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On Saturday, about 80 women dressed as witches gathered at the outdoor dining area set up on the Fourth Street Square in downtown Belleville adjoining Egan's Irish Pub. This was the second-annual Witch Fest, a private party put on by four women who invite 20 friends each. After an hour of socializing, and posing for pictures, the witches got on two buses and headed out to an undisclosed location, which turned out to be Laurel Park Mall in Livonia for a scavenger hunt. The hunt continued at several bars, finishing at EG Nicks in Plymouth and heading home. Last year, the witches met inside Johnny's Grill with 12 Oaks Mall one of the stops.

Van Buren LDFA pushes for litigation against Visteon

By Diane Madigan
Independent Special Writer

In 2018, Van Buren Township will likely be unable to make a payment on the bonds sold to help construct Visteon Village and, since the full faith and credit of the township is pledged on those bonds, taxpayers could end up paying for the bonds with a millage.

The total bonds issued were \$25,789,656 and the total cost to VBT residents is \$55,988,988. The unpaid total is \$47,196,958.

During the period of April 1, 2014 to Oct. 1, 2018, the VBT LDFA will need to pay \$9,112,706 on the Visteon bonds.

The township hired Clark Hill law firm a year ago to help solve the bond problem and word of any progress has not been released to township residents.

But at the Oct. 8 meeting of the Local Development Finance Authority, VBT Supervisor Linda Combs said the public has not intentionally been kept from receiving information on the status of the Visteon bonds dispute.

She said attorney Kaveh Kashef from Clark Hill law firm and township attorney

Patrick McCauley are looking at litigation, so there are a lot of things that can't be discussed.

However, the attorneys authorized Supervisor Combs to impart the following "talking points" to the public:

- "We've been working with counsel to analyze Visteon's obligations to determine the best method of approaching Visteon."

Clark Hill has sent a letter to Visteon's president and CEO as well as its counsel asking Visteon to meet its obligations under the 2010 agreement between Visteon and the township at the bankruptcy trial.

- "Attached with the township's demand was a copy of a report commissioned by the township by the PFM Group. The report indicates that, under several scenarios which estimate revenue growth as compared to bond obligations, a shortfall will likely occur sometime in 2018."

- "Visteon is a strong corporate partner in this and we anticipate good-faith cooperation, however if they are unwilling to work with the township, we'll prepare to take the necessary steps including the possibility of litigation to obtain their

support."

- "At this time we are expecting cooperation with them, which we expect with them sitting down and talking to us about the findings of the PFM report."

LDFA member Doug Peters asked that the above statements be placed on the township web site. Supervisor Combs said she would have Executive Assistant Karin LaMothe summarize the statement, place it on the website, and release it to the press.

Combs said there is a possibility that the township could refinance part of the bonds in 2015, presuming the current conditions remain relatively the same.

"The experts say that would be the right time to do it," Combs said of refinancing. "It will likely create a cash savings, but not likely alter the date of the cash shortfall."

Peters, an attorney, recommended that

the LDFA recommend to the VBT Board of Trustees to instruct Clark Hill to initiate legal action within 30 days, with no exceptions.

"If Visteon wants to talk, they can talk while the litigation proceeds," Peters said. "For us to wait, loses the opportunity of memories, witnesses, availability."

"Visteon will not talk with us until they have to talk with us," Peters stated.

LDFA chairman Michael Dodson asked if that motion would be in line with the township's strategies so far.

Supervisor Combs said she thought it is, adding that this is a recommendation to the township board and she didn't see why this body couldn't make a recommendation at any given time to the board.

So, the LDFA voted unanimously to

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Edgemont student diagnosed with MRSA

WXYZ Channel 7 News reported Tuesday night that one case of MRSA has been confirmed at Edgemont Elementary School in Belleville.

Early Wednesday, officials at the Van Buren Public Schools Board office could not be reached by the *Independent* for comment.

According to WXYZ, the MRSA case was discovered at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and

cleaning crews were at the school Tuesday night. The school was open for classes on Wednesday morning.

Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus* (MRSA) is a bacterial infection that sometimes affects school populations.

The child has been seen by a medical doctor and because she is being treated within 24 hours, she is allowed to come back to school by the end of the week.

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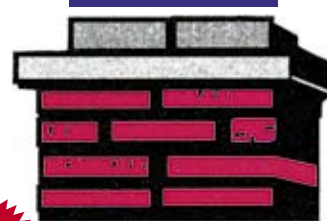
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Bankruptcy Judge signs Consent Judgment against Thomas White

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

As the business dealings of disbarred Belleville attorney Thomas A. White unfold at U.S. Bankruptcy Court where he seeks protection from creditors and former clients, it also unfolds where he faces criminal charges at 34th District Court.

White was disbarred July 15 and filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy July 19.

Although five felony charges were filed against White last month, the judge delayed White's preliminary exam on those charges until Oct. 16 because more charges reportedly were pending.

As of Tuesday, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office said no other charges had been approved.

In the charges pending at 34th District Court White is accused of defrauding the late Leland Jordan and his wife Judith A. Jordan of Belleville.

Conviction on those charges could bring him 44 years in prison if sentenced to the maximum.

Consent judgment signed

In other action, on Oct. 9, Bankruptcy Court Judge Thomas J. Tucker signed a consent judgment against White for \$166,573.95 to Anna F. Dziubek. The judgment amount is non-dischargeable.

The consent judgment may not be executed until the earlier of the lifting of the automatic stay in the bankruptcy filing or 180 days after the automatic stay is lifted.

This judgment will not restrict Dziubek from pursuing or receiving any payment from any source or any manner other than this judgment, including any restitution order that might come from the State Bar of Michigan Protection Fund.

The consent judgment was filed and granted the same day, since apparently the attorneys for White and Dziubek had agreed.

The complaint alleges that about Feb. 5, 2011, Heather Gray contacted White to set up an estate plan, including a revocable living trust for Dziubek, her mother. About March 17, 2011, Dziubek paid White \$166,573.95 and White agreed to hold the funds in trust and to invest the funds for the benefit of Dziubek and in the name of the Living Trust.

According to the complaint, White told Dziubek the funds would be used to purchase a certificate of deposit, but they weren't and the funds were misappropriated by White.

Dziubek asked White to return or otherwise account for the funds and he failed to do so.

The complaint alleges White committed fraud while acting in a fiduciary capacity and lied to his client while committing embezzlement and/or larceny, acting willfully and maliciously.

Complaint filed by Buttigieg

A new complaint was filed in Bankruptcy Court against White on Oct. 10 by Joseph and Amy Buttigieg, who are seeking a ruling that their debt of \$7,200 is non-dischargeable by the Bankruptcy Court.

The complaint alleges that in December 2012, they retained White to perform legal services for them and agreed to pay him \$500 to send a letter to some individuals regarding a property dispute.

The complaint alleges White told the Buttigiegs that he would use their credit card only for one \$500 transaction to pay himself for his services, but following the authorized \$500 payment, White paid himself a total of \$7,200 from the card on different occasions. None of these payments were authorized, according to the Buttigiegs.

The Buttigiegs' attorney John Rivard of UAW Ford Legal Services Plan said the debt is non-dischargeable because it was obtained through false pretenses, a false representation, or actual fraud. Also, non-dischargeable debts are those which are a result of fraud while acting in a fiduciary capacity, embezzlement, or larceny.

White is required to answer the complaint within 30 days.

New creditors

On Tuesday, Oct. 10, White's bankruptcy attorney added seven new unsecured, non-priority creditors to his list, which now totals \$1,344,776, according to the amendment filed.

Additions were listed as "business debts": Alyssa Renier (\$100,000), Karen Forester (\$43,000), Dan Fischer (\$35,000), Paypal (\$3,750), Dwayne Branham (\$19,000), Thomas Sienko (\$100,000), and Judy Jordan (\$60,000).

Also on the list of creditors holding unsecured non-priority claims listed as "business debts" are Betty Pendleton (unknown total), Ed Gallaway (\$300,000), Eugene Tierney (\$240,000), Jeffrey and Georgina Hamilton (\$50,000), Paypal (\$3,750), Thomas John Garrett Estate (\$216,000), Thomas Schotthoefer (unknown), Vivian Jackson (unknown),

Aside from "business debts" are: Genisys Credit Union (\$17,719, personal loan), Louis Leonor (business lease, unknown total), Sallie Mae Servicing Corp. (\$153,000 for student loans), and University of Michigan Health System (\$7,307 medical bills).



