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Belleville Big Boy to close doors forever after 38 years

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After 38 years of serving up Big Boys and Slim Jims, the Belleville Big Boy is closing its doors forever at the end of the day on Sunday, Nov. 3.

Guy Averill of Ann Arbor and his sister Debbie Shaver of Ypsilanti are co-owners of the business, which was built by their family 38 years ago.

"It's sad to see it closing," Averill said.

He said they recently received a good offer on the property and agreed to sell.

The building needs a new roof and other extensive renovations to satisfy the franchise that would total some \$600,000, but the new owner didn't mind since he plans to tear down the building and build another development, Averill said.

Besides the building renovations, the franchise is up for renewal soon and the agreement would be for 20 years. They decided now was the time to close this location.

Averill and Shaver own two other Big

Boys, in Milan and Ypsilanti, whose franchises are coming up in 3-5 years. They have a total of 130 employees.

"We're close to retirement so that entered into our decision," Averill said.

And, their employee insurance is going up by 18-20%, with the Affordable Care Act bringing a nightmare of regulations.

Averill said the 40 employees now at the Belleville Big Boy will lose their jobs, except for the ones they can transfer over to their Milan and Ypsilanti restaurants.

He said some won't want to travel that far to work, so they wouldn't transfer.

Last week, waitresses at the Belleville Big Boy served their regular customers with tears running down their cheeks, saying they've decided it's better not to keep the pain in, but to let it out.

The sign outside the restaurant reads, "Thanks for the memories."

Since they hadn't closed on the sale yet, Averill opted not to name the new owner of the property.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman
Debbie Shaver of Ypsilanti, left, and her brother Guy Averill of Ann Arbor are co-owners of the Belleville Big Boy, which was built by their family 38 years ago. It is scheduled to close forever at the end of the day on Sunday, Nov. 3.

U.S. Marshals capture Sumpter shooter in Tulsa

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A man who is accused of shooting his brother two or three times with a shotgun in Sumpter Township on Sunday and then fleeing was captured by U.S. Marshals in Tulsa, OK on Tuesday.

Sumpter Township officials say once they put the picture of the missing shooter out



Ritchie

on Nixle and Facebook on Monday, they got a firm tip that ultimately led to his arrest.

On Tuesday afternoon, Sumpter Township Police Detective John Toth said the complicated case is still unwinding and so the whole story can't be told yet.

Detective Toth said Jared Dean-Meeks Ritchie, 17, was struggling in his Texas home, so his half-brother let him stay with him in his home in the 23000 block of Elwell Road, Sumpter, where he had

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Gregory Porcaro completed his Eagle Scout project at Lower Huron Metropark in Van Buren Township on Aug. 31. Gregory's twin brother Michael completed his Eagle project on a wooden play structure at French Landing Park recently and was pictured on the front page of the *Independent*. Gregory and Michael, who belong to Troop 210, are age 13 and in the eighth grade at McBride Middle School. They are the sons of Jenni and Jim Porcaro of VBT. Gregory had 28 people show up to help with his project. The Metropark recently moved the group campground to another location within the park and had to move the flagpole and group camp site sign. Greg and his helpers beautified the base of the flagpole and the base of the sign. Home Depot on Michigan Avenue in Canton donated \$100 in materials for the project.

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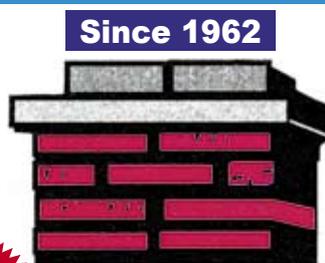
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT Police capture two armed robbers after pharmacy hold up

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Two armed robbers ran out the back door of Health Smart Pharmacy, 10824 Belleville Road, with a big, black trash bag full of drugs and two handguns at about 2:20 p.m. Thursday.

Numerous people called 911 to report that two black males with guns were robbing the pharmacy.

Witnesses told Van Buren Township police that both subjects were wearing gray hooded sweatshirts and dark-colored shoes. The subjects ran northeast toward Belleville Road.

According to witnesses, the pharmacy had been robbed the week before so two, plainclothes DEA agents were parked



Lee

outside the front door on Oct. 24.

The two robbers ran to the detention pond behind Taco Bell and jumped the fence. Using a tracking dog from the University of Michigan, Van Buren Township Police located the two and took them into custody without incident.

A witness said police also were stationed at the nearby exits to I-94 to watch for a getaway vehicle.

The witness said a large number of police officers with long guns and drawn handguns were on hand when the suspects were

apprehended.

The witness said that the two had thrown the trash bag full of drugs into the pond along with both of their handguns. Police retrieved the bag and dumped it out on the grass. The witness said there were about 50 large white drug containers that tumbled out of the bag.

One of the semi-automatic pistols they carried was immediately found on the edge of the pond and the next day, on Friday, the VBT Dive Team retrieved the second weapon from the pond.

On Friday morning, the VBT Dive Team launched a small, inflated boat into the pond and an officer prodded around with a metal detector and placed rods in the pond where metal was detected so divers would know where to search in the murky waters.

The witness said when police grabbed the two inside the fencing next to the pond, they immediately handcuffed them and lifted them over the fence.

One robber was a 15-year-old Inkster boy. A witness said he was small, about five feet tall. Police said the teen was lodged in the Wayne County Youth Detention Center pending a Family Court hearing.

The second subject, Michael Earl-Chavis Lee of Lincoln Park, was arraigned on Saturday, Oct. 26 on three counts of armed robbery, one count of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), and one count of felony fire arm.

Lee, who turned 29 on Oct. 30, is being held without bond and his preliminary exam



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Van Buren Township Dive Team members hold the boat steady as a magnet is drawn through the pond behind Taco Bell the day after the armed robbery. They found the second weapon.

is set for 9 a.m., Nov. 6, at the 34th District Court in Romulus.

Taco Bell was closed for a three-hour span for another issue last Thursday and police told workers that the two escaping subjects might have run into their restaurant to hide had it not been closed up.

A channel 4 helicopter hovered over the scene, but reportedly no report was televised.

A witness said a grey van with no windows in the back drove slowly by the scene twice as the suspects were arrested and then the van drove off.

MDOT runs out of transportation funds, VBT project delayed

By Diane Madigan
Independent Special Writer

At its Oct. 22 regular meeting, Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Susan Ireland announced that the state ran out of transportation funds and so the big road safety project on Belleville Road is delayed.

