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City Council raises water, sewer rates to match Detroit hikes

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

As of Oct. 1, Belleville City water and sewer users will have a hike in rates.

In a memo from Kelly Howey of Plante Moran in the city's finance office, it was pointed out in previous years the city has passed the increases in costs from Detroit and Wayne County on to its consumers.

Water costs have increased 7% from last year and if the city passes that on to its consumers, costs would increase from $6.74 to $7.21 per 1,000 gallons.

Sewer costs have increased about 3.5% from the prior year, so sewer rates would increase from $6.38 to $6.60 per 1,000 gallons.

The city council voted unanimously to increase the rates by those figures.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said for the next billing cycle in October she expects the computerized billing will be able to bill to the nearest gallon, rather than by 1,000 gallons as currently done.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said the city got into trouble a few years ago when it didn't increase rates as Detroit did. Now the city has to raise rates in increments, but it won't be by 50% as it was needed to catch up before.

Mayor Conley said she went to a Council of Western Wayne meeting where the new water authority was outlined. It is expected to be operating by July of 2015.

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

• Set two public hearings for Oct. 6 to amend the ordinances on penalties and sanctions and to amend the snow and ice removal ordinance, requiring snow removal after 24 hours of falling and the permitted use of a "commercial ice melting product" to be spread upon the ice (replacing "coal dust");

• Approved Winter Fest street closings, as requested by Randy Brown of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. Winter Fest is Dec. 5 and 6. The lighted parade starts earlier, at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, so as not to interfere with the Dec. 6 nationwide Angel of Hope event at 7 p.m. at Hillside Cemetery. The fireworks have been moved to Friday night for the same reason, but there may be a problem in getting fire fighters from Belleville and Van Buren Township to be around to help with the fireworks because a VBT fire fighter and a Belleville fire fighter are

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VBT Board of Zoning Appeals puts Menards on hold for fact-finding

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After more than two hours of discussion on six variance requests by Menards for its proposed Belleville Road home improvement store, the Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals put the process on hold.

BZA members agreed they needed more information and Trustee Jeff Jahr, who also sits on the BZA, said he just got the packet of information in the mail on Saturday and he's been out of electricity and didn't get a chance to study it.

He said the date on the paperwork asking for the variances indicates Menards sent it to the township on April 2 and he didn't get it until Sept. 6.

Trustee Jahr wanted to know how high the fence at Walmart's was since he wanted to compare it with the 14' fence Menards wants.

Patrick Sloan of McKenna Associates planning consultants was acting as consultant and VBT staff, since the

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman
The Belleville High School Class of 1934 celebrated its 80th reunion on Saturday during the All Class Reunion at BHS. From left are Dorothy Wilson Vedder, age 98; Eula Ames Haft, 99; and Midge Artley, 98. There will be a luncheon from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26, for Haft's upcoming 100th birthday at the First United Methodist Church of Belleville. Everyone is invited to help her celebrate.

Library Director gets excellent evaluation, plus 2.5% raise

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Deb Green, Director of the Belleville Area District Library, received an excellent evaluation and a 2.5% raise after an evaluation session by the library board on Sept. 9.

The evaluation had been scheduled for closed-door session, as allowed by the Open Meetings Act, but Green asked for an open session and the agenda was amended.

Green had rejected an offered 2.5% raise after the last two annual evaluations, but this year she accepted the raise.

Her salary was $80,000 before her raise.

Michael Boelter, chairman of the Personnel committee, said the evaluations filled out by board members came out with an average score for Green's work of 5.3 out of 6.0 on all categories. Last year her evaluation was 5.28 out of 6.0.

Boelter said he met with Green in closed session after the evaluation process and discussed: the need to set goals for the library for 2015; the need to focus more time on operation of the existing library and less on planning a new library (since

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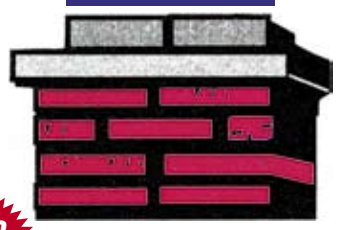

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Keystone Academy gets School of Excellence, 2 other awards

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Keystone Academy Principal Keturah Godfrey received three National Heritage Academy awards for her school at the Sept. 11 school board meeting.

School Board President Vesta Losen presented the awards and noted that 34 schools of the 76 NHA charter schools nationwide received either an Eagle Award and/or a School of Excellence Award – and Keystone got three: two Eagle Awards and the top School of Excellence prize for being a Three-Star School.

