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Ground-breaking set Oct. 8 for Early Childhood Dev. Center

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A ground-breaking has been set for 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 8, at the construction site of the Van Buren Public Schools Early Childhood Development Center at 451 W. Columbia Ave. in Belleville.

School Board president Amy Pearce had asked for a ceremonial opening to construction on the site between the high school and the bus garage, purchased from the catholic church.

The project is part of the \$35.49 million in a series of three bonds approved by voters in 2019 for this construction, along with work at current schools in years to come.

At Monday's regular meeting of the school board, via Zoom, School Supt. Pete Kudlak said the school board will take part in the ceremonial ground-breaking, with hard hats and shovels, along with Granger Construction, Plante Moran, and others.

He said community dignitaries have been invited.

Supt. Kudlak said the building doesn't have a name and board vice president Susan Featheringill asked them to be sure the initials for any name are appropriate when writing them as a shortcut.

Earlier in the meeting, the board approved an agreement with Intertek-PSI for a not-to-exceed amount of \$21,907, pending final review of terms by district legal counsel, with a project contingency of \$5,500.

This is for material-testing services for construction of the Early Childhood Development Center and was discussed at the last board meeting, with Rob Kakoczki of Plante Moran CRESA giving the details.

He said they reached out to six firms for proposals and received four. Intertek-PSI was recommended.

Kakoczki said PSI will be called upon by Granger Construction Company as

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Independent photo by James Otzman

On Sunday, large equipment was at rest at the closed bridge over the Huron River in Van Buren Township. The bridge, between Haggerty Road North and Haggerty Road South has been closed since Sept. 15 for repairs. The detour runs through the City of Belleville and north onto Belleville Road over the Belleville Bridge.

All homes, businesses in VBT to get new water meters

By Rosemary K. Otzman
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All homes and businesses in Van Buren Township will get new water meters at an estimated total cost of \$2.4-\$2.8 million because the township's present system is being phased out by the vendor. At its Sept. 15 Zoom meeting, the VBT Board of Trustee approved going out for proposals on the project.

Water and Sewer Director James Taylor, who called it the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) program, explained the situation.

Director Taylor said the existing system and meters are technologically outdated, a "closed architectural system."

He said there no longer is time for gradual replacement as they have been doing because the vendor is closing down. So far, the township has replaced about 1,000 units.

"We have funds in our account to pay for this and there will be no additional cost to users," Taylor said.

ITRON, who created the present water meters and the system and is

decommissioning it as of Dec. 31, 2020, has agreed to give VBT a basic level of service until the township's replacement project is complete.

The project is recommended by the Water and Sewer Commission.

Trustee Kevin Martin asked how long it would be before the township has to replace the meters again.

Taylor said these new meters could be used with other systems. He said the system the township had was a specific meter for a specific system. He said the lifespan for a meter is usually 20-30 years.

Trustee Paul White asked if these meters will be inside or outside of people's home.

Taylor said the meters have to be inside, so they don't freeze, but the readers are outside. He said for this "open architecture" system a vendor will install them in six to eight months at about 10-14 a day.

"We will notify people ahead of time for accessibility to the house," Taylor said.

He said about ten years ago the township replaced the meters wholesale and now they are outdated because they are tied to a specific technology.

In other business at the one-hour-and-22-minute Zoom meeting before 27 viewers, the board:

- Approved selection of REVIZE of 11 bidders for the new township website

project at a cost of \$19,650 for the initial redesign, with \$4,700 annually for onward support. An optional five-year agreement which includes a locked-in rate and free website redesign after the fourth year was also approved. It is expected the new site will be up in from 17-23 weeks;

- Approved the application from Banotai Farms, 6981 Rawsonville Rd., for a parcel of 15 acres behind the greenhouse to be included in the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program for ten years. This land preservation for farm use will give it tax exemptions. Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said 10-15% of land in Wayne County takes part in this program. Banotai also did it in 2011, which was approved by the board;

- Discussed and then unanimously approved the Election Specialist job description and the personal services agreement with Election Clerk Brittany Beaudry to fill this position effective Jan. 1 with a new salary of \$51,800, a \$6,000 raise. Beaudry currently is election clerk and is in the union. With this job she will no longer be in the union. This new position was hotly discussed at length during the recent budget session. Supervisor Kevin McNamara said Clerk Leon Wright's intention is to have Beaudry ready to go as deputy clerk

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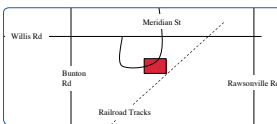
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

5 candidates run for 4 seats open on Belleville Area Library Board

Voters will be asked to fill four seats on the Belleville Area District Library Board in the Nov. 3 general election. There are three 4-year seats open and one 2-year partial-term open.

On the ballot for the four-year terms are three incumbents: Joy Cichewicz of Sumpter Township, Alma Hughes Grubbs of Van Buren Township, John Juriga of Belleville, and one newcomer James Chapman of Van Buren Township.

Filing for the two-year term is former board member Tanya Stoudemire-Phillips of Van Buren Township, who on July 14 was appointed to fill the seat recently vacated by Barbara Gates, who moved from the library district. Stoudemire-Phillips is running to retain that seat.

Joy Cichewicz

Joy Cichewicz of Sumpter Township is running for reelection to the library board.

She is married to Rick Cichewicz and their children are Melanie Bell, Andrew Cichewicz and Derek Cichewicz. They have five grandchildren.

Cichewicz, 59, has lived in the library district for 28 years. She is Librarian/Branch Manager at the Ypsilanti District Library, Michigan Ave. Branch. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree and Wayne State University with a Master in Library Science.

Cichewicz was appointed to the board when the library became a district library in 2010. She then was elected to office in 2012 and reelected in 2016. She also has served on the Sumpter Township Planning Commission for 10 years.

She is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti and Washtenaw Faces Race. She enjoys crafting, dancing, gardening, and home DIY.

When asked why she is running for office she said: "Libraries serve a very important function in our society! By providing our community with a new building, staffing, technology, and circulating materials, libraries level the playing field so that everyone has access to resources and assistance in using those resources."

"All public libraries provide access to the internet, books, magazines, movies, music, audio books and heavily-used downloadable books. In addition, libraries provide free opportunities for life-long learning, educational programs for youth, and, during normal times, community spaces for gatherings."

"I feel particularly qualified because of my background. I've been a public librarian for 23 years and understand the role that

libraries play. One of my first library jobs was at the Fred C. Fischer Library. For the past 12 years I've been the branch manager of the very busy downtown location of the Ypsilanti District Library."

As to her goals once elected: "The main priority in my 2016-20 term was to replace our old beloved but crumbling library with a new one and to add a media center in Sumpter Township. I'm very proud to have been on the library board and chair of the Building committee, assisting in making sure the goals of the community were realized."

"The Belleville Area now has a brand-new, state-of-the-art library in downtown and a media center with the latest technology in Sumpter Township. Unfortunately, the pandemic hit two weeks after the new library opened. The library staff is reaching out, providing services remotely and cautiously opening to the public. The next priority, keeping in mind Covid-19 safety restrictions, will be to engage the community in fully utilizing their new libraries, both remotely and in person, encouraging responsible use of the building and being good stewards of the taxpayer's money and trust."

Alma Hughes-Grubbs

Alma Hughes-Grubbs, 47755 Bentley, Van Buren Township, age 64 and divorced, is a retired sergeant from the Detroit Police Department where she served as a polygraph examiner.

She has lived in the library district for 20 years.

After retirement she worked for Wayne State University Library Services, and then began a polygraph practice.

Hughes-Grubbs graduated from Cass Technical High School and has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Wayne State University and a Master's degree in Administration from Central Michigan University.