Photo courtesy Belleville Central Business Community
Grand Marshals of Saturday's Harvest Fest Parade, Boy Scout Leader Frank Sobecki and Girl Scout Leader Tricia Seay, chose Girl Scout Troop 20414 for their Grand Marshal Award. Girl Scout Troop 20414, Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes meet at Savage Elementary School. From left, in back are Marina Gerick, Sophie Harkle, Ashna Patel, Alyssa Melidosian, Taylor Pryor, and Carolmae Boyer. In front, from left, are Mya Rafferty, Kylie Satterfield, Avni Patel, Kendall Deegan, Cheyenne Wilson. Not pictured, but also marching in the parade, were Eliana Ludlow, Avery Fields, Dasha Igonin, Samia Walker, Sara Hadcock, Naima and Amira Yarbrough, and Lauren Kimberly.



Independent photo by Bob Mytych
Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts paraded during Saturday morning's Harvest Fest Parade in downtown Belleville. The parade celebrated 100 years of scouting,

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Oct. 17 – Van Buren Township is holding a day-long budget session at the township hall, beginning at 8 a.m.

• Monday, Oct. 21 -- Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Oct. 22 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water & Sewer Commission, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Oct. 23 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30

p.m.

• Monday, Oct. 28 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

• Monday, Nov. 4 -- Van Buren Township work-study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Nov. 5 -- Van Buren Township board meeting, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Nov. 6 – Van Buren Township Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.

• Monday, Nov. 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

OPINIONS

Editorial

VBALL comes to town with big plans

At a recent meeting, Van Buren Township Supervisor Linda Combs said things were not going well with the Belleville Area Little League (BALL) and the leadership had to be changed.

BALL had lost its 501c3 status, but was still accepting money as if it had that non-profit status. It was not adhering to the rules of Little League International. Reports said the state Attorney General's office was looking into the situation.

VBT was involved because BALL plays on the Beck Road ball diamonds which is on property leased to VBT by EQ, the landfill next door. The lease with EQ has "Little League" on it and will be updated.

For years, BALL volunteers worked on the fields and built stands and kept the place looking good. The township provided electricity for the concession stand and mowed the grass. Then a host agreement with EQ provided for EQ to make upgrades to the fields, but some drainage problems came up and that work wasn't completed. So, the township came up with federal CDBG funds to finish off the project.

On Sunday, a meeting was held and BALL was dissolved. A new Little League organization was formed: Van Buren Area Little League - VBALL. Officers were elected. The new group has great plans.

Best wishes to VBALL and its new president Marc Littleton who pledged all board meetings will be open to the public. Great beginning.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A reader emailed me that she saw an interesting story on Channel 4 News. They're trying coyote decoys in St. Clair Shores to deter Canada geese, she reported. The decoy they showed is life-size in a realistic pose, as if it is watching a bird flying. "Maybe Belleville should get one for Horizon Park," she said.

That would be fun to try. It might work better than the grape potion the city tried for a couple of years without success.

Van Buren Township Fire Chief Dan Besson sat on the front bumper of a fire truck Saturday and lobbed individually wrapped Atomic Fireball jawbreakers to people along the route of the Harvest Fest Parade. Most of the people caught them. I didn't because I was fooling with my camera. I did find it on the sidewalk behind my chair and brought it home.

My son Jim said the Atomic Fireball is an old-fashioned candy, probably from the 1950s, and he used to buy them at the Country Store in Romeo when we lived there in his youth. We lived in a subdivision and the kids had to cross busy Van Dyke to get to the Country Store. But, in all the years we lived there a child never got hit.

A man came in to buy a classified ad on Monday and showed us pictures he took at a garage sale on Ayres Street a couple of weekends ago. He said it was the funniest thing he ever saw.

He showed us pictures of a Wayne County Sheriff's van with prisoners inside that had stopped at a garage sale so the deputies could shop. The man said when he asked the deputies about it, they said they were in



the process of transferring some prisoners to Milan and stopped to shop. One person asked them to let the prisoners out so they could shop, too, and the deputies said no. They also were very adamant about not having their pictures taken. Oh, my.

Darryl Butler, currently a Belleville resident, contacted me with what he called "an odd request."

"My father Nathaniel E. Butler who is now in his 80s once worked the Belleville, Sumpter, Romulus area as a Wayne County Sheriff's deputy between 1951 and 1976. He has also built and remodeled many homes in this area. He asked me to help him locate a man whom he rescued from a frozen Belleville Lake back in winter of 1953. The gentleman's name is Robert Burch. Dad remembers the rescue date as Feb. 14, 1953. Any help you can provide would be much appreciated."

Call Daryl at 734-417-1850 or email him at got2boostit2@gmail.com.

Virg Stoltz at Trinity Episcopal Church has totaled up her intake from her sponsors and is reporting a grand total of \$5,080 for the CROP Walk on Oct. 6. Not bad for someone who recently had heart by-pass surgery, said Kelly Boelter who let us know about Virg.

Edward Allen, BHS Class of 1953, died last week and many of his classmates are mourning his passing. He made a

special effort to attend the Sept. 21 All-Class Reunion at BHS and was there in a wheelchair. He was battling leukemia.

Many people sought him out at the reunion to remember the good old days in Sumpter and BHS and to talk with him.

One classmate remembered Ed's family was the first in that part of Sumpter to get a television and all the neighbor kids were invited over to watch ... wrestling. That was what almost everybody wanted to watch. There weren't too many channels in the olden days. RIP, Ed.

On Monday I read a report from *Crain's Detroit Business* that the Michigan Grid Cell, a center that provides companies with equipment and training to aid in virtual design and prototyping, is leaving Grace Lake Corporate Center in Van Buren Township and moving to a place at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

The article says the Grid Cell is part of the GE Advanced Manufacturing and Software Technology Center at Grace Lake, but that site has high-level security and limited access and they would rather have the more-open environment of a college campus. The Michigan Economic Development Corp. helped establish the Grid Cell with a \$1 million grant.



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**Letters****Just curious about
a few things in this area**

To the Editor:

Just Curious

1. I was just curious, while driving west on I-94 there is a billboard that reads, "Shop in downtown Van Buren." Just when did this happen? Just when did Van Buren become a town and no longer a Charter Township? And, where is Downtown Van Buren? What a waste of taxpayer money. Is this the Van Buren Township DDA at work developing a downtown that does not exist? How does one have a DDA with no 'downtown'?

2. I was just curious, how do Van Buren Township citizens pay their water & sewer department bills? The address at the top of the water bill is 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren, MI 48111. In checking with the United States Post Office, "Unfortunately, this address wasn't found..." The zip code 48111 lists ONLY Belleville, MI with "...other acceptable cities for 48111 area Sumpter TWP, MI and Van Buren TWP, MI." Notice these are TOWNSHIPS. Is the post office delivering mail to an address in a town that does not exist?

3. I was just curious, what happened to the beautiful landscape for the front of the new Belleville High School? The artist rendering depicts a wonderful green lawn with trees and shrubs, sidewalks, and curbing, and a BLUE pond. Are we done yet? All we see is grass starting (that will hopefully turn green this second year) with trees that will eventually grow in 10 years. There is NO curbing (county responsibility); tilted 'NO PARKING' signs (that is capriciously enforced); a chewed-up parking strip where cars have left their mark while ignoring the signs; and a brown sump hole as big as the cafeteria in place of placid blue water pond. I guess this reinforces the statement: "It looks good on paper but what you get is two different things!"

4. I was just curious, if government agencies have a fiduciary responsibility to its citizens to provide the basic infrastructure maintenance that was levied and paid for by their county and city taxes. Huron River Drive is a county road that once was a spark of beauty on which to enter Belleville that has now reverted back to the "wagon wheel ruts" of the 1800s and is a disgrace which constantly massages shock absorbers into oblivion. The Wayne County Executive,

Robert Ficano, has spent more time, effort and dollars developing a "pie-in-the-sky" Air-tropolis (a word that exists only in his lexicon) or in boondoggling a new county prison of millions of dollars. We have a city (DDA) that talks of statues on Main Street when the residential streets and sewers are crumbling due to maintenance/replacement negligence. And we are saddled with a Library Board that has no concept of what the community NEEDS, only what the Library Board WANTS!

5. I was just curious, if this "short-list" might get some to remember they were elected to serve the people and community in which they live. Not in servitude, but in honoring the commitment to social service with dignity, honesty, and integrity.

