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Court Watching:

Charges dismissed against VBT mother who shot, killed her son

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The murder and felony firearm charges filed against Diane Letice Orr, 43, of Van Buren Township, were dismissed at her final conference at Wayne County Circuit Court on Nov. 14.

The previously set jury trial for Jan. 7 was canceled by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Timothy M. Kenny.

A motion to quash information was heard and granted by Judge Kenny.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's office spokesperson Maria Miller explained, "A motion to quash when granted is a motion to dismiss the case because the judge found that the lower-court judge abused their discretion in binding the case over at the preliminary examination hearing."

Orr was charged with second-degree murder and felony firearm in the Sept. 5 shooting death of her son, Renard Lumpik, 23, of VBT.

Testimony before Judge Brian A. Oakley in 34th District Court said Lumpik had gone out of control, was throwing furniture, and punching his brother and assaulting his mother. Then his mother stepped between him and her other son and infant grandchild and tried to protect them.

Her final conference before trial had been set for 9 a.m., Nov. 12, and it was held and continued on Nov. 14, when charges were dismissed.

Orr was free after posting \$25,000 or 10% bond which was set on Sept. 17 by Judge Oakley. After the shooting Orr had been jailed without bond.

Court Watching:

Judge sentences David Brooks to 2 years non-reporting probation

David Ryan Brooks, 24, the former Romulus police officer who was involved in a road-rage incident on Belleville Road in May, has been sentenced to two years of non-reporting probation starting Nov. 5.

As part of the plea deal, Brooks pled guilty to a new misdemeanor charge of attempted assault with a dangerous weapon. The original charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, a four-year felony, and felony firearm, a mandatory two-year felony, were dismissed.

On Nov. 5, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge James A. Callahan said the misdemeanor charge could have brought Brooks 6 months in jail. His fees totaled

\$728 and he was ordered to give a DNA sample.

Brooks of Van Buren Township was off-duty at the time of the incident. He was accused of pointing his hand gun at another motorist at a confrontation during road construction on Belleville Road on May 29 in VBT. Brooks also had served as a police officer in the City of Belleville.

**Meet with Menards.
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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

On Friday, Michigan's First Lady Sue Snyder visited Rawsonville Elementary School to help present the school with the Scholastic Reading Award for reading the most minutes – 966,675 – last summer. This is the third year in a row that Rawsonville won the top state award. "That's a ton of reading and I am so impressed," Snyder said. "You set a record for the amount of reading and that makes you the best readers in our state." She led applause for the teachers who helped the students reach their goals. Two representatives from Scholastic presented a special banner and Snyder presented a certificate from the state. From left are Rawsonville Media Director Mary Ellen Vago, a Scholastic representative, Principal Delria Crippen, and Snyder. After the special assembly, Snyder read her favorite story to the kindergarten class: "Memoirs of a Goldfish" by Devin Scillian.

Court Watching:

Richard Jackson pleads guilty to second-degree murder in wife's death

The Nov. 12 jury trial on first-degree, premeditated murder charges against Richard Elmer Jackson, 49, was cancelled after Jackson pled guilty to second-degree murder as part of a plea deal.

On Nov. 3, the first-degree murder charge was dismissed as part of the agreement accepted by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Timothy M. Kenny.

Jackson was referred to the probation department for a pre-sentence report and Judge Kenny will sentence him on Dec. 3.

The trial had originally been set for Aug. 7, but Jackson's case was reassigned to

another judge and his court-appointed

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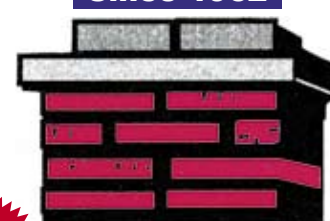
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

School bus garage fire cancels school Thurs., cause investigated

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Last Thursday, students in the Van Buren Public Schools got an unexpected day off after an early morning spectacular fire at the bus garage cut off driver access to the buses parked nearby.

A motion alarm went off at around 3:54 a.m., probably due to the fire, according to Belleville Fire Chief Brian Loranger, and the Belleville Police Department responded. Then police alerted the fire department and the school superintendent to the flaming building.

Belleville Fire Chief Brian Loranger said people in the area later reported that they heard explosions before they saw the fire.

Chief Loranger said that Belleville and Van Buren Township have a formal mutual aid agreement for fires in commercial structures and so Belleville and VBT were toned out at the same time. VBT arrived first with its ladder truck and an engine and set up the scene at the blaze.

Chief Loranger said they did not really use the ladder truck, but did use the engine. Sumpter Township Fire Department also assisted.

Chief Loranger said there were explosions

from inside the garage and so they fought the fire from outside the building.

He said they had Davis Street “pretty well taken care of” with all the hoses in the street and so it was impossible for bus drivers to get to their buses. The fire was under control relatively quickly.

One Belleville fire fighter got sprayed in the eye and, because they didn’t know exactly what was in the spray, Huron Valley Ambulance flushed out the fire fighter’s eye and she went back to duty, Chief Loranger said.

The Van Buren Schools did have school on Friday. School Supt. Michael Van Tassel said in a memo to parents, “In the interest of the safety of our employees, whom I did not want near the area, I decided to cancel school today.”

At about 2 a.m. Friday, Belleville fire fighters were toned out again when smoke was reported at the burned-out garage. Chief Loranger said it turned out to be what they believe was steam on the roof.

The State Fire Marshal arrived at about 4 p.m. Thursday to begin his investigation and was to come back on Tuesday, Chief Loranger said. The Fire Marshal will coordinate with the school district’s



Independent photo by Bob Mytych

This is what the school district’s bus garage looked like on Friday, the day after the big fire that closed school for the day.

insurance company.

“There was a lot of loss,” Chief Loranger said, adding he pried open a tool box that had been melted shut and saw a lot of damaged tools.

“While we sustained a great deal of damage to the building and several maintenance vehicles, no buses were lost,” said Supt. Van Tassel.

“The damage is substantial, but we will move forward with continuing to provide a quality educational experience for the over

5,000 students and families we serve,” Van Tassel said.

According to reports, the district’s new dumptruck, a lawn mower, and other vehicles were destroyed inside the building.

According to a report, a mechanic who was not scheduled to work that day called someone at the scene of the fire, asking him to find his tool box and open it to see if his Christmas money was still inside. The melted box was pried open and the money found intact.

Belleville Council approves CDBG transfer to purchase playscape

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The deteriorating wood playscape at Village Park, in front of Victoria Commons subdivision, will be replaced with a new, handicapped-accessible playscape next year, with the use of federal funds.

Belleville City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said city officials were at a recent meeting on use of Community Development Block Grant funds and Bryce Kelley suggested transferring their 2012 CDBG funds to use for a playscape. There is \$34,080 in that account and it should pay for the needed play equipment.

Kelley at one time was head of the Planning and Economic Development Department at Van Buren Township. Now he works for Wayne County.

At Monday’s meeting of the Belleville City Council a public hearing was held and then the city unanimously voted to approve the fund transfer.

Kollmeyer said the \$34,080 will pay for a base playscape and the administration may come back to transfer other CDBG funds for additional pieces of play equipment.

She said the project will be done and the money expended by next August.

DPW Director Keith Tackett said the present playscape was getting so deteriorated that he wanted to tear it down

in the spring anyway.

“Only so many sidewalks can be built,” said Councilman Tom Fielder, referring to restrictions on what the CDBG funds can be used for.