Hughes-Grubbs is a current elected library board member, serves as board secretary, chairs the marketing committee, and serves on the art committee.

Hughes-Grubbs is an avid golfer, reader, and an original member of the African American Book Club at the Belleville Area District Library.

She has professional memberships with the Retired Police and Firefighters Association, the American Polygraph Examiners Association, and the Michigan Association of Polygraph Examiners. She's also a member of Triumph Church.

"I'm seeking a second term on the Belleville Area District Library Board,"

said Hughes-Grubbs. "I'm running to assure that all present projects initiated by our present library board are completed. I'm a strong supporter of the library and see the value a library adds to a community. Having a state-of-the-art library with updated technology is a welcome change."

"The community has embraced the newest jewel to our community," she said. "The children are beyond excited, as well as the adults. During our book brigade many had an opportunity to tour the new library. Many of the children had to be pried away from the computers by their parents. The spark in the children's eyes was priceless. Our community saw a need and filled that need for generations to come."

"My goal, if elected, is to continue the work and finalize pending projects. We are currently working to complete our new parking lot. We have stayed within the budget and have used the community's money wisely. Our library staff has been outstanding in serving our community, and it is our plan to continue attracting staff that have a heart for service."

"Having a library downtown and a satellite location in Sumpter Township has benefitted the community by adding easy access for all residents. Our library is the jewel of our community and a dream come true. If re-elected I will continue to be vigilant in making sure that we continue to have the best library, best staff and best library board as we serve the best community," Hughes-Grubbs said.

John Juriga

John Juriga, 327 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, is running for reelection to the board to which he was elected in 2016.

He has lived in the library district for 49 years and he and his wife Deborah have three sons: Justin, Travis, and Jesse.

Juriga is a retired teacher from the Romulus School District after 30 years of service. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education from Murray State University, a Master of Arts in Industrial Education from Eastern Michigan University, and has done post-graduate work on a Specialist Degree at Michigan State University.

Juriga has been an appointed member of the City of Belleville Planning Commission for the past 17 years. He served on the Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 1986-89. He also has served on the Belleville Board of Canvassers and the Belleville Downtown Development Authority's Façade Committee. He also served on the Senior Transportation

Committee for the past eight years.

Juriga also has been a board member of the Belleville Area Historical Society and Museum for the past 10 years, was founder and has been board member of the Romulus Boys & Girls Club for the past 21 years and was founder and board member of the Belleville Boys & Girls Club for the past 10 years.

He also was a Peace Corps volunteer in West Kingston, Jamaica, 1967-68; a Red Cross volunteer for Hurricane Katrina, Texas; and the United Methodist Church's Volunteers in Mission member in Russia, 1991, and Haiti, 1986.

Juriga earned the Boys & Girls Club Outstanding Volunteer Leader Award, 1999; Belleville Area District Library Lifetime Achievement Award, 2013; and the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, 2017.

When asked why he is running for office, Juriga said: "I have been an elected library board member for the past four years and served on the new library building committee for the past three years. In that time the building committee has accrued 230 hours of meeting with lawyers, architects, and construction managers making decisions on the new library."

"We are pleased with what has been accomplished. Our library is a jewel in our community and adds so much to strengthening and growing the Sumpter, Van Buren Township and Belleville area. I look forward to a fully opened library. I would appreciate your support and vote so I can help finish this beautiful project."

As to his goals if re-elected, "If I am re-elected, I will work toward the completion of the new library. I will continue working with board members and library staff to safely open the library. I am committed to supporting the library in providing materials and services to meet the needs of the community," he said.

James Chapman

James Chapman, 60, of Van Buren Township is running for a four-year term on the library board. He has lived in the library district for 53 years.

He is a graduate of Belleville High School and attended Eastern Michigan University and Jackson Community College.

He operates a tree service and is a mechanic/engine technician.

In August, Chapman placed second in a field of five for State Representative in the Republican Primary.

He is a member of the Belleville Area

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OPINIONS

Editorial

It's nice to be able to see a smile

The Independent received a letter to the editor from a lady who had dared to go out with a friend to the recent Belleville citywide yard sale. She said everyone wore masks, but she was able to say "hello" and "thank you" and get out and walk around in the sunshine.

She said nobody could see their smiles, so she wrote a brief note to thank everybody and to say what fun it was.

Many people, especially those of advancing ages, have stayed home since March. It wears on your spirit not to be able to talk to other people face to face and laugh with them.

Wearing masks is easier for some than others. People come into our office with masks and without, afraid or bold.

We have had reports of young people getting rashes on their faces from wearing masks all day, now that they've gone back to school.

We've had reports, as well, of a local police department ticketing people after being reported in a store without a mask.

"I have a physical condition and they are not supposed to ask you what it is, but they do," said one reader.

This coronavirus and the response to it has changed our lives forever.

Children are being raised to be afraid of each other. One child won't eat a piece of food if it drops on a table because it might have germs on it.

We adults can cope with this strange pandemic, but we are raising a whole generation of children who are afraid.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Mary Lee Shaffer Kuchta, wife of my brother Tony, died early Monday morning at their Florida home with Tony reading poems and singing and loving her through her final breaths.

Mary Lee and Tony were married in 1949 when she was a senior at Belleville High School. She was a majorette and leader of the BHS cheerleading team. What a ball of energy. Tony had been captain of the football team the year before.

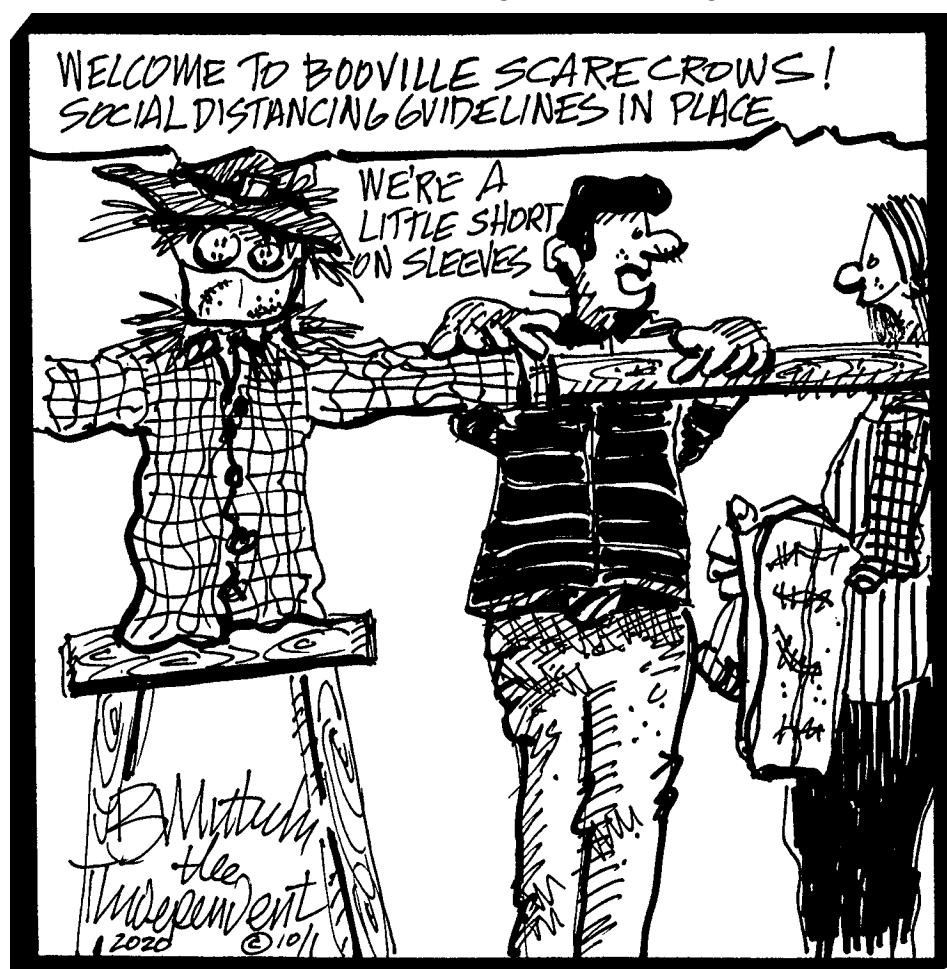
She and Tony were married at first in Angola, Indiana, where young couples in those days eloped to. Then they were married in St. Anthony Catholic Church, which was on the site of the current Mr. Muffler. It was a nice little church in those days, until a larger church needed to be built.

