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VBT OKs contract with police command

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After years of negotiating a Police Officers Labor Council Command Contract has been approved by the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees.

At its regular meeting on Sept. 18, the board voted unanimously to approve the contract that runs from Jan. 1, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2013.

The POLC Command Unit members had previously approved the contract.

Public Safety Director Carl McClanahan and Treasurer Sharry Budd worked on the negotiating committee. Budd was not present at the Sept. 18 meeting, and Director McClanahan presented the proposal to the board.

The contract includes a wage freeze, but active officers will receive a \$750 signing bonus as of July 2012 following ratification of the contract, and a \$500 bonus in July 2013.

Health insurance will have employees contributing 10% of the cost of coverage and will convert to a 10/40 drug card. Retirees will be covered by BCBS PPO or HMO.

The Township agreed to opt out of P.A. 152 for 2012 and 2013.

There are changes in bereavement leave and the procedure for filling overtime, being offered to officers in the unit in the reverse order of the amount of hours worked, without regard to rank.

There are changes to job assignment procedures, pay upon separation, and transfer of sick time.

The maximum sick time accumulation will be 400 hours and the maximum accumulation of compensatory time shall be 72 hours.

The contract language agrees that

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Motorists may want to avoid the Ecorse and Belleville Road intersection from now until next August because construction is underway that funnels traffic to two lanes everywhere and cuts off the service drives. The project was recently awarded to Angelo Iafrate Construction Company. The eastbound lanes of Ecorse Road will be reconstructed this summer and fall. One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on the existing westbound lanes of Ecorse Road during this timeframe. The sanitary sewer and water main construction will take place this fall, as well. A winter shutdown will occur and in the spring of 2013, the remaining construction will begin including finishing the sanitary sewer installation, the reconstruction of the South Service Drive, and the westbound lanes of Ecorse Road.

Newborn left at front door of VBT Fire Station No. 1

On Saturday, Sept. 22, at 8:39 p.m. Van Buren Township Police Dispatch received a 911 call from an anonymous caller stating while driving by the Fire Station on Hull Road he observed a baby being dropped off and no one was answering the door.

VBT Police Captain Greg Laurain told the story in a news release on Tuesday.

The caller couldn't give a description of the person, vehicle or say how he knew it was a baby being left, then hung up.

Van Buren Dispatch notified the fire crew personnel at station #1 of the call and upon checking the front door discovered a newborn baby girl on the front step wrapped in a towel.

Huron Valley Ambulance was called while fire crew personnel performed a medical evaluation on the newborn. The

baby appeared to be in stable condition but was being treated for hypothermia and respiratory issues while in-route to University of Michigan Hospital.

Doctors at U of M stated the baby was just hours old and was in stable condition but the baby was admitted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for observation.

Police Investigators identified the 17-year-old 911 caller and during an interview with police he admitted that he and his girl

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VBT Board

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language regarding assignment of take-home vehicles will be placed in the contract.

In other business at the Sept. 18 meeting, the board:

- Approved Supervisor Paul White's reappointment of Ronald Merrit II to the Environmental Commission, with a term to expire Oct. 1, 2015;

- Approved Supervisor White's reappointments of Donald Boynton and Carl Johnson to the Planning Commission with terms to expire Oct. 1, 2015;

- Approved Supervisor White's reappointments of Marian Caldwell, Harold Gant, Helen Wylie, Edwin Seyfried, Jane Kovach, and Carol Dolph to the Cultural Advisory Committee with terms to expire Oct. 1, 2013. The board also extended the committee's work for another year;

- Approved Wade Trim's proposal of \$42,800 to provide plans and specifications for replacement of three sewer pump stations: Haggerty at Robbe (which serves 17 homes), Ryznar (29 homes) and North Shore (17 homes). The project is expected to cost about \$500,000. In the future they will work on Parkwood, Harbour Club, and Beckley stations;

- Removed from the agenda a proposed contract with Davenport Brothers for installation of a handicap-access walking/bike path and permanent picnic areas at Van Buren Park, because of problems perceived by board members with the bidding and contract. The only other bidder was Blue Ribbon, who was low bidder and also is a local company. Andrew Burns, deputy director of Parks and Recreation, said he would rework the project. Wayne County has offered a \$40,000 grant for the work;

- Heard Trustee Al Ostrowski say the board passed a motion concerning the co-generation plant at Visteon at its last meeting and the attorney said it wasn't a good motion. Ostrowski crumpled up the attorney's opinion and threw it off the board table to show his disdain. Trustee Denise Partridge had asked for the co-generation item to be placed on that evening's agenda as old business, but Supervisor Paul White refused. White said it was the attorney's opinion that the motion was unacceptable and the board can't interfere in planning commission business. "Out of courtesy to the board it should have been removed," Partridge said, referring to the item on the planning commission agenda that the board wanted removed, which was not removed but voted upon and passed. White replied that the planning commission voted on the item and so there's no longer an issue. Partridge said the public has some issues to discuss and White said issues can be discussed, but there's nothing the board can do about the decision and "There's no

unfinished business";

- Discussed Aerotropolis and whether it is worth the \$25,000 per year the Downtown Development Authority is paying so the township can belong. Supervisor White said the Wayne County Aerotropolis name is expected to be changed to Vantage Port shortly to separate it from the three other Aerotropoli in the state. DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland said the DDA will discuss the matter. John Delaney called the Aerotropolis project "a Ponzi scheme";

- Heard Public Safety Director Carl McClanahan introduce VBT's newest police officer William Kirkland. He said Officer Kirkland has an associate's degree in criminal justice, spent eight months as a dispatcher for Dearborn Heights PD, and worked briefly as an officer for the Huron Clinton Metroparks; and

- Listened to about 90 minutes of public comment from 17 speakers. During this part of the meeting, Supervisor White recessed the meeting for 10 minutes, so police could arrest Delaney on charges of disturbing the meeting. Delaney was ticketed, and did not return to the meeting.

LDFA resolution

At the work/study session on Sept. 17, the board heard Michael Dotson, chairman of the VBT Local Development Finance Authority, tell the board there is a resolution the LDFA passed with recommendations for action in the case of the Visteon bonds.

He said the LDFA wants to be together with the township board step by step trying to avoid potential pitfalls with the Visteon bonds. The board went into executive session on Sept. 17 to discuss with its attorney the LDFA resolution, but Dotson was not in that meeting.

Newborn baby

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friend are the parents of the baby they left on the step of the Fire Station door that night.

The caller further told police that they first went to the Oakwood Hospital Clinic in the City of Belleville but found that it was closed. Only after knocking on the Fire Station door and receiving no response did he call 911 to make sure the baby was taken in. The young parents told police that they were both afraid of reactions from their parents causing them to leave the baby at a safe location after birth.

Social Workers along with Child Protective Services were immediately notified and currently are taking an active role in the incident.



Kirkland



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

At Saturday's All-Alumni Reunion for Belleville High School grads, reunion leaders Millie Baker, left, and Anita Greca, class of 1977, pause for a photo. They stand in front of a display about the late Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Pete Lazaroff, who attended one of the all-school reunions before he died of leukemia. The reunion picnic at Van Buren Park was in a chilly pavilion under rainy skies. The alumni are looking forward to next year's event inside the new Commons area currently under construction at BHS.

Elementary students all getting free breakfasts to start their days

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

All the students in the four elementary schools left in the Van Buren Public Schools District are getting free breakfasts before starting their school days and the district is making a profit of \$354.80 per day.

Karen Sanders, the district's supervisor of Food Service, explained the Universal Breakfast Program to the school board at

Monday's meeting.

She said last year the district served 800 breakfasts, when they were free, reduced, and paid by students. This year they are serving breakfasts to 1,170 elementary students and coming out ahead with no money changing hands.

She said the children go directly from their buses to their classrooms and that's where they consume their milk, juice or fruit, and bread (such as muffins) or cereal.

School Supt. Michael Van Tassel said the children have accidents handling the food, but it's all a part of learning life skills. He said, actually, the Kindergartners did better than the first graders that morning.

