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VBT Police investigate triple homicide tied to Indiana fatal accident

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Police went to 6655 Anna Drive in Homestead subdivision last Thursday morning to bring the sad news of a husband's death in an Indiana traffic accident to his next of kin.

But, police found the wife and two children murdered and a bloody 8 ½" knife in the sink. The dead father turned into the prime suspect.

The victims are identified as Linda Vanderlinden, 34, dead from strangulation and a secondary stab wound to the chest, and her sons Julien, 7, and Matthew, 4, both dead from multiple stab wounds to the chest and arms. The Wayne County Coroner, after Friday's autopsies, was unable to determine the times of death for all three family members.

The boys were found in their beds in their bedrooms and Linda was found on the floor in her bedroom.

Michael Vanderlinden, 38, who had a history of depression and domestic abuse, according to neighbors, had left the house at 9:30 p.m. the night before according to a witness and died in a head-on collision on I-94 in Indiana, according to Indiana State Police.

This was at Mile Marker 43, three miles east of the Michigan City exit. Vanderlinden left the rest park area going the wrong way just before the crash.

Indiana State Police say Vanderlinden was driving his Chrysler 300 with his lights off going eastbound in the westbound lane. At about 1:30 a.m. Thursday, he collided with a car driven by Juan Nelson, Jr., 45, of Portage, IN and a fire engulfed the two vehicles, with both drivers dead at the scene. Both charred bodies had to be extricated from their entangled vehicles by the LaPorte Fire Department.

Because of the intense blaze, any

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Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

The community came out in force Saturday to hear the speeches at the dedication of the new Belleville High School and then to tour the \$79.2 million building. The opening ceremony was held in the lobby between the old auditorium and the new building. Then School Board President Martha Toth cut the ribbon to the new section and the unguided, individual tours began.

Interim fire chiefs move up to permanent jobs in Belleville, VBT

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Monday, the City of Belleville's interim fire chief, Brian Loranger, was promoted to permanent chief and on Tuesday, Dan Besson, who was serving as interim fire chief in Van Buren Township, was promoted to permanent fire chief.

The action on Chief Loranger was taken at Monday's regular City Council meeting.

It is a part-time position.

The action on Chief Besson was taken at Tuesday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees. It is a full-time job, with pay of \$69,000 and benefits.

Chief Loranger, a chiropractor who has an office in Belleville, lives in Van Buren Township.

Chief Besson, who has been working in

Van Buren Township, lives in Belleville. He will be leaving his full-time job with the Flat Rock Fire Department, where he is a lieutenant. He also has been working as part-time Battalion Chief in VBT.

At Monday's Belleville meeting, when Chief Loranger was advised of Besson's pending promotion, he pointed out that Besson began his fire career in Belleville.

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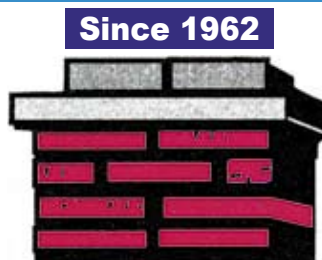
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Campaign Finance Reports available for Pre-Primary Election

Campaign Finance Reports for the 2012 Pre-Primary Election were due July 27 and are available on line at <http://www.wccampaignfinance.com/>.

These are reports for the Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township local candidates, as compiled by Diane Madigan for the *Independent*.

Candidates who raised/spent less than \$1,000 could sign a waiver on reporting.

The Post-Primary Report period closes Aug. 27 and is due by 5 p.m., Sept. 6.

The amounts reported below are for the 2012 calendar year.

Van Buren Township

SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES

Linda Combs

Contributor/Affiliation	Amount
Candidate and Spouse	\$2,500
Aloysius Foster	\$300
Lila Warner	\$550
Walt & Joyce Rochowiak	\$100
Lynette Jordan	\$70
W.O.L.F. Red Hat Society	\$70
Bruce J. Ross	\$50
Thomas DiPietro	\$50
Robert Suliman	\$50
Dorothy & Ray Bailey	\$50
Carol Welhouse	\$50
Bernard McManus	\$20
Cindy C. King	\$40
Ruth Draper	\$40
Joan Franzoi	\$30
Karen LaMothe	\$25
Eleanore Hendrickson	\$25
Phyllis Queener	\$25
Frances Hutchison	\$25
Glenda Wright	\$25
Dorothy King	\$20
Jeffrey Jahr	\$20
Total	\$4,135

Larry Fix

Signed \$1000 Waiver

Tim Szetela

Contributor/Affiliation	Amount
Candidate	\$2,411
Anna Loranger	\$500
Andrew Blank VP	\$500
Ronald Blank/Partner	\$500
Donnel Dickerson/Pres	\$500
Jason Warren	\$500
Larry Lawson/Partner	\$500
Phil Hart	\$120
Mark Powell	\$100
Karin LaMothe	\$20
Total	\$5,651

Paul White

Contributor/Affiliation	Amount
Paul White/Candidate	\$700.72
Mary Kegley	\$100
K. McNamara Leadership Fund	\$100
Carl McClanahan/VBT P.S. Dir.	\$100
Richard Krug	\$100
Barbara Miller	\$100
Ronald Budd	\$100
Reg Ion	\$20
Mac Black	\$50
Martha Wilson	\$50
Steve Partridge	\$20
Hubert Little	\$20
Total	\$1,460.72

CLERK CANDIDATES

Karin LaMothe

Contributor/Affiliation	Amount
Candidate/Spouse	\$435
Carol Thorne	\$500
Stephen Heffler/S Cal. Edison	\$500
Jason Warren/US Coast Guard	\$500
Gelenda LaMothe	\$200
Bruce Ross/ MI. DNR	\$200
George LaMothe	\$200
Joyce Rochowiak	\$100

Susan Farr	\$100
Shelagh Saenz	\$100
Kelly Gray/Walled Lk. Collision	\$107
Lori Werner	\$99
Brenton Price	\$99
Brenda Keele	\$86.88
Robert Suliman	\$75
Linda Tymczak	\$75
Kathy Jensen	\$70
Jennifer Price	\$70
Lisa Zitnik	\$52
Patricia Queener	\$55
Kathy Maxwell	\$50
Cynthia Herbeck	\$50
Linda Marshall	\$50
CeJay Marshall	\$50
Christina Laurain	\$50
Kim Thorell	\$50
Richard Wardwell	\$40
Jacqueline Schmeltz	\$40
Katherine Brown	\$45
Kelly Beck	\$29.85
Darlene Gerick	\$28
Connie Nappo	\$25
Marcia Diehl	\$25
Lynn Kay	\$25
Grace Haver	\$20
Samantha Jarrell	\$20
Chris Mardegian	\$20
Shannon Ostby	\$20
Phyllis Queener	\$20
Chuck Schmeltz	\$20
David Abraham	\$20
Daniel Belanger	\$20
Alyse Bowden	\$20
Rosemarie Crean	\$20
William Frazier	\$20
Lawrence Glasser	\$20
Jack Gray	\$20
Christina Harman	\$20
Karen Hart	\$20
Phil Hart	\$20
Mark Lauth	\$20
Donna Lauth	\$20
Loma Lauth	\$20
Cheryl Lipp	\$20
Quinton Mitchell	\$20
Tiffany Murphy	\$20
Cynthia Mitchell	\$20
Dean Springer	\$20
Kathy Springer	\$20
Tim Szetela	\$20
John Towler	\$20
Ashela Trevino	\$20
Richard Trevino	\$20
Mary Hayes	\$10
TOTAL	\$4,791.73

TREASURER CANDIDATES

Sharry Budd

Contributor/Affiliation	Amount
Scott Jones/L&W	\$500
Wayne Jones/L&W	\$500
Davis Lusk/CEO EQ	\$400
Alysius Foster	\$300
Phillip McKenna/VBT Planner	\$250
Ronald Blank	\$250
John Peters/Attorney	\$250
Robert Thorne/business man	\$200
Richard Sloan/Developer	\$200
Donald Gasiorek/VBT Attny.	\$125
Patrick McCauley/VBT Attny.	\$125
David Greco/VBT Attorney	\$125
Salvatore Morgan/VBT Attny.	\$125
Robert Suliman	\$100
James Logsdon	\$100
Cindy King	\$100
Ethan Vinson	\$100
Debra Jurkovich	\$100
William Kreiger	\$100
Kathy Harris	\$100
Shawn Keogh	\$100
Vic Franzoi	\$100
Graham Orley	\$100
Martha Toth	\$75
Carol Thompson	\$75
Patti Duha	\$75
Reginal Dawson	\$50
Debra Green	\$50
CeJay Marshall	\$50
Theodore Souphis	\$50
Breen Hammons	\$50
Craig Manser	\$50
Karen Glass	\$50
Christina Laurain	\$50
Gregory Drake	\$50
Carolyn Brooks	\$50
Gasper Bellomo	\$50
Bob McKenna	\$50
Bruce Ross	\$50
Gerald Higgs	\$50
Virgie Stolta	\$50
Debra Juriga	\$50
Kathy Jensen	\$50
Bernard & Porzondek	\$40
Dorothy Baily	\$40
Patricia Gors	\$30
Carol Dolph	\$25
Brian Oakley	\$25
Margaret Thompson	\$25
Dean Payne	\$25
Richard Wardwell	\$20
Bob Cook	\$20
Gerald Cullen	\$20
Darryl Raymond	\$20
Beverly Jenkins	\$20
Sophie Zoller	\$5
Total	\$5,740

