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LDFA asks VBT Board to move on Visteon

By Diane Madigan
Independent Special Writer

The Local Development Finance Authority met Tuesday afternoon and voted to ask the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees to meet with Visteon to settle expected bond payment shortfalls within 21 days or to file suit.

LDFA member David Tyler, who works for Wayne County, abstained from the vote "to avoid potential conflict".

Terry Carroll, VBT Director of Planning and Economic Development, said a Crain's Business article published Aug. 20 about the current state of Visteon said some are concerned because it looks like much of Visteon is being sold off.

Out of that came the idea that a resolution from the LDFA should be considered requesting that the township board ask Visteon to start negotiations to ask what they meant by the bankruptcy settlement wording. Visteon had vowed to make up shortfall for the LDFA bonds for Visteon Village.

VBT wants to put its claims against any of the Visteon assets now being sold.

"This basically is our recommendation for a plan of action for the township to move forward and take what steps are necessary to try to keep the township whole in light of recent events with Visteon," said LDFA chairman Michael Dotson.

"There are timelines included and a specific request as to some kind of legal action moving forward," he said.

The township is expected to be some \$52 million short in funds to pay the Visteon Village bonds in the next few years. The full faith and credit of VBT guarantees the bonds.

The LDFA recommendation is expected to be on the Sept. 18 agenda of the VBT Board of Trustees for consideration.



Photo courtesy VBT Fire Department

VBT Fire Captain Dave McNally guides the helicopter to the ground in the eastbound lanes of I-94. It took off minutes later heading for the trauma center.

Rollover accident on I-94 Sunday injures Sumpter woman, 2 dogs

A 45-year-old Sumpter Township woman was unresponsive and appeared to be suffering from a head injury, chest injury, and was not breathing very well on her own when emergency crews arrived at the scene of an accident on I-94 at 3:05 p.m. Sunday.

It is suspected that she, along with two dogs, had been thrown from her vehicle when it rolled over several times before coming to a rest in the grassy shoulder.

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Animal Control Officer Bob Queener assists an injured dog that was thrown from a car. He is joined by fire fighters Jim Ferris and Herbert Walker. The dog was provided oxygen through a special mask designed for animals. Several years ago the masks were given to the fire department by Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue.

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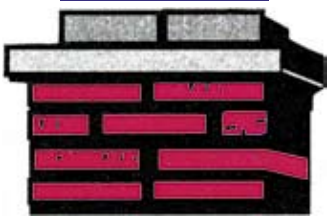
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

New school bus routes bring mayhem to Van Buren Public Schools

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's school board meeting, School Supt. Michael Van Tassel explained the "perfect storm" that brought school bus mayhem to the first school days in the Van Buren Public Schools.

Some 20 students got home close to 7 p.m. on the second full day of school, worried parents called police, one worried driver wouldn't let a child off unless police were there because of the upset parents, parents couldn't get through the phone lines.

On the first day of school around 800 cars were lined up to drop students off at the high school because families hadn't received their information on bus routes.

Problems cropped up with shuttle buses

Rollover

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There were no other people or cars involved.

Van Buren Township Fire Chief Dan Besson said crews were first dispatched to what was described as an injury accident with a rollover and multiple injuries on *westbound* I-94 between Belleville and Rawsonville Roads.

Chief Besson and both duty crews responded immediately to the scene and were updated while responding that the accident actually was on *eastbound* I-94, east of Rawsonville Road.

When the fire fighters arrived they found Huron Valley Ambulance paramedics and VBT police officers tending to a female lying in the grassy shoulder of eastbound I-94 near her vehicle.

Chief Besson said he was immediately joined at the scene by Michigan State Police and a few minutes later by additional on-call fire fighters.

In addition to tending to the critical patient, the fire department also shut down all eastbound lanes in order to provide a safe place to land a medical helicopter and provided care and oxygen to the two dogs that were also injured.

The patient was transferred to the Survival Flight crew upon their arrival and flown to the University of Michigan Trauma Center in critical condition. The dogs were rushed to an emergency vet by Animal Control Officer Bob Queener for evaluation.

After Survival Flight left one lane of I-94 freeway was opened up in order to allow traffic to flow around the crash scene again. The fire department remained on the scene assisting VBT police with traffic control. Information regarding circumstances behind the crash is being gathered by the Michigan State Police Accident Investigation Team. The freeway was completely reopened at 5:56 p.m.

that were helping move students from here to there in the new student populations of McBride (formerly North), Owen (formerly South), Edgemont, and Savage.

Owen, Savage, and Edgemont all get out at the same time and students have to wait at one school or another.

"It was a combination of issues," Supt. Van Tassel said. "It was not a good design from the outset."

Besides the flaw in the transportation layout, there were schools of choice issues and daycare issues.

Van Tassel said the main solution was eliminating the shuttle buses, which involved 2,500 route changes.

He said he put central office in emergency mode, with transportation the only topic. There were six to eight people calling those with route changes. The implementation was set for Wednesday, Sept. 12.

His former executive secretary, Kathy Kovach, who had retired, came back as a volunteer without pay and worked into the evening for two days.

"We screwed up," Van Tassel told the board audience Monday. "I'm not going to apologize. We did and we're still not there... We didn't do right by the parents we serve and we're going to fix it."

John Bojanowski, director of transportation who has been on the job for four weeks, said they called the 20 parents they could contact to tell them their students were safe on the bus. He said he wouldn't tell the parents where the bus was because the parents wanted to go and get them.

School Board trustee Scott Russell said his daughters were two hours late, but he got Honeywell alerts two days in a row saying they would be late.

Trustee Sherry Frazier said people call the transportation department if they have a question, but they couldn't get through. So they called the administration building and there was no answer.

"They're not getting an answer from anyone," Frazier said, adding the district should have made arrangements to have staff answer the phone.

Bojanowski said there is a new phone system at the transportation department and there are just three lines, with one being for fax.

Van Tassel said they hired two secretary substitutes to answer the phones at the transportation department. He said there have been hundreds and hundreds of calls.

Trustee Brent Mikulski said the district needs to reach out to the 20 parents specifically to apologize and explain.

