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## Van Buren Twp. DDA to issue \$4.9 million in bonds for Ecorse work

By Diane Madigan  
Independent Special Writer

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority authorized the issuance of Tax Increment Revenue Bonds in the maximum amount of \$4.9 million to finance the capital costs of the Ecorse/Belleville Road intersection work.

Bond attorney Robert Schwartz explained that 20-year bonds, at no more than 6% interest, will be secured only by the tax increment revenues collected by the DDA and there is no liability on the part of the DDA Board or personal liability to its members.

Also, the township has no responsibility whatsoever, he said.

The DDA also approved a Defeasance Resolution that reflects a budget implication of \$3.7 million, that deposits existing DDA funds into an escrow account to pay off bonds originally issued in 2005.

Schwartz said the decision to do that is based purely on economics. The bonds are bearing 5% interest and the DDA has the ability to buy government securities and put them in escrow for about 2 years. At the end of 2 years, the DDA can pay off the 2005 bonds at a substantial savings to the DDA.

Schwartz noted that the underwriter, Fifth Third Securities, said it would behoove the DDA to borrow a reserve fund of up to 10% of the total amount to set aside in case the DDA's tax increment revenue slides downwards.

"We would have this reserve fund to draw on to pay the bonds," Schwartz said. He said the City of Troy DDA is currently in default. They had \$26 million in bonds secured only in tax increment revenues.

Schwartz said assuming the reserve is not drawn on, at the final maturity that reserve is used to pay off the bonds.

Also, Schwartz is also looking at bond insurance.

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Photo courtesy Belleville Fire Department

To gear up for Halloween every year, the Belleville Fire Department and their families get together for their annual Pumpkin Carving. Youngsters and adults carve their pumpkins while munching on pizza, cider, and donuts. Youngsters get to pick out their design and carve their pumpkins, some with the help of their parents. When everyone has finished the carved creations go on display for a photo shoot before the young people get to carry them home. Belleville resident and fire fighter Colette McClinton, who is an owner of Garden Fantasy Greenhouse and Florist in Van Buren Township, donates the pumpkins.

## Two days of public hearings consider details for 2013 budgets in VBT

By Diane Madigan  
Independent Special Writer

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees spent Wednesday, Oct. 23, and Thursday, Oct. 24, in session to hear 2013 budget requests from department directors and discuss how the township can work with the funds available.

There were no votes taken. Absent both days was Trustee Al Ostrowski. Present at the board table both days was Linda Combs, who is unopposed on the ballot for supervisor.

**IT Department** - Steve Rankin. In

2012, the township's server was replaced and VBT updated the township's e-mail system. Digitizing township documents has been a slow process and Rankin feels they need more manpower for scanning older Building and Planning documents. Because of their size, some need special equipment. Jahr believes VBT should move forward with daily scanning rather than starting with historical files.

**Police Department** - Public Safety Director Carl McClanahan. The Board asked that an overtime line item be included with future reports. In the 2013 budget, McClanahan is asking to hire three new officers and believes the 74% increase in overtime is due to the reduction in manpower. A minimum of four officers are expected to retire in the 2014 budget cycle and McClanahan wants to assure service will not be affected as the new officers are

trained, which takes about nine months.

He reported he has 39 officers now and

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## Five candidates seek four open seats on VBT Board of Trustees

Five candidates are running for four, part-time trustee positions on the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees in the Nov. 6 election.

All the other positions on the VBT ballot are unopposed. Larry Fix, who lost his bid for supervisor in the primary election, is running a write-in campaign against unopposed supervisor candidate Linda Combs.

Two incumbents – Phil Hart and Jeff Jahr – and three newcomers – Ann Frances Fioritto, Brenda McClanahan, and Regina (Reggie) Miller -- are on the ballot.

Fioritto is the only Republican candidate. All the other candidates on the VBT ballot are Democrats.

### Ann Frances Fioritto

Ann Frances Fioritto, age 35, of 44615 Greenbriar Drive, is running for trustee. She ran unsuccessfully for VBT Supervisor in 2008 and received nearly 40% of the Republican vote in the



Fioritto

2012 primary election. She has two sons, Tyler, 19, and Evan, 7. She has lived in the township for 11 years and is a Clinical Research Project Manager.

Fioritto attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and graduated in the top 10% of her class. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and biochemistry and completed courses in economics, calculus, and statistics.

Fioritto was elected to serve two terms on the board of directors for the Greenbriar Homeowners Association. She has been active as a leader in the Boy Scouts of America. Besides being a hockey mom and hockey coach for her sons' teams, she also is an avid hockey player.

Fioritto said she is running for the position of trustee because she wants to put Van Buren Township on the map as an area that is highly sought after by families and businesses.

Her goals include Safety (for roads, and support for police and fire), Services (such as Neighborhood Acceptance Plan that allows township residents to secure resident rates for facilities such as the Romulus Athletic Center and the Canton Public Library), and Economic Growth.

### Phillip Craig Hart, incumbent

Phillip Hart, age 54, of 12992 Linda Vista, is seeking reelection as trustee.

He married Karen in 1984 and they have two daughters, Ashley and Blair.

Hart has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Northwood University and an associate's degree in Commerce from Henry Ford Community College.

Hart has been employed by Ford Motor

Company Dearborn Engineering Center for 34 years. He has held multiple technical and administrative positions and has been the recipient of "Distinguished Achievement" awards for his work.

As a New Model Launch Specialist, he is responsible for leading Launch Teams in the introduction of New Model Vehicles.

"One of my key attributes is that I welcome and embrace a 'Team' approach; I respect all opinions and I treat everyone with respect," Hart said.

Hart said he is running for re-election because he said he has been effective in representing the residents and there is much more work to be done.

Hart listed goals after election in Human Resource Management, Public Safety, Planning and Economic Development, and the Visteon Bond.

### Jeffrey Lincoln Jahr, incumbent

Jeffrey Jahr, age 69, of 45281 Harmony Lane, is seeking reelection as trustee. He has already served three terms as trustee.

Jahr was married to Patricia for 39 years until her death in 2005. They had three sons: Jeffrey S. Jahr, Daniel Jahr (deceased), and James Thurston Jahr.

He has lived in the township for 39 years and has been a general practice attorney for 44 years. He is former Westland City Attorney.

Jahr graduated from Belleville High School in 1960, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1964 with a bachelor in pre-legal studies, and from U of M Law School in 1967 with a Juris Doctor degree.

Jahr ran unsuccessfully for Judge of the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court in 2002.

Jahr said he is seeking reelection because he enjoys serving as a trustee and believes he can continue to make a valuable contribution to the community.

"I like interacting with our residents and representing their interests," he said. "I have learned to listen objectively and appreciate the opinions of others. If reelected, I will continue to ask questions and express my position on issues that come before the board ... I believe that my background and experience will enable me to work with the other board members as we respond to the many challenges facing the township in the next four years."

### Brenda L. McClanahan

Brenda McClanahan of 42783 Tavistock,



Hart

is running for a trustee seat on the VBT Board of Trustees. She presently is vice president of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education and decided not to run for reelection. She was elected to the school board in 2008.

She is married to VBT Director of Public Safety Carl McClanahan; they moved to VBT in 2001. She has one daughter Dr. Ayana Wilson who practices at Palmetto Health Baptist Hospital in Columbia, S.C., and two grandchildren.

McClanahan retired from the Detroit Police Department with the rank of sergeant after 20 years of service, 1986-2006. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from the University of Phoenix and a Master of Science degree in Administration from Central Michigan University. She is an adjunct lecturer on Organizational Finance at Saginaw Valley State University.

She was appointed to serve on the VBT Public Safety Committee in 2008, but resigned after her husband was named Public Safety Director.

McClanahan said she decided to run for trustee because, "I have always enjoyed public service and I thoroughly believe that service to the public is a privilege and not an entitlement ... My perspective is that the individual must be humble enough to realize that there is little that he/she can do alone. Becoming a candidate for a board of trustee's position is becoming part of the 'team' ...

"Elected officials can only hope that working together as a legislative body in a collaborative and civil environment will produce the best results possible," she said.

### Regina L. Miller

Reggie Miller of 13697 Pond Bluff Drive, is running for a trustee position. She is married with two children.

She moved to the City of Belleville in 1996 then moved to VBT and has lived in the township 11 years.

Miller is part-time self-employed with a courier/messenger service.

She earned her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Cleary University, Ann Arbor, and also holds an associate's degree with a double major in marketing and communications from Purdue University North Central, Indiana.

She said she moved to Belleville in 1996 when her family was transferred from

Atlanta. She immediately became active in the Victoria Commons Homeowners Association, National Strawberry Festival, Belleville Downtown Development Authority, and Trinity Episcopal Church.

Miller now serves as vice chairperson of the VBT Public Safety Committee and is actively involved in Country Pond Estates homeowners' association.

Miller said she is running for office because, "I believe that our community is in need of a 'renewed vision' that will preserve, promote and protect Van Buren Township."

Miller said her goals include using common sense and good judgment, developing a plan for moving the community forward, supporting the hiring of fire fighters and police officers, working with other elected officials, and insisting on accountability and responsibility.

She said she will donate one year of her salary over her term back to the community, offering the proceeds to the schools, arts council and VBT parks and recreation. She also will waive any health insurance benefits which will save the taxpayers thousands of dollars over her term of office.

## VBT Board chips in \$3,361 for Van Buren Park's new picnic tables

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted to chip in \$3,361 from the general fund to pay for three picnic tables for the new walking/bike path and picnic areas at Van Buren Park.

The Wayne County parks millage gave the township \$40,000 for the project.

Blue Ribbon Contracting, Inc. had the low bid of \$37,361 and the project needed \$3,361 to be complete. Without the donation from the board, the project would have only been able to have three new picnic tables.

This is the first phase of a walking/bike path and picnic areas throughout the park. The project is due to begin Oct. 22.

Supervisor Paul White said he visits the park on a regular basis and has seen people bringing their own tables to set up by the lake to eat. He said he is glad this project will be done.

The picnic tables are made of mesh wire and cement, which is not as easy to vandalize, permanently affixed to cement pads. The path will go 150' through the woods and over a culvert.