In Kind Contributions/Services	Amount
Maria Gosur/Web Developer	\$500
Jennifer/video assistance	\$150
Karen LaMothe/POBox	\$21
Karen LaMothe/ Moose Lodge	\$75
Karin LaMothe/Moose Lodge	\$75
Robert Thorne/Snuggle Puppy	\$40
Rosemarie Crean/Massage Cert.	\$200
Pam Fleming/Gift Certificates	\$120
Lynn Kay/Gift Certificate	\$45
Dean Springer/Gift Certificate	\$80
Darlene Gerick/Gift Certificate	\$14
Karen LaMothe/Website	\$500
Christina Laurain/Gift Basket	\$20
William Frazier/Gift Certificates	\$220
Karin LaMothe/Lodge Lanes	\$230
Karin LaMothe/Stamps	\$96
TOTAL	\$2,386

Leon Wright

Contributor/Affiliation	Amount
Kathie House/OCC Admin.	\$500
David Lusk/ Manager EQ	\$400
Charles Tackett/Retired	\$300
Phillip McKenna/VBT Cont.	\$250
Barbara Miller/Attorney	\$200
Hugh Bennett/RN	\$200
Debra Gray/HR Keystone Foods	\$150
Patrick McCauley/VBT Attny.	\$125
Donald Gasiosek/VBT Attny.	\$125
Joanne Morgan/VBT Attny.	\$125
David Greco/VBT Attorney	\$125
Thomas Aja/CPA Plant Moran	\$100
Bradley Thompson/IBEX.Agt.	\$100
Carl Pederson/Union Rep.	\$100
Dr. Warren Brandes	\$100
Adam Byrd/VBT Police Officer	\$100
Andrew McCune/Cons. Engr.	\$100
Sheila Roby/Youth Counselor	\$100
James Stewart, DDS	\$100
Carl McClanahan/VBT PS Dir.	\$100
James Acho/CMDA Attorney	\$100

Steve Partridge	\$50
Stephen Fletcher	\$50
Jakleen Ochalek	\$40
John Pomann	\$30
James Pedersen	\$25
Shirley Bryant	\$25
Sharon Caldwell	\$25
Don Houtakker	\$20
Total	\$2,340

Harry Roesch

Contributor/Affiliation	Amount
Signed \$1000 Waiver	

TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

Contributor/Affiliation	Amount
Allen Babosh	
Signed \$1000 Waiver	

Patrick Brooks

Contributor/Affiliation	Amount
Candidate	\$885
Barney Porzondek/Auto Sales	\$200
Total	\$1,085

Phillip Hart

Contributor/Affiliation	Amount
Candidate	\$100
Scott Jones	\$500
David Lusk/CEO EQ	\$300
Phillip McKenna/VBT Planner	\$250
Ronald Blank/Real Estate	\$250
Patrick McCauley/VBT Attny.	\$125
Salvatore Morgan/VBT Attny.	\$125
Donald Gasiorek/VBT Attny.	\$125
David Greco/VBT Attorney	\$125
Graham Orley	\$100
James Logsdon	\$100
John Douglas Peters/Attorney	\$100
Pete Foster	\$100
Dian Slavens	\$100
Shawn Keough	\$100
Martin Parker Jr.	\$100
Ethan Vinson	\$100
Linda Yudas	\$100
Robert Suliman	\$75
Georgy Drake	\$50
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Christina Laurain	\$50
Cindy King	\$50
Gasper Bellomo	\$50
April Ruot	\$50
Kenneth Brooks	\$50
Gerald Higgs	\$50
George Gerbstady	\$50
Robert McKenna	\$50
Bernard Porzondek	\$40
Karin LaMothe	\$40
Theresa Hall	\$30
CeJay Marshall	\$30
Ray Bailey	\$25
V.J.Franzoi	\$25
Jere Dolph	\$25
Mark Laginess	\$25
Virgie Stoltz	\$25
Agnes Cook	\$20
Andrea Gornick	\$20
Asheley Hart	\$20
Total	\$3,700

Jeffrey Jahr

Contributor/Affiliation	Amount
Candidate	\$858.83

Patricia Johnson

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Diane Madigan

Contributor/Affiliation	Amount
Candidate/Spouse	\$4,900.65

Brenda McClanahan

Contributor/Affiliation	Amount
Candidate	\$2,337.42

Reggie Miller

Contributor/Affiliation	Amount
Candidate	\$2,104.32

Angela Netto

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Albert Ostrowski

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Denise Partridge

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Signed, racist email touches off storm in Van Buren Twp.

Since Paul White was elected VBT supervisor four years ago, Cejay Marshall has sent 75-80, rude, hostile emails attacking White personally. He's also sent such emails to others, including the *Independent*.

But, the email he sent to VBT Clerk Leon Wright who beat Marshall's candidate for clerk in the primary election went far over the line into racist territory.

Marshall had sent copies of the Aug. 14 email to a select few officials and at Tuesday's four-hour board meeting, an irate Adam Byrd grilled some of them on their feelings on diversity. Of course, everyone said they were for diversity.

Marshall said calling him a racist was "a damned lie" and explained he was only speaking of demographics when he pointed out the color of Wright's skin and failed cities with "unqualified people of color" as elected leaders... and more.

Wright said since he was elected four years ago he has tried to treat everyone with respect. He recalled his childhood when his mother scooped up her children and took them to safety to protect them from the men burning a cross nearby.

Wright was calm and professional as Marshall ranted at the podium with arms flailing and face getting increasingly red.

Trustee Hart suggested Wright sit down with Marshall to discuss it. Discuss racism? Get serious. The Dept. of Justice may be back to deal with VBT racism again as it was over the Walmart parking incident.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Last week I received an unsigned note in the mail from a Martinsville Road resident in Van Buren Township. It read:

"When Riggs Heritage Park opened up a few years ago it was a beautiful place to go for a walk. Now it is the most neglected, abandoned park in all Van Buren and Belleville.

"I will not walk the park alone for fear of getting attacked because of all the overgrown bushes and weeds. No one would see me getting attacked.

"Please make it beautiful again. Thank you."

The attorneys for former Romulus Police Chief Michael St. Andre, his wife, and five Romulus police officers charged with corruption had until Aug. 20 to submit defense briefs in response to charges by the Wayne County Prosecutor. Then, the prosecutor's office will have until Sept. 14 to file answers.

When all briefs are complete, 33rd District Court Judge James Kersten, who is hearing the case, will set a date for oral arguments.

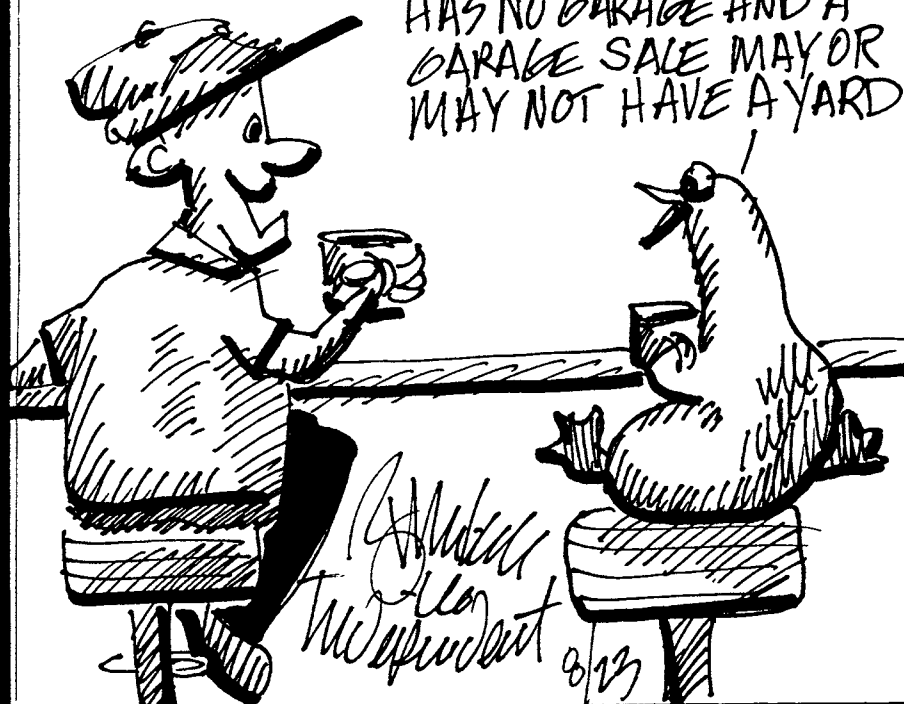
You may remember the first court session for this huge cast of defendants and their multiple attorneys was held at the Van Buren Township Hall because it was too big for any courtroom at the 34th District Court. Also, a visiting judge had to take over since the local judges knew the defendants.