The DDA submitted plans on Aug. 23, in line with the Michigan Department of Transportation schedule, with contracts to be "let" on Nov. 1.

Ireland said after checking with MDOT several times, she found out they ran out of transportation funds in early September leaving 19 projects completely defunded.

The Belleville Road signal project was one of the defunded projects. The MDOT fiscal year expires Sept. 30.

Ireland said the MDOT said the bids they received over the last couple of months of their year came in significantly higher than expected.

MDOT suggested moving the Belleville Road project to 2014, which would require

the county to do some work moving it to the State Transportation plan organized by SEMCOG.

About the time VBT found out their project was defunded, the county also had a number of projects that were defunded.

Wade Trim engineer Dave Nummer and Ireland attended a county steering committee meeting. She said they told the county that the DDA had already put a lot of money and effort for design into the project.

The county was sponsoring this project because it was essentially "free" money that the state had promised them.

Ireland said most of the 2014 county projects are not ready. The county had four projects that were defunded.

"We have four projects that have all the design completed," she said. "The committee told the county they'd better hire some consultants or engineers and get their projects started in the spring for 2014."

Ireland said the county said they will take their allotment of next year's Act 51 funds

and use a portion to improve the county road system and move VBT's project to 2014.

Ireland said she has received official notification from the county to obligate the funds and has told MDOT the funds have been obligated. She said the county will work with SEMCOG to get the VBT project moved from 2013 to 2014 and has finished the paperwork.

Matt Stacy from Wade Trim engineers said instead of a Nov. 1 letting of bids, the DDA is looking at a January letting, with construction to begin next spring and completed in the summer.

On April 23, the VBT DDA sent out a press release announcing the DDA had been awarded \$774,620 through Wayne County for a major streetscape improvement project on Belleville Road, from Tyler Road south to the I-94 South Service Drive.

The funds for the project came from state Act 51 highway funds distributed by the state to counties, cities and villages that have roadway ownership and maintenance responsibilities. Funded projects require a

focus upon safety improvements.

Ireland said she has had conversations with the DDA bond counsel. She said due to the uncertainty in Lansing and what might happen or what Lansing might or might not do, possibly referring to the zoo millage, she would like to retain as much cash on hand as possible to pursue DDA projects.

The DDA passed a \$2.5 million bond resolution authorizing reimbursement of expenditures from future bond proceeds.

This gives the DDA the right to expend certain funds for acquisition and/or construction of the project prior to the issuance of the bonds with the right to be reimbursed for the expenditures from the proceeds of the future bond.

Besides the Belleville Corridor safety improvements, the resolution allows the DDA to be reimbursed for work on the fence installation, related design and engineering costs, sideway/pathway installations and right of way acquisition, as well as other area capital improvements consistent with

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Don't forget to vote in City of Belleville

We introduced the people running for Belleville City Council in last week's paper, and this week we want to remind city residents to go to the polls next Tuesday, Nov. 5, and cast your ballots for the two seats open on the council.

Councilwoman Kim Tindall, who has served one, four-year term, decided to run for re-election.

Councilman Brian Blackburn, who also has served one term, decided not to run for re-election.

Former Mayor Tom Fielder decided to throw his hat in the ring for council.

Newcomer to the political ring is Bob Balderston, who also is running for council. He's got lots of new ideas.

That makes three people running for two, four-year seats. The voters will decide.

Those elected will help decide a lot of issues coming up in the next four years. There are hints that consolidation of some services with Van Buren Township will be up for approval in the near future.

For years there has been talk of paying VBT to offer police and fire services to the city, but that has yet to happen. We've been told the city wouldn't be able to afford the cost. Maybe that will change.

DPS Director Keith Boc will be retiring within the next year. Will the city turn building department services over to the township? It's possible.

Sumpter and Van Buren townships do not have an election next week, but Belleville does. Get out and vote, city dwellers. Your vote is important.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Sumpter Township Supervisor Johnny Vawters wasn't at the township board meeting on Oct. 22 because he was in the hospital. I called him in his room on the sixth floor at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after I got home from the board meeting and he said he was doing better and would be home in a couple of days. But he's in rehab and not yet home.

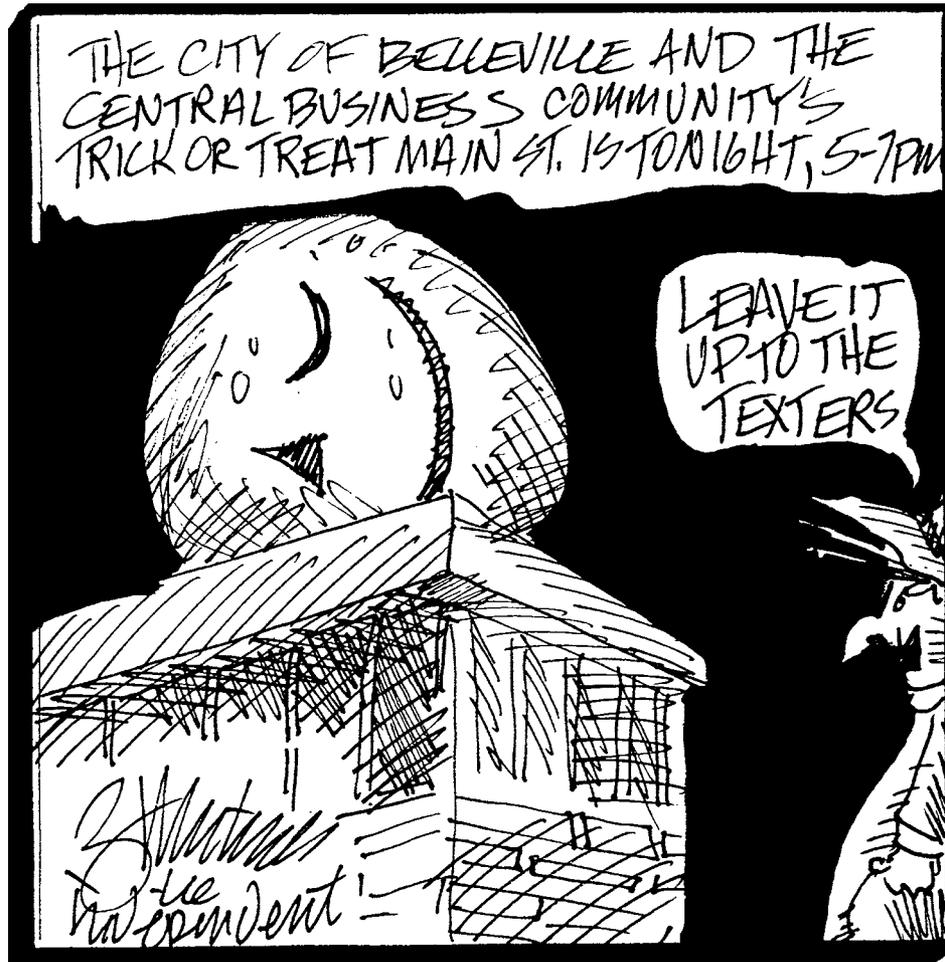
When I arrived at the township board meeting room that evening, I noticed 50 black folding chairs with grey cushioned seats all lined up where the brightly colored molded plastic chairs used to be.