Sincerely,

Cornell Anton, Jr.

City of Belleville

**Where was the support
for Saturday's parade?**

To the Editor:

Where were the people for the parade Saturday to support our young scouts? Moreover, where was the school band? We are asked to support the band, but they couldn't be there for our young scouts.

What a shame.

Sophia Miner

Sumpter Township

**Sad day in Detroit
political scene**

To the Editor:

A sad day. Former Mayor Kilpatrick and his buddy Mr. Ferguson on their way to the Big House (not the one in Ann Arbor where they play football) for something they do every day in Washington and they call it lobbying – and say please and thank you. In Detroit they said, "Give me the money or Mr. Ferguson may pistol whip you."

Sad, very sad, in Detroit as well as Washington, where the President withholds benefits to soldiers killed in action while the cookie maker and cake decorator toil away in the White House for the President's pleasure.

Sad, very sad indeed.

Mickey Widener

Van Buren Township

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More Letters

Museum needs help to decorate UM/MSU trees

To the Editor:

Go Blue! Go Green!

The Christmas season is just around the corner and the Belleville Area Museum needs your help.

Every year we hold a Holiday Tree Silent Auction where visitors bid on a tree of their choice to bring home for the holiday season.

This year the Belleville Area Museum and Historical Society have decided to have a "Rivalry Tree Auction." We will showcase a University of Michigan and a Michigan State tree for you to bid on, and hopefully take home. But first...your help is necessary in decorating both trees! Bring in your best blue and gold or green and white garland, lights, ornaments, etc. Anything Michigan or Michigan State is welcomed.

Remember, this is an auction and your donated items will be given over to the highest bidder. All proceeds will be used to support the projects and programs of the Belleville Area Museum and Historical Society. Museum and Tree decorating will begin Nov. 1. Please volunteer now to assist us!

The annual Holiday Festival of Trees will begin Nov. 19 and run through December. The Holiday Tree Silent Auction will run Nov. 19-Dec. 10. Fall/ Winter museum hours are Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday: noon-4 p.m.

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Obituaries



Ruth Anna Pollard

RUTH ANNA POLLARD, SONG BIRD STILLED

(December 14, 1930 - October 4, 2013)

Ruth Anna Pollard, age 82, passed away on Friday, October 4, 2013 at her home in Van Buren Township, Michigan. Ruth was born on December 14, 1930 in Evansville, Indiana to Robert and Beulah Jones Buttrum, the youngest of 14 children. She graduated from Mt. Vernon High School, then attended Lockyears Business School.

On September 26, 1953 she married James Pollard an Infantry Instructor at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky. When the Korean war ended, she and husband Jim moved to Detroit for 2 years, then Mt. Clemens for 8 years; this was followed by 35 years in Belleville, MI. They moved to Norway, MI in 1992. Ruth and her husband James celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 26, 2013. Music was Ruth's passion in life, Ruth had a very good and strong soprano voice that needed very little amplification. She was active in the music ministry of the Methodist church in each of the communities. Her love for music was further developed in Belleville with training by Mary Ellen Henkel of Ann Arbor. In Norway her talent was demonstrated as soloist, choir director and praise song leader at Grace United Methodist Church. The Pine Mountain Music Festival was a great source of pleasure; she sang in their annual opera chorus for 14 years, then became area director for 3 years. The Dickinson Community Chorus was also a part of her music contribution for 10 years. One of her favorite times was singing for the Liturgical Dance Group of the First United Methodist Church of Belleville for many years. Ruth sang Musical Therapy in many nursing homes for years. She served her community as the Director of Western Wayne County United Fund. She later enjoyed directing The Golden-K Chorus in the Iron Mountain, MI area.

Ruth is the last of her family of 14 children to pass away. She is preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Collette in 1991; and leaves 3 sons, James E. Jr. (Dawn Elizabeth) Pollard of Belleville, MI, Howard (Dawn Lyn) Pollard of Dearborn, MI and Paul (Pam) Pollard of

Belleville, MI, 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Also, many nieces and nephews, mostly in the Evansville, IN area. Cremation rites will be accorded. A memorial service will be Saturday, October 12, 2013 starting at 9 A.M. with an 11:00 A.M. service at First United Methodist Church 417 Charles Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Pastor Jim Walker will officiate. Luncheon will follow the service with interment of cremains at 3 P.M. at Hillside Cemetery.

Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI. Donations may be made to Belleville First United Methodist Church and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Samuel Overholt

SAMUEL E. OVERHOLT

(March 4, 1950 - October 11, 2013)

Samuel Ephraim Overholt, age 63, passed away Friday, October 11, 2013 at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. He was born Saturday, March 4, 1950 in Grainger, TN, son of the late James Coy and Elizabeth (Miracle) Overholt.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years Brenda Overholt of Belleville; three children Scott Overholt of Belleville, Sandy Mullins of Taylor, MI, and Vivian Mastie of Belleville; six grandchildren Rebecca, Christina, Adam,

Emily, Lucas, and Joey; six brothers James Overholt of Michigan, Bob (Della) Overholt of Texas, Larry (Denise) Overholt of Michigan, Rick (Georgette) Overholt of California, Daryl Overholt of Michigan, and Dennis (Diane) Overholt of Michigan; two sisters Pat (Mack) Miracle of Kentucky and Ellen (Ray) Delph of Texas; brothers and sisters-in-law, Wilma Randolph of Tennessee, Roy (Barb) Webb, Dewey (Janet) Webb of Michigan, Linda (Jack) Dewald of Michigan; numerous nieces and nephews, and his best friends Cherokee, and Lacy.

Samuel was a resident of Van Buren Township for 42 years. He enjoyed old car shows as well as his 2012 yellow Camaro. He was an avid bird-watcher who loved taking the family to the Smokey Mountains. Most of all, Samuel enjoyed his grandkids, especially watching his grandson play football at Belleville High School.

Visitation was Tuesday, October 15, 2013 from 1-8 a.m. and Wednesday, October 16, 2013 from 10-11 a.m., followed by an 11 a.m. funeral service at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family. Please sign his on-line guestbook and share a memory for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

KATHERINE KAY RICHARDSON

(January 19, 1963 - October 6, 2013)

Age 50, resident of Belleville for over 40 years. BHS class of 1981. Survived by parents Billy and Freddie Richardson, brother Kenneth (Alina). Services Oct. 11 at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel.



Mary A. Bryant

MARY A. BRYANT

(November 14, 1927 -- October 14, 2013)

Mary A. Bryant of Jackson passed away on Monday, October 14, 2013 with her family by her side, at the age of 85. Survived by four children Kathleen M. (Alan) Lanphear, Edward L. (Lori) Bryant, Patricia A. (Robert) Queener, and Carolyn L. Bryant; eight grandchildren Shane Mitchell, Nichole Dunkerley, Joshua Mitchell, Heather Wade, Christine Wright, Joseph Ashley, Nathaniel Bryant, Jennifer Bosman; five great-grandchildren Scott, Kasmin, Kenneth, Kimberley, Piper.

Mary retired from Kelsey Hayes Co. and was a volunteer for many years at Allegiance Hospital, as well as the Salvation Army. She enjoyed playing bingo and cards at the Crouch Center. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, October 17, at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church, with Father Timothy MacDonald as celebrant. Cremation will follow.

Arrangements were by Desnoyer Funeral Home, Jackson, where visitation was held on Wednesday, October 16.

Contributions to Queen of the Miraculous Medal Church would be appreciated. To send condolences to the family go online to desnoyerfuneralhome.com or www.mlive.com

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Oct. 17** – Senior/ Retiree/ Adult swim time at the BHS Pool, 9-10 a.m., fee is \$5 per swimmer. Not a structured program. For adults only, no children.

• **Saturday, Oct. 19** -- Family/Open Swim at the BHS Pool, noon to 2 p.m., \$5 per

Obituaries



Edward L. Allen

EDWARD L. ALLEN

(June 25, 1935 - October 7, 2013)

Edward L. Allen, age 78, passed away October 7, 2013. He was raised in Sumpter Township and graduated from Belleville High School in 1953.

He is survived by his wife Jean Mrowka-Allen; his children Roy (Ann), John, Lynn (Doug) Barth and the late Cathy (Bob) Thomas; step-children Wendy (Glenn) Thurston and Randall (Carrie) Mrowka; grandchildren Sarah, April, Anthony, Nathan, Caleb, Josh, Luke, Sarah, Anthony and Ashley; and great-grandchildren Shayla, Celeste, Alaina and Evan. Also survived by his former wife Norene Surdu.