No word yet whether the next court hearing will be in VBT.

Shortly after 5 p.m. on Saturday, there was a single-engine airplane circling around the Haggerty Road area between Bemis and E. Huron River Drive.

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It carried a trailing banner reading: "Barney and Tonya Porzondek, Happy 25th anniversary, 09-02..."

I know they live on Robbe Road, so this is their neighborhood. I hope they were home. Happy anniversary.

Also, happy 30th anniversary to Debbie and Tom Griffin of Martinsville Road. I didn't see anything in the sky on that one.

At last week's Belleville DDA meeting Tom Fielder said the Harlem Ambassadors basketball team would be playing a team made up of local players at 7 p.m., Oct. 24, at the new BHS gymnasium. The event is a fund-raiser for the local Chamber of Commerce and president Keith Johnston was on the agenda at Monday's city council meeting to tout the event, but he didn't show up.

The folks over at the David C. Brown Funeral Home are inviting everyone to come over and see how nice their Temporary Viewing and Funeral Chapel is at the former Katherine Rose flower shop next door at 500 E. Huron River Drive in Belleville.

They hired a professional interior decorator to help with some hangings and furniture and were able to get drapes from Delux, across the street. The temporary chapel is beautiful and will be used until the funeral home is rebuilt. The fire that damaged the building was on Aug. 5.

Dave said the preparation work is being done at licensed funeral homes and the showings and funerals are at the temporary chapel, unless the families prefer their churches, as in the past.

An all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner is set for 4-7 p.m. Saturday at the Moose Lodge to raise funds for the Willick family who were burned out of their residential unit over the funeral home.

At Monday's City Council meeting, a former lieutenant from the Michigan State Police slipped in and out of the audience without calling any attention to himself. He was there to support a new Belleville Police Officer being introduced, along with two others. Officer Susan Beauvais came to Belleville from the Inkster Police Department and had some training through the MSP.

Belleville City Manager Diana Kollmeyer gave a report on this year's Senior Olympics and then announced that in 2013 Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, and the City of Belleville will be the host communities for the Western Wayne County event.

She said she was surprised at the huge number of seniors who took part in the games this year and had such a good time.



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Letters

Call for letter recipients to disavow racism

Hello Fellow Residents of Van Buren Township:

Just one week after the primary election, Clerk Leon Wright received an email from a Van Buren Township resident that I was privy in reading. A courtesy copy was additionally emailed to Treasurer Sharry Budd, Trustee Phil Hart, Trustee Jeffrey Jahr, Trustee Albert Ostrowski, Trustee Denise Partridge, Linda Combs (township supervisor candidate), Regina Miller (trustee candidate), and Greg Laurain (captain of the Van Buren Township Police Department).

not trustworthy...”

The greater Van Buren Township community does not agree with the values of this email and operates with appreciation of all races. Over the last 7 years Van Buren Township has shown a transition in becoming a diverse community, both residential and in our government structure.

In 2006, Van Buren Township hired its first African American full-time police officer Adam Byrd, in 2008 the township elected its first African American to the Board of Trustees Clerk Leon Wright, and in 2009 the township appointed its first African American Public Safety Director, Carl McClanahan.

On Aug. 7, 2012 our Van Buren Township community set history by electing Brenda McClanahan as Trustee to the Van Buren Township Board. Brenda is the first African American female to make it past the primary election for our Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees. We should be proud that our community looks past racial barriers. We are a community that can brag on the fact that we operate in a unified fashion, regardless of race.

I am asking that the people that received this email (Clerk Leon Wright, Treasurer Sharry Budd, Trustee Phil Hart, Trustee Jeffrey Jahr, Trustee Albert Ostrowski, Trustee Denise Partridge, Linda Combs (township supervisor candidate), Regina Miller (trustee candidate), and Greg Laurain (captain of the Van Buren Township Police Department) make a public statement of how this behavior is unacceptable, and how we as a community can go forward free of racism unlike this email demonstrated.

I will be truly looking forward to your public support in speaking against this divisive message as a leader and community advocate of Van Buren Township.

Thank you,
Adam Byrd, Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: The letter sent to Clerk Wright by email at 9:37 a.m. Aug. 14 was signed by CeJay Marshall.

Kelly McCann, Jessica Setter named to honors' list at Ferris State University

Belleville residents Kelly McCann and Jessica Setter have been named to the Ferris State University Academic Honors List for the semester ending May 2012.

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If you were a business, accounting or tax client of Donna Hall-Esser, please contact my office to verify that my office has your records. If the records are in my possession, make an appointment to pick up your records on or before **September 30, 2012**. Picture ID will be needed at the time the file is picked up. A voluntary fee of \$20.00 is requested for our office expenses for storage and processing of your records.

If you do not arrange by **September 30, 2012**, to pick up your records, your file will be shredded on or about **October 15, 2012**, as arrangements with Shred-It will allow.

Please call the law office of Barbara Rogalle Miller at **(734) 697-4455** for further information.. Our address is Barbara Rogalle Miller, 321 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

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More Letters

Help us find our missing Chihuahua 'Momo'

To the Editor:

In the evening of Saturday the 18th, my house sitters let my Chihuahua Momo outside by himself and left him. He is fawn and white and approximately 5 pounds. I live next to Look Insurance, so it is a scary place to be alone for him. I was out of state and unable to get back until the next day, however, my friends were called and quickly started searching for him.

He had been missing for over three hours before we were made aware of him being gone. Since then many strangers have joined in the search to help get my sweet Momo back home to me.

I had two separate witnesses call me after seeing Momo's flyers, telling me that on Saturday the 18th in the evening, a few cars pulled over. A woman got out of a silver Chevy, possibly a Volt or similar in appearance, and picked Momo up and put him in her car.

I am hoping this letter reaches her or someone that knows her to let her know we are looking for our Chihuahua Momo so she can bring him back home to us. He is deeply missed and loved.

Momo is a very special dog to my husband and me. We got him after we lost our son in an accident and he has been my angel.

I want to thank so many people for their help: Belleville Police, wonderful people of Victoria Commons, some kids in Belle Villa and the guys who took the time to call me and telling me what they witnessed. Also, my friends that have worked hard to find him. Thank you all.

Although my little Momo isn't back home, I feel blessed to know there are so many wonderful people around me who care.

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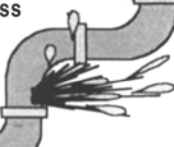
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Obituaries

BETTY A. CHARLESWORTH

(August 19, 1924 - August 16, 2012)

Betty A. Charlesworth, age 87, of Prudenville and formerly of Belleville, passed away on Thursday, August 16, 2012 with her family by her side.

Betty was born on August 19, 1924 in Ypsilanti to Arl & Ruth (Beadle) Mitchell. She married Gifford Lee Charlesworth on September 25, 1944 in Tennessee. Betty retired from Ford Motor Company where she worked on the assembly line. She began vacationing in Prudenville 37 years ago while living in Belleville. Betty loved to fish, enjoyed reading the newspaper and was a very generous individual.

Betty is survived by grandson Jason (Jeanne) Charlesworth of Lincoln Park, grandson Erick (Tonya) Charlesworth of Belleville, daughter-in-law Linda Charlesworth of Prudenville, seven great-grandchildren Bryanna, Chelsae, Brandon, Elizabeth, Emily, Ericka, Jaylynn, sister Doris Bluhm of Belleville, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband of 62 years Gifford L. Charlesworth in 2007, son Randy Charlesworth in 2010, and sister Virginia Wall. The family is honoring Betty's request and there will be no services. Memorials may be directed to a VFW Post or the Disabled American Veterans. You may express your condolences to the family at www.christler-holdship.com. Christler Funeral Home - Prudenville Chapel is handling the arrangements.

DOROTHY MAY HOLMES

(March 19, 1918 - August 16, 2012)

Age 94, of Belleville. Survived by three children Malcolm, Louis, Jacqueline Rider; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and sister Leora Swihart. David C. Brown Funeral Home.

LUCILLE O. EVERSOLE

(February 6, 1927 - August 14, 2012)

Age 85, of Sumpter Township. Survived by three children Ron, Larry and Sheila Eversole-Hayes, all of Belleville; 7 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home.