Of course, I asked about it and was told these were from the PNA Hall and did I like them? Not as roomy as the usual chairs, but the padding is nice.

I learned that Sumpter kind of dragged its feet in the paperwork necessary for turning the PNA Hall over to the Belleville Moose Lodge so all the people who had rented the hall from the township could hold their events there. But now, all the hall rentals are over and the Moose can move in soon. They expect a closing on the real estate any day now.

It was pointed out to me that I inadvertently called a meeting of Belle Harbor subdivision by its neighbor's named, Lake Crest, in a Sept. 12 comment in this column. Sorry about that. I meant to correct it sooner, but didn't.

Subsequently Belle Harbor residents met to talk about the fence along the edge of that subdivision on Belleville Road, which is moving forward, and we got all the names right.



Sharon and Richard Pokerwinski have a 20-foot evergreen tree on the corner of one of their properties that they have to remove. Sharon said it would make a wonderful Christmas tree. If she doesn't find a place, next spring it may go out to the burn pile. Call her if you have a place for a BIG Christmas tree, 734-461-0989.

Carl Sweeney, who has been a resident of Van Buren Township for more than 30 years, reports that he took his wife's 2002 GMC black Envoy to Walmart on Oct. 17 for an oil change. It was 4 p.m. and they said they would call him when it was ready, but it would take a while. He lives nearby, so he went home. He received no call, but he went back to Walmart as that department was getting ready to close, just before 7 p.m.

They told him that his son picked up the car. Carl replied that his son was Up North hunting. The Walmart employee said the son probably had delivered the car to Carl's house by now. Carl repeated that his son was Up North.

It turns out that about 5 p.m. a white male said he needed the keys to get his wallet out of his dad's car and they gave him the keys. He drove off with the car.

Carl said his wife retired from GM and paid off her car with the bonus she got at retirement. It has been kept in the garage in the winter and is like new, with low miles.

She had personal items in the car that can't be replaced.

Also, Carl's keychain had keys to his pickup (so now he takes the chip out of the truck each night so it won't start with that key), a key to his house, and to a safety deposit box. He changed all the locks he could.

VBT Police were called and they have a picture of the guy who stole the Sweeneys' car, but the Sweeneys didn't get their car back. Carl said after about a week, Walmart rented a car for his wife to drive. He said they knew it was their fault the car was stolen.

And, there's a new rule at Walmart about not releasing keys without paperwork. The kid who gave the keys to the auto thief still works there, Carl said.

Carl wants everyone to be aware that such things go on and to be careful.

The very old, huge, black walnut tree in our backyard had the best crop of nuts ever this fall. And, the squirrels and chipmunks and other little critters are storing them up for the winter. They are working harder than we've ever seen.

And, we haven't seen many Canada geese lately. Do you suppose they've gone south already? Maybe all this means a hard winter is coming.



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Letters

Endorsement of Bob Balderston for council

To the Editor:

I submit my endorsement for the upcoming Belleville City Council seat Election this upcoming Tuesday, Nov. 5, with explanations for same.

I endorse Bob Balderston. I will be watching him closely to see if he follows through on what he has put in print. He should get rid of Keith Boc, who has singlehandedly done more to cause the City problems and lawsuits, not to mention headaches and sour grapes from the business owners in town.

I have attempted to build a Mill Memorial for Belleville, since I have the millstones which are mentioned in the Otisville chapter of "Water Under the Bridge." No interest and stonewalled from Boc -- guess my name ain't Harlan Davenport ! More on Boc in later letters.

I will be watching you, Bob, to see what you do on the Mill Memorial, as this may be Belleville's last chance to preserve her history in this regard.

Tom Fielder knew about this and said one thing but no results. Tree's known by its fruits. When I saw he supported compromise of the U.S. Constitution, sorry Tom, thumb's down.

Kim Tindall ? Too many connections to other City bureaus, etc. looks suspicious on an agenda basis. Although she's a member of the Historical Society, I have had no support from her, either public or private, on the Mill memorial.

I, therefore, support Bob Balderston for the Council seat. May it be the beginning of some changes for the better around this old milltown.

Sincerely, and for Freedom,
Jimmi Chapman
ACE Tree and Sawmill
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Why not close Main St. for Halloween event?

To the Editor:

I find something very odd going on in the City of Belleville. We close Main Street every Monday evening during the summer for a car show. Close Main Street for the Strawberry Festival. Close Main Street for what seems to be a parade every other month. But when Halloween comes around with thousands of trick or treaters dashing in and out of traffic on Main Street for 2 hours, the City chooses not to close it down. Why?

Got me. Doesn't make any sense. One day, I pray it's not this year, but it's bound to happen, some little kid will break away (I've seen them dart across Main on Halloweens past) from his parents and run across Main and get hit.

Wouldn't it make sense to close Main Street just for 2 short hours to prevent 1 kid from getting hurt or killed?

James Otzman
Van Buren Township

VBT needs cuts before asking for more taxes

To the Editor:

I've just finished reading last week's *Independent* with the report on the Van Buren Township budget sessions.

Van Buren Township will have to make some cuts. Tax and spend won't work.

It's quite a rarity, but this time I agree with Trustee Phil Hart who said a 9% cut across the board could work. I would add another point and seek a 10% cut.

Until they make cuts, they better not come to me for more money.