The School of Excellence is for superior performance in academic achievement and full enrollment for the 2012-13 school year, the highest honor. Of the 76 total schools run by NHA, Keystone is one of eight getting the Three-Star designation. There are no Four-Star schools.

"We're incredibly proud of the honors," Godfrey told the board.

The Eagle Awards were for Student Enrollment (outstanding count day enrollment and average daily membership results at or above the 90th percentile) and Student Growth (at or above the 90th percentile for blended fall-to-spring and spring-to-spring growth on the NWEA assessment in grades K-8).

In other business at the 45-minute Sept. 11 meeting, the board:

• Was told Principal Godfrey will send weekly news and notes to all board members, as well as the monthly newsletter;

• Heard a report on the Keystone Board Satisfaction Survey from NHA representative Chris Caulk. He said the survey showed no one is using the board portal because they can't create their own password and have to use a password that is hard to remember. He said NHA is working on getting that changed. He said there were board survey comments on financial oversight, understanding the roles, and common core;

• Heard Godfrey give a report on bullying, saying there were not that many instances. She said two infractions against the same person is considered bullying. "We're really swift in taking action and not tolerant of that," Godfrey said;

• Heard comments on the Annual Education Report, a comprehensive report on the data that is available on the website. Godfrey said there were 100% at parent-teacher conferences and very few were done by phone. There is a real effort to confer with every parent, she said. Godfrey remembered when she was a fourth-grade teacher and she jumped in a parent's car to complete the conference as the parent drove through the loop to exit the school grounds; and

• Passed a resolution on teacher evaluation and employee certification, with Caulk reporting the state requires one formal teacher evaluation a year, but NHA requires two formal evaluations. Godfrey said at Keystone there is evaluation done weekly.

At its Aug. 14 meeting, the board:

• Heard Godfrey say she was disappointed in the Voice of Parents survey that usually had near 100% participation and this year just 683 of 786 filled out the surveys. She said the timing was terrible, being handed out just before spring break, so the school couldn't "bug" the students to get the surveys done. She said most of the results were "highly satisfied" and "satisfied." Sixty-five percent were highly satisfied and 96% were the combined "satisfied" and "highly satisfied". Caulk of NHA said the average for all NHA schools was 57% and Keystone's scores were outstanding;

• Voted to cover $9,000 out of the $15,000 in coaching stipends for the coming school year. Other costs of sports are covered by the $40 sport pay-to-play fee parents are asked to contribute and some general fundraising. The $9,000 is out of the board's discretionary fund. Athletic Director Katie Hamilton presented the request;

• Heard Principal Godfrey announce the 12 changes in staff assignments for the coming year. Some are new teachers and some are reassignments. She said there is a new level of energy on the staff and it is "incredibly positive." Changing roles are Heather Peters, Michelle McNulty, Cindy Chuang, and Jackie Fincher. New hires for new positions are Marilyn Rivera, at-risk social worker, and Melanie Herman, math specialist. New hires to fill vacancies are Sara Burden, sixth grade ELA; Lauran Despres, sixth grade social studies; Jill Cannon, seventh grade ELA; Ellen Poole, seventh-grade mathematics; and Christina Piotrowski, technology. They had an offer out for the fifth grade teacher's position vacant after Laura Green took a position with a traditional school. (That fifth-grade position was finally filled by Melanie Herman, the school's part-time math specialist, and her part-time position will be filled);

• Heard board treasurer Carol Manley say some young students have problems with change and so she was concerned about introducing students to their fall teachers in the spring. Godfrey agreed, saying they would not do that next year because of possible changes in the summer over which they have no control;

• Changed the practices and procedures in the Admission and Enrollment Policy as requested by NHA. Board President Losen said when Keystone started, it was for grades 1-5, and her youngest grandchild was in the sixth grade, and couldn't come to Keystone. Now, a great-grandchild is about to enter school and there is no selection preference for grandchildren of board members, only preference for children of board members. The NHA representative looked into it and found Losen is correct, there is no preference for grandchildren of board members;

• Heard Godfrey announce results of the ACT Explore test given to all eighth grade students. She said the percent of 3+ year students meeting college academic readiness thresholds are: 62% Math, 83% English; and 70% Reading; and

• Heard Patrick Victor, Director of Field Operations from Keystone's authorizer, Bay Mills Community College, who presented the 2013-14 annual report, showing Keystone to be in compliance academically and financially.

Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman
Keystone Academy School Board President Vesta Losen, left, presents three awards to Keystone Principal Keturah Godfrey to be displayed at the school. Among the three was a top award given by National Heritage Academy.

Library Director

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the seven-member board can do that now; more research on eBooks; and promoting the library.

In other business at the Sept. 9 meeting, the board:

• Authorized the levy of the 0.7 mill Library Operating Millage on the December 2014 tax bill as approved by voters Nov. 2, 2010 to run through Jan. 1, 2022;

• Discussed an eight-page draft survey of library patrons as compiled by board secretary Joy Cichewicz. After discussion, Cichewicz said she would sit down and hone it down to make it shorter. There was discussion on how to disseminate it and it probably will be mailed out. The survey may be discussed at a future meeting;

• Set October forum dates for anyone who has questions or comments on services for a new library or libraries and any other concerns. Tentative dates for the informal sessions were set for: Monday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m.; Friday, Oct. 10, 10 a.m.; Thursday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 17, 1 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m., and Friday, Oct. 24, at 3:30 p.m.; and there may be more. The sessions will be in the library program room or the tutoring room;

• Accepted the auditor's letter of engagement at the same fee as last year. Alan C. Young & Associates of Detroit will conduct the audit of the district library for the year ended June 30, 2014 at a gross fee not to exceed $6,165; and

• Discussed two proposed policies that will be placed on a future agenda for a vote. One is not allowing petitioning, solicitation, or distribution of literature in the library; and the other concerns a policy that attendance at library events constitutes consent to be photographed for use in print and/or electronic publicity for the library.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT patrol officers, dispatch get pay raises

After four years of no raises because of poor economic conditions, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approved raises for its patrol and dispatch union: Police Officers Labor Council.

At Tuesday's regular meeting, the board unanimously approved a four-year contract and Treasurer Budd explained the changes. It includes 1.5% raises for the years 2014 and 2015; and 2.5% raises for 2016 and 2017. The contract runs from Jan. 1, 2014 to Dec. 31, 2017.

"The men and women in blue have served nine months without a contract," said Public Safety Director Laurain, who pointed out this time he was on the negotiation team as part of management.

Officer Adam Byrd, POLC local president, said the union members appreciate the raises because is shows, "We're worth something."

There were several other details negotiated. A new item is a letter of understanding between the township and the union saying if Public Safety Officers are created, the union would negotiate for the positions.

It said, in part: "A member solely employed by the Police Department shall not be required to put on turnout gear … until the Public Safety Officer Position is created by the Employer."

Guess the township economy is on the upswing. The list of police and dispatch salaries for 2014, which we'll publish next year, should make interesting reading.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW ...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I received an email from a reader thanking us for the scam information in this column last week. She said she also got a call recently and while the phone was ringing, she saw her own phone number and her name on her caller ID.

She said she told a man about it and he said it happened to him, too. She said it's frustrating to call AT&T to report this unless you have plenty of downtime to wait on hold. She tried twice.

"In the meantime, I feel certain this must also be a scam and I'm not sure what happens if you answer," she wrote. "It did make me think of Mitch Albom's recent book, 'The First Phone Call from Heaven.' I'm now writing 'First Phone call from Myself.'"

When she finally talked to AT&T the person said it probably was a telemarketer.