Loretta M. Solo

LORETTA M. SOLO

(January 3, 1939 - August 19, 2012)

Loretta M. Solo, age 73, of Romulus, MI, passed away Sunday, August 19, 2012 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born January 3, 1939 in Ypsilanti, MI, daughter of the late Harold Louis & Margaret Lillian (Trosin) Merritt.

She was an active member of the Huron Valley Conservation Club and the Belleville Women of the Moose. She enjoyed drawing, painting, sewing, doing hair, and loved to shop - for antiques or at yard sales!

Loretta is survived by her husband of 53 years Theodore Glen Solo; son Mark Solo of South Lyon, MI; daughter Lisa (Mark) DeMara of Romulus, MI; three grandchildren Alisha (Kevin) Wallace, Paige Solo and Christopher Kellner; three great-grandchildren Tyler, Gavin and Ava; two brothers; a sister Gloria "GiGi" (Neil) Johnson of Duluth, GA; two nephews Gregory (Jenna) Johnson of Warner Robins, GA and Jeffrey (Sylvia) Johnson of Lawrence, GA; and numerous other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, also a brother David Merritt.

Visitation was 6-8 PM Wednesday and will be 3-8 PM Thursday with an 11:00 AM Funeral Friday, August 24, 2012 at the David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Interment will be in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Women's Endometriosis and Cancer Research and 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.

Rotary tells Rubber Ducky Race results

The Belleville Rotary released the names of the winners of cash prizes in the Rubber Ducky Race on Aug. 16. They are: Holly Zehel, first; Carrie Rice, second; and Kuclo, third.

DOROTHY E. MIDA

(July 19, 1917 - August 18, 2012)

Dorothy Elsie Mida, age 95, of Belleville, MI, passed away Saturday, August 18, 2012 at her home. She was born July 19, 1917, daughter of the late Ernest & Ernestine (Priebe) Oestreich. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting and being a mother and grandmother.

Dorothy is survived by two children Charles (Kay) Mida of Belleville, MI and Shirley Chudzinski of Gaylord, MI; 5 grandchildren Renea, Bonnie, Scott, Carolyn and Donna; 9 great-grandchildren Samantha, Laura, Steven, Mary, Melissa, Ben, Nikki, Chelsea and Kyle; also six great-great-grandchildren Evan, David, Emma, Allen, Abbie and Haley. She was preceded in death by her husband Clarence Mida in 2009.

Visitation was on Monday August 20, 2012 from 1-8 PM, with a funeral service on Tuesday 12 Noon at the Temporary Location of David C. Brown Funeral Home 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI.. Interment will be in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



JEFFREY STEVEN RINGER

(December 1, 1974 - August 18, 2012)

Age 37 of Belleville. Graduated from BHS in 1993 and served in the U.S. Army. Survived by wife Katie Marie, four children, a granddaughter, his parents, grandmothers, and two sisters. David C. Brown Funeral Home.

Sumpter Township child drowns in family pool on Monday morning

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township Police were called to the 45000 block of Bontekoe Drive at 11 a.m. Monday for a child who had drowned in the family pool.

Sumpter Police Lt. Eric Luke said an 11-month-old boy had drowned in the pool and the drowning is under investigation.

Lt. Luke said the preliminary investigation shows somehow the child was able to exit the house, approach the above-ground pool in the back yard and make his way up the steps, where he entered the pool.

Sumpter Police also were called to the suicide of a 37-year-old man on Saturday morning. Lt. Luke said his department has seen an increase in Sumpter suicides recently.

Free Job Seekers event set at 11 a.m. Saturday

Joe Barnabei of Van Buren Township, a candidate for State Representative, will host a free Job Seeker workshop at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Bayou Grill, 404 Main Street, Belleville.

Barnabei from Beacon Hill Technologies, specializes in finding jobs for people in Michigan.

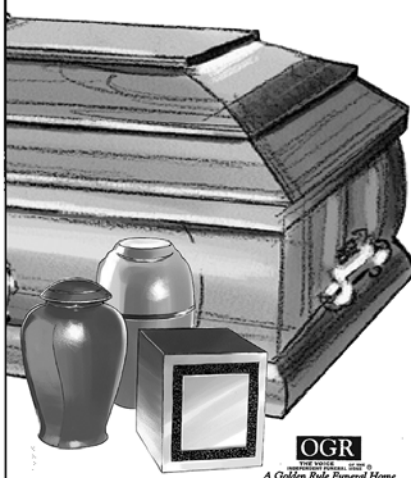
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Triple homicide

(continued from page 1)

evidence that might have helped was burned up, according to VBT Police Captain Gregory Laurain, who handled all the television, radio, and print journalists pleas for information during the initial hours of the investigation and in the days that followed.

"We are still pursuing and following up leads," Captain Laurain said on Friday. "While the husband Michael Vanderlinden is suspected of being responsible for the killings, we have not reached any conclusions and our investigation is still continuing."

Laurain said sources are telling police that there might have been a strain in their marriage in the past few months and that Michael was in the process of moving out of their house.

Michael, from Belgium, worked in information technology. Linda had been a teacher and was a stay-at-home mom, according to reports.

Last November, VBT police received a 911 call from Linda. She said poison control told her to get her husband to the hospital because he took six sleeping pills on purpose. According to the police report, Linda was leaving him and he shook her. She filed a report on this but, police say, the prosecutor's office did not issue a warrant. She ultimately returned to Michael.

Laurain said VBT received a call from the LaPorte County Medical Examiner Thursday morning, asking VBT Police to

make a death notification to the family. At 8:30 a.m., officers went to the Vanderlinden home, but no one answered the door. The neighbors said they believed the family was home and the car was in the garage.

Police found the front door unlocked and entered, finding the bodies and a knife in the sink. Captain Laurain said counselors have been provided for officers.

Van Buren Public School Supt. Michael Van Tassel sent out a news release stating that as a service to the community, a grief counselor would be available on Friday, Aug. 17, at Savage Elementary School.

He said Julien had just finished first grade in the Gifted and Talented program at Tyler Elementary School and Matthew was enrolled for classes in the district's Bright Beginnings Pre-School.

Friends and family of Linda Vanderlinden have started a fund to raise \$17,000 to bury her and her two sons. Donations may be sent to: Eastern Michigan Bank, 3636 Main Street, Deckerville, MI 48427.

A Tuesday story in *The Charlotte*



Observer states the Vanderlinden family of four had lived in Mint Hill, NC, for several years. They moved from Michigan to Mint Hill about seven years ago, moving back to Michigan in 2009. According to friends in Mint Hill, the family moved to North Carolina after Michael Vanderlinden lost his information technology job in Michigan.

Civil War Gala set for Sept. 29 at Trinity Episcopal Church

The Belleville Area Museum along with the Belleville Area Historical Society and Belleville Downtown Development Association, will host a Civil War Gala at Trinity Episcopal Church on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 6 to 10 p.m. Attendees will be treated to a Northern or Southern-Style Dinner and will enjoy a *Star Spangled Banner* presentation given by David A. Collins.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., followed by the evening's presentation. Civil War attire is greatly encouraged! Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased at the Belleville Area Museum by Sept. 26.

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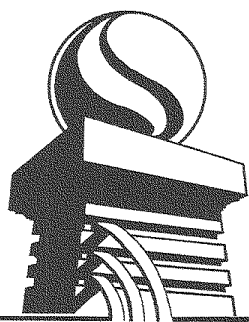


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In an usual action, that left everyone smiling, the Belleville Central Business Community gave back a check for \$900 to the Belleville Downtown Development Authority because it wasn't needed.

At the Aug. 18 meeting of the DDA, the delighted DDA members were told the CBC got a donation from one of its members and it didn't want to use taxpayers' money it didn't need. So, the members gave it back.

DDA member Tom Fielder, who is also a member of the CBC, said the CBC really inherited the Halloween, Floppy Bunny, Taste of Belleville, and Harvest Fest events as downtown promotions.

He said the CBC has a number of fund-raising events so they can put on some free events.

The Taste of Belleville is one of the major money-makers, he said. Twisted Rooster restaurant, a new member, agreed to sponsor the cost of the Taste event.

The CBC, which had asked earlier this year for a donation from the DDA for the

Taste, is pretty healthy financially now, Fielder said.

"The CBC thanks this group for its support," Fielder concluded.

"I think it's commendable they would return the money so we can use it for other events," said DDA treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams.

-- Rosemary K. Otzman, Editor

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The Belleville Community Chorus is having a garage sale, in conjunction with the Belleville City Garage Sale on Friday, Aug. 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday Aug. 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The location of the chorus sale is 1045 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville.

Chorus members are seeking all kinds of items as donations for the sale. Donated items can be almost anything and should

be in good condition and serviceable, but no adult clothing, please.

Donations may be dropped off at the sale location any time during the day or evening of Thursday, Aug. 23. Donation receipts will be available to all who contribute sale items.