He said he can't imagine the feeling of a parent waiting for his son or daughter to get off the bus and the child's not there.

Trustee Russell said the incident opened his eyes to the need to put an emergency

plan in place, hoping it never has to be used.

Parent Michael Gentz noted the school day has been shortened by 15 minutes and he said he went to Edgemont a little early to pick up his child after school and found a crowd of kids out in the parking lot at the school 15 minutes before school was out. He questioned the use of time.

Van Tassel said the students were out there to make sure they were ready for the shuttle bus.

Parent Rosemary Walker said her child came home at quarter to 7 on Thursday and multiple people were out looking for her. She said a text message or some other call would have eased their fears.

She said she was in heart attack mode because she didn't know where her little girl was.

Board President Martha Toth apologized and said it wouldn't happen again.

"I've contacted everyone in our subdivision to get my daughter to school until I can trust the transportation system again," Walker said. She added that her friend's daughter had to sit on the floor of the bus because all the seats were full.

Walker complimented the bus driver who responded to her riders' calls that they were hungry by digging out some M&Ms to distribute.

In other business at its Sept. 10 meeting, the school board:

- Approved paying \$48,700 of school bond money to buy 100 iPad2s for all the teachers at the high school, as recommended by technology consultants Convergent Technology Partners. The purchase includes the iPad2, a second year of warranty service (Apple Care +) and a DVI to VGA converter, so teachers can display on classroom screens. "They are chomping at the bit," said BHS Principal Abdul Madyun, speaking of his teachers who are waiting for their iPads. "There are cool things we can do with iPads";
- Received a district enrollment report from Shonta Langford-Green, Director of Human Resources, that said there were 5,267 students in attendance Sept. 10, down about 50 students from the spring count. The district had thought there would be 90 fewer students, so this was an encouraging report. The official head count will be Oct. 6;
- Approved the requested terminations of teachers Katrina DeKleine of Owen after one year of service for other employment; Michael Koebe of BHS after 8 years for personal reasons; Kari Montgomery of Edgemont after 9 years for other employment; and Teresita Beydoun of McBride after no years of service for other employment;
- Approved hiring Lisa Fiema as a teacher

at Edgemont, starting Sept. 4, and Ann Padesky as a Spanish teacher at McBride, starting Sept. 10;

- Approved requested terminations of support staff members Beth Braden after 2 years as a food service worker, for other employment; and Mary Guimond of McBride Middle School after 12 years as a paraprofessional for resignation;
- Heard Frazier speak about how a public relations person would have helped with the transportation problem, with Van Tassel responding, "You don't have to sell it to me. We're looking at it." He said Brown is looking at the vacant position;
- Heard Van Tassel explain that the district has put 4% of payroll aside for a projected increase in the cost of MPSERS (Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System) and now finds the district won't need to pay that so he would like to give it to the employees, who gave up almost 20% of salary in the last year alone. He said there are two different lawsuits on MPSERS and has full faith that they will be settled quickly. He said the money couldn't be given to the employees until December, but Business Manager Karen Moffitt will have to look at it first. "If we can do it, I'd like to do it ... reimburse them. I feel it's the right thing to do," and
- Went into closed-door session to discuss contract negotiations.

Next Monday's board workshop session was cancelled because of the transportation problems, which have those in the administration offices working 60 to 80 hour weeks, Toth said. The next regular meeting is 7 p.m. Sept. 24 at the administration building when the board will get updates on transportation, enrollment, and technology expenditures for BHS.

VBT man charged with felonious assault after bb-gun shooting

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A Van Buren Township man has been charged with felonious assault after allegedly shooting his neighbor's son with a bb gun.

VBT Police Lt. Ernest Thornsbury said the shot broke the skin and there was some blood.

Jamario Ali Cotton, 31, was arraigned on the charge at 34th District Court and is free on bond. He is scheduled for a pre-trial conference at 9 a.m. Sept. 19 at 34th District Court.

The shooting incident occurred at 10:15 a.m., Aug. 26, at 7224 Belle Pointe Dr.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Sumpter Township dumps longtime Fire Chief Powell

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees the board gave four-year contracts to its police chief, DPW chief, financial director, and Malissa Baker in the police department and got rid of its longtime fire chief.

The agenda item was changed from "renew contract for Les Powell" to "accept his retirement letter." The board approved giving him a plaque, a retirement badge (since he had to turn in his real chief's badge) and let him keep his chief's helmet. His brother-in-law Joe Januszyk was named interim chief.

Chief Powell wasn't present at the meeting and didn't want to talk about it after the meeting. Since he hadn't mentioned any retirement plans to us – and his ridiculous 30-day suspension wasn't so long ago – we can guess this was a set up.

Sign your retirement letter and we'll give you a severance package or refuse and we'll fire you with no package. Which would be better for you and the department?

So Chief Powell is gone – can't even be a fire fighter, we're told. We'll see who the politicians want as their man when the permanent chief is revealed.

All the employment contracts granted had November 2016 expiration dates. It's unlikely any of the board members won't be reelected, so one wonders about the rush here. Rumors abound.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The Belleville Central Business Community held its monthly meeting on Friday and took to discussing its Halloween Trick or Treat event coming up in downtown Belleville. The group voted 6-4 to ask the city to close Main Street during the 5-7 p.m. event, but the members decided that was a "split vote" and to ask the city manager and police chief to help with the decision.