Councilwoman Kim Tindall reminded everyone that this is a city park for everyone to use.

Kollmeyer said that because of the vandalism in that park, the administration feels the more items they put in the park the more people will come and the people will automatically help patrol the park.

In other business at Monday’s meeting, the council:

- Heard a 45-minute proposal by a family from Harbour Pointe subdivision who did not introduce themselves. The family wants the council to rescind Parking Order 14-3, which allows parking on only one side of the subdivision streets to provide space for emergency vehicles. The order will not be enforced for 90 days. The family’s main complaint was that wider streets will lead to more speeding which would endanger their children. The group also spoke at length at the last city council meeting;

- Approved the BYC’s request to put up an ice rink in the Fourth Street Square for Winter Fest, Dec. 5, 6 and 7. It will be open 3-9 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Ted Mull of BYC asked if they could move the artwork at the back of square to keep it safe and he was referred to Carol Thompson of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority who was in charge of the artworks. They propose to relocate the sculpture temporarily by moving it with a forklift;

- Announced the 2014 Holiday Decorating Contest for residences and businesses in the city. People are asked to have their lights on from 6 to 10 p.m. on Dec. 10 and 11. Awards will be presented in five categories. The contest is sponsored by the City of Belleville and the *Belleville-Area Independent*;

- Approved a one-time \$1,000 stipend for the seven full-time employees represented by the Government Employee Labor Council for clerks and DPW. The GELC had a wage reopener for the final year of the contract and agreed to accept the stipend. Their last raise was in 2006;

- Approved accounts payable of \$252,790.91 and departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Allie Brothers, new officer police uniforms, \$1,021.25; to DEQ, \$1,227.99 community fee; to Priority One Emergency, equipment for new police car, \$9,141; and to Wayne County, prisoner lodging, \$3,500;

- Presented awards to four contest winners

in the seventh-annual Scarecrow Contest; and

- Learned the leaf pickup will resume when the city truck is done being a salt truck. The sudden winter weather and icy roadways changed the focus of the DPW.

Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria presided at the meeting in the absence of Mayor Kerreen Conley.

VBT LDFA goes into closed-door session with attorneys over Visteon

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority met at 2 p.m. Monday, mainly to go into closed-door session with attorneys handling its problems with Visteon. This was the LDFA’s first meeting since May.

The LDFA closed session lasted about an hour. The township board had gone into closed-door session the week before also to discuss an attorney’s opinion letter on Visteon.

Present at the closed LDFA meeting were Keveh Kashaf of Clark Hill law firm and township attorney Patrick McCauley.

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Johnny Vawters resigns as Sumpter Twp. Supervisor

Johnny Vawters tells us he has resigned as Sumpter Township Supervisor as of Nov. 20. He said his stroke that laid him low more than a year ago was the reason. And, although he is better, he cannot continue in the township's leadership role.

This is a sad time.

Vawters has been an unusual supervisor. He could make the most-angry residents into his friends by listening to them.

The once rowdy township meetings turned into friendly encounters, with Vawters encouraging people to speak out and offers to come to his office anytime to share their concerns. There was laughing and joking.

He would drop by our office regularly, since his barber is across the street. We would share our thoughts and part after a hug.

He said his mother wanted him to be a school teacher, but he rebelled. After all kinds of adventures he became a top union official and then a township supervisor.

Our best to Johnny Vawters, an unusually fine man who put the business of Sumpter Township above his desire to remain its leader.

Sumpter has been filling in the void over the last year, with Treasurer John Morgan doing what he could as acting supervisor, but, now the board must appoint a supervisor within a certain number of days and are expected to do that at its next meeting on Tuesday. Morgan is expected to get that role.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Anita Dresser of Van Buren Township said she was at her computer recently when her house phone rang and she answered it.

On the phone was a man who said he was from Microsoft and he had detected problems with her computer. He wanted her to go into her computer and he would help her fix it. She said she "played dumb" and he continued.

He told her to look on her keyboard and press the flag in the lower left hand portion of the keyboard, plus a letter.

"I think he would have taken control of my computer," she said, adding when she was working, the IT guys would take control of the company computers from time to time to fix things, so she's seen it done before, with the screen being maneuvered from another location.

She said the man said they had detected things wrong with her computer and said something about Canada. She said she told him this was not a good time to talk and hung up.

She warned others if anyone calls you and tells you to push buttons on your computer, don't do it. Microsoft wouldn't be calling her, she said.

"There's always a sucker out there," she noted.

Another reader, this one from Sumpter Township, brought in a scam letter he got from National Prize Register (NPR) telling him that if he pays \$19.95 for the "report and release fee," they will forward \$1,800,000 "in money and prizes directives" to him right away.

He was warned he was in "serious danger" of losing his prize since this is his



second notice. Our reader wanted our other readers to hear about yet another scam of which to beware.

I was talking with Scott Russell about his loss in the school board election. He said the day after the Nov. 4 election, his daughter Ellie was elected school president at Savage Elementary, so one of the family was a winner.

Brenda Kurtz got out of her car to walk into work at the Van Buren Township Hall on Friday morning and fell down on the new slick asphalt in the employee parking area. She said she injured her neck, shoulder, ribs and head. Brenda was transported to the hospital and found to have a mild concussion and whiplash, but nothing broken.

When I called the VBT Building and Planning Department on Monday, Brenda answered the phone. She sounded a bit frail, but she was at work. She said her doctor told her to keep moving and so her muscles don't stiffen up, so she went to work.

It was a surprise to see Bryce Kelley sitting as a member of a VBT board. It was Monday afternoon and he was the new Wayne County representative of the VBT Local Development Finance Authority. When they started talking about a parcel of land on Ecorse that the LDFA was looking at selling, Bryce knew all about it since he

was at VBT when the LDFA bought that land.

Bryce worked as head of the Planning and Economic Development Department at VBT for many years and then resigned after Paul White was elected supervisor. Bryce has been a part of the Aerotropolis project from the beginning and now he's a Wayne County representative.

At the work/study session of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees on Monday afternoon, the emergency sirens were discussed again. It was to be on Tuesday night's agenda and seemed a sure thing to be approved.

The 13 sirens are to be paid for by the VBT Downtown Development Authority, federal Community Development Block Grant funds, and the township.

Sharry Budd, the township treasurer who is also on the VBT Civic Fund, said the Civic Fund will meet on Thursday (today) and will vote on whether to pay the township's share of \$122,093.

VBT was to pay for six sirens.

The emergency sirens are expected to be up and operating before the storm season in the spring. West Shore said it installs sirens all winter long in Michigan, unless it gets really cold like it did last year.



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Letters**Women's Club pulls out
of Winter Fest parade**

Ms. Karen LaBelle, Executive Director
Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce
248 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111

Dear Ms. LaBelle:

The Belleville Area Women's Club regretfully declines to participate in the Christmas Parade this year. We find it most unfortunate that the Chamber chose to have the parade on the country-wide observance of the Angel of Hope Commemoration Ceremony.

We realize that times change and that people forget, but let us remind you that the Chamber was most helpful when Martha Brown began the fundraising to place the Angel at Hillside Cemetery. In fact, the first time the two events were scheduled for the 6th, the Chamber realized that this was a day to remember children who were taken way too soon, not a day to celebrate Santa, and moved the parade and fireworks to the next weekend.

Obviously, in the past more sympathetic heads prevailed and splitting up the Winter Fest events but still having the parade prior to the ceremony does not pay homage to the families who continue to grieve.

