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F R E E

Fire next to BYC destroys polebarn, 6 cars

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On Feb. 5, Van Buren Township fire fighters called fire departments from the City of Belleville and Sumpter Township to help fight a pole barn fire at 855 E. Huron River Drive, next door to the BYC clubhouse.

Fire Chief Dan Besson said there were six cars of different types and values in the large, lakeside garage that caught fire.

Chief Besson said the homeowner went out to the garage to get a car and smelled something. He saw the fire and tried to put it out himself, but when he couldn't he called 911.

Chief Besson said firefighters saw smoke from the eaves of the garage upon arrival. Two fire fighters were sent in, but it was hard to get through the garage with all the vehicles inside.

Then, they saw fire coming out of the eaves and the smoke inside turned to fire and the roof was ablaze. Chief Besson said that's when the fire fighters backed out of the building.

The fire call came in to dispatch at 11:19 a.m. and Engine 4 with the South Duty Crew was on the way at 11:21 and at the scene at 11:28. The fire was under control at 1:08 p.m. and fire fighters cleared the scene at 2:48 p.m.

Chief Besson said the City of Belleville brought a truck and three fire fighters and Sumpter brought a truck and four fire fighters.

The cause of the fire is under determination and the insurance company is investigating, Chief Besson said.

He said the family who owns the detached garage and home next door used to own Belleville Bakery years ago.

VBT property records list 855 E. Huron River Drive as owned by Vlado and Blagica Kosatadinowski.



Photo courtesy Van Buren Township Fire Department

On Feb. 5 in the bitter cold fire fighters from Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township and the City of Belleville fought a pole barn fire at 855 East Huron River Drive, just across a driveway from the BYC clubhouse on the lake. The fire destroyed six cars of various values, but no one was injured.

Chief Besson said a shed on the BYC property was damaged slightly by the heat, but not burned.

He said it was fortunate that there is a fire hydrant right in front of the BYC building so that hydrant could be used to hook up a hose to fight the fire next door. Otherwise, fire fighters would have to try to access hydrants on E. Huron River Drive, a great distance from the fire, Chief Besson said.

Van Buren School Board OKs Merit Pay proposal for teachers

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Although they weren't very enthusiastic in their votes, on Monday members of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education unanimously approved a Merit Pay program for teachers.

Shonta Langford-Green, the district's Human Resources Director, was asked to prepare a Merit Pay proposal to keep the district in compliance with state law.

The Michigan Department of Education

and the Legislature, as part of the recent school reform changes, had required implementation of a Merit Pay system as part of the teacher evaluation process no

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The 2013 Wages and Benefits for employees of the Van Buren Public Schools begin on page 14. Warning: There are more than 700 employees, so the type is small.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT Board holds 7.5-hour retreat on strategic planning

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After 7.5-hours of a board retreat with two SEMCOG facilitators on Saturday, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees ended up with a mission statement for the township and selected five important issues on which to work.

The session is one of the programs provided without additional charge by the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) for dues-paying members in a seven-county area of Southeastern Michigan.

Naheed Huq was lead facilitator, aided by Ginger Juncker. The two pushed and prodded the board members to speak their minds on positives and negatives of the township and to set up a plan to address the most important issues on their minds.

Juncker wrote all the comments on 20 huge Post-It notes stuck to the wall of the Denton Room at township hall.

Huq said all the comments will be written up into a 3-5 year strategic plan for the township and presented to board members at an upcoming meeting. SEMCOG will be checking back with the board in a year to see what's been achieved.

The mission statement the board agreed upon was: "Premiere lake community (in which) to live, work, and play, where the township provides excellent services to enhance and sustain the quality of life."

This may be tweaked by adding at the beginning: "Van Buren Township is committed to maintaining a..." SEMCOG will work on it.

Eleven issues for the township were named by board members, and SEMCOG helped them whittle the list down to five, on which they made plans to work.

The five are:

1. Visteon Bonds. Not much could be discussed on the subject since it is being addressed by attorneys and principals. Supervisor Linda Combs said it has to be settled by 2017 when it is expected that VBT won't have enough money coming in to pay the Visteon Bonds.

2. Lack of doing long-term planning. Board members will make sure that those wishing to develop in VBT will have a user-friendly process through the VBT Building Department, make sure there are long-range plans to address how the officials want VBT to look in 20 or 30 or 40 years, get ordinance officers out enforcing the ordinances and writing tickets, get the updated ordinances before the board for approval, have plans in place to follow when the Waste Management



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

After hours of discussions on Saturday, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees was asked to put brightly colored stickers next to the most important issues that were presented and written on the big sticky notes on the wall. Standing at right are the SEMCOG facilitators Ginger Juncker and Naheed Huq. Board members, from left, are Trustee Reggie Miller, Clerk Leon Wright, Trustee Jeff Jahr, Trustee Phil Hart (putting his sticker on an issue) and seated at right, Supervisor Linda Combs. Not seen in this picture are Treasurer Sharry Budd and Trustee Brenda McClanahan who also were present at the 7.5-hour meeting.

landfill closes, plus other related matters. Supervisor Combs said presently the township balances its budget with the savings account from landfill funds. There is \$8 million in that account and they are using more than \$2 million a year. "... after a few years we'll be flat broke," she said. Clerk Leon Wright added, "Are we going to be the premiere community if we lose the landfill?" The landfill is expected to close in 10-11 years.

3. Enhancements to Van Buren Park. The goal is to make the park accessible to all residents and be user-friendly, especially for those who want to enjoy the lake. Plans are for better ADA access to the beach, boat docking, improved beach, special events, cross-country skiing, and other ideas. Trustee Phil Hart volunteered to be the Champion on this issue, with the help of Trustee Reggie Miller and Clerk Wright. They will develop an action plan in 60 days.

4. Increase Economic Development. The goal is to have short-term and long-term plans for economic development and to create an environment to attract and retain businesses. The township board agrees it needs to find out what the Downtown Development Authority is doing in this area and get information on regional trends, economic data, and make up a plan.

The township's Director of Planning and Economic Development Arthur Mullen is key in this and he currently is overloaded with work. "Arthur's going to have to get his assistant hired or get a contractor," said Combs, noting a part-time assistant for Mullen is in the budget, but he has not moved forward to fill the position. They suggested the DDA might like to cooperate in helping to hire a full-time person.

5. Location. The goal here is to leverage the township's location for both residences and commercial. They want to get the word out about VBT's access to both I-94 and I-275, two major airports, railroad lines, several major universities, Detroit and Ann Arbor, proximity to Canada, and Wayne County's only lake. The DDA has paid for a new township website that is supposed to go online any minute and it promotes the lake and other township assets. Huq said she would like to see VBT market the tri-community, although there was some talk about seeking a new zip code for VBT so it wouldn't be confused with Belleville. "I don't want a divorce from Belleville," commented Trustee Jeff Jahr.

At the end of the meeting, Treasurer Sharry Budd said she would like the board to sit down in a work/study session with planning consultant Sally Hodges and Planning and Economic Development

Director Mullen to explain to them the board's expectations and tell them they have the board's support.

Trustee Jahr said the board is not trying to dump on Mullen, but will provide resources and support so he can do the things they want done.

The SEMCOG facilitators told the township officials not to back off of an idea because they don't have the funding, because there are ways to find funding.

In looking at the five issues they set for work, Trustee Miller said, "We may not get it all done during our term." Their four-year terms run through 2016.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

It's the winter that won't go away

All around the tri-community there are stories about the weather – how harsh and cruel it can be, or how much fun for kids.

A school bus driver learned of a homeless boy who had no coat. She went right out and bought him a coat – and hat and gloves, too, while she was at it.

How could there be a boy without a home or a coat in Belleville? It's true.

The librarians tell of staff members who usually deal with books and computers pitching in to push people stuck in the snow in the city parking lot across the street from the library.

The library roof was another matter. They had to hire Barnett Roofing to shovel off the roof where it was ice damming. Maybe some roof insulation is coming.

Parking lots everywhere are getting smaller and smaller as the snow is pushed to the sides, blocking parking spaces.

And, the mounds of snow along Main Street also are getting higher and higher and the little paths merchants cut through the snow banks to the sidewalks are covered up whenever the snow plow goes through.

Delivering the papers along Main Street from a vehicle is a real challenge to us on Thursdays, but it's not as bad as it is for Sam, the UPS man, who has to climb those snow banks every work day.

There's so much talk about the weather everywhere and the tortures it brings. If Spring ever comes, the talk probably will turn to tales of surviving the winter that wouldn't go away. Let's all survive.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On the bills approved to be paid at the Feb. 3 meeting of the Belleville City Council, there was one from David C. Brown Funeral Home for \$4,102 to pay for storm damage to a monument at Hillside Cemetery.

Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Long said a big tree fell over during a storm last summer and damaged a monument for the Amerman family. She said she thinks the latest burial there was in 1996.

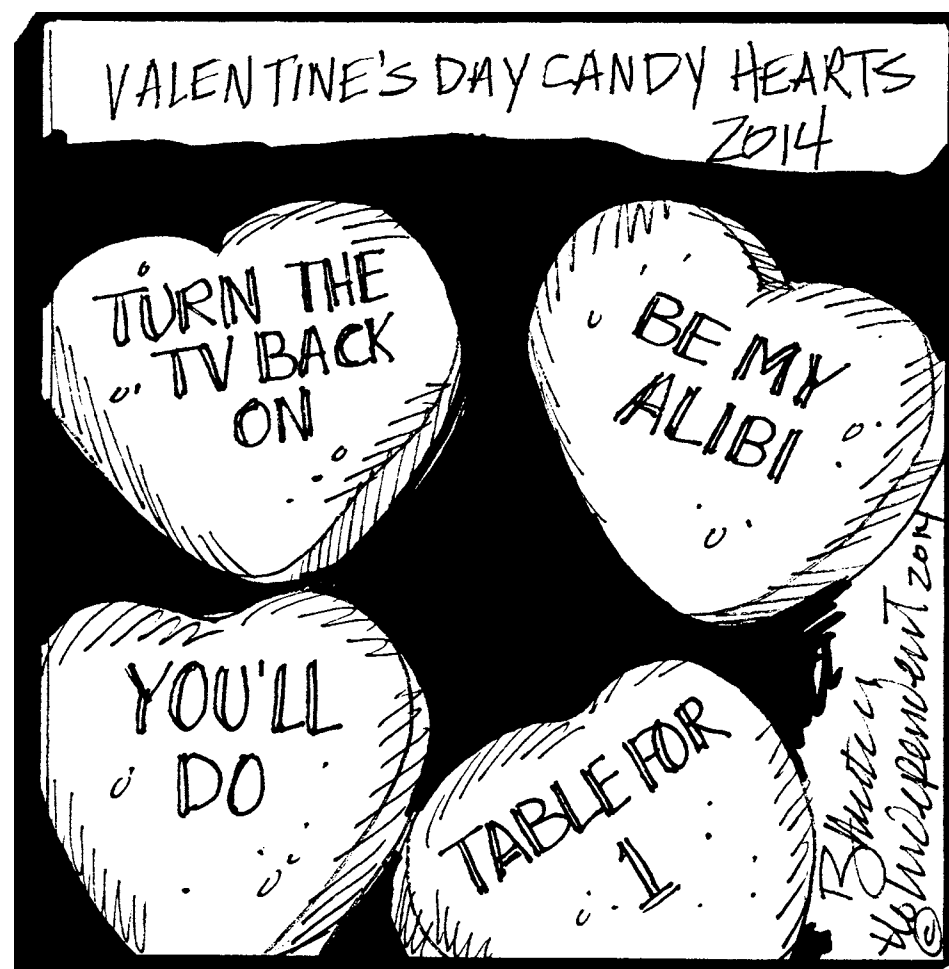
The city called Brown's and the cost of repairing the damage was \$4,102. She said the insurance paid \$3,102 and the city paid the deductible of \$1,000.

