

Congressman John D. Dingell

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Congratulations to President Obama

To the Editor and America:

Congratulations to President Barack Obama for four more years.

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To Mitt Romney, it is time to bring out the 12 million jobs that you promised to the 47% of the population so that we can have good-paying jobs and live a full and productive life with our families.

As Mrs. Romney stated, you are for all AMERICA!

Let's cross the aisle and get down to work and keep America strong -- the World is watching!

Again, congratulations to President Barack Obama for a job well done.

Marian Caldwell
Van Born Township

Winners can wait in line for more free stuff

To the Editor:

The election is over and the winners wait in line for more free stuff. The losers see the long national nightmare go on.

For both sides can I share words of wisdom from a great man?

Freedom is never more than a generation away from extinction. It must be fought for and protected and passed on to our children who will do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our grandchildren what it once was like in America, where men were free.

Excuse me now. One of my grandchildren just came over.

Mickey Widener
Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: The quote is paraphrased from words by Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States (1911-2004).

Friends of Animals adds another fund raiser

To the Editor:

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue has added another fundraiser to our November-December calendar. We would like the community to view the schedule that will help us complete 2012.

Nov. 17 there will be a Vendor & Craft Show to benefit FMAR at the Ypsilanti Eagles, 2935 Holmes Road, Ypsilanti, 48198, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Enter using the door going into the main hall. There will be raffles for gift baskets starting at noon. The Auxiliary will have food for purchase.

FMAR's annual Dining to Donate event will take place Nov. 18 at Haab's Restaurant, 18 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti, 48197, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Mr. Mike Kabat generously donates the Sunday before Thanksgiving every year to give 10% of that day's proceeds to FMAR. Happy Thanksgiving, Mike!

On Saturday, Dec. 8, Belleville's own Feed Rite Pet Shop and Supply, 11760 Belleville Rd., 734-699-6990, has opened its location to FMAR to offer discount microchips to the public. Event will last from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Microchips are \$25.

Jazzercise of Van Buren Township is pairing with FMAR for SHOP, DROP, and HOP on Dec. 14 at the Van Buren Rec. Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, 6-9 p.m. DROP off a monetary donation or wish list item (canned or dry cat food, bleach, laundry detergent, fabric softener, cat litter, paper plates, garbage bags, or see a more detailed list at www.fmar1.org) for entrance into the event. SHOP among the participating vendors including Pampered Chef, Silpada, Lia Sophia, Longaberger, Mary Kay, Avon, Jazzercise, Scentsy, Stampin' It Up, Thirty One, local artists, and more. Wear workout clothes to join ongoing 15-minute Jazzercise demonstrations to HOP the night away. For more information contact Holly at bellevillejazz@aol.com.

It is the season of Thanksgiving. FMAR would like to THANK the community for the GIVING it does to keep FMAR running. Your donations are working!

The TNR program has fixed 258 cats so far in 2012. We expect that number to be

300 before the year ends. We have been averaging 20 cat adoptions per month and 11 dog adoptions per month. Doing the math, that will be close to 400 adoptions for 2012.

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Linda Luke, Van Buren Township
Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue
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Atchinson Ford Sales earns another \$6,000 for Belleville High School

To the Editor:

Atchinson Ford Sales helped sponsor yet another successful Drive One 4 UR School event back on Oct. 6 at Belleville High School. This was the third year that the event benefited Belleville High School.

According to the Drive One 4UR School headquarters, Atchinson Ford's event was the most successful out of all of Western Wayne County area's Ford dealers. Ford Motor Company even attended the event to take pictures for their upcoming national automotive dealer meetings.

This event could not have been a success without the commitment of the Belleville High School students, staff, and parents. We also owe a huge thank you to the committed members of the Belleville Yacht Club (BYC), the Belleville Ski Club, and the committed members of the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation. Doug Jerry of Domino's pizza, Jake Hunt of State Farm, Alex Donley from Celebrations DJs and Alicia McGovern of Edward Jones Financial also deserve a special thank you for their committed hard work in helping, participating, and donating to the event.

With their efforts, Atchinson Ford delivered another \$6,000 to Belleville High School.

This event generated 376 test drives in just five hours! All that was needed to get the \$6,000 from Ford Motor Company was 300 validated test drives. Way to go above and beyond, Belleville Tigers!