Supt. Van Tassel said in planning the eating he was concerned with timing and said the children lose less academic time if they eat in their rooms rather than in the cafeteria.

School Board President Martha Toth said the program is available because the school district is in the "Severe Rate" with the district having over 40% eligible for free and reduced lunches in the 2010-11 school year.

That has grown to more than 50% now.

For example, Sanders said, Edgemont has served an average of 313 breakfasts each day and of that number 181 are eligible free

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Under the "Safe Delivery of Newborns Law" that became effective Jan. 1, 2001, parents may surrender an infant to an emergency service provider, be that a hospital, fire department, police department or a call to 911 from any location and remain anonymous.

By surrendering the newborn, the parents are releasing the newborn to a child-placing agency to be placed for adoption. Parents will have 28 days to petition the Circuit Court, Family Division to regain custody of the newborn if they change their minds.

"We are glad that the parents made the decision to surrender the newborn to an emergency provider giving the infant a safe haven while allowing us and the proper agencies to intervene in this matter," said Captain Laurain.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Get ready: BIG election creeping up

Next Wednesday, Oct. 3, a public local Candidate Forum will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Owen Intermediate School, formerly called South Middle School.

Then, on the next day, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. Larry Fix, a write-in candidate for Van Buren Township Supervisor, will hold a Meet & Greet at Wayne County Community College's Western Campus at 9555 Haggerty Road in VBT.

The Candidate Forum is being put on by the Belleville Area Women's Club, which has introduced candidates to us in the past with these forums. This is a great opportunity to see the candidates in action and to hear them speak, however briefly that may turn out to be.

The General Election is Nov. 6 and it will be here before we know it. The sample ballots are now at all the clerks' offices for people to pick up and study – and they are huge: two sides of two pages, making four pages in all of votes.

On page 1 are the partisan candidates, including President of the U.S., down to township candidates. Turn the ballot over and on page 2 are the non-partisan candidates, from Supreme Court judges to local school board members and local district library candidates. Pages 3 and 4 are state proposals, county proposals, and in Sumpter the fire millage renewal. These are followed by a WCCC millage proposal. About a dozen proposals in all – depending where you live.

As Sumpter Township Clerk Clarence Hoffman said Tuesday, "It's going to be a long night on Election Day." Get ready.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

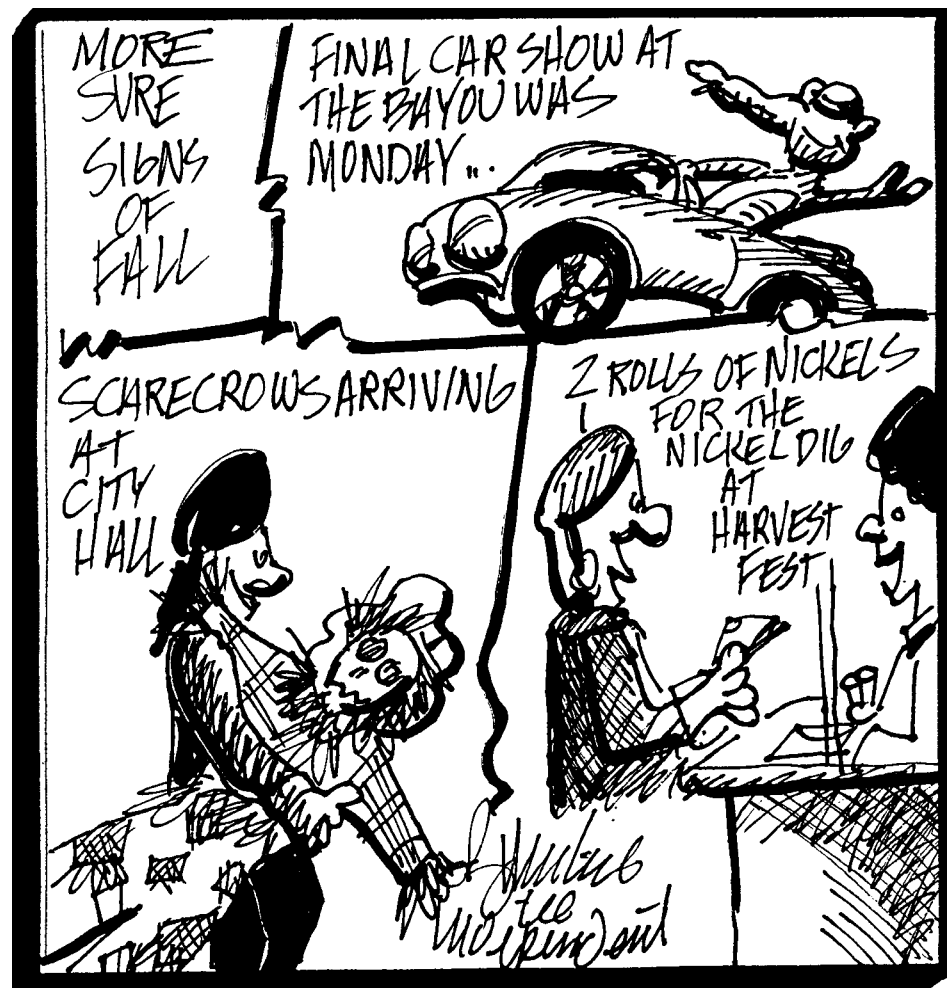
...By Rosemary K. Otzman

One of our readers called me on Sept. 17 to tell me about something he had just seen. The message was left in my home phone at about 4:42 p.m. He said he had seen a Van Buren school bus pulled over to the side of the road at East Huron River Drive and Haggerty road, with two kids out of the bus. There were also four VBT police cars with their lights flashing and a HVA unit. I asked VBT Public Safety Director Carl McClanahan about it. He looked into it and reported:

"On Monday, Sept. 17, 2012 at approximately 4 p.m. two juveniles were engaged in fighting on a school bus. The police were notified and responded to E. Huron River Dr. and Haggerty Rd. HVA also responded because one of the juveniles had a bloody nose. When officers arrived the bus driver identified the combatants. There were no serious injuries as a result of the altercation. Van Buren Police Officers conveyed the juveniles home and placed them in the custody of their guardians; no charges were filed. Van Buren Schools will handle the disciplinary issues."

A friend of mine, who used to be the pilot of the late Heinz Prechter's private jet and built an airplane in his garage in Sumpter, pointed out to me that the "Experimental Aircraft of America" group that gave the award to Robert Baker at Oshkosh, reported in our Sept. 13 edition, actually is named "Experimental Aircraft Association."

I apologize for the error. The EAA award is a great honor for Robert Baker of California, whose father, the late Robert Baker, was a fire fighter in the city of Belleville for more than 50 years.



Larry Fix, who ran unsuccessfully for Van Buren Township supervisor in the August primary election, at noon on Sept. 20, filed as a write-in candidate for VBT supervisor in the November General Election.

Republican Julianne Chard, who planned to run for VBT supervisor in the General Election, is not running.

Some members of the Moose Lodge were concerned about the letter Steve Davenport reportedly held up at the latest meeting of the Belleville Planning Commission while the group was discussing the site plan for the BYC clubhouse on North Liberty Street. Davenport mentioned the letter was from the Moose.

While Moose members said there was no letter to the BYC concerning a possible sale of the Moose property, Planning Commission Chairman Steve Jones said there was a general letter to Moose members asking about what members would like to do. That's what Jones thought Davenport was holding up, since Davenport is a Moose member.

We've been unable to reach Steve Davenport for comment.

Elizabeth Cody, Senior Regent to Women of the Moose, said she has been assured there was no letter to the BYC. Any sale of the property would first have to be voted on by local Moose members and then

the Moose International stakeholders in Chicago would have to make a decision.

Like many other groups, the Moose is struggling, but there is no agreement to list it with a Realtor and no letter to the BYC, Cody said.