I telephoned Supervisor Linda Combs at her office on Monday, but she had gone home ill. She makes me ill, too, with her support for more millage.

The community also is looking at a millage request for a planned new library that is entirely too large. They are offering computer classes at the present library and our library is being turned into a computer center.

And, then there's the Visteon bonds that have to be paid off by Van Buren Township.

Supervisor Combs is right. You can't cut your way out of a deficit. But, tax and spend doesn't work, either. Cuts are needed.

Charles Tackett
Van Buren Township

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More Letters

Those rocks, metal rods in yards are dangerous

To the Editor:
 This letter is to my neighbors on Harmony Lane and other streets in the neighborhood who feel they need to put metal rods, rocks, etc., on the edge of their/township property.

I have a fairly new car and I have barely missed sideswiping these rods more than once. If I do eventually damage my car, I am going to be upset.

If someone hits these large rocks that are piled up, they are going to do major damage to their vehicle, and possible injury to themselves. These obstacles also take away from the neatness/appearance of our neighborhood.

In closing, the township asked my neighbor to tear down his nice brick mailbox because, "It could cause damage or injury if hit." It seems the same idea should apply to rods and large rocks.

Someone "may" touch the edge of your yard, but it will grow back.

Sincerely,
 Ann Porterfield
 Van Buren Township

BHS announces open swim dates for November

John Cast, pool director, has announced open swim dates for November at the Belleville High School swimming pool:

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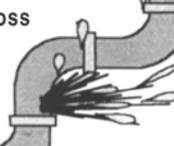


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Obituaries



Ethel Anna Mason

ETHEL A. MASON

(Died October 26, 2013)

Ethel Anna (Swartout) Mason passed away Saturday, October 26, 2013 at her home surrounded by her loved ones.

Ethel and Donald H. Mason have been married for many years. They have three children, Bonnie (Kenneth) Smith of Belleville, Judy Turner of Belleville and Douglas (Glenda) Mason of Belleville.

Ethel loved to go to the garage sales around town and was often referred to as "garage-sale granny."

She loved her family and friends dearly. Every year, Ethel and Donald would take a relaxing vacation to their home in Daytona Beach, Florida, where they enjoyed spending time with their friends and the warmer weather.

Ethel is survived by her husband, Donald Mason, three children, six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents John and Anna (Pate) Swartout, a grandson Lance Smith, a son-in-law Harold Turner, a granddaughter Laina M. Turner, and the Mason twins (boy and girl).

Visitation was Wednesday 2-8 PM and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., with a 12 p.m. funeral on Thursday, October 31, 2013 at the David C. Brown Temporary Viewing and Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Mr. Jim Parks will officiate. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Blake Miles Young

BLAKE MILES YOUNG

(September 4, 2013 - October 26, 2013)

Blake Miles Young, 7-week-old cherished son of Kyle and Sabrina Young of Belleville, passed away Saturday, October 26, 2013 at Mott Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born September 4, 2013 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

Survived by his parents, Kyle Edward and Sabrina (Miles) Young, sister Bella Rose, and grandparents Mark and Penny Young, all of Belleville; grandparents John and Jan Miles of Harrison, MI; great-grandmother Georgia Thompson of Belleville; aunts Kasey Young of Bozeman, MT, Cherie (Jon) Creger of Narrows, VA and Becky Miles of Lincoln Park, MI; cousins Sarah Grace Creger and Dayton Howard; also numerous other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents.

Visitation was Tuesday 5-8 PM with an 11 AM funeral Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at the David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville. Rev. Walker Harris officiated. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

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



Jacqueline Loretta Day

JACQUELINE LORETTA DAY

Passed away at age 78, October 25, 2013 at Cedar Woods Assisted Living Center in Belleville, MI.

Jackie was born July 11, 1935 in Cincinnati, OH, the only daughter of Harry Allen Daniel and Catherine Mathilda Mattes. On August 20, 1956 she married Calvin J. Day. Her greatest joy was being a mother and grandmother and she loved making a great home for them.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Calvin J. Day; 4 children, Deborah (Stephen) Durden of Chelsea, MI, Raymond Day of Belleville, MI, Donald (Cynthia) Day of Adrian, MI and Kenneth (Dawn) Day of Belleville, MI; and six grandchildren, Lisa, Michelle, Calvin, Alexander, Andrew and Jack. She is also survived by 2 brothers, Harry L. Daniel of Westland, MI and Steven (Sharon) Daniel of Luther, MI.

A memorial service for close family members will be held privately.

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the Plan.

The Belleville Corridor Plan safety improvements include the modernization of traffic signals, replacement of traffic signal support systems, installation of an Emergency Vehicle Preemption signal system, curb replacements, improvement of I-94 overpass and sidewalk/pathway installation.

Other improvements mentioned in the projects: add an additional traffic signal between the south Meijer driveway and the Walmart driveway with mast arms, similar to Ecorse/Belleville roads; mill and overlay the asphalt roadway section of the north and south sides of the I-94 bridge, and upgrade sidewalk ramps to the current Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

Ireland also said there will be a pedestrian crossing signal on the South I-94 Service Drive at Belleville Road.

Ireland also asked for any objections to pricing a black traffic light to replace the yellow one at Fire Station #2. Bechtel suggested the fire department might want to stay with yellow rather than change to black. Ireland said she will ask the fire department.

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Auditor praises Van Buren School Board, administration for work

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Tom Taylor gave glowing praise to the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education and its administration on Monday as he presented the financial audit for the last school year, which ended in June.

"Your books and records are in excellent shape," said Taylor, of Taylor & Morgan, CPAs, as he gave details of the \$46.7 million general fund budget, that now has a \$3.386 million fund balance.

He said Van Buren has 7.72% of its budget in fund equity and the district is gaining ground. He said the average is 10.52% in other districts in the state (with the exception of Detroit). Taylor said he would like to see Van Buren have 15%, so it wouldn't have to borrow.

He said as of June 30, more than \$8 million was owed to the district from the state, which makes things difficult for the district, causing it to borrow funds.

"The Board of Education and administration should be commended for what they've done," Taylor said.

He told of the problems the federal sequestration brought to the district's Build America Bonds.

"I was as surprised as you were," Taylor said of the failure of the Build America Bonds to deliver as promised. "The federal government is obviously renegeing on their

promise."