Medina Atchinson
Atchinson Ford Sales

Daizchane Baker accepted to Ashland University

Daizchane Baker of Belleville has been accepted to Ashland University, Ohio, for the fall semester of 2013.

Baker, who is a senior at Belleville High School, will receive the Director's Scholarship of \$10,000 annually to attend Ashland University.

Pet of the Week Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue "CHARLIE"



Goodness but **Charlie** is quite the cutie pie! He's an adorable 1 year and 2 month old Beagle possibly Dachshund mix that would win first place in any cuteness contest hands down. **Charlie's** happy, friendly and boisterous personality fits his looks to a tee and together makes him downright irresistible. He doesn't seem to have gotten much training up until now and appears to be quite the energetic hand-full but he sure seems eager to learn his tricks, well to get the treats anyways. He seems a little nervous with new places and big crowds but who can blame him since being a smaller pup can make the world seem a little scary at times. **Charlie** has the typical coloring and floppy ears of a Beagle but stands on short, stouter legs that give him a smaller breed appearance. He likes to get attention and performs a happy wiggle dance in greeting that will have you smiling and wanting more of this adorable pup. With his cuteness factor being near a zillion, we are sure **Charlie** won't be with us for long so if you're interested in meeting him give us a call today while you still can. He is neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped.

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Dave Curson of VBT going to Washington, D.C. for six weeks

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Dave Curson, a Democrat who lives in Van Buren Township, has been elected to fill the remaining six weeks of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter's term in the 11th Congressional District.

Since the districts have been redesigned, the 11th District moves out of VBT on Jan. 2 and Curson's job is over.

Curson's status as a Congressman was immediate after the votes from the Nov. 6 election were tallied.

After Jan. 2, Representative in Rep. Curson Congress in the 11th District will be Kerry Bentivolio, a Republican, who won the place in the new 11th District on Nov. 6.

The election for a brief open session was made necessary when Congressman McCotter suddenly resigned last summer, following a scandal among his workers. His timing was such that there wasn't time to place candidates in the primary election for the short term. The seat has been vacant since then.

On Nov. 7, Congressman Dave Curson released a statement:

"It is an honor to have been elected to Congress from Michigan's 11th District for the remainder of the 112th Congress.

"I want to thank all of those that helped and had faith in me for their support and hard work during this very difficult campaign.

"Especially my wife, Sharon, who tirelessly worked on every detail, kept us organized and gave me the energy to push on. Patrick McCarty, my campaign manager, who navigated me through this strange political world and kept me focused on the issues, deserves much credit for our success.

"My family and friends, who volunteered many hours and hard work as well as suffered through the many emotions of the

uncharted waters and the ups and downs of a political campaign.

"Also to Steve Glick, who did a great job with the web site – my main means of communicating my thoughts and beliefs on the issues.

"I am truly humbled by all of those who volunteered their help or contributed their hard-earned dollars or simply put their trust in me by pulling my lever on Election Day.

"Now that the election is over, I am honored and I will work hard to live up to the expectations and trust placed in me.

"I didn't run for this office for a title. I ran to help break the gridlock in Washington and to do my part to move our nation forward; insuring Social Security and Medicare is protected, a fair tax structure is put in place and make every effort to bring jobs to Michigan.

"I hope to represent every citizen of the 11th District regardless of their political affiliation and work to make each of their lives and America better," Curson said.

After Congressman Curson leaves office in January, this area will be represented by the 12th District Congressman John Dingell, another Democrat.

On Nov. 6, Congressman Dingell was elected to his 30th term in Congress, which will total 60 years when he's through with this term.

Curson pointed out that his election was the first time anyone from the Belleville area was elected and sent to Washington.

Amber Sanders, Shakiyla Price enroll at Toledo University

Belleville High School graduates Amber Sanders and Shakiyla-Ablah Price have enrolled for the first time in the University of Toledo for the fall semester. Sanders is majoring in Pre-Marketing and Price is majoring in Conditional.

Public invited to come in and see new BHS

The public is invited to visit and see the new Belleville High School today.

In addition to parent-teacher conferences, BHS welcomes the community to an event on

Thursday, Nov. 15, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Former VBT Fire Chief sues VBT, White, McClanahan

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

An 8:15 a.m. Dec. 21 status conference has been set before Judge Kathleen Macdonald in Wayne County Circuit Court in the law suit filed by former Van Buren Township Fire Chief Darwin Loyer against the township, former Supervisor Paul White, and Public Safety Director Carl McClanahan.