The David C. Brown Funeral Home is and always has been very community-minded and contributes to many area events. In fact, David, Martha and Kathie Steigerwald have served on the Chamber's Board of Directors and received awards for their community service and volunteerism. This is almost like biting the hand that feeds you.

Unfortunately, these events will collide again when Dec. 6 is the first Saturday. We would hope when that happens, the Chamber Board of Directors will see fit to hold the activities on the following

weekend.

The Belleville Area Women's Club continues to hope that the parade would be moved, but since that does not seem plausible, consider this our protest and our hope that others will follow.

Belleville Area Women's Club

**Congratulations to
school board winners**

To the Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Sherry Frazier, Kevin English, and Alison Bennett on their election victories to the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

It has been an honor to serve on the board for the past four years and I look forward to continuing my support of this fine district. I hope you will join me in that support and I invite all of you to become involved, volunteer to help, and to keep asking questions.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the supporters and volunteers who worked tirelessly on my campaign. You guys are the best!

Regards,
Scott Russell
Van Buren Township

**The morning after
the big election ...**

To the Editor:

Ah yes, it is a good morning for some and it's a bad morning for others. It just depends on whether or not you voted!

But don't cry, yesterday is gone, so rethink your decision and make good of the next opportunity to VOTE! Remember someone lost their life so you could make a decision!

Sidebar: Some things need to change in our campaigns for elected offices.

1. There should be a shorter time to campaign and get your message out to the people -- six to nine months.

2. STOP the negative messages. Look what you are teaching the future voters, our children. Slander does NOT PAY or DOES IT?

3. Money and trees would be saved by cutting down on the amount of campaign literature that is distributed over and over and so on.

4. A little more time should be spent on explaining what proposals are being voted on.

In other words, just keep it simple!
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Rotary Club taking orders for wreaths, etc.

To the Editor:

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Matthew Bernard
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MATTHEW B. HRABOSKY

(December 21, 1926 - November 15, 2014)

Matthew Bernard Hrabosky, age 87, of Belleville, Michigan, passed away Saturday, November 15, 2014 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born December 21, 1926 in Mooween, Pennsylvania, son of Matthew & Helen (Moloser) Hrabosky.

Matt proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII. He retired from the Ford Motor Company-Wayne Assembly Plant after nearly 20 years in quality control. He was a member of the American Legion, the Masons and the UAW. He enjoyed hunting, gardening and loved dogs, especially his Bichon Frise, Chip. He was a huge sports fan, always rooting for his Tigers, Wings and Lions!

Mr. Hrabosky is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Betty Jean (Donahue) Hrabosky; 8 children David Hrabosky, John Hrabosky, Jim Hrabosky, all of Belleville, Paul Hrabosky of Tennessee, Mary Dobbins of Ypsilanti, MI, Robin (Bob) Freysinger of Pleasant Lake, MI, and Judy (Richard) Kasperski and Susan Hrabosky, both of Belleville; 11 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren and two on-the-way; a sister Gladys (Patrick) Rourke of Rockford, Illinois; also numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; in 1966 by the death of his first wife, Elizabeth Siitersen Hrabosky; by his daughter Cynthia Jean Kasperski; granddaughter Jenna Marie Kasperski; also two brothers, Robert and Edward Hrabosky.

Visitation was 3-8 PM Monday, and 12-1 PM Tuesday, November 18, 2014 with a 1:00 PM Funeral Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI (734)697-4500. Pastor Douglas L. Valentine officiated. Interment was in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Assembly Church or Hospice Advantage and would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Mary Faye Clevenger

MARY FAYE CLEVINGER

(April 5, 1932 - November 16, 2014)

Mary Faye Clevenger, age 82, of Wayne, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away Sunday, November 16, 2014 at Maple Manor in Wayne. She was born April 5, 1932 in Lenoir City, TN, daughter of Wilburn Pearson & Sarah Trifena (Smalling) Williams.

Faye was a member of United Baptist Church, Garden City, MI. She enjoyed word search puzzles, sewing, watching the Detroit Red Wings, and driving fast cars. She loved her Camero and Trans Am. Most of all, Mary Faye loved spending time with her family and enjoyed her grandchildren.

She is survived by 6 children William (Victoria) Clevenger of South Lyon, MI, Carolyn "Sis" Morrison of West Branch, MI, Diane (Tony) Mayberry of Wayne, MI, Janet (Dennis) Rowe of Woodhaven, MI, Michael (Lisha) Clevenger of Gladwin, MI, Robin Bush of Dearborn, MI; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; four sisters Uni Dargie of Titusville, FL, Zula Scott of Richmond, IN, Pearl Kirkland of Madisonville, TN and Louise Bradley of Lake Placid, FL; also numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary Faye was preceded in death by her parents, husband William Robert "Bob" Clevenger on March 26, 2006, two sons-in-law Keith Bush and David "Turk" Morrison, two sisters Dorth Brown and Novell Bivens, also three brothers Varnell, Coy and Tralve Williams.

Visitation was 1-8 PM Wednesday and will be 10-11 AM Thursday, November 20, 2014 at

David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734)697-4500. Funeral will be 11:00 AM Thursday with Pastor Jason Reaves officiating. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Memorial contributions to United Baptist Church, Garden City, would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Ronald Keith Sheeks

RONALD KEITH SHEEKS

(June 7, 1936 - November 10, 2014)

Ronald Keith Sheeks died Monday, November 10, 2014, at Heartland Health Care Center with his loving family at his side.

He was born June 7, 1936, in Wyandotte, Michigan, the son of Haskell and Dorothy (Treaster) Sheeks. On May 12, 1973, he married Bobbie Jean Hall in Ypsilanti and she survives. Mr. Sheeks was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army where he served during the Korean War. In 1991, he retired as an Inspector from MichCon where he was employed for 30 years. He was also a member of Community Free Will Baptist Church in Ypsilanti where he served on the Church Board.

Survivors besides his loving wife Bobbie include his children Kenneth Sheeks, Michael Sheeks and Cheryl Shankle; eight grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; one brother, Larry Greene; and sister Kathy (William) Bush. He was preceded in death by his parents and three

brothers.

Funeral service was celebrated on Friday, November 14, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Janowiak Funeral Home with Rev. Ollie Lafferty and Rev. Calvin Brown officiating. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea, Michigan. The family received friends at the funeral home on Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Please sign his Guest Book at janowiakfuneralhome.com "Where Families Come First"

Annual Jane Kovach Memorial Art Scholarship announced

Philip and Louis Kovach, both of Van Buren Township, announce the creation of an art scholarship in memory of their mother, who died Aug. 8 at the age of 92.

Jane Kovach was a local artist who understood the importance of art in people's lives. This scholarship is offered to continue her legacy and is available to any Belleville-area art student who wishes to pursue the arts through education.

Her sons say this scholarship is based on Jane's passion, creativity, understanding, and just plain hard work that it takes to be involved with the arts. Applicants should share in Jane's never-ending pursuit of education and improvement of one's artistic ability through its application.

A \$500 scholarship is being offered in her memory starting in 2015 and will continue for at least the next 10 years based on the following criteria:

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ARCHIE D. DAWSON

(April 5, 1940 - November 17, 2014)

Archie Dallas Dawson, age 74, of Belleville, MI, passed away Monday, November 17, 2014 at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born April 5, 1940 in Clare, MI, son of Dallas Dale & Rhoda May (Smith) Dawson.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. He was a member of the Romulus VFW Post 9568. He enjoyed volunteering at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital at the information desk. He also enjoyed word search puzzles. He retired from Huron Valley Steel in 2002 after 28 years. He was a simple man who loved his family.