Andrew Burns, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, presented the updated

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McClanahan



Jahr



Miller

# O P I N I O N S

## Editorial

### Local candidates very important on Nov. 6 ballot

While the votes for national offices are very important, votes for local candidates probably will impact local lives more directly.

There has been a lot of turmoil at Van Buren Township board meetings over the last four years that has been embarrassing to VBT residents, since it's all on TV. People throughout the area that can get VBT Channel 12 have been making fun of the township because of all the loud arguing. VBT has looked very bad because the meetings were very bad.

The votes VBT voters cast for trustees in next Tuesday's election might help settle things down a little. The officials that are unopposed on Tuesday's VBT ballot are likely to be accepted with open arms by the audience members who yelled so much against Paul White and his team.

As to the library board and the school board, these too have had meetings that had turmoil. But, these meetings aren't on TV, even though the public had been told once BHS was complete the school board would be back on cable. The mini-aud where the board is meeting is not capable of having cablecasts, we are told.

The library board has brushed off any suggestions to have its regular meetings recorded for cablecast to the community.

Therefore, make your choices for these two boards very carefully, as well, since the people you select need to be trusted. They probably aren't going to be on TV for everyone to watch.

### EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

It's been kind of exciting to watch Belle Tire construction begin on Belleville Road, right north of Express Tire.

First there was a problem with a water line and so they had to go across Belleville Road to fix that and that's where they hit a 3" gas line that required the closing of Belleville Road for about 45 minutes while the gas company fixed it. That was on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

On Wednesday, Oct. 24, I got an email from a reader about what he saw at the Belle Tire site at about 1 p.m. He reported multiple electrical arcs on the site and then power was out at the traffic lights south of the work site.

Wednesday night at the planning commission meeting I asked VBT official Terry Carroll if Belle Tire should be about done hitting lines by now. He said they still had the sewer line to go.

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We've received a copy of a recent email VBT attorney Patrick McCauley sent to attorney Kaveh Kashef of Clark Hill LLC, who VBT hired to help solve the problem with the Visteon bonds. If VBT doesn't get enough money from Visteon to pay the bonds that the township has guaranteed for construction of Visteon's "world headquarters" that could be a disaster for VBT taxpayers soon.

The township board recently hired Clark Hill to help with the looming problem.

McCauley wrote to Kashef: "I see that the Governor has appointed an Emergency Financial Manager in Allen Park caused, in large part, by the failed movie studio project for which the City sold bonds to finance land acquisition. I'm confident we



can avoid the same fate for Van Buren. Just let me know when and how you are ready to proceed."

I do not think the residents of VBT would like an Emergency Financial Manager and the attorneys should get ready to proceed ASAP.

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I got a call about 2 p.m. last Thursday reporting a burning RV on I-94 "past Haggerty" with fire trucks on the scene. I contacted VBT Fire Chief Dan Besson and he said he saw it, too. Chief Besson said it was east of Ozga Road in the City of Romulus. He said he saw Michigan State Police on the scene and Romulus Fire Department was clearing.

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A reader from Sumpter Township sent me an email saying she was really interested in that article that mentioned the lack of books. "Million dollar complex and yet not enough books? I think they just want to keep the books looking nice. But I was floored when the article said that a teacher said to take pictures of the book - isn't that considered copyright infringement? Can't wait to hear how this will pan out." (Actually, the new high school is a \$79 million complex.)

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Last week I wrote a few words in this column about how nice the soccer field and young soccer players looked in the front yard of Wayne County Community

College District on Haggerty Road on a recent Saturday morning.

On Tuesday, a mother came in to our offices to tell me how "horrible" the fields are and how many children have been injured by the rocks and cement pieces in the grass. She said many players won't be coming back in the spring because of the injuries.

She also said the field is "embarrassing" when other teams come from out of town to compete. She said Canton has a wonderful field.



The mother also noted the parking situation is dangerous, since parents have to park in the grass on both sides of the driveway to the college and college students are zipping in and out of the area going to and from classes. She said her daughter almost got hit by a car there.

The soccer fields are a partnership between the Van Buren Soccer Association and WCCCD, according to the information put on the association website after the Sept. 8 ribbon cutting picture.

The mother wonders why the teams can't play at Van Buren Township's fields behind the township hall, where they used to be and where the fields are very good.

Soccer is over for the season and we're looking into it as we head to press time at the *Independent*. The mother wants me to go walk the field to see for myself. I will.

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Registration location is the Van Buren Township Police Department, 46425 Tyler Rd., Belleville. Forms will be available at the Van Buren Township Police Department, or, for the resident's convenience, printable forms will be available on the township's website at [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org).

Just print them, fill in your information and bring them to the police department to register. You must register "In Person". No phone-in or mail-in registrations will be accepted. Proof of residency must be presented at time of registration (valid driver's license, state ID or current utility bill showing name and address).

Registration will close on Friday, Dec 7, at 3 p.m.

If you have any questions, you may call Pam Fleming at 734-699-8934, Mon.-Fri. / 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Thank you,  
Pam Fleming, Co-coordinator  
Belleville / Van Buren Goodfellows

doubled our donation so \$25,000 was appropriated for cancer research. We have raised over \$225,000 for cancer research and bone marrow testing since 1994.

This year our annual That's Amore Dinner Dance Auction will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Van Buren Eagles hall on Beck Road in Belleville. This event will benefit the Charles Woodson Research Fund at Motts Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

This is open to the public. Tickets are \$20 in advance/\$25 at door, if available. This includes dinner catered by Nico & Vali Italian Eatery of Plymouth; beer; wine; live, silent and Chinese auctions; dancing with DJ; late-night pizza; fun with friends.

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**Eagles set Nov. 3 benefit for cancer research**

To the Editor:

With your help, last year our That's Amore Dinner Dance raised over \$12,377 for pediatric leukemia research at Children's Hospital in conjunction with Karmanos Cancer Center. The Herrick Foundation

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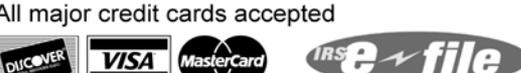
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To the Editor:

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I say thank you Father John for being a shining light in the tri-community. You have been a leader in visiting the sick both in home and hospital, an inspiration in promoting community service.

I will surely miss you and wish the very best for you and Debby in your new location.

So I say thank you and farewell without a goodbye.

Marian Caldwell  
 Van Buren Township

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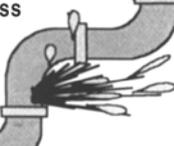
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## Obituaries

### DANIEL EDWIN BREHMER

(May 24, 1937 - October 28, 2012)

Age 75 of Sumpter Township. Survived by wife Barbara June; 6 children Pamela, Carol, Todd, Linda, Sean, Linell; 8 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; brother David. David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel, Belleville.



### DAVID MICHAEL AKANS

(June 2, 1958 - October 27, 2012)

Age 54 of New Boston. Survived by wife Valerie; 2 children Bradley and Brynn; 4 sisters Linda, Pam, Susan and Kelly. Served in U.S. Navy. Visitation David C. Brown Temp. Chapel 4-8 p.m. Friday; service at 6 p.m.

## Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Nov. 5 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 6 – General Election
- Wednesday, Nov. 7 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, VBT Public Safety Committee, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 8 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS mini-auditorium
- Tuesday, Nov. 13 – Van Buren Township September Days Senior Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, VBT LDFA, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m.

## More Letters

### VBPS teachers helped shape my children

To the Editor:

Having been a parent in the Van Buren Public Schools from September 1990 through May 2012, I want to commend the excellent work of the vast majority of teachers I encountered in those years.

All three of my children graduated this year: high school, Bachelor of Science and Medical Doctor. While my husband and I always believed education of our children was first and foremost OUR responsibility, we had great confidence in the school system we chose to assist us. This confidence was well-placed.

We had plenty of opportunities to choose otherwise. We moved to Tennessee in July of 1991. While we were there, we chose to home-school our third-grade child, rather than trust the public school system in that area.

We jumped at the opportunity to return to Belleville six months later and happily re-enrolled our daughter at Edgemont Elementary. Elisa graduated from Belleville High School in 2002 and is now a physician.

Our son found traditional school more challenging than his sisters did, but with team effort and LOTS of communication, we all hung in there. Jason is now directing his energy, enthusiasm and uniquely intelligent perspective successfully as an Information Technology specialist.

We had a choice to make regarding moving out of this school district when our youngest daughter was finishing eighth grade. My husband had taken a new job in Auburn Hills, near my childhood home in Rochester. However, rather than take our daughter away from the top-notch music program at Belleville High, we chose for my husband to commute 50 miles one way to his new job. Emily is now majoring in piano performance at Wayne State

University on a Presidential scholarship.

Were my 22 years as a VBPS parent conflict-free? Not by a long shot. While most of the teachers were excellent in their craft and a great fit for my children, we experienced problems from time to time.

Sometimes it was my job to take time off work and SHOW UP in person to resolve a situation. In one major conflict, the teacher and our family grew in our mutual respect for one another. I learned some important lessons about relationships along the way, and my children witnessed life-long learning on my part.

It was ALWAYS my job as the parent to instill in my children a passion for learning, respect for the teachers and a strong sense of personal responsibility. Given those qualities, the teachers in VBPS used their skills and dedication to help shape my children into the fine adults they are today.

Thank you, teachers!

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth A. Verde  
Belleville

## Just a few days to the Presidential Election...

To the Editor,

Just a few days to election. Had coffee with a friend, one of those Undecideds. He said, "I was so impressed at first. A gazillion dollars for shovel-ready jobs. It didn't work out but I understand."

I said, you know what made me mad. He went on T.V. about a year later and laughed and said, "I guess they weren't so shovel-ready."

My friend said, "But he seemed like such a nice young man flying all over in Air Force One. Do you see how he comes down the steps of that plane? So cool. But, I'm still undecided."

I said how do you feel about all that money wasted on bankrupt Green energy? That money could have been spent on schools and education?

He put his hand up. "My kids are all adults. I don't care much about schools." He said, "It's so hard. Do I vote for the guy that can make money and balance a budget or the guy that can spend money and doesn't care about balancing the budget? 16 trillion in debt. How will be pay for it?"