Robert Coutts, administrator of the local Moose Lodge, said he received lots of calls after the story was printed in the paper about BYC and mentioning a letter from the Moose. He said there was a general letter to Moose members, but nothing to the BYC. End of story.

Julie Campbell reports that even though Judd Road is unpaved west of Sumpter Road, it is being used as a drag strip. At about 3:30 a.m. Sunday Julie's yard, in the 47200 block of Judd, was hit by a dragster. Her neighbor got the time report. Julie had witnessed the dragsters at about 1:30 a.m.

Her yard is torn up because they just drove right on through. This is the second time this year that a vehicle has slammed into her yard. She suggests people report these instances to the Sumpter Police so it can be stopped before someone gets killed.



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Letters

Fix: I'm a write-in candidate for supervisor

To the Editor,

When asked why voters should consider a write-in vote for VBT Supervisor, my reply is "TO SAVE VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP WITH THE HELP OF THE CITIZENS OF VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP."

The next question is always: Save us from what?

My answer is somewhat complicated, but I will, in the next 41 days, be informing residents through a grass-roots effort at Board meetings, Committee meetings and neighbors talking to neighbors about my goals to help Van Buren Township.

My first goal, that I will briefly touch on in this letter, is with the help of all VBT residents save our township from the clutches of an Emergency Financial Manager (EFM) that will be looming in our near future.

LET'S FIX IT. The following two bullet points describe what IT'S all about and how this will be the basis to start saving VBT.

#1. "Leadership" is not the forcing of one person's viewpoint on the public, but the collective efforts to combine positive insight and direction with the cooperation of ALL elected officials in conjunction with a highly motivated township staff.

#2. To oversee the direction of our outside staff and consultants to make certain they have the best interests of the ENTIRE township in mind and not just a select few.

An experienced manager with proven leadership qualities is what our township needs to deal with the five major concerns

and issues facing our community. To achieve cohesiveness and growth our township must deal with:

- #1. Hoosier-Ameresco Co-Gen Facility and the potential toxic aftermath
- #2. Marketing of the Grace Lake Corporate Center by the township LDFA
- #3. Visteon Bond shortfall
- #4. The incorrect floodplain designation of our township by FEMA
- #5. Employee morale in all township departments

WRITE in FIX and fill in the DOT for Van Buren Township Supervisor.

Larry J. Fix
Write-in Candidate for VBT Supervisor

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Editor's Note: Larry Fix will hold a Meet & Greet at Wayne County Community College Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty Rd., at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 4. Everyone is invited to attend.

Cougars thank everyone for helping to raise \$\$

To the Editor:

The Belleville Cougars would like to send a big Thank You to the UAW 900 and Atchinson Ford for sponsoring a golf outing and to Whispering Pines Golf in Pinckney for hosting the event to help raise money for the organization.

We appreciate and thank Kris Simerly and Sandy McDermott for putting this together.

A special thank you to our local businesses for your donations for this event: Dos Pesos, Wendy's, McDonald's, Frosty Boy, Hungry Howie's, Cork & Bottle, A&W, Fantastic Sam's and Oxbow Horse Farms of Milan.

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Thanks also to Ryan Moon from Diversified Excavating for the great work on the track for the demolition derby. Also, to J&T Crova Towing for the help clearing the track in between heats.

And, thanks to all those who brought out their beautiful cars for the show – and those who helped judge them! Thanks to the great vendors, those who helped in the ticket booth and, of course, all who came.

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Obituaries



Joann Humbarger

JOANNE E. HUMBARGER

(July 9, 1943 - September 20, 2012)

Joann Ellen Humbarger, age 69, of Ypsilanti, passed away Thursday, September 20, 2012 at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She was born July 9, 1943 in Ann Arbor, daughter of the late Melvin & Bernice (Oyer) Campbell.

Joann retired from General Motors after many years of loyal service. She enjoyed bird watching, yard work, gardening, visiting different zoos and annual family trips to Frankenmuth. She also loved doing things with her grandchildren and was a wonderful seamstress.

She is survived by five children Brenda Bourdeau, LeRoy (Dena) Humbarger, Sandra (Christopher) Bolton, Robert (Amy) Humbarger and Albert Humbarger; ten grandchildren Mark Burns II, Kimberly and Christopher Bolton, Brandon, Sierra, Audrey, Kara, Stephanie, Anthony and Kristina Humbarger; also great-granddaughter Isabella.

Visitation was 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM Sunday with an 11 AM Funeral Monday, September 24, 2012 at the David C. Brown Temporary Viewing and Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Interment was in Union-Udell Cemetery, Ypsilanti.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family and would be appreciated.

Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

DAYNA MARIE DeBONO

(October 10, 1981 - September 18, 2012)

Age 30. Survived by three daughters Katelynn, Emily and Page; her father John DeBono; brother Jonathan DeBono; and grandparents John DeBono, Noreen DeBono and Shirley Leonard. David C. Brown Funeral Home.



Donald Clyde Pifer

DONALD CLYDE PIFER

(December 12, 1932 - September 21, 2012)

Donald Clyde Pifer, age 79, a lifelong resident of Belleville, passed away at Angela Hospice in Livonia, Friday September 21, 2012. He was born in Romulus, MI, to the late Nelson Ernest and Emily R. (Richardson) Pifer.

Mr. Pifer loved sports and played baseball and football in his younger years. He was an outdoor man who greatly enjoyed hunting and fishing. He is survived by his daughter Brenda (Phillip) Sohoza of Belleville and sons David (Sharon) Pifer and Daniel (Tammy) Pifer of Indiana; eight stepchildren Ronald Barber of Florida, Sandy (Kevin) Jones of Michigan, Tim (Jeanette) Jarrell of Hillsdale, MI, Debbie (Tom) Wilson, Patricia Jarrell and David (Lisa) Jarrell, both of Hillsdale, Carolyn (Tim) VanHoose of Florida, and Sheila (Kalvin) Jarrell; also survived by 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Billie in 2008 and his sisters Beulah and Doris. Visitation was held at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing and Funeral Chapel located at 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI on Monday, September 24 from 2 to 8 p.m. and again Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. The funeral service was held Tuesday at Noon. Interment was in Union-Udell Cemetery, Ypsilanti.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice and would be appreciated by the family.

Please sign Donald's on-line guest book and share a memory with his family at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



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Betty Jean Paris

BETTY JEAN PARIS

(December 19, 1930 - September 18, 2012)

Betty J. Paris, age 81, of Dearborn, passed away September 18, 2012.

Beloved wife of William. Loving mother of Drs. Sandra (Kurt) Carter, Gary (Linda) Paris, Linda (Reverend Paul) Malles and Edward (Kim) Paris. Dearest grandmother of Nicole (Stephen Conrade) Carter, Cindy (Dr. Michael Shillingford) Thompson, Kyrsten (Rob) Carter-Barrett, Valerie Paris, Michelle (Kevin Vlodyka) Conrad, Stephanie (Joe) Paunovich and Rachel (Chad) Amodio and great-grandmother of Benjamin Paunovich. Dear sister of Marilyn Carlson.

She was preceded in death by her parents Hector and Ilene Chambers and her brothers Donald and David Chambers.

Memorial service Saturday, October 6, 2012, 11:00 AM at Belleville Presbyterian Church. Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Memorial donations may be made to the Belleville Presbyterian Church, 11900 Belleville Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 in honor of Betty Paris.

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VBT Police identify motorcyclist as Jeffery Jordan from Ypsi Twp.

Van Buren Township Police have identified the motorcyclist who died in a Sept. 11 accident on Rawsonville Road as Jeffery Jordan, 42, of Ypsilanti Township.

After releasing the name, VBT Police Captain Gregory Laurain said it is unknown if alcohol or drugs are a factor in the accident at this time and the accident is still under investigation.

Jordan's motorcycle crashed into the back end of a tractor-trailer that had broken down in the northbound lane of Rawsonville Road, north of West Huron River Drive just before 1:35 p.m. that day.

Captain Laurain said after the tractor-trailer broke down, the driver had placed warning triangles out behind his rig and was in the process of making a cell phone call for road assistance when a motorcycle traveling northbound crashed into the rear of the trailer.

