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Man shoots Parkwood neighbor in chest, flees to Detroit location

On Saturday, Sept. 29, at about 7:49 p.m. the Van Buren Township Dispatch Center received a 911 call regarding an ongoing neighbor dispute / threats complaint in the 8900 block of Parkwood Drive.

According to a news release sent out on Monday morning, VBT officers were subsequently sent to an apartment in the 8900 block of Parkwood to investigate this situation. As officers were speaking with the complainant, officers heard a single gunshot from the area of the 9200 block of Parkwood Drive.

Officers rushed to the scene and observed one uncooperative male victim with a gunshot wound to the chest and another male suspect fleeing south from the scene. The victim was able to provide officers with the identity of the suspect that shot him and had fled from officers.

One of the officers on the scene was Sgt. Alex Schulz, who has prior military and Police Special Operations Training. Sgt. Schulz was able to render critical first aid to the victim. He applied a chest seal to the victim's chest wounds and was able to alleviate the victim's breathing difficulty due to the wounds.

The victim was transported by ambulance

to a local area hospital where he was immediately rushed into surgery. As of Monday, he was still in critical condition in an area hospital.

It was believed at the time of the shooting that the suspect had secreted himself in an apartment in the 9200 block of Parkwood Drive. Officers set up a perimeter on the apartment building and the Western Wayne Special Operations Team was called out to search for the suspect.

Further investigation revealed that the suspect had fled the area and was given a ride by a stranger. Officers interviewed the driver who advised he dropped the suspect off at an intersection in the City of Detroit.

Both victim and suspect are residents of the apartment complex and are known to each other. Police stressed this is not a random incident and is tied to the ongoing neighbor dispute that officers were investigating at the time of the shooting.

Detectives are actively looking for the suspect at this time. They have prepared a case and sent it to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Any further questions should be directed to Lt. Charles Bazy at (734) 699-8915

Sumpter Township extends fire chief's contract, with raise

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township Fire Chief Joseph Januszyk now has his contract extended to March 29, 2020. And, he will get the \$5,000 raise he was promised.

At its regular meeting of Sept. 25 the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to extend his contract and increase his pay.

In July, Treasurer Peggy Morgan had

asked the board why Chief Januszyk did not get the contract extension other employees received. She made a motion to extend Chief Januszyk's contract until November 2020, when this board's term will be up. Trustee Sheena Barnes seconded the motion, but attorney Young said he needed time to look at the contract. Treasurer Morgan backed off and Attorney Young said he would bring the contract to

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

After more than 17-1/2 years on the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, Ron Blank has retired. At the Sept. 25 DDA meeting, DDA President Craig Atchinson, at right, presented Blank with a Distinguished Service Award, praising his "vision and proactive approach." He has served on the DDA since his first meeting in January 2001. Blank has sold his mobile home parks in VBT and has retired. Jim Chudzinski, owner of Express Tire., will replace him on the board

VBT DDA approves \$1,450 contract with Drone Brothers

By Rosemary K. Otzman
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At its Sept. 25 meeting, the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority approved a contract of not to exceed \$1,450 for a drone company to take pictures of the construction of the pedestrian bridge over I-94.

The contract is with Drone Brothers for one flight in September, two flights in October, and one flight in November.

The project includes aerial progression/site flyover and includes initial consultation, drone and pilot time, up to one hour of editing time, up to one-minute-long professional finished video, 10 high-resolution edited photos and a music license for each of four flights.

The video footage will be added to the DDA website and uploaded to Facebook, LinkedIn and You Tube.

"This would be our first venture into video for the DDA and opens up new marketing opportunities," said Lisa Lothringer, Assistant Executive DDA Director.

Lothringer told the DDA that Drone Brothers has a pilot's license and FAA clearance.

Ron Blank, who was attending his last meeting as a member of the DDA, said he had used the Drone Brothers for his business and they do very good work.

In other business at the 25-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Heard DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland give details on the work on the pedestrian bridge. She said details for the ornamental fencing have been requested to ensure it will be secure enough to hold the large logo that is being attached. The senior construction inspector will speak

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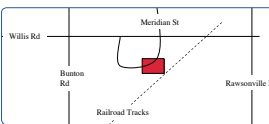
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Four running for three seats on VB School Board on Nov. 6 ballot

Four candidates are on the Nov. 6 ballot seeking three, four-year seats open on the Van Buren Schools Board of Education.

All those running are Van Buren Township residents.

Current board member Darlene Loyer Gerick, who was appointed to fill a vacant seat, is running for election to the position. Board members Kevin English and Allison Bennett have not filed for reelection.

Candidates filled out questionnaires for the *Independent* readers and here are their responses.

Dionne Falconer

Dionne Falconer, 45, of 43705 Dorchester, has lived in the school district for six years.

She has been married to Vincent G. Falconer for 15 years. They have a daughter Alessandra Falconer and sons Trevor and Myles Falconer, students at Tyler Elementary School.



Her occupation is Regulations Agent.

"I am a proud product of Detroit Public School District," she said. She earned a bachelor of science degree in Business Administration from Ferris State University and a master's degree in Business Administration/E-Business from University of Phoenix.

Falconer is vice president of AGAPE Uniting Families for Christ couple's ministry. She has been active at the Tyler Elementary School PTO since the 2014 school year.

She has never been appointed to public office and this is her first run for elective office.

Why is she running for this office?

"As an active parent and PTO member, I have seen first-hand the reward of giving back and engaging with students, staff, educators, and administrators. I'm ready to take on this challenge at a higher level to increase the positive impact I can make in my own backyard. I recognize the need for the school board to be representative of the diverse ethnic landscape that makes our district such a wonderful place for our children to learn and grow. We need active parents on the board with students currently enrolled in the Van Buren school system. The real time engagement of parents who see first-hand the needs of students, faculty and staff will help me as an asset to the board. I can give a perspective that is relevant and current to the immediate needs of the district based on first-hand knowledge. As a parent I am my children's first teacher. When they started school, I became a part of a larger team of educators to assist them in reaching their maximum potential as individuals and students."

Falconer said her goals once elected include:

- Champion efforts to create a task force to address the need for retention and recruitment of a more culturally diverse workforce.
- Support funding and training to address students with special needs.
- Help the district create tools which help parents support classroom learning at home by leveraging technology as well as one-

on-one interaction with their children.

- Work to expand the implementation of effective programming and support systems for bullying and conflict resolution.

- Promoting increased parent interaction within the schools. "As a child, I knew that I could grow up and be a professional teacher, principal or business person because I saw people who looked like me doing those jobs."

Darlene Loyer Gerick

Darlene Loyer Gerick, 51, of 47675 Martz Rd., is running for election to the board after her appointment in 2017 to fill a vacancy. She was unsuccessful for a board bid in 2016.

She has lived in the school district for 50 years. She is married to Ron Gerick and their daughter is Marina, a freshman at Belleville High School.



Diane Loyer Gerick

Gerick is a Facilities Manager. She has a bachelor of arts in Computer Science/Organizational Leadership. She is active in Girls Scouts (leader, district leaders support), Belleville Tigers Youth Football & Cheer, and Van Buren Area Little League.

Why is she running for this office?

"I grew up here, graduated from BHS (1985), my child will be a 2023 graduate of BHS. I care about our schools and our community."

Do you have any goals once elected?

"Many things in our district have improved in the last couple of years and more needs to. Our student growth is OK. It is not great.

Our proficiency is not where it should be. We need to keep working, keep improving.

"We need to keep our focus on our kids, keep improving how we teach and what we teach," Gerick said.

Calvin H. Hawkins

Calvin H. Hawkins, 54, of 43658 Revere, has lived in the school district for 21 years. He is married to Trunita Hawkins and they have six children: Paris, Deral, Angelica, Camille, Joshua, and Lashez.

He is a Manufacturing Manager with a bachelor of arts in Business Administration. This is his first bid for elective office.

His hobbies include fishing, camping, bowling, classic cars, coaching Youth Football, basketball, male chorus, and choir director.



Why are you running for this office?

"There's a great need to improve education for area children at all levels. Children are our future and it's a must that we invest in them. They're our leaders for tomorrow."

Do you have any goals once you are elected?

"Make Van Buren Public Schools one of the best in the nation. Want to see children on all levels performing at a high level."

Amy Pearce

Amy Pearce of 49092 Peninsular Dr., did not return her questionnaire.

Five running for four seats on Belleville Area District Library Board

Five candidates are on the Nov. 6 ballot running for four seats open on the Belleville Area District Library Board.

Incumbents on the ballot are Mary Jane Dawson, Sharon Peters, and Tanya Stoudemire. Incumbent Lachelle Reed Caver is not seeking re-election.

Newcomers on the ballot are Barbara Gates and Linda Priest.

The *Independent* sent out questionnaires to get information for voters and these are the results.

Mary Jane Dawson

Mary Jane Dawson, 70, 155 E. Columbia Ave., City of Belleville, has lived in the library district for 30 years.

She and her husband, Rick Dawson, have six sons, five daughters-in-law and 12 "amazing" grandchildren: Jim (Melinda) Baird, Scot (Deb) Baird, Jason (Rachel) Baird, Brad (Jill) Dawson, Ryan (Dulcy) Dawson, and Burke Dawson. Grandkids from the Baird gene pool: Nathaniel, Anna,

Abby, Alison, David & Dahlia. From the Dawson gene pool: Riley, Vanea, Spencer, Eli, Owen, and Claire.

Dawson is a retired Registered Nurse. She graduated from Mercy High School in 1965 and earned an ADN at Washtenaw Community College in 1986.

This is the third time she has run for Library Board Trustee. She was appointed to the first Belleville Area District Library Board in 2010 by Mayor Richard Smith and unanimously approved by the City Council.

"I have been an active member of my community, serving on various committees and boards, including President of the FRIENDS of the Library, Trustee on the Belleville Area Historical Society,



Mary Jane Dawson

Recording Secretary for the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, and as one of seven appointees for the first Belleville Area District Library Board on April 17, 2010. I served as Chair for the first six years: Now serving as the Vice Chair. I also have Chaired the Marketing and Policy Committee for the library board and am a current member of the library's Art Committee. I am a member of EAGLES Aerie Auxiliary 3996 and a Life Member of VFW Auxiliary 4422."