A funeral mass was held October 11 at St. Linus Catholic Church with burial at Avery Township Cemetery, Atlanta, MI. Arrangements were by the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City.

Grief support groups start Oct. 17, Oct. 29 for 6 wks. at Brown Center

"Genesis: A Personal Guide through Grief" will start Thursday, Oct. 17 and run every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Nov. 21 at the Brown Family Center, 678 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville.

Also, a group has been formed to meet from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays from Oct. 29 through Dec. 3.

Call Mary Martinez, Grief Coordinator, at 734-697-5090, for information or to register for the free, six-week program which guides people through the grief process.

swimmer. No swim diapers and only Coast Guard approved life vests permitted.

• **Saturday, Oct. 19** – VBT residents can drop off household hazardous wastes at EQ on the North I-94 Service Drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. List of acceptable items on www.vanburen-mi.org.

• **Saturday, Oct. 19** – Belleville Area Museum Cemetery History Tour runs from 3 to 7 p.m. at Tyler Cemetery. Tours start every half hour. Adult \$7; child 5-12/ senior/historical society members, \$5.

• **Sunday, Oct. 20** – Free Country and Bluegrass music from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Van Buren Senior Center. Information: Hugh, 485-7241, or Lynette, 699-8918.

• **Sunday, Oct. 20** – Bring your pug to SE Michigan Pug-N-Play at 2 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd. Off-leash playtime with other friendly pugs and pug owners. Free, but donations accepted.

• **Sunday, Oct. 20** – You're invited to a Baby Shower to benefit Family Life Services from 2 to 4 p.m. at the parish hall at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. Please bring an unwrapped donation. Refreshments will be served. 697-8822

• **Monday, Oct. 21** – Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 6 p.m. and thereafter at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Rd. "Tombstone Restoration" at 7:30 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Oct. 22** – Senior/ Retiree/ Adult swim time at the BHS Pool, 9-10 a.m., fee is \$5 per swimmer. Not a structured program. For adults only, no children.

• **Tuesday, Oct. 22** – The Huron Valley Conservation Association presents a delicious catered dinner with homemade desserts from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Road. Cost \$12 adult, \$7 child 5-12 years old. Carry-outs available.

• **Thursday, Oct. 24** – Senior/ Retiree/ Adult swim time at the BHS Pool, 9-10 a.m., fee is \$5 per swimmer. Not a structured program. For adults only, no

children.

• **Thursday, Oct. 24** – King Brothers will be serving a pancake supper at Owen Intermediate School from 5 to 7 p.m.. Cost is \$5 (\$15 for a family of four). All proceeds benefit the band program at Owen.

• **Saturday, Oct. 26** – Hillside Cemetery flag placement on veterans' graves needs volunteers. Cemetery gates open at 8:30 a.m.

• **Saturday, Oct. 26** -- Family/Open Swim at the BHS Pool, noon to 2 p.m., \$5 per swimmer. No swim diapers and only Coast Guard approved life vests permitted.

• **Saturday, Oct. 26** – It's the free Candy Loop at Quirk Park behind the Van Buren

Township Hall from 5 to 7 p.m. Children dressed in Halloween attire can walk the path to various candy stops and receive treats. Rain or shine.

• **Sunday, Oct. 27** – Free Country and Bluegrass music from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Van Buren Senior Center. Information: Hugh, 485-7241, or Lynette, 699-8918.

• **Tuesday, Oct. 29** – Senior/ Retiree/ Adult swim time at the BHS Pool, 9-10 a.m., fee is \$5 per swimmer. Not a structured program. For adults only, no children.

• **Thursday, Oct. 31** – Senior/ Retiree/ Adult swim time at the BHS Pool, 9-10 a.m., fee is \$5 per swimmer. Not a structured program. For adults only, no children.



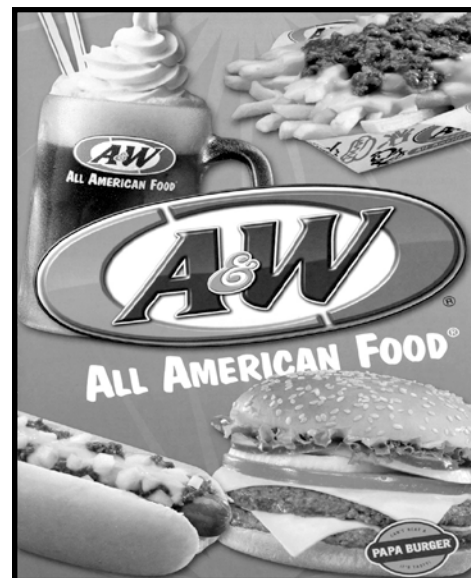
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Wayne County Fair grateful for support

To the Editor:

The 2013 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, community arts building, 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!

This year we'd like to say thank you to some community sponsors of the Wayne County Fair: Hungry Howie's, Meijer, and Walmart, all of Van Buren Township; Waste Management; and Tribute Horse Feed.

These local businesses donated to our 4-H program which benefited the program tremendously. We are very thankful for their donations. 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

Support McBride's BelleVelocity run/walk

To the Editor:

McBride Middle School will host its third annual BelleVelocity 5K run/walk on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Belleville High School track. The activities will include music from DJ Derek Rafferty of E3 Detroit, face painting, jump roping, limbo challenges, mile marker bracelets,

and football tossing. Concessions will consist of cider and donuts, hot chocolate, coffee, water, and snacks.

The community is welcome to join with an appreciated donation of \$10 to the McBride Middle School PTO. All contributing participants will be eligible to win a prize during the event which will include various gift cards from our community businesses, iTunes, and T-shirts.

You won't want to miss this family friendly event while celebrating the fundraising success that BelleVelocity brings to McBride! Please check out our newly designed website by Revolutionary Designz at www.bellevelocity.com for further details!

Amy Quinn
Van Buren Township

Computer classes starting at the library

To the Editor:

Are you ready to take that first step towards learning how to use a computer? Or, do you want to upgrade your skills?

The Belleville Library is offering adult computer classes starting Monday, Oct. 21. Topics include Introduction to the Computer, Introduction to the Internet, Microsoft Word, and Email.

Some classes require existing skills - stop by the library to learn more. A \$5 deposit (to be returned when you attend the class) is required to reserve each space.

Hilary Savage, Adult Services Librarian
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Was that a huge hot-air balloon?

To the Editor:

At 8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 19, over Belleville Lake between two town houses on the left side and two town houses on the right with a vacant lot in between, there's a tree that appears to look like a Christmas tree. East of it is another town house. I took pictures of what appeared to be a hot air balloon. I took pictures of it with my camera phone and, it changed into a full moon.

Thanking you,
Charlie C. Crispell
Sumpter Township

Editor's Note: That Harvest Moon sure was bright this year.

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Sumpter Township hears report from Wayne Co. Comm. McNamara

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara attended the Oct. 8 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees to give a report to his constituents.

Sumpter officials are big supporters of McNamara, D-Van Buren Township, and Supervisor Johnny Vawters reminded him that Sumpter was the first board to support him when he first ran for office.

And, the feeling is mutual.

McNamara reported that he just approved increasing the Community Development Block Grant allocation for Sumpter from \$50,000 to \$76,000.

And, he pointed out, Sumpter has had seven straight county park grants, with the eighth grant coming up, one for every year he's been on the commission.

He said the eight years of consecutive park grants is the longest run of consecutive grants in Wayne County, second only to the City of Detroit.

McNamara said on June 6 the county approved six new emergency sirens for Sumpter Township. He was told they aren't up yet, but it's in the works.

McNamara also reported he has found some Rural money for Wayne County and, "You're the only rural area."

McNamara said he's been asked by other commissioners why he wants to do so much for Sumpter Township.

He said he tells them if he gave \$50,000 to Canton Township, they would hire an architect, an engineer, a construction management company and by the time they were done they would put up \$10,000 worth of construction.

He said if he gave \$50,000 to Sumpter Township, they would throw a barn-raising party and do the work with volunteers.

"I get more bang for my buck in Sumpter," McNamara said.

He also said he is the new head of public service for the county and so he is beefing up the ditching program and bought new equipment.