Mary Lee and Tony were parents of eight children and Mary Lee did a lot of the child rearing since Tony was working his way up the ladder at Ford Motor Co. They took their large family to Brazil for Ford and then to London. Mary Lee and Tony traveled throughout the world together and had a great time.

Mary Lee's mother, Leona Shaffer, used to play the piano at the Moose Lodge which was where Brown Funeral Home now stands. Leona married Harry Agee, who was founder of the VFW Post in Belleville. I remember him as a justice of the peace.

Mary Lee and Tony had a long life together and they were devoted to one another. I am sorry to see her go.

We received word of a cougar being sighted in a driveway on Bunton Road near Willis. The writer said his daughter saw it at about 2 a.m., Sept. 23.



In March 2019, Jim Chudzinski reported that he sighted a cougar crossing the road in the Sumpter Road/Bemis Road area just before 9 a.m. on a Tuesday. He said he was on his way back to the City of Belleville from his business in Sumpter Township when he saw the big cat.

This is the same area where Pastor Valentine saw a cougar about two years earlier.

A friend of mine on Harmony Lane said she received a call from Social Security that said her Social Security card was found with a bunch of drugs at the Mexican border. They asked for the last four numbers of her card and she was startled, so she gave it to the caller.

Her daughter told her later she never should give out numbers to a caller and that the daughter's husband had been scammed and had a terrible time getting out of it by a similar scam.

When my friend reported it to the Van Buren Township Police, the officer told her Social Security never calls you and it was a scam.

She wants everyone to be aware of the latest scam and not to get caught like she did.

At Monday's school board meeting, board member Kelly Owen reported she went to Belleville High School's football game on Friday with Fordson. She said it was so weird without the band, no concessions,

people sitting six feet apart. She reported that BHS won.

Someone, I think it was Supt. Kudlak, mentioned that Owen had left early. She agreed that she had left at half-time when the score was 56-0. She figured the team was well on its way. Final score was 69-0.

Board Secretary Darlene Gerick said the *Detroit Free Press* made a fuss over the BHS cheerleaders and how hard they cheered in their report of the game.

Board President Amy Pearce said it was exciting to have athletic events and it made you feel that things were halfway normal. There are passes for board members to attend the games and so they were encouraged to attend and support all the athletic teams.

Also at Monday's meeting, board member Simone Pinter said she saw a report on remote learning and how people don't realize that when the child is at the computer working at home that what you do in the background can be seen by many people.

She said in the morning, family members can be seen getting dressed in the background of the student's remote lessons. They forget their home has become a classroom that others can see into.



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Letters

Have your vote count, put a stamp on it

To the editor:

The problem with the VBT paying postage for ballots is no postage stamp. With no stamp there is no proof what day the ballot was mailed.

In this highly divisive election cycle, why give either side a reason to contest any ballot?

Have your vote count. Put a stamp on it.

Joe Flange

Van Buren Township

We really enjoyed the Belleville yard sales

To the editor:

Thanks goes to the Belleville yard sales. Had a great time just getting out. Everyone that came walking at the park had on their mask. So nice. We got to say Hello and Thank you to everyone.

Thanks again.

The Burkes and Osborns
Sumpter Township

Thanks to the *Independent* paper. People just could not see our smiles.

Some miscreant removed my Trump sign

To the Members of the Community:

Sometime last night, 9-23, or early this morning, 9-24, some miscreant removed a Trump yard sign from my front yard. So brave was the thief that the deed had to be done in the dark. The ones across the street are also gone.

But wonder of wonder, the Biden signs down the street are still there. Isn't that amazing? It would surely lead me to believe that the theft involves misguided Democrat voters.

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'I just want the nicest Belleville'

To the editor:

Saw the request for bids for Doane's Landing and it prompted thinking about what is coming. As an avid bike rider and Belleville resident these thoughts need to be carefully integrated for expedient and safe transitions for our city:

1. The traffic light at Liberty and Belleville Road needs to be adjusted to improve SAFETY and flow of increased traffic while Haggerty bridge work is done. (The temporary placed cones are a good idea, but...) So many cars are running the light from both directions -- makes it super unsafe for cars not to mention walk/bike pedestrians. And cars are turning right then into the cemetery drive and backing out onto Denton Road, again this is so unsafe for cars / walkers / bikers. The city government, city police and Wayne County Roads need to FIX THIS BEFORE TRAGEDY STRIKES!

2. Doane's Landing work and Haggerty Bridge work needs to coordinate with the projected plans for the Iron Belle Bike Trail that is slated to come through Belleville! Safety, access and flow! The Trail can bring tourist biking traffic into the city and hopefully increase commerce!

3. The city needs to be alerted to the road surface maintenance of Liberty Street and the intersection of Liberty and Belleville Road; so many repairs that have left horrible bumps along the roadway. Aren't the road construction companies and Wayne County responsible for doing better work for their contractual pay? Where's the Gov. with her "Fix the Damn Roads?"

4. Great how the sidewalks have been installed and repaired in front of the newer houses by Doane's Landing. Is it possible that the city can encourage the folks to TRIM BUSHES along the sidewalks whose property is adjacent to the BYC lot? It's a safety thing again for pedestrians.

5. Would like to encourage the city water billing to address and help mitigate the outrageously high water bill for Enrica Alterations in downtown. Her business provides such a skilled essential service and she's a nice friendly shop owner for our community. One would think the city would support and JUMP TO HELP A SMALL BUSINESS SURVIVE THIS COVID MESS. She told me she had to hire an attorney. So sad. The city needs to WORK WITH OUR BUSINESSES THAT MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE!

Thank you, I just want a nicest Belleville.
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VBT Planners send proposed RM zoning changes to twp. board

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On Sept. 23 by Zoom, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission held a one-minute, Zoom public hearing, at which nobody spoke, and then approved amendments to the RM, Multiple Dwelling Residential District and sent them on to the township board for final action.

The proposed amendments would allow and create regulations for single-family detached dwellings at a density of 6-7 units per acre as a permitted land use by right in the RM, Multiple Dwelling Residential District.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, reminded the commission there have been meetings to discuss these amendments in June, August, and September.

The amendments would make way for the detached, single-family housing development planned by Scott Jones on lakeside property next to Sandy's Marina.

The amendments lay out a plan for Edge lots, that would be 7,200 square feet and Interior lots that would be smaller, at 6,300 square feet. Edge homes would have minimum square foot floor area per unit of 1,250 and Interior homes minimum of 1,000 square feet.

The minimum side yard setbacks would be 10 feet on each side of an Edge home for a total of 20 feet. For an Interior home, minimum side setbacks would be a minimum of 5 feet and a total of the two sides at 15 feet.

The proposal calls for alleyways behind Interior lots, at the discretion of the planning commission.