"I like to knit and crochet. I love reading a good book, favoring mysteries and history genres. I enjoy walking around the downtown area and my favorite walking companion is Ziva, my pedigreed mutt who is a rescue. I spend as much time as I can with our adult children and grandchildren. Boating is another hobby. I really enjoy hanging out with my husband, Rick. We spend as much time on the lake as is possible during the boating season.

Why I am running for re-election:

"I believe very strongly that libraries are an integral component of our communities. I am running for re-election because there is still more to do to ensure that our tri-community has the type of library the residents deserve. In April of 2010, the original library board was charged with the job of researching and planning for a new main library building as well as locating a media center in the southern portion of the library's service area. The service area for the Belleville Area District Library consists of Belleville, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township. The current building is woefully inadequate to provide the measure of services the residents need and deserve. Currently, construction is under way in downtown Belleville to erect a new building which will be a beacon, drawing people in to take advantage of books, media, programs, and opportunities

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Absentee ballots out, important election under way

In today's *Independent* we offer the information presented by your local candidates. They tell their stories – briefly, or at length – to show you why they would like to serve you on the library board and the school board. Just one candidate ignored our request for information.

In Sumpter Township, the race for one trustee seat with two-years left in the term is between three people on the ballot: a Democrat, a Republican, and an Independent. But, the Democrat says don't vote for me. And, that's what she said in the primary election and voters chose her as the Democrat candidate anyway.

We've included her information – even though she didn't provide it – because she is on the ballot and we think voters need to know who she is. We have reason to believe she will serve the two years if elected to save taxpayers the cost of another election.

In Sumpter, there is only one name on the ballot for the clerk and one for the treasurer position. But there is a candidate who filed as a write-in candidate for each position. Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan ran a surprisingly successful write-in campaign, so we all know that a write-in success can happen.

There are lots of other candidates on the Nov. 6 ballot. We've presented the local, local candidates that other newspapers don't cover. Choose well.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council, Police Chief Hal Berriman announced that he has been informed that the Christmas Train is scheduled to come through Belleville on Nov. 30. He's not sure of the time, but whenever there is a time announced, it's not the right time, anyway. Every year people wait for hours for this train, that swooshes by with all its lights and decorations. Many pictures are taken.

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley announced to the council at Monday's meeting that the theme of this year's Winter Fest Parade is "Songs of the Season." She asked the council members to start thinking about what they want to do for a parade entry. They won a trophy last year.

At the Belleville DDA meeting Sept. 19, DDA members discussed a coffee event they planned to put on at Victory Park around lunchtime on Halloween. The DDA is paying for people to get coffee, smoothies, donuts, etc., without charge to them, but will require a \$1 coupon to participate. They suggested this could go to the Community Food Closet as a donation.

City Councilman Tom Fielder said it would be nice if business people in downtown Belleville would allow their employees to go out for lunch that day to take part in the activities at the park and support the DDA's project, aimed at bringing a coffee shop to town.

The date and time are aimed to hit the school teachers since the students have half a day on Halloween, with the high school getting out at 10:30 a.m., and the teachers



having to stay in town because they have a professional development session in the afternoon. The event is for everyone, however, not just school employees.

On Monday afternoon, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees held its usual work/study session. One of the items on the agenda was a proposed new ordinance that would allow the supervisor to declare a Snow Emergency, to make everyone have to get their parked cars off the streets so the roads can be plowed.

The City of Belleville has a Snow Emergency ordinance and it seems to work well. The mayor declares the emergency and this is disseminated the best it can be by the message board downtown, social media, etc. People move their cars and the city crews go through the city and clear the streets. Seems to work pretty well.

But, in VBT, the people could move their cars, but then they would have to wait for the county trucks to come through. It was pointed out sometimes the Wayne County trucks NEVER come through some subdivisions, such as Haggerty Sub.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said this ordinance was aimed at getting help for Haggerty Sub that has narrow streets and tight turns. When there is heavy snowfall, the people in Haggerty Sub can get snowed in for weeks.

Where would they park if they had to move their cars off the street? Some homes have

such small space there is no place for them all in the short driveways. It was suggested they could leave their cars at Tyler School and walk home. McNamara said when the streets entering the subdivision from Haggerty get snowed up, thousands of cars are kept from getting into the sub. He said Haggerty Sub is the biggest problem in the township as far as snow goes.

Last year an ambulance got stuck in the snow trying to bring aid to somebody inside the sub.

"We need to figure this out," said Trustee Kevin Martin. "If you're going to depend on the county to do it, it will never get done."

After much discussion, it was decided to rethink the ordinance. Maybe there's some other way to handle the problem of a snowed-in Haggerty Sub. The proposed ordinance was pulled from Tuesday's agenda.

An ordinance requiring people to clear their sidewalks was left on the agenda. What about "snowbirds" who leave Michigan for the winter? They'll have to make arrangements for removal of ice and snow from their sidewalks.





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Letters

My recovery from cancer was a miracle

To the editor:

Was nice to see that on Oct. 4 the kids can take their Bibles to school. Needs to be more often. That's the greatest book ever written. It gives faith, hope, love. The greatest is love.

About hope. On Aug. 21, 2018 I had colon surgery. I was diagnosed June 6 after a colonoscopy at St. Joe's. A wonderful Dr. Stephen Berger. Four hours after colon surgery, I had to go back to surgery. Had a blood clot. The mesh from previous hernia surgery was wrapped around my intestines. What was supposed to be two to three days, turned out to be 18 days. I also was Code Blue and they brought me back to life, thanks be to God.

St. Joe's, Ann Arbor, has got to be the most caring dedicated hospital there is. When they say remarkable care on TV, that's just what it is.

To all the nurses, techs, green team, Dr. Keith, Dr. Carey. I was blessed to have Dr. Amanda McClure as my surgeon. She told me, "Charlie, I am to take good care of you and you are going to get through this." The touch of the Master's hand and her great hands to do her specialty. Then she told me, "Charlie, you don't have to wear a bag and you are cancer-free."

To all the nurses in ICU and the eighth floor, I will be forever grateful. To Sister Faith from Pastoral Care. She would come to see me often. In 1996 I had prostate cancer; 2005, Non-Hodgkins lymphoma; basil cell carcinoma, March 14, 2007. St. Jude's Mechanical Valve.

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My wife Evelyn and I have a van with a wheelchair lift. That's our ministry to take people to doctors, hospital, chemo. I plan on getting involved with Stand Up to Cancer. There is hope and I never give up. God has kept me here for a reason and I am going to do His will. Evelyn sings. I won't complain, and I sing "How Great Thou Art." We go to different churches giving testimonies. I gave one today at Waltz United Methodist Church. I am a miracle. If I can help somebody as I travel along, then living will not be in vain.

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Parents, students to get help in filing for financial aid for college

Belleville High School students and their parents will be able to receive help in seeking financial aid for college in two upcoming sessions set at BHS.

At 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 17, Andy Zerkel, a financial aid representative from Eastern Michigan University will give a presentation on Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in the main BHS auditorium. This session is called "Paying for College Night/FAFSA Night."

Then, at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 24, there will be "FAFSA Filing Night" in computer labs 84 and 86 at the school. Two financial aid representatives, Julia Delagarza and Natalie Lazuka, will help seniors and their parents file for their FAFSA.

BHS College Advisor Jessica Lopez, said FAFSA is an application that high school seniors have to complete for college to receive financial aid assistance. Some scholarships might also require students to have the FAFSA filled out in order to receive the money, she said.

For more information call Lopez at the high school, (734) 697-9133, or email jesslope.bhs@gmail.com.

Also, see <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

Van Buren Township Fire Department to hold pancake breakfast

The Van Buren Township Fire Department will hold an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 13, at Fire Hall #2 at 7981 Belleville Road.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Fire Chief Amy Brow announced the event, inviting residents to come eat breakfast with their fire fighters.

Chief Brow said cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. The breakfast will include three sausage links, coffee, juice or milk.

Obituaries



June Ann Youngoldis

JUNE ANN YOUNGOLDIS

(January 23, 1954 – October 1, 2018)
June A. Youngoldis, age 64, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away peacefully early Monday, October 1, 2018 at Angela Hospice Care Center, Livonia, MI. She was born January 23, 1954 in Trenton, New Jersey, eldest daughter of Garrett J. & Louella (Petty) Oldis, Jr. June received her Master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in teaching. She retired from Van Buren Public School system with over 40 years of loyal service. Her true passion was teaching and she will never be forgotten by the special needs children she impacted each and every day.

June loved traveling. She backpacked through Europe with a friend during high school one summer and continued to travel throughout her years. Most recently, she enjoyed horseback riding in Arizona for her 64th birthday. She also loved music and played the clarinet in the First United Methodist Church group Joyful Noise. She also enjoyed reading, and watching Jeopardy, and she even auditioned to be on the show! June is survived by her life partner Richard Riggs of Van Buren Township, MI; son Mikhail (Savannah Sansom) Youngoldis of Belleville, MI; four step-children Matthew (Maria) Riggs of Lansing, MI, Nora Riggs of Toledo, Ohio, Erin (Jeremy) Scott of East Lansing, MI and Donald (Melisa) Lattrell of California; 5 step-grandchildren: Garrett, Austin, Xavier, Mason and Daniel; 4 siblings Charlie (Elisa) Oldis of East Windsor, New Jersey, Nancy (Kent) Bowker of Alabama, Polly (Brian) McMurray of Cave Creek, Arizona and Glen (Luann) Oldis of Belle Mead, New Jersey; also four nieces & nephews Isabel Oldis, Jay Bowker, Garrett Bonacci and Andrew Oldis. She was preceded in death by her parents.

According to June's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded. A gathering will be held Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 12 Noon until 3 PM with a 3 PM Celebration of Life Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice and would be appreciated.

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League of Women Voters to give ballot presentation at library

Angela Ryan of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County will give a presentation at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Belleville Area District Library.