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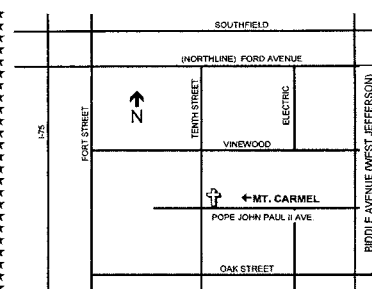
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Court Watching

Four VBT teens charged in armed robbery go to court again on Aug. 31

By Diane Madigan

Independent Special Writer

Four Van Buren Township teenagers charged in the March 22 armed robbery in Wagon Wheel South mobile home park - where a home's front door was kicked in and a couple was held at gunpoint -- will go to trial on Oct. 9 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

All four were 17 years old when arrested.

Their next court date is a pre-trial hearing set for 11 a.m. Aug. 31.

On Aug. 16, the arraignment on the evidence was held before Circuit Court Judge Gregory Bill. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Kimberly Hesse spoke for the People and the four defendants had three attorneys present, since Renj Scribbling-Elmore's attorney Jonathan Jones did not show up for court.

Other defendants were Brandon Fair, with his new attorney Alvin Sallen; Joseph Marsh, with a fill-in attorney for his regular attorney Murray Duncan; and Jaleel Booker, with his attorney Larry Polk.

Also present was the female victim of the robbery and the owner of the trailer park.

Attorney Sallen and an attorney speaking on behalf of Marsh asked for the pre-trial hearing to be postponed 2-3 weeks to give them time for discovery. Sallen added that the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has made no movement to reduce charges.

After a long sidebar between Prosecutor Hesse, two attorneys and Judge Bill, there was a plea offer of one count armed robbery and one felony firearms, with a sentence of 5-20 years plus 2 years for a weapons charge. That would mean the charges of home invasion and possession of marijuana would be dismissed. The attorneys asked for 51 months.

Fair's attorney Sallen was not willing to present the offer to his client..

Next, Jaleel Booker's attorney Polk asked for a motion to quash 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley's preliminary ruling to bind Booker over to circuit court. Polk said Judge Oakley used the words "assume and

assumption" during the exam testimony about a cellphone call to his client. He questioned how you could assume who made the call to the residence and where the call came from. He stated there was no testimony to support his client made the call and it was improper for Judge Oakley to bind his client over on his assumption just because he was in a car with a cellphone.

Quoting from the 34th District court transcripts many times, Judge Bill stated that the court is allowed to use "near presence" in testimony and look at the totality of testimony. He stated that Booker made a statement that he took guns and masks out of the car which put him in "near presence".

Polk argued there was nothing to indicate when his client became aware of anything going on. Judge Bill again relied on the 34th District Court transcripts to quote Prosecutor Murray that Booker was driving the get-away car and was aiding and abetting. Polk argued that there is a lack of identification, he was just sitting as a passenger, he did not go into the home and only portions of the statements were used.

Prosecutor Murray in pretrial found there was sufficient circumstantial evidence.

Judge Bill stated, "Do I feel Judge Oakley has abused his discretion? No. Not being in the courtroom to hear the emotion of the testimony, it's a close call. It's a weak case. I understand how he reached his decision. Motion to quash, Denied."

The prosecutor made the same plea offer to Booker as to the others.

All defendants are charged with two counts of armed robbery, home invasion in the first degree, and possession of marijuana. Marsh and Fair also have weapons charges. The charges could bring up to life in prison.

The defendants are all out on \$10,000 cash bond each and wearing tethers.

An alleged fifth member of the group, Raymond Hicks, was not charged.

A hearing for the motion to quash was first set for Aug. 3, but not held because two of the attorneys did not show up, according to the prosecutor.

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Kovach vs. VBT case to hear oral arguments on Sept. 12 in Circuit Court

By Rosemary K. Oztzman

Independent Editor

Attorneys for Louis Kovach and Van Buren Township met with Circuit Court Judge John Gillis, Jr. on Friday and agreed to postpone oral arguments in the law suit until 9 a.m., Sept. 12, before Judge Gillis.

John R. Day, representing Kovach, said attorney David Greco, representing VBT, et. al, had filed a thick brief at 1 p.m. the previous day and Day didn't have time to study it and respond.

Day said this was the first time he and Kovach have received a detailed report on the township's position. The previous brief from the township answered a simple yes or no to each charge.

Friday's court session had been set as a hearing for the township to show cause why Kovach's writ of mandamus for relief should not be granted. Besides the lot splits he seeks damages, costs, and attorney fees.

On July 12, Kovach filed his law suit against the Charter Township of Van Buren, Terry Carroll, Linda Stevenson, and Tom MacDonald.

The suit concerns lot splits requested by Kovach for a portion of the former Coy Kendall Greenhouse property at the corner of Bemis and Martinsville roads.

Kovach's request was denied by the VBT Parcel Division Board, made up of Director

of Planning and Economic Development Carroll, Assessor Stevenson, and DPW Director MacDonald.

Four VBT residents, Kovach and his wife were present at the court session on Friday to hear the proceedings.

Let's try again: Bridge Walk, Taste of Belleville is rescheduled for today

The Belleville Bridge Walk and Taste of Belleville were cancelled last week because of the chance of violent storms that were heading this way.

The events have been rescheduled for today, Thursday, Aug. 23, beginning with the Bridge Walk at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Taste of Belleville at Horizon Park at 6 p.m.

At Monday's meeting of the City Council, Bill Wolters, president of the Belleville Central Business Community, asked the council for permission to reschedule the event for Aug. 23, and council members voted unanimously to reschedule.

Wolters said last week inclement weather was forecast and so the CBC decided to cancel the event. He said they had volunteers and young, high school people who were helping them, along with the food vendors, and they didn't want to take the chance of submitting them to a storm.

The Lucky Rubber Ducky Race went on as scheduled on Aug. 16 because that's the date they had on the state lottery license.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, August 23** – Belleville Bridge Walk and Taste of Belleville postponed from last week will run today, instead. Bridgewalk starts at 5:30 p.m. and Taste at 6 p.m.
- **Friday, August 24** – Free Outdoor Family Movie Night at Willow United

Belleville and Surrounding Area Families Invited to Host Exchange Students

What better way to learn about another country than to host a student from Italy, France, Sweden, Germany, Brazil or even Australia? These students are here to attend local high schools and integrate themselves into your family and community for the next 10 months.

Jordan is 17 and comes from New Zealand. Her Mom is a Homemaker and her Dad owns a business. She has 7 brothers and 7 sisters! Her entire family lives in a warehouse that has been converted into a large home. Jordan is a Christian. Her interests include writing, reading, cooking, film study, drama and fashion. She would like to study English or Drama in College. Jordan is interested in being a Social Worker later in life.

Henry is 17 and comes from Finland. His Mom is a Financial Assistant and his Dad is an Inspector. Henry does not have any brothers or sisters and would like to have some in the USA. He considers himself to be a polite, social and humorous guy. He is a B+ student, enjoys going to school and his favorite subjects are Psychology, History and Languages. Henry is very sporty and is currently practicing kickboxing and martial arts. He has played tennis and basketball and goes to the gym frequently.

For more information on these and many other students, call Heidi at 734-788-6159 or visit www.stsfoundation.org.

STS Foundation has been promoting Student Exchange in Michigan for over 20 years.

Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Road, New Boston, 734-654-9020. Gathering at 8 p.m., movie begins at 8:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

• **Friday, August 24** – Friends Family Friday Drive-In, fun, food, fine films, FREE. 7890 Tuttle Hill Road (at Bemis Road), Ypsilanti. Movie shown at sunset, 8:21 p.m. "Amazing Love" (2012, 80 minutes, youth) and "The Encounter: Paradise Lost" (2012, 85 minutes, premier). Movie questions: 734-482-5074.

• **Friday, August 24, and Saturday, August 25** – Annual St. Anthony Church Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days. Information: 699-6817.

• **Friday, August 24, Saturday, August 25, and Sunday, August 26** – 10th-annual Cruizin' the Park Car Show and Swap Meet at Lower Huron Metropark, Tulip Tree area. Free entry to event, but there's a Metropark entry fee. Kickoff Friday at 5 p.m. www.cruizinthepark.com

• **Saturday, August 25 and Sunday, August 26** – Citywide yard sales in the City of Belleville and Township-wide yard sales in Sumpter. Space available at Victory Park by calling Kay Atkins at 697-9376.

• **Saturday, August 25** – Back 2 School Blitz from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Twisted Rooster, 9729 Belleville Road. The event collects donations of school supplies for local students in need.

• **Saturday, August 25** – Van Buren Township Free Shred Day, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at VBT Hall parking lot put on by Recall company. Bring up to five cartons or medium-size bags of paper documents per vehicle. 1-866-RECALL6

• **Saturday, August 25** – 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 Westland Shopping Center, Warren Road and Nankin Blvd. (Lot behind JC Penney). Information: (734) 326-3936.