Treasurer Sharry Budd said it should depend on the plan presented.

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Obituaries



Stanley 'Skip' Saksewski

STANLEY 'SKIP' SAKSEWSKI

(November 1, 1948 – September 27, 2020)

Stanley "Skip" Saksewski, age 71, passed away Sunday, September 27, 2020 at home after a recent stroke and complications from an infection. He was born on November 1, 1948 to Stanley and Lillian (Armatis) Saksewski in Ypsilanti, MI.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Sherrie (Slavick) Saksewski, son Mark (Jennifer) Saksewski of New Boston, MI, and daughter Keri (William) Farrington of Belleville, MI. He also leaves his adoring and favorite granddaughter Emily Saksewski. Stanley is also survived by two brothers, Ken (and the late Mary) and Robert (Nancy), and one sister Gail (David) VanHatten, and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, and son Steven Saksewski in 2002.

Stanley attended St. Anthony's school and was a graduate of Belleville High School and a Veteran of the U.S. Army, serving with the Big Red One in Vietnam from 1968-1970. He was a member of the Moose and Eagles lodges and a former member of the Washtenaw Sportsman's Club. He retired in 2002 after working for 37 years at Ford Motor Company, Sheldon Road Plant. He spent his entire life living in Belleville and enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing poker and euchre, cooking and riding his lawnmower around the yard, even if the grass didn't need to be mowed. In healthier times, he would plant numerous gardens that were big enough to feed the entire neighborhood and all the relatives. He loved the friends he made during his career with Ford and all his card playing friends at the Moose, Eagles and JT's. Every party was made better when Skip belted his loudest yodel or broke out into song with some made-up lyrics. Skip could repair everything, many times in very unique ways. His most important goal was reached as he saw his children receive their college degrees and begin their careers. The family gives special thanks to caregivers Connie, Debbie and Butch and to Heartland Hospice and their dedicated employees, and to everyone for the phone calls, visits, cards, and thoughts and prayers through this journey. Skip was extremely loved and will be missed.

Visitation was Tuesday with a 7 PM Prayer service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, there was a limit of ten (10) people in the building and face coverings were required. Graveside services were 11 AM Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to VFW Post #4434 or Heartland Hospice and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Angeline Harris

ANGELINE HARRIS

(January 9, 1932 – September 25, 2020)

Angeline Harris, age 88, of Trenton, MI, long-time Belleville area resident, passed away Friday, September 25, 2020, at Beaumont Hospital, Trenton, MI. She was born January 9, 1932 in Detroit, MI, daughter of Lawrence & Mary (Amalia) Serra.

She enjoyed knitting, crocheting and reading. She was a talented baker and cake decorator. She also loved animals, especially Maltese dogs.

She is survived by her daughters Donna Green of Wyandotte, MI and Julie Harris of Trenton, MI; 4 grandchildren: Daniel Ray Green, Dale Alan Green, Angelia Elizabeth Lowe and Benjamin Patrick Lowe; a sister Rachael Duncan of Oklahoma; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Mrs. Harris was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Russell Howard Harris on January 5, 2007; her daughter Nina Harris-Lowe on August 19, 2005; her granddaughter Danette Dawn Green on December 31, 1971; four sisters: Rosie Dewalt, Josie Raco, Mary Arms and Carmella Serra; also her beloved dog Dino.

Visitation will be 5-8 PM Thursday and 10-11 AM Friday, October 2, 2020 with an 11:00 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a limit of ten (10) people will be allowed in the building at one time, and face coverings are required. The funeral will be live-streamed on the funeral home Facebook page. Interment will be in Parkview Memorial Gardens, Livonia, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Humane Society and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Things to do in the Belleville area...

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• **Sunday, Oct. 4** – Bugles Across America is at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park in Belleville. In a brief ceremony, members of the military, alive and dead, are honored. "Taps" is played and Geof Bush and Lori Day sing the National Anthem.

• **Thursday, Oct. 8** – Ground-breaking ceremony for the Van Buren Public Schools Early Childhood Development Center, 5 p.m. The site is located between Belleville High School and the bus garage on the back property purchased by the school district from the catholic church. Public invited.

• **Saturday, Oct. 10** – Annual Harvest Market, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., put on at the Fourth Street Square by the Belleville Central Business Community.

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Obituaries



Mary Lee Kuchta

MARY LEE KUCHTA

(April 19, 1933 – September 28, 2020)

Mary Lee Kuchta, age 87, passed away at 12:46 a.m. September 28, 2020 at home in Ft. Pierce, FL, with her husband at her side. She was born April 19, 1933 in Detroit, daughter of Wilson and Leona Shaffer.

She married the love of her life, Anthony Stephen Kuchta, in 1949 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville, MI. She graduated from Belleville High School in 1950. They had eight children and lived in Brazil and England during his career with Ford Motor Co. They enjoyed traveling together throughout the world.

Her accomplishments are too numerous to list and she will be missed greatly.

She is survived by her husband of 71 years; her children Anthony Kuchta, Jr.; Christine (R.T.) Brodhead of Harbor Springs, MI; Eileen (Alan) Bebeau of Waianae, Hawaii; Bradley Kuchta of Flagler Beach, FL; Joanne Thompson of Kilauea, Hawaii; Michelle Garry of Jensen Beach, FL; and James (Elizabeth) Kuchta of Simi Valley, CA; and 20 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her father; mother Leona and stepfather Harry Agee; siblings Leonard, Shirley and Lorain; and her son Jeffrey Kuchta in September.

Mary Lee was a member of Notre Dame Catholic Church. Because of the pandemic and the large family, the Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers please send donation to Treasure Coast Hospice, 500 Dunn Road, Ft. Pierce, FL 34981.



Timothy Wayne Miller

TIMOTHY WAYNE MILLER

(July 29, 1950 – September 22, 2020)

Timothy Wayne Miller, age 70 years, of Manitou Beach, passed away Tuesday, September 22, 2020. He was born on July 29, 1950 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Swain Duecen and Nelda Lucille (Cooper) Miller.

Tim lived his early life in the Belleville area. He worked at General Motors before his retirement and then served on the Rollin Township Zoning Board to help his community.

Tim married Arna Robin Finlayson on June 2, 1990, in Belleville, Michigan. She preceded him in death on July 11, 2013. Tim was a proud father and grandfather and a good neighbor and very well liked. He was an avid Red Wings fan, loved animals, especially his dogs. Tim was a member of ASPCA and the Humane Society.

Tim is survived by his son, Steven (Lindsey Martin) Miller and grandson Jaydon Miller, all of Belleville. He was preceded in death by his wife and parents.

Cremation has taken place and Tim will be reunited with his wife at Green's Lakeside Cemetery in Manitou Beach. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Please watch Tim's Facebook page or the funeral home website for details. Arrangements have been entrusted to Brown-Van Hemert Funeral Home in Onsted. Condolences and words of comfort can be left at: www.brownvanhmert.com.

COVID-19 death total in 48111 area remains at 32

The COVID-19 death rate in the 48111 zip code had been 32 since Sept. 10.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 were 638 on Tuesday, Sept. 29, up from 626 the previous Tuesday, Sept. 22.

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, the separate numbers released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 384 positive cases, 17 deaths; City of Belleville, 175 positive cases, 14 deaths; and Sumpter Township 79 positive cases, 1 death.



Marilyn J. Zemko

MARILYN J. ZEMKO

(January 10, 1935 – September 27, 2020)

Marilyn J. Zemko, 85, of Belleville, passed away September 27 after a brief, courageous battle with AML (leukemia). Mom passed from this earth into her eternal glory surrounded by two of her daughters and her loving sister, who stayed by her side until the end.