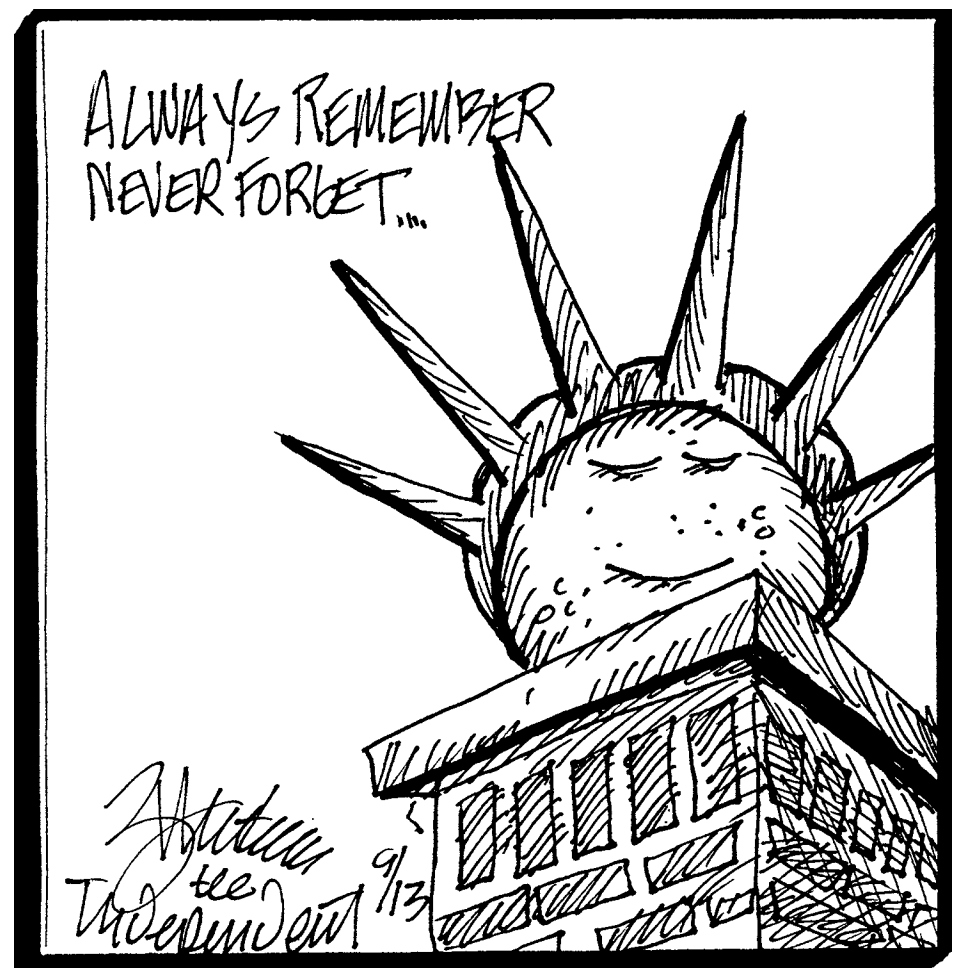
The CBC also agreed to give \$350 to finance the 100 Chinese lanterns that will be set aloft during the 100-year celebration of the Belleville Fire Department on Oct. 13 (same day as Harvest Fest). Also, the CBC agreed to support the CAF bowling fund raiser at Lodge Lanes on Sept. 29 to benefit Shelly and Richard Willick, whose home burned when Brown Funeral Home was on fire.

As far as the recent Taste of Belleville event: "The best one we've had. Everything just clicked," said CBC president Bill Wolters. Last year, the CBC made \$211 on the event and this year it made \$1,606. The CBC also discussed having a policy on cancelling and rescheduling the Taste because of the weather, which happened this year.

The CBC also learned the net profit from running the craft booths in Strawberry Festival was \$4,335.20. The Easter event at Victory Park cost \$891.85, which included the \$280 donation from Walmart.

The CBC has a few events that make money, so it can put on other events that are free of charge to participants, like the Easter and Halloween events.

If you buy flowers at Main Street Flowers on Friday, Sept. 14, or Saturday, Sept. 15,



ten percent of the sales will be donated to the Belleville Community Chorus. No coupons are needed. The flower shop is at 210 Main Street in downtown Belleville, 697-7400.

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If you want to help with the Trap, Neuter and Release program for feral cats being run by Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, you can send a donation to them at P.O. Box 854, Belleville 48112-0854. If you put TNR in the memo line it will help.

A veterinarian is doing the neutering at \$25 per cat and people are donating the time and gas expense to get the cats to and from their locations.

We're told FMAR has done more than 400 TNRs so far.

The goal is to take away the procreation abilities of the animals and put them back in their kitty communities, since there are no other facilities that can hold them all.

Eventually, the cat communities will shrink away. This is a humane way to handle the problem, we're told.

On Monday afternoon, we got a call from a woman who was very concerned over some drinking going on at the beach at Van Buren Park. She said one young man in particular was highly intoxicated. He had a beer can in his hand and was jumping into the water, laughing and having a great old time.

She said there are signs at the park that say "no alcohol". She asked how many people are going to drown at the beach before this is enforced.

She called VB Police and she said the woman she talked to asked if the male was of age. But the caller didn't think that had anything to do with it since there was supposed to be NO ALCOHOL in the park. After the caller pled her case to the township, the woman at the township said she would send someone out.

The woman called us after 15 minutes of waiting. No police came.

A West Bloomfield man got into big trouble with Michigan's Attorney General for allegedly making up fake charities to get money for himself. Neil Thrasher, 37, is charged with creating two fake charities: The Paralyzed American Veterans and Disabled Veterans of America. Those named are close to two longstanding real national organizations that have assisted veterans for years: Paralyzed Veterans of America and Disabled American Veterans.

Since his fake charities were created in different jurisdictions, Thrasher will face charges in both Farmington Hills and Southfield.



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Letters

Thank you to all who helped the Willicks

To the Belleville Area and Surrounding Communities,

We, the Willick family, suffered a tragedy worse than ever imaginable. On Sunday, Aug. 5, 2012, Rich and I had three of our children baptised at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. We hosted a dinner at my parents' home immediately following.

When the first guest went to leave, she came running back in the house saying that our home and business were on fire. We lost everything, including our two beloved cats.

We have been living with my parents. In the days and weeks following, we have been overwhelmed by our communities' generous support through numerous donations. Some people rang the door bell and then left their donation on the porch. Other times we have gone to leave and found more things in the driveway.

From school-age children giving away their own toys so our children would have some, to teenage children shopping for toiletries, to the businesses writing checks, we could not feel more loved and supported.

There was also a spaghetti dinner fundraiser held at the Belleville Moose attended by over 200 people. We would like to say thank you to everyone who gave us a donation of any amount, and to all those who have been praying for us to get through this very difficult and trying time as we begin the process of rebuilding our home, our business and our lives.