I didn't remember anyone talking about this damage at a meeting, so I called her up and asked her. I'll have to go over to Hillside and see the monument.

In January, Judy Jordan reported a big, fat robin in a tree next to our office building's parking lot. I went outside, even though it was below zero, and yes, indeed, there was a robin eating berries or cherries off the tree.

That house was the home of the late Francis Kirschner who was in the Belleville Garden Club with my mother. Mrs. Kirschner always had lots of pretty plants and trees around her house. Birds and squirrels hung out there in the summer. Winter, too, I see.

Then, I received a call early Feb. 5 from Glenn Richard Barker, who lives on Dewitt Street north of the freeway in Van Buren Township. We graduated together from BHS a long time ago. Glenn said a robin, all fluffed up, was sitting in a cherry tree eating fruit as we talked. He thought I'd want to know that a crazy robin was out in the snowstorm, long after he should have



flown south.

He said he believes it was the same robin he saw in the tree on Feb. 1.

On Saturday, I sat through the whole 7.5 hours of a "Board Retreat" of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, which ended up with information to form a strategic plan for the township, under the direction of the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

I've sat through similar work sessions before, but never so long. The two reporters from the *Current* bailed out after 2.5 hours. The township board was cordial to me, the only audience after the *Current* left, but the two SEMCOG women were very icy and never said a word to me over all those hours after I asked for the spelling of their names before the session started. I think they wanted this private even though the Open Meetings Acts said it was public.

Then, it was lunchtime and the group was going to work through lunch. At noon a young man from Quizno's showed up with lunches for the board and the two SEMCOG leaders: Naheed Huq and Ginger Juncker.

And, there I sat. Jeff Jahr said quietly to me that he felt funny eating in front of me (we sat about three feet apart in the tightly packed Denton Room), but I replied that I was a big girl and I could take it (starvation).

Actually, there were leftovers from breakfast on the side table -- donuts, fruit, bagels and cheese -- and I did eat a donut

about 9 a.m. I could have helped myself to the leftovers and about 2 p.m. I did eat half a bagel and some cream cheese. I also had a couple of cups of coffee, so that helped. All this is to say, SEMCOG was on the scene as a leader, showing VBT elected officials how to develop a strategy and do things the right way. The two failed in the humanitarian aspect.

I went home when everything was over around 4 p.m. and ate my lunch. Big deal. I've done that before on deadline days at work. It's just that these SEMCOG women who were supposed to know so much showed no social graces and I was disappointed in them. They could have apologized or said something, but just ignored me altogether. End of story.

This fall three seats on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education will be up for election. The seats are currently held by Scott Russell, Kevin English, and Sherry Frazier.

The new fence put up in the Wayne County right of way along Belleville Road, from just south of Harmony Lane to Sunrise, is looking quite tidy. It was paid for by the VBT DDA and was supposed to be done by the end of the year, but work was held up by county permits and weather.



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Letters

Bond report to the public from VBPS

To the Editor:

Now that the Belleville High School bond project is nearly complete (awaiting only a few outdoor touches next spring), we would like to report to the public on what was accomplished.

With the oversight of our construction managers, Plante Moran CRESA, the new school opened a year earlier than originally projected and substantially under budget. Our architects, Fanning Howey, focused not on an impressive-looking building but rather on a functional interior environment and operational efficiency. Our builders, Granger Construction, upgraded the best parts of the old facility while integrating them seamlessly with the new. This was accomplished mere feet from where we were still educating our community's teens for years, with no serious injuries or major disruptions.

The new BHS accommodates new ways of teaching and learning to meet individual student needs and 21st Century expectations. Both students and teachers now work collaboratively, using appropriate tools and spaces. Following the education axiom that "the one doing the work is doing the learning," students are much more engaged in project-based and hands-on learning. Teachers have group offices to facilitate shared data analysis and instructional planning. The physical layout allows for schools within the school (such as the New Tech program), as well as for organization by grade levels or academic disciplines or "small houses" — we are not locked into one scheme but can adapt over time as we find what works best.

Design features include natural light, comfortable and mobile furniture, flexible classroom spaces, technology that supports both learning and administrative functions, secure entryways, zoned spaces for after-hours uses, dispersed administrator offices for better supervision, and excellent athletic facilities despite a cramped site. BHS is also the first public school in Michigan to receive the EPA's Designed to Earn Energy Star Award for energy efficiency.

The willingness of our community to take on debt for this project in 2008 meant that we were one of the few large construction projects in the Midwest during a serious recession. Consequently, we got excellent prices for materials and services. That, along with some luck with weather, plus efficient and competent execution by all involved, put us in the enviable position of having some \$1.7M (about 2% of the

total bond) left over from Owner-Directed Costs. These costs are not part of the actual "bricks-and-mortar" construction and are therefore not under the Construction Manager's purview. They include such essentials as professional fees for architects, engineers, bond consultants, and auditors; all furniture, fixtures, and equipment; all technology (such as computers, projectors, video cameras, televisions and monitors); and contingency reserves for unexpected problems or anything that may have been missed in the design and build processes.

The remaining funds could, of course, be spent on the high school, but we have already built a high-quality and well-functioning school. The administration and Board of Education believe it is more important now to keep faith with our voters and taxpayers by, in essence, returning that money to them. The remaining funds will be directed toward paying off the high school bonds.

This is excellent news for our community. Part of planning such a large project involves estimating the tax base that will support repaying the bonds, so that a bond millage rate can be estimated. While our consultants were extremely conservative in those estimates, the unprecedented fall in property values during the Great Recession, plus the very slow recovery in those values, has reduced the revenue raised by the bond millage to below what is needed to pay off the bonds. Another completely unforeseen problem has been the federal sequestration. The school was financed by Build America Bonds, with an interest rate supplemented by federal funds. No one anticipated the federal government reneging on this commitment, but now we are forced to make up the portion of bond interest withheld through sequestration with local revenue. These two factors — a lower local tax base and federal withholding of promised interest — would require us to raise the bond millage rate slightly next year from the (projected but not guaranteed) rate of 2.98 mills in order to make the annual bond payments.

Applying the remaining bond funds to repaying the bonds should allow us to keep the same bond millage rate for at least the next three years. By that time, both a rebound in local property values, and an end to the sequestration's effect on the federal government's commitment to us, should put revenues and expenditures back into balance as originally projected.

We are grateful for the community support that allowed us to build this state-of-the-art school one that was imagined, designed, and built with every student in mind and in an efficient and cost-effective fashion. Our entire community can be proud of what we have collectively provided for our children and our future.

Sincerely,
Michael Van Tassel, Superintendent
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Terry L. Daykin, Sr.

TERRY L. DAYKIN, SR.

(June 6, 1960 - February 5, 2014)
Terry L. Daykin, Sr., aged 53, of Belleville, passed away unexpectedly February 5, 2014 while working in Massena, NY.

He was born June 6, 1960 in Tecumseh, MI, the son of Douglas and Barbara (Hall) Daykin. On August 30, 1980, he married Christine Sayers and she survives.

Terry was a graduate of Britton High School, Class of 1978. He was currently employed with Abhe & Svoboda, Inc., for nearly 30 years.

In addition to his wife Christine, he is survived by his children, Amy Daykin, Terry L. Daykin, Jr., and Cynthia (Adam) Kinkead; 11 grandchildren; his father Douglas Daykin; brother Mark (Lauren) Daykin; and sister Candace Daykin.

He was preceded in death by his mother Barbara in 2007.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, February 14, 2014 at J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Tecumseh, MI 49286. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, February 13, 2014 at Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Tecumseh.

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Doris M. Bluhm

DORIS M. BLUHM

(July 5, 1922 - February 5, 2014)

Doris M. Bluhm, age 91, of Belleville, passed away February 5, 2014 to be with her Lord. She was at home, surrounded with love and her family. She was born July 5, 1922 in Belleville, to Ruth and Arl Mitchell (predeceased, along with her two sisters, Virginia Wall and Betty Charlesworth).

Beloved wife of Donald Gerald Bluhm for over 70 years. Loving mother to Gerald (Jeri) Bluhm and Ronald (Patti) Bluhm, both of Belleville. Loving and amazing Grandmother to Sara (Bill), Christopher (Annalisa), Katherine and Blake. Great-Grandmother to Lucas. She is also survived by niece and nephew and many great-nieces and great nephews.

Doris lived an outstanding 91 years. She crocheted afghans and baby sweaters for countless people and loved to do ceramics that are now especially cherished. She loved to cook and bake many special dishes, including homemade noodles, cranberry relish, apple and pumpkin pies for the holiday, along with creating a variety of cookies from old recipes.

She worked at the Willow Run Bomber plant as the specialist sewing and repairing the cloth flight controls on the B-24 Bomber during WWII. For 10-12 years she and her husband were the leaders of the high school youth group at the 1st Methodist Church in Belleville. Doris had been a member of the church since 1936 and was on the Cradle Roll since 1923. She and her husband Don toured the United States for almost 30 years in their antique automobiles.

Visitation at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel was 4-8 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m.-noon on Saturday, February 8, 2014 with a noon funeral. Reverend Jim Walker officiated. Entombment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family or the charity of your choice and would be appreciated.

Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Ralph C. Witte, Sr.

RALPH C. WITTE, SR.

(April 20, 1935 - February 5, 2014)

Ralph C. Witte, Sr., 78, of Lancaster, Ohio, former resident of Belleville, MI went to be with his Lord on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at the Inn at Fairfield Village.

He was born on April 20, 1935 in Allen Park, MI to the late Frank E. and Myrtle Schultz Witte. He was a hard-working, generous man and a dedicated servant of the Lord. Ralph treasured his children. He loved fishing with his kids, working on cars and had a passion for cruising in his VW and Camaro. He also enjoyed long bike rides and watching baseball. Ralph loved spending time with his grandchildren Tommi, Dallas, Nikki, Faith, and Joshua.

Ralph graduated from Allen Park High School in 1953. He retired from Ford Motor Co. with over 40 years of service. He attended Fairfield Christian Church and was a previous member of the Belleville Lighthouse Church.

Ralph is survived by his son Ralph C. (Jennifer) Witte of Lancaster, OH; daughter Valerie L. (Tom) DeMichael of Stafford Springs, CT; grandchildren; brothers Merle Witte, Frank Witte, and Earl Witte; sister Gloria VanHeusen; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Gordon, Willus and Ross Witte; and sisters Sylvia Colwell and Rosalie Glaab.

Caring Cremation® has taken place by the Frank E. Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, 405 N. Columbus St., Lancaster, OH 43130.

The family is planning a private Celebration

of Life service at a later date. Memorial gifts may be given to the Salvation Army in his memory. To send an online condolence, and sign the guest book, please visit www.funeralhome.com.