He said a lot more ditches will be cleaned by the county. He said in the spring he refers to Sumpter as "Atlantis" because of all the flooding.

He said people want roads passable, the parks nice, water to go away, and when they flush it works.

He said the public has to fill out forms to get drains cleaned, however. They have to sign a piece of paper to get drain work started. He referred to the drain projects in planning stages in the township.

McNamara said one-third of the new jobs in the state and one-third of the new businesses in the state are in Wayne County, and mostly in Western Wayne. He said this development is coming Sumpter's way.

At the end of McNamara's presentation, Trustee William Hamm said he saw a county grader knock off a guard rail on a bridge on Judd and Karr. McNamara said that was the first he'd heard of it and he would take care of it.

At the beginning of his remarks, McNamara

said those at the meeting already know the bad things about Wayne County that have been in the news. He said he wanted to concentrate on the good things.

In other business at the Oct. 8 meeting, the board:

- Rescinded action taken at the Sept. 24 meeting that approved a bid for emergency snow removal because CDBG requires at least two bids and there was only one;

- Approved a motion to go out for bids for emergency snow removal, hoping to get at least two bids;

- Approved selling the black GMC water van for \$100;

- Approved the annual Haunted Fire Station on Oct. 31, with trick-or-treat candy inspections by the police starting at 5 p.m.;

- Approved purchasing two Dell desk computers and two Dell laptop computers for the Fire Department from Wise Technologies for a total of \$2,336.70;

- Approved hiring Michael Scott Marecle and Eric Long as paid-on-call fire fighters;

- Approved selling the



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1988 Ford L8000 fire truck at auction;

- Accepted the bid from Marken to re-roof the post office, gymnasium, and police station for a total of \$25,000 to be paid from the general fund. Marken also got the bid for re-roofing the senior center and that work is complete, paid for with CDBG funds;

- Approved the signing of the CDBG block grant contract from July 2013 through June 2018;

- Approved going out for property management services for CDBG. The township has someone who does it now, but CDBG rules call for going out for bids; and

- Heard Mary Ban warn residents to turn off all their electrical equipment when the Smart meters are being installed or risk equipment being damaged, since that's what happened to a friend of hers.

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LDFA pushes

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recommend to the VBT Board to instruct legal counsel to file a petition to reopen the Visteon bankruptcy and initiate other legal action by Nov. 30.

Supervisor Combs said it would be discussed at the Oct. 14 work/study session of the board, and it was, briefly.

Supervisor Combs also said that it's up to the township board to decide if this request fits with the township's strategy in negotiations with Visteon.

LDFA member Peters said he believes "Time is of the essence". If the bankruptcy is opened soon, Visteon must include this in its annual report.

Combs said, "The best-case scenario is we would get Visteon to the table and they would agree to pay us a sum that we would be able to pay down the debt with. That, with the money coming in from the LDFA (approximately \$504,000 for 2013) would be the best-case scenario. The worse-case would be we would need to get a millage. It may be an option but it's not something we're considering at the present time."

VBT's attorney at Clark Hill sent a letter to Visteon on Sept. 9 which included a report from the PFM Group on financial projections. The report indicated LDFA will likely run out of funds to make payments on Visteon bonds in 2018. The letter also asked Visteon to schedule a meeting with the township within the next 30 days. As of Oct. 8 there had been no response.

PFM is a financial management group that was hired by the LDFA in June 2012 for \$2,573. At that time, PFM developed scenarios in dealing with refinancing the bonds in 2014 and dealing with a potential loss of personal property tax revenue.

Arthur Mullen, Director of Planning and Economic Development, asked if the commission wanted to have a closed session with the attorney prior to the recommendation.

"No, they work for us," Peters replied. "We're the client. We've diddled for a year. The basis for my motion is the last paragraph of the lawyer's letter to Visteon, Sept. 9." (Before the meeting started, Peters said, "Yeah, I read the last paragraph that says the ball is now in our court.")

Representatives from Visteon have stated

that Visteon intends to meet its obligations under the agreement, Peters said.

"We assume that intention remains and that Visteon will act in good faith and in fact meet its obligations under the agreement," Peters said. "As a first step in that process, we would like to schedule an initial meeting within the next 30 days, which is a reasonable time for you to complete a review and analysis of the cash flow review."

"If Visteon ignores our requests or fails to negotiate in good faith, we have no other option but to seek relief through judicial means. If our lawyers' letter and if our township is to have any credibility, we must act," Peters said.

"It's pretty cut and dried," Supervisor Combs said. "You are right."

"As soon as the minutes get transcribed, I will make sure that the board members are notified of the recommendation of this board/committee and I will forward it to them in writing, so that they all have a heads-up before work/study," Combs said.

Chairman Dodson said he would attend the work/study.

From the audience, Barbara Miller thanked Peters for "his astute observations."

The *Independent* asked if the current LDFA budget item Debt Stabilization Reserve of \$1.5 million will need to be spent to get the township to 2018. Mullen said he would check.

Fiscal Report

In a related item, Mullen gave a fiscal report with information of where the LDFA funds come from.

He said a fall bond payment of \$412,945 was made on Sept. 30 and the next payment is due April 1, 2014.

Funds for payments on the Visteon Bonds came from Wayne County, \$168,491 for the summer tax bill.

The winter estimate for Wayne County is another \$21,523; Wayne County Jail Millage capture is \$27,984; Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority, \$6,401; Wayne County Community College, \$96,674; and the capture from DIA and Zoo will be \$0.

From the township operating fund, the LDFA collects, \$27,277; Public Safety capture is \$119,322; Library Authority, \$20,891; Wayne County Parks, \$7,335, for an estimated winter total this year of

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\$335,399.

Peters asked if Wayne County Jail would still collect the millage for the new jail that isn't going to be built. Mullen said he didn't know if the millage was for a new jail or for operating expenses. He said he would look into it.

In other business at the hour-long meeting on Oct. 8, the LDFA:

- Re-elected Michael Dodson as chairman and elected Chris Hayes as vice chairman and Leonard Armstrong as secretary, even though he was not in attendance;

- Heard a report by Mullen on the lawsuit that was filed to allow taxing jurisdictions to continue to capture portions of the Detroit Institute of Arts and Zoo millages. Although Wayne County Circuit Court ruled in favor of local taxing jurisdictions against the Treasurer, the case is now on appeal. If the County wins on appeal, Mullen said the LDFA probably would need to repay any money it previously captured. Since the court ruling, the Lt. Governor signed a law saying there is no authority to capture a portion of those two millages. The *Independent* asked if the Zoo was appealing back captured funds from their 2008 millage. Barbara Miller, an attorney who serves on the Wayne County DIA Authority Board, said the DIA is not appealing for back funds because their millage was for a short period of time. In Wayne County the figure was \$50,000. However, the Zoo is appealing because the Zoo's capture was \$750,000;

- Heard Miller say after reviewing historical LDFA minutes, she found \$200,000 was given to Visteon for development of a park and saw notes that it would be open for a walking trail. She said she called the VBT Recreation Department and they knew nothing about it. Mullen said it is posted as open to the public at the entrance to the parking lot at the woods. Supervisor Combs said she would make sure it is brought to the attention of the Recreation Department. Mullen said the township probably gave money for some on-site improvements to the campus, but it's not owned by the township, but is on land now owned by Sovereign. Peters said the township doesn't own it, but has some sort of easement or right of use. That would have been one of the bases for filing a lien against the property, he said. Miller asked where would a copy of the agreement be? Dodson asked Combs to find out if there is an agreement in place and check with the new owners to make sure that access will not be denied;

- Heard audience member Sandy Croswell, a neighbor to Visteon, say she was walking the trails and was stopped by security and told she was not allowed there and had to leave. She said later she received an email from Visteon saying she and her neighbors were allowed. Peters said this is evidence of a pre-existing agreement and it should be recorded in the County deeds as a recorded easement. Miller also said it should be recorded that neighbors that

continually walk these trails are concerned about maintenance;

- Heard audience member John Delaney ask chairman Dodson to have the board develop a policy for attendance. He said he's been keeping track and in the past 4.5 years, Armstrong has been at only four meetings and Covington has been to eight meeting. Delaney suggested three absences a year be allowed. Combs agreed and said they will check the bylaws for all committees and commissions. If they don't already have an attendance clause in their bylaws, "We'll make sure they get one";

- Heard Miller ask what the board's policy is for cancelling meetings for lack of agenda. There have been several LDFA meetings cancelled for lack of agenda. "How can there be a lack of agenda when you have this Visteon thing going on? Who cancels these meetings? This is a very important commission for the township," Miller said. Combs said to cancel a meeting there is generally a consensus between Mullen, Dodson and herself.