She will tell the history of the League of Women Voters, as well as describe proposals on the November ballot and current law suits affecting voting legislation.

The event is part of the Homegrown Knowledge series put on by the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library.

Flu shot clinic set Sun. at Methodist Church

A community flu shot clinic will be held at Belleville First United Methodist Church from 8:30 a.m. until noon on Sunday, Oct. 7, at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville. It will be administered by Katie Held-Williams from the CVS pharmacy. Most insurances accepted. All are welcome.

Sumpter Senior Craft Show set Nov. 3

The Sumpter Senior Annual Craft Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Sumpter Senior Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd., Belleville. Cost is \$10 per table with proceeds going to the Senior Christmas Party.

For more information call Karen Mickens at (734) 461-2296 or (734) 461-9373.

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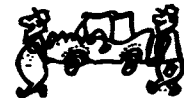
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Obituaries



Veronica 'Vera' H. Purdie

VERONICA 'VERA' H. PURDIE

(August 8, 1922 - September 26, 2018)

Died peacefully at her residence, early Wednesday morning, September 26, 2018. She was born August 8, 1922 in Detroit, MI, daughter of the late Anthony & Anna Marie (Gurauskas) Norush.

Mrs. Purdie was a member of the Eastern Star, September Days Senior Citizens, and enjoyed social activities. She was a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church, Belleville, MI, for over 60 years. She loved to travel, watch game shows and family gatherings with trips to Cold Stone Creamery. She was also in the greenhouse business for over thirty years and was a "Rosie-the-Riveter." Survived by son P. Craig (Ernestine) Purdie of Romulus, MI, daughter Cheryl (James) Wagner of Van Buren Township, MI, step-sons Dennis (Kathline) Purdie, and David (Kathy) Purdie of Tennessee, three grandchildren: Amy (Aziz) Wagner-Kotb of Belleville, MI, Matthew (Tonya) Wagner of Belleville, MI and step-granddaughters, Stacey (Jamie Vaughn) Moore of Taylor, MI, Carrie Howard of Ypsilanti, MI and Shirley Hunt. Also survived by many extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband S. Bruce in 1976, also step-daughter Hope Hunt in February 2018.

Visitation was on Sunday, September 30, 2018 from 1-7 PM, with an Order of the Eastern Star service at 6:30 PM. Her funeral ceremony was held at 11:00 AM, Monday, October 1, in the Main Chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. The Purdie family greeted guests from 10 AM. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations may be made to the Salvation Army, Arthritis Foundation, and Disabled American Veterans.

BILLIE JEAN STEVENS

(July 31, 1948 - September 25, 2018)

Age 70, of Augusta Township. Survived by sons Dean and Charles, grandchildren Cody, Chelsea, Cheyenne; and great-granddaughter Madelaine. Cremation with private services. www.davidcbrownfh.com

LORNA DAWN BRACKEN

(August 5, 1934 - September 29, 2018)

Age 84, of Belleville. In keeping with Mrs. Bracken's wishes, all funeral services will be a private family affair. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Nancy Jean Dearing

NANCY JEAN DEARING

(October 18, 1956 - September 26, 2018)

Of Ypsilanti. Died peacefully Wednesday morning, September 26, 2018 at her residence. Nancy is the beloved mother of Crystal (Samuel) Rodriguez of Ypsilanti, Christina (Christopher) Warren of Belleville and Kelly (Anthony) Shaw of Indiana; loving grandmother of Allan, Dylan, Kaitlyn, Ryan, Christopher, Tony and Evan; cherished sister of Fred (Sue) Churchman of Howell, Ed (Kathy) Churchman of Milford, Arthur (Margaret) Churchman of Westland and Nina Arp of Belleville.

Sadly, Nancy is preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Margaret Churchman. Nancy was born on October 18, 2108 to Edwin and Catherine Churchman in Detroit. She spent most of her childhood years in Redford, before moving to Belleville at the age of seventeen. She enjoyed camping, traveling and shopping for antiques. Mostly, she enjoyed time with her family.

Memorial visiting hours were arranged for Sunday, September 30, 2018 from 10 until 2 PM at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. A scripture service was prayed at 2 PM. Fr. Thomas Belczak officiated the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to Arbor Hospice. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Dingell invites students to learn about Military Service Academies

U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (MI-12) invites 9th-12th grade students, families, high school counselors, veterans and service members to attend a Military Service Academy information session from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at Washtenaw Community College.

The events will provide an opportunity for students, parents and counselors to meet with representatives from the service academies, hear from Congresswoman Dingell, and learn more about the nomination process through her office.

"Our nation's service academies offer young people the opportunity to receive a world-class education while serving our country," said Dingell. "These schools provide exceptional education and training to prepare young men and women for leadership roles in our military. I'm proud that our office can be a resource for students interested in attending one of our nation's prestigious service academies."

Present, besides Dingell, will be representatives from the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy, and U.S. Naval Academy.

The event will be at the Washtenaw Community College Morris Lawrence Building, Room ML 150, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor.

A similar session was held Sept. 29 at the Wayne County Community College District campus in Belleville.

For more information, call Dingell's Dearborn office at (313) 278-2936.

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DDA gets final site plan approval to construct Placemaking Project

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority's \$2 million Placemaking Project, that has been in the works since 2014, received final site plan approval from the VBT Planning Commission at its Sept. 12 meeting.

Preliminary site plan approval from the planning commission came at its Oct. 25, 2017 meeting.

The DDA will construct a 2,314-square-foot building for governmental office use and an associated small park on the east side of Belleville Road, between Aldi's and Westlake apartment complex.

The site is made up of multiple small parcels that were officially combined by the township on Sept. 12, making a total parcel of 1.6 acres at what were 10151, 10065, 10085, and 10101 Belleville Road.

In the year since its preliminary approval, there have been a few changes to the plans, some of which relate to the drainage requirements by Wayne County.

There also is an added parking area adjacent to the proposed building with four additional parking spots, including two additional barrier-free parking spots. The ordinance requires 23 parking spaces and 26 had been provided, plus the four new spots.

Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development, said the new spots solve the commission's concern about handicap access to the building. This parking area will be accessed from the same Belleville Road entrance as the real estate office on the site and a gate is proposed to be installed at this entrance. The DDA's plan for the gate is to keep it open during business hours and during public meetings and events, but to have it closed when the offices are closed.

Akers said keeping this gate open during business hours is important to handicap access to the building and keeping this gate open during events and business hours was a condition of final site plan approval.

Another change to the site plan is removal of the planned restroom building. Akers said due to financial considerations and concerns regarding the recent vandalism

of some of the public restrooms in the community, the DDA has elected to remove the restroom building from the project.

DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland said the project was originally aimed at preserving the Harris Homestead on the site. She said the late Al Harris was one of the first members of the DDA board and served for many years. Grandpa Harris had a workshop on the site where he made wooden toys for children in the community.

Ireland said the Placemaking Project was to be a gathering spot within the DDA district. She said there are 13 residential areas that feed into that site, including five hotels and one more extended-stay hotel under construction.

She said in February, the DDA was able to add two adjacent sites to the project to make the parcel a little larger.

Ireland said the project will have a pavilion picnic area, walking path, and wi-fi and charging site.

Ireland said the Michigan Department of Transportation and Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments were interested in the project when talks were under way for the grants they provided to the DDA for the new pedestrian walkway over I-94.

Ireland said originally the DDA wanted to work with what was on the Harris Homestead site, but there were too many problems and they found, "Bulldozing and starting over fresh was the way to go."

She said all the comments on the 2017 plans were addressed.

Ireland said there originally were two outbuildings planned for the project, but the restroom was eliminated. She said after seeing what happened to the Riggs Heritage Park restroom, they didn't want that to happen here. She said people who want to use a restroom can come inside the main building.

A shared parking agreement with the real estate building is under review by an attorney. Also, three easements were needed with Edward Rose and Sons, owner of Westlake Apartments, and this is under review by their attorney. There is a total of seven easements on the project.

Commissioner Medina Atchinson asked exactly what kind of events will be held at

the site.

DDA Assistant Director Lisa Lothringer said they will hold training for local businesses through SCORE, which is an organization made up of retired professionals. And, in the future the annual Public Safety Day will be held on the site.

Ireland added that the DDA meetings will be held there and private meetings when non-disclosure is important. She said there could be a continuation of the concerts that once were held at Van Buren Park. People could eat their lunches here and ride their bikes to the site. She said the township's Human Resources person talked of bringing food trucks.

Ireland said, personally, it would be nice to see it decorated for Christmas. She said Millennials are always on their phones and tablets and they could plug them in to recharge. Or, people would be welcome to just come in and read a book.

Two DDA offices would also be in the main building.

The agenda of the Sept. 12 planning

commission also had held the request for Phase II preliminary site plan approval for ACS Michigan, the Subaru research and development site on the former Smith Farm in Denton. The applicant requested this be moved to the Sept. 26 meeting.

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District Library approves Young to continue as auditor

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the Sept. 11 regular meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board, Alan C. Young & Associates, P.C., was approved to continue as auditor for financial audits for the next three audit years.

Four auditors were invited to bid and the library got two bids: from Young and from Stevens Kirinovic & Tucker. Young was low bidder.

For year one (2018), Young bid \$7,425 and SK&T bid \$7,900; for year two (2019), Young bid \$7,425 and SK&T \$8,200; for year three (2020), Young bid \$7,800 and SK&T \$8,600.

Recent similar auditor experience for Young was Belleville Area District Library, Detroit Public Library, and cities of Allen Park, Belleville, and Wayne.

SK&T had similar experience with Chelsea

District Library, Clarkston Independence District Library, Cromaine District Library, and cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

Library millages

The library board also passed resolutions authorizing millages on taxable property for the December 2018 tax bill:

- Operational millage of 0.7 mill, reduced by the Headlee Amendment, to 0.6930. Approved by voters on Nov. 2, 2010. Total tax on properties in Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter is \$1,017,273;

- Operational millage of 0.75 mill, reduced by Headlee to 0.7425. Approved by voters on Nov. 8, 2016. Total tax for properties in Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter is \$1,089,936; and

- A levy of 0.64 mill for bond payments for the \$14 million borrowed to build the new library. This millage is not subject to Headlee. Total tax for Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter is \$939,473.