She was preceded in death by her husband William, sons Robert and Dougie, grandsons Billy John & Christopher, sister Billie Ann. Marilyn is survived by her children William (Shirley), Theresa, Allison, Susan (Mike) Heckman, Mark (Becky), and Marylynne (Jeff) Michener and her loving sister Betty (Joe) She also leaves behind 12 beautiful grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Mom spent many hours with her cherished friends who encouraged and supported her throughout the years, including friends from her Woman's Bible study, and exercise group at the Summit. Numerous friendships at Belleville United Methodist Church were very precious to her, as well. She cherished the friendship and support of her kind and loving neighbors who were like family to her.

There will be no services at this time. Mom will accompany Dad to be interred at Holy Sepulchre at a future date. In lieu of flowers, Mom's heart was for the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, 51299 Arkona Rd, Belleville, MI 48111.



Joan Agnes Huziak

JOAN AGNES HUZIAK

(September 2, 1961 – August 24, 2020)

Joan Agnes Huziak, age 76, died on Monday, August 24, 2020 at her residence in Sumpter Twp., MI. She was born on March 22, 1944 in Willis, MI, the daughter of Michael and Agnes Oskey. On September 2, 1961, she married Richard Huziak in Whittaker, MI and he preceded her in death. Joan will always be remembered for being a long-time member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville, MI. She loved tending her garden and enjoying growing beautiful flowers, but most importantly she loved being around her family, especially the children.

Survivors include ten children: Richard (Crystal) Huziak, Joseph Huziak, Carolyn (Pete) Patterfritz, Victoria Gaedke, Timothy (Tammy) Huziak, Michele Huziak, Michael (Amy) Huziak, Melissa Huziak, Nicole Huziak, Terrell Huziak, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 11 AM at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI with Fr. John Kiselica as Celebrant. Burial followed in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, in Whittaker, MI.

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VBT Plan

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Vidya Krishnan, planning consultant with McKenna, said there would be flexibility on the alleys and planning commission approval based on staff recommendations.

Power also announced the proposed master plan has been out for the 63-day review and it would be ready for a public hearing in the second meeting in October.

He said a Presidential election is coming up and they might want to delay the hearing.

"It's ready to go," said Treasurer Budd of the master plan.

Commission chairperson Carol Thompson said the public hearing can be held at the end of October.

Director of Public Service Matthew Best said they would be giving the commission an update on residential developments from 2008. He said Townsend Park is in its second phase with 60 lots and residential housing is booming.

Director Best said Cobblestone Creek plans 70 residential units and this, "signals the economy is moving in the right direction."

VBT announces fall photo contest, with winners in *Independent*

The Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a photo contest, inviting residents to submit their fall color photos online or by email for the whole month of October. All photos must be taken in VBT.

Each week the winning photo will be published in the *Independent*, in the Parks and Rec. social media account, and on the township website. Cell phone photos are encouraged. Starting Oct. 5 and ending Oct. 26 winners will be chosen each week and announced the following week. For information, email communications@vanburen-mi.org or call Alysha Albrecht at (734) 740-0547.

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Sunday concerts at 2 p.m. have been set for Oct. 4 at Harris Park in Van Buren Township, just south of Aldi's, and on Oct. 11 at Victory Park at Five Points in Belleville.

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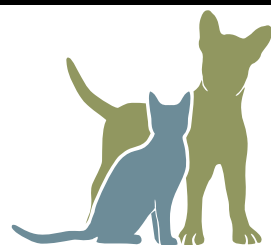
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Zoom Court Watching

Live exam set for Parker on 14 felony charges in Van Buren Township

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Kenneth Lamont Parker, 40, of Ypsilanti is being held in the Wayne County Jail on \$1 million cash or surety bond on 14 felony charges.

He is charged with criminal sexual conduct – first degree, assault with intent to rob while armed, four counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), aggravated assault, six counts of felony firearms – second offense notice, and one count of firearms, possession by a felon on July 31 in Van Buren Township.

Appointed defense attorney Ben Gondek, at the probable cause conference on Sept. 23, told 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian Oakley that he wants a live preliminary exam for his client.

The live exam was set for 1:30 p.m., Nov. 4 before Judge Oakley.

Ashley Ryan Hampton

On Sept. 23, Judge Oakley also said he will set a live exam for Ashley Ryan Hampton, 37, of River Rouge. He is facing three charges of criminal sexual conduct – 1st degree (relationship) on Jan. 1, 2014 in Sumpter Township.

He was arraigned Sept. 1 and is free on \$5,000 personal bond and ordered not to have contact with the victim. Defense attorney is Thomas Reed Quartz.

Prosecutor Abigail McIntyre said the CSC charges are a mandatory hold of a preliminary exam for the people. In a Sept. 17 hearing the prosecutor's motion to amend bond was denied.

Steven Patrick Murray

Judge Oakley set a live preliminary exam for 3 p.m., Sept. 30, for Steven Patrick Murray, 57, of Wayne.

Murray is charged with carrying a concealed weapon and driving while license suspended on July 14 in Van Buren Township. His defense attorney is Cait DeMott Grady of the Neighborhood Defender Service.

Grady said she has yet to get discovery from Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor

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Lori Mireles-Smith and if she doesn't have it by the time of the exam, she will move to have the charges dismissed.

Murray is free on \$10,000 personal bond.

Julia Deann Maull-Kennedy

Julia Deann Maull-Kennedy, 30, formerly of Belleville and now of Roseville, had a probable cause conference adjourned for three weeks until Oct. 14 on two charges of possession of analogues and one charge of possession of marijuana on July 15, 2016 in the City of Belleville.

Her defense attorney is Cait DeMott Grady of the Neighborhood Defense

Service and Grady said she has yet to receive discovery from Prosecutor Smith. If the defense does not have discovery by the time of the exam, she said she will move for a dismissal of the charges.

Grady asked Judge Oakley to remove Maull-Kennedy's GPS tether. She said her client works at Edible Arrangements. Prosecutor Smith had no objection to removing the tether, so the judge ordered its removal.

Judge Oakley pointed out Maull-Kennedy owes the court \$962 from a case in May 2016. Maull-Kennedy said she could pay \$100 a month starting Oct. 23.

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Library Board

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Historical Society and the Society for Preservation of Old Mills.

He said he is running for the library board, "as an attempt to balance or counter certain left-wing oriented members of the board and to make sure the library maintains and expands its historical archives and resources."

His goal, once elected, is, "To put

a positive historical viewpoint on the board and to keep a closer eye on library expenditures and goals."

Tanya Stoudemire-Phillips

Tanya Stoudemire-Phillips, 42755 Winding Pond Trail, Van Buren Township, is running for election to a seat to which she was appointed in July. There are two years left in the term and she is unopposed for the seat.

Stoudemire-Phillips has lived in the library district for 16 years. She is married to Adrian Phillips and they have three

children, Kyron, Evan and Blake Phillips.

She serves as Deputy CFO/Budget Director for the City of Detroit and holds a Juris Doctorate and Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Wayne State University.



Stoudemire-Phillips was first elected to the library board in 2014 and she ran again in 2018 but was not elected. When there was a vacancy on the board earlier this year, she was appointed to the seat.

Her hobbies include boating on Belleville Lake, camping and traveling with her family.

"The reason I am running for office is because I want to actively contribute to my community," she said. "I believe my experience as a previous BADL Trustee and professional expertise make me uniquely qualified for this position. I am looking forward to having another opportunity to serve and promote this community."

As far as her goals once she is elected: "The library is one of our community's most important assets. My goal is to provide sound financial advice, engage in community outreach and continue to promote the services available at our beautiful new library. Our library is a gem that enhances the lives of the people who live, work and visit our community. We should all be very proud of this accomplishment."