• **Saturday, August 25** – An all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner fund raiser to help the burned-out Willick family in Belleville 4

to 7 p.m. at the Belleville Moose Lodge. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Information: 697-5090 or 313-570-6115.

• **Monday, August 27** – Cruisin' on the Bayou car show on Main Street in Belleville, 6-9 p.m.

• **Tuesday, August 28** -- Tuesday's Cruzin the Belleville Moose, 6-9 p.m., music, food, drinks every Tuesday, 831 E.

More Letters



Someone broke our sign down in our yard

To the Editor:

This is an example of the liberal left's attitude toward any conservative voicing their political beliefs. This sign was displayed on our property and was damaged by a trespasser that cannot control his attitude or his temper.

Our First Amendment rights, along with the others, are being ignored by this kind of belligerent fool!

A police report has been written.

Name withheld by request

City of Belleville

Editor's note: It was supper time on Wednesday, Aug. 8, when the lady of the house looked out the window and saw a man yelling and screaming and putting fists in the air in front of the sign they had put up about a month earlier. She couldn't hear what he was saying, but he was a white man in his late 50s in a dark car. He apparently stomped on the plywood sign and then drove off.

Huron River Dr.

• **Wednesday, August 29** – Classic Car Show at Diamond Back Saloon, 49345 S. I-94 Service Drive, sponsored in part by Ypsi Street Rods, 6 p.m. – dark, DJs, BBQ

• **Thursday, August 30** – African American Book Group meets at the library at 7 p.m. This month's book: "Money Can't Buy Love" by Connie Briscoe.

Thank you for votes in Primary Election

Dear Residents of Van Buren Township:

This letter is to extend my appreciation and gratitude to the residents for the 903 votes I received during the recent August primary.

The number of votes cast was not enough to win but nonetheless it has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve as Trustee for the past four years.

In the coming years I will continue to strive to "give back" to my community with volunteer work through the Belleville-Area Council for the Arts and Belleville-Area Historical Society.

My sincere congratulations to the four Trustees that succeeded in the primary; I believe they will work hard and serve to the best of their abilities on your behalf.

In gratitude and respectfully submitted,

Denise Partridge

Trustee Van Buren Township

Roses came as I healed from water ski injury

To the Editor:

Thursday morning a friend called to tell me that my name was in the *Independent* for having won a dozen roses from Main Street Flowers. My friend had to pick up the beautiful arrangement of pink roses for me, because I am unable to get into town at this time. What a pleasant coincidence that I not only won this week's drawing, but that it came just when I am recovering from an injury (water skiing).

Jane Vesche, owner of Main Street Flowers, tells me they used to give away tickets to the movie theater in town, but nowadays they draw names weekly for giving out flowers, and post the names in the *Independent*. Thank you for having such a delightful way to reach out to the community.

Dee Crowe, Van Buren Township



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Pre-Primary

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Robert Young/Attorney	\$500
Barbara Miller/Attorney	\$190
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Next Monday, Aug. 27, the Belleville Girlstown will be unveiling its new name to the public and everyone is invited. The Belleville Chamber will cut the ribbon at noon at 525 Huron River Drive. For information, call Christine Streu at (734) 697-7242.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Wyandotte is inviting the Belleville community to its 40th Annual Polish Festival this weekend, Aug. 24-26 in Wyandotte. Festival hours are Friday 4 to 11 p.m., 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 11 p.m. on Sunday. No admission charged. For a list of events, Polish bands and performers, activities and raffle information, see their ad in today's paper or visit www.ourladyofmountcarmel.org or call (734) 284-9135.

The Belleville Bridgewalk and Taste of Belleville are rescheduled for today, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the welcome sign. Following the walk, we'll take a group photo before heading over to Horizon Park for the Taste. Entertainment will be provided by April Warner and Party Time Entertainment. The revised restaurant menu is printed in today's paper. The event was cancelled last week because of the potential threat of storms in the afternoon. See you there.

Open Arms Lutheran Church in Belleville is now enrolling for full and

half day preschool, Pre-K, and Young 5's Programming for this fall. They're also enrolling infant through school age children for the fall session starting Sept. 4. Right now save \$100 off your tuition with their ad coupon in today's paper. Call (734) 699-5000 for info or visit www.openarmscenter.com.

A Design Line Embroidery on Belleville Road behind Penzoil Oil Change is offering 25% off in stock school uniform pants, skorts, and jumpers for the younger students. The top quality uniform apparel is designed to last the school year. Call owner Janet Manley at (734) 697-3545 or visit her website at www.adesignline.com.

Belleville Presbyterian Church on Belleville Road will be holding its annual Rummage Sale Aug. 24-25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will feature collectibles, bedding, books, craft items, toys, jewelry, canning jars and a whole lot more. No clothing, though. Call (734) 697-8687.

Community Assistance Foundation (CAF5) in conjunction with Crusin' in the Park will take place this weekend at the Tulip Tree Picnic Area at Lower Huron Metropark. The famous King Brothers will be making pancakes and sausage. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12 and free for 11 and under. CAF5 is a community charity organization that assists families in need with prescription medication, eyeglasses, and other aid to local families with children in school in our communities. There is a charge to enter the Metropark.

The Belleville City-Wide Yard Sale is this weekend, as is the Sumpter Township Township-Wide Yard Sale in Sumpter. No permits from the city or township are required during these annual events.

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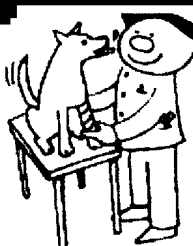
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Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 24, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Vawters showing present: Supervisor Vawters, Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, & P. Morgan. Excused absence Trustee Kennedy. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approx. 12 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments on Agenda items

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve minutes of the regular board meeting July 10, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hamm, supported by J. Morgan to accept minutes of Parks & Recreation June 20, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve the warrants totaling \$298,106.09. Roll call vote: Yes: Vawters, Hoffman, J. Morgan, Bates, Hamm, & P. Morgan. Absent: Kennedy. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation: Motion by Hoffman, supported by J. Morgan to approve the parks & recreation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Attorney: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve a resolution to have the first public hearing August 8, 2012 at 6 pm for the Judd Road SAD paving project and to approve the attorney's report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Supervisor: Motion by J. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the supervisor's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Board Response

11. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve to purchase materials to erect a 14 x 20 pavilion at Fire Station #1 cost \$2,310.72. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Announcements

13. Open Floor

14. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to adjourn at 6:51 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on July 24, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Publish: August 23, 2012

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Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Aug. 23 – Van Buren Township Cultural Advisory Committee, 11 a.m.

• Monday, Aug. 27 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building

• Tuesday, Aug. 28 – 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.

• Monday, Sept. 3 – Labor Day

• Tuesday, Sept. 4 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Sept. 5 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, VBT Public Safety Committee, 5:30 p.m.

• Monday, Sept. 10 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building

• Tuesday, Sept. 11 – Van Buren Township September Days Senior Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, VBT LDFA, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Sept. 12 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Sept. 13 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m., at Keystone Academy. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Sept. 17 – 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, Sept. 18 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Sept. 19 – 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.

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56 HENRY ST. Aug. 24-26, 9-4 p.m. 8/23
46801 HULL ST. AUG. 23-26, 9-5 p.m. Lots of goodies. 8/23

49507 WILLIS RD. AUG. 24-26. Misc. household, Some car parts & things for men. 8/23

10586 JACKSON ST. in Haggerty Sub. Aug. 24-25, 10-4:30 p.m. Bedding, Glassware, Christmas items, misc. 8/23

YARD SALE - 44139 HARRIS RD. Aug. 25-26, 9-5 p.m. Lots of goodies, Bikes, Household, Train sets & more. 8/23

BIG YARD SALE - 3 FAMILY - 110 S. Biggs. Aug 24. 8/23

9090 BEMIS RD., Ypsilanti. Aug. 23-24, 9-6 p.m. 1966 Mustang, Tools, Antiques, Clothes, Shoes & misc. items. 8/23

YARD SALE - 18111 Martinsville Rd. Aug. 23-25, 9-4 p.m. Boat & Trailer, Honda Motorcycle, TV's, Small appliances, Furniture, Adult clothes & lots of misc. 8/23

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

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Sunday, Aug. 12:
0212 – disturbance, 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0248 – noise complaint, McBride/Pierce
0310 – loud party complaint, 9554 Hamilton St.
0404 – fight, 13207 Westlake
0403 – noise complaint, 10198 Wheeler St.
0434 – noise complaint, 41812 McBride Ave.
0750 – assault & battery, Wayne Co. Fairgrounds
1016 – disorderly conduct, 45455 Ecorse
1306 – trespassing, 51360 Assembly St.
1317 – property damage accident, 10835 Jackson
1347 – intimidation threat, 11583 Meadows Cir.
1349 – larceny, 39 Birch Dr.
1416 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1633 – assist fire dept., Wayne Co. Fairgrounds
1814 – intimidation threat, 82 Rose Blvd.
1901 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 11193 Jackson St.