The law suit was filed Sept. 17 by Loyer's attorney Joseph R. Loyer Furton, Jr. of Dearborn. Loyer also paid the \$235 fee necessary to demand a jury trial.

The employment discrimination law suit alleges violation of Michigan law, including but not limited to the Michigan Whistleblowers Protection Act.

The suit alleges that Loyer "was hired as fire chief of VBT because of his long and distinguished career as a firefighter. He had previously been qualified, through tests and interviews as a Fire Fighter and Fire Officer."

Loyer's suit alleges that it was Paul White who discharged him because of Loyer's complaints of illegalities, violations of law and safety regulations.

Loyer also alleges that McClanahan and the Board of Trustees were also aware of

Loyer's complaints of illegalities at a fire scene.

The suit continues: "...Mr. Loyer also made complaints of illegalities concerning Anthony Karver's disregard of legal and fire safety code regulations" and "That the illegalities were dangerous and could have caused loss of life and limb of the firefighters working for the department as well as citizens."

The suit claims Loyer reported these illegalities to a public body and after doing so was summarily discharged.

"One reason for his discharge was his report of these illegalities," the suit claims, and, "That the discharge violates the Michigan Whistleblower's Protection Act."

Loyer claims that his discharge has caused and will continue to cause him great damages, including but not limited to lost wages, past and future; emotional distress and other non-economic damages; humiliation, anger, disappointment, and upset; as well as attorney fees."

Louis Kovach vs. VBT case transferred to new judge, December 13 session

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The case of Louis Kovach vs. Charter Township of Van Buren has been transferred from Circuit Court Judge John H. Gillis, Jr., to Judge Lita Masini Popke.

A court session is set for Dec. 13 in Judge Popke's courtroom on the ninth floor of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in Detroit.

Kovach is suing the township over its refusal to approve land splits for part of the property that formerly was the Coykendall Greenhouse site and now is owned by Kovach.

The property is at the northwest corner of Bemis and Martinsville roads and was turned into a cornfield for the last growing season.

Kovach filed the suit against the township and the members of the Parcel Division

He is asking for an amount in excess of \$25,000, exclusive of costs, interest, and attorney fees, and specifically requests an award on attorney fees.

The above law suit was acquired by the *Independent* through a Freedom of Information Act request.

According to Wayne County internet records, the township's attorney Carlito H. Young is defending the township, White and McClanahan. Young filed an answer to the complaint on Oct. 22.

The VBT board held a closed-door session on Loyer on June 19, following public release of an official complaint by Karver against Loyer and an ensuing investigation by McClanahan of the incident.

Loyer left township employment on June 21 and Dan Besson took over the job as interim fire chief. Besson was sworn in as permanent fire chief on Aug. 21.

Reportedly Loyer was offered a settlement for leaving township employment if he would sign a promise not to sue the township. He did not sign.

Board: Terry Carroll, Linda Stevenson, and Tom MacDonald.

Much of the last courtroom session on the case in Judge Gillis' courtroom on Sept. 20 was spent in a lengthy sidebar conference, as attorneys discussed the case with the judge.

They also studied proposed land splits for the former greenhouse property.

When all the talking with the judge was done, township attorney David Greco said he would present a proposed settlement to the township for approval, with hopes of a settlement before the next court date of Nov. 15.

Kovach's attorney John Day said he was hopeful for a mutually acceptable agreement that will benefit both his client and the township.

But then the circuit court announced the reassignment of the case to Judge Popke and the next date was changed to Dec. 13.

Judge Popke was a partner and shareholder of the firm Mager, Monahan, Donaldson & Alber, P.C. from 1985 to 1994, specializing in commercial litigation, fidelity and surety, zoning and appellate cases. She took office as a judge in July of 2000.

In a related matter, Kovach also filed suit on Oct. 24 against Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz on housing and real estate issues and a status conference has been set for 9 a.m. Jan. 25.

John Day represents Kovach on this case, as well.

Editor's Note: Special Writer Diane Madigan contributed to this report.