Sincerely, Shelly Brown-Willick

Editor's Note: Comerica Bank has a fund set up for the Willicks for people willing to donate: "Willick Fam Fire Recovery Fund". Also, CAF is hosting a bowling fundraiser for the Willicks on Saturday, Sept. 29, at Lodge Lanes.

Thank you to Sumpter Fire Fighters, HVA

To the Editor:

To the Sumpter Township Fire Department members B. Simmons, K. Simmons, R. Slewa, F. Armstrong, and all others who we may have missed, we wish to say thank you for the rapid response to our 911 call on 8/27/12.

Without the quick assistance, our situation could have been fatal.

The citizens of Sumpter Township need to be thankful and blessed that we have such dedicated, caring, and qualified individuals to assist in emergency, life-threatening situations.

At this time a thank-you also goes to Huron Valley Ambulance attendants Val and Byron for your assistance and caring during our recent emergency. The follow-up visit that was made by Val and Byron personally was so appreciated.

Without the support of the fire department, HVA and friends and family, the situation would not have had the outcome it did.

Thank you to Everyone,
The Ruppels, Sumpter Township

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After Donna Hall-Esser, a local accountant and tax preparer, passed in February of 2012, through arrangements with Donna's family, my law office took confidential possession of Donna's client accounting, business and tax files left in storage at Full House Storage on Belleville Rd.

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.

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I thought I was the only Charlie Crispell

To the Editor:

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Same as mine.

If you happen to read this, I will leave my number with this newspaper. I just turned 70 in June. This is a first with the same name as mine.

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More Letters

Proud American is very disappointed

To the Editor:

A few days ago, the President said if you are successful, you didn't do it by yourself. You're not so smart. Somehow government helped you.

Well, Mr. President, my grandfather was born on a homestead in Eastern Arkansas in 1876. His mother and father were both dead by the time he was 10. He went to Knoxville, Tennessee, to live with an uncle that was so mean, my grandfather ran away at 14 and got a job on a railroad in Georgetown, Kentucky.

With hard work, self-education, honesty and integrity, by 1926 he was an executive on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Title: Foreman of all Engines, St. Louis to Washington, D.C.

He gave a son to drive ambulance in France during WWI. His wife at an older age worked in a plant in Cincinnati making bandages for the troops during WWII, not for money, but because it was her duty and an honor to serve her country.

Mr. President, my grandfather never gave a thought of how smart he was. He did know that he had worked hard, was a man of honor, and had a duty to the country he loved.

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Mickey Widener
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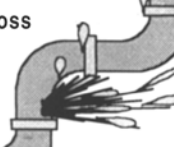



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Obituaries



JOSEPH SMENDRA, JR.

(July 22, 1938 - September 1, 2012)

Joseph Smendra, Jr., 74 of Naples, FL passed away September 1, 2012. He was born July 22, 1938 in Romulus, MI, the son of Joseph and Victoria Smendra.

Joseph graduated from Romulus High School. Following graduation he served in the Army Reserve and also had a successful career at Michigan Bell and AT&T. Joseph also served in the Belleville and Van Buren Township Police Reserve for 20 years. He was also a member of the Two Cylinder Club in Michigan and the St. Anthony Men's Club.

Joseph was married to Katherine, his beloved wife of 51 years, and after moving to Naples he became a vital part of Good Wheels. Joseph was fun-loving, outgoing and never met a stranger.

Survivors include his wife Katherine Smendra of Naples, FL; daughter Deborah Smendra of Wood Heaven, MI; son Joseph (Christina) Smendra III of Naples, FL; sisters Alice (Ray) Zatirka of Belleville, MI, and Eleanor Hebda of Michigan; and several grandchildren, great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

The family received friends on Friday, September 7, 2012 followed by a Funeral Service at Hodges Funeral Home at Naples Memorial Gardens in Naples, FL.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you please say a prayer.

GENE ALLEN MOSS

(March 14, 1966 – August 22, 2012)

Gene Allen Moss, age 46, died August 22, 2012 in Leigh, FL, where he has resided since 1989. He passed in Hope Hospice after an extended illness.

He was born March 14, 1966 in Saline, MI, the son of Gene Alfred and Barbara (Holder) Moss. He was a 1984 graduate of Belleville High School.

He was preceded in death by his father and his sister Angela Moss.

Gene is survived by his wife Francisann (Cafferty) Moss of Lehigh, FL; his mother Barbara Holder; his son Brandon Bromley; stepmother Carol Moss; and several step-siblings, as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, September 21, 2012 at the Fellowship Baptist Church, 1045 West Bemis Road, Saline, MI.

HELEN "JEAN" DEMSKI

(September 24, 1928 - September 3, 2012)

Age 83, passed away at Cedar Woods Assisted Living. Daughter of John and Louise (Fensch) Demski. She was a baker for over 30 years in the Van Buren Public Schools. Brown Funeral Home. Memorial service to be announced.

THOMAS 'TOM' AUGÉ

(March 6, 1946 - August 2, 2012)

Age 66, of Memphis, TN. Survivors: wife Mary Kathleen, children Catherine and Carl, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, father, 4 siblings. Gathering 5-8 p.m. Sept. 15 at Brown Temporary Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr.

More Letters



The Rev. Greg Zurakowski, left, pastor of Belleville Presbyterian Church, and Deacon Pete Cornell from St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, were on hand Saturday to host the chaplains' pig roast to honor local police officers, fire fighters, and emergency medical technicians.

Chaplains honor police, fire fighters, EMTs

To the Editor:

On Saturday, Sept. 8, the Public Safety Chaplains for Van Buren Township hosted a pig roast at the Belleville Presbyterian Church to honor the brave, hard-working men and women who serve our community as police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical responders.

This event is held annually as a way of saying "thank you" to those who go into harm's way to serve their fellow citizens. The Rev. Greg Zurakowski, pastor of the Belleville Presbyterian Church, and Deacon Pete Cornell from St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church were in attendance. Pastor Jim Richter of Open Arms Lutheran Church and Ken Voigt also serve as chaplains, but were unable to attend.