He said the district got a reprieve this year from the federal health care reform, but it will be hit in 2015 when district-wide reporting will be required in Lansing.

He displayed a chart that showed the state retirement figures and said pretty soon more people will be retired than are working.

"This is serious," he said, noting unfunded pension liabilities in the state are \$48.3 billion as of June 2013.

Taylor said taxable values in the district fell 18%, so there is less coming in from the millages. There is \$1.7 million remaining

in the construction fund that could be transferred into the debt service, to keep things going in hopes of a stabilizing economy in the near future.

He said the district is trying to keep the 2.98 mills passed to build the school where it is.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the School Board:

- Recognized retired teacher Jim Fitch for being the "Voice of Belleville Football" as he announced the games for many years;

- Watched Steve Quinn of the Van Buren Education Foundation give out \$23,217 to various school recipients who had applied

for grants. The foundation has given grants to school personnel totaling close to \$175,000 since it began; and

- Heard a close-out report on the \$79 million bond project approved five years ago. The building cost just over \$64 million to build and there was about \$14.5 million in owner directed spending. There's \$1.7 million in the program reserve, which is 2% of the total bond. "It's a great day for Van Buren Public Schools," said Paul Wills of Plante Moran CRESA. "I was honored to be a part of the program." He mentioned the perpetual impact of the sequester on the reserve funds.



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Happy Halloween.

Kathy Niemann (Mom), Belleville
Jenny Niemann Genimatas, Van Buren Township

Van Buren Area Little League to hold open board meeting at 3 p.m., Nov. 10

There will be an open-to-the-public board meeting of the Van Buren Area Little League (VBALL) at 3 p.m., Sunday Nov. 10, according to VBALL president Marc Littleton. The meeting will be inside the gym at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road.

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Court Watching:**White now has seven extra cases against him in U.S. Bankruptcy Court**

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Besides the Chapter 7 Bankruptcy he filed on July 19, disbarred attorney Thomas A. White, 45, of Van Buren Township, now has seven more cases filed against him in that court.

As the Oct. 28 deadline loomed for creditors to file to be pulled out of the bankruptcy proceedings and given separate status and rulings, seven cases were filed.

• Oct. 9, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Thomas J. Tucker signed a consent judgment against White for \$166,573.95 at the request of Anna F. Dziubek. The judgment was signed the same day she filed the complaint.

• Oct. 10, Joseph and Amy Buttigieg filed a complaint against White and are seeking a ruling that their debt of \$7,200 is non-dischargeable by the Bankruptcy Court. They say White paid himself \$7,200 from their credit card, when he was supposed to pay himself just \$500. White had 30 days to answer the complaint.

• Oct. 22, Olivia Ross filed an adversary complaint against White, saying she hired White to assist her with a homeowner's insurance claim for fire damages. ECRS paid him \$2,000 and he also got \$1,685.41 from Classic Cleaners. Ross said White advised the payers to make the checks payable to him and he kept the money. She seeks a determination that the \$3,685.41 debt is non-dischargeable by the court.

• Oct. 24, the Estate of Thomas John Garrett and Michael Garrett, personal representative, filed an adversarial complaint against White, who was retained by Debra and Daniel Garrett in a contested estate case. White convinced Debra and Daniel to invest \$290,000 from the estate with him for his Jani-King business, even though it caused \$80,000 in penalties when they cashed it out of the mutual funds it was invested in. He reportedly told them they would receive \$3,600 a month, which was better than the current investment. He turned over representation in the Thomas Garrett estate to another attorney, since he said it was a conflict of interest since he was in business with the Garretts. White

invested \$35,000 to purchase the Jani-King investment and Debra Garrett paid the total initial investment and was to get only 25% share of the business. White received 75% share of the business and admitted under oath that he used \$176,000 of the money on his own personal obligations. To date Debra has not received anything from her investment with White. After repeated demands by the personal representative, White eventually returned \$75,000 back to the Estate of Thomas Garrett. White still owes the estate \$216,000. An Aug. 14, 2013 consent judgment in Monroe County Probate Court assigned the estate interests of Daniel and Debra Garrett to Michael Garrett. So, Michael Garrett is asking the Bankruptcy Court to enter a non-dischargeable judgment against White for the \$216,000, with Michael and his brother Daniel sharing the proceeds equally.

• On Oct. 25, Matthew Copeland filed an adversary case seeking determination of dischargeability for \$8,500 he paid White for legal services in 2010-11 to use the funds to arrange settlement of debts owed to various creditors, which White didn't do. He did not perform any legal work and just kept the money. Copeland had been forced to pay additional sums to resolve his debts.

Seeking deadline extension

Also on Oct. 25, the law firms of Daniel Singer & Associates and Cohen, Lerner & Rabinovitz, along with creditors Ed Gallaway, David Gallaway, Marilyn Lange, Margaret Sawicki, Ronald Gallaway and Dennis Gallaway, as well as additional clients, filed a motion to extend the deadline to seek discharge from the bankruptcy proceedings from Oct. 28 until Dec. 12, to give them time to work with all the additional clients that have turned up due to the publicity surrounding the White case.

This filing gives 14 days for response if someone involved doesn't want the time extended.

The creditors named filed a lawsuit against White in Wayne County's 3rd Circuit Court and White failed to plead or otherwise defend himself and a default judgment was

filed on April 10, 2013.

This case involved funds from an uncle that were turned over to his caregiver. White became involved representing the plaintiffs saying he would sue Chemical Bank for releasing the funds and plaintiffs paid him \$9,000. He sued, but Roscommon County Circuit Court dismissed the case against the bank and found against the plaintiffs, as well as White for sanctions in an amount just over \$10,000. White never told the plaintiffs about any sanction judgment.

White paid the amount of the sanctions to Chemical Bank's attorneys with a \$10,000 cashier's check from Charter One Bank in Belleville just before the law suit was filed against him.

Probate Court in January 2012 said the settlement to the plaintiffs was to be at

least \$194,656 in named annuities, \$93,113 in a final accounting as presented to the Probate Court in Roscommon County by his conservator prior to his death, and \$23,000 pursuant to the sale of a van.

Since January 2012 White has made more than 15 promises to distribute the awarded dollars to the plaintiffs, but they have received nothing. Just before the lawsuit was filed in December, and after repeated attempts to get a fee schedule with White saying Chemical Bank would pay his fees, White presented a bill for \$200,000 in fees, saying he was holding their money as "leverage" until he was paid.