In other business at the hour-long regular meeting Sept. 11, the board:

- Held a moment of silence in memory of the attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. At the end of the meeting several board members related stories on the impact of the 9/11 attacks on their families;

- Approved accounts payable, including \$114,102.33 to O'Neal Construction for work on the library and \$33,324.63 to Daniels and Zermack LLC, for design services for the new library;

- Heard Building Committee Chairman Joy Cichewicz report on all the work being done to cut back costs of construction to stay in the budget. Architect Dan Whisler said the city of Belleville has approved everything in the drawings, except for some questions on the oval staircase, and a city building permit should be forthcoming;

- Learned Whisler, Library Director Mary Jo Suchy, and their attorney met with Sumpter Township officials, architect, and attorney on the library facility planned for the hexagon building across from township hall. The timetable for this building, which had a proposed fall opening date, will not be this fall. They need a more detailed breakdown of who's doing what;

- Heard board chairman Peters report that the art committee's ad hoc fund

development committee is working to get sizable donations for the new library. She said there are some generous people in this community and they could make a substantial dent in the cost overruns. "We are formulating an event to bring people together to see where their donations might go," she said. "I want the public to know we are working hard and Joy is working on things that won't even be noticed by the public and will have minimum negative impact on our project";

- Heard Library Director Mary Jo Suchy announce that Van Buren Township author Beverly Jenkins has been named the winner of the 2018 Michigan Author Award. It will be presented by the Michigan Library Association at its award luncheon during the MLA 2018 Annual Conference in Novi on Oct. 19. Suchy said Jenkins has done many programs for the local library. Board president Sharon Peters said she went to college with Jenkins and she moved to this area in part because of Jenkins. "She really, really is a gem, a jewel to our community," Peters said;

- Heard Suchy report the relocation of the water line has resulted in some issues with the library's vintage toilets in the old section of the building. Dean Kokkales from O'Neal Construction made some adjustments to the valves, but he may need to call in a plumber if the low flush problems persist. He also is in touch with an electrician to install additional lighting on the building near the temporary parking lot, the alley, and the sidewalk by Charles Street;

- Learned Suchy recently accepted a \$10,000 donation for naming rights to one of the large group study rooms in the new library. The room will be named in honor of Christine Consales; and

- Was advised that the library began its soft rollout of the free Hoopla program in the middle of August. Even with no advertising, patrons checked out 41 items in a two-week period. With Hoopla, library cardholders can check out digital movies, TV, music albums, eAudiobooks, eBooks, and comics /graphic novels from their computers, tablets or Smartphones without waiting, at any time.

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to connect with other members of the community. I was there at the start in April of 2010 and I want to be there for the completion of this very important project for our tri-community.

Do you have any goals once you are re-elected?

"The most important task at hand is to keep the main library construction on track and to bring the project to fruition within our budget guidelines. I am a member of the library's Building Committee and have spent many, many hours planning, revising, and overseeing the library being built downtown as well as working with the elected officials in Sumpter Township to develop a plan to locate a media center in the township. I look forward to being able to serve the residents of the library district for another four years and would be grateful to have the local voters support me on November 6th when they go the polls," Dawson said.

Barbara Gates

Barbara Gates, 77, 88745 Vine St., Van Buren Township, is a retired Registered Nurse, and has lived in the library district for two years. Her children are Robert Washington, Jr. and Rosalyn Ware.

Gates has a master's degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.



Barbara Gates

She has run for office in the past for the River Rouge Board of Education and homeowners associations in Detroit and Van Buren Township. This is her first bid for public office.

She is active in multiple church organizations, Delta Sigma Theta Inc. sorority, and enjoys travel, reading, and crafts.

Why are you running for this office?

"Give back to my community by promoting literacy. Use some of my experience to support new programming."

Do you have any goals once you are elected?

1. To continue the progress the library makes in the community by joining the

team of past and new board members making the library a welcoming space.

2. Suggest action themes such as: Traveling through Reading and Books are Our Friends.

Sharon C. Peters

Sharon Claytor Peters, 67, of 13795 Christina Ln., Van Buren Township, has lived in the library district for 11 years.

She is married to Melvin T. Peters, Ph.D. and their children are Troy A. Peters, Shani V. Peters, and Haile A. Peters (all grown).



Peters is a retired non-profit executive, retiring as CEO of Michigan's Children, this state's statewide child advocacy organization. She takes occasional jobs as consultant, currently with Claytor Peters Consulting.

She has a master of arts in Cultural (Medical) Anthropology from Michigan State University and a bachelor of arts from MSU.

She was elected to the Lansing School District Board of Education in 1993 and served from 1994 to 2000 as member, treasurer, and board president.

She was elected to the Belleville Area District Library Board in 2014 and served 2015 to present as member, vice chair, and chair of the board.

She was appointed by the Mayor of Lansing to the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority and served 2000-2007.

Peters was appointed by the Governor of Michigan to serve on the Michigan Teacher Tenure Commission and served 2003-2009. She also was appointed by the Governor to the Michigan Council for Labor and Economic Growth and served 2006-2010.

Peters belongs to Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville; NAACP; Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club, executive board; and enjoys reading, gardening, and yoga.

Why are you running for office?

"I am running for re-election to the BADL Board because I continue to be passionate about our library and I am in the middle of a job I want to complete. I am

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especially proud of the progress we have made in developing a new library for our community. I worked hard with the rest of the board and our community to develop a plan for the new downtown library, to take that plan to the people on the ballot, to gain passage of the library proposals, and to contract for the construction of the library.

“I am currently deeply involved in that

construction effort, which is well under way, to see that the quality project comes in on budget and in a timely manner. I have a lot of experience in civic activity and greatly enjoy the work of setting direction for the Belleville Area District Library, which already is a gem of our community and will soon be even more so.”

Do you have any goals once you are elected?

“Bringing the new library plan to fruition is my number one goal in running for re-

election. That effort will not only involve continued work with the library board, staff, and construction team, but also includes sustained engagement of the entire community. During my first term on the board, I was also involved in assuring the continuation of strong leadership in our library with the selection of our current Director Mary Jo Suchy. Working with her to maximize the robust programming and vast services offered to our patrons is also high on my goal list. Our library is our information center and community hub and I am excited at the prospect of helping take it to the next level.”

Linda Priest

Linda Priest, 72, of 311 East Huron River Drive, City of Belleville, has lived in the library district for 18 years. She and her husband Randy have three sons, Jason, Eric, and Seth.



She is a retired public school teacher with a bachelor of science degree in Natural Science from Madonna University and a master's degree in Education from Eastern Michigan University.

She taught elementary school for five years in Detroit and was a middle school science teacher in Wayne-Westland for 15 years. She also was a substitute teacher in Farmington Public Schools for two years.

This is her first bid for elective office.

Priest has been a member of the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library since 2015 and its president for 2016-18. She is now vice president. She is a member of the Northwest Wayne County League of Women Voters and she and her husband are members of the Belleville Yacht Club.

“I am running for the BADL board because of my continuing involvement with the library over the past few years. As I have worked with the library staff and Friends of the BADL members and

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with the citizens of Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter, I have become increasingly passionate about the library and its future. I am interested in making sure the public is aware of all that the library has to offer and how they may best avail themselves of library services. I also want to make sure there is continued funding for the wonderful programs that the library offers. With the new building now under construction, I want to help facilitate access to the library as the process continues to completion. This is an exciting time for the Belleville Area District Library and I would very much enjoy being a part of it.

“Libraries are changing and becoming centers for community life. I want to help our community best utilize the library as we move into the future,” Priest said.

Tanya Y. Stoudemire

Tanya Y. Stoudemire, 55, of 42755 Winding Pond Trail, Van Buren Township, has lived in the library district for 15 years.

She is married to Adrian Phillips and their children are Kyron, Evan and Blake Phillips.

Stoudemire serves as Tanya Stoudemire Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Budget Director for the City of Detroit. She earned a juris doctorate degree from Wayne State University.

She has never been appointed to public office but she was elected to the Belleville Area District Library Board and is seeking re-election.

She enjoys boating with family and friends and travelling with her husband.

“I am running for office because building a new library is a tough job and I have the financial skills and legal aptitude needed to assist the BADL board with decisions that will impact the community for the next 30 years.

“Once I am re-elected, my goals are to continue to provide financial guidance to the BADL board and to look for additional opportunities that will allow the district library to enhance the lives of the people who live, work and visit our community.” Stoudemire said.

Birthdays

Oct. 7 – Bailey Millard, Carol Sturtz
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There will be three names on the ballot for trustee in Sumpter Township on the Nov. 6 ballot, with terms for the originally appointed position to run through 2020.

Jennifer Price was on the August Primary contest and so is the Democrat candidate on the ballot. Two others, who did not have to compete in the primary election, also are on the ballot: Tim Rush, a Republican, and Andrew Slovik, a candidate with no party.

Sheena Barnes, who had been appointed to that seat and now serves, did not file for election to that post.

The Independent sent out candidate questionnaires to introduce the candidates to the voters and below are the results.

Jennifer Price

Jennifer Price, 45, of 21000 Martinsville Rd., did not campaign during the August Primary, saying she didn’t wish to be elected and had missed the deadline to withdraw her name.

Since she won the Democratic primary anyway against three others, her name was put on the General Election Ballot. She still says she doesn’t want to win. She did not fill out an Independent questionnaire for either the Primary or General election.

But when she ran an unsuccessful campaign for trustee in 2016, her first bid for elective office, she did fill out a questionnaire.

Bringing it up to date by adding two years, Price has been married to Brent Price for 22 years and their daughter Taylor is 21. Taylor is a 2015 graduate of Huron High School in New Boston and in 2016 was attending Michigan State University.

The Prices have lived in Sumpter Township for five years. Jennifer has lived in the 48111 zip code for her entire life. She is a 1991 graduate of Belleville High School and is celebrating 22 years of employment as an account clerk for the

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Charter Township of Van Buren.