A pig, roasted by Belleville Presbyterian's own Bruce Muszynski, was served, along with a spread of salads and desserts served up by members and friends of the Presbyterian Church. A free-will offering was collected to bolster the Chaplain's Fund, which is used to help victims who have been burned out of their homes and those who are in need of financial help for funerals.

Belleville/Van Buren/Sumpter area churches, along with local governments and businesses, worked together to achieve the goal of honoring our Public Safety personnel who help to make our community a safer place to live.

Public Safety Chaplains, Van Buren Twp.

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Thanks to sponsors of Community Art Show

To the Editor:

Our third-annual Community Art Show was a delight, with more than 50 pieces of art displayed by local artists, young and old.

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Also thanks to Rodney, owner of the lunch Box on Main Street, for donating gift cards to each of the judges, and to McDonald's of Belleville Road for donating a gift card to each of the featured artists.

Also we wish to thank all the artists for sharing their masterpieces for our viewing pleasure. It is exciting to report that many of the artists sold their pieces.

Also we thank the judges: Suzanne Boissy, Lois Bryant, Breanne Sherwood and Eastern Michigan University Art Advisor Colin Blakely.

This show is made possible through the generosity of St. Anthony Catholic Church by allowing the use of their facility.

The show committee members also are thanked for their hard work: Elizabeth Dobbs, Neil Griffin, Thelma Griffin, and Jean Morris.

Thank you all.

Kay Atkins, past president
Belleville Area Council for the Arts

Tigers beat Edsel Ford in OT, 20-17

The Belleville Tigers football team thrilled the home crowd with a 20-17 victory in overtime to win their second game of the season on Sept. 4, played at the new BHS athletic field.

Belleville, 2-1, received the game winning field goal kick in the extra period from Logan Ziegler to win it.

Belleville's next game is 7 p.m. Friday at home against Dearborn Fordson.

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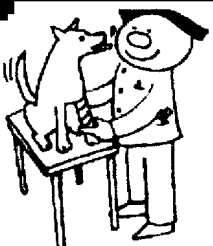
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Open Arms Lutheran Church is gearing up for their free **Old Tyme Family Festival** on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at their church on Belleville Road. The community is invited to enjoy pony rides, petting farm, face painting, carnival games for children, live music, adult and teen bingo, and lots of food. For information, call (734) 699-5000.

The **18th Annual Don Rochon Memorial Car Show & Swap Meet** is this Sunday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. until close at the Sumpter Township Fairgrounds on Sumpter Road.

A new event this year is an 8 a.m. breakfast being cooked outside on the grounds by a vendor hired by Parks & Recreation Commission. After eating, the car show can begin.

Car show entries are \$15 with the awards in 24 categories given out at 3:30 p.m. A swap meet will also take place with exhibitor rental fees of \$20 for a 10 foot by 10 foot space.

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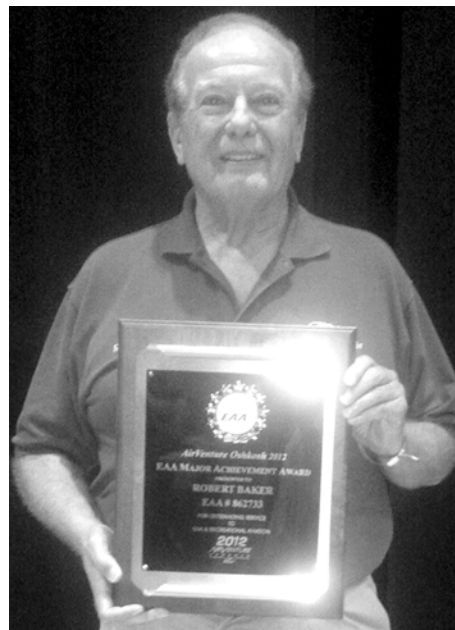
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Baker, son of Mildred and the late Robert Baker of Belleville, was born and raised in Belleville and is a graduate of Belleville High School and Michigan State University.

His mother said he has always been interested in aviation and after the death of his father, she gave him his father's airplane.

He became a "later in life" pilot at the age of 61.

He has been flying his Cessna 182 since that time and has become very active in many ways with other pilots and helping to promote aviation interest in young fliers.

Baker has taken over leadership in many of the programs to grow their chapters and attract young members. Because of his leadership role, he was awarded this

Major Achievement Award by the EAA at Oshkosh 2012.

Baker currently serves as his home chapter's president, webmaster and Young Eagles coordinator. During 2011, Baker flew 50 of the chapter's 300 Young Eagles after he added two extra events to the yearly schedule. The chapter expects to fly more than 400 Young Eagles this year.

The Young Eagles program offers a free flight to youngsters between the ages of 8 and 17 to give them a taste of flying.

Baker received his award on July 28 during the Chapter Leaders Breakfast in the Founders Wing in the EAA AirVenture Museum at the EAA Aviation Center in Oshkosh.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Sept. 13** – Home Grown Lecture at 7 p.m. at the library, free. Dave Wilson talks about "Costa Rica: Friendly People, Ferocious Geology, Fascinating Critters, and Gorgeous Plants".

• **Friday, Sept. 14** – See the free movies inside now that the weather is changing. Friends Family Friday Free Movie at 7 p.m., in Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road (at Bemis Road), Ypsilanti. This week's movie is "Miracle of the Widow", 2009, 81 minutes, following a 3-D movie presentation, 2012, 86 minutes, Read 3D. Movie questions: (734) 482-5074.

• **Sunday, Sept. 16** – Attend the 18th annual Don Rochon Memorial Car Show and Swap Meet, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Sumpter Township fairgrounds, across from the township hall.

• **Monday, Sept. 17** – Cruisin' on the Bayou car show on Main Street in Belleville, 6-9 p.m.

• **Monday, Sept. 17** – Belleville-Area Garden Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Belleville First United Methodist Church to hear Anna Madison talk about chocolate. Entry fee is \$3.