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Sumpter Township receives positive audit from PSLZ, Plymouth

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A representative of Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel of Plymouth, presented the annual financial audit for Sumpter Township for the 2019-20 fiscal year, ending March 31.

A positive audit was detailed at the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees regular meeting Sept. 22 which was accepted and approved by the board.

The auditor called it "a good report" and said, "You do a good job here watching the budget." The overall budget is stable, she said.

She said Sumpter has a general fund fund balance of \$9.2 million and total expenses of \$5.4 million, so it has almost two years of expenses covered.

"That a simple comparison," she said. "Those are real numbers."

In other business at the meeting, the board:

- Approved the purchasing policy addendum to Resolution #2018-08, adopted on March 13, 2018;
- Adopted a credit card policy as addendum to Resolution #2018-08, adopted on March 13, 2018;
- Approved the resignation of Sheila Pederson from the Zoning Board of Appeals, with regrets, and approved Vincent Warren to fill the unexpired term until March 11, 2021;

• Heard township attorney Rob Young report he had been unable to interview Jim Clark to find the source of Clark's charges on missing funds in a letter to the *Independent*. Young said he didn't have any information to report but hoped to have some soon;

• Heard Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis announce the Sumpter Media Center is now open. Call (734) 699-3291 for an appointment since only three people are allowed inside at once; and

• Heard Mary Ban say she had called Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous to ask him to look into doing something about the traffic in Belleville caused by the closing of the Huron River Drive bridge for repairs. She said the afternoon traffic on Rawsonville Road is also very high and she has called Washtenaw County to ask it to monitor the situation.

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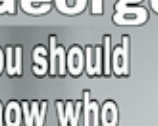
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Get ready to be charmed by scarecrows going up along Main Street as Belleville officially becomes Booville during the month of October. There are some exciting events happening around town this month, as well, by way of virtual participation, such as the Monster Mutt Walk. The Belleville Central Business Community's regular Halloween Costume Contest will be virtual this year, Oct. 31-Nov. 2. Details to come on that. The CBC will also take part in Harvest Fest Market on Oct. 10 at the Fourth Street Square, featuring craft vendors, produce, canned and baked goods, refreshments by A & W, and other activities. See their ad in today's paper.

Moe's Farm at 20684 Sumpter Rd. just south of the Sumpter Fire Station, is still open for seasonal vegetables as we head into October. The family farm has been growing produce on-site since 1941. They're open at 8 a.m. seven days a week. Visit them on Facebook for up to the minute news and offerings.

The Belleville Tigers Varsity Football team dominated Dearborn Fordson last Friday at home, 69-0. The Tigers (2-0) led 28-0 after one quarter and 56-0 at the half. Tomorrow evening, Oct. 2, Belleville travels to Wayne Memorial at 7 p.m. Visit the BHS website for the details. Go Tigers!

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after Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery's retirement next year. Beaudry filled in for Montgomery when the deputy clerk was out for medical procedures last year. Supervisor McNamara said there was a freeze on raises and now he will be putting some into the budget. A visitor at the Zoom meeting, named "Public," said he/she disagreed with the appointment, noting all departments are busy and need help. He/she said this gives the clerk's department a new specialist and a new part-time clerk;

- Approved the reappointments of Walter Rochowiak and Eileen Parent to the Water and Sewer Commission with terms to expire June 1, 2022;

- Approved the 2021 township holiday schedule and the 2021 board of trustees meeting schedule;

- Approved Resolution 2020-16, the 2021 Department Fee Schedule, with a Water and Sewer schedule to be presented separately;

- Heard Clerk Wright announce ballots were received earlier that day and they got 500 per precinct, which is not enough. He said the ballots will be sent out Sept. 25 to all absentee voters who have requested

them. Wright said, so far, the township had 8,690 absentee ballot requests; and

- Heard Supervisor McNamara say two years ago it was announced the township got a new SMART bus and then it was announced this year VBT would get another bus and, "both came in last week." He said they both have wheelchair lifts. He said four years ago the township had a "rust bucket" bus and now, "We have a nice little fleet".

- Also heard McNamara announce the Haggerty Road resurfacing from Tyler to I-94 is on the roadwork list for Wayne County for 2021. He said they are still working on Haggerty between Van Born and Ecorse and Ashley Capital is involved;

- Heard Treasurer Sharpy Budd report that the recent Red Cross blood drive at the township got 36 products with a goal of 30. This is the most ever collected here, she said, noting more than 100 helped with the project; and

- Heard Trustee Reggie Miller say she wanted to know if McNamara was furloughing employees in the township.

McNamara said, "Not really" and they were working it out. "I do not want to furlough anyone." He said he doesn't want to talk about jobs publicly and by the next day a decision will be made. Trustee Miller said she doesn't like to find out things by word of mouth. "We do not talk about personnel problems in public," McNamara said. "The board can ask about anything that affects the budget, but not names – not hiring or termination," said Trustee White, a former supervisor. "This is furlough and we should

talk about it," Miller persisted. McNamara said because of COVID, some departments are completely underutilized right now. Seniors cannot come back until March, April, or May, he said, and parks are closing and no recreation programs are going on. He said almost all governmental groups believe things won't be back to normal until next June. "I will call each and every one of you after this meeting to talk about whatever you want to talk about," McNamara said.



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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



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Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees Notice of Public Hearing

The Charter Township will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday October 6, 2020 during its regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting at 6:00 p.m. via zoom to receive comment on the following

- The 2020 Amended General Fund Budget
- The 2021 Proposed General Fund Budget
- Special Revenue Funds
 1. Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
 2. Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Fund
 3. Landfill Fund
 4. Belleville Area Museum
 5. 9-1-1 Service Fund
 6. Federal Forfeiture Fund
 7. State Forfeiture Fund

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Copies of the Amended, Proposed and Special Revenue Funds will be available one week prior to the public hearing at the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111 prior to the public hearing.

In Compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made with advance notice to the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 699-8909

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needed for testing services throughout the construction project.

In a memo, PSI said it would provide experienced technical personnel to provide materials testing and construction observation services for new construction of a 32,000-square-foot, single-story building. The partially steel-framed building will be supported on conventional shallow footings and utilize a four-inch-thick concrete slab on grade. Additional

services will be required for the sitework, including concrete sidewalks, collars, curb and gutter, dumpster enclosure pad, and hot mix asphalt pavement sections.

At Monday's meeting, the board also approved the \$1,447,437 Site Work Bid Pack #1 for the Early Childhood Development Center. This includes utility excavating, asphalt, concrete, underground electric lines and paving. Kakoczki said they plan to work through the winter so they can get the project done next summer.

Kakoczki said as an alternate they are paving all of the parking lot and drive with

a base course to give crews an area to work off that is less muddy.

Subcontractors for the site work are:

- A.F. Smith, site electrical, \$72,850;
- Blue Ribbon Contracting, earthwork and utilities, \$761,567;
- T&M Asphalt, asphalt paving and markings, \$264,800;
- Davenport Brothers, site concrete, \$178,342; and
- Nationwide Construction, fencing, \$56,484.

Additional bid packages for the construction of the building will be coming to the board soon, it was told.