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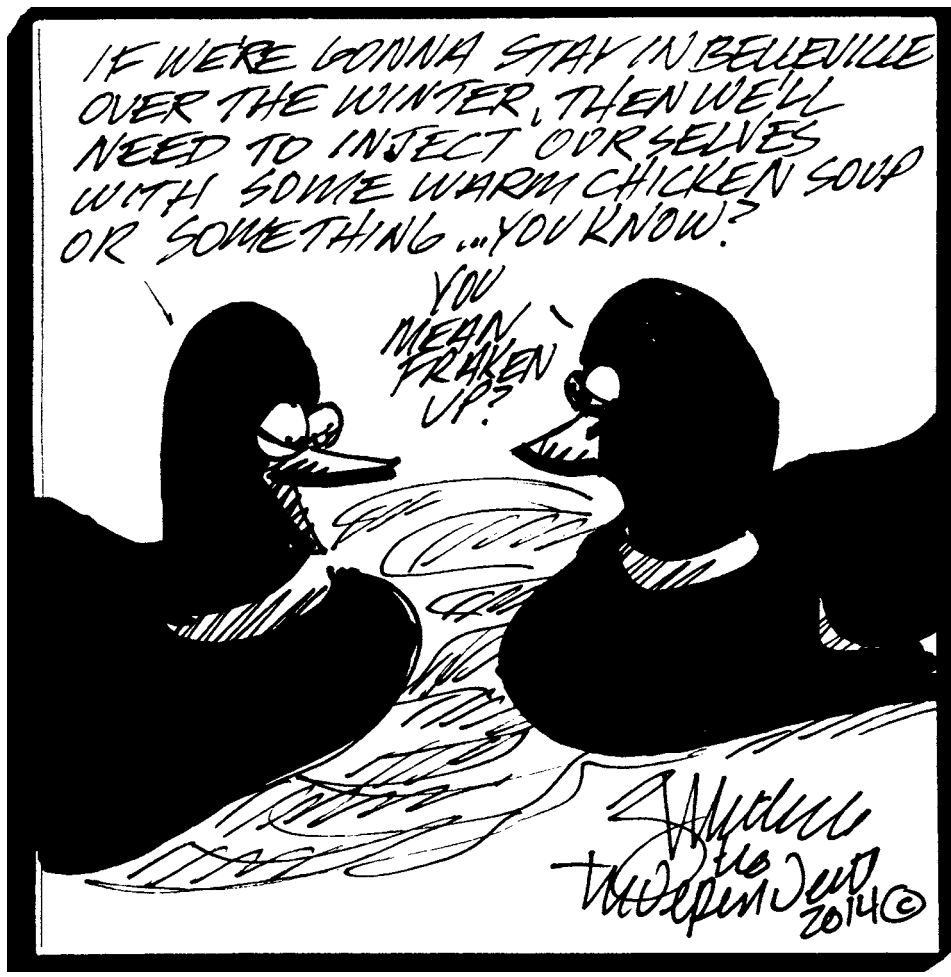
During remarks to the alumni gathered for the Belleville High School All-Class Reunion on Saturday, BHS Principal Abdul Madyun pointed out that the display of composite pictures of all the classes ever at BHS is something other schools don't have.

He said students, while waiting in line for lunch in the hallway, can look through the pictures and find their parents or grandparents or just laugh at the old hairstyles and clothes.

"It's unique to BHS," Principal Madyun said.

When he mentioned the old, original BHS building, the alumni broke out in applause for their old school. Many said while the new school was fabulous, they sure missed seeing their old school that held so many memories.



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Carrie Traster, a Van Buren Township traffic cop, was on her way to assist at a domestic dispute at Walmart and was going through the Belleville Road and I-94 North Service Dr. intersection, with lights and siren going, when she was involved in a traffic accident.

The airbags didn't deploy in the car and she got a knot on her head, but otherwise she's fine, I'm told.

This happened at about 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11.

For some reason, her call for help was heard on the Sumpter Township Police radio frequency and she sounded in distress so a Sumpter car responded, as well. Lots of help for a highly regarded police officer.

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The dog-sitter for the Jeff Kerr family opened the *Independent* on Sept. 4 and took a picture of the Ironman World Championship story on page 3 and texted it to Jeff in Mont-Tremblant, Quebec, Canada.

Jeff Kerr and Eric Stimach qualified to compete in the Ironman World Championship and when they saw the text it encouraged them even more to do well to represent their hometown of Belleville.

You have to qualify to even be in that contest and 2,700 athletes from around the world were there and it was like an Olympic event. We'll be getting a detailed account of how they finished, but they've done well.

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At the end of Monday's Belleville City Council meeting Police Chief Hal Berriman told a story of how the police department decided to join in the recent city-wide yard sales instead of having its usual bike auction to get rid of all the bicycles they have collected.

Chief Berriman said they had a sidewalk sale and sold more than 60 bikes for $5 each and each kid also got a free bike helmet and a gunlock that could be used as a bike lock.

He said one man gave $10 for his kid's bike and told police to use the extra $5 for the next kid. So, when a little boy sat on a bike and asked police how much it was, Chief Berriman said he told the boy it was free, because "that man bought it for you," and he got a free helmet and bike lock besides.

Chief Berriman said the child's big smile melted everyone's hearts.

One member of Monday's city council audience pointed out that some people were buying the $5 bikes and then taking them across the street to Victory Park where they sold them for $20.

"That's entrepreneurship for you," Mayor Kerreen Conley said.

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Letters

Dismayed to be cause of unnecessary angst

To the Editor:

I am dismayed to find myself both an instigator and a focal point for unnecessary angst within the school district I love and have devoted so much energy to over the decades. I write to apologize, to better explain my intentions, and to plead for understanding.

