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Preliminary count on students in district better than expected

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The official fall student count day is Oct. 2, but at Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education a preliminary "whites of the eyes count" was given to the board.

School Supt. Michael Van Tassel said the annual budget was based on an expected blended count loss of 120 students.

During the recent budget discussions, a population of 5,105 was expected for the 2013-14 school year and state aid of \$7,372 per student.

He said as of Monday, the student count was up 34 from last spring and down 93 from last fall. The student count usually goes down from the fall to spring semesters. The blended rate is based on the numbers

at the fall and spring counts.

Last fall the total school population was 5,314 and in the spring of 2013 it was 5,187. As of Monday it was 5,221.

Supt. Van Tassel said the kindergarten counts are up, which is a very positive sign.

Treasurer Sherry Frazier said if the students and parents have a good experience in kindergarten, they are likely to stay in the district.

"Kindergarten is crucial," Frazier said, noting that a class size of 30 or 31 kids, that has been reported to her, is too much for kindergarten.

Trustee Scott Russell said 30 is the class limit in the contract, but "it's not the ideal class size."

Van Tassel said presently the average number of students in kindergarten classes is 27.9; first grade, 24.1; and second grade 26.5. But during the first weeks of school students are coming in and moving out.

"Kindergarten is very difficult to guess," Van Tassel said. He noted that 21 to 22 students is break-even for a class as far as the finances go, with it being different for special education.

Board vice president Martha Toth said that someone came up to her in Meijer's and told her when a charter school says it's 26 in a class, there are 26 in a class. Toth said she told the person that at the charter school when they hit their limit, they don't take any more students. The public schools take everyone who comes.

The official student population will be reported after the Oct. 2 count day.

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

- Approved using \$39,581 of BHS bond proceeds to order a new audio visual equipment package for BHS from Digital Age Technologies. These large monitors, mounts, and ancillary equipment are for

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Independent photo by Diane Madigan

Thomas A. White, left, leaves the 34th District courtroom of Judge David Parrott with his criminal defense attorney Michael Vincent, at right. White is charged with five criminal offenses, with "several" more on the way.

BHS Marching Band in Detroit's Thanksgiving Day Parade on Nov. 28

The Belleville High School Marching Band will take part in the Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day parade in Detroit and will be shown live on WDIV Channel 4 in Detroit and on NBC nationwide.

WJR 760 AM will also broadcast the parade live.

The band had applied and learned last week that it was accepted to participate.

This is the 86th year of America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit.

The parade will step off at 9:05 a.m. on Woodward Avenue and Mack and end at Woodward Avenue and Congress in Downtown Detroit on Thanksgiving Day.

Yearly hundreds of thousands of parade-goers watch as the Parade makes its way down Woodward Avenue.

Van Buren Public Schools Director of Bands is Nick Taylor and Associate Director of Mike Campbell.

Thomas White's preliminary exam adjourned to Oct. 16

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

34th District Court Judge David Parrott adjourned for four weeks the preliminary exam scheduled Sept. 18 for disbarred attorney Thomas A. White on five felony charges.

White's attorney Michael Vincent told Judge Parrott that Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Dan Williams informed him that several other cases are being filed against White and for judicial economy he wants to package up the cases.

While Vincent wanted to ask for six weeks postponement, Judge Parrott said the most he can go is four weeks under state guidelines.

"I don't know if I want to be jumping all over the place" with the scheduling, Judge Parrot said.

"I'll give as much time as I can," he added.

White gave up his right to a preliminary exam within 14 days, so it could be put off for a month.

Citing "judicial economy," Judge Parrott set White's preliminary exam for 9 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 34th District Court. His \$20,000/10% bond was continued. White also had been ordered to give up his passport at his arraignment on Sept. 6 and he did so the same day.

In this case, White is charged with five felony counts that could bring him 44 years in prison if convicted of all of them and sentenced to the maximum.

Charges are: uttering and publishing, larceny by conversion (\$20,000 or more), embezzlement – agent or trustee (\$20,000 or more) and two counts of identity theft.

The victims of those charges, brought by the Michigan State Police, are the late Leland Jordan and his widow Judith Ann Jordan of Belleville.

White was an attorney with offices at 35 Main Street, Belleville, for 20 years until he was disbarred July 15 for stealing from his clients. He declared Chapter 7 bankruptcy

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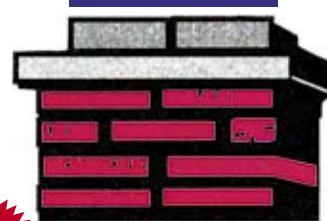
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT Board spars over details of deputy supervisor

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After a heated discussion on issues surrounding the supervisor's appointment of a deputy supervisor, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting Aug. 20 voted 6-1 to remove the proposed amended 2013 budget from the agenda.

Meanwhile, work on the proposed 2014 budget proceeds in the offices of departmental directors, with an Aug. 30 deadline for their proposals, in order to get ready for the public October budget sessions and required approval by the end of the year.

Supervisor Linda Combs cast the only no vote on taking the amended budget from the agenda. She later told supporters she refused to "cave" to board members who questioned her sudden, last-minute appointment of a deputy supervisor on June 14 so she could go on vacation and leave someone in charge of her office with powers to run the township.