• **Tuesday, Sept. 18** – Vittles & Vignettes Dinner, 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles to raise money to collect the Civil War pension records from the National Archives for the 200 soliders from this area. Adults \$10; youth, \$5. Information: Ginger Bruder, 461-2498

• **Tuesday, Sept. 18** – 2012 Belleville High School Half-Time Band Review at 6 p.m., BHS athletic field, \$4 per person. Featuring bands from New Boston Huron, Lincoln Park, Monroe, Flat Rock, Lincoln, and BHS.

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Court Watching

Teacher waives preliminary exam, heads to Circuit Court Sept. 19

By Diane Madigan
Independent Court Reporter

Van Buren Public Schools teacher Andrea Brennan waived her preliminary exam at 34th District Court in Romulus last week and now is headed for a 9 a.m., Sept. 19 court session at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Brennan, 37, is charged with distributing sexually explicit material to a minor, a felony punishable by up to two years in prison; use of computer to commit a crime, a felony punishable by up to four years in prison; and furnishing alcohol to a minor, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 60 days in jail and up to a \$10,000 fine.

Brennan was found at 1:30 a.m., July 10, by Van Buren Township Police in a vehicle in the parking lot of Beck Baseball Field. She and a 15-year-old male were consuming alcohol, police said.

Police later found history of her text messaging the juvenile and found a topless photo of her on the teen's cell phone.

Although the teen was a student at North Middle School, Brennan, who taught there, was never his teacher.

A preliminary exam was scheduled for Brennan in the 34th District Court courtroom of Judge David Parrott on Sept. 5, but her attorney Loren Dickstein said there was a problem getting some evidence in the case.

"Apparently, there was some evidence on a cell phone that needed to be examined by a forensic expert and downloaded," Dickstein said. "That wasn't done for quite some time."

The prosecutor replied, "We did hand over the discovery prior to the Aug. 6 exam date and I think council had asked for a brief adjournment to have some personal history of something else done with his client but discovery was handed over timely."

"With all due respect, I believe the prosecutor has done all he possibly can to do that," Dickstein said. "There was a critical piece of evidence that wasn't provided until after that date. Through no fault of the prosecutor, but it just had to be provided apparently to a forensic expert, as it was explained to me."

Brennan then asked for her preliminary exam to be waived and her case passed on to circuit court, and that's what Judge Parrott ruled.



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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected runs for VBT Police.
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Sunday, Sept. 2:

0123 – intimidation threat, 10915 Belleville Rd.
0221 – assault & battery, 48920 Denton
0231 – assault & battery, 49361 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0629 – breaking & entering, 39500 Huron River
0958 – malicious destruction of property, 41480 W. Archwood Dr.
1044 – malicious destruction of property, 41482 Archwood
1100 – malicious destruction of property, 11010 Lighthouse Dr.
1205 – sexual assault, 2 Timberlands
1236 – ATV/ORV complaint, 50080 Bog Rd.
1250 – malicious destruction of property, 41472 E. Archwood Dr.
1303 – malicious destruction of property, 10960 Lighthouse Dr.
1311 – malicious destruction of property, 41482 W. Archwood Dr.
1321 – assault & battery, Victoria Commons
1400 – larceny, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1624 – property damage accident, 45455 Ecorse
1625 – personal injury accident, 44574 Ecorse
1724 – assault & battery, 11150 Oak Ln.
1933 – malicious destruction of property, 41441 S. Bellridge Dr.
2155 – malicious destruction of property, 41452 E. Archwood Dr.
2252 – fraud, Meijer

Monday, Sept. 3:

0200 – agency assist, Spirits
0646 – hospice, 44401 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0729 – shots fired, 7824 Kirkridge Park Dr.
0816 – suicide or attempt, Haggerty/I-94
1010 – shots fired, 6521 Outer Dr.
1104 – malicious destruction or property, 3103 Westlake

1136 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 51319 America
1249 – larceny from auto, 47103 Water’s Edge Ln.
1352 – intimidation threat, 55 Spencer Ave.
1456 – larceny from auto, 48791 S. I-94 Service
1613 – larceny from auto, 49241 S. I-94 Service
1839 – personal injury accident, 15804 Bak Rd.
1906 – suicide or attempt, 48430 Denton Rd.
2006 – assault & battery, 4206 Westlake
2054 – fireworks, 7625 Mida
2338 – assault & battery, 11631 Meadows Cir.

Tuesday, Sept. 4:

0453 – assault & battery, 50966 Martz Rd.
0534 – larceny, 46121 Village Green Ln.
0640 – larceny, 46141 Village Green Ln.
1052 – private property accident, Belleville/N. I-94 Service Dr.
1154 – property damage accident, 9000 Haggerty
1212 – assault & battery, 6522 Parkside Dr.
1234 – property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk
1320 – fraud, Kmart
1350 – breaking & entering, 46 Rose
1354 – disorderly conduct, BP Gas
1408 – larceny, 49350 N. I-94 Service Dr.
1455 – juvenile complaint, 46121 Village Green
1500 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1559 – intimidation threat, 8062 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1628 – loitering, 41470 E. Archwood Dr.
1628 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Ryznar Dr.
1721 – fraud, 83 Rose Blvd.
1724 – disturbance, 11530 Belleville
1812 – intimidation threat, 48861 Denton Rd.
1958 – malicious destruction of property, 48993 Ashbury
2040 – water leak found, 44170 Bemis Rd.
2107 – property damage accident, Belleville/N. I-94 Service Dr.
2211 – breaking & entering, 42259 McBride Ave.

Wednesday, Sept. 5:
0559 – harassment call, 48721 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0833 – property damage accident, Belleville / Westlake Circle
0902 – suspicious situation, 11511 Rickman Dr.
1031 – domestic assault, 49120 Denton Rd.
1151 – breaking & entering, 46 Rose

1241 – property damage accident, Haggerty/S. I-94 Service Dr.
1308 – fraud, Meijer
1416 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1433 – disorderly conduct, 2041 Rawsonville
1530 – harassment call, 41501 N. Bellridge Dr.
1624 – breaking & entering, 275 Holly Ln.
1745 – domestic assault, 6183 Truman
1820 – private property accident, 10894 Oak Ln.
1850 – larceny from auto, 2033 Rawsonville
1957 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville/N. I-94 Service Dr.
2009 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Alden
2345 – narcotics crime, 46040 Lake Villa Dr.