In other business at Monday's one-hour-and-47-minute meeting, the board:

- Learned five additional teachers, who were not recognized at the last board meeting, will be awarded tenure as of the 2019-20 school year: Demeatrice Brooks, Laurie Garden, Alexandra Richardson, Jessica Romak, and Rebecca Simon;
- Approved the resignation of Joshua Jetton, a math teacher at Belleville High School for six years, as of Sept. 4, for a job opportunity elsewhere;
- Heard Supt. Kudlak explain the 6-year, 2-mill, renewal question on the Nov. 3 ballot for the Wayne County Regional Enhancement Education Millage, using information provided by the Wayne County RESA. He estimates the millage, if approved countywide, will bring \$300 per student, per year to the Van Buren district. He said, so far, the district has received an average of \$1.6 million per year from the millage. He said it can only be put on the ballot in even-number years and since it expires in the fall of 2022, if it fails now it could not be put on the ballot again until after it expired;
- Approved the purchase of 1,000 Chromebooks from Stratix at a total cost of \$345,000, which will be available the first week of November. Sean Garland, IT Network Administrator, said these devices will help supplement the in-person Chromebook counts at the elementary schools and set the district up for a quick response in the event there is a need to close the district to in-person learning and send all students home to learn remotely. Funding sources for this purchase are from the ESSER and CARES Act federal grants;
- Approved purchase of 100 Chromebooks

from SHI at a total cost of \$32,115 to provide devices to additional staff that don't already have them to support remote learning;

• Heard Kakoczki give a dashboard report on the 2019 bond of \$35,490,000, which he said he will do quarterly. He listed the projects and said the Early Childhood Development Center is expected to be finished next August;

• In response to a Zoom question about students absent from school for quarantines, Kudlak said there were six students, two groups of siblings, that have been in quarantine and are coming back. He said the close contact with a positive case did not happen at school;

• Heard Curriculum Director Jeff Moore report that the district has received \$3,069,164 in various grant funds to help with providing education through the coronavirus pandemic. Financial Director Sara Cortese said some of the funding has been confusing because what it can be used for is not specific;

• Heard Director of Human Resources Abdul Madyun say he is meeting with unions to make sure everything is going well. Kudlak asked jokingly if there were no "global pandemic" clauses in the contracts and Madyun said there weren't. He also noted new forms for Title IX harassment complaints are being developed, in accordance with the new law; and

• Heard Kudlak thank Atchinson Ford for 4,000 masks donated and delivered by Medina Atchinson. He said the district got a total of about 20,000 donated masks from various sources, including RESA.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION

REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW DRAFT MASTER PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at their regular meeting on **October 28, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.** Pursuant to the State of Michigan Governor's Executive Orders, this hearing will take place electronically due to health concerns associated with COVID-19. The Planning Commission will hear comments regarding the following item:

The Charter Township of Van Buren has completed a draft update to its Master Plan. Consistent with the provisions of Michigan Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended (the Michigan Planning Enabling Act), the Charter Township of Van Buren will hold a public hearing and hear comments regarding the Draft of the full update to its Master Plan.

A copy of the Plan is uploaded to the Township's website (<http://vanburen-mi.org>) for review and comment. On this website, members of the public will also gain access to means of participating in the electronic meeting, including a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel which can be reached from the live meeting link located on the Van Buren Township website home page. Closed captioning will be available after YouTube fully renders meeting video. A complete procedure for public comment by electronic means is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website (www.vanburen-mi.org).

You may also submit comments ahead of the meeting to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111, or via email to dpower@vanburen-mi.org. Members of the public may also contact dpower@vanburen-mi.org to be connected with members of the Planning Commission prior to the meeting by e-mail.

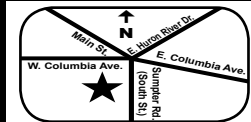
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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 455 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police for last week, including the following.

Sunday, Sept. 20:

0043 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
0637 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
1051 – fight, Outer Dr.
1055 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1202 – trespassing, S. Bellridge Dr.
1212 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1348 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
1509 – disorderly, Wildbrook Dr.
1559 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service
1558 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1730 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1739 – shooting, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
1741 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck Rd. / McBride Ave.
1807 – parking complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
1810 – traffic offense, Dellor St.
1837 – personal injury accident, W. I-94/rest area
1847 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1920 – domestic, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
2104 – traffic offense, Ladonna
2354 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.

Monday, Sept. 21:

0047 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
0437 – suspicious person/vehicle, Spruce Ln.
0757 – assist other dept., McBride Ave.
0830 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1051 – animal complaint, Wheeler St.
1129 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1430 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1452 – animal complaint, Meadows Ct.
1505 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1512 – domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.
1613 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck Rd.
1713 – private property/property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1713 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1724 – animal complaint, Sylvia Dr.
1825 – suspicious person/vehicle, Togowtee Pass
2016 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.
2053 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.
2245 – suspicious person/vehicle, Patty Ln.
2315 – domestic, Haggerty Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 22:

0022 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0233 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0807 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
0911 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
1058 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1210 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1252 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1554 – suspicious person/vehicle, Outer Dr.
1724 – larceny from auto, Lake Villa Dr.
1753 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1805 – road hazard, E. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
1822 – fraud, Harmony Ln.
1929 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ladonna / Chandler
1926 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Vernon St.
1934 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Rd.
2000 – family trouble, Winchester St.
2016 – road hazard, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
2122 – noise complaint, Marlowe Ave.
2154 – neighbor trouble, Denton Rd.
2257 – breaking & entering, Spruce Ln.
2301 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 23:

0005 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
0100 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
0101 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
0816 – abandoned auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0830 – disorderly, Oak Ln.
0951 – sexual assault, Martinsville Rd.
1013 – weapons violation, Haggerty Rd.
1055 – assist other dept., S. Ponderosa Trl.
1056 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
1056 – assist other dept., Gilmore St.
1139 – neighbor trouble, Sandlewood Dr.
1220 – mental subject, Belleville Rd.

1408 – fraud, Oak Blvd.
1454 – weapons violation, Belleville Rd.
1554 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / I-94 N. Service Dr.
1924 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1932 – fight, Outer Dr.
2027 – found property/child, Tompkins St.
2231 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2254 – larceny, Van Buren St.

Thursday, Sept. 24:

0033 – assist other dept., W. Columbia
0841 – juvenile complaint, Denton Rd./Ashbury
0847 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
1017 – property damage accident, Beck/Ecorse
1045 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Belleville
1117 – private property impound, Van Buren Estates
1321 – private property/property damage accident, Hannan Rd.
1505 – domestic, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1643 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1753 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.
1847 – misc. complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1912 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren St.
1941 – misc. complaint, N. Cumberland Dr. / Cumberland Ct.
1953 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
1952 – family trouble, Vine St.
2005 – misc. complaint, Edison Lake
2034 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2042 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2100 – disorderly, Rawsonville
2150 – misc. complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2214 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
2243 – disorderly, Village Green Ln.
2331 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.
2352 – suicidal person, Outer Dr.
2359 – shooting, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Friday, Sept. 25:

0121 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.
0213 – shooting, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0223 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.
0442 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0855 – parking complaint, Lindsey Dr.
1042 – suicidal person, Outer Dr.
1049 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1135 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Rawsonville Rd.
1154 – narcotics crime, Estates Dr.
1247 – harassment call, Sylvia Dr.
1515 – assist other dept., Yost
1522 – fraud, Dewitt Rd.
1523 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1530 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1716 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1832 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./E. US 12

2032 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
2038 – juvenile complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
2054 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
2107 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2150 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2217 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
2310 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service

Saturday, Sept. 26:

0005 – trespassing, Dewitt Rd.
0025 – noise complaint, Rebecca Ct.
0205 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, EB Michigan Ave./bypass
0330 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0745 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Haggerty
0958 – 911 welfare check, S. Timberview Dr.
1108 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1109 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1134 – fraud, Reedgrass Ln.
1252 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1254 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1405 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Lake Villa Dr.
1439 – mental subject, Union St.
1536 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1642 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd.
1848 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1901 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Service A Dr. / Ecorse Rd.
1923 – traffic offense, N. Sadie Ln./Anna Dr.
1925 – neighbor trouble, Hardwood Dr.