Peters said one of the reasons some meetings were cancelled was because the lawyers didn't want any discussion until they reviewed the documents.

"We understand and we completely agree with you," said chairman Dodson. "This committee and the Visteon Action Item are detrimental to what could possibly happen in this township. We take this very seriously. I can assure you, we have these discussions every single month at length."

Peters said a couple of the meetings were cancelled because they couldn't make a quorum and that goes to the attendance issue.

"Just know that this board is being scrutinized by the public," Miller said. "We want you to meet. We want you to get to the bottom of this Visteon thing."

Delaney said there is always a printed agenda. There may be no New Business or Old Business to discuss, but there is always Correspondence, General Discussion, and Audience Non-Agenda. The audience in any meeting should not be kept from saying what is on their mind, he said.

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Miller said she expects Channel 2 and the UAW to be on hand Nov. 9.

Light refreshments will be available and food will be provided by JLong Barbeque, Miller said.

Volunteers are asked to bring an empty toilet paper roll which will be used as a planter in the spring.

She said in the spring the growing part of the project will begin and teens will be hired to help.

Miller said Tim Horton's and Ford Motor Co. are two of the companies that have donated material for the project.

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Sumpter Team competes in memory of Police Officer Roy Graham

On Saturday, Oct. 5, members of the Sumpter Township Police Department and a group of family and friends took part in the Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5k in Hines Park, Plymouth Township.

The event was held to celebrate the dedication of the new Wayne County First Responder Memorial, located on the corner of Haggerty Road and Hines Drive. The new memorial includes the name of Sumpter Township Police Officer Roy Graham, who was killed in the line of duty on July 28, 1985.

"We ran in honor of Officer Graham," said Sumpter Police Captain Eric Luke, adding that the team wore especially designed T-shirts that said "In honor of Officer Roy Graham" on the back.

Completing their respective races were:
Half Marathon: Sergeant Patrick Gannon
"Congratulations, Sgt. Gannon, on a job well done. We are all proud of you," Captain Luke said, pointing out Gannon ran 13.1 miles.
5K: Captain Eric Luke, Detective John Toth, Officers Elizabeth Egerer, Colleen Carefelle and Joseph Balowski, and Operations Coordinator Malissa Baker.

Also, family members: Trully Luke, Mike Paquette, Logan Toth, Chloe Toth, Lauren Gannon, and Kyrie Gannon; and friends Maurine Fry and Kaylee Settles.

Team Sumpter placed second in the fastest team competition, right behind the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, and placed third for the Community Spirit Award for team size.



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Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2013**

Roll call: Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, P. Morgan, & Swinson. Excused absence Supervisor Vawters. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to have Treasurer J. Morgan chair the meeting at 6:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Agenda: Motion by Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve the agenda with item H added. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments on Agenda items only

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Bates, supported by Hoffman to approve minutes of the regular board meeting September 10, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve warrants totaling \$1,762, 112.11. Roll call vote: Yes: Hoffman, J. Morgan, Bates, Hamm, P. Morgan, & Swinson. Nay: None. Absent: Vawters. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation: None

8. Attorney:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve to increase the employer contribution to 15% for the AFSCME employees and the non-union employees and increase the reimbursement of expenses for elected officials to 75% to begin October 1, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the command officers association union contract drafted by the attorney and approved by the board to expire September 30, 2017 with minor changes. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the attorneys' report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Supervisor: None

10. Board Response

11. New Business:

A. Motion by Bates, supported by Swinson to approve the purchase of 3 (three) park benches from AAA State of Play for \$1,160.00 Paid out of Wayne County Parks Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve use of Community Center Gym Free for craft show November 1 & 2, 2013 (proceeds to support senior Christmas party). Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Hamm, supported by Hoffman to approve resolution 2013-11 Tax Resolutions. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve the Liquor License for Benito's Pizza 51255 Willis. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve the snow removal for seniors bid from Lator Gator to be used only in emergency. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Hamm to approve resolution 2013-12 change in Section F. regarding unmetered Water or Sewer rates. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve to terminate upon request of the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters Union 5 firefighters, Patty Wasilewski, Enida Winekoff, Daniel Gonczy, Gregg Horn, & Scot Rhodes for violating union contract. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve the resignation of police officer Chaim Kozak with regrets. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Announcements

13. Open Floor

14. Adjournment: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 6:58 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on September 24, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and

public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Publish: October 17, 2013

Mark your calendar: Next Belleville Day in Florida is Feb. 5, 2014

Belleville Day in Florida will be Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014. Sam Vicchy has reserved the Golf Country Club in Herando, FL. Anyone wishing more information is invited to call Sam at 352-726-9132.

More information will be released closer to the event.

Tyler Elem. PTO seeks vendors for Santa Shop

Students at Tyler Elementary School will be able to shop for holiday gifts at low cost at the annual Holiday Santa Shop Dec. 3, 4,

and 5.

The Tyler PTO is asking local craft vendors to participate and vendor tables can be rented for \$25 per table for the three-day event.

For information and to reserve tables, call Trena Peatry, publicity chairman, at (734) 218-5361.



EMERGENCY SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

The Township of Sumpter 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 is seeking sealed bids for snow removal of driveways for the Senior Chore Program. Bid is due by November 5, 2013 @3:00 pm.

Bid specifications available at the Clerk's Office.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Publish October 17, 24 & 31, 2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WILLOW RUN AIRPORT

FAR Part 150 Supplemental Noise Compatibility Study

Yankee Air Museum
47884 D Street
Belleville, Michigan

**Wednesday, November 6, 2013
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Wayne County Airport Authority is in the final stages of conducting a Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 150 Aircraft Noise and Land Use Compatibility Supplemental Study for Willow Run Airport. The supplemental Study represents the combined efforts of community and airport stakeholders who have an interest in activity at the Airport.

The public is invited to attend a Public Hearing to provide information about changing conditions that have taken place since the last Part 150 Noise Study was completed in 2009. Those changes include reductions in aircraft operations and the potential closure of Runway 14-32.

Wayne County Airport Authority will hold a Public Hearing on the Part 150 Supplemental Study on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at the Yankee Air Museum located at 47884 D Street in Belleville, Michigan from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Hearing will be a formal open house format, allowing the public to stop by anytime between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. A short presentation will be held at 6:00 p.m. Public comments will be taken by a court reporter after the 6:00 p.m. presentation or can be made in writing and submitted that evening. Written comments can also be submitted by mail through November 15, 2013 to:

Theresa Samosiuk
Wayne County Airport Authority
L.C. Smith Terminal – Mezzanine
Detroit, Michigan 48242
Theresa.samosiuk@wcaa.us

A copy of the Supplemental Recommendations Chapter is available for public review in the Airport Administrative offices at Willow Run Airport, 801 Willow Run, Ypsilanti, MI., or www.wcaa.us/development/noise/willowrunoverview, and www.willowrunairport.com/development. Pre-arranged appointments can be made by calling (734) 485-6666.

Reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired will be provided upon three (3) days' notice to Kristy Exner, Wayne County Airport Authority at (734) 247-2223 or by e-mail to kristy.exner@wcaa.us.

Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Belleville Presbyterian Church on Belleville Road is gearing up for its annual **Community Halloween Party** on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be games, crafts, story time, snacks, and its famous Parade of Costumes. The event is free but all children must be accompanied by an adult. Call (734) 697-8687 for details.

The **Belleville A & W Restaurant** on Columbia near 5 Points is now offering its famous Coney hot dogs for just 99 cents for the rest of the season. Call (734) 699-1800. Visit them on Facebook, too.

The **Romulus Recreation Center** next to the airport on Northline Road is gearing up for **RAC or Treat**, a fun-filled night of Halloween-themed games and contests, in addition to bouncers, swimming, rock climbing, and other spooky fun. Enjoy their Track or Treat event along with free cider and donuts. The RAC has once again turned their teen room into Sleepy Hollow, where haunted thrills and chills will await you. See their website for details as well as general membership info at www.romulusathleticcenter.com or call (734) 942-2222.

The **Bayou Grill** on Main Street invites

you to join them for Sweetest Day this Saturday, Oct. 19. Get 2 entrees for \$25. Reservations can be made by calling (734) 697-2300.