Agnes A. Cook

AGNES ANN COOK

(February 11, 1940 - February 3, 2014)

Agnes Ann Cook, age 73, of Belleville, MI, passed away Monday, February 3, 2014 at Regional Medical Center in Hudson, Florida. She was born February 11, 1940 in Hamtramck, MI, daughter of Frank Stanley & Mary Bertha (Glinski) Wisniewski.

She is survived by her loving husband Robert E. Cook; four children Connie (Jim) Testorelli of Belleville, David (Diana) Cook of Manchester, Mark (Jane) Cook of Ypsilanti and Carrie (Paul) Good of Grass Lake, MI; 15 grandchildren Jonathan (Megan), Nicholas (Ashleigh), Stacey, Ashley, Halley, Candice, Scott, Lauren, Maris, Andrew, Darin, Joel, Spencer, Louis and Wesley; a sister, Virginia (Charles) Miller of Ann Arbor, MI; and a brother, Stanley (Susan) Wisniewski, of Canton, MI.

Mrs. Cook graduated from Belleville High School in 1958. She attended Eastern Michigan University Food Service Program. She worked in Food Service for 22 years. She was a very active member of St. Anthony Catholic Church. She participated in the Ladies Guild, St. Theresa's Circle, the Welcome Committee, Pro Life, Administration Commission, and was

the Past Chair of the Strawberry Festival. She was a 4-H Leader for over 30 years. She was also a member of Farm Bureau, Van Buren Senior Citizens, and a volunteer for Friends of MI Animal Rescue. Agnes was also the Past President of LOTA, the Ladies of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly. She was a Red Cross Donor. Agnes enjoyed gardening, bowling, sewing, playing cards, cooking, traveling, but most of all, spending time with family and friends and entertaining.

Visitation was Sunday 2-8 PM at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, with 6:00 PM Rosary Service. Visitation was 9-10 AM Monday, January 10, 2014 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. A Funeral Mass was held at 10 AM with Father Thomas H. Cusick as Celebrant. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Robert Cook, who will distribute to St. Anthony and Saint Vincent de Paul, and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com

PHYLLIS MARIE NIMMO

(June 6, 1942 - February 9, 2014)

Age 71 of Westland. Survived by daughter Jennifer, son Jamie, 12 grandchildren, brother Michael Quamme. A Memorial service will be held at noon Feb. 17 at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel, Belleville.

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School Board

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later than the 2013-14 school year.

Green said a lot of districts are not doing anything and just asking, "What's the fine?" Other districts have put together Merit Pay at just \$1 to comply.

Green said Curriculum Director Diane Kullis found that federal 2A funds are appropriate to use for Merit Pay and so Green put together a proposal to use \$10,000 of those funds, hoping next year they can get similar funds.

The program asks teachers to nominate themselves and provide verification of their activities. They can get up to 700 points. A process has been worked out to calculate the worth of the points and how much Merit Pay the teachers who apply would get according to their scores out of the total \$10,000.

The four categories include attendance (100 points), performance evaluations (500 points), activities above and beyond instructional responsibilities by attending or chairing meetings (50 points) and by serving as paid advisers and coaches to student activities (50 points).

Green said she combined ideas from different school districts. She had prepared a five-page proposal, but then was asked to get it down to just four categories, which she did.

"We're hoping to see how this works out this year," Green told the school board.

School Supt. Michael Van Tassel said the state's idea was that this Merit Pay would reward those having a positive effect on improving students' education.

Secretary Kevin English referred to a Vanderbilt University study that he said showed Merit Pay didn't work.

English said the items in the district's new Merit Pay categories, however, are all things good teachers do anyway.

"No one believes teachers would do all this for \$10 or \$20," said board vice president Martha Toth. "They do this for other reasons."

Supt. Van Tassel said it's crystal clear that Merit Pay doesn't work and is divisive among teachers in buildings and he isn't in favor of it.

But, he said, it is a state requirement and as superintendent he promised to follow

the law.

"I would prefer to pay all the teachers more... We have some incredibly talented teachers," Van Tassel said.

"The law is the law and I plan to follow it," he said.

Treasurer Sherry Frazier said some teachers may be insulted by the program and only a few may apply. She said rather than divide the \$10,000 among ten teachers, she would rather divide the money among all the teachers. She pointed out some districts are thumbing their noses at the law.

Trustee Scott Russell said this program is not etched in stone and the district could learn from it.

"And maybe some district - maybe ours - comes up with something good. I hope a lot apply," he said. "Sometimes no one will toot your own horn except yourself."

"The premise behind it is faulty," Toth stated, adding that the Vanderbilt study showed if you gave teachers a lot of money to raise the students' scores, they couldn't do it.

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

- Heard a presentation from Principal Delria Crippen and five staff members of Edgemont Elementary School on all the things they are doing to improve education of the students;

- Approved the second reading and final approval of Board Policy Updates, most of which are state and federally mandated. The first reading and explanation was by Trustee Scott Russell on Jan. 13;

- Approved a new Advanced Placement World History course for juniors at Belleville High School for the 2014-15 school year;

- Approved attendance of three students at the March 21-23 Business Club State Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids. The three attending - Khersie Stalling, Verniece Lowe, and Amanda Parker - earned awards in regional competition;

- Approved hiring Allyson Romanowski as a teacher at McBride starting Dec. 9; and terminating occupational therapist Holly Foreman after one year of service as of Jan. 3, for resignation; Elise Harrison a teacher at Tyler for six years, as of Jan. 17 for resignation; and Staci Dombowski, a teacher at McBride for one year, as of Feb.

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- Accepted the resignation of Angela Stroud, a secretary in the administration building, after 1.5 years of service, as of Feb. 28;
- Approved hiring Pamela Crawford as secretary in the administration building starting Dec. 16; Sandra Cartwright as accountant in the administration building as

of Feb. 10; Sabrina Young, fringe benefits secretary in the administration building as of Feb. 17; and George Gibbons as a bus driver as of Dec. 9;

- Received certificates from State Rep. Dian Slavens recognizing School Board Month in January;
- Heard Toth give an update on legislative matters, particularly HB 5223 and 5224, concerning teacher and administrator evaluations. “The level of micromanagement coming down is

unbelievable,” she said. Board president Brent Mikulski said legislative reports from Toth will be a standing agenda item;

- Heard Mikulski start to announce that BHS won an award, but then had to back off that because it is a secret until Friday. He wasn’t told it was a secret. It has to do with Granger Construction;
- Was reminded the next meeting is the

work/study session at 7 p.m. Feb. 24 at the administration building, with the next regular meeting at 7 p.m. March 10 at the BHS Commons; and

- Went into closed-door session to evaluate the superintendent.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 4, 2014

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent: None. Others in attendance: Secretary Cline and an audience of seven (7).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the agenda as amended. To remove the presentation by Green Zone Initiative and to move Consent Agenda item #2 “Approve an amendment to the Michigan Nationals Operating Agreement and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to initial the change in field usage fees.” to New Business. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 14, 2014 and Voucher List of February 4, 2014.] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Senior Alliance Executive Director Bob Brown provided an overview of the services provided by Senior Alliance including a financial report.

Supervisor Combs read a letter from a resident, thanking Community Services Account Clerk Jennifer Price and Waste Management, Representative Keith for their assistance in curbside recycling project in her neighborhood. If you have a problem with a road contact Wayne County Roads at 888-762-3273 and a road maintenance employee will handle your request.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Board members commented on the removed presentation by Green Zone Initiative and the process used to place an item on the Board Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the amended Agreement with Michigan Nationals for field rental fee, lawn maintenance, water usage and electric usage, in the total amount of \$5000 in 2014, with subsequent year’s agreements to be negotiated based on the actual usage and costs; and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to initial the changes. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs made the following announcements: Wednesday, February 5th at Yankee Air Museum a Historic Presentation Night will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the museum’s general purpose room; Thursday, February 13th at Belleville Area District Library a Homegrown Knowledge Lecture series will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the library program room; Friday, February 14th and Saturday, February 15th the Van Buren Township 19th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance will be held; a Baseball Skills Camp for youth ages 5 to 12 years old will be held on Sundays beginning February 16th from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department, to register or for more information regarding Parks and Recreation classes or events call 734-699-8921.

Trustee Miller stated she attended the Michigan Township Association Conference January 28th through 30th where she attended classes on Land Use, Employee claims, Competitive bidding and Conflicts. Treasurer Budd stated the tax deadline has been extended without penalty through February 28th.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Carried. Respectfully submitted,
Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor
Publish: February 13, 2014

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
2014 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, on the following dates:

March 4, Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
(Organizational Meeting)

No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 10, Monday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 12, Wednesday
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 13, Thursday
3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Taxpayers/Property Owners may appeal by making an appointment to appear before the Board of Review OR by letter appeal (personal appearance is not required).

Letters of appeal must be received on or before MARCH 12, 2014.

Appointments to appeal in person may be scheduled by calling the Assessing Office at 734-699-8946 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by MARCH 11, 2014.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers are as follows:

Classification	Ratio	Multiplier
Commercial	50%	1.0000
Industrial	50%	1.0000
Residential	50%	1.0000
Developmental	50%	1.0000
Personal	50%	1.0000

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Publish: Thursday, February 13, 2014
Thursday, February 20, 2014
Thursday, February 27, 2014

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Cornell Mathis of VBT to announce candidacy for State Rep., 21st dist.

The public is invited to the Holiday Inn Express in Van Buren Township at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, when VBT resident Cornell Mathis will announce his candidacy as a Democrat for State Representative in the 21st District in this

fall's primary election.

Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, currently holds the seat, but she is term-limited and has announced her candidacy for the state senate in the August primary.

The 21st District includes the City of Belleville and Van Buren and Canton townships.

Mathis is a Series Seven licensed securities broker, specializing in property, casualty and life insurance. He graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Southgate and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Western Michigan University and attended the University of Southern California.



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Victim of Tom White needs help to save home

To the Editor and Readers of the Belleville Independent:

I am writing to you in hopes there may be someone who can help. I live at 19120 Martinsville Road. This has been my home for over 50 years.

I am a victim of Mr. White. I was giving him money to pay my land taxes and to prevent a hostile takeover of my property. The county put my house on the auction block for taxes that I had paid 90% of, as well as the fact they did this without honoring the redemption period.

They accepted a bid 10-31-12; my redemption period was 3-31-13. Mr. White, my attorney, was supposed to serve them with a restraining order to prevent them from transferring the deed.

Now, because Mr. White did none of the things he said he would do, he informed me the county treasurer was willing to "hold" my deed, as long as I made payments *in good faith* to catch up any taxes owed and bring me current on tax bills.

So, that is what I did, gave him every penny I could, thinking I was paying my land taxes.

Now, I have hired Steven Z. Cohen to represent me in the suit against Mr. White, along with many other families who have

been wronged.

My current issue is with the treasurer and the gentleman who bought my taxes. They have moved forward with trying to evict me from my home. This past Saturday, 2-8-14, they posted on my front door a summons to court on 2-20-14. Now it seems to me this is very little time to prepare my case.

I am in desperate need of legal advice. If there is anyone out there who may be able to offer me any kind of help, I am begging you: please call! Dianna Arquette (734) 732-7781.

I don't have much time and I don't have much money. I will, however, make monthly payments for as long as it takes. There has to be someone out there who has gotten into the business of law – simply to see justice prevail.