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- **Thursday, Nov. 15** – 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 "Gertrude and Claudius" by John Updike.
- **Friday, Nov. 16** – See another free movie at 7 p.m. at the Friends Family Theatre Night (Bounce House at 6:45 p.m.) in the Youth Center at 7890 Tuttle Hill Road (at Bemis), Ypsilanti. One of this week's movies will be the premiere of "Beyond Acceptance", 2012, 95 minutes. Movie questions: (734) 482-5074.
- **Sunday, Nov. 18** – All are welcome to the free pre-Thanksgiving dinner at First Missionary Baptist Church, 24092 Bohn Rd., between Dunn and Wear roads in Sumpter Township. The morning worship service is at 11 a.m. and dinner will be served after morning service.
- **Sunday, Nov. 18** – The SE Michigan Pug Play Group will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Bring your pug to the Pug-N-Play session. Donations help pay for the building rental.
- **Monday, Nov. 19** – Hang a weatherproof ornament in memory of a loved one during the annual Tree of Remembrance outdoor memorial ceremony. It starts at 7 p.m. in front of Brown Family Center, 678 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville. Refreshments inside beginning at 6:30 p.m. 697-5090.
- **Monday, Nov. 19** – At 6:30 p.m. at the Romulus Public Library, Elaine Pereira, an

author who lives in New Boston, will discuss her memoir "I Will Never Forget", the story of her mother's journey through dementia. Book signing, with proceeds donated to Alzheimer's research. Register at library by calling (734) 942-7589.

- **Monday, Nov. 19** – Western Wayne County Genealogical Society invites the public to its 6:30 p.m. program at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Demonstration on "Find-A-Grave Website and All Its Capabilities" At the 7:30 p.m. session: "How to Research Those Italians!"

- **Tuesday, Nov. 20** – The 17th-annual Festival of Holiday Trees opens at the Belleville Area Museum and will run through Saturday, Dec. 29. The museum hours are 3-7 p.m. Tuesdays and noon to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. The annual Christmas Tree Silent Auction runs through Dec. 11.

- **Wednesday, Nov. 21** – Pick up your Independent a day early, tomorrow is Thanksgiving

- **Thursday, Nov. 29** – The African American Book Group meets at the library at 7 p.m. This month's book is "Fences" by August Wilson.

- **Saturday, Dec. 1** – Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce's Winter Fest is all day. Parade is 6 p.m., followed by City Christmas Tree Lighting ceremonies on the museum lawn, visits with Santa at the Methodist Church, and fireworks over the water from the Denton Road Bridge. Jingle Bell Run registration starts at 8:30 a.m. at Horizon Park. Ice skating throughout the day, courtesy of BYC at Fourth St. Square.



The *Independent* got a call on Monday at 2:44 p.m. reporting the Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus train was going through Belleville on the train tracks that cross South Street and Savage Road. It was reported as a very long train with lots of cars and flatbed trailers. The Ringling Brothers Circus had been at the Palace of Auburn Hills Nov. 7-11 and apparently on Nov. 12 was heading to its next show in Chicago, Nov. 14-25.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Nov. 19 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council special joint meeting with Belleville DDA at 6 p.m., followed by regular council meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 20 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 21 – South Huron Valley Utility Authority, 10 a.m., Brownstown Township Hall. Also, Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, Belleville Downtown

Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, VBT Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

- Monday, Nov. 26 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS mini-auditorium

- Tuesday, Nov. 27 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water & Sewer Commission, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, Nov. 28 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.



They're reading the Independent everywhere

Jerry and Sondra Reed of Sumpter Township read their Independent at the John Denver Sanctuary in Aspen, Colorado, on Oct. 12.

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The **Belleville Chamber of Commerce's** Winterfest Committee is looking for a few more floats for its night Christmas Parade on Dec. 1. Parade entry forms are available at the chamber during regular business hours or off their website at www.bellevilleareachamber.org. The deadline to get in on the Chamber's coloring book and order an ice sculpture is tomorrow. Call (734) 697-7151.

Main Street Flowers & Gifts is offering a Thanksgiving Centerpiece with candles for just \$19.98. Call (734) 697-7400 or visit them at **210 Main Street**.

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

Belleville Wrestling Club seeks wrestlers for fall/ winter season

By Bob Mytych
Independent Sports Editor

The Belleville Wrestling Club is holding open registration for boys and girls of all ages who would like to learn the basic fundamentals of folk-style wrestling, as well as intermediate and advanced techniques for those who have a strong desire to improve their skills they already possess.