The motorcyclist locked up his brakes just before making contact, Captain Laurain said.

Jordan was transported in critical condition to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor where he died from his injuries, Captain Laurain said.

The name of the deceased was withheld until Sept. 17 pending notification of the family. There were no injuries reported to the operator of the tractor-trailer.

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More Letters

I'm no longer candidate for VBT Supervisor

To the Editor:

On Sept. 11, I was notified from the Township Clerk's Office that previous information conveyed about my candidacy was incorrect.

After the August primary, Mr. Wright's office assured me my name would be printed on the November ballot for Township Supervisor.

According to Leon Wright, when the township received the November ballot from Wayne County in September, I was not listed. Upon Mr. Wright's inquiry to Wayne County they informed him I did not meet criteria for a write-in candidate according to the election code 116-1954, something Mr. Wright and his staff did not know.

Mr. Wright also gave me contact information to the state elections office to confirm these findings. Upon inquiry, it was confirmed I did not receive the minimum number of votes for a write-in candidate.

Further, if I choose to run on the November ballot I must file again as a write-in candidate with no party affiliation on the ticket. At this time, with no name recognition, I find it impossible to capture financial support and enough name recognition to effectively win enough votes as a write-in candidate.

I believe the township loses, the voters of this community lose, and our future is at risk from a lack of choice in the number of qualified candidates for leadership positions.

During my inquiry with the State Elections Board, I asked what we as a community could do to prevent this type of confusion in the future. They recommended if the township does not know all specific requirements for candidates running for office, they should contract the local process to Wayne County to be sure of having accurate execution of protocol and information throughout the election process.

I'm very disappointed and find the voters of Van Buren Township are left with less-than-qualified options.

Julianne Chard
Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: Clerk Wright said he found that based on Wayne County's Black Book, which he said Van Buren Township didn't have access to, Chard as a write-in candidate would need a percentage of the total township population, which was 430 votes, in the primary to qualify as a candidate in the General Election in November. If she took out a petition to run as a Republican, all she would have needed was one vote in the primary to qualify for the November ballot. Clerk Wright said the township certified the 16 votes Chard got in the primary. If she desired, Chard could have run as an Independent write-in in November, but she decided not to do so.

McNamara appointed to Metro Airport Board

To the Editor:

The Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport is the doorway to every community in Wayne County and to Michigan from citizens across the United States and around the world. It is a hub for business activity, and its progress is a vital platform in our county's growth.

I am honored and privileged to be appointed by my fellow Wayne County Commissioners to serve on the Wayne County Airport Authority Board beginning Oct. 2. Commissioner Bernard Parker's term on the board ends Oct. 1.

The authority board oversees Willow Run Airport, which has an impact on shipping and charter travel, in addition to Detroit Metro Airport.

The Wayne County Airport Authority has made significant progress with upgrades to and management of one of the nation's largest transportation hubs. I want this momentum to continue, as well as build on it by collaborating with board members and staff to make both airports economic-generating forces in our county and state.

I understand that residents living near Detroit Metro Airport are concerned about its impact on their neighborhoods. I will work to reduce the concerns.

Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports are considerable assets as we strive to make Wayne County an ideal place for families to live, work, learn and play.

Kevin M. McNamara
Van Buren Township
Wayne County Commissioner-Dist. 11

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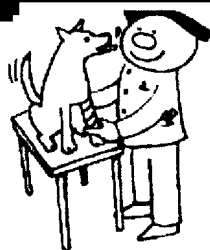
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2 Chronicles 7:14



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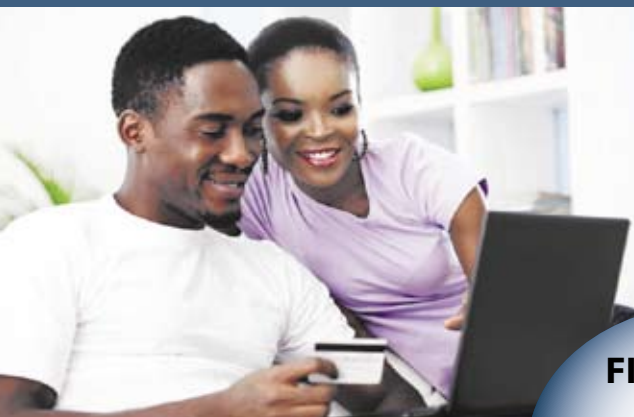
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More Letters

Parent: New high school needs new staff

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to stress the fact that even though our students have a nice new school building there are still problems behind the doors.

Last year my student was a freshman and with the excitement of that came a lot of letdowns. First, she struggled to get used to being a high-schooler. Then, when I asked for her counselor's help, it was limited. Yes, the counselor did help with one specific class, but as another class was failing she overlooked that.

I must add that some of the teachers do help, but most are at North Middle School. I only found a few at the high school, so far. When I tried to get ahold of the counselor and principal before the marking period ended, there was no response until two days before grades had to be in.

When I asked what happened to the other class, the counselor said she was only watching the class we spoke of not any other classes. Well, I am asking "What is your job?"

Second semester was worse. I couldn't wait for the year to end. When I did make calls, I never received calls back. I even had calls into the principal and still no call back.

Yes, my student had responsibilities for her own grades but I counted on the staff at Belleville High, too. Now here we are, another year, a new school and another problem.

Now there are fines, not just for my student but for other parents with students whose books or Nooks that were turned in, but mistakes were made and records show these kids owe fines. My student's stuff was turned in and yet she still owes a fine because of an error which the school made. I have had a call into two principals for three days now and still no call back.

If it wasn't for the band program, which I must say is Belleville High's biggest achievement, we would pull our students from Van Buren School district.

Here's wishing for a better year.

Parent of a Belleville High Student
Name withheld by request

Thanks from Wayne County Fair Board

To the Editor:

The 2012 Wayne County Fair has come and gone. We sure hope that you were able to come out and enjoy the rides, miracle of life exhibit, entertainment, livestock auction and, of course, the animals.

Every year all our 4-H members work so hard to maintain their animal by feeding, bathing and exercising the animal they chose to show. They also help to maintain the fairground barns by performing work bees to fix broken boards, paint, pick up trash, etc.

These 4-H groups along with the Wayne County Fair Board and a long list of volunteers have a vested interest in the program and they sure work VERY hard! There is also the community arts building where you can see a variety of things all created by hand!

This year we'd like to say thank you to some community sponsors of the Wayne County Fair: Coca-Cola of Van Buren Township, Meijer of Van Buren Township, Walmart of Van Buren Township, TCF Bank and, of course, Hungry Howie's of Van Buren Township.

These local businesses donated to our 4-H program which benefited the program tremendously! We are very thankful for their donation! We truly hope that you will consider patronizing these businesses due to their local involvement!

Wayne County Fair Board is sure grateful for the community support! We are already planning next year's fair. We hope to see you there!

Wayne County Fair Board

Menard's should leave VBT and go to Canton

To the Editor:

It's time for Menard's to leave Van Buren and move on to Canton or Ypsi. Nobody worried about traffic for Farmer Jack's. Maybe this old store should remain as an eyesore for Van Buren.

Van Buren is a dying township with overpaid police and bills mounting up for the Visteon bonds due in the near future. What about the jobs lost?

Van Buren Resident

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School Board

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students, 22 are eligible reduced students, and 110 are full-pay students.

These figures decide the average federal reimbursement the district will receive.

Edgemont brings in a profit of \$116.42 per day.

The Severe Rate for 2012-13 shows reimbursement of \$1.85 each for free students, \$1.55 for reduced students, and \$0.27 for paid students. The average breakfast cost is \$0.71.

Savage School has 164 paid students, 12 reduced, and 76 free, so it averages a loss of \$35.44 per day on the federal breakfast scale.

Transportation

About 14 school bus drivers came to Monday's meeting to support their new supervisor of transportation John Bojanowski and bus driver Beverly Porter, who spoke of their concerns.