2110 – fireworks, Country Walk Blvd./Camden Rd
2246 – harassment call, 10667 Oak Ln.

Monday, Aug. 13:
0257 – noise complaint, 70 N. Ponderosa Trl.
0834 – larceny, 6450 E. Sadie Lane
0918 – fraud, Walmart
0929 – malicious destruction of property, 14468 Pond Bluff Dr.
0951 – larceny from auto, 44700 N. I-94 Service
1046 – larceny, 11150 Oak Ln.
1150 – assault & battery, 715 Breakwater
1506 – larceny, 38 Maple Dr.

1616 – property damage accident, Ecorse / Belleville
1619 – larceny, 45221 Harmony Ln.
1645 – noise complaint, 510 Sumpter Rd.
1732 – property damage accident, I-275/I-94
1739 – harassment call, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1919 – assault & battery, 47850 North Shore Dr.
1931 – larceny, 7473 Kirkridge Park Dr.
2003 – sexual assault, 46425 Tyler Rd.
2041 – juvenile complaint, 5817 Vernon St.
2255 – intimidation threat, 11123 Oak Lane
2317 – private property accident, Hardwood Dr. / Prairie Ct.

Tuesday, Aug. 14:
0022 – noise complaint, 99 N. Ponderosa Trl.
0208 – malicious destruction of property, 10930 Lighthouse Dr.
0836 – breaking & entering, 6607 Country Lane
1133 – property damage accident, Independence / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1327 – trespassing, 23 Locust Dr.
1430 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 9793 Kent Lane

1752 – assault & battery, 11550 Belleville
1816 – property damage accident, Belleville BP
1836 – juvenile complaint, 5817 Vernon St.
1842 – assault & battery, 10702 Oak Lane
1942 – mental, 10702 Oak Lane
1957 – misc. complaint, 41446 Coolidge St.
2014 – trespassing, 10819 Oak Lane
2040 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl. / Cherry Lane

Wednesday, Aug. 15:
0144 – harassment call, 7505 Kirkridge Park Dr.
0217 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94 / Haggerty
1050 – larceny from auto, 23 Maple Dr.
1121 – missing person, 10971 Oak Lane
1124 – private property accident, 42350 Van Born
1158 – assault & battery, 6820 Belleville Rd.
1209 – larceny from auto, 41491 N. Bellridge Dr.
1241 – trespassing, 45213 Lindsey Dr.
1342 – domestic violence, 11 Brandi
1418 – malicious destruction of property, 6201 Haggerty Rd.
1423 – trespassing, 51000 Michigan
1543 – private property accident, Meijer
1623 – juvenile complaint, 8882 Parkwood
1839 – fraud, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1845 – hospice, 45150 Jeannette Ave.
1852 – fraud, 51341 W. Huron River Dr.
2225 – assault & battery, 49071 S. I-94 Service
2223 – malicious destruction of property, 48661 S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, Aug. 16:
0025 – assault & battery, 49071 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0035 – property damage accident, Martinsville / Riggs
0700 – intimidation threat, 41775 Ecorse
0820 – agency assist, 6655 Anna Dr.
1111 – intimidation threat, 41440 S. Bellridge Dr.
1149 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1208 – malicious destruction of property, 11783 Meadows Cir.
1256 – mental, 14431 Pond Bluff Dr.
1255 – intimidation threat, 45977 Ecorse Rd.
1416 – harassment call, 5825 Vernon St.
1507 – larceny, 16800 Lohr Rd.
1527 – breaking & entering, 41470 E. Archwood
1636 – property damage accident, 10760 Belleville
1718 – suicide or attempt, 11603 Meadows Ct.
1808 – malicious destruction of property, 7595

Kirkridge Park Dr.
2056 – juvenile complaint, Lancaster/Fairfield
2142 – disturbance, 11530 Belleville
2243 – larceny, Walmart

Friday, Aug. 17:
0330 – larceny, 10859 Jackson St.
1135 – trespassing, 6655 Anna Dr.
1259 – harassment call, 58 Rose
1358 – private property accident, Meijer
1532 – trespassing, 23 Locust Dr.
1543 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1616 – assault & battery, 4307 Westlake
1620 – suspicious situation, 6655 Anna Dr.
1829 – assault & battery, 11583 Meadows Cir.
2041 – intimidation threat, 35 Maple
2057 – narcotics crime, 9270 Parkwood Dr.
2157 – fraud, Meijer
2201 – noise complaint, 165 S. Ponderosa Trl.
2257 – property damage accident, Sheldon/Van

Born
2258 – personal injury accident, Shelton/Van Born
Saturday, Aug. 18:
0015 – noise complaint, 12301 Westlake
0025 – breaking & entering, 7905 Mida
0131 – juvenile complaint, 8884 Ironwood Dr.
0204 – private property, Dimitri's
0245 – malicious destruction of property, 48917

Denton
0328 – indecent exposure, 49345 S. I-94 Service
0914 – hospice, 44705 Tyler Rd.
1535 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Hannan
1550 – larceny from auto, 46080 Lake Villa Dr.
1711 – motorcycle patrol, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville

1808 – larceny, 48356 Denton
1817 – assault & battery, 9592 Revere Dr.
1911 – assault & battery, 54 Maple Dr.
2000 – fraud, 7477 Rawsonville
2318 – noise complaint, 44224 Robson Rd.
2349 – assault & battery, 9 Brandi

Also on this log are 183 traffic stops, 30 of which were on the freeways: I-94 and I-275.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 12:
0001 – suspicious person, 146 High, Johnny's
0428 – malicious destruction of property, Denton / Main
0825 – assist fire dept., 21 Carmell St.
0923 – suspicious situation, 573 main St.
1546 – larceny, 275 W. Columbia, Columbia Ct.
1547 – assist fire dept., 65 Biggs Ave.
1641 – animal complaint, 218 South St.
2134 – animal complaint, 218 South St.
2150 – agency assist, 6 Birch
2211 – larceny, 56 Carmell
2310 – suspicious vehicle, 6 Main St.
2324 – domestic assault, 341 Light Tower Ct.

Monday, Aug. 13:
0049 – suspicious person, Bayou Grill
0203 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
0806 – parking complaint, 73 Carmell St.
1145 – vehicle lockout, 167 Fourth St., library
1152 – domestic assault, 715 Breakwater Dr.
1218 – civil matter, 6 Main St.
1611 – E-911 cellular, 202 Belle Villa Blvd.
1650 – suspicious situation, Victorian Lane
1838 – juvenile complaint, 35 Carmell St.
1910 – juvenile complaint, Skate Park
2001 – P.b.t. alcohol, 6 Main St.

Tuesday, Aug. 14:
0122 – larceny from auto, 205 Henry
0502 – property damage accident, High/Columbia
0820 – vehicle lockout, 275 W. Columbia Ave.
0948 – assist fire dept., 201 Third St.
1515 – animal complaint, 101 Astor
1735 – assist citizen, 14 Carmell St.
Wednesday, Aug. 15:
0519 – suspicious vehicle, Fifth/Main
0521 – welfare check, 232 N. Liberty St.
0636 – information, 6 Main
0914 – assist citizen, 6 Main St.
1545 – warrant arrest, Washtenaw County Jail
1819 – intrusion alarm, 525 E. Huron River Dr.
1921 – suicide or attempt, 6 Main ST.
2249 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave.

Thursday, Aug. 16:
0001 – suspicious person, Second/Main
0039 – agency assist, Martinsville/Riggs
1021 – animal complaint, 140 Biggs Ave.
1310 – intimidation threat, 6 Main St.
1428 – assist fire dept., 8 Carmell St.
1657 – civil matter, 59 Loza Lane
1920 – lost property, 6 Main St.
2102 – found property, 317 S. Industrial Pk. Dr.
2317 – traffic complaint, 100 Carmell St.
2329 – assist fire dept., 661 Greylock St.

Friday, Aug. 17:
1107 – warrant arrest, Romulus PD
1242 – E-911 cellular, 275 W. Columbia Ave.
1702 – animal complaint, 76 S. Edgemont Ave.
1707 – misc. complaint, J&T Towing
2210 – assist fire dept., 167 Main St.