Practices will be held every Tuesday and Thursday in the Belleville High School Wrestling Room, starting Nov. 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The program runs through the end of March 2013, with opportunities to compete in weekly tournaments on Sundays. The cost is \$90 per participant with a \$10 discount for each additional family member.

For more information, check them out on Facebook or call (734) 697-7887 or (734) 564-3470. Visit their website at www.teams.com/bellevillewrestling.

The BHS Wrestling Room can be located by entering either athletic wing by the pool and up the stairs.

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Nov. 15 – Ashley Mayer
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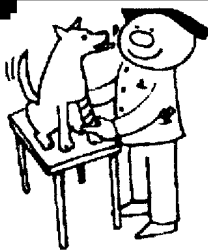
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To the Editor:

The winter and holidays are fast approaching us. The holidays are often seen as a joyous occasion and a chance to come together with friends and family.

But it can be a difficult time for anyone who is missing their deceased loved one. The prospect of facing the holidays without your loved one may cause anxiety and dread.

Whether your loved one died recently or decades ago, the holidays bring forth powerful memories that may trigger your grief. We would like to help you.

We at David C. Brown Funeral Home are hosting a special remembrance memorial ceremony for the community. The "TREE OF REMEMBRANCE" is a time to reflect and give honor to our loved ones during this holiday season.

We invite you all on Monday, Nov. 19, to the Brown Family Center for this heartwarming ceremony. There will be a time beforehand inside the Center for fellowship and refreshments starting at 6:30 p.m.

The ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. just outside the Center. Because it is outside, please dress warmly. If you would like, please bring a weatherproof ornament in memory of your loved one.

During the ceremony there will be a time in which you can decorate the tree with your ornament.

So gather the family and come out Monday evening for a comforting ceremony to celebrate your loved one.

The Brown Family Center is two blocks east of the funeral home, 678 E. Huron River Dr., 734-697-5090.

Please keep in mind that we provide free grief support throughout the year at the Center, either individually or within a small group. Please call me at 734-697-5090 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Sincerely,

Mary Martinez, Grief Coordinator

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected runs for VBT Police.
For more detailed police logs, see www.bellevilleareaindependent.com .

Sunday, Nov. 4:
0130 – malicious destruction of property, 50935 W. Huron River Dr.
0217 – operating while intoxicated, I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0444 – assault & battery, 46121 Village Green Ln.
0733 – unattended death, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
0936 – breaking & entering, 15555 Haggerty Rd.
1024 – property damage accident, Savage/Country Walk Blvd.
10058 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville / Ecorse
1612 – noise complaint, 46121 Village Green Ln.
1625 – trespassing, Beck Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1806 – malicious destruction of property, 42719 Pond Ridge Dr.
2107 – suicide or attempt, 43501 S. Timberview
2117 – noise complaint, 48870 Denton Rd.

Monday, Nov. 5:
0849 – juvenile complaint, Tyler/Morton Taylor
0855 – juvenile complaint, Savage/Martinsville
1026 – hospice, 45390 Tyler Rd.
1140 – private property accident, 41775 Ecorse
1204 – disorderly conduct, 44714 Robson Rd.
1217 – larceny, 42066 Lincoln St.
1357 – harassment call, 9645 Belleville Rd.
1438 – private property accident, Meijer
1446 – private property accident, Meijer
1530 – private property accident, Meijer
1635 – juvenile complaint, 51171 Colony Ln.
1725 – disorderly conduct, Walmart
1729 – private property accident, 287 Industrial
1756 – disorderly conduct, Capitol Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
1924 – narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1945 – property damage accident, Belleville / Robson
2319 – assault & battery, 12692 Hannan Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 6:
0018 – property damage accident, Ecorse / Crossroads
1011 – fraud, 1 Village Center Dr.
1114 – larceny, 8352 Morton Taylor Rd.
1237 – disorderly conduct, 7861 Belleville Rd.
1400 – assault & battery, 15550 Haggerty Rd.
1428 – breaking & entering, 11305 Westlake
1516 – assault & battery, 6553 Parkside Dr.
1653 – property damage accident, Ecorse/NB I-275