Bojanowski was on the agenda to give a transportation update, but the agenda had Porter speaking first.

Porter said she drives a school bus and the drivers appreciate the board hiring Bojanowski, who is doing well and is developing an atmosphere and team spirit to make everything work.

"Let transportation fix these things ourselves," Porter said. "Me and the other drivers want to fix it *ourselves* ... Why not see if it can work?" she asked.

"We can pull this off – all of us together," Porter said, and the bus drivers in the audience applauded.

After use of the shuttle buses to transport students to various schools caused a big problem during the first days of school, the administration moved in to help.

Bojanowski, who said as of Monday he had only been on the job here 28 days, said they have now eliminated the shuttles from Edgemont, Savage, and Owen and it has worked out well.

He noted the ECDC students are on time and 80% of the schools of choice assignments have been made. He said they need to hire two more bus drivers.

"Everything's calmed down now," he said. When he was asked about the slow-up at Ecorse Road construction, he said they are trying to keep bus rides down to 45 minutes to an hour for everybody.

He said the buses are being filled right to the limits and they have resolved most of the daycare issues.

The bus drivers also applauded Bojanowski's report.

Board Trustee Brent Mikulski said he went over to pick up his children from school and he watched the students interacting with the bus drivers and was very impressed. He

said the drivers appeared happy and he saw one child give a driver a bag of candy.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the board:

- Approved the appointment of Tiffany Hall, mother of a special education child, to a three-year term on the Parent Advisory Committee at Wayne RESA;

- Heard a district enrollment update using Monday's count of 5,314. Last spring the count was 5,302 and last fall's count was 5,357. The official count day is Oct. 3. Mikulski said this year's count, so far, is near the Plante Moran estimate, but he is concerned about the number of students in grades K-4 being significantly less. He said PM has estimated 1,931 and the count is about 80 less than that. Toth said every time an elementary school closes, students are lost. She said one-third of the district's elementary schools were closed and the loss is not that much. Van Tassel said in October they would be studying why students left. He reminded them of the study PM made, noting there were fewer children being born. "Are we going to fight over them?"

he asked. Mikulski said he would like to see school of choice numbers, in and out;

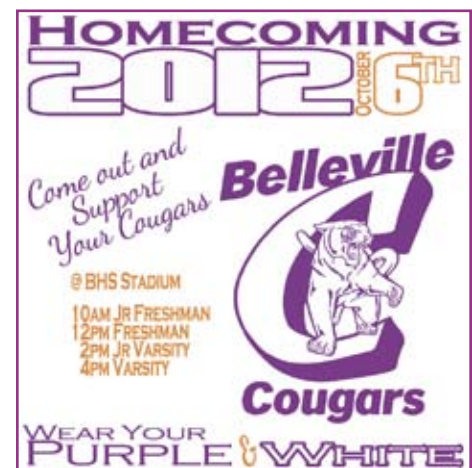
- Approved hiring of the following teachers: Cynthia Spurlock as Speech Pathologist, Cherita Hill at Edgemont, and Kyle Paruskiewicz at Belleville High School;

- Approved the requested terminations of two paraprofessionals: Jack Loria and Angelique Whitt, both who resigned as of Sept. 20 after six years;

- Heard a member of the audience ask that the board consider hiring people laid off by the district for jobs, rather than retired people who have income from their retirement. This set off a long discussion on unnamed people who are subbing in some positions. Shonta Langford-Green, director of human resources, explained how substitutes are hired through PESG (Professional Educational Services Group) and the district no longer hires substitutes. The district also uses EDUstaff for subs, she said. Trustee Scott Russell asked Green to see if it's possible for EDUstaff to give preference to laid-off workers before retired

workers, and Green said she would ask and report back. Van Tassel said teachers who request the subs through PESG can ask for subs they want. Trustee Sherry Frazier asked for a list of consultants who have been hired and long-term teacher subs; and

- Was reminded the next regular board meeting on Oct. 8 will be in the mini-auditorium at BHS, with entrance through the school's front door.



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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Oct. 1 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 2 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 3 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, VBT Public Safety Committee, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 8 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Mini-Auditorium at new Belleville High School
- Tuesday, Oct. 9 – Van Buren Township September Days Senior Endowment

committee, 11 a.m. Also, VBT LDFA, 2 p.m. Also, VBT Recreation Committee, 5:30 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, Oct. 10 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday, Oct. 11 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

- Monday, Oct. 15 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.



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Joe Barnabei of VBT running for State Rep.

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I followed multiple generations of my family and spent nearly 8 years working for Ford on the assembly line and earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration during this time. With a heavy heart, I chose to leave Ford in 2007 and began working in the staffing industry helping people find career opportunities and coaching people to ensure they progress in their careers.

I currently work alongside and manage a team of highly technical recruiters who also work diligently to ensure our families, friends, and neighbors are working.

My motivation to run is simple; I do not want my kids to pay for mistakes from our generation. I want my kids to have access to the same opportunities we have had access to in our lives. I believe in better for Michigan and I want to take solutions to Lansing that addresses both current and long-term issues. Our issues are not fixed by Band-Aids and we must be creative and unified to continue moving Michigan forward.

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I hope over the coming weeks you will see that I am a different type of candidate and that I offer something different from our status quo politician.

I am open to any and all questions and invite you to visit my website at www.electjoe2012.com or email me directly at joe@electbarnabei.com.

Respectfully,
Joe Barnabei, Van Buren Township
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Khan, Gurunian become U.S. Marines

Marine Corps Pfc. Joshua B. Khan and David A. Gurunian, both with family in Belleville, earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC.

Pfc. Khan, the son of Malissa Potter of Romulus and Brian Khan of Belleville, is a 2011 graduate of Woodhaven High School. Pfc. Gurunian, son of Margaret and Bill Neil of Belleville, is a 2008 graduate of Belleville High School.



Wayne County will distribute more than 1,000 backpacks countywide this year as part of an annual promotion launched in 2003 by County Executive Robert Ficano. About 75 youngsters received free backpacks on Sept. 5 at Edgemont Elementary School in Belleville. Passing out the backpacks at the Boys and Girls Club were, from left, Edgemont Principal Delria Crippen, Ficano aide Jakleen Ochalek, and representatives of Kohl's of Canton. Backpacks were filled with various school supplies, including notebooks, folders, pencils, and crayons. The backpack giveaway is sponsored by Friends of Nankin Mills, Walmart of Taylor, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and Johnston Lithograph of Romulus.

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On Sunday, 100% of the funds raised from the **corn maze** will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul, which helps the local needy in Sumpter, Belleville, and Van Buren Township. Information: 461-1835.

The **Drive 4 Your School** fundraiser to benefit the new Belleville High School

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The **Sumpter Seniors** are gearing up for their **Craft Show** on Nov. 2 & 3, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the **Sumpter Community Center**. Table space is available for \$10 per table per day with the proceeds going to support the annual senior Christmas party. Table registration can be made by calling **Karen Mickens** at (734) 461-2296 and leave a message by Oct. 19. Kitchen concessions are also needed.

The *Independent* welcomes back **Denny's Restaurant** to our advertising pages. Denny's ad in today's paper features great deals on Buy 1 Breakfast Special or Build-Your-Own-Burger Lunch Special and get a second one half off, with 2 drink purchase and with their ad coupon. Our Belleville Denny's is located on the S. I-94 Service Drive in front of Kmart. Call (734) 482-3880

Applications are still available through tomorrow for the **City of Belleville's Annual Scarecrow Contest**, which will be put on display downtown during **Harvest Festival** beginning Oct. 13. The free contest is open to businesses, families groups and individuals. Download an app at www.belleville.mi.us.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

Supervisor White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor White, Clerk Wright, Trustee Hart, Trustee Ostrowski and Trustee Partridge. Absent: Treasurer Budd (excused). Trustee Jahr arrived at 7:32 p.m. Others in attendance: Public Safety Director McClanahan, Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll, DPW Director MacDonald, Recreation and Parks Director Wright, Fire Chief Besson, Executive Assistant/Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty-three (23).