Josh Turner announces that the **Belleville Martial Arts Institute** at **785 Sumpter Road** near the Secretary of State is now open and offering **Isshinryu Karate** taught by qualified instructors. Visit www.bellevilemartialarts.com for details and schedules. Call (734) 391- 8615.

Atchinson Ford's would like to thank the public for making their **Drive One 4 Your School** event last Saturday a huge success. They reached their quota and raised \$6,000 for Belleville High School. We're grateful to have Atchinson and Ford Motor Co. in our community.

Family Portraits at a cost of \$5 each are being scheduled for Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the **Belleville Church of God** on Hull Road. There must be an adult in each photo. Reservations are required and can be made by calling **Connie Hilberath** at (734) 732-7116.

The **Lunch Box's 1st Annual Pumpkin Patch Bash Classic Car Show** is this Saturday, from 5 to 8 p.m. in their parking lot. There will be trophies, \$25 cash prizes and gift certificates for Best in Show, Best Costume, and Best Carved Pumpkin. Stop by for free cider and donuts, too. Call (734) 381-8281.



Independent photo by Bob Mytych

On Thursday morning Applebee's restaurant in Van Buren Township held a ribbon-cutting for its newly redecorated facility with the support of elected local officials and members of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. As part of the renovations, memorabilia from Applebee's walls were auctioned off and a check for \$2,500 was presented to Guiding Harbor of Belleville. The local nonprofit organization (formerly Girlstown) provides care and placement services for abused and neglected children. TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants, a family owned company based in Livonia, purchased the Belleville location as part of a 65-restaurant transaction in September 2012. The company invested about \$250,000 into the Belleville location in order to upgrade the interior and exterior look and feel of the restaurant.

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GREAT LIVING!



15685 BROOKSIDE, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
CHARM YOU CAN LIVE IN! Stunning colonial in a best neighborhood featuring a kitchen with a breakfast area, 4 bedrooms, 2-1/2 bathrooms, large unfinished basement, central air and more. Large family room and the large master bedroom has separate tub and shower. Private yard backs up to woods. A true reflection of good taste! \$225,000.

NEW LISTING!



50667 HURON RIVER DRIVE, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
COTTAGE APPEAL PLUS! This home can only be described as adorable and in ultra move in condition. 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths and extra clean with 1,116 sq ft. Large sunroom overlooks an open rear yard with detached garage, storage building. .62 acres and more \$100,000.

5 ACRES!



7055 SHELTON, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
ALL YOU'D EXPECT AND MORE! 5+ acres and minutes from expressways and shopping. Sky high windows in the living room plus family room with fireplace. Finished Basement, wet bar, and half bath. Possible 4th bedroom in the bonus room-hobby room. 2.5 car attached garage, 2 story barn/garage(24x30), deck with gazebo. Love the land and the house will love you back! \$300,000.

SECLUDED!



50300 WILLOW, SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
YOUR DRIVEWAY TO A PASSAGE OF PRIVACY! Newer secluded ranch with 3 large bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1925 Sft, family room with fireplace, open kitchen and dining area, two baths, central air, and a deck. Master bedroom has its own bathroom. On more than an acre with larger 2-1/2 car attached garage on a paved street. \$169,900.

POLE BARN !



47530 HARRIS, SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
COUNTRY CHARM! Nature's palette of colors enhances this inviting 3 bedroom country ranch featuring open kitchen-dining area, 2 bathrooms, large 2-1/2 car attached garage plus pole barn and storage building. About an acre of fine country living and impressive curb appeal. Make this the one for you! \$169,900.

2 POLE BARNs!



9502 HAGGERTY, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
LOTS TO LOVE! 5+ acre brick ranch offering 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, finished basement with large living room and bar. Paved street and 2 huge pole barns. Possible re-zoning to commercial use. It's clean and neat with new carpet and fresh paint. This one shows great! \$250,000.

NEW LISTING!



13912 DEANNA, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
WAKE UP TO EXCITEMENT - EVERY DAY! in this Edge of the Ultra 3 1/3 bath colonial featuring custom granite kitchen, family room with premium (and expensive) ledge rock fireplace w/ electronic controls, hardwood floors, finished basement. One of the largest lots with deck, fenced and manicured grounds. This home impresses the best and offered at \$214,900.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, Oct. 6:

0034 – juvenile complaint, 1 Daisy
0506 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Riggs
0835 – disturbance, 48751 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1308 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
McDonald

1708 – harassment call, 10562 Belleville, Walmart
2210 – assault & battery, 46131 Village Green Ln.

Monday, Oct. 7:

0030 – disturbance, 9224 Parkwood Dr.
0211 – fraud, Walmart
0222 – disorderly conduct, 45501 N. I-94 Service
0443 – property damage accident, EB I-94 /
Haggerty

1230 – property damage accident, 11000 Belleville
1421 – fraud, 43621 N. Timberview Dr.
1652 – property damage accident, Hannan/Tyler
1710 – property damage accident, I-94 S. Service
Dr./Post Office

1819 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /
I-94 N. Service Dr.

1834 – sexual assault, 41129 S. Woodbury Dr.
1859 – harassment call, 48581 S. I-94 Service Dr.
2039 – larceny from auto, 115 Estates
2258 – ATV/ORV complaint, 6784 Maurice Dr.

Tuesday, Oct. 8:

0103 – fight, 133 S. Ponderosa Trl.
0149 – operating while intoxicated, 17 S. Ponderosa
Tr

0854 – assault & battery, 9194 Parkwood Dr.
1328 – narcotics crime, McBride Middle School
1539 – shots fired, 5912 Haggerty Rd.
1555 – fraud, 9701 Belleville, Meijer
1632 – property damage accident, 39470 Tyler Rd.
1639 – narcotics crime, Rawsonville/W. Huron
River Dr.

1701 – larceny, 15851 Martinsville Rd.

1910 – shots fired, 16150 Bak Rd.

2051 – property damage accident, Walmart

Wednesday, Oct. 9:

0006 – unattended death, 46048 Purple Sage
0026 – breaking & entering, 48160 Hull Rd.
0408 – shots fired, 6699 Rogers Ave.
0448 – disorderly conduct, 6699 Rogers Ave.
1124 – private property accident, 10798 Belleville
1129 – larceny, 51291 Sylvia Dr.
1243 – malicious destruction of property, 42743
Leon Dr.

1245 – private property accident, 2095 Rawsonville
Rd., Kmart

1446 – noise complaint, Jackson/Tyler
1450 – trespassing, 17000 West Lake Circle
1716 – fraud, Meijer

1811 – assault & battery, 7309 Anna Dr.
1823 – harassment call, 43401 Daniel Dr.

2058 – shots fired, 7025 Fay Dr.

2305 – assault & battery, 9865 Van Buren St.

Thursday, Oct. 10:

0215 – disorderly conduct, 120 Maple Dr.
0641 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service
Dr./Independence

0952 – disorderly conduct, 10760 Belleville
1496 – fraud, 11175 Haggerty

1451 – suspicious person, Savage School

1457 – property damage accident, 41375 Van Born
1609 – property damage accident, 9684 Jackson St.

1619 – harassment call, 9246 Parkwood Dr.

1742 – larceny, 48160 Hull Rd.

1850 – property damage accident, N. Northline /
Hannan

1904 – personal injury accident, SB I-275 / Ecorse
1905 – property damage accident, Haggerty/I-94

1942 – fraud, Walmart

Friday, Oct. 11:

0124 – agency assist, rest area
0755 – assault & battery, 115 Estates
0838 – private property accident, Meijer
1032 – fraud, 9513 Rolan Meadows Dr.
1047 – fraud, 11175 Haggerty Rd.
1403 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 41472
E. Archwood Dr.

1431 – fraud, 8920 Ironwood Dr.

1623 – breaking & entering, 43593 Dorchester Dr.

1635 – fraud, 11553 Rickman Dr.

1722 – operating while intoxicated, Tyler /
Belleville

1728 – holdup alarm, 15845 Brookside Dr.

1947 – retail fraud, Kmart

2200 – property damage accident, Chatsworth Dr./

Quirk Rd.

2335 – assault & battery, 41658 Arthur St.

Saturday, Oct. 12:

0011 – trespassing, 50521 W. Huron River Dr., Pine
Creek

0018 – agency assist, Pine Creek

0051 – disturbance, 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr.