Wednesday, Nov. 7:
0119 – shots fired, 9202 Parkwood Dr.
0211 – assault & battery, 11637 Meadows Cir.
0232 – larceny from auto, 6306 Westlake
0910 – fraud, 48470 Denton Rd.
0932 – fight, 8800 Parkwood Dr.
1148 – breaking & entering, 44700 N. I-94 Service
1248 – larceny, 8001 Haggerty Rd.
1348 – disorderly conduct, 8218 Kirkridge Park
1439 – dumping complaint, Beck/Ecorse
1555 – assault & battery, 6468 E. Sadie Ln.
1604 – mental, 41663 Van Born
1725 – larceny, Walmart
1847 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1852 – domestic violence, 111 Peachtree Lane
1908 – larceny, 46000 Lake Villa Dr.
2310 – larceny from auto, 46121 Village Green Ln.

Thursday, Nov. 8:
0622 – unattended death, 47766 Denton Rd.
1101 – private property accident, 48860 Denton
1144 – sexual assault, 42200 Tyler Rd.
1208 – private property accident, 9555 Haggerty Rd., WCCC
1230 – property damage accident, 8300 Belleville
1247 – private property accident, 49080 Denton
1254 – agency assist, 40036 Edison Lake Rd.
1401 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1536 – assault & battery, 8964 Parkwood Dr.
1558 – property damage accident, I-94 / Belleville
1555 – disorderly conduct, 103 N. Ponderosa Trl.
1915 – property damage accident, 44171 Stonebridge Dr.
2023 – narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler Rd.
2038 – harassment call, 46141 Village Green Ln.

2053 – assault & battery, 32 S. Ponderosa Trl.
Friday, Nov. 9:
0034 – noise complaint, 41178 N. Woodbury Dr.
0802 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1125 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1127 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1232 – fraud, 6119 Rawsonville Rd.
1417 – assault & battery, 47097 McBride Ave.
1510 – assault & battery, 9202 Parkwood Dr.
1556 – fight, 103 N. Ponderosa Trl.
1616 – water leak found, 42671 E. Huron River
2020 – fraud, 46425 Tyler Rd.
2018 – malicious destruction of property, 9306

Parkwood
2325 – assault & battery, 7619 Kirkridge Park Dr.
2330 – shots fired, 49371 Hull Rd.

Saturday, Nov. 10:
0043 – operating while intoxicated, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0133 – loud party complaint, 500 Sumpter
0156 – fight, 7619 Kirkridge Park Dr.
0204 – fight, 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0332 – harassment call, 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0653 – assault & battery, 49120 Denton
0842 – harassment call, 11275 Oak Lane
1509 – breaking & entering, 84 Park Estates
1530 – malicious destruction of property, 10591 Oak Lane
1609 – shots fired, Tyler/Hannan
1744 – malicious destruction of property, 1043 Savage Rd.
1806 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
2042 – noise complaint, 42794 Patty Lane
2126 – sexual assault, 47434 North Shore Dr.
2329 – assault & battery, 12962 Hannan Rd.

Sunday, Nov. 11:
0022 – noise complaint, 41441 S. Bellridge Dr.
0051 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Haggerty
0059 – assault & battery, 50521 W. Huron River
0104 – noise complaint, 158 Aspen
0107 – suspicious situation, Fisher Library
0222 – fight, 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0225 – loitering, 50521 W. Huron River Dr., Pine Creek
0231 – fraud, Walmart
0854 – malicious destruction of property, 49120 Denton
1003 – mental, 8852 Ironwood Dr.
1105 – property damage accident, Michigan / Denton
1104 – property damage accident, 49412 Michigan
1341 – property damage accident, 10699 Jackson
1504 – retail fraud, 41375 Van Born
1522 – retail fraud, Walmart
1702 – larceny, 9203 Parkwood Dr.
1714 – shots fired, 44257 Ecorse Rd.
1722 – larceny, 43774 Bemis Rd.
1824 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville/W. Huron River Dr.
2024 – noise complaint, 9655 Wildflower Ct.
2034 – holdup alarm, 11575 Belleville Rd.
2329 – noise complaint, 15685 Brookside Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 286 traffic stops, 35 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways and 5 within the City of Belleville.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 4:
0000 – suspicious situation, 26 Carmell St.
0056 – operating while intoxicated, 25 Main
0321 – suspicious situation, Belleville Bridge
0919 – welfare check, 469 E. Waterbury Ct.
1139 – neighbor trouble, 226 N. Liberty
1246 – agency assist, 42930 Pond Bluff
1554 – juvenile complaint, Sumpter/RR tracks
1753 – suspicious situation, 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
1836 – assist fire dept., 56 Henry St.
1920 – suspicious person, 114 Carmell St.
2318 – suspicious person, 376 Light Tower Ct.