Combs had appointed unsuccessful candidate for township clerk Karin LaMothe as her executive assistant, which became a full-time position, in January. Then LaMothe was promoted to deputy supervisor in June.

Combs said LaMothe's pay remained the same and just her title changed. After LaMothe was appointed, budget adjustments of \$45,039 were required for the 2013 budget to reflect LaMothe's salary of \$64,933, plus benefits.

Combs began the discussion on the amended budget by saying they anticipated having to take \$800,000 from the landfill fund to balance the budget, but that has been cut by \$291,234.

Treasurer Sharry Budd said \$564,000 now will be transferred from the landfill funds. She said the township has to watch its spending.

The cuts were made by department directors, with most cuts made to training, savings because it's been a non-election year, and putting off items until next year.

The clerk's budget went up about \$24,660, with \$20,000 of that for the clerk's fringes (insurance that he had not claimed in past years).

A savings of \$1,500 was recorded in the office printing and publishing line item because of the *Independent's* decrease in publishing fees.

At the workshop session, there was discussion about the unexpected "signing bonuses" of \$750 each for department directors. Trustee Jeff Jahr said the directors get a salary. A "signing bonus"

for approving a contract is unnecessary and distorts the budget line items, he said.

One of the budget issues for the board was that LaMothe's title on the supervisor's department budget is still executive assistant, though she operates under another title now and is introduced as deputy supervisor.

In the workshop session the day before the regular meeting, Treasurer Sharry Budd said she can't pay a deputy supervisor out of a line item for executive assistant.

Combs said she could change LaMothe's title in the budget and she would talk to the township attorney and straighten it out. But at the regular meeting the next day she said she "spoke with the folks at MTA" and they said the title made no difference and she could be paid under either one.

The MTA she referred to was the Michigan Township Association.

She stated the position is fully funded. While Jahr and other board members wanted a job description for LaMothe, Combs said the deputy supervisor doesn't have a job description and elected officials don't have job descriptions under law.

"This position can be designated," Combs said, explaining the deputy can act in her absence. LaMothe has a job description as administrative assistant, she said.

Combs said LaMothe is the deputy supervisor when Combs is not there and can do everything except chair the board meeting or vote.

"This is the third time I've checked it with MTA," Combs said, explaining she talked to Katherine at MTA, who trains deputies.

Jahr said Combs was going to change the line item from executive assistant to deputy supervisor and she didn't.

"You have never come to the board to tell them what you're doing. So suddenly you're swearing in a deputy, but the board didn't have time to come..." Jahr said.

"This township has never had a deputy supervisor," Jahr continued, adding Combs could have shown other townships of Van Buren's size with deputy supervisors, but she didn't.

"You don't want to give an inch," Jahr said. "The treasurer said she couldn't pay that line item."

Jahr said what the MTA says makes no difference.

"I was going to take a one-week vacation," Combs said, grumbling that it does no good to berate township officials and deputies.

"I see no reason to make a change," Combs said.

Treasurer Budd reminded her that she said she'd make a change.



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

Almost 400 graduates of Belleville High School gathered together Saturday at BHS for the 12th-annual All Class Alumni Banquet. The event featured tours of the new BHS, a brief program, a meal, and lots of catching-up by former classmates, some of whom traveled to the event from their homes in Florida, California, Arizona, and other far-flung locations. From left are Midge Artley of Belleville, Class of '34, and Daisie and John Mason. John is from the Class of '58.

Combs said she doesn't want to flip-flop.

"This board has not been forthright with how they feel until yesterday," Combs said, with Trustee Brenda McClanahan and others saying that was untrue and they had told her how they felt.

Trustee Phil Hart said he supports all the
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Karin LaMothe resigns from Van Buren Township position

Karin LaMothe, who was hired by Van Buren Township Supervisor Linda Combs as her executive assistant in January, promoted to deputy supervisor in June, and demoted to executive assistant in August, has resigned effective Oct. 18.

At the end of Tuesday's VBT Downtown Development Authority meeting, LaMothe told those who asked about her absence from the August DDA meeting that Tuesday was her last meeting because she had resigned.

She said her last day on the job would be Oct. 18 and she had been happy to serve Van Buren Township.

LaMothe did not explain her decision at the meeting, but was willing to talk privately with DDA members after adjournment.

VBT has never had a deputy supervisor in its history, except for this brief, two-month span.



Eugene Paddock of Downers Grove, IL, gave a presentation on behalf of his Class of '53, which was celebrating 60 years since graduation from Belleville High School. Robert Hay was present representing the Class of '33, celebrating 80 years; Neil Griffin represented Class of '43, 70 years; Victor Hogan represented Class of '63, 50 years; and Shirley Vandecar Olson was honored for all her work as class representative for the class of '53.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Sumpter fires five fire fighters for not paying union dues

At Tuesday's meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, the board fired five fire fighters for not paying their union dues.

Terminated were Patty Wasilewski, Enida Winekoff, Daniel Gonczy, Gregg Horn, and Scott Rhodes. Three out of the five have served five years, one served four years, and Wasilewski was a fire fighter for 10 years but reportedly hasn't been seen at the fire hall for two years.

The union was formed last March. Michigan Association of Fire Fighters asked the township board to terminate them because they weren't following the union contract that says they lose employment if their dues aren't paid.