I said, don't worry. Your kids and grandkids will pay for it.

He said, "Thanks. I feel better now."

Mickey Widener  
Van Buren Township

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### Please re-elect Toni Hunt for VB School Board

To the Editor and Community:

I am a lifelong resident of Van Buren Township. I am proud to say that I attended and graduated from Van Buren Public Schools. I am even more proud to say that my children, too, are now attending our school system. Van Buren Public Schools can only continue to grow stronger through educated and caring leadership and an active community that supports it.

On Nov. 6, the residents of Van Buren will be asked once again to vote for the members of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education. This panel of individuals will help guide our school system for the next few years. I am writing to urge my community to re-elect Toni Hunt to the Board of Education for Van Buren Public Schools.

While a student at Belleville High School and member of the BHS Band program, I first met Toni Hunt in her capacity as a band mother. Toni was, and continues to be, actively involved in the Band Program and with the school system as a whole. Toni Hunt never shied away from lending a hand to any student, fellow parent, or teacher, and was often behind the scenes ensuring that all things needing to get done got done. Since graduating from Belleville more than 12 years ago, I have not seen Toni Hunt slow down in her effort to

support our school system even though her children have graduated.

Van Buren Public Schools couldn't ask for a better choice for School Board. As a graduate, community member, and parent in our district, I ask that in the upcoming election on Nov. 6, please re-elect Toni Hunt to the Board of Education for Van Buren Public Schools.

Spring Stonebraker  
Belleville

### Belleville Marine vet running for Congress

Dear Voters:

I am asking you for your support for my friend David Curson who is running for the partial-term office of the United States Congress in Michigan's 11<sup>th</sup> District for the seat vacated by Thaddeus McCotter.

I have known Dave for 21 years. He has lived in the Belleville area for over 30 years. He is a man of integrity and purpose.

Dave is a Vietnam veteran who served his country proudly as a United States Marine. He is a problem-solver who was instrumental in saving the auto industry. He is a top negotiator with the International UAW. Dave has worked tirelessly for working families.

David will fight to protect Social Security and Medicare. He will work to bring jobs back to the United States, as well as reduce taxes for the middle class. He is a proud veteran who believes more needs to be

done in helping our veterans.

On a personal note, I don't know what would have happened to our children and grandchildren if the auto industry hadn't been rescued. Jobs were saved and once again the auto industry is flourishing with new jobs now being created. Part suppliers and dealerships were saved because of the rescue. One way or the other, the auto rescue has had a profound personal affect on you, your family, your neighbors, and your community.

Dave now wants to serve his country again. Imagine having a problem-solver in Washington, D.C., who represents YOU. Can you imagine where Michigan and our country would be if the auto industry was not rescued! DAVE NEEDS YOUR VOTE.

Thank you,  
Julie Aeschbacher  
Van Buren Township

### Letter to Vice President of the United States

Vice President Joseph Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
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Vice President Biden,

As a fellow Catholic I am deeply disappointed in some of the statements you made the other night in the Vice Presidential Debate, statements which are contrary to the virtues of Charity and Justice. As a

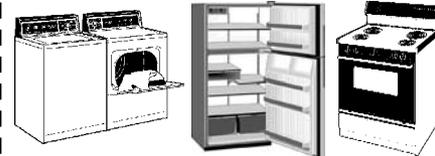
fellow Catholic, therefore, and bound by Jesus' command in Matthew 18:15, I am again approaching you to speak the Truth in Love regarding your actions and your words.

In one section of the interview, you stated:

"With regard to -- with regard to abortion, I accept my church's position on abortion as a -- what we call a (inaudible) doctrine. Life begins at conception in the church's judgment. I accept it in my personal life. But I refuse to impose it on equally devout Christians and Muslims and Jews, and I just refuse to impose that on others, unlike my friend here, the -- the congressman. I -- I do not believe that we have a right to tell other people that -- women they can't

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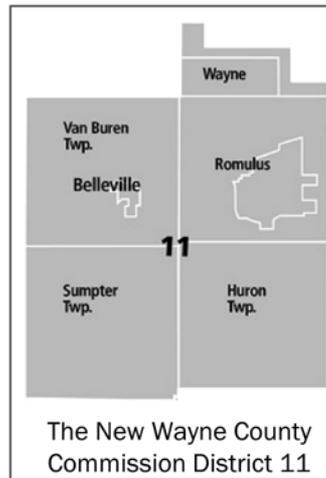
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control their body. It's a decision between them and their doctor.<sup>1</sup>

There are several problems with this argument which I will sum up as 'I'm personally opposed to abortion but won't impose that view on others.'

First, you have no qualms about imposing an acceptance of contraception on others, even to the point of forcing those who object to pay for others' contraception. In fact, *nearly all laws* impose morality on those who may not agree, whether that is enforcing the speed limit, restricting strip clubs, outlawing prostitution, making pedophilia illegal, abolishing slavery, opposing genocide, or banning segregation.

And I think that you and I can agree that all of these are grave evils that ought to be opposed, even against the will of those who disagree (whether they are the man-boy love organization, slave owners, Hitler and General Krstic, and many people in the south in the 1950s).

We can agree, I believe, that doing so is good and right when it is in the defense of the dignity of the human person. It is our *duty* as Christians to protect the vulnerable. As you wield great power in the government, you have a greater responsibility to defend the least among us.

The Catholic Church (and others opposed to abortion) does not simply say that abortion is wrong without giving reasons,

just as it did not argue that slavery was wrong without giving reasons. I believe that you can follow the reasoning.

The question of whether a fetus is alive and a unique human being from the moment of conception is a question of science, not of faith. Science certainly tells us that the DNA in the fertilized egg is human (of the genus homo sapiens), that it is distinct from the DNA of either of its parents, and that it fulfills the generally recognized criteria for being alive.

The question is then one of personhood. Either all human beings are persons, and therefore entitled to rights, the most fundamental of which is the right to life, or only some are. The Church has long argued that all human beings are persons, all are "created in the image of God", and therefore all human beings are owed dignity and rights, including the right to life.

IF only some human beings are persons, then we are left to debate who gets to decide who is and is not a person. This, throughout history (as I alluded to above), has left us with situations that in the light of history and reason are gravely unjust. Unfortunately the "who decides" tends to be those in power and someone is unjustly left out.

When our country was born, our founding fathers regrettably denied personhood to people based solely on their skin color. People were denied the right to liberty, and even to life, because of race and to deny this was certainly unjust. In the 1930s, Hitler's Germany denied personhood to a group of people based on their ethnicity (and others

based on their sexual orientation), and I think we can agree that such a thing was equally unjust. When we look at abortion, then, we seem to be either denying personhood based on age or location or on ability.

If we can deny personhood based on one's age, then how do we arbitrarily set an age at which killing that human being is ok and another at which it is wrong? Age is a graduated spectrum and no single day is significantly different from the next. How can we say that killing is ok at 19 weeks 6 days but not at 20 weeks 0 days (as an arbitrary number), particularly since ultrasounds have, even at their best, a margin of error that increases as the baby develops.

Is 38 weeks 0 days too late but 37 weeks 6 days ok? What about 24 months post-birth? Some, such as Peter Singer, have argued that "killing a newborn baby is never equivalent to killing a person, that is, a being who wants to go on living." If it is ok to kill someone who is below the age threshold, is there an upper limit, beyond which lives can be terminated?

If our criteria is location, then how do we determine which location. Why ought in the womb be different than any other location? What differentiates a baby that is not in the birth canal from one that is partially through it or that has just been fully delivered? If an adult human is in a location that is inconvenient for those in power, does that mean that they no longer have rights?

Our own history shows an example of

this as well: the Native Americans held land that the white people wanted and were forced quite unjustly on the Trail of Tears. One could argue that the non-combatants killed in collateral damage by the nuclear bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki deprived those persons of their right to life strictly because of their location.

If our criteria is ability (or perhaps one would argue dependence), then at what gradient of ability does one become a person? Is a baby born with anencephaly or Down's Syndrome a person? What about a child who was previously normal but undergoes a series of severe grand mal seizures and doesn't progress in mental abilities beyond about the age of 5?

What about a person with quadriplegia or one with severe Alzheimer's who no longer recognizes family and cannot care for themselves? At what point is IQ "good enough" (and what differentiates, say 50 from 49)? Ought we become a society like that in GATTACA where those who are "less abled" (shall we say) are, at best, second-class citizens?

The Eugenecists of the early 20th Century certainly believed so, argued for policies of forced sterilization of the less abled (along with the poor and minorities). Were they wrong in doing so?

It is clear that as a society we have failed over and over when we have sought to define one group of human beings as "non-persons" and deprived them of some or all of their rights. I (and the Church) propose that doing so in the case of abortion is equally

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The **Sumpter Seniors** will be holding their **Craft Show** Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Sumpter Community Center, across from the township hall on Sumpter Road. Be sure to stop in and support our very talented craft-making seniors and friends. Food and refreshments will be available. Proceeds from the sale help support the annual Senior Christmas Party in December.

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**Bowling fund raiser on Friday to benefit Rich, Shelly Brown Willick**

Join friends and families of Rich and Shelly Brown Willick for a Bowling Fund Raiser at Lodge Lanes on the South Service Drive in Van Buren Township on Friday, Nov. 2.

CAF5, the Belleville Area Women's Club, and the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce are supporting the Willicks, who are active community members that lost all their personal items in a fire at their home, which was over the Brown Funeral Home.

Bowling starts promptly at 7 p.m. A donation of \$20 per person includes three games (9 pin, no tap), pizza, cash bar and a basket raffle.

Tickets are available by calling the chamber at 697-7151 or stopping by the office at 248 Main Street. CAF5 members also have tickets - Keith Johnston, Kevin Johnston, Karen Mida and Bob Thorne.

**BHS Booster Club set to host bowling fundraiser on Saturday**

By Bob Mytych

*Independent Sports Editor*

The Belleville High School Tigers Booster Club will hold a bowling fundraiser this Saturday, Nov. 3, at 8:30 p.m. at the Lodge Lanes in Belleville.

The cost is \$20 per person, which includes 3 games of bowling, pizza, and pop. Non-bowlers are welcome at a cost of \$10, which will cover pizza and pop.