Supervisor White read portions of the Board Meeting Rules of Conduct.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the deletion of New Business #6 "Consider approval of contract for the installation of an ADA walking/bike path and picnic areas at Van Buren Park, and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract." Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes August 20, 2012; Closed Session Minutes August 20, 2012; Regular Board Meeting Minutes August 21, 2012] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Director McClanahan introduced new Police Officer William Kirkland.

Supervisor White read the portion of the Board Meeting Rules of Conduct regarding "Correspondence" as requested by a resident.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to approve the reappointment of Ronald Merrit II to the Environmental Commission with term to expire on October 1, 2015. Carried.

Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the reappointments of Donald Boynton and Carl Johnson to the Planning Commission with terms to expire on October 1, 2015. Carried.

Ostrowski moved, Partridge seconded to approve the reappointments of Marian Caldwell, Harold Gant, Helen Wylie, Edwin Seyfried, Jane Kovach and Carol Dolph to the Cultural Advisory Committee with terms to expire October 1, 2013; and to extend the Cultural Advisory Committee for one year. Carried.

Partridge moved, Wright seconded to approve the Wade Trim proposal to design a project to replace three existing sanitary sewer pump stations. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) Command contract, January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2013. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the September 18, 2012 voucher list. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor White ordered the July 2012 Budgetary Report received and filed.

Supervisor White ordered the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Resolution regarding Visteon received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright announced the following: The November 6,

2012 General Election Ballot will have two pages. The first page of the ballot all partisan positions will be on the front and the back of the first page all non-partisan positions; the second page contains all proposals. The state has six proposals; Wayne County has five proposals; Wayne County Community College has one proposal; and for those voters in Precinct 10 that are in the Lincoln Consolidated School District has two proposals. Voting directions for the General Election are located on the secrecy sleeve. Clerk Wright recommended voters who are eligible to vote absentee to vote absentee due to the length of the ballot and for those going to the polls on Election Day to pick up a sample ballot to review. Clerk Wright announced a Wayne County sponsored Household Hazardous Waste Collection day on October 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Southland Shopping Center located at 23000 Eureka Road in Taylor for all Wayne County residents. Also, the Van Buren Township Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, sponsored by the Environmental Quality Company will be held on Saturday, October 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Environmental Quality Company parking lot located at 49350 North I-94 Service Drive for Van Buren Township residents to dispose of hazardous waste in an environmentally safe manner. This information is posted on Township's website www.vanburen-mi.org.

Director Wright announced the Recreation Department offers various exercise classes including Jazzercise and Zumba and a new Beachbody Fit Club class will begin in October. Also, American Ballroom Dance resumes in September. For more information regarding these or other Recreation classes contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921.

Supervisor White also recommended voters to request an absentee ballot.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 8:19 p.m. to 9:44 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: Ecorse Road construction traffic on Tyler Road and Robson Road; lot split; water line on Bemis Road; drainage ordinance, permits and enforcement of ordinances; letter sent to resident regarding retention pond and common areas at Victoria Park; Visteon/Hoosier Co-Generation project regarding special use, sequencing standards and zoning ordinances; Planning Commission; lack of response to audience comments from Board; Township attorney and legal opinions; letter read at previous Board Meeting by Supervisor White regarding email sent to Clerk Wright, requested meeting with Director McClanahan and Captain Laurain regarding a Police Officer has not been held; Local Development Finance Authority; health issues; Master Plan; Office Technology Ordinances; motion by Board regarding Planning Commission and Hoosier Co-Generation project at August 21st Board Meeting, no meeting as requested in Board motion and validity of motion.

The Board recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:14 p.m.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments continued by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: removal of resident from Township Meetings; Township Planning Consultant.

The Board recessed at 9:23 p.m. and reconvened at 9:28 p.m.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments continued by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: enforcement of all Township ordinances; Director Carroll; water and sewer; foreclosures in township and assessments on homes; conduct of meeting; Supervisor White; quotes and release of information from a confidential attorney letter

by resident and Supervisor.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Paul D. White, Township Supervisor

Published: Sept. 27, 2012

Public Notice

Notice to Creditors

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The Settlor, DOROTHY E. MIDA, who lived at 44719 Ecorse Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111, died August 18, 2012. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Mida Family Trust dated January 20, 1994, as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to CHARLES C. MIDA, Trustee, within four months after the date of publication.

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Court Watching

VB teacher Andrea Brennan to return to court on Oct. 10

By Diane Madigan
Independent Court Reporter
Andrea Brennan, 37, of Ypsilanti, appeared before Circuit Court Judge David Groner at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit on Sept. 19 for an arraignment on the evidence.

She stood mute next to her attorney Loren Dickstein and a not-guilty plea was entered. Brennan is scheduled to return to court with her attorney on Oct. 10 for a pre-trial conference.

Brennan is charged with distributing sexually explicit material to a minor, a



Brennan

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.

She continues to be free on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond.

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Mark Twain

Court Watching

Kovach vs. VBT case hopes to be settled outside of courtroom

By Diane Madigan
Independent Court Reporter

Much of the Sept. 20 courtroom session in the Louis Kovach vs. Charter Township of Van Buren case was spent in a lengthy sidebar conference, as attorneys discussed the case with 3rd Circuit Court Judge John H. Gillis, Jr.

They also studied proposed land splits for the former Coy Kendall greenhouse property, now owned by Kovach. The denied splits are the subject of the law suit.

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

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

Kovach filed the suit against the township and the members of the Parcel Division Board: Terry Carroll, Linda Stevenson, and Tom MacDonald.

Ten Belleville residents enroll as new students at Wayne State University

The following Belleville residents are among the 4,870 new students who have enrolled at Wayne State University for the fall 2012 semester.

Anthony Azzi, Aaron Connors, Kathryn Hudson, Shauntanique Jenkins, Brandi Lennon, Azaria Markaj, Blaise Michna, Xavier O Leary, Mary Obrien, and Emily Verde.

BHS Tiger football falls to Detroit Country Day, 25-13

By Bob Mytych
Independent Sports Editor

With a steady drizzle all game long, both teams knew it was going to be a battle of which team will be able to execute the best rushing game.

Four soggy quarters later, Detroit Country Day came away with a 25-13 victory over the Belleville High School Tigers in a non-league contest on Sept. 21 in Beverly Hills.

The Yellow Jackets scored first on an 80-yard drive and the Tigers followed up with their own score and took the lead 7-6, thanks to 2-yard rush by Belleville running back Shaquille Mobley at the end of the first quarter.

Country Day added two more touchdowns but came up short in both point-after attempts, leading 18-7 at the half.

With both defenses standing tall and stalling one another in the third quarter, there was no scoring until the fourth quarter, when the Yellow Jackets padded their lead with an 80-yard TD on a punt return before the Tigers' Mobley scored his second touchdown rush of the game to cut the deficit to 25-13.

The loss put Belleville's record to 2-3 on the season. The Tiger road trip continues Friday at Romulus at 7 p.m.

Jacob Bean promoted after completing recruit training

Navy Seaman Apprentice Jacob D. Bean, son of Diana T. Bean of Romulus and John D. Bean of Belleville, was recently promoted to his current rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

Bean received the early promotion for outstanding performance during all phases of the training cycle. Bean is a 2009 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School.

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Charges dismissed against Mullins when wife won't testify

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Two felon in possession of firearms charges, plus two other weapons charges, were dismissed by 34th District Court Judge David Parrott on Sept. 5 after the only witness called to court was the defendant's wife, who refused to testify.

All charges against Jeffrey Allen Mullins, 45, were dropped when his wife Kelly Jean Mullins, 42, got on the stand and said she would not testify against her husband.

The prosecutor said she attempted to interview Mrs. Mullins before the preliminary exam that had been set for her husband that morning, but Mrs. Mullins had decided not to testify because he was her husband. She said they were married March 16, 2001 in a legal ceremony and they have two children.