Mary Ban asked if Michigan's new Right to Work law says they can't be forced to join a union. Township attorney Rob Young said police and fire employees were exempted from that law.

MAFF local president Don LaPorte stressed these aren't bad people. They just have other priorities for their time than the 30-plus hours a month in training and calls it takes to be a paid-per-call fire fighter.

They are not able to pay their union dues because they aren't getting paid as fire fighters, he said.

Young said the union rep tried everything to get them to come back in. LaPorte said they still could take steps to come back by paying their union dues.

What a sad situation.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Pat Jamieson called me on Sept. 18, to tell me about the tricycle bought for her special-needs granddaughter on Sept. 1. The 26" adult tricycle, a silver-grey Schwinn with a basket on the back, was stolen overnight. She went out and looked around the property since they live out in the rural area of Hull Road between Elwell and Hoeft roads. She thought someone might have moved it around on the property. Couldn't find it. I told her to call the VBT police.

Shortly after Pat talked to me, one of her neighbors called VBT police because she found two strange bikes in her yard — one by the garage and one in front by the road. Pat hadn't noticed the other bike from their yard that the grandkids ride was missing -- until it was found.

By the time Pat called police to report the missing trike, they told her they had both the trike and a bike. She went to the police station and picked them up around 1 p.m. "We were really tickled to get it back," Pat said.

The granddaughter is 13 years old with severe epilepsy, a balance problem, and is learning-disabled.

Pat said VBT police told her this was an unusual situation, since most people don't report missing bikes because homeowner's insurance usually had a deductible that is higher than the worth of a bike. This story had a happy ending.

Margaret Hintz of Romulus called me last week to report her house was ransacked on Sept. 14 and all her money taken. She said she had a very old \$100 bill that was stolen along with 15 medicine bottles holding



quarters, nickels, dimes and old pennies. A check was also taken. She would like anyone with any information to call the Romulus Police.

On Saturday at the 12th-annual All Class Reunion at BHS, I was disappointed to hear the moderator announce that School Supt. Michael Van Tassel was invited, but had previous plans. Then she announced that BHS Principal Abdul Madyun was invited, but had other plans. Then she announced the BHS Assistant Principal Melissa Lloyd was invited, but also had other plans. Their names were all on the program.

School Board Trustee Scott Russell was not on the program, but he was there with his mother Sally Brewer Russell, a BHS graduate of the Class of '57, and his father. Scott got up, unexpectedly, and gave a welcome to the crowd on behalf of the school district. Sure glad he didn't have other plans. It was getting embarrassing.

After Monday's school board meeting I asked Supt. Van Tassel about this and he said he didn't get invited until just a few days before the event and he had a commitment to be out of town. He didn't know the other school officials had been invited, too.

I think next year's alumni gathering is the third Saturday in September, so everyone can put it on their calendars.

During the pre-banquet tour of the BHS

building, I was able to see the new Einstein Room, which has nothing in it as yet, and the student lounge, which is currently off-limit to students, but used by teachers.

There's apparently some problem with arrangements for supervision, so the kids can't use it yet. It looks nice through the window. (At Monday's school board meeting, a technology package for the room was approved.)

Got a note from Janet Millard that she is no longer at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. Friday was her last day. She said the Chamber is going a different direction.

One of our readers is a member of the Michigan Council of Women in Technology. The group's foundation has announced its eighth-annual Website Design Competition for high school girls.

Our reader says girls from Canton always win and she knows girls from Belleville could win, if they knew about the contest. There are 12 prizes, from \$50 to \$750. Registration is due by Oct. 2 and website entries are due Nov. 13. Novices are welcome. Go to www.mcwt.org and click on the Foundation tab.



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Letters

Thank you to attorneys Goldman/Suliman

To the Editor:

This is a thank you to Goldman / Suliman, the attorneys at 287 Industrial Park Drive in Belleville:

I appreciate your help in resolving my legal matters quickly, while taking adequate time, when necessary, to explain the legal steps and financial requirements with such transparency.

I have personally never been involved in a legal matter, which unfortunately, means that my well-being rests solely with my legal representation.

Based on numerous references, I chose now-disbarred lawyer Tom White for representation. Because of the, unrelated, legal issues with Tom, my case was settled on the behalf of the plaintiff, without representation or me knowing so -- creating quite a legal and financial mess.

With a high degree of personal understanding, Goldman/Suliman took and was consistently "on the case," pulling relevant documents, explaining and documenting my financial requirements, and staying in contact with me throughout the settlement.

I immediately felt the anxiety of my initial legal experience subside. The case was settled quickly, and I was able to place the issue behind me and move on with my life.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT.

Lawyers often get a bad rap, but there are certainly still "good guys" out there, namely Goldman/Suliman.

Thank you again, Goldman/Suliman!

Sincerely,
Nancy Thiel
Now of Whitmore Lake

Editor's Note: Belleville attorneys Jason Goldman and Bryan Suliman are writing a new column, "Understanding the Law," that is published every other week in the *Independent*. The first column was published last week.

Nancy Thiel owned Shear Design in the I-94 and Belleville Road area for 20 years and closed it four years ago. She now works for Bladex. She said she likes to give people credit for the good things they do.