In 2016 she belonged to Wayne County 4-H; AFSCME Local 236, serving in several leadership roles; Wayne County Fair Association, 100 Club, Eastern Michigan Arabian Association, League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, and a family member with the National Rifle Association.

Her hobbies are gardening, remodeling their home, enjoying their property, and most important, family time. She said she enjoyed the rural atmosphere of Sumpter Township and the friendliness.

As far as her goals in 2016: "I would like to see that we have more detailed conversation at our work study and board meetings of the items that are on the board agenda so the public is familiar with what exactly is being voted on.

"As a township board, it is our duty to serve our residents. I will make sure that if something is on the board agenda and it

affects certain areas of our township, that those residents within a generous distance are notified to be able to come to our meetings and share concerns and/or receive detailed information about the project.

"As a township trustee, I will strive to be involved at the highest level to make sure communication with our residents is at its highest. I will also aim high to make sure that communication is also at its highest within the board of trustees.

"As a township trustee, every item that I vote on will be researched, questions asked and answered before I will vote. I am an independent thinker and will vote in favor of what is best for our entire community.

"As a township trustee, I would like to address the blight in our community. I will aim to make sure that we put our ordinances to work for us. If that means altering the ordinances, then we must take action to achieve that goal. Through campaigning I have learned this has been a concern with a lot of our residents."

Price was unsure if she would serve if she is elected in the November election, despite

her request for voters not to elect her.

Timothy Rush

Timothy Rush, 61, of 28941 Martinsville Rd., with New Boston zip code, is running for trustee on the Republican ticket.

Rush has lived in Sumpter for 30 years and previously was elected trustee and served in 2004.

He is a graduate of the National Institute of Technology 1986, class valedictorian. Timothy Rush He is a licensed Federal Communications Commission engineer. His career for the last 25 years has been working as a corporate/private Security Consultant. For the last 28 years he also has been working with Washtenaw County Emergency Management. He is on the director's "On Call" staff. His duties include maintaining/design of critical emergency communications systems and Emergency Management Planning. Besides serving as trustee, he also served on the township Zoning Board of Appeals. He recently was appointed to the planning commission.

He has belonged to the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) since 1982 and is a Sumpter Township Parks Recreation Commission volunteer.

Why are you running for this office?

Rush replies: "Pressure from citizens of the township to run again! I was elected as trustee in 2004 and served my term. Sumpter Township is in the rough. It needs qualified,



professional and experienced people in elected office to assure that the township is run like a business and elected officials that understand the law and abide by it."

Do you have any goals once you are elected?

He replied: "A Trustee is elected and placed in a position of public TRUST with fiduciary responsibilities to manage the affairs of the township for the best interest of the public. The health of the township is by far the most pressing issue. The township currently enjoys a beneficial revenue stream from the Carleton Farms land fill. This revenue will not continue forever. The township needs to have long range plans for when this revenue ends. We need to make sure that we have alternate income by enticing small business and light industry to increase our tax base while at the same time maintaining the rural atmosphere that we all value so much."

Rush said: "Use my knowledge as a Security Consultant and Emergency Management Planner to help educate the board and citizens of the township about manmade and natural disasters that could affect Sumpter Township.

"I can promote positive change in Sumpter Township by utilizing my problem-solving abilities that I have acquired through years of education and experience.

"For Sumpter Township to overcome the challenges of the future it should not be the officials that make critical decisions alone. The people of the community need to get involved. I can work with anyone's ideas on

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Andrew Slovik

Andrew Slovik, no age given, of 21900 Carleton West Road, is running for trustee with no party affiliation. He is a Realtor.

He has lived in Sumpter for one year and in the Belleville area for more than 25 years. He graduated from Belleville High School in 1997 and earned a bachelor of science in Plastics Engineering from Ferris State University.

This is his first bid for elective office.

He enjoys fishing, camping, riding ATVs and just being outdoors.

Why are you running for this office?

"I am running for office because I feel that I can do the job well and I have a no-nonsense mind set. I think the board of trustees' main job is to keep the budget in check and maintain the standard of living we have in Sumpter Township. 1) I do not waste money! I try to spend my money wisely. I have never purchased a new car, I have never had a Gucci anything. I buy store-brand raisin bran. I'm sure most Sumpter residents can relate. I do understand you get what you pay for (I'll never buy another Harbor Freight Sawzall). Spend wise, not big. For instance: Why is the township spending money to fix cable equipment and train people how to use it, just to put city meetings on cable TV? Can't we just post the meetings on You Tube ... FREE?

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"People ask why I am running as an Independent and I have to laugh. Have you been paying attention to our major political parties? The political discourse is depressing. I feel if I were to run in a political party I would be beholden to them. I am not willing to do that. I have my own set of ideas, and being independent gives me the freedom to do what's right and in the best interest of Sumpter Township residents.

"I'm not going to bemoan the current regime saying, 'We need to bring back honesty' or 'It's chaos up there.' Truth is I have spoken to most of the current officials and I think they do a respectable job. I would just do a few things different."

Do you have any goals once you are elected?

"Yes, I'll keep it simple. 1) Use our tax dollars wisely. 2) Lower our debt. 3) Search out cost-effective, simple solutions to meet the needs of the residents."

Clerk position

Esther Hurst, 63, 46323 Arkona Rd., won the Democratic primary for the clerk's position and is on the November ballot unopposed for the position to which she was originally appointed. She had worked for the township for 30 years before being appointed to office.

Hurst is being challenged by Sheena Barnes, 28321 Sumpter Rd., New Boston, who failed in her primary campaign for the clerk post and then filed as a write-in candidate. She is not on the ballot but is an official write-in candidate.

Barnes currently serves on the board after being appointed as a trustee. But she is not running to be elected to that post, but to unseat the current clerk.

Treasurer position

Ken Bednark, 62, 18295 Savage Rd., is running unopposed on the November ballot for treasurer, after beating two other Democrat contenders in the primary election. This is his first bid for elective office.

He is being challenged by Peggy Morgan, 59, 46330 Claxton Dr., who was unsuccessful in the primary in seeking election to the office to which she was appointed. Morgan currently serves as treasurer after serving more than a dozen years on the board as trustee. Morgan's name is not on the ballot, but she is an official write-in candidate.

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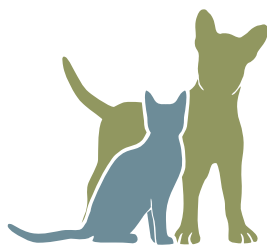
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Belleville DDA invites community to coffee event on Halloween

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority has decided to put on a special downtown coffee event in hopes of recruiting a coffee shop business to open in downtown Belleville.

After much discussion at the Sept. 19 regular DDA meeting, it was decided to have the event on Halloween, Wednesday, Oct. 31, and to cover all of the costs of the drinks and food with participants buying a \$1 coupon and that money going to the Belleville Food Pantry.

DDA member Jason Mida did most of the work in getting information on the event, so he led the discussion.

He said it all started out with DDA chairman Rosemary Loria and DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson going to a DDA forum. They were encouraged by the speaker who said if you want something in your town, have an event that focuses on that to capture the interest of coffee vendors. So, they did.

They said people have continually said they would like a coffee shop in the city where they could buy the products, as well as meet and gather.

Loria, Thompson, and Mida made up the committee to look into this coffee event.

Mida said they planned the event at Victory Park at Five Points and two coffee trucks will be in place. One is Kings Coffee, which is looking for a brick and

mortar location. They were at the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

The other is a Coffee and Smoothie trailer from Cater Coffee in Chelsea. Mida said in spite of the unfortunate incident that happened at the Strawberry Festival, they will be back to give Belleville another chance. He did not elaborate.

He said Bear Claw was too expensive for this event, but maybe in the future it could be invited.

"We may have 100 or have three," Mida said. "We're doing as much as we can to entice people, to get as many as possible."

He said they decided to have people buy a \$1 coupon for their free drinks. He said people value something more if they pay for it and it would be a way to track how many came.

On Halloween the students have half a day of school and so the teachers will be free to leave the high school at 10:30 a.m. and they have to stay around to be back after lunch for a professional development session in the afternoon.

Mida said sometimes principals provide snacks for the teachers for professional development and they want the principals to know this will be available on that particular day.

Thompson said the students at the high school who were part of a Main Street Resolution project could help out as well and earn service hours.

Thompson said this is not just for teachers,

but for the whole community.

Councilman Tom Fielder said from the audience that there are 250 teachers who are coming into town between 7 and 8 a.m. and they would like coffee then.

Mida said they turn the wrong way off the freeway and go into Van Buren Township to Tim Hortons before turning around and coming into the schools in Belleville.

"How can we market it to get a good count?" Thompson said, asking everyone to pray that it's not sleeting.

Thompson said she talked to the Central Business Community, Chamber of Commerce, and Rotary to explain their concept.

Mida asked if anyone had an idea for a name for the event. Names considered were: Coffee in the Park, Downtown Belleville Fresh Brewed, Wake Up Belleville, and Brewville in Booville.

DDA vice chairman Alicia McGovern, who was chairing the meeting, suggested Boo Beans.

DDA member Jim Chudzinski said he liked Brewville in Booville, but McGovern said "brew" reminds her of beer.

Mayor Kerreen Conley, who sits on the DDA, suggested everyone submit names by the next week and Thompson will

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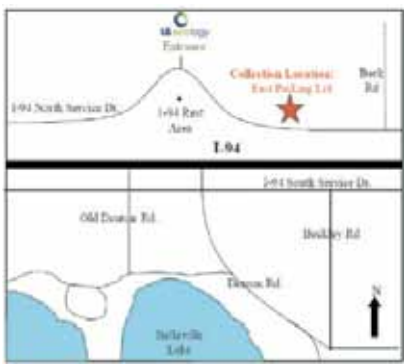
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choose one.

"Roasted Ghost?" asked Chudzinski.

Mida said one of the trucks needs power or it will bring a generator and the DDA would pay for the gas. They need 220, he said.

Thompson said the DDA approved the event at the last meeting, so this is just a report.

Mida said the event is only two hours long.