The prosecutor said there was a 7-year-old son who could have been called to testify, but she would have to discuss this with her supervisors. The move appeared unlikely.

She told the judge she was unable to proceed without her witness.

A motion by the defense to dismiss charges against Mullins without prejudice was approved by Judge Parrott who directed Mullins' bond money to be refunded and told him he was free to go.

VBT Detective Louis Keele said the case started when the young son found two guns in the garage and told his mother, who called police. They live in the 5900 block of Winchester.

Det. Keele said at least the police department got two guns off the street and out of the hands of a felon as a result of the case.

Keele said Mullins was held by Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department for a couple weeks on a probation absconding charge before VBT could take him to trial. He said he believes Washtenaw is not done with him since getting arrested on gun charges is a violation of his probation.

Mullins' latest prison sentence in Washtenaw County was in August 2009 for resisting arrest, assaulting police officers, and fleeing.

Collin King graduates from Michigan Tech. University

Collin King of Belleville graduated from Michigan Technological University in Houghton on April 28 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

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Oct. 21 – Margarete Whitmire

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BLACK BEAGLE MIX (looks like Labrador). White patch on chest, very shy. Vicinity of Waltz Rd & Bryan Rd. in New Boston. (734) 776-6247 9/27

FOUND

TAME RABBIT -- Found Sept. 3rd at Savage & Martinsville Rds. Tan. Seems domesticated. (734) 219-1003 9/27

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

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

Sunday, Sept. 16:
0001 – assault & battery, 100 Maple Dr.
0109 – noise complaint, Farm Rd./Bog Rd.
0118 – shots fired, 9333 Parkwood Dr.
0133 – suicide or attempt, 50953 S. I-94 Service
0224 – noise complaint, 9985 Jackson Ln.
0318 – disturbance, 11933 Belleville Rd.
1020 – property damage accident, Belleville / Ecorse
1134 – disorderly conduct, 45707 S. I-94 Service
1316 – larceny, 51158 America
1319 – fraud, Walmart
1548 – fraud, Meijer
1554 – assault & battery, 12890 Linda Vista Ct.
1645 – shots fired, 46537 Ecorse Rd.
1703 – malicious destruction of property, 10766 Oak Lane
1756 – disturbance, 8168 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1835 – assault & battery, 45915 S. I-94 Service
1923 – noise complaint, 10871 Quirk Rd.
1948 – noise complaint, 8135 Belleville Rd.
2046 – property damage accident, Beck/Ecorse
2052 – noise complaint, Wayne Co. Fairgrounds
2225 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94 / Belleville
2310 – assault & battery, 51286 Sylvia Dr.
Monday, Sept. 17:
0048 – assault & battery, 45501 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0308 – noise complaint, 158 Aspen
0813 – domestic violence, 1123 Savage Rd.
1023 – private property accident, 10760 Belleville
1036 – civil matter, Belleville Exchange
1314 – larceny from auto, 9829 Wheeler St.
1512 – disorderly conduct, 13362 Lake Pointe Blvd.
1546 – malicious destruction of property, 46161 Village Green Ln.
1548 – assault & battery, 46080 Lake Villa Dr.
1559 – fight, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1612 – intimidation threat, 85 Maple Dr.
1647 – fraud, Meijer
1650 – intimidation threat, 2307 Westlake Cir.
1735 – weapons violation, 6427 Anna Dr.
1822 – harassment call, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1836 – intimidation threat, 48021 S. I-94 Service
1836 – intimidation threat, 48021 S. I-94 Service
1851 – breaking & entering, 6580 Parkside Dr.
1926 – disturbance, 16800 bl. Lohr
2300 – property damage accident, 11250 Haggerty
Tuesday, Sept. 18:
0001 – assault & battery, 46131 Village Green Ln.
0138 – disturbance, 6 Birch Dr.
0223 – operating while intoxicated, 11530 Belleville
0507 – sexual assault, 51286 Sylvia Dr.
0627 – larceny from auto, 6855 Haggerty Rd.
0700 – disorderly conduct, 46070 Lake Villa Dr.
0956 – malicious destruction of property, 12189 Ryznar Dr.
1128 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1241 – domestic violence, 5873 Dellor St.
1258 – reckless driving, Rawsonville/Textile
1422 – private property accident, 42350 Van Born
1540 – assault & battery, 9259 Parkwood Dr.
1829 – assault & battery, 51150 Capitol Dr.
2029 – retail fraud, Meijer
2109 – disorderly conduct, 46425 Tyler Rd.
2125 – disorderly conduct, 2193 Rawsonville Rd.
2203 – mental, 11511 Belleville
Wednesday, Sept. 19:
0030 – retail fraud, Walmart
0746 – assault & battery, 9259 Parkwood Dr.
0758 – larceny, 48501 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0817 – malicious destruction of property, 48127 Hull Rd.
1301 – personal injury accident, WB I-94/rest area
1312 – larceny, 12910 Lake Point Pass
1329 – retail fraud, Kmart
1347 – larceny, Walmart
1701 – trespassing, 7230 Sheldon Rd.
1804 – assault & battery, 46145 Village Green Ln.
1841 – narcotics crime, 46040 Lake Villa Dr.
1841 – fraud, Kmart

1853 – trespassing, 41900 Arthur St.
1937 – ATV/ORV complaint, 16800 Lohr
1953 – mental, Elwell/Lauren Ct.
2008 – malicious destruction of property, 42 Birch
2038 – fight, 82 Maple Dr.
2126 – missing person, 11100 Lighthouse Dr.
2225 – narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler Rd.
Thursday, Sept. 20:
0131 – assault & battery, 41431 S. Bellridge Dr.
0441 – malicious destruction of property, 41547 Arthur St.
0550 – malicious destruction of property, 41500 N. Bellridge Dr.
0921 – malicious destruction of property, 9721 Hamilton St.
1051 – malicious destruction of property, Stoneybrook Ct./Brookview Dr.
1301 – malicious destruction of property, 42052 Arthur St.
1629 – ATV/ORV complaint, 7871 Marlowe Ave.
1629 – personal injury accident, Tyler/Third
1746 – shots fired, 6924 Sadie Ln.
1819 – juvenile complaint, Harbour Boat Club
1837 – intimidation threat, 10667 Oak Ln.
1924 – disorderly conduct, 7844 Kirkridge Park Dr.
2133 – shots fired, 10819 Oak Ln.
2158 – larceny from auto, 49120 Denton
2224 – larceny from auto, 11090 Lighthouse Dr.
2242 – breaking & entering, 40473 Alden Ave.
Friday, Sept. 21:
0003 – property damage accident, Ecorse / Belleville
0235 – trespassing, 41547 Van Born
0254 – property damage accident, 16650 Haggerty
0359 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 46171 Village Green Ln.
0608 – malicious destruction of property, 10930 Lighthouse
0829 – larceny from auto, 10960 Lighthouse
0849 – larceny from auto, 47036 Harbour Pte. Ct.
1119 – harassment call, 45443 Harmony Lane
1401 – larceny from auto, 47599 Bentley Dr.
1414 – ordinance violation, 9445 Van Buren St.
1420 – vehicle repossession, 9555 Haggerty Rd., WCCC
1442 – fraud, 51341 W. Huron River Dr., Rite Aid
1607 – disturbance, 6606 Outer Dr.
1619 – harassment call, 10667 Oak Lane
1625 – intimidation threat, 6618 Maurice Dr.
1739 – larceny from auto, 47787 Bentley Dr.
1751 – larceny, 113 Maple
1814 – noise complaint, 13131 Dover Ct.
1917 – private property accident, Kmart
2002 – odor investigation, 42707 Leon Dr.
2014 – juvenile complaint, 48420 Denton Rd.
2129 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
2324 – fraud, Walmart
Saturday, Sept. 22:
0012 – noise complaint, 11275 Oak Lane
0212 – suicide or attempt, 41358 Ecorse Rd.
0317 – property damage accident, 16800 Lohr
0703 – shots fired, 10942 Buchanan
0730 – malicious destruction of property, 51135 Capitol Dr.
1059 – malicious destruction of property, 10112 Hamilton St.
1315 – shots fired, 16800 Lohr
1405 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Dellor St.
1653 – larceny from auto, 48771 S. I-94 Service
1741 – fraud, Walmart
1820 – larceny, 46000 Lake Villa Dr.
2008 – breaking & entering, 47599 Bentley Dr.
2100 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 41452 E. Archwood Dr.
2118 – noise complaint, Brookside/Wildbrook
Also on this week’s log are 171 traffic stops, 29 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 16:
0006 – assist citizen, 100 Maple
0052 – domestic assault, 156 Belle Villa Blvd.
0328 – assist citizen, Van Buren Plaza
1117 – information, 3 San Carlos St.
1318 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 154 Carmell
1348 – civil matter, 500 N. Liberty St.
1528 – suicide or attempt, 6 Main St.