What a sad message our judicial system now sends. Seems if you don't have thousands of dollars to offer, you simply don't matter.

This home was built in 1932 by my grandfather William Arquette, left to me by my father in 1997, David Arquette Sr. (who committed suicide).

He left this to me so that myself, my children, or my grandchildren would never have to be homeless. Please, help me if you can.

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Van Buren Public Schools 2013 Transparency Report			Belleville Area Independent/February 13, 2014					
Employee	Base Pay	Total Compensation						
Administrators & Secretaries			Taylor, Kelli	\$11,369.53	\$15,397.79	Small, Ronald	\$39,070.48	\$57,964.93
Van Tassel, Michael	\$132,683.49	\$186,121.65	Washington, Katherine	\$11,066.35	\$15,207.82	Tremper, David	\$36,662.94	\$56,543.68
Langford, Shonta	\$101,738.00	\$156,559.92	Lawson, Cheryl	\$10,777.93	\$14,522.68	Ihlenfeldt, Jody	\$36,160.53	\$55,885.23
Moore, Jeffrey	\$96,364.09	\$149,690.38	Wise, Donna	\$10,573.05	\$14,331.66	Gendron, Mary	\$31,181.05	\$55,696.40
Leroy, John	\$95,161.99	\$146,925.50	Phillips, Tina	\$10,470.55	\$14,128.31	Schulz, David	\$40,021.06	\$55,337.92
Kullis, Diane	\$106,351.55	\$145,979.04	Sherman, Amy	\$9,487.64	\$12,869.13	Tomlin, Ricky	\$35,388.64	\$54,870.70
Moffitt, Karen	\$99,593.59	\$145,317.91	Snyder, Nancy	\$7,050.86	\$12,817.23	Wheeler, Toni	\$31,561.95	\$54,331.64
Madyun, Abdul	\$102,542.31	\$143,808.74	Hanes, Gail	\$9,040.82	\$12,219.70	Dupuie, Timothy	\$30,848.06	\$54,302.79
Buhro, Stacy	\$92,243.94	\$142,267.45	Grant, Dorothy	\$8,862.17	\$12,005.61	Hardrick, Sherry	\$34,905.96	\$54,194.34
Pitt, Aleisa	\$91,164.84	\$140,572.91	Baker, Renee	\$8,470.30	\$11,512.26	Faulkner, Dewey	\$34,735.78	\$53,957.09
Johnston, Karen	\$94,048.41	\$134,550.21	Elliott, Brenda	\$8,247.30	\$11,158.17	Hagerman, Sharon	\$34,704.13	\$53,804.63
Lloyd, Melissa	\$85,193.34	\$133,420.23	Jensen, Cheryl	\$7,889.93	\$10,595.64	Monteleone, Andrew	\$34,996.38	\$52,775.40
Crippen, Delria	\$92,985.15	\$132,904.92	Wilson, Vernor	\$7,479.84	\$10,039.55	Hinchliff, Robert	\$33,194.05	\$51,859.66
Smith, Karensa	\$83,375.79	\$130,852.49	Cook, Paulette	\$7,145.21	\$9,694.16	Crowder, Theresa	\$32,565.40	\$51,086.86
Williams, James	\$89,428.10	\$128,868.06	Kieselbach, Inez	\$6,901.53	\$9,379.68	Disney, Connie	\$32,554.45	\$51,011.03
Villa, Kelleen	\$81,915.99	\$128,857.25	Randell, Shannon	\$6,803.08	\$9,253.94	Wiech, Laura	\$31,208.47	\$50,847.17
Fisher, Rodney	\$88,782.13	\$127,321.12	Peralta, Josefina	\$6,446.00	\$8,803.21	Smither, Lee Jr.	\$30,688.50	\$48,713.72
Wilsey, Scott	\$80,923.21	\$125,578.69	Kuclo, Jacquelyn	\$6,386.11	\$8,631.26	Dubisky, Daryl	\$34,097.22	\$47,120.96
Wright, Howard	\$89,201.76	\$122,074.22	Wilson, Arnetta	\$5,434.53	\$7,283.64	Soderberg, Diana	\$26,161.47	\$41,936.64
Ross, Rebecca	\$83,680.88	\$114,524.30	Frank, Constance	\$5,054.83	\$6,772.67	Nedeau, Dolores	\$23,867.03	\$32,611.60
Abel, Fredrick	\$75,370.19	\$103,069.56	Jones, Stephanie	\$4,623.83	\$6,278.33	Burrell, Brian	\$13,782.67	\$28,777.08
Ottewell, Timothy	\$64,098.59	\$88,964.48	Schettler, Shirley	\$5,551.22	\$6,016.39	Johnson, Jacqueline	\$14,307.66	\$19,695.66
Johnson, Pamela	\$56,724.25	\$84,778.39	Roedding, Sandra	\$4,268.51	\$5,787.31	Fisher, Danny	\$12,956.94	\$17,920.97
Melton, Pamela	\$47,807.31	\$80,450.57	Lechich, Marie	\$0.00	\$4,902.11	Bishop, Timothy	\$10,892.10	\$13,817.67
Stroud, Angela	\$51,939.95	\$78,068.87	Spillman, Kristine	\$3,576.31	\$4,848.01	Cromwell, Jackie	\$6,460.47	\$8,787.22
McCoy, Virginia	\$39,246.44	\$67,824.63	Bodenham, Lisa	\$3,519.67	\$4,738.92	Scroi, Russell	\$6,385.99	\$8,666.51
Wright, Christina	\$38,262.68	\$64,683.67	Bryant, Kimberly	\$3,477.15	\$4,717.82	Brice, Ronny	\$1,952.23	\$6,130.56
Rupnow, Brian	\$44,844.24	\$60,755.66	Talaga, Mary	\$3,349.72	\$4,528.99	Sattler, Kimberly	\$3,019.89	\$4,172.59
Richards, Norma	\$30,749.31	\$59,369.67	Parks, Nancy	\$3,286.71	\$4,450.48	Fogarty, James	\$2,834.35	\$3,908.80
McWilliams, Debra	\$30,505.05	\$59,076.06	Martin, Linda	\$3,205.75	\$4,339.11	Bobee, Daniel	\$1,527.45	\$1,909.81
Kennedy, Marcia	\$30,530.16	\$58,519.99	Scott, Shirley	\$2,990.55	\$4,043.01	Goodman, Joseph	\$885.32	\$1,223.25
Zajac, Jonathan	\$34,223.62	\$58,135.13	Blanton, Janet	\$2,855.64	\$3,858.74	Loechli, Nicholas	\$504.00	\$699.75
Burrell, Patricia	\$31,673.48	\$58,120.57	Gubaci, Melissa	\$2,828.15	\$3,821.66	LaDouceur, Jeffrey	\$303.75	\$406.57
Kiessel, Diane	\$27,488.44	\$57,383.46	Marshall, Phyllis	\$2,805.67	\$3,808.92	Scroi, Derrick	\$139.68	\$186.55
Cobb, Linda	\$29,989.51	\$57,265.30	Fields, Sandra	\$2,700.19	\$3,662.00	Miscellaneous		
Brooks, Shirley	\$30,460.31	\$56,116.83	Folks, Rebecca	\$2,593.29	\$3,521.78	Brown, Kimberly	\$15,774.53	\$21,386.05
Young, Penny	\$30,248.85	\$55,685.75	Doty, Kelly	\$2,605.80	\$3,520.49	Alexander, Donald	\$15,087.77	\$20,459.23
Chichowski, Jamie	\$27,417.13	\$54,778.04	Bryant, Carl	\$2,472.00	\$3,351.46	Barksdale, Vicky	\$9,538.16	\$12,977.40
Trevorrow, Sylvia	\$27,261.45	\$54,567.52	Smith, Stephanie M.	\$2,401.37	\$3,274.38	Grantham, Kerry	\$8,473.92	\$11,650.88
Voigt, Mary	\$24,634.27	\$51,099.50	Burks, Annie	\$2,235.08	\$2,978.99	Saylor, Aaron	\$8,400.20	\$11,219.08
Karlinski, Stephanie	\$22,563.66	\$48,280.20	Bresette, Robin	\$1,981.86	\$2,732.98	Kirschweg, Chad	\$7,845.00	\$10,500.53
Loechli, Michelle	\$34,545.32	\$48,008.03	Courtney-Green, Karen	\$1,917.55	\$2,620.19	Kotcher, Charles Jr.	\$8,343.62	\$8,981.90
Innes, Kathy	\$34,441.09	\$47,683.50	Banks, Faith	\$1,722.37	\$2,287.40	Stark, Scott	\$4,710.99	\$6,491.56
Harris, Tammie	\$32,809.72	\$45,499.73	Valentine, Jaclyn	\$1,542.64	\$2,064.81	Connolly, Dennis	\$5,200.00	\$5,597.80
Johnson, Theresa	\$32,231.02	\$45,478.91	Persterson, Alyson	\$1,491.95	\$1,994.68	Jordan, Antoine	\$960.00	\$1,332.87
Floro, Jaclyn	\$32,486.72	\$45,428.61	Bray, Rochelle	\$1,331.66	\$1,839.96	Saccone, Dina	\$72.75	\$96.55
Armstrong, Sandra	\$16,848.66	\$22,766.08	Baker, Jamie	\$829.78	\$1,143.92	Hourly Non-Union		
Peters, Dorothy	\$13,549.74	\$21,546.82	Getty, Tamarra	\$783.98	\$1,079.48	Chesney, Harvey	\$49,150.55	\$84,577.72
Evans, Deborah	\$15,602.13	\$21,297.24	Etherington, Kathryn	\$648.77	\$900.77	Leon, Marcus	\$47,053.02	\$81,726.56
McCarney, David	\$16,200.00	\$17,439.30	Dickinson, Ellen	\$637.01	\$845.45	Marcum, James III	\$43,441.90	\$74,612.18
Crawford, Pamela	\$1,946.33	\$4,116.88	Laura, Amy	\$588.76	\$796.92	Conrad, Michelle	\$33,832.65	\$60,678.40
Fletcher, Willinda	\$3,365.14	\$3,622.57	Griffin, Rose	\$0.00	\$249.79	Grant, Kyle	\$44,526.52	\$59,998.43
Stoddart, Nancy	\$2,339.36	\$3,226.17	Rafferty, Kattie	\$96.86	\$131.17	Rodriquez, Matthew	\$38,315.52	\$58,960.37
Florian, Dorothy	\$2,380.70	\$2,562.82	Mull, Stephanie	\$87.45	\$117.00	Tarrow, Erna	\$27,852.02	\$54,818.16
McCrary, Norma	\$200.00	\$215.30	Schulz, Pamela	\$69.96	\$93.60	Schwartz, Michael	\$36,054.83	\$48,654.54
Cafeteria & Lunch Monitors			Depas, Carol	\$0.00	\$32.40	Cast, John	\$17,773.48	\$24,106.69
Sanders, Karen	\$25,328.00	\$40,726.94	Custodians & Mechanical			Wright, Koralynn	\$13,742.30	\$18,976.19
Holmes,Colleen	\$15,981.81	\$36,937.75	Young, Earl	\$45,156.23	\$75,979.30	Stamper, Alexandra	\$13,220.88	\$18,344.51
Brooks, Carolyn	\$21,480.09	\$36,509.70	Lampinen, Norman	\$42,699.05	\$75,669.88	Taylor, Vivian	\$10,109.47	\$15,062.41
Lipford, Joann	\$14,617.45	\$35,089.33	Signorelli, Michael	\$44,119.43	\$74,462.99	Ulrich, Holly	\$10,144.34	\$13,980.35
Gibson, Debra	\$10,914.65	\$30,186.16	Nelson, James	\$49,738.81	\$74,268.44	Miller, Debra	\$1,983.46	\$2,725.73
Spivey, Diane	\$17,097.09	\$29,946.53	Smith, Melinda	\$42,711.69	\$72,614.07	Romanowski, Allyson	\$1,931.20	\$2,681.26
Yee, Jennifer	\$15,283.52	\$29,043.00	Brown, Charles	\$40,169.47	\$72,017.33	Paraprofessionals		
Straight, Kathy	\$3,637.86	\$22,187.12	Holliday, Shane	\$38,066.03	\$69,261.71	Fisher, Randall	\$27,248.97	\$43,717.13
Walters, Michelle	\$11,757.55	\$20,566.16	Januszyk, Joseph	\$43,399.43	\$65,748.30	Parks, Henry	\$16,118.90	\$39,452.25
Dunigan, Patricia	\$14,669.12	\$20,541.78	Wegienka, Sheila	\$35,531.38	\$65,710.65	Babik, Abby	\$13,398.48	\$35,743.04
Marttila, Diane	\$14,683.49	\$19,812.63	Gedda, Diane	\$51,284.61	\$65,293.49	Rushlow, Deborah	\$12,801.25	\$34,852.78
Morin, Vicky	\$13,990.44	\$18,834.57	LaMothe, Daniel	\$36,882.37	\$64,956.73	Stamper, Dawn	\$12,319.00	\$34,588.03
Harden, Nynier	\$13,863.83	\$18,799.76	Abraham, Anthony	\$42,456.96	\$64,263.58	Browning, Sherry	\$11,949.09	\$33,721.54
Armstrong, Josephine	\$12,988.64	\$18,105.15	Osborne, Thomas	\$46,394.11	\$64,108.88	Korody, Jill	\$11,939.71	\$33,708.24
Day, Catherine	\$11,663.47	\$16,765.99	Shanks, Phillip	\$35,449.70	\$62,667.35	Fitzgerald, Deborah	\$14,179.92	\$33,580.70
			Fletcher, David	\$35,070.14	\$62,370.39	Fitzsimmons, Rosemary	\$13,972.88	\$33,550.76
			Renton, Dale	\$33,230.35	\$59,190.69	Garland, Belinda	\$13,638.03	\$33,068.09
			LaDouceur, Bette	\$30,432.48	\$58,842.35			
			Marsh, Sandra	\$32,286.03	\$58,413.80			
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Paraprofessionals Continued								
Mercer, Tracy	\$12,112.79	\$32,531.90	Hammond, Alyse	\$619.25	\$666.62	Emerson, Joelle	\$62,918.96	\$101,296.02
Missant, Linda	\$10,692.61	\$32,053.09	Lloyd, Mallory	\$523.74	\$563.80	Nordin-Rockwood, Jennifer	\$62,851.50	\$101,222.71
Timoszyk, Cathy	\$10,572.22	\$31,893.56	Bagley, Sydney	\$412.82	\$444.40	Green, Falisadoll	\$61,854.77	\$101,133.72
Coyle, Patricia	\$12,604.43	\$31,684.46	Spears, Gabrielle	\$397.51	\$427.92	Tenbroeck, Jane	\$74,355.85	\$101,116.44
Bumbul, Dawn	\$11,514.15	\$30,451.41	Evans, Allyson	\$380.36	\$409.46	Lauer, Lisa	\$62,684.27	\$101,110.34
Colwell, Roseanne	\$17,228.51	\$30,165.51	Stoker, Sarah	\$314.07	\$338.09	Jackson, Spring	\$62,285.47	\$100,681.04
Harris, Patricia	\$16,597.23	\$29,298.29	Johnson, Marques	\$170.40	\$183.43	Chie, Ellizabeth	\$62,241.16	\$100,647.15
Ashford, Angela	\$16,570.50	\$29,262.81	Mills, Vanessa	\$77.70	\$83.65	Whitesman, David	\$69,551.96	\$100,600.25
Harnisch, Jennifer	\$9,079.59	\$29,254.23	Martin, Zachery	\$76.13	\$81.95	Scroogie, Angela	\$61,510.15	\$100,408.91
Wolf, Heather	\$16,407.57	\$29,115.05	Martin, Katelyn	\$61.63	\$66.34	Sheridan, Jennifer	\$62,320.36	\$100,353.74
Ledford, Angela	\$7,195.46	\$27,477.48	Iwao, Eri	\$29.00	\$31.22	Brooks, Alison	\$61,878.34	\$100,300.94
Fitzsimmons, Andrea	\$14,245.49	\$26,191.70	Teachers and Subs			Tibbs, Kathleen	\$61,926.51	\$100,229.99
Hudelston, Martha	\$7,052.48	\$26,034.98	Davenport, Matthew	\$88,364.73	\$128,420.86	Debuysscher, Jolynn	\$64,430.45	\$100,127.54
Maclean, Carol	\$18,106.79	\$25,202.18	Lindsay, Andrew	\$81,076.21	\$125,497.85	Kiser, Jessica	\$61,555.39	\$99,861.41
Fogg, Ladonna	\$17,819.50	\$24,909.13	Devore, George III	\$78,062.26	\$118,266.74	Phillips, Carey	\$63,866.88	\$99,722.73
McInchak, Patricia	\$17,076.51	\$24,869.79	Musser, Michael	\$74,069.64	\$115,529.50	Altenbernt, Lauren	\$69,075.61	\$99,643.22
Frazier, William	\$13,190.50	\$24,740.18	Bragenzer, Bill	\$70,283.61	\$111,659.98	Mastie, Vivian	\$64,143.31	\$99,526.63
Walczak, Susan	\$17,476.81	\$24,712.32	Roberson, Jerome	\$69,982.72	\$111,545.54	Diacono, Lori	\$63,721.25	\$99,446.24
Yates, Kathy	\$17,751.72	\$24,681.04	Devore, Kathryn	\$73,292.60	\$111,394.17	Gregor, Mark	\$61,917.27	\$99,367.01
Hedman, Penny	\$12,799.01	\$24,207.06	Spence, Diane	\$73,043.63	\$111,224.52	Ley, Janet	\$61,803.51	\$99,223.09
Todd, Marie	\$16,463.49	\$23,484.89	Watkins, Amy	\$69,439.85	\$110,670.12	Ray, Pamela	\$63,557.46	\$98,957.79
Smith, Stephanie Jean	\$16,483.67	\$23,306.97	Hiller, Lori	\$69,884.35	\$110,659.29	Sullivan, Holly	\$63,543.31	\$98,929.20
Whitehouse, Teresa	\$4,125.51	\$22,870.60	Cadeau, Kari	\$69,723.06	\$110,431.66	Sefcik, Kristian	\$63,407.39	\$98,798.95
Creps, Mildred	\$16,237.91	\$22,668.04	Niner, Daryl	\$69,513.08	\$110,411.94	Meier, Debra	\$63,303.16	\$98,574.79
Woodby, Pamela	\$15,573.82	\$21,876.39	Rinaldi, Iris	\$69,462.91	\$110,242.13	Nofs, Kathleen	\$60,781.12	\$98,565.30
Slone, Yvonne	\$15,591.52	\$21,799.32	Rohloff, Steven	\$69,137.60	\$109,790.81	Tennis, Rebecca	\$71,914.23	\$98,378.55
Melidosian, Susan	\$14,785.68	\$20,547.83	Krumm, Ernest	\$68,906.16	\$109,612.64	Knight, Kathy	\$68,193.27	\$98,195.37
Schofield, Janice	\$14,123.38	\$20,309.01	Kidder, Cori	\$69,626.63	\$109,290.52	Mackie, Peter	\$67,644.56	\$97,994.55
Myers, Lisa A	\$14,254.78	\$20,298.41	Gurney, Michelle	\$68,627.82	\$109,245.43	Leake, Carol	\$59,459.47	\$97,638.85
Loria, Jack	\$13,589.84	\$18,300.31	Villa, Samuel	\$80,155.69	\$108,884.01	Smith, Jean	\$59,848.15	\$97,468.24
Tyner, Katerina	\$13,458.47	\$18,149.59	Janack, Linda	\$68,138.68	\$108,732.69	Koch, Lawrence	\$71,382.59	\$97,183.13
Riley, Jeanne	\$11,175.80	\$15,092.17	Vago, Mary	\$69,925.98	\$108,383.54	Rupnow, Elinor	\$59,863.57	\$96,955.77