Thursday, Sept. 6:

0834 – malicious destruction of property, 72 Maple
1423 – fight, 11605 Meadows Ct.
1609 – trespassing, 6 Maple Dr.
1737 – fraud, Walmart
1758 – missing person, 9117 W. Walden Dr.
1809 – fraud, 1 Locust Dr.
1941 – juvenile complaint, 8892 W. Walden Dr.
2052 – property damage accident, Culvers
2101 – malicious destruction of property, 9555 Haggerty Rd. (WCCC)
2155 – shots fired, Sandy’s Marina
2248 – larceny, 41477 S. Bellridge Dr.
2310 – breaking & entering, 9614 Hamilton St.

Friday, Sept. 7:

0016 – breaking & entering, 48561 S. I-94 Service
0201 – suicide or attempt, 100 Richard
0726 – shots fired, 8900 Parkwood Dr.
0829 – breaking & entering, 8851 Parkwood Dr.
1028 – assault & battery, 6177 N. Adams
1109 – malicious destruction of property, 41293 Woodbury Dr.
1646 – fraud, 9645 Belleville Rd.
1656 – juvenile complaint, 40501 Alden Ave.
1811 – assist fire dept., Walmart
1829 – disturbance, 41480 W. Archwood Dr.
1832 – juvenile complaint, 48345 Bayshore Dr.
1843 – intimidation threat, 9023 Parkwood Dr.
1844 – suspicious person, Van Buren Park
1928 – larceny, 13492 Beacon Trl.
2230 – juvenile complaint, 6760 Maurice Dr.
2350 – suspicious situation, 45016 Bemis Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 8:

0222 – operating while intoxicated, Hannan/Ecorse
0811 – larceny, 9409 Van Buren St.
1033 – larceny, 11208 Westlake
1220 – dumping complaint, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1244 – water leak found, 47361 Hull Rd.
1335 – suicide or attempt, 37 Locust Dr.
1400 – mental, 9901 Hamilton St.
1533 – hazmat, 13389 Lake Pointe Blvd.
1625 – private property accident, Belleville Square
1727 – malicious destruction of property, 6119 Rawsonville Rd.
1901 – assault & battery, 46425 Tyler Rd.
2001 – malicious destruction of property, 9555 Haggerty (WCCC)
2007 – juvenile complaint, South Middle School
2010 – fraud, Walmart
2106 – fraud, Walmart
2119 – larceny, 51298 Sylvia Dr.
2152 – suicide or attempt, 46425 Tyler Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 213 traffic stops, 22 of those on the freeways: I-94 and I-275.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 2:

1000 – traffic complaint, Sumpter/Industrial Pk.
1200 – domestic assault, 48 Potter Dr.
1224 – civil matter, 6 Main St.
1436 – vehicle repossession, 143 W. Wabash
1752 – neighbor trouble, 44 Wexford Ave.
1802 – intrusion alarm, BHS
1939 – suspicious situation, 143 Potter Dr.
2102 – suspicious situation, 7 South St.
2103 – assist fire dept., 485 W. Waterbury Ct.
2252 – fight, 25 Main St., minimart
2306 – noise complaint, 208 Astor Pl.
2324 – juvenile complaint, 25 Main St.

Monday, Sept. 3:

0116 – intrusion alarm, 420 Sumpter
0138 – suspicious vehicle, Victory Park
0939 – missing person, 54 Biggs Ave.
1321 – harassment call, 140 Church St.
1441 – assist fire dept., 201 W. Columbia Ave.

1625 – abandoned auto, 125 S. Edgemont Ave.
1942 – assist fire dept., 385 E. Huron River Dr.
2157 – juvenile complaint, Victory Park
Tuesday, Sept. 4:
0608 – assist fire dept., 241 Church St.
0831 – traffic complaint, Sumpter/Owen
0927 – assist fire dept., 575 Sumpter, Co-op apts.
1140 – welfare check, 54 Biggs Ave.
1154 – property damage accident, Main/First
1235 – suspicious person, 368 E. Huron River Dr.
1239 – suspicious person, 570 E. Thornhill Ct.
1328 – suspicious person, Baypoint/Light Tower
1407 – assist fire dept., 161 Church St.
1410 – mental, Biggs/E. Huron River Dr.
1520 – property damage accident, 6 Main
1902 – miscellaneous complaint, 6 Main
2056 – breaking & entering, 208 Belle Villa Blvd.
2101 – warrant arrest, 6 Main
2108 – noise complaint, Third/N. Liberty St.
2135 – intrusion alarm, BHS
2324 – domestic assault, 8 Carmell St.

Wednesday, Sept. 5:

0715 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Owen
1143 – background investigation, 6 Main St.
1441 – property damage accident, 25 Main
1443 – narcotics crime, Owen/Sumpter
1532 – crossing guard detail, S. Edgemont/E. Huron River Dr.

Thursday, Sept. 6:

1105 – assist fire dept., 575 Sumpter, Co-op apts.
1531 – found property, 6 Main
1709 – miscellaneous complaint, 150 Clarence
1715 – harassment call, 56 Henry St.
2017 – follow-up, 40602 Alden
2050 – vehicle lookout, Charhouse
2357 – suspicious person, Victory Park

Friday, Sept. 7:

0039 – agency assist, 1041 W. Huron River Dr.
0335 – agency assist, 51230 Willis
1059 – welfare check, 444 main St.
1112 – private property accident, Belle Plaza
1303 – welfare check, Loza Ln.
1326 – ordinance violation, 50 South St.
1751 – parking complaint, 56 Henry St.
1926 – information, 180 Dos Rios
2029 – assist fire dept., 6 Main St.
2139 – E-911 cellular, 548 Sumpter
2153 – property damage accident, Main/Denton
2230 – intrusion alarm, BHS
2355 – suspicious situation, W. Davis/South St.