Progressive Leagues sets rummage sale this Sat.

To the Editor:

The Sumpter Progressive Civic League had a good turnout at the end-of-the-summer yard sale last Saturday that we will be having a rummage sale this Saturday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to finish clearing out good items.

This is a good way of starting off our fall season. Several years ago we made aprons for all of Sumpter Township churches. Many of the churches did not pick up their aprons. So, if your church does not have kitchen aprons, come by and pick yours up.

We still have plenty of rummage sale items left -- clothes, shoes, and many other knick knacks.

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More Letters

My son got thrown out of BHS alumni party

To the Editor:

I am so disappointed with the class reunion held Sept. 21. My son from Hawaii, and only the second trip home in 11 years, was not allowed into the all-class reunion.

When he arrived, he stated that he was just notified of the reunion and he did not want to eat but would like to visit with classmates.

The buffet had not even been put out yet, but he and a friend were ordered out of the high school. In fact, they were escorted out. The verbal abuse was very loud by one woman, who also stated, "We rented this building."

My son DARYL BERG and his pal Eric are Army veterans and both retired from jobs where they worked with the public. This was the worst he had ever been treated, and for what reason?

His mother, Bonnie Berg
Canton Township

Editor's Note: Anita Greca, chairman of the alumni reunion, said the two men were dressed in jeans, shorts, and shabby shirts and did not want to pay what everyone else at the party had paid. There was a walk-in fee of \$25, but they did not want to pay that but to just hang out. The reservations were for 340 and the crowd was almost at capacity. Then, they wanted to just hang out in the hallway, which Greca did not approve of. "Sorry, if I was rude. They can't just hang out," she said. She said the alumni committee had to pay for the building rental, the custodian, the kitchen help, and other fees. And, everyone else paid their share.



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Obituaries

REDEA R. REDDEN

(September 16, 1932 - September 18, 2013)

Redea Ruth Redden, age 81, long-time Belleville area resident, passed away Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born September 16, 1932 in Lucasville, OH, daughter of John Henry and Annie Catherine (Egbert) Rockwell, Sr.

Redea was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Lucasville, OH. She attended Grace Baptist Church, Belleville, for many years.

She enjoyed flower gardening, walking her dog, and collecting rocks, especially Petoskey stones. Most of all, she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Redea is survived by her husband of 60 years, Estel M. Redden, Sr.; ten children Carolyn Redden of Monroe, MI, Sandra Anderson of North Richland Hills, TX, Catherine (Larry) Jones of Boyne City, MI, Janet Redden of Belleville, Tawna (Ralph) Parish of Wayne, MI, Estel Redden, Jr. of Brecksville, OH, Paul and Stephen Redden of Belleville, Randall (Stormy) Redden of Lake George, MI and Sharon Redden of Ossian, IA; 20 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and one on-the-way; one brother James Thomas (Wilma) Rockwell of Lucasville, OH; also her miniature pinscher, Ginger.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers Joebill and John Henry Rockwell, two sisters Betty Dillow and Annabel Jordan, two grandchildren Donny Barnes and Nathaniel Barnes, four great-grandchildren, Evan Parish and Prince Blackburn, and two in infancy.

Visitation will be 1-8 PM Sunday at the David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Funeral Service was 11 AM Monday, September 23, 2013 at Grace Baptist Church, 164 Roys Street, Belleville, with an hour visitation prior. Rev. Robert J. White officiated. Interment was in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to keep at www.davidcbrownfh.com

GLADYS HALL

(March 8, 1927 - September 21, 2013)

Age 86, died in Texas. Survived by 4 children, 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and sister Beulah. Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, with a service at 11 a.m. Saturday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.



Garrett William Jenks

GARRETT WILLIAM JENKS

(August 29, 1984 - September 20, 2013)

Garrett William Jenks, age 29, of Ypsilanti, MI, passed away Friday, September 20, 2013 at home. He was born August 29, 1984 in Ann Arbor, MI.

He was raised in St. Clair Shores, MI where he was a three-sport athlete. He played baseball, football and basketball. He enjoyed listening to music, cooking and spending time with his family.

Garrett is survived by his wife Jasmine Kozicki, three daughters Autumn, Addrianna and Alexis Jenks, his parents Jeff A. and Theresa Lynn (Ryan) Jenks, all of Ypsilanti; grandmothers Joanne Ryan of Belleville and Billie Barton of Plymouth, MI; two brothers Colin Jenks of St. Clair Shores, MI and Logan Jenks of Ypsilanti; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers Clark Barton and Richard Ryan, also a cousin, Bradley Ryan.

Visitation was Tuesday, September 24, 2013 from 4-6 PM with a 6 PM funeral service. Pastor Gordon Moore officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family, to be used for his daughters, and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Lavonne "Bonnie" Dwyer

LAVONNE 'BONNIE' DWYER

(September 9, 1928 - September 20, 2013)

Lavonne "Bonnie" Ruth Dwyer, age 85, of Willis, MI, passed away Friday, September 20, 2013 at her home. She was born September 9, 1928 in Ferndale, MI, daughter of the late John Henry & Gladys Kathleen (Frederickson) Benedict.

She graduated from Hazel Park High School in 1947. Bonnie was a member of the Belleville Eastern Star. She enjoyed quilting, baking and flower gardening.