There will also be a 50/50 raffle, gift basket giveaways, and a chance to win a big screen TV. Proceeds will go towards the BHS teams by providing the funds for safety equipment, replacement of helmets, uniforms, balls, etc. For tickets or to make a donation, call (734) 699-1633. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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# More Letters

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wrong, equally unjust, and as such *must* be actively opposed, including passing laws to protect the vulnerable, just as we passed laws prohibiting slavery and segregation and just as we oppose genocide.

As the second in command of this great country, you have a *responsibility* to protect the vulnerable, even if this may feel like an imposition to some.

To return to your position, summed up earlier as "I am personally opposed to abortion but cannot impose this view on others," if you substitute any of these other grave evils for the word "abortion", the argument falls apart.

Take, for example, "I am personally opposed to slavery but cannot impose this view on others." Obviously, this would be a gravely wrong position to take. Or, for a more modern example, "I am personally opposed to pedophilia but cannot impose this view on others." I believe the victims

of sex abuse would take serious offense to this statement, as would anyone with a properly formed conscience and even a moderately mature sense of justice.

What about "I am personally opposed to infanticide but cannot impose this view on others." Could you take that position? I highly doubt it.

Based on this, I argue that the position you take is gravely wrong and a serious offence against justice. By your inaction, you fail to protect the most vulnerable among us, the child in the womb.

You stand by as thousands of unique unrepeatable human beings are slaughtered in the place where they should be most safe, their mothers' wombs. I beg you to repent, to reverse your position which inconsistently imposes morality in some cases but not others, and to stand up for the right to life of every human being.

Sincerely and Respectfully,  
Elisa J. Kolk, MD, Belleville

1. Transcript: 2012 Vice Presidential Debate, Part 2. CBS News. Accessed 13 October 2012. [http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-250\\_162-57531053/transcript-2012-vice-presidential-debate-part-2/?pageNum=8&tag=page](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-250_162-57531053/transcript-2012-vice-presidential-debate-part-2/?pageNum=8&tag=page).

## Thank you Valentine Trees, Mark Rosenthal

To the Editor:

A few weeks ago we had Valentine Tree Service remove a tree in our yard. While the tree climber was up in the tree he noticed a nest with babies in it.

He asked for something to put it in and we found him a 5 gal. bucket. He carefully put the nest in the bucket and lowered it down. At that point we couldn't tell what kind of birds they were. We attached it to a pole in the back of the yard hoping the mother would still care for them. The next day we called Mark Rosenthal from Animal Magic.

Mark asked what they looked like and we decided they may be Diamond Doves. Mark gave us the choice of bringing them to him or waiting to see if the mom shows up.

We chose to wait and by the next morning mom and dad did show up. For days we left them alone and just waited and prayed they would be okay. By the end of the week they seemed to be used to us and just watched over their babies. It was going to rain all weekend so we once again called Mark and he said to go out there and drill hole in the bottom of the bucket so the water would drain. While out there we also cut the bucket so it flapped down so the mom could get into it easier to feed her babies.

After that we watched and waited. We made sure mom and dad were still around and sometimes saw mom in the bucket flapping her wings. We now believe maybe she was trying to show them how to fly. On July 31, which is our daughter's birthday, our nieces were over and we wanted to show them the babies. We walked out there and were startled when they were gone. We looked on the ground and one took off flying while our dog found the other one and it took off flying. We were all amazed.

That evening we were getting ready to go in for the night and we felt sad they were gone, but as the sun was setting we looked over in the neighbor's yard and saw the mom looking at us.

She just glared down at us for a few minutes then flew away. We think that was her way of thanking us. It's been almost 3 weeks now and sometimes the mom comes back and sits on our garage.

We called Mark and told him the babies flew away. It was a nice conversation.

So, once again, a huge thank you to Valentine Tree Service and Mark Rosenthal for saving the Diamond Dove family. This was an experience we will never forget.

Barb and Joe Furman  
Van Buren Township

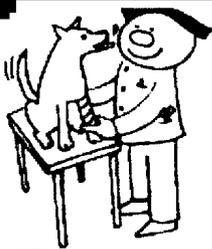
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Museum Director Katie Dallos invites community organizations, individuals, and businesses to display decorated trees or wreaths at the museum.

Each entry should have a cultural or historical holiday theme or one which is representative of the organization. Past themes have included an old-fashioned Christmas, Santas, gingerbread men, strawberries, and red, white, and blue patriotic.

For more information on how to enter a wreath or tree or to take part in the silent auction, call Dallos at the museum at 697-1944 or by email at [kdallos@provide.net](mailto:kdallos@provide.net)

# More Letters

## Kathy Kovach: I'm running for school brd.

To the Editor,  
My name is Kathleen Kovach (please call me Kathy). I am running for Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

I am not very political and have not run for a public office before. I do not have a hidden agenda. I would like to share my reasons for running for school board.

I have lived in the Van Buren Public School District for almost 40 years and I fully support the importance of education. My husband graduated from Belleville High School and our three daughters all received a good education here, graduated from our district, and then went on to college and received bachelor degrees.

For over 20 years, I worked at Van Buren Public Schools in a variety of support positions. I started out as a lunchroom mom before becoming a paraprofessional. After that, I was a school secretary before moving to the administration building to work as the administrative assistant to the superintendent.

I retired from my position in June 2012. While at the administration building, I worked for five superintendents (Pete Lazaroff Jr., Larry Tabor, Thomas Riutta, Interim Superintendent Margaret Voigt and Michael Van Tassel). It was my job to work with the Board of Education, parents, and community members as well as teachers, administrators and support personnel.

It was a very demanding and exciting position and this position helped me realize the importance of keeping the lines of communication open with parents and community members. Because of my time working with these individuals, I have had firsthand experience with what has worked for our students, and what hasn't.

We all are aware that the Department of Education has instituted far-reaching changes to the way school districts are allowed to operate. The Michigan public school system is a strong, viable institution that our community counts on to educate our children. We all know the required changes the State has demanded of all school districts,

and it is mandatory that our district comply with these changes.

The realization of these goals will not be simple for any school district in Michigan. Across the state, districts are scrambling to balance their budgets, improve student test scores, keep class sizes to a manageable number, and stop the rising tide of dropout students.

I support our schools and I think it is crucial that the Van Buren Public School District steps up and provides the best possible education for all of our students. I know that the VBPS staff is up for the challenge -- it is well within our reach to become a premiere school district in the State of Michigan, and Van Buren Public School staff can and will do what it takes to prepare all of our students for a successful future.

It is vital to foster a positive relationship with the community. The community supported a millage that enabled our district to build a beautiful state-of-the-art high school for our students. Everyone should know what good education students receive from Van Buren Public Schools. I will always advocate for parents and students in this district. They should be heard!

As a Board member, I will act with integrity and professionalism at every board meeting, and with every community member. I will remember that my duty as a Board member is to listen, study, and then act as a board, not as an individual, based on the Superintendent's recommendations. A board member is elected to look at the big picture, not micromanage the day-to-day functions of the District.

With 20 years' experience comes 20 years of knowledge about the structure and requirements of the district. There is not a person running for office better suited to helping our students succeed. I offer what others do not -- the knowledge of how this district runs from the inside and what we need to do to ensure it runs efficiently and successfully.

I think it's time I gave back to the community and district and offer my experience to help make the decisions that will help our students succeed in the rapidly-changing world.

Thank you for your attention and your support on Nov. 6.  
Kathy Kovach, Van Buren Township  
Visit us on Facebook: Kathy Kovach for Van Buren Board of Education

## Kelly Owen introduces herself for School Board

To the Editor:  
Hello, my name is Kelly Owen and I am running for School Board in the Nov. 6 election. I am 49 years old, married to a wonderful, supportive husband, mother of three extraordinary children, and fortunate enough to be a stay-at-home mom.

I have been involved with the schools since my oldest, now a junior at Belleville High School, has been in school. I am currently serving on the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation, was PTO president for three years and vice president for one year at McBride Middle School, I was in charge of the Santa Shop at Haggerty Elementary for five years, and have sat on several committees surrounding our schools. I also worked as a paraprofessional for a short time at Haggerty Elementary.

One of my proudest accomplishments while living here in Belleville are the efforts I put forth to get the bond passed for the new high school. I visited local public establishments every night the week before the vote talking to people about the importance of a new high school, both for our kids and for our community. I even dressed up on Halloween as a ballot and walked around with my kids while they went trick or treating. I spoke with as many people as I could about the importance of a new high school. Spreading the word and

drumming up support for what I believed in to be a necessity for our kids and community.

I grew up in a small town in Michigan (Manchester) and have lived in Belleville since I married in 1994. Living in Belleville is so different from where I had grown up. My high school had a total of 400 students and most of the kids I graduated with I had known since I started Kindergarten. I am still friends with quite a few of them today. When my kids started school, I was afraid that with them attending such large schools they wouldn't develop those special friendships and would end up being just a name on their teacher's class roster.

I realized shortly after Kendall started school that this was not the case. Staying involved in our children's education is extremely important to them and to us. I believe that getting to know the teachers, administrators and staff is essential. Any of the teachers that my children have had, if there was ever a problem they were always there to help. I am constantly amazed by teachers and administrators at how much they do for our children on a daily basis.

After graduating from high school, I attended Washtenaw Community College part time for many years while working two jobs (one full-time, one part-time). I graduated with an associate's degree

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# Gamble vs. VBT Police trial cancelled as judge considers motion

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

The Civil Rights law suit of James Gamble of Van Buren Township vs. VBT Police Officers Scott Griggs and Patrick Wehrman has had its schedule changed as it headed for a Nov. 5 trial.

The final pretrial conference scheduled for Oct. 25 and the trial set to begin Nov. 5 have been cancelled pending a decision on a summary judgment motion, according to a notice put out at U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division.

The Civil Rights case is pending before Judge Gerald E. Rosen.

The notice, which was sent out on Oct. 18, said the court will issue an order resetting dates for the submission of the Joint Final Pretrial Order, Final Pretrial Conference, and Trial, if necessary, pending resolution of the motion to dismiss.