Archie is survived by his loving wife of 24 years Nancy Marie (Wauer) Dawson; four children Tina Ringer of Belleville, Tony (Sabrina) Aide of Jacksonville, FL, Tammy Aide of Ypsilanti, MI and Terry Aide of Belleville; ten grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Sandra Dawson and nephew Dale Dawson, both of Farwell, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends. Preceded in death by his parents, daughter at birth Denise Amelia Dawson, son-in-law Jeffrey Ringer, also brother Ronald Dawson.

Visitation will be 4-8 PM Thursday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Visitation 9-11 AM Friday, November 21, 2014 at Grace Baptist Church, 164 Roys Street, Belleville, with an 11:00 AM Funeral. Rev. Robert J. White will officiate. Interment will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI.

Memorial contributions to the family would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

KAYLA M. HORSTE

(February 13, 1994 - November 17, 2014)

Kayla Mae Horste, age 20, of Ann Arbor, MI passed away Monday, November 17, 2014. She was born February 13, 1994 in Ypsilanti, MI, daughter of Michael Scott Bon Jovi and Penny Mae Horste.

Kayla was attending Washtenaw Community College after completing her high school education at Ann Arbor Tech. She enjoyed listening to music, drawing and scrap booking.

Kayla is survived by her mother Penny Patterson, her bonus dad Dan Patterson, both

of Ann Arbor; her father Michael Bon Jovi of Brighton, MI; grandparents John Horste of Ypsilanti, Cindy Squires of Hudson, MI, Jenny Bon Jovi of Brighton and Lelia Patterson of Wyandotte, MI; siblings Christopher (Cassie) Aleman of Chatsworth, GA, Daniel Patterson, Kara Thomson and Justin Patterson, all of Ann Arbor, MI, and Nikki Ward of North Carolina; also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by cousin Hanna Marie Carpenter, grandfather Dave Patterson, also her great-grandparents. Visitation will be 3-8 PM Thursday and 10-11 AM Friday, November 21, 2014 with an 11:00 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734)697-4500.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Brown Funeral Home, to help the family defray expenses, would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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Tree of Remembrance ceremony set Monday

To the Editor:

The winter and holidays are fast approaching us. The holidays are often seen as a joyous occasion and a chance to come together with friends and family. But it can be a difficult time for anyone who is missing their deceased loved one. The prospect of facing the holidays without your loved one may cause anxiety and dread. Whether your loved one died recently or decades ago, the holidays bring forth powerful memories that may trigger your grief.

We would like to help you.

We at David C. Brown Funeral Home are hosting a special remembrance memorial ceremony for the community. The "Tree of Remembrance" is a time to reflect and give honor to our loved ones during this holiday season. We invite you all on Monday, Nov. 24, to the Brown Family Center for this heartwarming ceremony. There will be a time beforehand inside the Center for fellowship and refreshments starting at 6:30 p.m. The ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. just outside the Center. Because it is outside please dress warmly. If you would like, please bring a weatherproof ornament in memory of your loved one. During the ceremony there will be a time in which

you can decorate the "tree" with your ornament. So gather the family and come out Monday evening for a comforting ceremony to celebrate your loved one. The Brown Family Center is two blocks east of the funeral home, 678 E. Huron River Dr., 734-697-4500.

Sincerely,

David C. Brown Funeral Home
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Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Nov. 20 – Tentative 7 p.m. meeting of Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals.

• Monday, Nov. 24 – Menards invites the public to an informational session about plans for a new store in Van Buren Township, 5-7 p.m., Van Buren Township Hall.

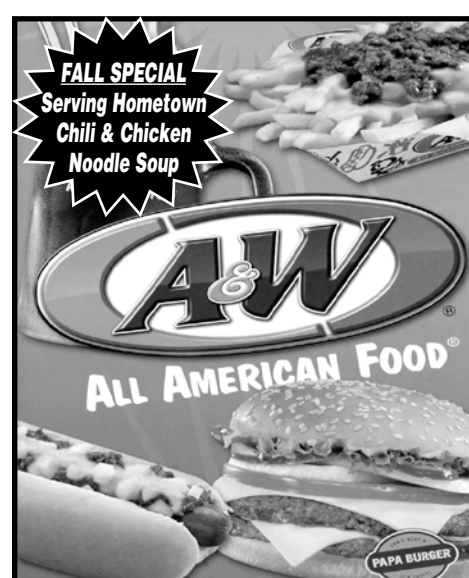
• Tuesday, Nov. 25 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water & Sewer Commission, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Nov. 26 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Dec. 1 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Dec. 2 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Dec. 3 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.



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More Letters

Moose holds dinner to honor local veterans

To the Editor:

A terrific time was had by all at the first dinner held by the Loyal Order of Moose honoring local veterans. The guys did a great job preparing the spaghetti for the many guests and the event provided a kick off for Toys for Tots and the Cell Phone for Vets Programs.

These are ongoing programs and toys and cell phones may be dropped off at David C. Brown Funeral Home on E. Huron River Drive.

Kathie Steigerwald from David C. Brown Funeral Home served as MC of the event and also coordinates Thunder Rolls in Belleville held on Memorial Day Weekend. David, Martha and Shelly Brown were in attendance to present \$1,000 checks to both the VFW Post 4434 and PLAV Post 167 from the proceeds of Thunder Rolls. In addition to the veterans, members of the Gold Wing Star Touring Association, who set up and organize the motorcycle ride, were in attendance. Martha Brown also recognized retired City Police Chief Gene Taylor with a special gift for all his help over the years.

Special thanks goes to the businesses and individuals who donated for the Silent and Chinese Auctions: Marti's Gift Gallery, Belleville Area Women's Club, Belleville Central Business Community, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Showroom of Elegance, Brown Funeral Home, Sumpter Collision, KP&T Auto, Friends of MI Animals Rescue, Absolute Auto Care, Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Main Street Flowers, Garden Fantasy, TKM Awards, Brown Family Center, Stacey & Ed York, Sandy Brown, Dawn Pluff, Robert Coutts, Sunburst Monuments, Twisted Rooster, Diana Schmeltz, Tina Buxton - Stoney Creek Candle Company, Photography by Shannon, Josh Oultman - War Dogs Surplus, and Stacy Puchalsky.

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Thanks for help with Rochon Car Show

To the Editor:

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Sumpter Twp. Parks & Recreation Commission

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The cast and crew of the Belleville High School comedy "Don't Drink the Water" pose for a picture at the BHS auditorium. The play is at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 20; Friday, Nov. 21; and Saturday, Nov. 22. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for students and seniors.

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LDFA

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Kashef has been working on a resolution to the township's Visteon bond problem for more than a year. The township had pledged its full faith and credit to bonds to help build Visteon Village and now the tax income will not be enough for bond payments.

During Visteon's Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, the township and Visteon entered into an agreement and mutual release, dated Jan. 25, 2010. At the time of the agreement both parties understood and acknowledged that when comparing projected tax revenues with the township's obligations under the bonds, a financial shortfall would occur.