Bonnie is survived by son Rick (Judy) Dwyer, Jr. of Garden City, MI; daughter Linda (J.J.) Dwyer of Milan, MI; 8 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandson; two sisters Alice Ozment of Hazel Park, MI and Natalie Hinman of Clawson, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Richard Edward Dwyer on January 1, 1998, son John Dwyer on January 13, 2012, daughter Coleen Lambert on July 12, 2012, also a sister Dorothy Whittaker.

Visitation was Monday 4-8 PM and 10 AM until Noon Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI. Funeral was at Noon Tuesday. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

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



Heather Renee Towler

HEATHER RENEE TOWLER

(June 29, 1986 - September 12, 2013)

Heather Renee Towler, age 27, was born June 29, 1986 in Ann Arbor and passed away unexpectedly in Belleville on September 12, 2013.

Heather went to Belleville Schools and graduated from Belleville High School in 2005. She was a big fan of Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers. Her likes were scrapbooking, talking to new people she met, making people laugh, and eating pickles.

Heather was the light of our life. When she walked into the room it would like up from her bright smile.

She is survived by her mother Katherine Hoy, father James Towler, Jr., brother Ryan Towler, nephew Ethan Towler, grandfather James Towler, Sr., stepmother Lisa Towler, grandparents Bob and Pat Kulhanek, great-grandmother Stella Swope; 18 first cousins and numerous aunts and uncles. Also, her cat D.J. and her many faithful friends. And, a very large extended family.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Stella Towler, step-father Michael John Hoy, Jr. and great-grandparents Patrick Swope and Leo and Dorothy Kulhanek.

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VBT Board

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directors. He said maybe some of the board members would have liked to be present to support LaMothe's swearing in, with 45-minutes' notice not enough.

When she was asked how many hours does a deputy supervisor work, Combs said LaMothe is not deputy supervisor unless the supervisor is not there.

"Her authority was brought into question," Combs said, explaining what led up to her sudden decision to name a deputy supervisor.

"I said she would run my office in my absence and people thought I was putting her in charge of the township... So I appointed her," Combs said.

"Clearly, the board has concerns," said Trustee Hart.

"Her new title is deputy supervisor. Why not just change it?" asked Trustee Reggie Miller.

"Because people on the board want her to be administrative assistant," Combs said.

"Why not change it?" Trustee Miller insisted.

"What is the job description...?" Trustee Hart asked.

"If she's given additional duties, why not name them?" Miller said.

"The board was never told," Trustee McClanahan said of Combs' decision to name a deputy.

Miller said the decision was made out of frustration, rather than a real need.

"The law says I can appoint a deputy without board approval," Combs said. "I don't appreciate being second-guessed... It is what it is. MTA says it makes no difference."

Thomas White

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a few days later.

Since then several other former clients of White have sought to file criminal charges against him. Michigan State Police Trooper Joel White (no relation) at the Taylor Post is handling the criminal charges.

Maria Miller, communications director of the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, said, as of Sept. 18, the Michigan State Police have not requested any more warrants against Thomas White.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Friday, Sept. 27** – Friends Family Free Movie, 7 p.m., inside the Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis.

• **Saturday, Sept. 28** – There's a fire training burn going on at 7080 Edwards, off Ecorse Road, until mid-afternoon. The public is invited to watch from a safe distance as VBT fire fighters train. The whole structure will be burned down at the end.

• **Saturday, Sept. 28** – Proceeds from the Girls Night Out fund raiser will benefit the Tiger Football Booster Club Scholarship Fund. It's being held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Belleville Coney Island Banquet Room, 871 Sumpter Rd. Come shop with your local home party consultants.

• **Sunday, Sept. 29** – 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, Sept. 29** – Enjoy Sunday Music, 2-5 p.m. at Van Buren Township Senior Center. Performing today is Strings & Things with Linda Kilgore.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 2** – Flu shots at September Days Senior Center, usually free with Medicaid. Information at 699-8918.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 2** – Belleville Area District Library Board invites the public to discuss identified sites for the proposed new public library at 7 p.m. at the mini-auditorium at Belleville High School.

• **Thursday, Oct. 3** – Harlem Ambassadors basketball show at 7 p.m. at the Belleville High School gymnasium to raise funds

for the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.

• **Saturday, Oct. 5** – Children are invited to Touch a Truck from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Van Buren Township Park on the South Service Drive east of Kmart. Kids are fascinated with heavy equipment and will be able to explore the trucks. 699-8921

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By Angela Nettro

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Question from Sheena in Huron Township: I just graduated from college and have a present job and am looking for employment that is associated with my new degree. My fiancé has also finished college and will be looking for other employment, as well. We currently are extremely busy all the time and are looking to get out of the apartment and buy a home or condo. I want to know what would be better for us to buy, a condo or a house? And what would be the advantages of either choice?

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2013

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent: Trustee Jahr (excused). Others in attendance: Public Safety Director Laurain, Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Fire Chief Besson, Planning and Economic Development Director Mullen, Secretary Cline and an audience of thirty-three (33).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Minutes September 3, 2013; Regular Board Meeting Minutes September 3, 2013; Reappointments of Michael Dotson and David Taylor to the Local Development Finance Authority with terms to expire on 8-12-2017; Voucher List of September 17, 2013.] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Hart moved, Wright seconded to open the public hearing to hear public comment on a request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Die Services International, LLC. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Wright, Budd, Hart, McClanahan, Miller and Combs. Nays: None. Absent: Jahr (excused). Carried.