Monday, Nov. 5:
0004 – civil matter, 200 Henry St.
0724 – traffic complaint, 6 Main St.
1038 – court duty, 11131 S. Wayne Rd.
1042 – disorderly conduct, J&T Towing
1050 – animal complaint, 509 Harbour Pointe Dr.

1116 – assist citizen, 6 Main St.
1220 – suspicious situation, 490 Harbour Pointe
1346 – disorderly conduct, 139 N. Liberty St.
1412 – fraud, 6 Main St.
1454 – larceny, 146 Carmell St.
1547 – harassment call, 8 Carmell St.
1549 – juvenile complaint, 301 W. Davis St.
1556 – harassment call, 7 Carmell St.
1932 – alarm intrusion, 490 Harbour Pointe Dr.
1955 – vehicle lockout, A&W
2005 – follow-up, 201 Belle Villa Blvd.
2009 – assist fire dept., 229 Belle Villa
2015 – fraud, 90 Menlo Park Dr.

Tuesday, Nov. 6:
0004 – assist fire dept., 254 E. Huron River Dr.
0729 – assist citizen, 180 E. Huron River Dr.
0940 – suspicious situation, 506 Harbour Pointe
0945 – larceny, 90 Carmell St.
1041 – assist fire dept., 161 Church St.
1258 – civil matter, 575 Sumpter Rd., Co-Op
1942 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr. / Loza Lane
1959 – suspicious situation, N. Liberty/Second St.
2232 – suspicious person, Johnny’s

Wednesday, Nov. 7:
0611 – malicious destruction of property, 232 Belle Villa Blvd.
1032 – narcotics crime, BHS
1131 – narcotics crime, BHS
1248 – neighbor trouble, 220 S. Liberty St.
1338 – neighbor trouble, 78 Carmell St.
1356 – misc. complaint, 6 Main St.
1425 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 6 Main
1757 – vehicle lockout, BHS
1809 – welfare check, 469 E. Waterbury Ct.
2035 – domestic assault, 200 Henry St.
2321 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.

Thursday, Nov. 8:
0120 – parking complaint, 226 Belle Villa
0718 – suicide or attempt, 78 Carmell St.
0835 – traffic complaint, S. Edgemont Ave. / E. Huron River Dr.
0951 – juvenile complaint, 101 Carmell St.
1309 – E-911 hangup/investigation, BHS
1447 – juvenile complaint, 409 W. Columbia Ave.
1526 – property damage accident, Third/Main
1535 – suspicious person, 36 Main St.
1633 – private property accident, 45201 Owen, Owen Intermediate School
1641 – operating while intoxicated, 301 W. Davis
2109 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.

Friday, Nov. 9:
0156 – breaking & entering, 52 Carmell St.
0346 – noise complaint, 118 Bedell St.
1256 – breaking & entering, 50 Carmell St.

Saturday, Nov. 10:
0909 – suspicious situation, 48 Carmell St.
0923 – vehicle lockout, 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
1204 – animal complaint, 509 Harbour Pointe Dr.
1458 – found property, 25 Main St.
1658 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Denton Rd.

1837 – agency assist, 811 Estrada
2051 – breaking & entering, 146 Carmell St.

Sunday, Nov. 11:
0134 – disorderly conduct, Fourth St./Charles St.
0452 – disorderly conduct, 170 N. Liberty St.
0519 – suspicious situation, 172 N. Liberty St.
0900 – suspicious situation, Huron River Dr. / W. Columbia Ave.
1053 – assist fire dept., 371 E. Columbia Ave.
1100 – miscellaneous complaint, 56 Henry St.
1108 – assist fire dept., 56 Henry St.
1217 – civil matter, 6 Main St.
1218 – malicious destruction of property, 32 Carmell St.