Saturday, Sept. 8:

0245 – parking complaint, 99 Carmell St.
0403 – suspicious person, 106 Astor Pl.
0628 – assist fire dept., 251 Henry St.
1149 – ordinance violation, 297 Bay Pointe Dr.
1328 – intrusion alarm, BHS
1407 – suspicious person, 317 S. Industrial Park
1750 – civil matter, 160 Church St.
2104 – intrusion alarm, 562 Main St.
2118 – traffic complaint, South Middle School
2222 – assist fire dept., 318 Brain St.

Also on this week’s log are 41 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 2:

0221 – personal injury accident, Willis/Elwell
0402 – family trouble, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
0724 – civil dispute, Country Club
1120 – larceny, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1337 – suspicious person, Oregon
1422 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1712 – harassment complaint, 26000 bl. Elwell
1812 – breaking & entering, 17000 bl. Marthas Ln.
1840 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Sumpter
1922 – shots fired investigation, 46000 bl. Willis
2009 – well-being check, 21000 bl. Fenster
2137 – shots fired investigation, 46000 bl. Arkona
2150 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry
2203 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
2224 – civil dispute, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
2305 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
2346 – suspicious vehicle, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Monday, Sept. 3:

0015 – suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
0313 – malicious destruction of property, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
0400 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1033 – assist other agency, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1048 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1053 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.

1335 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1713 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1818 – civil dispute, Mulberry
1923 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
2235 – shots fired investigation, Rustic Ln.
Tuesday, Sept. 4:
0033 – mental health commitment, Rustic Ln.
0114 – family trouble, Carriage Ln.
0544 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Willis
0803 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.
1041 – threats complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1333 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1518 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1602 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1648 – 911 hangup investigation, 22000 bl. Bohn
1803 – larceny, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1923 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
2043 – reckless driver complaint, 22000 bl.

Haggerty
2052 – malicious destruction of property, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
2329 – suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 5:

0234 – breaking & entering, 17000 bl. Sumpter
0831 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1037 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1044 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1058 – ordinance violation, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1526 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1529 – civil dispute, Carriage Lane
1556 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1711 – 911 hangup investigation, 25000 bl. Karr
1801 – disorderly person, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2025 – fire dept. assist, Wayside
2028 – malicious destruction of property, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 6:

0413 – suspicious person, Judd/Clark
1138 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1412 – assault, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1502 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1717 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1732 – property damage accident, 7800 bl. Oakville
Waltz Rd.
1737 – malicious destruction of property, Wayside
2111 – warrant arrest, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
2148 – shots fired investigation, Rustic Ln.
2153 – disorderly person, Pecan

Friday, Sept. 7:

0035 – animal complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
0041 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0209 – warrant arrest, Colorado
0249 – 911 hangup investigation, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0333 – suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1030 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1036 – trespassing, Rustic Ln.
1147 – warrant arrest, out of township
1218 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1337 – warrant arrest, out of township
1345 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1453 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1643 – ordinance violation, Sumpter/Oakville

Waltz
1723 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
1803 – civil dispute, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1915 – fire dept. assist, Dakota
2041 – suspicious vehicle, Wilmot/Claxton
2141 – warrant arrest, Hampshire

Saturday, Sept. 8:

0003 – alarm, 17000 bl. Sumpter
0019 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
0020 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0312 – suspicious vehicle, Carriage Ln.
0314 – suspicious incident, Willis/Rawsonville
0425 – assault, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
0748 – breaking & entering, 18000 bl. Morton
0853 – threats complaint, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0925 – larceny, Carriage Ln.
0938 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1000 – fire dept. assist, Arizona
1028 – abandoned vehicle, 6700 bl. Oakville
1101 – property damage accident, 8400 bl. Oakville
Waltz
1232 – reckless driver complaint, Clark/Wear
1343 – larceny, California
1453 – fire dept. assist, 6400 bl. Oakville
1919 – juvenile complaint, Nevada/California
1946 – assault, 6000 bl. Oakville
2008 – larceny, Ohio

Also on this week’s log are 16 follow-up investigations, 33 miscellaneous details, 158 patrol checks, and 39 traffic stops.

4th-Annual Freddie Harris Memorial 2K Walk/5K Race Sept. 15

By Bob Mytych

Independent Sports Editor

The 4th-Annual Freddie Harris walk and races for brain aneurysm awareness is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 15, starting at 9 a.m. at Horizon Park.

The cost is \$25 if registered in advance by Sept. 9, \$30 the day of the event.

T-shirt will be provided for all pre-registered participants and refreshments

will be provided. Face painting and a raffle will take place with the proceeds going to the foundation. The race will be officially timed with prizes going to the winners.

The event is organized by Melissa Varney, who lost her father Freddie Harris to a brain aneurysm over three years ago. Varney started the Brain Aneurysm Foundation in the honor of her father to create awareness by early testing and other preventative measures. For information, call (734) 699-5259 or email bafwalk@yahoo.com .

Upcoming Meetings

- 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, 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, Belleville DDA, 6 p.m. Also, VBT Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.



Four generations gathered for a photo. From left are Lisa (Pellicchia) Kraus, Madaline Donahue, Natalie Donahue with baby Haley, and Margaret Pellicchia.

Four generations gather at Manitou Beach for baptism of Haley Ann

Four generations of family members gathered at St. Mary's of the Lake in Manitou Beach, MI, to celebrate the baptism of Haley Ann Donahue, great-granddaughter of Margaret and the late Pasquale Pellicchia of Belleville.

Haley Ann wore a 60-year-old christening dress that was used for a number of family babies down through the years.

Proud grandparents are Shannon (Flaherty) and Mark Pellicchia. Parents are Natalie (Pellicchia) and Brad Donahue of Naples, FL.

Immediately after the July 8 Sunday Mass, family and friends gathered at the church social room for a brunch and reunion.

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Correction: Kim Henry was hired to teach at Rawsonville

In the Sept. 6 edition of the *Belleville-Area Independent*, on page 15 we listed the teachers being hired at the last minute for the Van Buren Public Schools. We should have reported that Kim Henry will be teaching at Rawsonville Elementary School. We regret the error.

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