Supervisor Combs opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. Supervisor Combs went to Assessing Coordinator Stevenson for an overview. Assessing Coordinator Stevenson stated this public hearing is to hear comments regarding a request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Die Services International, LLC. Die Services International, LLC purchased the former Republic Die and Tool Company in January 2010. The building has 250,000 square feet of manufacturing space and continues to utilize the same equipment for services ranging from Die Tryout and Spotting, Press Rental, Production Stamping, Engineering Changes, Emergency Repairs, Foreign Tools, Large Component Machining and Service Parts. The request is for a tax abatement on a new purchase of a hydraulic press and associated equipment in the amount of \$3,000,000. This project utilizing new equipment would enable Die Services International, LLC to hire 24 additional employees. The building is in an existing Industrial Development District #5 and based on the Township's Tax Abatement Policy point system qualifies for a seven (7) year exemption. The abatement policy point system does allow for an additional 15 points to be added for extraordinary impacts and Die Services International has requested these additional points. This would qualify for a ten (10) year exemption instead of seven (7) year exemption. Notices were mailed to other taxing authorities and no comments or objections have been received for this abatement.

Mr. Heidrich, owner and president of Die Services International, LLC stated he purchased the property in 2010 and made a commitment with former owner of Republic Die and Tool to keep the business open and not to sell off the equipment. Mr. Heidrich owns another tool and die business in Oakland County, Michigan. He is requesting a ten (10) year abatement stating he has no previous tax relief and has paid \$128,000 in property taxes in 2012, currently employees 80 full time and 70 temporary employees and would add an additional 24 employees. Board

members had the following comments and questions: Trustee Miller stated she is not in favor of large companies receiving tax abatement who can pay the taxes; what was 2012 yearly revenue; the 24 new jobs are they transferring or new hires; how do you give back to community. Mr. Heidrich stated the revenue for 2011 was 2 million, for 2012 was 10 million and anticipated for 2013 is 12 million; the jobs are for all new hires to the company; would like to be involved and support the community. Supervisor Combs stated temporary employees have moved to permanent full time positions and Mr. Heidrich confirmed this process. Clerk Wright inquired if Die Services International, LLC is in the process of hiring now and Mr. Heidrich stated yes. Trustee McClanahan inquired if there was in-house training for employees and Mr. Heidrich stated yes. Trustee Miller inquired is there a process in the Township to ensure the 24 jobs are filled. Treasurer Budd stated a report is turned in each year for the Township to monitor goals. Assessing Coordinator Stevenson stated every tax abatement is sent a report to complete each year. Trustee Hart stated tax exemptions can be removed if not meeting goals and could the requestor request additional tax exemptions in the future if the company buys additional new equipment. Assessing Coordinator Stevenson confirmed the Assessing Department monitors all tax exemptions; tax exemptions can be revoked and yes the requestor could request additional tax exemptions. Trustee Miller inquired if the company is sold does the tax exemption transfer. Assessing Coordinator Stevenson stated the new company would have to apply for the tax exemption to be transferred and would require Board approval.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing at 7:16 p.m. Budd moved Hart seconded to close the public hearing. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Miller, Hart, Budd, McClanahan, Wright and Combs. Nays: None. Absent: Jahr (excused). Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs read a thank you email regarding trash pick-up by Waste Management employees from a resident for the good service they provide. Supervisor Combs read a thank you letter addressed to Public Safety Director Laurain for the "Coffee with a Cop" the Public Safety Department held on July 13th at Leo's Coney Island and congratulated Director Laurain on his position as Public Safety Director. Supervisor Combs read an email from Deputy Director Zaenglein regarding Boy Scout Michael Porcaro from Boy Scout Troop 210 stating he recently completed his Eagle Scout Project at French Landing Park by refinishing the play structure.

Director Laurain announced another "Coffee with a Cop" will be held at Leo's Coney Island on November 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for residents to get to know Public Safety officers. Director Laurain recognized Leo's Coney Island and its owners who on September 11th, Patriots Day hosted a day of recognition for Public Safety personnel; for those who gave their lives in the line of duty in New York and to show the support for their local Fire Department by pledging ten percent of the September 11, 2013 day's proceeds to the Fire Department. Sam from Leo's Coney Island read a brief statement in honor of 9/11 victims and presented a \$500 check to the Fire Department.

Chief Besson removed the probationary status from the following three probationary fire fighters Dan Walter, Ian Skotak and Christopher Roy and presented each with their badges and

helmet shields. Chief Besson also introduced new probationary fire fighter Rachel Spence.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Miller moved, McClanahan seconded to adopt Resolution 2013-15 authorizing a seven (7) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Die Services International, LLC and authorizing the Supervisor and Clerk to execute Tax Abatement Agreement. Carried.