0125 – civil matter, Pine Creek

0310 – breaking & entering, 9102 Westlake

0723 – property damage accident, Van Born /
Belleville

1108 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / W.
Huron River Dr.

1130 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Robson

1136 – property damage accident, 41558 McKinley

1259 – disorderly conduct, 9207 Parkwood Dr.

1336 – fraud, 11250 Haggerty Rd.

1635 – private property accident, 9067 Parkwood

1639 – ATV/ORV complaint, 14918 Wildbrook

1803 – assault & battery, 6527 Outer Dr.

1807 – fraud, Meijer

1854 – assault & battery, 104 Richards Run

1935 – noise complaint, 43126 N. Cumberland Dr.

2039 – disturbance, Cork & Bottle

2141 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor
/ Van Born

2223 – assault & battery, 6027 Winchester St.

2228 – assault & battery, 41472 E. Archwood Dr.

2228 – disorderly conduct, Comfort Inn

2245 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
Dr./Denton Rd.

Also on this week's log are 278 traffic stops, 108 of
which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 6:

0708 – assist citizen, 275 W. Columbia Ave.,
Columbia Court

0743 – domestic assault, 43 Loza Lane

1120 – assist fire dept., Columbia Court

1956 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.

Monday, Oct. 7:

0714 – warrant arrest, 91 Belle Villa Blvd.

1023 – assist fire dept., 201 Third

1025 – juvenile complaint, 375 E. Huron River Dr.

1128 – disturbance, BHS

1158 – disturbance, 418 Robbe St.

1235 – all other traffic, 17 Carmell St.

1424 – assist fire dept., 25 Owen

1537 – vehicle lockout, Edgemont Elementary

1832 – suspicious situation, 795 Sumpter Rd.

2127 – assist fire dept., 79 Carmell St.

2322 – suspicious situation, 1000 Sumpter

Tuesday, Oct. 8:

0140 – assist fire dept., 54 Carmell St.

0208 – suspicious situation, Belle Plaza

0742 – fight, BHS

1247 – assist fire dept., 45201 Owen St., school

1327 – welfare check, Victory Park

1739 – disorderly conduct, Victory Park

2054 – assist fire dept., Columbia Court

2109 – breaking & entering, 314 E. Huron River

2157 – family trouble, 24 Carmell St.

Wednesday, Oct. 9:

0104 – follow up, 330 E. Huron River Dr.

0515 – assist fire dept., 135 Menlo Park Dr.

1054 – disorderly conduct, BHS

1300 – assist fire dept., Columbia Court

1522 – welfare check, Victory Park

2126 – assist fire dept., 57 Loza Lane

2254 – suspicious person, Horizon Park

Thursday, Oct. 10:

0603 – intrusion alarm, 837 Sumpter Rd.

1144 – follow up, 41658 Arthur

1717 – suspicious person, 6 Main St.

1843 – suspicious person, Belle Plaza

2253 – intrusion alarm, BHS

2357 – misc. complaint, 6 Main St.

Friday, Oct. 11:

0943 – assist fire dept., BHS

1009 – juvenile complaint, 6 Main

1117 – suspicious vehicle, 777 Harbour Pointe Ct.

1641 – welfare check, 575 Sumpter Rd.

1913 – property damage accident, 6 Main St.

2039 – follow up, 314 E. Huron River Dr.

Saturday, Oct. 12:

0053 – agency assist, 50521 W. Huron River Dr.,
Pine Creek

0929 – lost property, BHS

0930 – harassment call, 25 Owen

1455 – assist fire dept., 57 Loza Lane

1615 – assist fire dept., Columbia Court

1710 – welfare check, 130 S. Edgemont Ave.

1720 – suspicious situation, Brain St./High St.

1739 – suspicious vehicle, Edgemont Elementary

1810 – agency assist, Belleville/N. Service Dr.

2041 – agency assist, Cork & Bottle

2229 – agency assist, 41472 E. Archwood

2335 – suspicious situation, 176 Biggs Ave.

Also on this week's log are 37 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 6:

0128 – property damage accident, Willow/Elwell

0221 – 911 hangup, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

0502 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis

0524 – assist other agency, 21000 bl. Martinsville

1251 – assist other agency, Willow/Rawsonville

1932 – assist other agency, 21000 bl. Martinsville

2209 – animal complaint, Sherwood/Arkona

2230 – ORV complaint, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.

2355 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter
/ Willow

Monday, Oct. 7:

0808 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.

1215 – animal complaint, Rustic Lane

1252 – follow-up investigation, 39000 bl. Wear

1417 – accidental damage report, Sumpter/Willis

1420 – animal complaint, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1533 – malicious destruction of property, Birch

1543 – follow-up investigation, 18000 bl. Elwell

1603 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Willow

1815 – citizen assist, Hampshire

1942 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Lane

2006 – suspicious vehicle, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.

2101 – follow-up investigation, Carriage Lane

2158 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.

2223 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Lane

Tuesday, Oct. 8:

0714 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Willow

0847 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1019 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Lane

1200 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1455 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1547 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico

1638 – follow-up investigation, 26000 bl. Sherwood
Rd.

1832 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

2124 – fireworks complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

2348 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Lane

Wednesday, Oct. 9:

0018 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1312 – personal injury accident, Willow/Clark

1431 – breaking & entering report, Redwood

1619 – larceny, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.

1710 – civil dispute, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.

1714 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1751 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.

2110 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

2211 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 10:

0944 – family trouble, Montana

1050 – identity theft report, Nevada

1210 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1307 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.

2009 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2026 – mental health commitment, Nevada

2151 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2216 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.

Friday, Oct. 11:

0011 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1352 – suspicious incident, Colorado

1430 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.

1448 – fight, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1626 – reckless driver complaint, 50000 bl. Willis

1842 – neighbor dispute, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.

2109 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.

2121 – alarm, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2237 – noise complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

2248 – suspicious incident, Lohr/Willis

2251 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, Oct. 12:

0107 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.

0221 – operation while intoxicated arrest, Willow
/ Sumpter

0533 – suspicious incident, Walnut

1107 – suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1243 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

1419 – alarm, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.

1537 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.

1810 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Harris

1834 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1857 – ORV complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2058 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.

2215 – follow-up investigation, Edgewood

2232 – follow-up investigation, 26000 bl.
Martinsville Rd.

Canton man in critical condition after collision with semi on Ecorse

Charles Sweeney, 47, of Canton Township was reported in critical condition at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after a collision with a semi-truck at the Ecorse-Beck Road intersection that apparently threw him out of his truck at about 7:50 p.m. Monday.

Van Buren Township Police Lt. Kenneth Floro reported in a press release that Sweeney was traveling northbound on Beck in his Ford truck when the accident occurred.

Lt. Floro said it appeared that Sweeney may have been unrestrained and ejected out of his truck's driver's side window. His truck had severe front-end and driver-side damage.

The driver of the semi-truck, a 28-year-old man from Howell, was not injured.

The accident remains under investigation and anyone with information is asked to contact VBT Police Detective Mark Buxton at (734) 699-8915.

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This is the Belleville High School Homecoming Court for this Friday's game. The Queen will be elected by the entire student body and will be announced at half-time. Those representing the senior class are, from left in back, Magdalena Rieder, Allison Juchartz, Eri Iwao, and Taylor Robinson. In front, from left, are Kendall Owen, Lauren Benedict, Dajai Parker, and Taylor Pearce.

You're invited to Homecoming activities

This Friday, Oct. 18 is the Belleville High School Homecoming football game against Detroit Country Day.

Space will be set aside for tailgating and renewing friendships with alumni from 5-8 p.m. in the BHS parking lot near the stadium entrance. An alumni booth will

give attendees a spot to mingle, reminisce, and to share memories of their time at BHS.

A photo booth will be set up to capture the spirit of homecoming for all ages. Merchandise will be on hand for purchase supporting BHS, Athletics, and Band.



RAC or Treat!

Sunday, October 27th 5pm-8pm

FREE for Members! \$5 for Non-Members

Looking for some family Halloween Fun? Come to the RAC for "RAC or Treat", a fun-filled night of Halloween themed games and contests, in addition to bouncers, swimming, rock climbing, and other "Spooky" fun! Experience the fun of "Track or Treat" and enjoy a free glass of cider and a donut (while supplies last). Also, the RAC has once again turned its teen center into "Creepy Hollow," a child-size haunted room filled with thrills and chills.

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