1756 – assist fire dept., 206 Main St.
1811 – assist fire dept., 167 Main St.
2011 – intrusion alarm, 13474 Cobblestone Creek
2339 – motorist assist, Five Points
Monday, Sept. 17:
0012 – motorist assist, Sumpter/tracks
0820 – assist fire dept., 9 Capistrano Ct.
0850 – assist fire dept., 1 Capistrano Ct.
1803 – private property accident, BHS
2036 – lost property, 6 Main St.
2319 – assist fire dept., 144 Carmell St.
Tuesday, Sept. 18:
0028 – assist fire dept., 9 Capistrano Ct.
0758 – intrusion alarm, 525 E. Huron River Dr.
1546 – malicious destruction of property, 181 Church St.
2036 – suspicious vehicle, High/Edison
2035 – assist fire dept., 1 Capistrano Ct.
Wednesday, Sept. 19:
0146 – property check, 506 Harbour Pointe Dr.
0638 – intrusion alarm, 541 E. Huron River Dr.
1107 – found property, 184 Dos Rios St.
1128 – larceny, 183 Dos Rios
1135 – larceny, 184 Dos Rios
1233 – narcotics crime, BHS
1247 – larceny, 30 Carmell St.
1313 – vehicle lockout, 465 Main St.
1936 – breaking & entering, 32 Carmell St.
2034 – animal complaint, 163 Madelon St.
Thursday, Sept. 20:
0134 – larceny, 144 Carmell St.
0906 – background investigation, 6 Main St.
1002 – larceny, 56 Henry St.
1016 – welfare check, Fisher Library
1139 – narcotics crime, BHS
1356 – malicious destruction of property, 181 Church St.
1402 – background investigation, 6 Main
1623 – neighbor trouble, 58 Wexford Ave.
2022 – assist fire dept., 6 Main St.
Friday, Sept. 21:
0010 – traffic complaint, 102 Carmell St.
0159 – intrusion alarm, 25 Owen
0241 – assault & battery, 6 Main St.
0305 – intrusion alarm, 25 Owen
0326 – assist citizen, 40 Rose
0924 – assist fire dept., 524 Main St.
0929 – larceny from auto, 278 Bay Pointe Dr.
0936 – found property, 573 E. Huron River Dr.
1312 – property damage accident, Main/Fifth
1543 – civil matter, 500 Sumpter
1957 – follow up, 208 Belle Villa Blvd.
2335 – civil matter, 205 Second St.
Saturday, Sept. 22:
0946 – suspicious person, 458 Main St.
1224 – civil matter, 6 Main St.
1443 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 851 Sumpter
1511 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
2018 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
2243 – domestic assault, 210 Henry St.
2345 – assault & battery, 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court.
Also on this week’s log are 39 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 16:
0323 – operating while intoxicated, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0455 – fight, Rawsonville/Arkona
1241 – threats complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1443 – shots fired investigation, 42000 bl. Judd Rd
1752 – property damage accident, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1928 – assist other agency, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
2250 – ordinance violation, 24000 bl. Sherwood
Monday, Sept. 17:
0606 – alarm, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0944 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
1106 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1234 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1520 – warrant arrest, out of township
1742 – trespassing complaint, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1904 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1935 – malicious destruction of property, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
2006 – identity theft report, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
2035 – larceny, Nevada
2131 – noise complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 18:
0456 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1424 – civil dispute, Greenmeadow
1431 – citizen assist, Rawsonville/Willow
1457 – suspicious vehicle, 6000 bl. Oakville Waltz
1547 – fraud complaint, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1633 – suspicious incident, Savage/Bemis
2113 – personal injury accident, 18000 bl. Sumpter
Wednesday, Sept. 19:
0429 – alarm, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0604 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0904 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
1012 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1030 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1352 – alarm, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1404 – suspicious person, 17000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1453 – personal injury accident, 20000 bl. Wilmot
1653 – fire dept. assist, Stonecrest
1820 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz
1858 – larceny, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2021 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
2122 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
Thursday, Sept. 20:
0004 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
0940 – alarm, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1031 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1239 – fire dept. assist, California
1533 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis
1606 – animal complaint, Willow/Sumpter
1607 – fraud complaint, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1613 – disorderly person, Rustic Lane
1630 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Dunn
2127 – threats complaint, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
2139 – suspicious incident, 8700 bl. Rawsonville
Friday, Sept. 21:
0303 – 911 hangup, Hampshire
0843 – well-being check, 40000 bl. Wear Rd.
1054 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
1159 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1226 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1303 – missing person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1322 – found property, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1644 – animal complaint, Rustic Lane
2309 – family trouble, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Saturday, Sept. 22:
0031 – well-being check, Edgewood
1110 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1455 – juvenile complaint, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
2106 – warrant arrest, out of township
2141 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 18 follow-up investigations, 33 miscellaneous details, 152 patrol checks, and 72 traffic stops.

Belleville man who is robbery suspect will get second Ohio evaluation

Robert Reese, 30, of Belleville is accused of armed robbery of the Imperial Marathon on July 10 in Findlay, Ohio.
Reese was first found competent for trial, but after the Hancock County Jail physician diagnosed him with bipolar disorder, his public defender asked for a second opinion. Judge Reginald Routson granted the request for a second competency evaluation.
Reese reportedly suffered a brain injury when he nearly drowned as a child, leaving him comatose for about a week.
Angela Attard earns MBA from Walsh College
Angela Attard of Belleville, graduated from Walsh College on June 23 with a Master of Business Administration.
Walsh College is a private, not-for-profit, upper-division all-business college where 4,500 students study for bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees as well as professional certificates



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Pastor Bernie Travis shows off the new sign on his church announcing that the newly independent congregation has been renamed Liberty Gospel Church. The church is located at 105 N. Liberty Street in Belleville. It started off in that location as Great Lakes Christian Church in March 2003 and was a branch of its mother church in Warren, where Pastor Travis continues as an Elder. Before buying the building, the church had been meeting, starting in 1997, in a storefront in a strip mall at Haggerty and E. Huron River Dr. Pastor Travis, 74, was ordained in 1975 and retired from General Motors in 1991. He has been active in his church since he started teaching Sunday School at the age of 19. Pastor Travis said his congregation named the church "Liberty" after its location on Liberty Street and notes, "The Gospel does liberate you." Worship service in the non-denomination church is at 3 p.m. Sunday and Bible Study is at 7 p.m. Thursday. For information, call 699-6147 or Pastor Travis' cell, 734-740-1910.

Life Chain invites public to stand with them

From 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7, local people will be standing together silently at Five Points in Belleville, holding signs supporting life for the unborn and their mothers.

Life Chain is co-sponsored locally by Belleville Church of God, but the project is held on this day across the United States

and Canada.

The participants stand quietly, holding signs that say things like, "Pray to end abortion," "Abortion kills children," "Life is the first inalienable right," and "Abortion hurts children." Signs will be available there for participants.

The event has been sponsored by Right to Life – LIFESPAN since 1990. For information, call 734-524-0162 or see www.rtl-lifespan.org.

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