Griggs filed suit against the two township police officers on Oct. 11, 2011, after an incident in the garage of his home on Oct. 19, 2009. He seeks a minimum of \$25,000 in addition to costs, interest, and attorney fees.

Griggs claims he was beaten by the

officers after they came to his home on Robson Road at about 10:30 p.m. to investigate a neighbor's complaint of a loud radio playing in the garage.

The law suit claims Gamble was in a garage at his residence listening to the radio, with the garage door a quarter-way closed to conserve heat.

The suit claims the two officers appeared at the Gamble home, walked into the garage and demanded he turn off his radio. The suit said he declined to turn off the radio, stating he was on his own property and that the radio was not loud.

The suit claims the two officers "set upon him," called him names, and struck him on his head with such brutality that he lost consciousness.

The suit alleges other wrongful acts including false arrest, false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, and violation of Civil Rights.

The officers deny they struck him with brutality or that Gamble lost consciousness. They said he was taken to jail, but they didn't know how long he was there before being transported by Huron Valley Ambulance to Annapolis Hospital for evaluation.

Gamble is represented by Stanley Okoli and Daniel G. Romano of Southfield. The officers are represented by Margaret T. Debler of Johnson, Rosati, LaBarge, Aseltyn & Field of Farmington Hills.

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# VBT DDA

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In other business at the Oct. 23 meeting, the DDA:

- Set a special budget meeting for 4 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 6, to discuss the effect of the Wayne County Zoo Millage on the budget;
- Heard an update on the Ecorse / Belleville Road Intersection Project, which is working toward a November winter shutdown. During the winter shutdown, Ecorse road traffic will flow in two lanes on the existing westbound lanes and Belleville Road will flow four lanes;
- Heard DDA Director Susan Ireland report that the DDA continues work to acquire easements from property owners on the east side of Belleville Road for a sidewalk project between Tyler and Ecorse roads;
- Discussed the work of Communications Associates, which is working on the DDA website and also is developing a DDA brochure promoting the DDA area as, "Not Just Your Typical Downtown";
- Determined there are about 17 spots including 170 feet of curbs along Belleville Road that need repair and quotes will be obtained. Also, 18 trees need replacement and six need wound care from weed trimmer damage. Trees in front of Fifth Third Bank and Applebee's may have been sprayed with Dupont's Imprelis by the DDA landscaper, which killed the trees;
- Approved paying for the purchase by

the Parks and Recreation Department of five portable scoreboards including covers and tripods, at a cost of \$10,725. They will be housed and used at Quirk Park;

- Approved paying \$24,750 to Axiom Construction Group to repair a construction glitch in the roof flashing of Fire Station #2. The Axiom bid came in \$9,000 less than D.C. Beyers and includes a one-year warranty;
- Approved a proposal not to exceed \$42,000 from McKenna Associates for

landscape design services in the Ecorse/Belleville Road interchange; and

- Approved paying \$900 for a full-page ad in the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Profile and Membership Directory for 2013.

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from Washtenaw Community College and transferred to Eastern Michigan University. One month after completing my fourth class there, my oldest daughter was born. Over the next five years I would have two more children. Needless to say, I never went back to school. My hands were full and I loved what I was doing.

From the time I was five years old I knew I wanted to be a mom. I wanted to be involved in every aspect of my kids' growing up, particularly their schooling. I have always made it a point to get to know my children's teachers, and to help them out whenever possible. Whether it was helping the kids with their math, reading, spelling, etc., in the classroom, or just making copies for the teachers, I wanted to be involved.

I love living in Belleville, the diversity, the people, the community involvement in always trying to make things better in our schools and in the town itself. I have always wanted to be involved in making things better for our kids. Staying involved with the schools and running for school board is very important to me and something that I have wanted to do for a long time.

I am not out in the working world, I am not a teacher or administrator, but I am a concerned parent and have been involved with the schools in every way possible for the past 12 years. I am a hard worker, a good listener, and will do my very best if elected.

I am committed to making the district the best educational experience possible for our children and our community. I believe that education, like anything else, you get out of it what you put into it. I want to help my children and yours to get the most out of school and lead productive, fulfilling lives. Working with the schools and kids is my passion. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Owen, Van Buren Township

# Joe Barnebei of VBT is candidate for State Rep.

To the Editor,

Election Day is close and it is important that those who vote know a few things about my campaign and me before going to the polls.

Like most people, I too am tired and frustrated with our system which is in part why I chose to run for State Representative. All politicians and candidates say this, but I have done things that no other candidate has done to prove it.

I am not aware of any other candidates who have declined money from lobbyists and special interest. I have mailed every check back and do not have any strings attached to any group which has put my campaign at a huge financial disadvantage and gave the Representative Slavens' campaign a huge advantage.

I have not participated in various aspects of the traditional process because it is nothing more than a dog and pony show crafted in a way where the "gotcha" moment is eminent. I am not playing "the game" simply because I do not believe this is a game. If someone has questions, my phone number is on the home page of my website at [www.electjoe2012.com](http://www.electjoe2012.com) along with my email address.

Further, I have not gone negative in my campaign and will not despite having plenty of opportunity. Tens of thousands of dollars have already been spent on negative literature labeling me "another rubber stamp for special interest" which is an outright lie as I have not taken one dollar.

Although the literature is inaccurate and also digitally altered, I respect Rep. Slavens overall and think she has done a decent job as a legislator and is a good person who is just "playing the game".

My area of expertise is the job market and this is the area where Michigan needs the most help. I am a better candidate in this area. I make a living by finding people jobs

and I know the market very intimately. I earned dual MBAs and have also worked on the assembly line and know what it takes to utilize manufacturing skills in other sectors of our market because I have done it personally.

We have two political parties that go as far left or as far right as possible in order to avoid the perception of weakness to their respective party by finding common ground and we ultimately end up with legislation that satisfies a small percentage of people.

I am a Republican and I do not think Right to Work is right for Michigan. I do not want to cut funding from schools nor do I want to dismantle unions, private or public. The fact we are battling to eliminate photo ID at the polls terrifies me and I would gladly take a tax increase so the state can provide people with identification.

My priority is poor and middle class families but I do not think we should punish people for success. I do not think a simple majority is acceptable and would support a super majority for all legislation so the legislature is forced to work together. I am middle class and I have no intention on supporting legislation that unnecessarily takes money out of my own pocket.

It is also important to note that I do not have any history with any politician, political party, or entity that is tied to Lansing in any way, shape, or form. I believe in honesty, common sense, respect, integrity, and hard work. I will work with other legislators based on these principals, not party affiliation.

In closing, I hope you will contact me if you have any questions. I do not plan on spending tens of thousands of dollars filling up your mailbox or coordinating canned letters or press releases because that is not who I am. I am accessible and will happily have a conversation or email exchange with anyone.

I am confident voters will make the right choice on Nov. 6. I will be a State Representative dedicated to fixing our economy. I want this opportunity and I would love to be the first State Representative who calls Belleville home in more than 140 years.

Respectfully,  
Joe Barnabei, Van Buren Township

# Listen to the words: You can lie with statistics

To the Editor:

"How to Lie With Statistics" is a book that I have found to be the most reliable foundation for political analysis that has ever been written. Let's look at the facts of "INCOME TAX."

First, the basic tenant of Communism is that everyone will be equal! That means the more you make the more you pay! If you earn \$100,000 you pay 90% to the government (or have \$10,000 left). If you earn \$10,000 you pay 0% to the government (or have \$10,000 left).

Ergo, one of the necessary equalizers of the Communism Doctrine and Karl Marx's axiom in his book "Das Capital" is the implementation of *Income Tax*.

Second, just what does the Income Tax Law read? It's a very simple law; anyone can read and comprehend it. The Income Tax Law reads: "All income will be taxed." Very concise and to the point, it's just the volumes of books that are laws that our illustrious congress has given us that are the "exemptions and deductions".

So, we learn the "ins and outs" of write-offs that are available to everyone if they want to take the time to read it and do it. Heck, we can't get people to keep their records and file their taxes without keeping the post offices open until midnight April 15<sup>th</sup> (at a cost of \$6.25 million dollars) to appease laziness. Yet, these will be the first to complain about taxes!

Third, is the principle that percents quoted alone mean absolutely nothing, zero, zilch, nada! If we had one murder in town last year and this year we have two it could be said that we have a very dangerous town with a 100% increase in the crime rate. On the other hand if we had two murders last year and only one murder this year we had a 50% decrease so I could surmise that Belleville is a dangerous town either way!

And, these same percents apply to cities that engage in trying to make themselves look good. A quote by Detroit police that "...murders have declined by 30% this year..." seems good, but without a *BASE* to work from it is a statistic that is meaningless -- by the way that number dropped from

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150 to 105 at that time so I guess we should feel good if we're not among those 105.

Apply this same principle to quotes by the standing president of the United States about tax percentages. "Governor Romney pays 10% tax and the average worker pays 35%. Is this fair?"

Well sir, yes it is. Governor Romney pays 10% of \$2,000,000 taxable income or \$200,000 and an average worker pays 35% of \$35,000 taxable income or \$12,250. Now who pays more?

Percents without a base quoted are nothing more than "figures don't lie but liars figure!" Guess who has read the tax laws! Just how much tax does the standing president of the United States pay on his millions in royalties?

Just carefully listen to the numbers, listen to the PERCENTS, listen to the "rounded off" numbers (incidents, increments, rates, etc.) rarely if ever are in even numbers. Another lying tactic is the use of the word "average." Is this the mean, median or mode? All three are averages yet all three are different, extremely different!

Sincerely,

Cornell Anton, Jr., Belleville

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## Wayne Co. Council for Arts honors Kevin McNamara as Patron

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara of Van Buren Township was honored Oct. 25 with the Patron Award from the Wayne County Council for Arts, History & Humanities.

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual recognition awards gathering was at Marygrove College.

Presenting McNamara with the award was WCCAHH vice president Barbara Rogalle Miller of Van Buren Township.

She said McNamara is an enthusiastic supporter of regional cultural events and organizations. She said his focus is on roads, parks, youth services, senior programs and the County Art Authority.