1402 – malicious destruction of property, 265 Sumpter
1530 – assist fire dept., 210 Henry St.
Also on this week’s log are 49 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 4:
0020 – fight, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1034 – assist other agency, out of township
1130 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1258 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1519 – shots fired, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

1525 – personal injury accident, Willow / Martinsville
1554 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1635 – larceny, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1751 – warrant arrest, Rustic Lane
1936 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Dunn
2035 – alarm, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2125 – abandoned vehicle, Haggerty/Harris
2229 – threats complaint, Creekside

Monday, Nov. 5:
0252 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0329 – fire dept. assist, Creekside
0730 – alarm, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
0809 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0900 – follow-up investigation, Pecan
0936 – abandoned vehicle, Haggerty/Harris
0954 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.
1305 – breaking & entering report, 22000 bl.

Martinsville Rd.
1310 – fraud report, Edgewood
1526 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Wear Rd.
1901 – disorderly person, 7800 bl. Oakville Waltz
2229 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Willow
2310 – suspicious person, Rustic Lane

Tuesday, Nov. 6:
SYSTEM DOWN – NO EVENTS AVAILABLE
Wednesday, Nov. 7:
0112 – larceny, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0130 – threats complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood
0133 – suspicious vehicle, Wear/Martinsville
0136 – criminal sexual conduct investigation, 10000 bl. Judd Rd.

0347 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1056 – threats complaint, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1059 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1252 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1443 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1813 – civil dispute, Colorado
1842 – animal complaint, Birch

Thursday, Nov. 8:
0103 – suspicious person, Willow/Sumpter
0749 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0943 – fraud report, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1239 – larceny, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1515 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1526 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1700 – citizen assist, Edgewood
1834 – suspicious incident, Walnut
2144 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, Nov. 9:
0345 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0708 – civil dispute, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0906 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0910 – family trouble, Birch
1050 – suspicious incident, 5500 bl. Oakville Waltz

rd.
1527 – animal complaint, Pecan
1707 – juvenile complaint, Timberlane
1714 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1901 – suspicious vehicle, Martinsville/Arkona
2040 – follow-up investigation, 51000 bl. Willis
2123 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter

Saturday, Nov. 10:
0019 – juvenile complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0156 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0727 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0905 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1152 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1209 – juvenile complaint, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1319 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1511 – personal injury accident, 7900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1735 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1801 – civil dispute, Birch
2032 – citizen assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
2045 – follow-up investigation, Pecan
2106 – disorderly person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2109 – citizen assist, 6300 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
2144 – suspicious incident, Willow/Sumpter
2157 – assist other agency, Dakota
2342 – animal complaint, Judd/Fenster

Also on the log are 42 miscellaneous details, 148 patrol checks, and 77 traffic stops.

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John, Jean Orskey celebrate 65 years

On Oct. 27, John and Jean Orskey of Roscommon, formerly of Belleville, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with a dinner party at the Ramada Inn in Grayling. Attendees included the couple's four children John (Janet), Shirley (Bob),



Mary and David (Lisa), and five of their six grandchildren, Amanda, AJ, Gabe (Adi), Courtney, and Hillary. Another grandson, Joe, telephoned from Quantico, VA. Jean's siblings Chuck Renton, Don (Donna) Renton, and Rose (Jim) Niebauer also attended, along with many friends from Belleville and Roscommon.

Welcome, Jacob Aaron-Louis Mattausch



Misty Morin and Kyle Mattausch of Belleville announce the birth of their son Jacob Aaron-Louis Mattausch at 4:43 p.m., Oct. 5, 2012, at the University of Michigan Hospitals, Ann Arbor. He weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 19 inches long. He has a big brother Jordan Mattausch, age 5. Grandparents are Cheryl Morin of Belleville, Philip and Dianne Morin of Saline, and Mary and Duane Mattausch of Willis. Great-grandparents are Wynonna Morgison of Willis and Loren Morin of Belleville.



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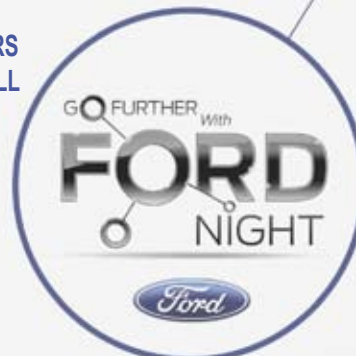
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