Hart moved, Miller seconded to approve the request of budget amendment reallocating \$30,000 from State Forfeiture Fund Balance to Capital Improvement line item. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs announced the following: The township parking lot is being repaved and residents may enter through the Recreation entrances; October 19th the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held for township residents at Environmental Quality Company East parking lot located at 49350 North I-94 Service Drive from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Applications are available for Van Buren Township residents who are eligible for Community Development Block Grant housing rehab assistance program at the Developmental Services Department or downloaded from the township website www.vanburen-mi.org/Development/CDBGHousingRehabApp.pdf; Flu shots will be available at the September Days Senior Center on September 25th and October 2nd for more information and to schedule your appointment call 734-699-8918; October 5th the Recreation Department will host "Touch A Truck" for children to explore all types of trucks; Belleville Area Museum and Historical Society will host a Cemetery History Tour at Tyler Cemetery on October 19th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Chief Besson announced the Fire Department recently participated in a state wide Mutual Aid training day event in Novi.

Clerk Wright commended Chief Besson on fulfilling the Board's request of hiring fire fighters. Supervisor Combs also commended Chief Besson for the training being provided to the Fire Department.

Chief Besson announced on September 28th the Fire Department will hold a training burn at 7080 Edwards.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 7:47 p.m. to 7:51 p.m. A resident commented on the replacement of fence between Ecorse Service Drive and Ecorse Road and appreciates the improvements to Ecorse Road.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

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Welcome, Wesley Clayton Pinkowski



Matthew and Caitlyn Pinkowski of Taylor announce the birth of their first child, a son, Wesley Clayton Pinkowski, at 2:32 a.m. Aug. 2, 2013 in Dearborn. He weighed six pounds, 14 ounces and measured 19½ inches long. Wesley is the grandson of Terry and Dianna Tkachuk of Taylor and the great-grandson of Henry and Joyce Tkachuk of Romulus.

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Library Board will hold a public hearing to discuss sites for new library buildings on October 2, 2013, at 7 pm in the Belleville High School Mini Auditorium (501 W. Columbia).

Supporting documents regarding property acquisition will be made available at the library (167 Fourth Street) beginning September 27, 2013.

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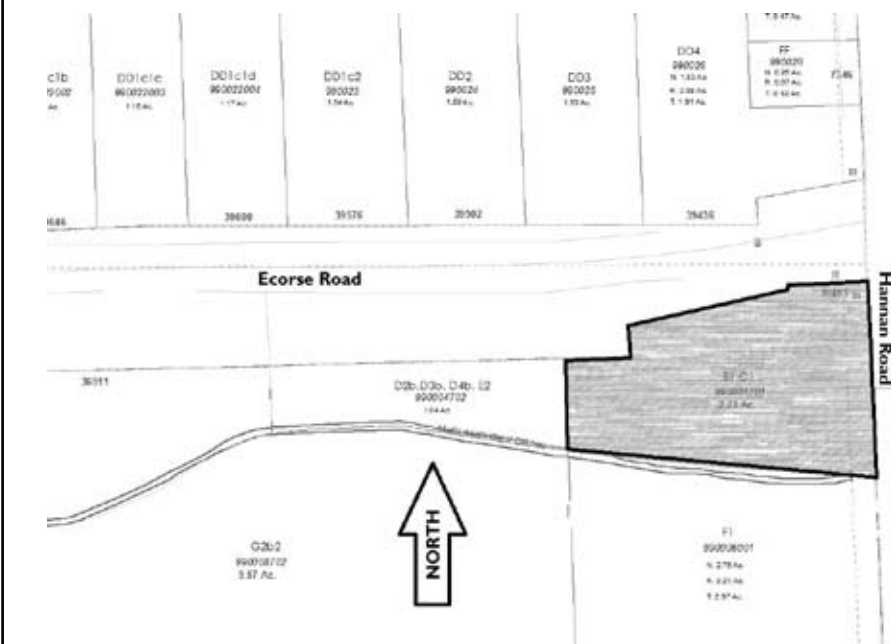
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, and County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday October 9, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a special land use request on the following described property.

Parcel number V125-83-045-99-0001-701, is the subject property of this hearing. It measures approximately 2.23 acres. This property is located at the southwest corner of Ecorse and Hannan Roads.



The applicant, DTE Energy, is requesting approval for the construction of a 30 inch "pig trap" for the maintenance of underground pipeline facilities. This hearing is being held in compliance with Section 11.04 Permitted Uses after Special Approval of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 4:00 p.m., the hearing date.

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Applications and free wooden stand-up forms are still available at Belleville City Hall for the **Parks & Recreation Department's Annual Scarecrow Contest**, set for display along Main Street during the week of **Harvest Fest** Oct. 12. There's no entry fee and all scarecrows must be delivered to city hall by Oct. 4. Application deadline is tomorrow. The contest is open to everyone. Apps can be downloaded at www.belleville.mi.us.

Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation begins its Sunday morning **Turkey Shoots**, on Oct. 6 running through Oct. 27 at the Police Firing Range on Willow Road. The event starts at noon with registration under way at 11:30 a.m. The competition runs every Sunday in October. Prizes include turkeys, hams, bacon. Ammo provided. See the ad in today's paper for the rules or call **Don Swinson** at (734) 674-4980.