Saturday, Aug. 18:
0024 – intrusion alarm, 508 Robbe St.
1148 – suspicious person, 218 Belle Villa Blvd.
1309 – domestic assault, 109 Potter Dr.
1315 – juvenile complaint, 206 South St.
1502 – animal complaint, 351 Edison Ave.
1813 – assist fire dept., 161 Church St.
2246 – breaking & entering, 580 E. Thornhill Ct.
2309 – noise complaint, 209 Astor

Also on this week's log are 25 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 12:
0004 – ORV complaint, Martinsville/Wear
0057 – shots fired investigation, Willow/Karr
1304 – civil dispute, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1306 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1503 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1633 – civil dispute, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1919 – civil dispute, Pecan
2150 – juvenile complaint, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
2306 – assist other agency, 10000 bl. Torrey Rd.

Monday, Aug. 13:
0817 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1120 – fire dept. assist, Dakota
1205 – citizen assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1343 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1538 – assault, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2211 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 14:
1146 – fire dept. assist, Pecan
1514 – breaking & entering, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1738 – 911 hangup investigation, Carriage Ln.
1815 – suspicious person, Willis/Rawsonville
1848 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2000 – criminal sexual conduct investigation, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.
2054 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 15:
0129 – larceny, Rustic Lane
0955 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1046 – loitering, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1353 – runaway juvenile, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1417 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Lane
1623 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.
1627 – suspicious incident, Elwell/Harris
1655 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1739 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1914 – disorderly person, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1918 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1959 – fire dept. assist, Karr/Judd
2325 – disorderly person, Rustic Lane

Thursday, Aug. 16:
0407 – suspicious person, Willis/Sumpter
0547 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.

0900 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Lane
1427 – larceny, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1717 – fire dept. assist, Tulip
1925 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
Friday, Aug. 17:
0059 – well-being check, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
0914 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
1029 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1135 – alarm, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
1140 – breaking & entering, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1200 – larceny, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1356 – warrant arrest, out of township
1613 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1631 – down wires, Willow/Elwell
1656 – property damage accident, Rawsonville

Judd
1721 – warrant arrest, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1815 – family trouble, Hampshire
1916 – well-being check, Rustic Lane
1927 – disorderly person, 36000 bl. Willow Rd.
1958 – suspicious vehicle, Martinsville/Willow
2036 – suspicious incident, Rawsonville/Judd
2215 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 18:
0034 – family trouble, Pecan
0327 – assist other agency, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
0837 – assault, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0847 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0855 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0937 – suicide, Birch
1531 – animal complaint, Dakota
1609 – trespassing complaint, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1626 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1925 – civil dispute, Greenmeadow
2105 – shots fired investigation, 50000 bl. Willis
2108 – threats complaint, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
2111 – noise complaint, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2307 – juvenile complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Also on this week's log are 12 follow-up investigations, 26 miscellaneous details, 202 patrol checks, and 44 traffic stops.

More Letters

Come support family that was burned out

To the Editor:

Hi, we would like to invite the community to come out and support Richard Willick and Shelly Brown Willick and their family of four children. Everything they own was destroyed in a devastating fire.

They lived in the apartment above the David C. Brown Funeral Home which caught on fire on the evening of Sunday Aug. 5. Thank God they all are okay! Their two cats did not escape the fire, sad to say, and they had no time to get anything out of the apartment.

Each year the Brown Funeral Home has been there to support the community in a number of ways, including “Thunder Rolls in Belleville” for veterans and their families, “Tree of Remembrance” for grieving families during the holidays and “Angel of Hope” for those mourning their beloved children. Shelly and Richard have been instrumental in all of these events and much more throughout the community.

Please take the time to come out to the Belleville Moose Family Center lodge #934 on E. Huron River Dr. for a fundraiser spaghetti dinner on Saturday Aug. 25 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. For \$12 you will get a delicious all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner and all the proceeds will go to the family. So let's get together and help them because they really need our help during this time of such loss.

Call Kathie Steigerwald at the Brown Family Center with any questions at 313-570-6115.

Thanks, and hope to see you on the 25th!

Kathie Steigerwald & Mary Martinez

Correction:**Four file for School Board in Nov. 6 election**

Editor's Note: Last week's front-page story on the candidates for the Nov. 6 election inadvertently left off two, last-

minute candidates filing for the School Board. We regret the error. This is the correct information:

The deadline was 4 p.m., Aug. 14, to file as a candidate for two, four-year trustee positions on the Van Buren Public School Board of Education, which will be filled in

the Nov. 6 General Election.

Filing by the deadline were four candidates:

- Kathleen Kovach, 47097 Bemis Road, Sumpter Township;
- Toni Hunt, incumbent, 43025 Willis Road, Sumpter Township;
- Benjamin Ross, 12815 Lake Pointe

Pass, Van Buren Township; and

- Kelly Owen, 42607 Maude Ct., Van Buren Township.

School Board vice president Brenda McClanahan did not seek re-election and has passed the first hurdle – the primary election – in her quest for a seat on the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS****CONSTRUCTION OF ADA WALKING/BIKE PATH AND PICNIC AREAS**

The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI is requesting proposals to install approximately 3,800 lineal feet of stone walking path and the installation of 6 cement slabs with provided picnic tables at Van Buren Township Park, 50901 S. I-94 Service Drive. Pre-Bid on-site meeting will be held for interested vendors Tuesday September 4th, 2012 at Van Buren Park, 50901 S. I-94 Service Drive. Bid forms are available at the Township Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. Bids will be received until 12:00 p.m. EST, Friday, September 7th, 2012, and should be submitted to the Clerk's office. Bids may be submitted by U.S. Mail, personal service, or courier service, and no bids submitted by facsimile or electronically will be accepted. Tentative date of completion will be November 9th, 2012. The bids will be publicly opened following the bid deadline. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and is not required to accept the low bid. The Township is an equal opportunity contractor, which does not discriminate based on race, sex, creed, or physical ability. If you have any questions regarding the bid specifications, please contact the Recreation Department at (734) 699-8921

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

On Wednesday, August 29th, 2012, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd., Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1988	BUICK	4D	1G4HP54C5JH528230	12-17548
1999	MERCURY	4D	1MEFM53S1XG613611	12-19043
2007	PONTIAC	4D	1G2ZG58NX74195645	12-19098
2003	FORD	4D	1FAFP34P53W259248	12-19877
1999	MERCURY	4D	1MEFM53U3XG600019	12-19986
1998	FORD	PU	1FTRF1768WKB05484	12-20524
1995	SUBARU	4D	4S3BD6350S7218411	12-20833
1990	MERC BENZ	2D	WDBEA51D3LB135093	12-21454

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

Leon Wright, Van Buren Township Clerk

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION – SEPTEMBER 5, 2012**

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that the Special Primary Election will be held **WEDNESDAY**, September 5, 2012.

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST. Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

Precinct #1	North Middle School	47097 McBride
Precinct #2	Fire Station #2	7981 Belleville
Precinct #3	Van Buren Township Hall (Board Room)	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #4	Van Buren Township Hall (Gym)	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #5	Tyler Elementary School	42299 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #6	Fire Station #1	45400 Hull Rd.
Precinct #7	Belleville High	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #8	Savage Elementary School	42975 Savage Rd.
Precinct #9	Savage Elementary School	42975 Savage Rd.
Precinct #10	South Middle School	45201 Owen St.

All polling place locations are handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office prior to Election Day.

Candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties for the following office will be voted upon in the County of Wayne:

United States Representative in Congress 11th District – partial term ending 1/02/2013

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111, 734-699-8909. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the September 5, 2012 Special Primary Election for Van Buren Township is Saturday, September 1, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Township Clerk's Office.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST**

In compliance with State Election Law 168 Section 798, a Public Hearing will be conducted on Wednesday, August 29, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan for the purpose of certifying the program to be used in the counting device which will be utilized to process voter ballots in the Special Primary Election to be held Wednesday, September 5, 2012. Said meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend. The Charter Township of Van Buren will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734.699.8909.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

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Arts Council asked to handle Victory Park booth rentals for this week end

Those who don't live in Belleville and yet want to take part in the annual citywide yard sales this week end, may call Kay Atkins at the Belleville Area Council for the Arts to rent a space at Victory Park.

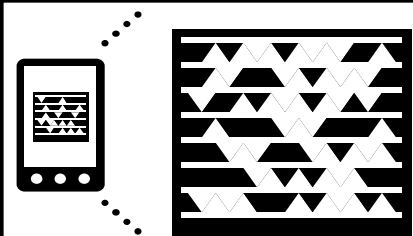
Atkins' number is 697-9376. Cost for space is \$15, with vendors bringing their own tables. The sale will run at Victory Park from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25, and Sunday, Aug. 26.

Usually, the Girl Scouts run the sale at Victory Park, but this year repeated tries to contact the Scouts have failed and so the City Administration called Atkins and asked if the Arts Council would do it.

Atkins agreed, saying she is trying to raise money for the building fund for a new arts building on Main Street, and this will help.

"I would hate to see the event end," Atkins said during Monday's city council meeting when she was given permission to run the sales at Victory Park.

-- Rosemary K. Oztzman, Editor



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