Kashef's Sept. 9, 2013 letter to Visteon's President and CEO Timothy D. Leuliette stated: "The township has completed a comprehensive review of its obligations under bonds, as well as its projected tax revenues, and is confident not only that a shortfall is inevitable but that the shortfall will occur in 2018."

The attorneys are working to avoid the shortfall that could leave VBT taxpayers picking up the tab on the hefty bond payments.

39545 Ecorse Road

In the 50-minute open part of its meeting, the LDFA spent time discussing the best way to sell 39545 Ecorse Road, a 1.16-acre parcel that the LDFA bought when Ecorse Road was widened. It had to come up with the right of way and ended up with a little

too much property.

Darrell Fecho, an employee of McKenna Associates who was filling in at the VBT Building and Planning Department, explained that this is the only parcel in VBT that the LDFA owns.

He said the township was approached by the owner of the parcel at the corner of Ecorse and Hannan roads, Odish Jarbou, who thought he could use the LDFA parcel for wetland or floodplain mitigation. This would give him more space for buildings on his small corner parcel.

The LDFA parcel also abuts Roy Roeser's parcel.

"In terms of the parcel itself, it's not going to do the LDFA any good," Fecho said. He said the owner on the corner would enter into a conservation easement. He said the parcel is of no value except to the two abutting property owners.

After much discussion on many options, the LDFA decided to:

- Get an appraisal;
- Keep that information closed;
- Once the appraisal is in, seek bids from the general public and surrounding property owners, with and without the addition of a conservation easement; and
- Have the township building department formulate a recommendation to the LDFA.

LDFA member Charles Covington said, "Make it as transparent as we can."

At its May 13 meeting the LDFA directed VBT Director of Planning and Economic Development Arthur Mullen to get an appraisal on the property, but he didn't do it and left the township.

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Retired Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright, left, was sworn in as Van Buren Township Deputy Director – Police on Oct. 30 and began work at VBT on Nov. 10. On Tuesday the Wayne County Police Chiefs Association met at Wayne County Community College on Haggerty Road and Wright was sworn in as president. At right is VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain.

MDOT changes signals on freeway lights: now yellow with black plates

The Michigan Department of Transportation has reversed its decision to allow black traffic signal housings at the Belleville Road I-94 free-way ramps, according to Susan Ireland, executive director of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority.

As a result, MDOT was out on Saturday, Nov. 15, to remove the black signals, and replace them with yellow signals that have black plates.

MDOT's typical standards require that traffic signals be yellow, Ireland said. However, as part of the road and signalization improvements recently undertaken by the VBT DDA an MDOT official signed off on the DDA's desired black signal housings, allowing them to be

installed.

Upon further review, MDOT determined that the color variance was granted in error, and is now requiring the signals to conform. Because MDOT formerly approved the black signals, the replacements will be done at no additional cost to the DDA, Ireland said.

The DDA had asked for the signals to be black to enhance the overall appearance of the Belleville Road streetscape, however ultimately the roads are under the control of MDOT and Wayne County, not the township, Ireland said.



Michael Bonior graduates from Air National Guard basic training in Texas

U.S. Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Michael F. Bonior, a 2007 graduate of Belleville High School, graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Bonior is the son of Michael Bonior and Brenda Bonior, and the brother of Christopher Barr, all of Belleville.

Airman Bonior completed an intensive,

eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

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More Letters

Maybe you can help bus mechanics after fire

To the Editor:

We've had a fire at Transportation and we're just wondering if maybe you could help.

The mechanics -- Dave, Joey and Ryan -- lost the most in the fire: personal tools and many personal items, tools that they have gotten over the years (30-plus years).

Many of us drivers and aides are reaching out to the community to help them out since we know most likely the insurance will only replace part of them.

Thankfully we are all safe and all that was lost was material items. Some items are replaceable while others were personal and cannot be replaced.

Dave, Joey and Ryan are the Heartbeat of our transportation department. They are the ones who keep the buses running and make needed repairs. They keep our buses safe so we can transport to and from school Precious Cargo -- the students, the community's children.

Right now they are working with a few tools and several other school district Transportation departments have offered to help out when we need it. They are working out of the old VoTech building on Sumpter Road.

The Belleville Community -- we know

they have Big Hearts. So we are reaching out you to help "Our" mechanics.

Now I know some are thinking, why? You think we are overpaid and the insurance will do it. Well, yes, the insurance will cover most things, but not all. No, we are not overpaid. We took a 3% pay cut just over a 1-1/2 years ago to help out the School District.

So please help!

You can drop off donations at 301 Davis Street, the Transportation Department office. Also, at the Citgo gas station on Main Street.

We have been told that several tool donations are being made.

Cash or gift card donations can be made at Five Points Mini Mart and Citgo gas station on Main Street. We will turn all cash donations into gift cards. There is so much they need: Tools, storage boxes, coffee pot, filters, coffee, etc. So much was lost.

Anything you would like to give to help out since they are starting from scratch.

Thank you and God bless our community.

Bus Drivers and Aides

(Please do not use my name because there are so many of us wanting to help and too many names to list.)

Marti's Gift Gallery closing a loss to this area

To the Editor:

What a loss the closing of Marti's Gift Gallery is to the Belleville area. Residents

will have to travel quite a ways to find the unique items Martha Brown carried in her store. Her generosity in donating to area non-profits for their fundraisers is truly without equal.

Words cannot express how grateful we are for her kindness in donating so many items for the Loyal Order of Moose Veteran's Dinner and the kick off for the Toys for Tots.

In addition to the many, many gifts for these groups, she also has already donated hundreds of dollars in gifts for the silent and Chinese auctions held by the Belleville Area Women's Club at their annual Spring Fling Fashion Show.

Her munificence will certainly be missed by all the organizations who have counted on her for contributions for their events. We take this opportunity to thank you, Martha, for all you have done over the years to help area groups reach their goals.

Kathie Steigerwald

Thanks to Marti's for donations to ECW

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Marti's Gallery for the wonderful donations given to the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Trinity Church in Belleville.

Marti's generously gave over \$400 worth of items for our fund-raising baskets. It is greatly appreciated.

Patricia Marshall

Treasurer, Episcopal Church Women

Thank you to Martha Brown for donations

To the Editor:

I would like to extend a special thank you to Martha Brown for her generous donations to the American Cancer Society Team Cindi Monroe Relay for Life and Cedar Woods Assisted Living in Belleville.

The unique gifts she donated from Marti's Gift Gallery will certainly touch the lives of many people. Thanks again, Martha, for the thoughtfulness and compassion you show towards others. It is greatly appreciated.

Dawn Pluff, Willis

Did Belleville forget? No flags on Main Street

To the Editor:

Driving down Main Street on Veterans' Day, Nov. 11, 2014, I was SHOCKED by what was missing.

Yes, it was the absence of U.S. Flags being displayed from light poles as was done in years past.

Displaying flags, telling all Vets "Thank you for serving," offering free or reduced prices on products and services, and other niceties is a very small price to pay for those who voluntarily or involuntarily served our country and those who "never came back."

I guess the Belleville city officials "forgot" or are they joining a different society than what I belong to. If there is a good reason why the flags were not posted, I'd like to hear why. It is very impressive when the city does post the flags, and very obvious when they are missing.

Honoring our Veterans on Nov. 11 (Veterans' Day) began in 1926 and MUST be continued by all individuals, and city, township, county, state, and federal governments.

Remember, "All gave some. Some gave all!"

A Veteran, City of Belleville
Name withheld by request

Library Board to consider getting rid of pay phone

The only pay phone in Belleville may be shut down.