Tickets are still available for the **Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Show** at BHS on Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. The price is \$10 in advance for adults,

\$7 for seniors, \$7 for students with IDs, \$5 for children 5-11, and free for kids 4 and under. Adults are \$12 at the door. The Ambassadors will square off against the Chamber Tigers. Call (734) 697-7151 for info. It's a Chamber of Commerce fund raiser.

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Belleville, VBT police logs not available this week

Because the person in charge of internet technology at the Van Buren Township Police Department is vacationing in Maui this week, the police dispatch logs for Belleville and VBT are not available for today's paper. Before he left, Ken Dandy said the logs will be back next week.

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March 17	July 14	November 17
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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 15:

0203 - noise complaint, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0244 - noise complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0318 - suspicious person, Willis/Sumpter
0631 - fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1114 - parking complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1535 - follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1831 - animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1909 - disorderly person, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

Monday, Sept. 16:

0849 - animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0929 - juvenile complaint, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1051 - harassment complaint, Birch
1052 - citizen assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1114 - fraud complaint, Virginia
1343 - suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Sherwood
1422 - suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Fenster
1434 - well-being check, Utah
1547 - suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.
1619 - suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1700 - civil dispute, Colorado
1706 - citizen assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1732 - citizen assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1753 - fraud complaint, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2016 - property damage accident, Judd/Clark

Tuesday, Sept. 17:

0025 - family trouble, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0512 - civil dispute, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1615 - property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willis
1754 - suspicious vehicle, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2017 - citizen assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 18:

0932 - harassment complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
0938 - fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1012 - abandoned vehicle, 488000 bl. Judd Rd.
1055 - suspicious person, Martinsville/Judd
1107 - animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1333 - citizen assist, Timberlane
1604 - follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1645 - threats complaint, Walnut
1753 - subpoena service, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1839 - subpoena service, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1856 - citizen assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2053 - suspicious incident, Texas/California

Thursday, Sept. 19:

0210 - animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0721 - family trouble, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1400 - suspicious vehicle, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1427 - follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Willis
1434 - follow-up investigation, out of township
1602 - alarm, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1610 - suspicious person, Bemis/Sumpter
1614 - reckless driver complaint, Willow/Clark
1801 - suspicious vehicle, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1931 - civil dispute, Rustic Lane
2142 - civil dispute, Birch

Friday, Sept. 20:

0130 - alarm, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0801 - suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
0911 - alarm, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
1018 - follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1043 - civil dispute, Brookview
1125 - animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1224 - follow-up investigation, 4000 bl. Harris Rd.
1309 - fire dept. assist, Arizona
1318 - fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1359 - suspicious person, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1434 - citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1542 - civil dispute, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1642 - malicious destruction of property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1711 - well-being check, 20000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1838 - larceny, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2040 - suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2207 - suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
2330 - alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2333 - fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 21:

0013 - alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0236 - suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0431 - missing person, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1456 - shots fired, 18000 bl. Westcott
1626 - traffic hazard, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1901 - citizen assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2302 - citizen assist, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

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School board

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the upgrading of two classrooms as student learning labs, two as student centers, and the Einstein Lab;

• Approved using \$27,996.96 of BHS bond proceeds to order a new audio visual

equipment package for BHS from Netech. This is for the fiber optic and infrastructure upgrading of four classrooms as student learning labs;

• Approved splitting the Food Service pizza bids to two bidders: Benito's Pizza (on Willis Road in Sumpter) and Domino's Pizza at \$5.99 for the 2013-

14 school year. The two, who were both highly recommended, were the second-lowest bidders of four, with the lowest bidder, Happy's, at \$5.50 having no school experience and not answering all the questions on the bid document. Hungry Howie was the high bidder at \$6.25;

• Approved the HPS group purchasing program that could save up to \$14,000 in food service purchases. Savings also could be realized in custodial / maintenance, office, and medical supplies;

• Listened to the first reading of revisions to the Board of Education Policies concerning limiting foreign exchange students to seven, dress and grooming as spelled out in the student handbook, and taking out reference to a program no longer offered in the Withdrawal from School section. Paragraph 113.01 regarding Schools of Choice (inside the district) is being eliminated, in favor of having the superintendent's office handle in-district requests for school changes within the district;

• Approved the requested terminations of the following teachers: Jamie Coker

after 10 years of service at ECDC, Marina Hicks, after six years at ECDC, and Jennifer Jacobs, after three years at ECDC, all for other employment; Scott McMillan, after 1.5 years at McBride, recall; and Petra Hinderer, after 10 years at McBride, and Sarah Bishar, after 11 years at Edgemont, both for resignations;

• Approved the hiring of the following teachers: Jason Wesley, math interventionist at Rawsonville; Gregory Kirk, fifth grade teacher at Owen; Kristine Trickey, English at BHS New Tech; Jamie Ward, kindergarten at Rawsonville; Adam Trumpour, social studies at BHS; Dion Holmes, special education at BHS; Robin Evans, art at McBride; Tiffany Martell, sixth grade at Owen; Amy Morning, ELA interventionist at Owen; Alexandra Stamper, GSRP/Tuition Preschool teacher at Haggerty; and Holly Ulrich, tuition preschool teacher at Haggerty; and

• Approved the resignations of two Food Service workers: Stephanie Jones, after four years of service, and Arnetta Wilson, after 13 years of service.



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