Additional creditors, who potentially have claims against White have not been listed as potential creditors in his petition or in any amendments he made.

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White

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The law firms are currently interviewing 50-60 additional clients to review their respective claims and intend to file one overall adversary case against White with some or all of the additional clients, as well as the creditors named above.

The law firms sought a stipulation to the extension of the deadline through White's bankruptcy attorneys, Gold, Lange & Marjoros, on repeated occasions in the last 60 days and finally got a formal denial on Oct. 21. That gave the law firms just a few days to file for an extension with the court.

• On Oct. 28, the Gallaways, etc. filed a 26-page adversary complaint against

White asking for an order to determine dischargeability of debt. They are seeking \$310,769.

• On Oct. 28, the Estate of Eileen E. Kuchta and her Personal Representative Alisa Renier filed to have a debt of \$253,992 found non-dischargeable by the Bankruptcy Court. Renier was listed as a creditor by White, but Eileen Kuchta was not. The filing said White received \$390,000 in money and property in the settlement of the Kuchta estate and kept \$253,992 of that. Since the law allows treble the damages, along with costs and attorney fees, they are asking for a judgment of \$761,976. Attorney is John R. Badeen of Xuereb Law Group, Canton.

Felony charges

Meanwhile, the Michigan State Police

have more than 50 people who have come forward to charge White with criminal activities and those cases are being studied, with some cases expected to have warrants signed by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

White's preliminary exam on the original five felonies has been postponed until Nov. 13 at 34th District Court in order to bundle together all the charges for "judicial efficiency."

White is out on bond after paying 10% of the \$20,000 set by Judge David Parrott. Since has yet to have a preliminary exam, White has yet to enter a plea of guilty or not guilty to the felony charges concerning forging signatures and keeping money belonging to the late Leland Jordan and his wife Judith A. Jordan of Belleville.

City of Belleville

In a related matter, White also owes several years of personal property taxes to the City of Belleville, where his office had been located at 35 Main Street.



White

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **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.
- **Thursday, Oct. 31** – Trick or Treat on Main Street in downtown Belleville from 5-7 p.m. sponsored by the Central Business Community. Then, The Lunch Box is providing free hayrides around the downtown area from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. starting at the restaurant near the bridge.
- **Thursday, Oct. 31 (Reformation Day)** – Friends Family Theater free Thursday movie, 7 p.m. at Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road (at Bemis), Ypsilanti. "Heartless, the Story of the Tin Man" 734-482-5074
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• **Saturday, Nov. 2** – Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue is holding its fourth Wine Tasting Fundraiser, to help care for the dogs and cats in its no-kill shelter in Sumpter Township. The event is at Vintner's Canton Winery, 8515 N. Lilley Rd., Canton, 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$25 per ticket. Pay prior to the event by credit card at <http://fmar1.org/donateo.aspx> and type "Wine Tasting" into the designation box.

• **Saturday, Nov. 2** – Ladies Day Out Craft & Vendor Show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lincoln High School, 7425 Willis Road. Crafters & Vendors on hand to help you get a jump start on your holiday shopping!

• **Sunday, Nov. 3** – 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, Nov. 3** – A brief ceremony called Bugles Across America honors soldiers fighting now and veterans of past wars at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Monument in Horizon Park on High Street in Belleville.

• **Wednesday, Nov. 6** – PAWS with a CAUSE will be at the Belleville Area District Library program room at 7 p.m. This all-ages program will introduce the PAWS with a CAUSE organization that provides trained assistance dogs to people with disabilities. Learn about the puppy program and meet some of the foster puppies.

• **Thursday, Nov. 7** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Boston is holding its annual Sauerkraut Dinner beginning at 5 p.m. Cost is \$10. Info: 734-753-9048.

• **Thursday, Nov. 7** – This is the last day to sign up for the Veteran's Day Luncheon and Salute to Our American Heroes on Friday, Nov. 8, at Van Buren Township September Days Senior Center. All are welcome. Lunch donation is \$2.25. Information, 699-8918.

• **Friday, Nov. 8** – Veteran's Day Luncheon and Salute to Our American Heroes begins at 11:15 a.m. at the September Days Senior Center in Van Buren Township. Guest speaker is Randy Hotton. Jack Dalton will put on an American Patriotic Song Show.

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This week we will be continuing our series on estate planning. While we understand that estate planning may not be the most thrilling legal topic, we believe that it is important to have a plan in place because the possibility of being left without a plan can cause an incredible amount of confusion and stress for your loved ones during a period that they should not have to be concerned with such matters.

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If you would like further information regarding this issue, or any other issues that you are having, please contact us at (734) 699-7360.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, Oct. 20:

0014 – disturbance, Woodbury/Haggerty
0238 – suspicious person, Hot Spot
0651 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 120 Maple Dr.
1454 – narcotics crime, 7581 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1712 – fight, 9701 Belleville Rd., Meijer
1812 – dumping complaint, 46449 Ecorse Rd.
2005 – assault & battery, 42223 Hanover
2311 – water leak found, 42040 Hayes St.

Monday, Oct. 21:

0237 – assault & battery, 15 Birch Dr.
0634 – shots fired, Price
0816 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Taco Bell
0923 – suicide or attempt, 48611 S. I-94 Service
1159 – property damage accident, 474 Sumpter
1217 – property damage accident, 474 Sumpter
1637 – private property accident, Ecorse Mobil
1709 – property damage accident, Michigan / Denton
1709 – property damage accident, Michigan / Denton
1807 – larceny, 8956 Hardwood Dr.
1857 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1906 – narcotics crime, Rawsonville/Martz
2141 – assault & battery, 9909 Kennedy Ct.

Tuesday, Oct. 22:

0744 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1006 – assault & battery, 41207 S. Woodbury Dr.
1117 – private property accident, 42350 Van Born
1625 – larceny, 59 Loza Lane
1703 – harassment call, 121 Maple Dr.
1727 – suicide or attempt, 7497 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1748 – fraud, 2095 Rawsonville, Kmart
1942 – juvenile complaint, 14793 Brookside Dr.
2150 – operating while intoxicated, 45455 Ecorse
2158 – malicious destruction of property, 46040 Lake Villa Dr.