2017 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2032 – traffic offense, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.
2057 – assist citizen, s. I-94 Service Dr.
2111 – fireworks, Springwood Blvd.
2119 – property damage accident, Arlene Ln.
2120 – noise complaint, Hanover Rd.

Also, on this log are 201 traffic stops, 119 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 20:

1003 – traffic offense, Church/Second
1027 – traffic offense, Main St.
1049 – traffic offense, Main St.
1127 – traffic offense, E. Columbia/Madelon
1226 – traffic offense, Liberty/Fifth
1233 – fight, N. Liberty St.
1234 – fight, N. Liberty St.
1624 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.
1701 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.
1737 – civil matter, Main St.

Monday, Sept. 21:

0815 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1409 – misc. complaint, N. Liberty St.
1608 – traffic offense, Belle Villa Blvd. / Sumpter
1643 – operating while intoxicated, Carmell/Belle Villa Blvd.
1731 – animal complaint, Loza Ln.
2258 – domestic, South St.

2325 – personal injury accident, Potter Dr. / E. Huron River Dr.

Tuesday, Sept. 22:

1002 – property damage accident, Third St./N. Liberty St.
1707 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1716 – property damage accident, N. Liberty St. / E. Huron River Dr.
1905 – suspicious person/vehicle, Owen St.
2050 – larceny from auto, W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, Sept. 23:

0452 – road hazard, W. Columbia Ave./Huron River Dr.
0900 – 911 welfare check, San Carlos St.
1414 – narcotics crime, Victorian Ln.
1706 – road hazard, N. Liberty St./Denton Rd.
1733 – road hazard, Fifth St./Main St.
2337 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Edgemont Ave

Thursday, Sept. 24:

0019 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia Ave.
1229 – property check, Victoria Commons
1325 – property check, High St.
1336 – traffic offense, Main/Fourth
1408 – property check, Victoria Commons
1515 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1611 – property damage accident, N. Liberty/Third
1943 – suspicious person/vehicle, Potter Dr.
2203 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.

Friday, Sept. 25:

1406 – intrusion alarm, Potter Dr.
1436 – parking complaint, Third St./N. Liberty
1522 – operating while intoxicated, South St./E. Columbia Ave.
1540 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Denton Rd.
2048 – breaking & entering, Loza Ln.

Saturday, Sept. 26:

0932 – domestic, Church St.
1753 – juvenile complaint, E. Columbia Ave.
1943 – fight, Main St.
2042 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Plaza
2132 – traffic offense, Victorian Ln.

Also on this week's log are 23 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 20:

0646 – civil matter, Edgewood Dr.
1318 – suspicious circumstances, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1705 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1857 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
2036 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Monday, Sept. 21:

0454 – welfare check, 4000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0535 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.

1326 – suspicious person, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
1333 – animal complaint, Delaware St.
1430 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1454 – reckless driver, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1524 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1645 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1757 – suspicious circumstances, 48000 bl. Harris
1803 – assist other agency, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 22:

0127 – mental health call, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
0858 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1356 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1705 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
1709 – breaking & entering report, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1758 – citizen assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

1832 – citizen assist, Counry Club Blvd.
1845 – assist other agency, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1919 – juvenile complaint, Carriage Ln.
1923 – noise complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1939 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.
2213 – family trouble, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 23:

0943 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1040 – welfare check, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1311 – suspicious person, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
1507 – suspicious circumstances, Haggerty/Arkona
1653 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1710 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1741 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1944 – traffic complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2224 – 911 hang up, Dunn Rd./Sumpter Rd.
2258 – noise complaint, Rustic Ln.
2300 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 24:

0050 – suspicious circumstances, 22000 bl. Bohn
0106 – neighborhood dispute, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0300 – follow-up investigation, Bemis/Martinsville
0302 – 911 hang up, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1232 – fraud complaint, Timberlane Dr.
1332 – welfare check, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1435 – suspicious circumstances, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.

1455 – larceny, Rustic Ln.

1531 – 911 hang up, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1618 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1704 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1747 – breaking & entering report, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.

1804 – ORV complaint, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.

1932 – suspicious person, Willis Rd./Martinsville
1933 – subpoena service, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1957 – citizen assist, Bemis Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
2104 – suspicious person, Clark Rd./Willow Rd.

Friday, Sept. 25:

0139 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter Rd. / Dunn Rd.
1013 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Traskos Dr.
1041 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1322 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1705 – subpoena service, Country Club Blvd.
1806 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2041 – assist other agency, Willow/Rawsonville
2128 – animal complaint, Willis Rd./California St.
2202 – alarm, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
2235 – welfare check, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 26:

1349 – alarm, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1427 – reckless driver, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1453 – 911 hang up, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1507 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1544 – animal complaint, Mulberry Dr.
1925 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
2319 – noise complaint, Edgewood Dr.
2351 – noise complaint, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.

Also, on this week's log are 61 patrol checks, 18 traffic stops, and eight misc. details.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Oct. 5 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 6 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 8 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission at 7 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

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Photo by Margaret Waggoner

"After waiting for what seems like forever, the construction begins," said Belleville resident Margaret Waggoner, who took this picture on Friday of the first wall going up at the Scott Jones development on Main Street at the Belleville Bridge. In the background, across Main Street from the construction, is the historic Masonic Temple.



Sept. 22 – Patricia Marshall

Oct. 1 – Debbie Sweet

Oct. 2 – Nancy Shephard, Jakleen Ochalek

Oct. 4 – Charles Tackett

Oct. 7 – Bailey Millard, Carol Sturtz

Oct. 11 – Crystal Broome

Do you or someone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* and we will publish as soon as possible.



Charter Township of Van Buren - Community Services Department - (734) 699-8926

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day



Saturday, October 10, 2020 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

US Ecology (East parking lot)

49350 North I-94 Service Drive

FREE one day drop-off for Van Buren Township residents

Kitchen/Bathroom

Bug Sprays
Floor Care Products
Furniture Polishes
Metal Polish w/Solvent
Medicines
Nail Polish
Cleaning Products

Miscellaneous

Household Batteries
Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Artist Paints/Mediums
Dry Cleaning Solvents
Fiberglass Epoxy
Solvents
Lighter Fluids
Pool Chemicals
Computer Waste/TV's
Pharmaceutical Waste

Garage

Transmission Fluid
Auto Batteries
Battery Acid
Brake Fluids
Car Waxes
Diesel Fuel
Fuel Oil
Antifreeze
Gasoline
Kerosene
Motor Oil
Propane Tanks

Acceptable Items

Garden

Fungicides
Herbicides
Insecticides
Pesticides
Fertilizers
Rat Poison



Workshop

Paints (All)
Paint Thinners
Varnish & Stains
Wood Preservatives
Gun Cleaning
Cutting Oils
Turpentine
Aerosol Cans
Smoke Detectors
Fire Extinguishers
Carbon Monoxide Detectors

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Enforcement order 2020-151



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Unacceptable Items

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Industrial Waste
Tires
Asbestos

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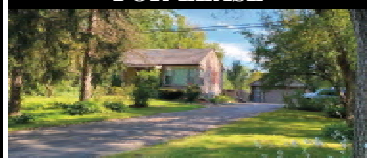
22481 BOHN, SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
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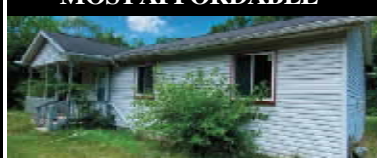
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