Xu, Qin	\$11,065.58	\$14,973.88	Bargardi, David	\$68,652.00	\$108,301.75	Belloni, Cristen	\$59,450.82	\$96,900.18
Armatis, Denise	\$10,091.77	\$13,597.38	Harding, John	\$68,518.91	\$108,090.72	Beagan, Mary	\$70,689.22	\$96,307.82
Brown, Paula	\$9,041.21	\$12,177.14	Dapsi-Morse, Jennifer	\$78,527.06	\$107,555.84	Atchley, Jill	\$66,582.04	\$96,179.35
Allender, Amy	\$7,895.78	\$10,738.29	Tenbroeck, Peter	\$68,070.58	\$107,491.00	Irelan, Nicole	\$60,554.75	\$96,088.51
Fields, Carlton II	\$0.00	\$221.84	Neubauer, Cynthia	\$66,688.00	\$107,153.82	Libs, Theresa	\$58,496.40	\$95,670.26
Security			Taylor, Nicholas	\$66,917.92	\$107,026.02	Bancroft, Wendy	\$59,457.97	\$95,557.84
Jones, Stephen	\$15,596.44	\$21,143.12	Delfuoco, Tracy	\$78,048.10	\$106,617.12	Lang, Aaron	\$60,917.07	\$95,483.68
Perryman, Lynette	\$10,782.24	\$14,471.51	Baker, Laura	\$68,130.92	\$106,456.27	Hill, Shannon	\$58,069.04	\$94,798.65
Wasson, Charles	\$210.00	\$281.09	Garland, Jennifer	\$77,849.72	\$106,362.42	Wagner, Michelle	\$57,726.99	\$94,708.70
Students			Kelly, Tiffany	\$66,197.03	\$105,807.19	Phillips, Derek	\$69,144.39	\$94,691.02
Hogan, Kenneth	\$6,836.88	\$7,359.90	Willoughby, Denise	\$65,417.66	\$104,974.30	Dybicki, Kimberly	\$69,120.81	\$94,607.59
Gergory, Darrius	\$3,391.38	\$3,650.83	Duda-Osborne, Susan	\$65,205.99	\$104,749.76	Bos, Tania	\$65,026.01	\$94,506.74
Blaydes, Dachana	\$3,279.67	\$3,530.57	Stamm, Bonnie	\$64,868.54	\$104,559.65	Kurash, Antoinette	\$69,432.02	\$94,480.38
Patton, Ryann	\$2,831.88	\$3,048.52	Korpics, Charlene	\$76,789.59	\$104,474.31	Mounsey, Deborah	\$65,141.48	\$94,402.84
Nelson, Jamarius	\$2,469.26	\$2,658.15	Morton, Christine	\$76,846.90	\$104,457.58	Youngoldis, June	\$65,031.51	\$94,197.89
Eadie, Destiny	\$2,381.54	\$2,563.73	Krug, Kevin	\$65,406.31	\$104,353.23	Fidh, Janice	\$69,285.23	\$93,926.49
Held, Jessica	\$2,118.00	\$2,280.03	Miller, Timothy	\$65,043.69	\$104,339.91	Stamper, Elizabeth	\$68,562.87	\$93,846.02
McWilliams, Edward	\$2,109.79	\$2,271.19	Stipe, Karen	\$76,511.60	\$104,327.84	Napthen, Marcus	\$56,398.51	\$93,747.96
Moore, Whitney	\$1,875.90	\$2,019.41	Bradley, Pamela	\$71,209.75	\$104,286.74	Miloser, Marc	\$68,356.96	\$93,645.53
Lewis, Breana	\$1,842.60	\$1,983.56	Buhro, George	\$76,417.26	\$104,115.48	Metric, Elizabeth	\$68,376.45	\$93,126.58
Defelice, Nicholas	\$1,831.99	\$1,972.13	Moore, Jon	\$72,270.96	\$103,966.93	Przydzial, Karen	\$64,046.07	\$92,888.61
Haver, Brent	\$1,789.87	\$1,926.79	Newman, Allyson	\$72,108.01	\$103,660.58	Brasil, Christina	\$67,616.25	\$92,780.94
Fire, Chelsae	\$1,781.61	\$1,917.90	Falk, Virginia	\$66,894.48	\$103,630.03	Dudick, Jennifer	\$56,591.96	\$92,773.87
Malone, Marcus II	\$1,770.60	\$1,906.05	Fowler, Toby	\$66,279.03	\$103,607.61	Butka, Jason	\$52,724.13	\$92,357.80
Gray, Jacob	\$1,647.22	\$1,773.23	Radtka, Erin	\$75,450.17	\$103,377.75	Randolph, Jan	\$63,419.57	\$92,357.12
Stinson, Sierra	\$1,546.70	\$1,665.03	Held, Brent	\$75,169.05	\$103,341.59	O'Neill, Pamela	\$67,534.97	\$92,207.27
Lange, Rachel	\$1,474.46	\$1,587.26	Dolan, Cynthia	\$64,507.06	\$103,148.70	Slingerland, Paula	\$62,927.88	\$91,418.03
Roberson, Charles	\$1,449.07	\$1,559.92	Fairchild, Kim	\$71,510.56	\$102,905.94	Hammond, Colleen	\$55,323.54	\$91,377.03
Hardecki, Megan	\$1,278.99	\$1,376.84	Preuss, Lisa	\$64,117.02	\$102,777.36	Ivory, Mylah	\$56,348.57	\$91,111.49
Robinson, Jailah	\$1,238.70	\$1,333.46	Bell, Mary	\$64,557.54	\$102,582.75	Hoepfner, Ronald II	\$55,844.40	\$90,806.06
Akubukwe, Daniel	\$1,056.14	\$1,136.93	Roperti, Christine	\$63,257.01	\$102,315.09	Elsner, Vickie	\$54,725.39	\$90,192.63
Testorelli, Joel	\$1,031.70	\$1,110.63	Martin, Lizabeth	\$72,967.00	\$102,285.43	Brodie, Joseph	\$54,561.93	\$90,096.00
Lloyd, Amber	\$938.43	\$1,010.22	Bogle-Hogg, Virginia	\$74,750.40	\$102,240.34	Harden, Julie	\$66,201.97	\$89,461.41
Kiessel, Amanda	\$918.68	\$988.96	Flisher, Robert	\$63,721.28	\$102,202.13	Healy, Tracy	\$53,844.38	\$88,944.46
Jackson, Brandon	\$884.63	\$952.31	Chrisner, Amy	\$63,684.27	\$102,186.84	Epperson, Ann	\$53,693.63	\$88,894.64
Green, Justin	\$819.37	\$882.05	Hickman, Donal	\$63,430.59	\$102,010.18	Adelmann, Jessica	\$65,058.86	\$88,603.20
			Bateman, Nancy	\$74,961.49	\$101,911.04	Kapcia, Suzanne	\$64,001.98	\$87,301.62
			Bargardi, Kimberly	\$74,921.40	\$101,854.07	Burch, Sandra	\$52,281.03	\$87,238.62
			Smith, Christine	\$64,224.35	\$101,652.22	Petrimoulx, Paul	\$59,770.66	\$87,103.46
			Head, Scott	\$63,186.07	\$101,650.54	Bateman, Michael	\$52,863.63	\$86,924.06
			Jager, Rachel	\$74,729.29	\$101,629.86	Howell, Pauline	\$59,537.78	\$86,865.08
			Kuehnel, Teresa	\$65,276.16	\$101,495.96	Campbell, Michelle	\$54,024.61	\$86,810.04
			Binert, Jill	\$62,886.07	\$101,327.59	Filary, Laurie	\$63,241.14	\$86,216.08
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<i>Teachers and Subs Continued</i>							
Cutting, Catherine	\$53,797.60	\$86,043.93	Rahn, Kristin	\$39,929.96	\$66,639.06	Hill, Cherita	\$24,587.20
Kaigler, Kahlia	\$58,115.68	\$85,332.80	Spangler, Lori	\$45,510.71	\$66,383.39	Buison, John-Raul	\$20,749.20
Lintner, Laurie	\$62,057.99	\$85,236.98	Gajda, Rebecca	\$39,185.25	\$65,898.47	Jacobs, Jennifer	\$23,668.00
Grant, Joanne	\$51,162.29	\$85,038.24	Miloser, Kristine	\$47,699.27	\$65,810.42	Theisen, Matthew	\$16,959.51
Campbell, Michael	\$62,281.40	\$84,932.14	Schwartz-Olm, Jessica	\$35,710.30	\$64,632.74	Kazmierski, Matthew	\$15,631.82
Kratz, Katherine	\$58,040.54	\$84,730.58	Kinsey, Michele	\$43,176.99	\$64,568.45	Neuhart, Jill	\$18,215.60
Cline, William	\$50,503.78	\$84,498.06	Glime, Kimberly	\$35,731.84	\$64,441.83	Wesley, Jason	\$17,495.75
Maxwell, Linda	\$51,950.36	\$83,564.44	Taylor, Ruthanne	\$47,070.67	\$63,565.66	Hanaka, Tamara	\$13,503.43
Strzalkowski, Jason	\$49,121.86	\$83,146.30	Hinks, Amy	\$45,911.37	\$62,796.54	McMillan, Scott	\$17,902.49
Byrd, Tauna	\$60,416.70	\$82,978.88	Clayton, Linda	\$42,256.55	\$62,386.07	Botos, Kevin	\$13,084.79
Linzell, Melissa	\$47,307.79	\$81,080.03	Sweets, Jacob	\$45,465.79	\$62,189.04	Williams, Latoya	\$14,800.04
Slusher, Amber	\$47,320.17	\$80,735.72	Lang, Sarah	\$45,161.25	\$61,741.06	Crawley, Chantay	\$11,277.50
Cook, Sara	\$47,852.56	\$80,667.20	Darket, Mark	\$33,208.86	\$61,081.82	Benton, James	\$15,053.85
Bare, Jennifer	\$47,373.86	\$80,253.29	Malbone, John	\$33,549.20	\$60,928.40	Cunningham, Brett	\$14,986.10
Hutchinson, Bruce	\$54,555.07	\$80,177.24	Williams, Asha	\$32,901.82	\$60,887.67	Wyly, Joseph	\$12,743.02
Frederick, Gunesha	\$46,936.00	\$80,170.73	Bolton, Heather	\$40,061.88	\$60,736.39	Gentile, Paula	\$14,237.28
Jones, Katherine	\$47,262.75	\$80,029.08	Testorelli, Constance	\$43,691.70	\$59,959.29	Spudich, Patricia	\$10,066.39
Dronsejko, Catherine	\$53,991.20	\$79,677.53	Patton, Kathleen	\$35,027.47	\$59,243.78	Evans, Robin	\$10,040.92
Comb, Andrew	\$49,483.04	\$77,762.34	Miller, Laurie	\$38,406.02	\$58,336.35	Rivers, Eric	\$14,132.81
Halliday, Stefanie	\$45,616.89	\$77,428.71	Schippers, Kelly	\$42,488.72	\$58,238.05	Elster, Elizabeth	\$12,432.97
Phillips, Maliya	\$52,786.76	\$77,194.76	Gearns, Michael	\$36,148.36	\$58,223.08	Haase, Danielle	\$12,432.97
Gerst, Debbie	\$44,649.88	\$76,982.41	Spinks, William	\$41,767.52	\$57,824.05	Reed, Musetta	\$12,432.34
Harding, Angela	\$56,276.62	\$76,929.24	Parcha, James	\$42,458.67	\$57,717.40	Ward, Jamie	\$9,845.15
Sprague, Andrea	\$52,310.40	\$76,802.02	Dehann, Matthew	\$38,014.56	\$57,635.29	Hadyniak, Katelyn	\$12,187.27
Whitmire, Stacey	\$44,666.91	\$76,692.95	Fiema, Lisa	\$37,497.41	\$57,371.73	Dolan, Christa	\$10,373.78
Porzondek, Tonya	\$44,171.47	\$76,692.41	Schmidt, Rebecca	\$32,804.04	\$57,347.05	Morning, Amy	\$10,548.84
Hosman, Marcus	\$55,773.49	\$76,593.91	Hinderer, Petra	\$31,139.13	\$57,300.89	Ambrose, Thomas	\$13,439.49
Conn, Joselyn	\$44,352.95	\$76,433.08	Hickson, Kristy	\$41,027.18	\$57,279.36	Dobek, Julie	\$12,985.91
Gibson, Jonathan	\$55,783.74	\$76,128.64	Harris, Chelsee	\$41,437.55	\$56,945.58	Sterling, Janelle	\$11,221.10
Kehoe, Carrie	\$43,990.48	\$76,113.56	Holmes, Megan	\$31,610.76	\$55,987.65	Holmes, Dion	\$10,171.44
Larabee, Mary	\$55,109.12	\$75,847.38	Dombrowski, Staci	\$34,000.86	\$55,915.10	Trickey, Kristine	\$11,155.33
Hatcher, Rachael	\$55,237.63	\$75,817.69	Henning, Cynthia	\$52,881.74	\$68,204.46	Parker, Mary	\$16,210.40
McKeon, Tracie	\$43,752.44	\$75,623.73	Kunz, Laurie	\$33,023.68	\$55,749.05	Bull-Davie, Elizabeth	\$10,337.19
Myers, Lisa J	\$43,673.98	\$75,133.17	Albany, Angela	\$36,010.03	\$54,932.19	Yurcak, Margaret	\$12,050.73
Johnson, Deborah	\$49,347.78	\$74,986.18	Komaromi, Michael	\$35,329.04	\$54,530.11	Kirk, Gregory II	\$12,049.36
Pawlowski, Lindsay	\$42,794.78	\$74,755.82	Taylor, Sarah	\$39,678.70	\$53,986.76	Hopewell-Hatcher, Marva	\$11,780.30
Blankenship, Heathey	\$49,026.63	\$74,332.67	Vidojevski, Slavica	\$38,924.79	\$53,863.94	Trumpour, Adam	\$12,004.78
Pinter, Susan	\$44,973.24	\$74,196.98	King, Megan	\$34,588.45	\$53,264.73	Watkins, Aaron	\$11,612.75
Runyan, Jennifer	\$42,842.66	\$74,189.08	Gomez, Stephanie	\$33,370.99	\$51,975.74	Martell, Tiffany	\$10,864.80
Acomb, Andrea	\$50,060.08	\$73,835.43	Mason, Khaii	\$28,609.89	\$51,203.94	Dubisky, Alicia	\$5,804.46
Baker, Erin	\$42,621.23	\$73,717.40	Maher, Laura	\$27,462.27	\$51,190.13	Holowicki, Kellen	\$7,767.60
Ross, Charla	\$43,102.76	\$73,632.70	Malbone, Michelle	\$36,523.78	\$50,865.37	Lentine, Jillian	\$6,847.00
Spurlock, Cynthia	\$53,914.54	\$73,631.79	Cooper, Jason	\$32,497.72	\$50,506.48	White, Noelle	\$6,671.34
Mallon, Yvonne	\$42,259.24	\$73,509.81	McCraight, Nicole	\$35,806.88	\$49,851.30	Cullen, Jane	\$5,559.97
Weise, Jami	\$41,736.91	\$73,207.38	Harrison, Elise	\$24,807.11	\$49,455.41	Dancho, Albert	\$5,777.94
Reeves, Amy	\$41,733.24	\$73,122.67	Brashear, Kristina	\$36,037.69	\$48,537.87	Riggs, Constance	\$7,800.00
Komaromi, Michelle	\$53,207.34	\$72,945.71	Munoz, Anthony	\$35,908.20	\$47,895.76	Morales, Esteban	\$5,138.35
Smith, Paul	\$49,660.42	\$72,791.48	Birchmeier, Doris	\$23,279.45	\$47,143.11	Feury, Michelle	\$4,734.92
Nelson, Barbara	\$41,510.67	\$72,693.38	Bishar, Sarah	\$23,131.44	\$47,068.92	Buckosky, Mary	\$5,350.00
Jordan, Cindy	\$53,152.32	\$72,610.76	Caulk, Michael	\$29,180.17	\$46,872.18	Lockhart, Heather	\$3,638.20
Hunwick, Scott	\$51,180.33	\$72,219.23	Knotts, Erin	\$23,700.78	\$46,149.67	Reavis, Patricia	\$4,595.00
Shafer, Richard	\$40,818.20	\$72,042.69	Rybicki, Tiffany	\$32,064.35	\$45,045.12	Benson, Mellissa	\$3,163.87
Buck, Charlotte	\$48,466.52	\$72,041.66	Karaba, Melanie	\$21,675.23	\$44,989.02	Tuazon, Amy	\$2,850.00
Horchem, Kristin	\$40,794.40	\$71,642.10	Hartman, Andrew	\$32,407.20	\$44,950.73	Brown, Michelle	\$2,762.00
Sifton, Geri	\$47,392.72	\$70,368.18	Herrin, Rebecca	\$28,736.63	\$44,149.05	Bradley, Lynn	\$0.00
Rafail, Melinda	\$50,932.18	\$69,589.39	Porzondek, Stacy	\$32,010.74	\$44,006.80	Mulligan, Regina	\$2,810.00
Stokes, Ronald	\$46,692.09	\$69,542.35	Sheedy, Annmarie	\$27,481.80	\$43,274.53	White-Twigg, Karen	\$2,665.00
McCarthy, John	\$46,346.94	\$69,057.38	Wright, Donna	\$30,071.52	\$43,259.73	Mida, Tamara	\$2,083.79
Richards, Jonathan	\$39,129.97	\$68,996.43	Kelley, Shannon	\$29,478.74	\$42,310.09	Rowsey, Deborah	\$660.00
Anguilm, Diana	\$50,804.32	\$68,988.20	Martin, Angela	\$29,307.23	\$41,957.27	Cook, Jearold	\$460.00
Cagney, Kristine	\$45,575.67	\$68,819.75	Nedroscik, Kristen	\$31,138.40	\$41,938.18	Gilmore-Hickman, Lacara	\$291.00
Davis, Cynthia	\$50,075.43	\$68,471.15	Roberson, Kim	\$29,623.61	\$41,661.94	Matkovic, Patricia	\$230.00
Radwood, Karen	\$45,970.69	\$68,424.58	Phillips, Jessica	\$30,216.88	\$41,603.05		
Norman, Anita	\$49,298.05	\$68,094.30	Moore, Jessica	\$30,223.97	\$41,075.33	Transportation	
Mazurek, Angeline	\$40,683.26	\$67,892.88	Stojanovski, Stephanie	\$26,587.07	\$40,491.01	Bliven, Karen	\$56,792.59
Batts, Joseph	\$46,743.30	\$67,377.97	Hicks, Marina	\$20,304.51	\$40,476.92	Weick, Joseph Jr.	\$48,775.14
Nota, Stephanie	\$44,893.36	\$66,995.13	Chamberlin, Blair	\$25,281.61	\$39,943.89	Tighe, David	\$34,972.67
Lasenby, Felicia	\$36,410.71	\$66,731.36	Padesky, Ann	\$25,175.25	\$38,762.78	Hunter, Dawn	\$34,027.61
Coker, Jamie	\$41,960.56	\$66,659.48	Zuellig, Angela	\$16,597.48	\$38,759.41	Stillwagon, Jeffrey	\$22,495.75
			Taub-McNabb, Melissa	\$26,992.61	\$38,601.90	Ramsey, Diane	\$23,679.95
			Boden, Cara	\$27,548.23	\$37,842.08	Bishop, Teresa	\$20,534.80
			Foreman, Holly	\$23,535.41	\$37,320.21	Vealey, Daniel	\$20,128.65
			Paruszkiewicz, Kyle	\$22,268.86	\$35,263.48	Hatter, Katrenia	\$19,338.65
			Tubbs, Stacy	\$20,538.47	\$35,112.95	Banks, Elizabeth	\$18,931.24
			Henry, Kimberly	\$19,795.84	\$33,999.10	Foscolo, Katherine	\$26,611.09
			Henry, Carmen	\$20,686.90	\$33,107.09		
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**Van Buren Public Schools
2013 Transparency Report**