Wednesday, Oct. 23:

0127 – assault & battery, 11022 Oak Lane
0737 – larceny, 6505 Parkside Dr.
0745 – malicious destruction of property, 10917 Van Buren St.
0810 – assault & battery, 5964 Vernon St.
0957 – property damage accident, Wendy's/Belleville
1347 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1440 – property damage accident, Michigan / Denton
1545 – larceny, Meijer
1631 – missing person, 14793 Brookside Dr.
1646 – narcotics crime, 46070 Lake Villa Dr.
1731 – missing person, 20 Oak Blvd.
1745 – larceny, 11553 Meadows Circle
1901 – ATV/ORV complaint, Parkside Dr. / Old Michigan Rd.
1905 – ATV/ORV complaint, 8800 Parkwood Manor
1942 – fraud, 47147 Ayres Ave.
2251 – trespassing, 41480 W. Archwood Dr.
2357 – trespassing, 41480 W. Archwood Dr.

Thursday, Oct. 24:

0641 – assault & battery, 48681 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0804 – suspicious situation, Rawsonville/I-94
1123 – property damage accident, Michigan / bypass
1130 – fraud, Walmart
1422 – robbery, 10824 Belleville Rd.
1604 – juvenile complaint, 8800 Parkwood Dr.
1634 – mental, 7005 Belle Pointe Dr.
1702 – malicious destruction of property, 42975 Savage
1947 – fraud, Meijer
2042 – robbery, 7453 Kirkridge Park Dr.
2207 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
2319 – assault & battery, 9656 Sawgrass Ct.

Friday, Oct. 25:

1214 – larceny from auto, 13770 Haggerty Rd.
1235 – larceny from auto, 13770 Haggerty Rd.
1435 – private property accident, Kmart
1452 – property damage accident, I-275 / Ecorse
1759 – larceny from auto, 46194 N. I-94 Service
1959 – assault & battery, 7422 Lacy Dr.
2111 – hospice, 44401 S. I-94 Service Dr.

2113 – malicious destruction of property, 45892 Purple Sage
2124 – fraud, 8961 Hardwood Dr.
2337 – breaking & entering, 8168 Kirkridge Park
2353 – assault & battery, 41480 W. Archwood Dr.

Saturday, Oct. 26:

0043 – juvenile complaint, 10950 Belleville
0146 – juvenile complaint, 47048 McBride Ave.
0214 – larceny, 50521 W. Huron River Dr., Pine Creek
0354 – breaking & entering, 46131 Village Green
0736 – intrusion alarm, BYC
1019 – fraud, 274 Holly Lane
1148 – fraud, 46125 Village Green
1353 – malicious destruction of property, 48871 Denton Rd.

1445 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1524 – hospice, 14774 Elwell Rd.
1927 – fireworks, 45501 Harmony Lane
1935 – fraud, 7485 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1947 – fire investigation, 45501 Harmony Ln.
2046 – suspicious situation, 11930 Ryznar Dr.
2059 – property damage accident, 41 Brandi

Also on this week's log are 183 traffic stops, with 73 of those on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 20:

0944 – intrusion alarm, BHS
1217 – disturbance, 573 E. Huron River Dr.
1379 – warrant arrest, 46425 Tyler
1533 – private property accident, Citgo
1737 – private property accident, 575 Sumpter Rd.
2026 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Sumpter/Hull
2037 – follow up, 6 Main St.

Monday, Oct. 21:

0812 – information, Robbe St./S. Edgemont Ave.
1018 – larceny, BHS
1557 – disturbance, Victory Park
1845 – agency assist, 14088 Burlwood

Tuesday, Oct. 22:

0454 – assist fire dept., 368 E. Huron River Dr.
0812 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Plaza
0911 – fraud, 6 Main St.
1231 – assist fire dept., 125 N. Edgemont, school
1627 – larceny, 59 Loza Lane
1733 – follow up, 57 Loza Lane
1905 – assist fire dept., 368 E. Huron River Dr.
2118 – suspicious situation, 2 San Carlos St.
2137 – suspicious vehicle, 184 Dos Rios St.
2146 – property damage accident, Belleville/Main
2232 – missing person, 305 Edison Ave.
2327 – agency assist, Lodge Lanes

Wednesday, Oct. 23:

0310 – suspicious situation, 440 Robbe St.
0329 – alarm intrusion, 420 Sumpter Rd.
0522 – alarm intrusion, 420 Sumpter Rd.
1001 – follow up, 230 S. Aberdeen Ct.
1016 – warrant arrest, Wayne PD
1017 – warrant arrest, Dearborn Hts. PD
1211 – parking complaint, 575 Sumpter Rd.
1438 – assist fire dept., 201 Third St.
1455 – juvenile complaint, Victory Park
1701 – domestic assault, 243 Church St.
1708 – follow up, 58 Loza Lane
1748 – suspicious situation, 444 Main St.
1822 – traffic complaint, Belle Villa Blvd./Carmell
1823 – suspicious person, 15 Carmell St.
1928 – assist fire dept., 181 Church St.
2002 – alarm intrusion, 410 Harbour Pointe Dr.
2338 – agency assist, 575 W. Columbia Ave.

Thursday, Oct. 24:

0245 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave.
0329 – mental, 506 Harbour Pointe Dr.
0438 – alarm intrusion, BHS
0441 – alarm intrusion, 493 Harbour Pointe Dr.
0840 – property damage accident, Main/E. Columbia Ave.

Friday, Oct. 25:

1000 – disorderly conduct, BHS
1049 – follow up, 275 W. Columbia Ave.
1225 – suspicious situation, 210 Henry St.
1459 – intimidation threat, Lakeview Tavern
1505 – personal injury accident, Huron River Dr./Biggs Ave.

1744 – malicious destruction of property, BHS

Friday, Oct. 25:

1046 – assist fire dept., 45201 Owen, school
1414 – suspicious situation, 81 South St.

1436 – civil matter, 35 Carmell St.
2035 – parking complaint, BHS
2249 – suspicious situation, Belle Villa

Saturday, Oct. 26:

0207 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave.
0332 – suspicious vehicle, Bayou
0717 – traffic complaint, Main/Fourth
0823 – vehicle lockout, Fifth/Main
1523 – all other traffic, Belle Villa Blvd./Sumpter
1659 – assist fire dept., 24 San Carlos St.
2047 – suspicious vehicle, 255 Victorian Ln.