The Belleville Area District Library Board will consider shutting down the public pay phone on its porch at the Dec. 9 meeting of the board.

At Tuesday's board meeting, board member John Juriga asked for the item to be placed on the next agenda because he questioned the need for the phone, which costs the library \$78 a month. And, he said, it is dirty.

Library officials, however, said the phone is serving a purpose and people use it for various personal calls. They estimated 50-80 phone calls a month.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Nov. 20** – Join local Democrats who want to sit down and talk at Egan's Pub in downtown Belleville at 6 p.m. No dues or agenda. No officers or protocol. Just intelligent conversation about issues.

• **Thursday, Nov. 20, Friday, Nov. 21, and Saturday, Nov. 22** – Belleville High School will present "Don't Drink the Water" at the high school auditorium at 7 p.m. each night. Directed by Michael Gearns and Larry Koch.

• **Friday, Nov. 21** – A benefit for the Committee to Ban Fracking in Michigan will run from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Corner Brewery, 720 Norris St., Ypsilanti. Terry Lodge, activist anti-nuke attorney from Ohio, will speak on "The Big Fat Radiation Lies of Fracking." Admission is \$35 and \$10 for students with ID. Food and drink on sale separately. Musical guest is Seth Bernard.

• **Saturday, Nov. 22, and Sunday, Nov. 23** – St. Anthony Boy Scout Troop 793 Annual Wreath Sale, after all masses in front of the school entrance at 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. \$17 to \$29. Cedar roping is \$38 for 60 feet.

• **Sunday, Nov. 23** – There's a bottle drive for the BHS boys lacrosse teams from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the BHS Parking Lot and Victory Park.

• **Sunday, Nov. 23** – All you can eat pancake breakfast is being served from 9 a.m. until noon at St. Anthony Catholic Church cafeteria, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. \$6, with children 6 and under free. Fund raiser for Boy Scout Troop 793.

• **Sunday, Nov. 23** – Eat at Haab's Restaurant, 18 West Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti, at any time today and Friends of Michigan Animals

Rescue will get 10% of the proceeds. No flyer needed. Information: (734) 483-8200.

• **Monday, Dec. 1** – State Senator Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, will hold a December Senior Brigade for the 7th Senate District from 11 a.m. to noon at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Senior Brigades are designed to inform seniors of issues that are important to them. This Senior Brigade will focus on home identity theft and other illegal scams. For more information call (517) 373-571 or see www.senatorpatrickcolbeck.com.

• **Friday, Dec. 5** – Fireworks at dusk over Belleville Lake from the Denton Road Bridge.

• **Saturday, Dec. 6** – Winterfest activities all day. Christmas parade at 4:30 p.m.

• **Saturday, Dec. 6** – Angel of Hope annual candlelight gathering in Hillside Cemetery, 7 p.m.

• **Sunday, Dec. 7** – Bugles Across America is held at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial

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• **Saturday, Dec. 13** – Please join the Belleville Community Chorus for its annual Winter Concert at 7 p.m. at Belleville United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, Belleville. This year it's "Snowflakes & Stars." Reception to follow in the basement. Free, but donations are gratefully accepted.

• **Sunday, Dec. 14** – Off-leash playtime at 2 p.m. with other friendly Pugs and Pug owners at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township.

www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs

• **Wednesday, Dec. 17** – Children's Christmas Party at the Community Center in Sumpter Township. Register at township hall so each child will get a gift.

Correction: VB Twp. minutes were for Oct. 21

The minutes of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees printed on Oct. 30 in the *Independent* were for the Oct. 21, 2014 meeting. They were erroneously labeled as the minutes of Oct. 20.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Notice of Informational Meeting Hosted by Menards

DATE: Monday, November 24, 2014
TIME: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Township Board Room, Van Buren Township Hall, 48425 Tyler Road

You are invited to attend a Public Information Meeting hosted by Menards on Monday, November 24th. At that time, Menards will be presenting and explaining their updated plans for the proposed new Menards store on Belleville Road, and will respond to questions from the public.

The meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a formal presentation of the proposed project, site and landscape plans by Menards' representative. A period for questions and answers will follow, and the Menards representative will be available after the presentation to answer questions one on one throughout the remainder of the meeting time.

Menards expects to resubmit its plans for review by the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals in the coming months.

Light refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, and County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a Special Land Use request on the following described property.

Parcel number V125-83-059-01-0013-000, also known as 10705 Belleville Road, and the northerly half (approximately 33 feet) of the parcel to the south, are the subject of this hearing. The site is approximately 1.98 acres and is located in the C-1, General Business Zoning District. This site is located on the east side of Belleville Road, north of the I-94 Service Drive.

The applicant, Bellevue Development, LLC, is requesting approval of a drive-through restaurant. A drive-through restaurant is a Special Land Use in the C-1 District, and a proposed Special Land Use requires a public hearing. This hearing is being held in accordance with Section 12.03 (Permitted Uses With Special Approval) of the Zoning Ordinance.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 4:00 p.m., the hearing date.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should contact the Planning and Economic Development Department at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting to request accommodations.

Posted: November 14, 2014
Published: November 20, 2014

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On Wednesday, November 26, 2014, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1997	INFINITY	4D	JNKCA21D4VT502604	14-15746
2000	DODGE	4D	1B3ES46C2YD598994	14-19796

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1998	FORD	4D	1FAFP52S7WG127612	14-16836
2005	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WF52E359167246	14-17114
2003	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNDT13S132308922	14-18223
1996	FORD	PU	1FTCR10A1TUB61455	14-19319
2000	FORD	4D	1FAFP5526YG227988	14-19391
2002	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNDT13S722529603	14-20047
1997	BUICK	4D	2G4WB52K6V1471187	14-20530
2008	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WT58N489214210	14-16698
1995	FORD	2D	1FALP42T0SF206707	14-14086

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright, CMC
Van Buren Township Clerk
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Van Buren Township Board discusses 2015 budget in 2-day session

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A proposed budget of \$15,039,055, up from the 2014 budget of \$13,657,027, was discussed at length by the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees during two days of meetings last week.

Also discussed were the amendments to the 2014 budget.

VBT Supervisor Linda Combs had prepared the proposed budget for their consideration.

Under state law, both the amended budget and the proposed budget must be approved by the board by the end of the year.