Employee	Base Pay	Total Compensation
<i>Transportation Continued</i>		
Waldroop, Holly	\$18,482.63	\$41,773.55
Key, Janet	\$19,735.89	\$41,050.78
Curtis, Jean	\$17,506.15	\$41,031.22
King, Dawn	\$19,423.94	\$40,861.43
Mason, Marcia	\$19,156.48	\$40,556.97
Thomas, Michelle	\$16,345.93	\$39,043.31
Cyganski, Ann	\$23,679.06	\$38,670.89
Dwornik, Kathy	\$19,750.61	\$38,342.12
Nowak, Rona	\$25,971.11	\$38,209.79
Ellison, Sheila	\$17,398.09	\$38,204.39
Alexander, Janine	\$15,317.85	\$38,102.66
Porter, Beverly	\$14,133.53	\$36,560.73
Campbell, Cheryl	\$20,996.55	\$34,957.58
Roberts, Donna	\$20,191.96	\$33,391.68
Lewis, Cynthia	\$19,063.40	\$32,639.65
South, Laena	\$13,129.40	\$32,405.69
Maciejewski, Walter	\$22,192.59	\$30,656.97
Smith, Debora	\$11,678.79	\$30,388.68
Martin, Dana	\$22,171.26	\$30,324.10
Richardson, Zelda	\$20,795.39	\$29,090.00
Bernardy, Mary	\$20,995.94	\$28,785.31
Weick, Denise	\$20,300.23	\$28,767.85
Krause, Robert	\$19,906.25	\$26,768.72
Camby, Roselyne	\$14,559.85	\$26,555.26
Hobson, Marquis	\$18,973.17	\$25,623.30
Patterson, Freddie	\$18,583.61	\$25,519.36
Mull, Kelly	\$18,104.89	\$24,931.91
Lesniak, Sharon	\$17,570.90	\$24,564.57
White, Joyce	\$17,137.19	\$23,871.80
Ayers, Patricia	\$16,449.81	\$23,473.58
Caudill, Teresa	\$16,675.10	\$23,000.44
Young, Paula	\$11,771.73	\$22,958.96
Perault, Cheri	\$16,615.94	\$22,493.27
Grzych, Lorrie	\$16,162.09	\$22,344.58
Nealy, Gloria	\$16,037.63	\$21,983.24
Gravel, Nancy	\$15,326.00	\$21,504.15
Johnson, Tanyea	\$15,860.78	\$21,486.09
Hobson, Sherry	\$15,339.05	\$21,457.18
Spaleny, Debra	\$15,634.22	\$21,259.57
Baker, Glenn	\$15,424.37	\$21,146.59
Jenkins, Rebecca	\$15,461.02	\$20,947.29
Hecksel, Lori	\$15,093.59	\$20,775.63
Kennedy, Lorraine	\$8,369.37	\$20,002.59
Krzaczkowski, Karen	\$13,609.48	\$19,417.33
Keys, Franklin	\$13,434.47	\$19,047.00
Caldwell, Peggy	\$14,001.83	\$19,023.59
Wauford, Patricia	\$13,687.96	\$18,577.33
Lamar, Vanessa	\$13,591.93	\$18,476.47
Page, Robert	\$13,722.73	\$18,357.89
Reinhard, Dianna	\$13,277.58	\$17,812.91
Parent, Cheryl	\$12,943.63	\$17,741.01
Morgan, Peggy	\$12,779.28	\$17,700.96
Wood, Patsy	\$12,726.24	\$17,692.24
Smith, Jammie	\$12,985.27	\$17,533.06
Callihan, David	\$12,752.63	\$17,492.23
Bauer, Phyllis	\$12,754.98	\$17,197.43
Gray, Ryan	\$11,742.94	\$16,900.65
Ostrowski, Dena	\$12,406.89	\$16,881.39
Krause, Christine	\$12,389.03	\$16,760.85
Ackron, Wendy	\$12,360.49	\$16,756.03
Ross, Pearl	\$12,303.91	\$16,746.08
Osborne, Angela	\$12,272.97	\$16,561.08
Diette, Barbara	\$11,355.55	\$16,087.66
Coleman, Grady	\$11,756.87	\$15,966.04
Clippert, Sandra	\$11,626.28	\$15,799.86
Wegerbauer, Carol	\$11,245.76	\$15,160.37
Means, Karen	\$10,469.39	\$14,759.97
Adkins, Denise	\$9,867.47	\$13,853.55
Jones, Kathy	\$9,690.81	\$13,456.26