Kevin McNamara

Miller said the Wayne County arts council is grateful for McNamara's consistent and generous support.

She said Wayne County had cut the arts council loose without any funding at all because of budget problems.

McNamara invited the group to have an art auction at his annual fundraiser for more than 600 people that brought several thousand dollars into the WCCAHH.

"Kevin's generosity restabilized us," Miller said.

She pointed out that McNamara's father, Edward McNamara, established the Wayne County arts council.

Kevin McNamara was a prime mover on the Wayne County Art Authority which helped to save the DIA, said Miller who also is a member of the Authority board.

Miller said one of the council's next projects is to have a display of Wayne County artists at the Wayne County Airport. McNamara recently was appointed to the airport board of directors.

McNamara was elected Wayne County Commissioner for District 11 in November

2006. He was reelected in November 2010 and is again running for reelection on Nov. 6. When District 11 was redesigned, he moved from Canton to Van Buren Township to stay in his district.

District 11 includes the townships of Sumpter and Van Buren, along with the City of Belleville.

McNamara is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and earned an Associate's degree in math and science. He is married to Aida and they have two children, Cullan and Jamie.

## Is the Nov. 6 General Election your first vote? Get picture in the paper

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For more information, call Editor Rosemary Otzman at the *Independent* at 699-9020.

## Jasmine Wehr begins freshman year at The University of Findlay

Jasmine Wehr, an equestrian studies/animal science major, has enrolled as a freshman at The University of Findlay in Ohio for the 2012-13 academic year.

Wehr, a 2012 graduate of Mercy High School, is the daughter of Michele Wehr, 660 Light Tower Dr., Belleville.

Wehr was awarded the Trustee's Scholarship from the University.

The University of Findlay is a comprehensive university with a hands-on approach to learning located about 45 miles south of Toledo.

## VBT Board

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project to the board at its regular meeting Oct. 16 as Unfinished Business.

The project had first been proposed to the board by Burns at its Oct. 1 workshop session, but after much discussion Oct. 1 it was removed from the Oct. 2 agenda.

Burns had proposed a contract with Davenport Brothers for installation of the handicap-access walking/bike path and permanent picnic areas. Davenport was not the low bidder, but Burns gave Davenport 5% credit for being local, for having its business in the City of Belleville. Burns also said he has worked with Davenport before and they had a good relationship.

Blue Ribbon, which has its offices in Van Buren Township and business yard in Romulus, was not given a local credit on its bid. It was the true low bidder and there were only two bids.

Burns' Oct. 1 proposal was taken off the agenda because of problems perceived by board members with the bidding and contract.

Burns said he would rework the project and he came back with the recommendation for Blue Ribbon.

In other business at the 64-minute Oct. 16 meeting, the board:

- Voted to retain the legal services of Clark Hill PLC to assist the township corporation counsel in moving forward with issues related to Visteon Corporation concerning bonds and debts;

- Approved the agreement with the State of Michigan on the Wilkin Farmland Development Rights;

- Approved a permit for the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce to light off fireworks from the Denton Road Bridge on Dec. 1 immediately following the lighted Christmas parade;

- Heard Supervisor Paul White read a Veterans History and Appreciation Month Proclamation, for the month of November, surrounded by six representatives of local veterans' organizations;

- Heard Trustee Denise Partridge and Supervisor White give farewell speeches and tell of their accomplishments;

- Heard Fire Chief Dan Besson announce that Crossroads has donated a house for a training burn in the 6400 block of Haggerty Road, between Ecorse and Van Born. He said the fire department will burn it to the ground, after training routines, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27;

- Heard Chief Besson introduce new probationary fire fighter Scott Spoonamore, who also is a paid-on-call fire fighter in Sumpter Township. Spoonamore has been appointed to the VBT fire hall at the south end; and

- Heard Besson announce the promotion of Dave McNally to Battalion Chief/Fire Marshal. Besson praised McNally's work and said McNally's grandfather was a fire chief and his father, Cameron McNally, was former fire chief of Van Buren Township. Cameron was present to pin the new badge on his son.

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## An Open Letter to the Voters of the Van Buren Public School District :

Next Tuesday, the voters of the Van Buren Public School District will be asked to cast their ballots to fill two positions on the Board of Education. Seeking to fill these spots are four candidates - all of whom are promising you to do what is best for the children of our community; however, I have to question what two of them think is best for our students.

Last January, a new superintendent took office. Since that time, the climate in the district has changed to one of fear and mistrust. Teachers and administrators are being threatened and many have faced unfair and excessive discipline. Consequently eight of our most experienced administrators and a number of teachers have left our district. Any student of basic psychology is taught about Maslow and the hierarchy of basic needs. Once the needs for food and water have been met, the next basic need is the need to be safe. Unless that need is satisfied, no learning is going to take place. It is no different for the adults in our district. When teachers fear the loss of their livelihood, they cannot focus on their students and the learning that should be taking place in our classrooms. Is this what is best for our children?

Of the four candidates, two are strong supporters of the current superintendent. Toni Hunt has been a vocal supporter of Mr. VanTassel since her years in the Band Boosters. She advocated for him to have the high school principalship and the superintendentcy and voted to lower the job qualifications to match his resume. Kathy Kovach recently retired as Mr. VanTassel's secretary. On her campaign Facebook page, she writes, "... my job as a Board member is to listen, study and then **act, based on the Superintendent's recommendations.**" (Bold type added for emphasis. Kathy Kovach for Van Buren Board of Education, October 2, 2012) I have to wonder, who are they really supporting? Are they really looking out for the children in our schools? Can they look beyond their relationship with Mr. VanTassel and the blind loyalty they have demonstrated toward him?

As the grandparent of five students in this district, I want the very best for them. I know that teachers who are harassed, threatened, and frightened are unable to perform at the top of their game. We have many wonderful teachers in our district and they are not being supported in a way that allows them to teach in a safe environment. They need this just as much as our children do. Furthermore, if this is the way they are being treated, how long will it be before this becomes the new culture of Van Buren? I don't want my grandchildren bullied by those who are supervising and evaluating their progress.

When I go to the polls, I will be voting for Kelly Owen and Ben Ross. I know that both of these individuals truly have the best interests of the children as their focus. I am confident that when having to make difficult decisions, they will be able to do so without having to worry about how their decision will affect their friendship with Mr. VanTassel. I hope you will keep this in mind as you vote.

Sincerely,

*Peggy Voigt, Ed.S*

# VB Twp. Planning Commission OKs revised McDonald's plan

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The final site plan for renovations to the Belleville Road McDonald's restaurant was approved by the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at its regular meeting Oct. 24.

McDonald's wants to get started before bad weather arrives, said Terry Carroll, VBT Director of Planning and Economic Development.

Carroll said the planning commission already approved McDonald's project, but it has been hung up at Wayne County for 3½ months.

Ken Van Tine, architect for McDonald's, said the previous plan had called for a single curb cut, which they thought the county would prefer, over the current two drives.

But there was an issue with storm water management, Van Tine said. When the building was built it was under the old county standards and the county wants them to meet current county standards. That would mean redoing the whole storm water system, Van Tine said.

He said the county also wanted them to move a utility pole and cut down some trees, which actually belong to the township.

"The cost of doing all this is more than the cost of doing the whole building," Van Tine said, noting the county is not willing to budge.

So, McDonald's cut back on its plans and put a drive in front of the building so those entering from the rear can enter the drive-through lane.

"We will keep people off Belleville Road as much as possible," Van Tine said, noting that was primarily for those going out the back who want to turn north on Belleville Road.

Carroll said at 2 p.m. that day, the cross-access was agreed upon, so drivers will be able to enter and leave McDonald's from the shopping center to the west.

The building plans remain the same, but the sign in front will be changed into a monument sign. The tall freeway sign in the rear remains without change.

In other business at the Oct. 24 meeting, the commission:

- Reviewed the proposed township 2013 Capital Improvements Program, and asked Treasurer Sharry Budd to pass on to the Downtown Development Authority Commissioner Carl Johnson's request for improving the looks of the front of the township hall. He said the commission

requires businesses to look good and the township hall needs work. Budd pointed out the pillars finally got painted. Resident John Delaney said the vehicle entrance to the township hall also is dark at night and needs more light for safer turns;

- Set a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. Nov. 28 on proposed amendments to the Stormwater Detention Ponds ordinance. The amendments came as a response to concerns over landscaping and fencing. Under the changes the commission can approve landscaping alternatives and decide whether fencing is required; and

- Approved changes to the commission's Rules and Procedures that includes putting the vice chairman in charge of timing of citizen comments and maintaining order. The document now goes to the township board for consideration.

The meeting was chaired by Vice Chairman Donald Boynton in the absence of Chairwoman Carol Thompson, who was attending the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce fund-raising basketball game at the new Belleville High School.

### Menard's project

In a written report to the commission, Carroll reported on several projects, including Menard's.

He said his office is reviewing a site plan that was submitted several weeks late and incomplete. He anticipated a partial review at staff plan review on Oct. 24. Carroll said the township does not have a good idea of the final number of variances needed because it does not have storm water information.

Carroll said he and the township engineer attended a meeting between Menard's and Wayne County regarding storm water, at the invitation of Menard's.

Carroll said they are having a difficult time dealing with the storm water created by the more than 31 acres of the combined Belleville Square/Farmer Jack and Menard's site.

Wayne County was less than receptive to Menard's original suggestions and they now have to go back with the information they learned at the recent meeting and make some decisions on how to resolve this issue.

As for the Menard's rezoning, the township now has an application for Re-Zoning with Conditions as allowed for under 18.09 of the Zoning Ordinance. This is a relatively new provision of the state statute that allows applicants to suggest conditions to a local municipality to have

a property rezoned.

The state law is, however, quite clear that the applicant has to freely offer the conditions and the local unit of government cannot offer or coerce the conditions from the applicant.

"This approach should resolve the issue of the non-owner who signed the re-zoning

application several weeks ago that caused this delay. The application and paperwork is now at the township attorney's office for review and comment," Carroll said.

Carroll also reported that there has not been a lot of progress on the Hoosier landfill gas to energy project.