Some of the expenditures discussed were:

- **The Museum.** Last year there was talk of closing the museum or putting the director back to part-time status because of funding problems, but then the township decided to keep on funding the museum as is. The problem continues. The township is the only municipality paying its share -- \$32,000 -- of the tri-community agreement. The City of Belleville pays \$10,000 from its general fund and the Belleville Downtown Development Authority adds another \$1,000. Sumpter Township cut off paying anything in March 1998 when it was having serious budget problems. Supervisor Combs said she has left messages for the leadership of Belleville and Sumpter, but they have not returned her calls. Board members asked her to set up a meeting with city officials and its DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson to talk about the museum. Also, the township will look into using some of its new EQ tipping funds that were expected to be \$260,000 a year, but have come in at more than \$400,000;

- **Raises.** The budget proposes 1.5% raises for everyone;

- **Supervisor's Office.** Board members again questioned Combs' plan to hire a new executive assistant at a salary of \$65,433, now that Karin LaMothe was gone. They also questioned the need for a confidential secretary at \$13,536 (\$13/hr.) for three days a week;

- **Attorney.** Township Attorney Patrick McCauley said he would not raise his rates for 2015. Clerk Leon Wright said directors are calling the attorney and, as clerk, he signs off on paying, but there is no way for him to substantiate calls. Trustee Jeff Jahr said the procedure ought to be formalized and, "I don't think anybody should be going

to the attorney without going through the supervisor first." He said the questions asked need to be on file so people aren't asking for answers to the same questions;

- **Cable.** Director Alwena McCrackin showed off her quad copter (drone) she bought for under \$3,000 with cable TV "peg" fees. She showed aerial photos taken with the drone. Then she asked for a staff of 2-4 part timers and a substantial raise, from \$37,764 to \$60,000, saying she is being paid less because she is female and male department directors get more. She was told the board would consider her request;

- **Senior Services.** Senior Director Lynette Jordan also wanted a raise from the present \$49,000 to \$60,000. She also asked for her part-time senior coordinator position to be put back to full time, as it was in 2008. Jordan also would like to get rid of the shuffleboard court and replace it with a greenhouse so the seniors can grow herbs, vegetables and flowers. The board said they would consider her requests;

- **Internet Technology.** Steve Rankin, director of the IT Department, did not ask for a raise from his proposed \$69,487, that includes the 1.5% raise. The Public Safety IT Coordinator Ken Dandy was moved into the IT Department for 2015. He will get \$58,322. Also the new GIS IT employee will be under Rankin. He said there will be no problem for dispatch to be able to set off the proposed emergency sirens, send out a Nixle alert, and put a notice on cable TV all at the same time. Also, a change from Springbrook to a new software for use by the treasurer's department was discussed. The change would cost \$170,000, but it was supported by Treasurer Sharry Budd. The board agreed this merited more discussion;

- **iPads for the Board.** Clerk Wright said the board has been talking about going paperless and he has a price of \$6,090 for ten iPads, at a total cost of \$9,370. The ten would be for the seven board members, plus Rankin, McCrackin, and Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery. He said the iPads would do a bunch of stuff instead of killing trees. The cell phone hookup is \$30 each the first month and then \$10 a month after that. Trustee Phil Hart said, "The pricing is good, but does the board want to do it?";

- **Public Safety Department.** Public Safety Director Greg Laurain read a 12-page report on the proposed 2015 budget and then last Wednesday's budget session was adjourned and continued on Thursday morning. The proposed budget totals were up in all sections of his department: police, fire, dispatch, and animal control.

Last year, the VBT Board held a second budget session before finalizing the budget in the last meeting in December.

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Understanding the Law



By Jason Goldman, Esq.
and Bryan Suliman, Esq.

In this article we will be discussing an important topic of landlord-tenant law: the security deposit.

A common scenario that we are seeing these days is as follows: the lease ends, the tenant moves out, but the landlord does not return the security deposit to the tenant. If you are the tenant, what do you do?

The short answer (there is always a short answer) is to file a lawsuit against the landlord for the return of the security deposit. But it is important to understand the legal process.

Under Michigan law, if the landlord receives the tenant's forwarding address within 4 days of move-out, the landlord has 30 days from move out to either: (a) return the entire amount of the security deposit by check or money order, or, (b) send by mail an itemized list of damages lawfully assessed against the deposit and a check or money order for the remaining balance of the deposit (if any).

If the tenant disputes any of the items on the itemized list, the tenant must respond in detail, by mail, within 7 days of his or her receipt of that list. If the tenant disputes all or part of the itemized list of damages the landlord is left with two choices: (a) negotiate or mediate an agreement in writing with the tenant, or, (b) commence an action in court (within 45 days from the termination of occupancy) for a money judgment for damages that he or she claimed against the tenant's security deposit, which the tenant disputes.

If the landlord does not return your full deposit or give you an itemized list of damages as described above, then the tenant can file suit and the landlord may be liable for double the amount of the security deposit.

For further reading please review the Michigan Landlord-Tenant Practical Guide found at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/Publications/tenantlandlord.pdf>

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Court Watching:

Vena Mixon sentenced to County Jail for assault with dangerous weapon

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Vena Ezette Mixon, 47, of Sumpter Township was sentenced to two years of probation and up to three months in the Wayne County Jail after she pled no-contest to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault).

During the sentencing on Oct. 16 Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Lawrence Stuart Talon gave her credit of three days for time served and assessed crime victim fee/state minimum cost of \$198.

Mixon had also been charged with a second charge of assault with a dangerous weapon and felony firearm and both those charges were dismissed as part of the plea deal.

Mixon may serve jail time as work release and on weekends.

The deal was worked out by her retained attorney Mary L. Yancy and Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Keith G. Clark.

Mixon was charged with the three felonies after pulling a gun on a woman on a bicycle who was picking up rocks along Judd Road in Sumpter and then knocking the woman down with her car, all on May 11.

She had been free after posting bond of \$5,000 or 10%.

Richard Jackson

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attorney was replaced by retained attorney William Otis Culpepper.

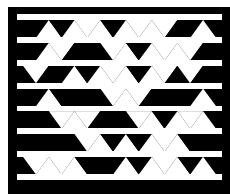
Jackson has been held in the Wayne County Jail since he was charged with the Dec. 17 stabbing death of his wife Travisteen in their VBT home.

First-degree murder would bring a sentence of mandatory life without parole. Second-degree murder brings a sentence of life or any term of years.

Birthdays

Nov. 18 – Pastor Bernie Travis
Nov. 23 – Cherie Wilson

Do you have a birthday in November? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.



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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, Nov. 9:

0049 – suspicious situation, Reene Dr.
0213 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0254 – disturbance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0655 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1222 – breaking & entering, Village Green Ln.
1247 – PPO violation, Savage Rd.
1248 – hospice, E. Huron River Dr.
1621 – juvenile complaint, Aspen Ln.

Monday, Nov. 10:

0047 – noise complaint, Doree Ave.
0306 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rose
0516 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
0810 – larceny, Sunrise Ln.
0817 – larceny from auto, Woodside Ct.
1259 – larceny, Belleville
1259 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Village Green Ln.
1434 – fraud, Culver's
1545 – fraud, Vernon St.
1610 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1621 – intimidation threat, Jackson St.
1644 – driving under the influence of liquor, Belleville Rd.

1653 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
2008 – ordinance violation, McBride/Haggerty
2328 – disturbance, Richard Run

Tuesday, Nov. 11:

0040 – noise complaint, Westlake
0326 – assist fire dept., Haggerty Rd.
0822 – disorderly conduct, Westlake
1459 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
1542 – mental, Oak Ln.
1655 – disorderly conduct, E. Huron River Dr.
1757 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1833 – juvenile complaint, Westlake
2131 – suspicious situation, Cobblestone Ct.
2305 – disturbance, Denton Rd.
2309 – suspicious situation, Ormond Dr.

Wednesday, Nov. 12:

0018 – assault & battery, Victoria St.
0342 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0419 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0506 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Morton Taylor
0700 – personal injury accident, Hannan/Ecorse
1251 – larceny, Martinsville Rd.
1402 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Morton Taylor
1438 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
1528 – child abuse, Outer Dr.
1558 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1724 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd. / Quirk Rd.

2209 – fireworks, Robson Rd./Marlowe Ave.

Thursday, Nov. 13:

0120 – agency assist, E St.
0205 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
0245 – property damage accident, Ecorse/E. of I-275

0358 – agency assist, W. Davis
0526 – fraud, Belleville
0809 – breaking & entering, McBride Ave.
1122 – private property accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.