Osak, Megan	\$9,651.42	\$13,246.23
Gohl, Susan	\$9,673.12	\$12,881.12
Leigh, Tina	\$8,808.86	\$11,926.19
Raymer, Rashael	\$8,539.54	\$11,350.73
Crane, Stacey	\$8,115.23	\$10,764.85
Guenther, Trisha	\$7,460.73	\$9,963.18
Miller, Donell	\$7,233.76	\$9,650.80
Desilets, Noreen	\$6,488.30	\$9,296.05
Thornsbury, Kelly	\$6,107.81	\$8,419.06
Ayers, Tracey	\$5,971.19	\$7,992.43
Garrison-Com, Debra	\$5,453.85	\$7,925.61
Bojanowski, John	\$4,943.35	\$6,794.90
Altobello, Nicole	\$4,857.91	\$6,712.18
Deming, Jennifer	\$4,703.35	\$6,249.41
Needham, Kimberly	\$4,657.65	\$6,183.04
Johnston, Connie	\$4,542.12	\$6,079.64
Christian, Robbie	\$3,843.12	\$5,297.73
Cardona, Pedro	\$3,648.60	\$5,065.71
Kowalske, Gary	\$3,299.37	\$4,406.54
Murphy, John	\$3,238.86	\$4,308.35
Clift, Amanda	\$2,655.78	\$3,686.37
Sinclair, Deborah	\$2,574.81	\$3,549.93
Johnson, Chantu	\$1,613.29	\$2,224.86
Rodney, Carol	\$1,568.94	\$2,163.68
Ackron, Crystal	\$599.00	\$827.64
Gibbons, George	\$145.19	\$201.58

Elected School Board Members

Russell, Scott	\$835.00	\$898.88
Toth, Martha	\$835.00	\$898.88
Kovach, Kathleen	\$810.00	\$871.97
Mikulski, Brent	\$715.00	\$769.70
English, Kevin	\$690.00	\$742.79
Owen, Kelly	\$685.00	\$737.40
Frazier, Sherry	\$665.00	\$715.87

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Information compiled by Diane Madigan.