Also on this week's log are 43 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 20:

0037 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
0118 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.
0128 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Rawsonville/Bemis
0135 – alarm, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0145 – suspicious incident, Sherwood/Willow
1006 – malicious destruction of property, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

1413 – property damage accident, Martinsville / Harris

1415 – alarm, Timberlane
1630 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1635 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1647 – shots fired, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1718 – family trouble, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.

1800 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willis

1838 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willis

2117 – fight, Country Club

2227 – suspicious person, 9100 bl. Rawsonville

Monday, Oct. 21:

0659 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0853 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1039 – civil dispute

1214 – mental health commitment, Country Club Blvd.

1341 – trespassing complaint, 42000 bl. Wear Rd.

1833 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Willis

Tuesday, Oct. 22:

0533 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0936 – harassment complaint, Knollwood
1214 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1257 – citizen assist, First St.
1534 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1705 – suspicious incident, 5700 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

1838 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willis

1945 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.

2056 – warrant arrest, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

2127 – alarm, 9400 bl. Rawsonville

2228 – suspicious incident, Colorado

Wednesday, Oct. 23:

0149 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
0813 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1050 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1224 – trespassing complaint, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1453 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1522 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1606 – reckless driver complaint, Delaware
1848 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1908 – missing person recovered, Georgia
1911 – subpoena service, 9200 bl. Willow Rd.
2008 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2206 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2231 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 24:

0556 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0658 – property damage accident, Willis/Elwell
0910 – juvenile complaint, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
0918 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville
0935 – embezzlement, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0948 – assist other agency, 10000 bl. Willis Rd.
1112 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1425 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1450 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1721 – alarm, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
2354 – 911 hang up/investigation, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Friday, Oct. 25:

0841 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
0946 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1114 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1308 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1429 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Fenster
1442 – property damage accident, Willow / Haggerty

1527 – fraud complaint, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1530 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1722 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1824 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.
1950 – suspicious person, Haggerty/Wear
2034 – larceny, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
2311 – suspicious person, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.

Saturday, Oct. 26:

0004 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
0043 – suspicious vehicle, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0421 – shots fired, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
0526 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1104 – suspicious incident, Harris/Martinsville
1516 – assist other agency, out of township
1630 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville
1654 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Harris
2313 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2332 – shots fired, Sumpter/Willis

Also on this week's log are 28 miscellaneous details, 68 patrol checks, 33 traffic stops, and 24 follow-up investigations.

Sumpter shooter

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On Sunday at about 5:35 p.m., Sumpter Police were summoned to the fire hall on Sumpter Road where the victim was. The victim had been shot two or three times with a shotgun and he identified his brother as the shooter.

Det. Toth said he gave police key pieces of evidence and said his brother was still at the home.

Det. Toth, Chief Jim Pierce, and Captain Eric Luke contacted the Michigan State Police SWAT for assistance and they brought robots and different equipment to help apprehend the armed man.

Det. Toth said they got a search warrant and secured a lot of evidence, but the house was empty.

They later learned while they were staging and waiting for MSP, the man slipped out the back and fled.

One of the MSP troopers worked with the U.S. Marshals, who began to assist Sumpter. Det. Toth said the Nixle post worked out with an incredible lead, which Sgt. Chris McGlynn worked and got solid information.

Ritchie was taken into custody by the U.S. Marshal Service as the Greyhound bus he was using to flee in made a stop in Tulsa, OK. Once extradited back to Michigan he will face charges of assault with intent to murder, armed robbery, and possible other charges.

The victim, 31, was hospitalized in serious but stable condition.

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Error in reporting

Last week, the *Independent* reported that Bankruptcy Court Judge Thomas J. Tucker signed an order granting relief to Robert and Gloria Coppock so they can move forward with getting back the house they own at 41305 Savage Road, Van Buren Township, where White lives.

Actually, Judge Tucker has yet to sign that order, although he is more than a month late for taking action on the request by the Coppocks' attorney to either sign or deny their request to have the house taken out of the bankruptcy proceedings.

White stopped paying the land contract on the property and also stopped paying property taxes.

We regret the error.

– Rosemary Otzman, editor

Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Today is Halloween and there is spooky fun on tap all around town as the **City of Belleville, Downtown Merchants** and the **Central Business Community** host trick or treat from 5 to 7 p.m. The CBC's costume contest starts at 6 p.m. at Fourth Street Square.

The Lunch Box zombies will be serving up free cider and donuts and free hayrides beginning at 7:30 p.m. The route: Liberty to First Street to Main and back. Call (734) 391-8281.

Marti's Gift Gallery at 668 E. Huron River Drive is celebrating its ninth anniversary this month with a special open house next Wednesday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Bring their ad in from today's paper and get 30% off any one item, or \$5 off a total purchase of \$30 or more. Throughout the day also enjoy food samples, red tag sales, and a chance to win some free gifts. Call (734) 699-GIFT. Congratulations, Marti and Tracey!

The **Belleville Church of God** on Hull Road will open its food pantry tonight, from 6 to 7 p.m. and every fourth Thursday of every month. Call (734) 697- 0927.

The **Belleville Wrestling Club** will be holding open registration on Nov. 5 and Nov. 7, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. both days

inside Belleville High School's Wrestling Room. For info, call (734) 697-7887, (734) 564-3470. or email bellevillewrestling@yahoo.com.

The **Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue**, based in Sumpter Township, will hold their **Wine Tasting Fundraiser** this Saturday, Nov. 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the **Vintner's Canton Winery**. The cost is \$25 per ticket. For info, visit www.fmar1.org or call (734) 461-9458.

Belleville Presbyterian Church will be holding its annual **Salad Luncheon, Bake & Craft Sale** this Saturday, Nov. 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 5-12. Call (734) 697-8687.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Boston is holding its **Annual Sauerkraut Dinner** on Thursday, Nov. 7, starting at 5 p.m. The cost is \$10 per dinner, which includes beverage and dessert. Carry-outs will also be available. Call (734) 753-9048.

Good luck to the **BHS football team** as they take on Saline in the opening round of the state playoffs tomorrow evening. Go Tigers!!

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Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
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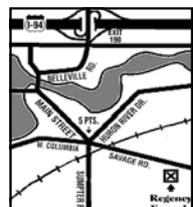


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