DDA Treasurer Sabrina Richardson Williams asked if it's carte blanche for how much the DDA will spend on the project.

"I don't think we have a limit," said

Chudzinski. "Maybe we'll get a new entrepreneur."

Mida said they are focusing on the teachers. There are two trucks for three hours and, "I think we'll be protected."

Thompson provided a chart of guesses on how much it might cost the DDA to provide coffee/smoothies and other goodies that day with the DDA paying \$5 per serving for guests. The chart showed a guess from \$2,050 to \$2,950. There is \$12,000 in the DDA Economic Development marketing service line item.

"Maybe it is walking a little bit on the line," said Vice Chairman Alicia McGovern, who was chairing the meeting. "Sometimes it takes money to make money."

Belleville City Council approves downtown coffee party Oct. 31

By Rosemary K. Oztman

Independent Editor

At Monday's 28-minute meeting of the Belleville City Council, the council unanimously approved having a Coffee Party/BooVille Event on Halloween at one of two suggested locations.

Carol Thompson, coordinator of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, said the event is to gauge the support for a coffee shop in town.

She said the DDA is suggesting Victory Park and Victory Station as its first choice of location. Second choice is the Fourth Street Square, where they will need to block off two parking spaces on Main Street for the two coffee vendor trucks.

The problem is that the trucks would need access to 220-volt power and if they are at the park they would need access to generators. The DDAs like the park atmosphere better for the event, she said.

"The police will be right there," said Police Chief Hal Berriman, referring to the police station across the street from Victory Park.

Thompson said the event may be named Fresh Brewed BOOville and could be referred to as Jackojava.

Set-up time is 9:30 a.m. The event starts at 10 a.m. and it is over at 1 p.m.

On Oct. 31, the students have a half day of school and the high school is released at 10:30 a.m. The coffee event is scheduled to coincide with the free time for teachers and staff before they have to be back at the school for a professional development session.

The event is for the whole community, not just the schools, she said.

Thompson said she is working with a group of students at Belleville High School who will take a survey of participants to see if there is support for a coffee shop downtown, what hours they would use it, and what they would want offered at the shop.

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

- Approved the \$295,000 agreement with

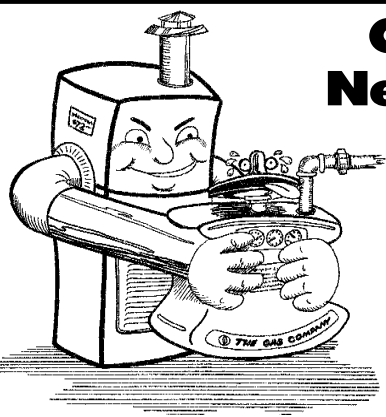
C&R Lakeside Landscaping of Taylor for the Doane's Landing Seawall Project. The work will begin on April 1, 2019 and shall be substantially completed by Aug. 1, 2019. The contract was prepared by city attorney Steve Hitchcock and city Building Official Ruth Rutherford said they will update the dates in the paperwork, as needed, before the official signing. Rutherford said steel prices are skyrocketing and the contractor said he could "eat the difference" now, if we could get the contract finalized. Rutherford said he still has to talk to a condo owner who is out of the country and she is a supporter of the condos doing the seawall work together with the city. Rutherford said if a "return" is needed to be put in to separate the city seawall from the condo seawall, he doesn't think it will cost the city any more;

- Approved a resolution authorizing the mayor to sign all necessary documents for the Municipal and Community Credits Master Agreement with SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation) for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said the amount of \$3,914 is the same as in the past and the city puts in more than the local match required. The SMART money all goes for the local Senior/Disabled Transportation Program and \$4,501 more is funded with the Senior Transportation budget; and

- Approved accounts payable of \$197,226.19 and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to Hennessey Engineers, \$10,525.25 for library site inspection from the money the library has placed in escrow with the city; to Command Communications, \$3,400 for police prep radios; to Upright Fence, Inc., \$1,130 for fence post repair at the cemetery; and to Wise Technologies, \$765 for computer support for various departments.

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with the owner of Mike's Restaurant with regard to the driveway access. She said the DDA is providing a photo with the relevant information for the stone that is being used on the Place Making initiative so that when the stamped concrete is poured for the side wall of the bridge it will be similar to the Belleville Road property;

- Heard Ireland report that the DDA received final site plan approval from the planning commission on Sept. 12. She said once the signed easements with the owners of Westlake Apartments are obtained they will be able to begin construction. She said Wayne County won't give the DDA Permit C until they get the easement;

- Approved two easements between the DDA and Van Buren Township, one for the water main and one for the sanitary sewer.

Should it be necessary for the township to conduct any routine maintenance and/or repair to the water or sewer system, the DDA needs to provide a means for this to occur. This is easily accomplished by providing an easement to VBT for this purpose, Ireland said;

- Approved the easement between the DDA and ReMerica Main Street to provide for cross access and parking at 10145 and 10151 Belleville Road, with DDA member Carol Bird, owner of ReMerica Main Street, abstaining from the vote. Bird said this is a continuation of an easement that was there with the Harris family, former owner of the property where the DDA is constructing a Place Making project. The new agreement makes way for additional parking both ways, by sharing the parking, Bird said;

- Approved DDA meeting dates for 2019. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of

each month at 5:30 p.m. at township hall, with no meeting in December;

- Approved paying \$130 to sponsor a full page in the 2019 Belleville Area Museum calendar;

- Heard DDA member Helen Foster say she wants people to know that it was the DDA that put on the Public Safety/Family Fun Day at Menards recently, not the VBT Public Safety Department. The DDA spent \$8,900 on the event, which was the largest ever. Lothringer reported 116 new children were fingerprinted and photographed; and

- Heard Lothringer report that a preliminary meeting has been held with McKenna and Russell Design, a landscape architect, on the splash pad project at Quirk Park. They will walk around to look at possible placement of equipment and Russell Design will then develop a concept and prepare a scope of work for bidding.

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• **Friday, Oct. 5** – Witches Ball at the Fourth Street Square in Belleville. Limited seating, \$30. Witch attire required. Witches only 7-10 p.m. Warlocks may join the party after 10 p.m. only if they have a witch at the ball. Information: Egan's Pub or Chamber of Commerce at (734) 697-7151.

• **Sunday, Oct. 7** – Community Flu Shot Clinic 8:30 a.m. until noon at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville. Administered by Katie Held-Williams from CVS pharmacy. Most insurances accepted. All are welcome.

• **Sunday, Oct. 7** – Life Chain will be in place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Five Points and Main Street in Belleville and from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Goddard and Wayne roads in Romulus. Pro-life supporters will hold pre-printed signs such as "Abortion Kills Children" and "Adoption: The Loving Option." Sponsor of the event in Belleville is Belleville Church of God.

• **Sunday, Oct. 7** – Romulus Fire Department open house is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the fire station at 28777 Eureka Rd. It's celebrating Fire Prevention Week in the city and there will be free hot dogs, chips, and refreshments. Lots to see and do.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 10** – Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, 5 p.m. until sold out. Carry outs start at 4:30 p.m. cost is \$10 per person; children 12 and under \$5. Menu: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, coleslaw, dessert, coffee, hot tea, milk. Info: (734) 654-9020.

• **Thursday, Oct. 11** – At 7 p.m., Friends of Belleville Area District Library will host Angela Ryan from the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County to the Homegrown Knowledge stage. Ryan will tell about the league, as well as describe November ballot proposals and current lawsuits affecting voting legislation.

• **Friday, Oct. 12** – The Belleville Church of God, 45170 Hull Road, invites the community to "The BASH" from 6 to 8 p.m. There is no charge. There will be inflatables, games, live music, and lots of excitement to go around with Trunk-or-Treating. 697-0927

• **Saturday, Oct. 13** – Annual Harvest Fest at the library and museum in downtown Belleville, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Nickel Dig at the museum at 2 p.m. Free.

• **Saturday, Oct. 13** – Fall Festival event at Faith United Methodist Church, 6020 Denton Road, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bounce house, games, food, prizes. Free. Information: call Lena, (734) 323-7260.

• **Thursday, Oct. 18** – Broadway: The American Musical Theatre, 7 p.m. at Wayne County Community College's Ted Scott Campus, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Belleville. This is Part 2: "From Sondheim to Disney." Free. Information: (734) 374-3232.

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, Oct. 8 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School.

• Tuesday, Oct. 9 – Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Oct. 10 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Oct. 11 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, Oct. 15 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Oct. 16 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

Public Notice

WAYNE COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

PUBLIC NOTICE – ABANDONMENT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

On August 23, 2018 Wayne County via Resolution No. 2018-635, absolutely abandoned and discontinued the following road right-of-way:

All that part of Justine Street (platted as Pine Street 33 foot wide right of way) and Cedar Street (33 foot wide right of way) of "Denton Farms" subdivision of part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 6, T3S., R8E, Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 40 of Plats, Page 4, Wayne County Records, lying Southeasterly of Michigan Avenue (By-Pass/US-12) right of way. No easements were retained.

This Resolution was recorded August 29, 2018 with the Register of Deeds for Wayne County in Liber 54586, Page 618.