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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, Feb. 2:

0238 – harassment call, Maple Dr.
1138 – property damage accident, EB I-94/I-275
1408 – private property accident, Bramblewood Ct.
1543 – trespassing, Ponderosa
1552 – property damage accident, Belleville/Taco Bell
2134 – assault & battery, Meadows Ln.
2156 – property damage accident, EB Michigan / Denton
2214 – trespassing, Maple Dr.
2252 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty / Ecorse
2323 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.

Monday, Feb. 3:

0232 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
0341 – suspicious situation, Belleville Rd.
0536 – larceny from auto, Haggerty/Ecorse
0843 – property damage accident, Belleville / Ecorse
0959 – larceny, Van Born
1014 – private property accident, Van Born
1105 – assault & battery, Arthur St.
1153 – loitering, Belleville/S. Service Dr.
1228 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1707 – private property accident, Water's Edge Ln.
1803 – personal injury accident, Martz/Lohr
1803 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1841 – assault & battery, Arcchwood Dr.
2152 – noise complaint, E. Sadie Ln.
2253 – malicious destruction of property, Lake Villa Dr. / Belleville Rd.
2349 – harassment call, Denton Rd.

Tuesday, Feb. 4:

0202 – noise complaint, Aspen
0823 – private property accident, Belleville
1025 – harassment call, Lighthouse Dr.
1506 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
1529 – property damage accident, Elwell/Martz
1542 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor/ N. of Ecorse
1715 – property damage accident, Tyler/Hannan
1812 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / McBride Ave.
1859 – neighbor trouble, Hull Rd.
2228 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2333 – suicide or attempt, Patty Ln.

Wednesday, Feb. 5:

0022 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr.
0041 – fraud, Belleville
0727 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Hull
0907 – assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1122 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1126 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1419 – property damage accident, Belleville/I-94
1449 – private property accident, Ecorse Rd.
1452 – property damage accident, I-275/Ecorse
1724 – larceny, Sumpter Rd.
1834 – private property accident, Outer Dr.
1924 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1939 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Robson Rd.
2106 – assault & battery, Fay Dr.
2211 – disorderly conduct, Robson Rd.
2240 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Robson Rd.

Thursday, Feb. 6:

0958 – sexual assault, Parkwood Dr.
1031 – fraud, Basswood Dr.
1336 – PPO violation, Parkwood Dr.
1454 – larceny, Meadows Ln.
1801 – harassment call, Pond Bluff Dr.
1852 – property damage accident, Denton / Belleville
1930 – intimidation threat, Andover Dr.
2255 – fraud, Rawsonville

Friday, Feb. 7:

0021 – intimidation threat, Belleville/Tyler
0439 – felony assault, Village Green Ln.
1018 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1045 – property damage accident, Haggerty / Coolidge

1125 – property damage accident, Tyler/I-275
1506 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
1552 – assault & battery, Brandi
1714 – private property accident, Ecorse Mobil

Saturday, Feb. 8:

0123 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
0126 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
0211 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
0311 – fight, Rawsonville
0821 – noise complaint, Wildflower Ct.
1141 – property damage accident, Bemis/Lohr
1406 – fraud, Hull Rd.
1817 – missing person, Cumberland Ct.

Also on this week's log are 85 traffic stops, two of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 2:

0013 – suspicious vehicle, Bedell St.
0605 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1023 – civil matter, Main St.
1110 – parking complaint, N. Liberty/Third St.
1421 – abandoned auto, Potter Dr.
1552 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.

Monday, Feb. 3:

1107 – assist fire dept., Biggs Ave.
1136 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
1206 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.
1221 – miscellaneous complaint, W. Columbia
1242 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
1507 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.
1512 – information, Main St.
1731 – assist fire dept., Wexford Ave.
1733 – assist fire dept., Estrada Dr.

Tuesday, Feb. 4:

0044 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
0145 – warrant arrest, Main St.
0843 – property damage accident, S. Edgemont
1003 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
1211 – suspicious vehicle, Thornhill Ct./Victorian
1253 – intimidation threat, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1554 – driving while intoxicated, S. Edgemont
1757 – civil matter, Potter Dr.
1919 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, Feb. 5:

0026 – agency assist, Lake Villa
0851 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.
1314 – hospice, Brain St.
1614 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1824 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
1924 – suicide or attempt, Belle Villa Blvd.

Thursday, Feb. 6:

0105 – agency assist, Belleville
0303 – malicious destruction of property, E. Huron River Dr.
0643 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.
0715 – juvenile complaint, Light Tower Dr.
0815 – larceny, Carmell St.
0943 – miscellaneous complaint, Main/Denton
1134 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1458 – property check, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1540 – traffic complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.
1541 – lost property, Fourth St.
1730 – harassment call, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1814 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1832 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Belleville Rd.

1858 – domestic assault, Carmell St.
2034 – warrant arrest, Main St.

Friday, Feb. 7:

0530 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0913 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1137 – property damage accident, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1309 – follow up, Main St.
1530 – welfare check, Main St.
1536 – civil matter, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1731 – property damage accident, Belle Plaza
1803 – intrusion alarm, Oxford Ct.

Saturday, Feb. 8:

0902 – traffic complaint, Sumpter
0941 – property damage accident, Main St.
1115 – traffic complaint, High/Edison
1347 – assist fire dept., Robbe St.
1751 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
2134 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

Also on this week's log are 12 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 2:

0505 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
1114 – subpoena service, Magnolia
1338 – warrant arrest, Wayside
1641 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1658 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Sherwood
1715 – ORV complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1802 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1932 – well-being check, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
2144 – personal injury accident, S. Huron/Clark

Monday, Feb. 3:

0416 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1018 – fraud complaint, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1349 – fraud complaint, Colorado
1432 – odor investigation, Martinsville/Harris
1505 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1531 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1600 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1609 – property damage accident, S. Huron/Clark
1648 – trespassing complaint, 41000 bl. Willow
1712 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2036 – suspicious vehicle, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
2039 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter
2105 – abandoned vehicle, Judd/Karr

Tuesday, Feb. 4:

0004 – property damage accident, Harris/Haggerty
0202 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0605 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0807 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
0841 – fraud complaint, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1737 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
2007 – fire dept. assist, 9800 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2340 – property damage accident, S. Huron/Clark

Wednesday, Feb. 5:

0654 – traffic hazard, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0806 – well-being check, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.
0838 – traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Willis
1014 – truancy, Wyoming
1335 – fraud complaint, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1335 – ORV complaint, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1512 – personal injury accident, Bemis / Rawsonville

1622 – ORV complaint, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1920 – neighbor dispute, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1923 – citizen assist, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.
2008 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
2025 – citizen assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2128 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
2350 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Clay

Thursday, Feb. 6:

0224 – fire dept. assist, Delaware
1255 – property damage accident, 48000 bl. Timberpark
1402 – harassment complaint, 40000 bl. Willow
1437 – suspicious incident, 8600 bl. Rawsonville
1652 – neighbor dispute, 26000 bl. Sherwood
1756 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
2000 – warrant arrest, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
2021 – warrant arrest, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.
2257 – ORV complaint, Clark/Willow

Friday, Feb. 7:

0312 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1511 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.

1852 – civil dispute, Edgewood
1941 – warrant arrest, Carriage Ln.

Saturday, Feb. 8:

0103 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Martinsville
0199 – citizen assist, Oakville Waltz/Martinsville
0853 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood
0925 – civil dispute, Montana
1019 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1135 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1415 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1717 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1844 – ORV complaint, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
2033 – mental health commitment, 22000 bl. Karr
2243 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Also on this week's log are seven follow-up investigations, 32 miscellaneous details, 67 patrol checks, and 14 traffic stops.

Grief support groups available at Brown's

Free grief support groups are available in morning and evening sessions at Brown family Center, 678 E. Huron River Dr. in Belleville.

“Genesis: A Personal Guide through Grief” starts March 6 and will run every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through April 10.

Also, an evening group will meet from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays from March 4 through April 8.

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What an excitable pup **TANNER** is from his cute little nose to his furry toes! He's a 1 year and 10 month old Border Collie mix that will whip you out of any blues with his happy, excited wiggle and goofy grin. **TANNER** loves to play and isn't afraid to put everything aside to have some fun, fun, fun. He's a high-energy and playful young pup ready to find a similar fur-ever family that can meet his activity needs. He's doggie manners are pretty good but could benefit from some more training once in a home. **TANNER** is often unsure of new people and doesn't always make a good first impression especially while in his kennel but once he realizes you're a friend you're guaranteed a best bud for life. He also more of a people loving dog that doesn't always see eye to eye with other dogs so any potential furry friend will need proper introductions. There's no doubt in a home **TANNER** will prove to be a loyal, lovable and treasured furry companion you'll wonder how you ever lived without! He's neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped. Call Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue at **734-461-9458** or visit our website fmar1.org for more info.

Minding Business

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vaccines, and professional grooming right on site. See their ad for coupons and other special offers. Visit www.healthypawsvethospital.com and call (734) 697-1400.

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The **Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue** in Sumpter Township will be holding its monthly **Pet Adoption Event** this Saturday, Feb. 15, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the **Petco** store on Warren Road, across from Westland Mall. Call (734) 461-9458 or visit their website for other upcoming events and fundraisers at www.fmar1.org.

Belleville High School Softball Coach Peg Curtis is holding a **Pancake Supper Fundraiser** this Sunday, Feb. 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the **BYC** on Huron River Drive to help the family of long-time Belleville Coach **Harold Belanger**, who recently passed away. Belanger was on staff with the softball program for the past 22 years as well as coaching with **Belleville Area Little League** and the **Belleville Cougars**. Cost is \$10 per person. For info, call (734) 313-590-3565.

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