## A2Mac1 changes request from rehab to industrial development tax break

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

At a public hearing on creating an industrial development and plant rehabilitation district for the A2Mac1 business at 8393 Rawsonville Road, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees learned the state turned down the rehab district request.

The public hearing was held before the township board's regular meeting on Oct. 23.

Township assessor Susan Iott said A2Mac1 is withdrawing its request for the rehab district and rehab tax exemption because the state doesn't allow the project to begin before the district is created.

Iott said she argued to the state that the owners had to immediately secure the damaged building and put in an alarm, but the state was adamant. The building, which was built by ATEK, had been vacant for

some time and someone had stripped all the plumbing and taken other items.

A2Mac1 now is asking for an industrial development tax exemption and the public hearing on that proposal will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 27.

Iott said under state law the 50% tax break can be up to 12 years and she would recommend 6 years and then have them come back to ask for the final 6 years.

During the regular township board meeting, the board approved the industrial development district for that parcel and the public hearing on the new request for a tax break.

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It has been the norm in this township for many years to just vote "Straight Party Ticket" to make things simple and quick for the voter. But now is not the time to do that. You should vote individually for each section so as to be able to **VOTE FOR THE PERSON NOT THE PARTY!** Remember this is a unique election for VBT and to save our township **WE NEED CHANGE!**

To achieve this feat will be an uphill climb for us since it has to be done by electing a "**WRITE IN CANDIDATE**" Larry Fix for Township Supervisor. This has never been done in VBT, but now is the perfect time for this to take place to over the possible thought of a Financial Manager running VBT if the bond fails! This mountain can be climbed if we of VBT all work together on a 'grass roots' style of informing our residents. This can only be done by everyone talking to your neighbors, friends and family, then following the instructions included below.

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# Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, Nov. 1** – The Evening Book Group meets at the library at 7 p.m. This month's book is "The Pale King" by David Foster Wallace.
- **Friday, Nov. 2** – Lodge Lanes, 46255 S. I-94 Service Drive, is hosting a bowling fund raiser, with registration at 6 p.m., to benefit Rich and Shelly Brown Willick,

who lost everything in the fire that burned the Brown Funeral Home. Donation \$20 for bowling and pizza; cash bar; basket raffle.

- **Friday, Nov. 2** – Potato Pancake Supper from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the new Fellowship Hall on the west side of St. John's Lutheran Church, 28320 Waltz Rd., Waltz; \$9 donation for adults, \$4 for children 6-12 and kids under are free. Carry outs only after 6 p.m.
- **Friday, Nov. 2** – Friends Family Theater, free food and films, at 7 p.m., 7890 Tuttle

Hill Road (at Bemis Road), Ypsilanti. Move: "Creed of Gold: Who Controls Our Money?" 2012, 108 minutes, meet the director and cast members. Information: (734) 482-5074.

- **Friday, Nov. 2, and Saturday, Nov. 3** – Third-annual Sumpter Seniors Craft Show, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., to earn money for the

seniors' Christmas party. At Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd.

- **Saturday, Nov. 3** -- Buy one, get one free at the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library book sale, 11 a.m. to noon for members of the Friends group; noon to 3 p.m. public welcome, 167 Fourth St., Belleville.
- **Sunday, Nov. 4** – Bugles Across America, 7:15 p.m., at Veterans Memorial on High Street, Belleville, to honor the military, past and present.
- **Monday, Nov. 5** – September Days Senior Center is holding a Veterans' Day Luncheon at 11:15 a.m. in the dining room. Veterans should sign up by noon on Nov. 1.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 6** – Get out to vote in the General Election, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you are a first-time voter, meet the *Independent* at 6 p.m. in front of the Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main St., to have your picture taken to be printed in the paper.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 7** – Annual fashion show by the Belleville Area Women's Club to earn money for the Community and Education Fund. At Woodlands of Van Buren, 39670 Ecorse Rd. Conversation at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., show by Dressbarn of Canton at 8 p.m. Cost \$30. 697-7108; 313-304-0474

## Sumpter Township Public Notice

### Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 9, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Vawters showing present: Supervisor Vawters, Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, P. Morgan. Excused absence Trustee Kennedy. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approximately 23 residents.

**3. Agenda:** Motion by Hoffman supported by P. Morgan to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Public comments only on agenda items**

**5. Minutes**

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve the regular board meeting minutes of September 25, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by J. Morgan, supported by Hamm to accept minutes of Firefighters August 5, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Warrants:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve warrants totaling \$617,594.46. Roll call: Yes: Vawters, Hoffman, J. Morgan, Bates, Hamm, & P. Morgan. Nay: None. Absent: Kennedy. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Water/Sewer:** Motion by Hoffman, supported by J. Morgan to approve the water/sewer report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Police:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve the police report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Building/Ordinance:** Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the building/ordinance report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Fire:** Motion by J. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve having the haunted fire station and do candy check on October 31, 2012 and approve the fire report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. Treasurer:** Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

**12. Supervisor:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve the supervisor's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**13. Attorney:** No report.

**14. Board Response**

**15. New Business:**

A. Presentation by Anne Rossio candidate for state representative.

B. Motion by Hamm, supported by Bates to approve resolution 2012-13 voted tax millages. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve Hennessey Engineers to apply for the S-2 grant application cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to **TABLE** repairing two large township signs not to exceed \$10,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**16. Announcements**

**17. Open Floor**

**18. Adjournment:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on October 9, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.  
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk  
Published November 1, 2012

## Sumpter Township Public Notice

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REHABILITATION EXEMPTION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the Sumpter Township Board of trustees is considering the Approval of an application for a industrial facilities tax exemption and has set a public hearing for the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 2012, at 6:00 p.m., to receive public comment from property owners, residents and taxpayers of Sumpter Township. The public hearing will be held at the Sumpter Township Hall located at 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, pursuant to the Michigan Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial development Act 198 of 1974.

The application for a industrial facilities tax exemption is for Tax Parcel No. 81-022-99-0004-704 commonly known, as 8393 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, Michigan, 48111, and situated in the Township of Sumpter, Wayne County, Michigan.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Clerk's office at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, to request accommodations.

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**In the Matter of: McClaughrey Drain**

**NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION**

*Notice Is Hereby Given* to you as a person liable for an assessment or a public corporation subject to assessment that the Board of Determination will meet on **Thursday, November 1st, 2012, at 5:30 P.M. at the Romulus City Hall, City Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174**, to hear all interested persons and evidence and to determine whether the **McClaughrey Drain** (Drainage District No. M-003), as prayed for in the Petition to clean out, relocate, widen, deepen, straighten, tile, extend or relocate, dated June 5, 2012 is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience or welfare, and whether said drain is necessary for the protection of the public health of the **City of Wayne, City of Romulus and Van Buren Charter Township** in accordance with Sections 72 and 191 of Act No. 40, P.A. 1956, as amended.

Proceedings conducted at this public hearing will be subject to the provision of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and you are further notified that information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the County Drain Commissioner. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Wayne County Drain Commissioner at the number noted below (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance. Minutes of the meeting will be on file at the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Field Office, 797 Central St., Wyandotte, Michigan 48192.

*You Are Further Notified*, that persons aggrieved by the decisions of the Board of Determination may seek judicial review in the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne within ten (10) days of the determination.

Dated: October 12th, 2012

Kenneth M. Kucel, P.E.,  
Wayne County Drain Commissioner  
County of Wayne  
400 Monroe, Suite 400  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Telephone 734-285-7233



*Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman*

Cameron McInally, right, former fire chief for Van Buren Township, pins his son's new badge in place as David McInally's promotion to Battalion Chief/Fire Marshal is announced at the Oct. 16 meeting of the VBT Board of Trustees. David also is a full-time dispatcher for the township. Cameron McInally also served as VBT building and planning director.



*Photo courtesy of Shauna Spoonamore*

Van Buren Township Fire Chief Dan Besson introduced new probationary fire fighter Scott Spoonamore, who also is a paid-on-call fire fighter in Sumpter Township. Spoonamore has been assigned to the VBT fire hall at the south end



*Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman*

At the Oct. 16 Van Buren Township board meeting Supervisor Paul White, center, read a joint proclamation naming November as Veterans History and Appreciation Month. Others taking part in the proclamation were Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 of Belleville, Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 167 of Belleville, and VFW Post 9885 of Westland. Westland also approved the proclamation. Present for the reading were, from left, veterans Rick Dawson, George Kennedy, Bob Krouse, Cornell Anton, Brian Luther, and Charles Tackett.

## Seven more Belleville residents enroll as new students at WSU

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

Stephanie Brown, Zachary Johnson, Avneesh Kumar, Cicero Mungo, Mia Neal,

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"We're proud to welcome this newest class to the university's 145th academic year," said provost and senior vice president for academic affairs Ronald T. Brown. "We're confident that this group of Warriors will carry on our rich legacy."

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Tuesday November 6th**

# VBT Budget

(continued from page 1)

would like to increase to at least 42 or 43 in 2013 to be ready for the retirements. Supervisor White reminded them they will also need to plan \$330,000 for three payouts for retirees.

"I think the board should let professionals decide how many officers to put on the road," McClanahan stated to White.

McClanahan plans to purchase three new patrol vehicles and computers. McClanahan also is asking for \$25,000 to purchase (not lease) a BMW motorcycle with a 10-year life span. The PD is asking for almost \$260,000 in additional funding.

**Dispatch** – Police Lt Ken Floro. For 2013, Dispatch wants to hire two part-time dispatch officers to supplement the nine dispatchers and replace three chairs that are five years old and used 24/7. Floro noted that the 800 MHz radio's Talk Group channel option has been a useful tool for use at larger incidents. Dispatch is asking for an additional \$25,000. Also, it was mentioned the \$145,600 the City of Belleville pays VBT annually for dispatch/lockup service needs to be renegotiated.

**Animal Control** - No Changes

**Fire Department** – Fire Chief Dan Besson is working with the MAFF union to provide a shift supervisor that would work from Station No. 2 on the night shift. He said there are 40 employees, not counting the chief (39 paid-on-call and one inspector, and also addition of nine probational employees). There was much talk about the job description of Fire Inspector Anthony Karver vs. the work he actually is asked to do. Karver currently is working on earning state certifications. Currently he is handling pre-plans, but does not have that certification.