Questions can be directed to Paul A. Zook Wayne County Department of Public Services Engineering/Real Estate 400 Monroe – Suite 300 Detroit, Michigan 48226 (313) 224-7772

Publish: September 13, 2018; September 20, 2018; September 27, 2018; October 4, 2018

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HALL

46425 TYLER ROAD

BELLEVILLE, MI 48111

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to consider establishing Industrial Development District # 15 and to consider the request for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate pursuant to Act 198, Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended for Subaru Research and Development, Inc. Following is the described parcel:

Parcel # 83-021-99-0001-000; 83-022-01-0003-004; 83-022-01-0004-003; 83-022-01-0005-005; 83-022-01-000-001; 83-022-01-0007-001; 83-022-01-0008-003; 83-023-99-0005-000

Effective January 1, 2019 – Parcel # will be 83-021-99-0001-704

PRT OF SEC 6, T3S R8E VBT WC MI AND PRT OF LOTS 3 THRU 8 INCLUSIVE, OF "DENTON FARMS" SUB OF PART OF THE NW 1/4 OF SEC 6, T3S R8E, VBT, WC, MI, AS RECORDED IN L40 OF PLATS, PG 4, WC RECORDS, ALL DES AS: COM AT THE N 1/4 OF SAID SEC 6 AS REMONUMENTED AND RECORDED IN L45095, PG 37, WC RECORDS; TH N 03D 23M 00S W 5.26 FT TO A PROPERTY CONTROLLING CORNER AS RECORDED IN L45095, PG 37, WC RECORDS; TH ALONG THE N AND S 1/4 LINE OF SAID SEC 6, S 03D 23M 00S E 2,185.56 FT TO A PNT ON THE SLY ROW LINE OF MICHIGAN AVE (BY-PASS, VARIABLE ROW WIDTH) AND A PNT ON THE E LINE OF SAID "DENTON FARMS" FOR A POB; TH N 53D 55M 03S E 1,315.64 FT ALONG SAID SLY ROW LINE; TH S 03D 07M 06S E 205.16 FT CALCULATED (S01D 06M 30S E 205.37 FT RECORD); TH N86D 52M 54S E 125.00 FT CALCULATED (N88D 53M 30S E 125 RECORD); TH N 03D 07 M 06S W286.23 FT CALCULATED (N 01D 06M 30S W 286.53 FT RECORD) TO A POINT ON SAID SLY ROW LINE; TH N 53D 55M 03S E 185.93 FT ALONG SAID SLY ROW LINE TO A POINT ON THE W ROW LINE OF CEMETERY ROAD (33 FT WIDE ROW) IN "SUPERVISOR'S VAN BUREN PLAT NO. 2" OF PRT OF THE E 1/4 OF SEC 6, T3S, R8E, VBT, WC, MI, AS RECORDED IN L 67 OF PLATS, P 51, WC RECORDS; TH S 03D 07M 06S E 488.75 FT ALONG SAID W ROW LINE TO THE NW CORNER OF LOT 61 OF SAID "SUPERVISOR'S VAN BUREN PLAT NO. 2"; TH S 03D 23M 06S E 1,353.15 FT ALONG THE W LINE SAID "SUPERVISOR'S VAN BUREN PLAT NO. 2" TO THE SW CORNER OF LOT 52 OF SAID "SUPERVISOR'S VAN BUREN PLAT NO. 2" AND A PNT ON THE NLY LINE OF THE M.C.R.R. ROW; TH S 75D 38D 49M W 3,187.07 FT ALONG SAID NLY ROW LINE TO A PNT ON SLY ROW LINE OF SAID MICHIGAN AVE; TH N 38D 08M 18S E 576.34 FT ALONG SAID SLY ROW LINE; TH ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT 1,550.38 FT ON SAID SLY ROW LINE, SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 5629.65 FT, AND A CHORD BEARING N 46D 01M 41S E 1545.49 FT; TH N 53D 55M 03S E 221.48 FT LONG SAID SLY ROW LINE TO THE POB. INCLUDING THAT PART OF VACATED JUSTINE ST (PLATTED AS PINE ST) AND CEDAR ST OF SAID "DENTON FARMS" LYING SLY OF MICHIGAN AVENUE, AS RECORDED IN L54586, P 618, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS.

SAID DESCRIPTION CONTAINS 3,309,909 SQUARE FEET, OR 75.98 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

Leon Wright, Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

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October 11, 2018

Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



The Friends of the Belleville Area District Library will feature Angela Ryan of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County to speak at the library's Homegrown Knowledge Series on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. Ryan will share the history of the organization, their mission,

and will go over the November ballot proposals and current voting legislation. The event is free. Call (734) 699-3291

Singer heavy duty school model sewing machines will be available at a one-day sales event next Thursday, Oct. 11, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Belleville Kmart on Rawsonville Road. Present their ad in today's paper to get the special price of \$139 for these 2018 models. Get details in the ad and call (866) 342-0508.

This week's Booville events include the

annual Witches Ball tomorrow evening, 7 p.m. under the big tent in Fourth Street Square. Tickets are \$30 each and witch attire is required. Warlocks are welcome after 10 p.m. Tickets are available at Egan's Pub and the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce on Main Street. Mark Rosenthal's Animal Magic will perform this Sunday, Oct. 7, 1 p.m. at Fourth Street Square. The performance is free to the public. For these and other events coming up in October visit the Booville MI Facebook page, www.buyitinbelleville.com and www.bellevillecbc.org. Next Saturday, Oct. 13 is the annual Harvest Fest in Downtown Belleville. See its ad in today's paper for that info.

Michigan PC Tech is located at 41007 East Huron River Drive at Haggerty Road, offering services including computer repair, virus removal, and new and used computer sales. Visit www.michiganpcotech.com and call (734) 787-0307.

This Saturday, Van Buren Public Schools is auctioning off all assets and inventory from their VBPS Vocational Education Program at their property at 414 Sumpter Rd., beginning at 10 a.m. Items include tools, furniture, welding equipment, vehicles, a modular classroom, and a lot more. Visit www.rolloandbrad.com for photos.

This weekend marks the annual Applefest Weekend in New Boston with arts and crafts, food, and a whole lot more, including the Huron Sportsman's Association's Applefest Steak Fry on Saturday, Oct.

6, from 2-6 p.m. or until sold out at their location at 19835 Sterling St. Tickets are \$13.50, which includes a 12-oz. NY strip, baked potato, salad, vegetable, garlic toast, and dessert. Beverages will be available. Parking and shuttle transportation will be available. See their ad in today's paper and call (734) 753-9507. Waltz Bridge Update: With the resumption of road construction projects this week across Michigan, heavy equipment and a crane arrived to the area south of the bridge as the bridge replacement project is about to begin, finally. No Applefest parade this year because of the work on the closed bridge.

All Star Heating & Cooling of Belleville has been in business and serving the tri-community for more than 45 years. Right now, have your furnace cleaned and safety-inspected for just \$89.95. They're experts in heating, AC, refrigeration, ventilation, and will provide free estimates, discounts to seniors, as well as 24-hour emergency service. To schedule an appointment, call Jason Oberdorf at (734) 732-8668 or Dan Oberdorf at (734) 699-4782.

The Belleville High School football team won its seventh game of the season, a 29-26 victory over Dearborn Fordson on Sept. 28 at BHS. Next up: Belleville at Livonia Stevenson tomorrow evening. Go Tigers!

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych with your suggestion at (734) 699-9020. There is no cost to be in this column.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 391 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Sept. 23:

0002 – suspicious person/vehicle, America
0002 – domestic, Hanover Dr.
0204 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse
0249 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0320 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0403 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0637 – assist other dept., McBride Ave.
0747 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1027 – larceny, Freedom Way
1148 – assault & battery, Belleville
1147 – traffic offense, Ecorse/Belleville Rd.
1200 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Maple
1243 – malicious destruction of property, Briarwood Dr.
1438 – property damage accident, Parkwood
1557 – disorderly, Quirk
1625 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville/Tyler
1723 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln. / Harbor Ln.
1727 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rogers Ave.
1758 – animal complaint, Andover Dr.
1841 – road hazard, SB I-275 north of Ecorse
1900 – dumping complaint, Van Born Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1917 – assist other dept., Aberdeen
1957 – suspicious person/vehicle, Charter Club
1959 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bradley Dr.
2028 – parking complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
2052 – noise complaint, Van Buren St.
2054 – warrant arrest, Western St.
2059 – malicious destruction of property, Quirk
2159 – family trouble, Outer Dr.
2210 – noise complaint, Sylvia Dr.
2226 – breaking & entering, America
2242 – overdose, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, Sept. 24:

0141 – family trouble, Winchester St.
0504 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0517 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0840 – malicious destruction of property, Castell
1155 – lost property/child, Belleville
1215 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rawsonville Rd.
1257 – trespassing, Louisa Dr.
1406 – ordinance violation, Bentley Dr.
1501 – traffic offense, Ayres Ave./Quirk Rd.
1922 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2138 – domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.
2227 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2252 – property damage accident, Savage/Sheldon

Tuesday, Sept. 25:

0114 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
0209 – suicidal person, Ayres Ave.
0812 – animal complaint, Greenbriar Dr.
0818 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0853 – road hazard, Haggerty/I-94
0919 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1133 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1133 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1205 – suspicious person/vehicle, Barnwell Dr.
1506 – animal complaint, Thornwood Dr.
1520 – suspicious person/vehicle, Red Oak Dr.
1548 – property damage accident, Jeannette Ave.
1547 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / Coolidge St.

1649 – assist other dept., W I-94/Haggerty
1819 – animal complaint, Arlene Ln.
1932 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville
2003 – domestic, Sunset Pond Cir.
2037 – animal complaint, Arlene Ln.
2044 – road hazard, Belleville/Yost
2259 – felony assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Wednesday, Sept. 26:

0209 – family trouble, Outer Dr.
0220 – robbery, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0459 – unattended death, Ormond Dr.
0536 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0751 – assist other dept., Church
0820 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1004 – suspicious person/vehicle, Dalton Dr.
1041 – ordinance violation, Brookside Dr.
1121 – animal complaint, Bog Rd.
1331 – follow up by officer, Sunset Pond Cir.

1520 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1540 – threat, Meadows Cir.
1604 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1616 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1618 – property damage accident, S I-275/Ecorse
1643 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1818 – assault & battery, Jackson St.
1924 – assault & battery, Kirkridge Park Dr. / Ecorse Rd.
1930 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1926 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
2316 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
2319 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, Sept. 27:

0111 – disorderly, Holly Ln.
0303 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Holly
0724 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood/Tyler
0819 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0901 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville
1018 – assist citizen, S. Woodbury Dr.
1111 – hospice death, E. Huron River Dr.
1148 – motorist assist, Tyler/Morton Taylor
1218 – ordinance violation, Martinsville Rd.
1233 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1347 – road hazard, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty
1356 – ordinance violation, Freeport Ct.
1409 – abandoned auto, E. Sadie Ln.
1443 – assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.
1558 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1722 – assist citizen, S. Woodbury Dr.
1735 – domestic, Haggerty Rd.
1745 – domestic, Arthur St.
1752 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1934 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1949 – missing person, Parkwood Dr.
2006 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2109 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
2132 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.