1709 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1802 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.

2035 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
2145 – missing person, Jeremy Rd.

Friday, Nov. 14:

0106 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Kmart
0140 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0720 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
0750 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Visteon
1352 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1516 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, N. Bellridge Dr.
1756 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1802 – dumping complaint, Morton Taylor Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1817 – hold-up alarm, Coca Cola Dr.
1937 – assault & battery, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2010 – hospice, Daisy

2047 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, Nov. 15:

0140 – malicious destruction of property, Fay Dr.
1506 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1545 – hold-up alarm, Harmony Ln.
1629 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1640 – suicide or attempt, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1715 – harassment call, E. Archwood Dr.
1809 – disturbance, Parkwood Dr.
1829 – harassment call, Maple
1932 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2005 – noise complaint, Savage/Pond Ridge Dr.
2118 – noise complaint, Wildbrook Sub.

Also on this week's log are 166 traffic stops, 18 of those on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 9:

1136 – neighbor trouble, Second St.
1307 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
1523 – disorderly conduct, Main St.
1706 – E-911 hang up, Latlong
1844 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Harbour Pte.
2116 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.

Monday, Nov. 10:

0435 – misc. complaint, Main St./First St.
1138 – miscellaneous complaint, Carmell St.
1325 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1416 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1437 – intrusion alarm, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1733 – follow up, Carmell St.

1816 – suspicious vehicle, S. Liberty St. / E. Columbia Ave.

2126 – noise complaint, Anaheim St.

Tuesday, Nov. 11:

1104 – disorderly conduct, N. Liberty St.
1153 – domestic assault, S. Liberty St.
1351 – suspicious situation, Belleville Church of God

1537 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
1650 – suspicious person, Estrada Dr.
2222 – suspicious situation, Victorian Ln.
2342 – suspicious situation, N. Edgemont Ave.

Wednesday, Nov. 12:

0425 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0908 – suspicious situation, W. Columbia Ave.
0919 – miscellaneous complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

1213 – background investigation, Main St.
1508 – motorist assist, W. Columbia Ave.
1544 – warrant arrest, Main St.

1547 – animal complaint, High/W. Columbia
1620 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
1624 – information, Main St.
1821 – disorderly conduct, Citgo

1834 – abandoned auto, Huron River Dr./W. Columbia Ave.

2255 – traffic hazard, Main St.

Thursday, Nov. 13:

0054 – suspicious situation, Belle Plaza
0101 – suspicious person, Belle Villa
0354 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.
0827 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
1220 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
1358 – larceny, Belle Villa Blvd.
1410 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1513 – trespassing, Dos Rios St.
1649 – serve warrant, Belle Villa Blvd.
1743 – neighbor trouble, Biggs Ave.
2050 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
2127 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2138 – miscellaneous complaint, Dos Rios St.

Friday, Nov. 14:

0057 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0140 – miscellaneous complaint, W. Davis St.
0141 – assist fire dept., W. Davis St.
0843 – property damage accident, Main St.
1430 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
2008 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Henry St.
2124 – parking complaint, Carmell St.

Saturday, Nov. 15:

0315 – animal complaint, N. Liberty St. / E. Huron River Dr.
0450 – assist citizen, South St./W. Columbia Ave.
1013 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1136 – intrusion alarm, Owen
1301 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

1329 – found property, W. Columbia Ave.

1416 – warrant arrest, Carmell St.
1420 – all other traffic, Fifth/Main
1702 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
1727 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1924 – assist fire dept., Second St.

Also on this week's log are 42 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 9:

0016 – fight, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1039 – alarm, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1308 – warrant arrest, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1400 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
2007 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.

Monday, Nov. 10:

0030 – animal complaint, Redwood
0502 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0812 – property damage accident, Haggerty / Oakville Waltz
1134 – recovered property, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1216 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1523 – malicious destruction of property, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.

1838 – assist other agency, out of township
2004 – suspicious person, Sumpter/Bemis
2023 – mental health commitment, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.

2130 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 11:

0326 – warrant arrest, out of township
0811 – property damage accident, Willis / Martinsville
0829 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1037 – trespassing complaint, 48000 bl. Sherwood Ct.

1331 – suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1617 – alarm, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 12:

0114 – shots fired, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
0128 – disorderly person, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
0233 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1435 – noise complaint, Willis/Sherwood
1438 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1631 – suspicious person, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1752 – disorderly person, Second St.
1904 – suspicious vehicle, Idaho
2313 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Thursday, Nov. 13:

0807 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1442 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1638 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2107 – suspicious incident, Nevada

Friday, Nov. 14:

0820 – family trouble, Nevada
0910 – alarm, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1143 – fraud report, Edgewood
1328 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1930 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Bemis

2354 – suspicious incident, Willis/Rawsonville

Saturday, Nov. 15:

0008 – threats complaint, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
0238 – well-being check, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0710 – hunting complaint, Judd/Martinsville
0714 – trespassing complaint, 42000 bl. Willow
1222 – fire dept. assist, Sumpter/Kozma
1522 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1532 – neighbor dispute, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1543 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.
1606 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1801 – assist other agency, Main St.
2223 – well-being check, Bontekoe/Fenster
2259 – well-being check, Bontekoe

Also on this week's log are seven follow-up investigations, 33 miscellaneous details, 162 patrol checks, and 80 traffic stops.

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Orphan of the Week

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RAC Friday 3 Day Sale will be taking place Nov. 28-30 at the **Romulus Athletic Center** on Northline Road across from the airport. Purchase a year's membership during this period and it won't expire until Jan. 1, 2015, that's an extra 5 weeks, plus get a half dozen of free classes. They'll be open regular business hours during the event. Call **(734) 942-2223** and visit www.romulusathleticcenter.com.

The **Bake Shoppe** near the corner of Bemis and Savage Roads is taking orders now for Thanksgiving and the holidays with their pies, cakes, cookies, pastries and fresh bread. They also have cakes for all occasions and cakes on hand. They'll be open until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26 and closed Nov. 27-28. For a list of some of their breads and baked goods, see their ad in today's paper. Call **(734) 699-2236**.

Main Street Flowers on Main Street in Belleville will be holding a **Winterfest Open House** on Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 6

p.m. featuring free gifts to the first 50 people and 25% off your most expensive item purchased. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. Call **(734) 697-7400**.

A **Dine to Donate Fundraiser** to benefit the **Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue** in Sumpter Township is taking place this Sunday, Nov. 23, all day long at **Haab's Restaurant** in Downtown Ypsilanti. A portion of your bill will go to the no-kill shelter. No flyer needed. Call **(734) 461-9458**.

H & R Block on Belleville Road in the Belleville Square behind McDonald's is offering a year-round line of credit up to \$1,000. Offer ends Jan. 15, 2015. New clients are welcome, too, and no W2 is required. To learn more call **(734) 697-6066** or visit www.H&RBlock.com.

Today's paper features a **Ruby Tuesday** insert. The cost is \$50 per 1,000 papers and a full run of 7,000 *Independents* for \$350.

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If you're a church in the area planning your calendar of Christmas and holiday events, and you'd like to get the word out, our church directory is the place for you. For just \$75, you can get a 1 column by 1 inch tall display box listed for 13 weeks. Check out our directory on page 6 in today's paper.

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70 DAVIS, BELLEVILLE
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