The Fire Department is asking for \$288,000 less than the 2012 budget until staffing can be worked out.

**Total Public Safety Budget.** 2012 - \$7,870,207; 2013 proposed - \$7,937,662; increase \$67,455.

**Building and Planning** – Director Terry Carroll presented two budget proposals for the department, one would outsource inspections through contracted services and the other adds staff inspectors and an additional half-time employee. With contracted services additional response time as well as costs can be expected. Both budget proposals include the hiring of a Deputy Director. Any decision will come after the November Election.

**Total Expenses** -- On a whole, the 2012 total amended budget expenses appear to be \$551,665 below what was proposed, and the 2013 proposed budgets appear to be \$294,677 over the 2012 amended budget figures.

**Total Revenues** from the 2012 proposed vs. amended, appear to be more than \$550,000 than anticipated. On the Revenue side for 2012, there is a 9% decrease in tax revenue from the 2012 proposed with a slight (\$1,000) decrease expected for 2013. In the past five years, since 2007, VBT's

Total Real & Personal Assessed value has decreased 46.49% to \$1,045,756,417. For the same period VBT Total Taxable Value has decreased 27.85% to \$938,523,189. It doesn't look like VBT is in the clear yet, although Assessor Linda Stephenson said sales figures have gone up a little.

**Extra things heard while at the Budget Hearings:**

- Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Andrew Burns has resigned to take a job at a recreational therapy company in Clawson.

- Clerk Leon Wright would like to hire a Human Resources employee.

- Due to a lawsuit brought by former Fire Chief Darwin Loyer, when Supervisor Paul White leaves office on Nov. 20, his computer will be locked down and stored at the township. When the suit is settled it may end up being used in other departments. The new supervisor will need a computer and there is a lot of computer purchasing proposed for 2013. When the Michigan State Police is done investigating the death threat to Trustee Al Ostrowski, the computers taken from the police department for MSP study are expected to be returned.

- Attorney fees may be rising as a result of the township hiring an attorney to deal with Visteon.

- The "In Lieu of Blue Policy" that was accepted by the current township board may be reviewed by the new board. As it stands, if Combs is elected supervisor, it is quite possible that she will receive \$200 per month for not taking health care while she continues to have full coverage as a retired employee. Combs had retired as senior director after 18 years with VBT.

- The new administration may also take a look at the 2011 approved policy that new board members do not get longevity pay and require that they must pay 20% health care costs. The 20% could be lowered to conform to the current 10% from other township employees.

## District Library registers for Storytimes

The Belleville Area District Library began registration today for its Holiday Storytimes, which run from Nov. 5 to Dec. 12.

Registration is at the circulation desk at the library, 167 Fourth Street, Belleville, 699-3291.

The Storytimes will culminate in a special Santa visit on Monday, Dec. 17, from 6:30-8 p.m. For those children too shy to sit on Santa's lap, they should feel free to write out a wish list to hand to Santa that night. There will be live music and families can use it as a photo opportunity.

Family Storytime will be at 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 5 - Dec. 10.

Preschool Pals Storytime, for ages 4-6, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 7 - Dec. 12.

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# Sumpter resident bound over on strong-arm robbery of friend

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Kara Lynn Gonzalez, 42, of Rawsonville Woods in Sumpter Township, was bound over for trial on charges surrounding an alleged strong-arm robbery that sent her friend to the hospital for five days.

Sumpter Township Police Detective John Toth said Gonzalez has been ordered to appear at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit at 9 a.m., Nov. 7, to face an arraignment on the information.

She is charged with unarmed robbery, with a possible sentence of 15 years; assault with intent to inflict great bodily harm less than murder, which could bring 10 years; aggravated assault, which could bring one year behind bars; and habitual 3. The prior convictions were all drug offenses.

34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Brian Oakley heard the case on Oct. 24 and bound the case over to the higher court.

Det. Toth said a 911 call was received from a witness at 5 p.m., Sept. 1, when a female stumbling and falling was reported on Creekside in Rawsonville Woods. The caller thought the woman might have died because she was a bloody mess when she fell, Toth said.

Officer John Ashby responded to the call and gave aid to the woman until she was transported to University of Michigan Hospital, where she stayed five days. She still is being treated as an outpatient, Toth said, adding she had existing medical conditions at the time of the fight.

Toth said the victim suffered a fractured nose, broken orbital bone, and had minor brain trauma.

He said the victim and Gonzalez were on-again, off-again friends who lived in the same mobile home park. Their relationship was estranged for a while, but then rekindled, Toth said.

The two were believed to be drinking and using drugs the day before and into the night. They were together during the day and there is no reason to believe they were under the influence when the fight occurred, Toth said.

One attacked the other and allegedly Gonzalez took the woman's purse and wallet. The woman recovered her purse, but the wallet and the money was stolen.

The victim suffered kicks and punches to the face, Toth said.

## Michael Brothers enrolls at Heidelberg University

Michael Brothers of Belleville has enrolled at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio, for the fall semester. The 2012-13 academic year began Aug. 27.

Brothers is among a group that ranks as the eighth-largest class of new and transfer students to enter Heidelberg.

Founded in 1850, Heidelberg offers 36 courses of study in 19 major fields of concentration, awarding the bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of music, as well as master's degrees in education, counseling, business administration and music.

## Lovell Phillips graduates from Marine recruit school

Marine Corps Pfc. Lovell R. Phillips, Jr, son of Shalunda E. Phillips of Belleville, earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC.

Phillips is a 2011 graduate of Belleville High School.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Oct. 21:

0839 – alarm, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1230 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1511 – personal injury accident, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1634 – family trouble, Rustic Lane  
2126 – suspicious person, Rustic Lane  
2210 – suspicious person, Redwood  
2253 – follow-up investigation, out of township

### Monday, Oct. 22:

0100 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.  
0810 – property damage accident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
0925 – suspicious person, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0946 – lost property, Edgewood  
1044 – well-being check, Redwood  
1059 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Carleton West  
1105 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1139 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1312 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Carleton West  
1351 – follow-up investigation, Creekside  
1418 – accidental damage report, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1610 – 911 hangup, Dakota  
1710 – 911 hangup, Dakota  
1717 – animal complaint, Vermont  
1809 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1903 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
2057 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.

### Tuesday, Oct. 23:

0014 – threats complaint, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0113 – suspicious incident, Rustic Lane  
0848 – property damage accident, 40000 bl. Judd  
1024 – ordinance violation, 45000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1132 – property damage accident, Bemis/Sumpter  
1219 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1311 – suspicious vehicle, Rustic Lane  
1316 – suspicious incident, Rustic Lane  
1355 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Lane  
1412 – fraud investigation, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1532 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1550 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1603 – threats complaint, Rustic Lane  
1603 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1658 – suspicious vehicle, 8200 bl. Rawsonville  
1911 – assist other agency, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd  
1945 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

### Wednesday, Oct. 24:

0859 – larceny, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1324 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Bemis  
1325 – warrant arrest, out of township  
1329 – larceny, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1345 – civil dispute, Rustic Lane  
1356 – malicious destruction of property, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

1502 – animal complaint, Sherwood/Wear  
1559 – larceny, Greenmeadow  
1655 – threats complaint, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1834 – warrant arrest, Martinsville/Clay  
1954 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.  
2050 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

### Thursday, Oct. 25:

0015 – follow-up investigation, out of township  
0934 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.  
0947 – suspicious vehicle, 27000 bl. Martinsville  
1121 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1226 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Bemis  
1534 – breaking & entering report, Creekside  
1603 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1633 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1654 – shots fired investigation, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1925 – juvenile complaint, Greenmeadow  
1950 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
2100 – larceny, Creekside  
2211 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.

### Friday, Oct. 26:

0833 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1058 – civil dispute, Greenmeadow  
1812 – property damage accident, Willis / Rawsonville

1824 – well-being check, 49000 bl. Sherwood Ct.  
1903 – suspicious incident, Wyoming  
1940 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Kozma  
2151 – assist other agency, Greenmeadow

### Saturday, Oct. 27:

0214 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
0741 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1340 – juvenile complaint, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1421 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.  
1506 – suspicious person, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.  
1513 – ordinance violation, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1547 – suspicious incident, Harris/Sumpter  
1606 – suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1613 – ordinance violation, 22000 bl. Fenster Rd.  
1628 – noise complaint, 8600 bl. Meadow Springs  
1657 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1659 – civil dispute, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.

## No dispatch logs from VBT, Belleville this week

No police dispatch logs are available from Van Buren Township or the City of Belleville for the week of Oct. 21-27 because Ken Dandy went to Washington, D.C. to run in a race. He was due back Wednesday.

VBT Police say Dandy, who is the police department's IT (information technology) person, is the only one who knows how to send out the logs to the media. When he is gone, there are no logs.

-- Rosemary K. Otzman, Editor

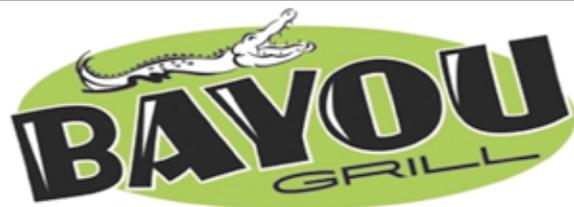


Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

Sumpter Township police and fire ball players won the ballgame over City of Belleville police and fire during last summer's Family Fun Day in Sumpter. The trophy has been engraved and it was presented to Interim Fire Chief Joe Januszyk, left, and Police Chief Jim Pierce by Don Swinson, right, chairman of the township Parks and Recreation Commission.



Sumpter Township part-time Officer Chaim Kozak, second from left, was promoted to full-time police officer at the Oct. 23 meeting of the Sumpter Board of Trustees. Posing for a picture after the meeting were, from left, Lt. Eric Luke, Officer Kozak, Police Chief Jim Pierce, and the officer's proud father Tom Kozak.



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## Gregory Rochon completes Navy basic training at Great Lakes

Navy Seaman Apprentice Gregory L. Rochon, son of Brenda K. Rochon of Belleville, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

Rochon is a 2005 graduate of Belleville High School.

During the eight-week program, Rochon completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

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