Friday, Sept. 28:

0020 – noise complaint, Prairiegrass Ct.
0325 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0607 – sexual assault, Independence Ln.
0919 – larceny, Independence Ln.
1033 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1119 – road hazard, EB Michigan Ave/bypass
1146 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1328 – follow up by officer, Denton Rd.
1403 – domestic, America
1445 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1518 – animal complaint, Mott
1745 – domestic, Hannan Rd.
1756 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1835 – private property/property damage accident, Savage School
1908 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1909 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
2117 – threat, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2223 – domestic, Denton Rd.
2233 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
2326 – mental subject, Landmark
2335 – 911 welfare check, Daisy Blvd.
2356 – threat, Edison Lake Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 29:

0012 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0532 – disorderly, Meadows Cir.
0754 – malicious destruction of property, Buchanan St.
0825 – mental subject, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1337 – noise complaint, Greenbriar Dr.
1437 – abandoned auto, Morton Taylor Rd.
1816 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1846 – shooting, S. Bellridge Dr.
1904 – noise complaint, Hull Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1920 – shooting, Brookside Dr.
1949 – threat, Parkwood Dr.

Also on this week's log were 137 traffic stops, 23 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

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Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 23:

1214 – civil matter, Main St.
1605 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1639 – harassment call, Edison Ave.
1913 – threat, S. Aberdeen Ct.
2114 – noise complaint, Angola St./Roland St.
Monday, Sept. 24:
0643 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
0952 – warrant arrest, Huron River Dr.
1124 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1300 – welfare check, Main St.
1504 – personal injury accident, Owen/Sumpter
1655 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
1744 – suspicious person/vehicle, Clarence St. / Robbe St.
1833 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln.
2115 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.

Tuesday, Sept. 25:

1147 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1206 – assist fire dept., Owen St.
1428 – suicidal person, Carmell St.
1438 – property damage accident, Main St.
1557 – animal complaint, Carmell St.
1648 – animal complaint, Loza Ln.
2012 – domestic, Carmell St.
2301 – disorderly, E. Huron River Dr.

Wednesday, Sept. 26:

0914 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.
1105 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1512 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.
1540 – malicious destruction of property, Belle Villa
1557 – animal complaint, Estrada
1653 – animal complaint, Carmell St.
1752 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1922 – found property/child, N. Liberty St.
2028 – operating while intoxicated, Main/Second

Thursday, Sept. 27:

0609 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Wabash Ave. / South St.
0620 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1204 – follow up by officer, Comerica
1228 – property damage accident, High St.
2158 – animal complaint, W. Davis St.
2257 – warrant arrest, Main St.

Friday, Sept. 28:

1333 – sexual assault, Owen St.
1935 – parking complaint, Edison Ave.
1954 – bank detail-VB only, W. Columbia Ave.
2117 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.

Saturday, Sept. 29:

0140 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia Ave.
0611 – warrant arrest, Main St./Denton Rd.
1005 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1433 – follow up by officer, Clarence
1453 – follow up by officer, Biggs
1838 – animal complaint, E. Davis/South St.
1940 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
2038 – road hazard, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
2114 – operating while intoxicated, Main St.
2257 – assist other dept., Rock Creek Dr.
2315 – assist citizen, Stonebridge
2339 – assist other dept., Independence Ln.
2347 – assist citizen, Fret

Also on this week's log are 20 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 23:

0211 – well-being check, Rustic Ln.
0555 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1218 – death investigation, E. 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1514 – alarm, Texas
2001 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.

Monday, Sept. 24:

0056 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire
1134 – subpoena service, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1140 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1157 – subpoena service, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
1531 – citizen assist, Oregon
1651 – malicious destruction of property, 47000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1720 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1832 – civil dispute, Carriage Ln.

2049 – warrant arrest pick up, Carriage Ln./Rustic Ln.

Tuesday, Sept. 25:

0859 – larceny, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1005 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1505 – well-being check, Karr/Oakville Waltz
1523 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1529 – threats complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1625 – well-being check, Rustic Ln.
1633 – missing person recovered, 46000 bl. Dunn
1633 – harassment complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2126 – personal injury accident, 28000 bl. Sumpter
2151 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 26:

0258 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Judd
0658 – citizen assist, Karr/Judd
0833 – alarm, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
0902 – well-being check, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1928 – civil dispute, Carriage Ln.

Thursday, Sept. 27:

0045 – animal complaint, Washington
0908 – suspicious incident, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1016 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1158 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1301 – traffic hazard, Oakville Waltz/Martinsville
1312 – juvenile complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2043 – suspicious person, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
2244 – assist other agency, 7800 bl. Rawsonville

Friday, Sept. 28:

0313 – alarm, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0929 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane Dr.
1055 – criminal sexual conduct investigation, Pecan
1154 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1257 – ordinance violation, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1304 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1518 – alarm, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
1657 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1721 – well-being check, Brookview
1751 – 911 hang up, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1816 – reckless driver, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
1856 – subpoena service, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
2003 – property damage accident, Wear/Carleton West

2127 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis

Saturday, Sept. 29:

0423 – warrant arrest pick up, Bemis/Sumpter
0810 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Willow
1040 – suspicious vehicle, 8600 bl. Rawsonville
1325 – threats complaint, Pecan
1433 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
2147 – noise complaint, Carleton West/Judd
2306 – suspicious person, Carriage Ln.
2314 – alarm, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

Also on this week's log are four follow-up investigations, 33 miscellaneous details, 50 patrol checks, and 43 traffic stops.

No active shooter incident in Sumpter Township on Tuesday

The Sumpter Township Police Department sent out a Nixel alert on Tuesday morning, saying a report on social media of an active shooter in the township is not true.

The alert said: “Contrary to earlier claims on social media, an active shooter situation DOES NOT and DID NOT occur at a business on Rawsonville Road south of Bemis. The Sumpter Township Police Department did, however, receive a report of male armed with a shotgun walking with a dog down the railroad tracks in that area. We were unable to locate the individual although all indications and statements from the witness point to the individual being a hunter, as this time of the year is open season on certain small game and waterfowl.”

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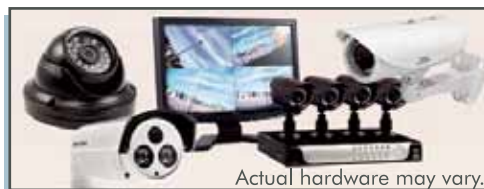
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the next meeting, but it took eight weeks.

Young said the chief's job description is changed. The board suddenly promoted the police chief to public safety director in a previously undiscussed move in March, putting Police Chief Eric Luke in charge of the fire department as well as the police department. Luke was given a \$12,000 raise, making his base pay \$99,500 plus more than \$46,000 in benefits, five weeks of paid vacation, and a car to use.

Januszyk was required to complete staff and command school and for that he was to get a \$5,000 increase in pay. He completed that requirement early in the year, but the actual increase did not come until Treasurer Morgan pushed the board to do what it had promised. He has been chief since March 2013 and has had one raise of \$1,000 since then. He has been on the fire department for 41 years, since he was 18.

Chief Januszyk's pay went from \$26,000 to \$31,000.

Young also presented the new Command Officers Association of Michigan (COAM) contract for police commanders, which he said raises their pay in line with other unions and will be in effect through Sept. 30, 2022. He gave no other details.

Finance Director Scott Holtz said neither the fire chief's raise nor the COAM contract increases were budgeted in the 2019 budget and so budget amendments will be needed.

Young also announced, without details, that Police Officer Jerry Cox, Jr., who had been with the department for 23 years, had tendered his resignation. Officer Cox was one of the officers honored by the police chief for his work on the Nelson Po case.

In other business at the Sept. 25 meeting, the board:

- Accepted the retirement of Mary Ann Watson from the fire department effective Sept. 26. Watson is head of the Senior Center and said she had too much to do;

- Accepted the resignation, with regrets, of Elizabeth Blackburn from the fire department effective Sept. 19. She is going to school and her time is limited;

- Heard Clerk Esther Hurst report Sumpter volunteers delivered more than 600 meals to the homebound in August

and more than 450 ate on site. She said 171 passengers used the senior center's transportation service in August. She said 85 clients participated in the Arthritis Foundation exercise class in August and 24 clients participated in cardio drumming. The upholstery class has started on Wednesdays. The senior's annual craft show is set for Nov. 3 with proceeds to help the seniors' Christmas party;

- Heard Trustee Don Swinson report that the Turkey Shoots will be at noon every Sunday in October at the gun range on Willow Road to earn money for events put on by the Parks and Recreation Commission;

- Heard Treasurer Morgan explain that her previous deputy, Timolin Polzin, did not refuse a background check even though Supervisor John Morgan said she did. "I was literally run over by a bus by three people on this board ... and then run over again," Treasurer Morgan said of the last meeting when her competence as treasurer was assailed. She said Lianne Clair posted a statement on Facebook that caused anxiety and residents were afraid. She said the township got 59 phone calls the next day and the tax payments for all those people were already posted. "All this was very political and ignorant," Treasurer Morgan said. "All these political games going on here caused upset to the residents. I run my office like John Morgan and Alan Bates" ran the treasurer's office. She said people can still pay their taxes at the township until March 1 and then there's a penalty. "I apologize on behalf of my office," Treasurer Morgan said;

- Heard Trustee Matt Oddy say the finance director brought the problem to the board and, "We looked into it. ... We brought in the auditor to do the finance director's work, so the finance director could do the treasurer's job." He estimated the auditor's time at \$160 an hour times 20 hours at a cost of \$4,000 to \$5,000 to the township. Later in the meeting, as the arguing continued, Trustee Oddy said, "How did we throw you under the bus? It cost the residents five grand. You threw the residents under the bus"; and

- Heard Clerk Hurst announce the absentee ballots were to be mailed out on Sept. 26. She said workers were still needed to run the upcoming election.

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