I have never felt more optimistic about the progress we are making in improving teaching and learning for all of our children, so I feel frustrated when that tremendous good news is so often overshadowed by controversy over relatively minor issues. It upsets me not because it makes us look bad, but because it literally interferes with that progress and disheartens our dedicated staff.

It is apparent that I expressed myself poorly at a recent board meeting, where others took my remarks as evidence that I do not welcome or wish to stifle public input into how our schools are run. In fact, I deeply believe that elected boards who are open, responsive, and accountable to the public are very best way to ensure that the entire community is invested in one of our most critical tasks -- the education of our young. Of course I welcome public input!

My objection has been to the way our board responds to it. We (myself included) have not always been consistent in following our own bylaws and procedures. This is not the time to explain those in detail, but I regret that my annoyance at our disregard for protocol came across as an attack. I object to what I perceive as disrespect for our superintendent and staff because it makes their jobs harder, which is surely not our intent.

My wariness of citizen committees is rooted in concerns about how they have often left participants feeling frustrated and used. What begins as a well-intentioned attempt to be inclusive ends up alienating some of our strongest supporters.

I tried -- again, poorly -- to express these concerns in an email to the board after that meeting. While I feel betrayed by the public sharing of this communication, I am culpable, as well. I got personal in a letter to the entire board, something we had mutually pledged not to do. I apologize for that. It was unprofessional and interfered with our joint mission on behalf of the community. I am also mortified to be a source of distraction from all that we do right -- the very thing I was complaining about.

It is natural at my age to think increasingly of one's legacy, of what I have stood for and how I have impacted my world for the better. For more than 30 years -- through countless millage and bond campaigns, several parent organizations, several thousand volunteer hours in classrooms, and 23 years as an elected trustee -- I have been devoted to traditional public education. I think no other institution is as vital to the success of our democracy or our communities. I will try harder to be the kind of leader our community deserves.

Martha Toth, vice president
Van Buren Public Schools
Board of Education

Have Van Buren school officials apologized?

To the Editor:

"Rutgers is apologizing to Penn State for offensive actions that some Rutgers' fans displayed during a weekend football game."

On Sept. 11 you published a letter from my son, David, deploring the actions that some Belleville High School students and fans displayed before and during the football game with Lincoln High School. I've tried to teach my children, all grads of Belleville High, to respect others.

Have Belleville's athletic director, school principal, or superintendent exhibited the common decency of Rutgers' AD and publicly apologized to Lincoln High for Belleville High students behavior?

George Craven
Belleville

Complaints about soup are not allowed

To the Editor:

I have been eating soup five days a week for several months at the Lunch Box. Until now, the chef has always appreciated my suggestions for improving and had implemented my suggestions.

But today [Monday] was different. I showed up for my regular visit and the manager told the wait staff not to serve me because I complained about the soup!

I've always thought that criticism was the highest form of flattery. Shouldn't Belleville businesses be responsive to their customer's suggestions? Or is it a matter of "like it or we'll cut you off?"

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New items are in at museum gift shop

To the Editor:

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Obituaries

David Sheldon

DAVID SHELDON
(September 19, 1962 – September 12, 2014)
David Sheldon, age 51, of Taylor died Sept. 12, 2014. Son of Connie Jones and Charles Sheldon. Father of Trisha, Ashley, David Jr. and Amy. Brother of Doug (Judy), Debi (Chico), Mary (Darryl), Billy (Peggy), Lana (Jimmy) and Sammy. Grandfather of 5. Services were Sept. 17 at the Voran Funeral Home, Taylor Chapel, 23750 Goddard Road.

SELDON J. PIPER
(July 19, 1927 - September 11, 2014)
Age 87, Ypsilanti resident for 20 years. Served in the Army. Survived by sons Wesley of Howell and Darrell of Paw Paw, step-daughter Charlene, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brother Glyn. David C. Brown Funeral Home.

DANE VLAZ
(April 1, 1928 - September 13, 2014)
Age 86, of Romulus, father of City of Belleville Building Official Rick Rutherford. Services were Sept. 16 at Crane Funeral Home. Surviving are his wife, six children, a sister, 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

JAMES ANDREW PROUTY
(September 4, 2014 - September 7, 2014)
James Andrew Prouty, infant son of Christian Dae Prouty and Miranda Marie Baldwin, passed away Sunday, September 7, 2014 at Mott Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born Thursday, September 4, 2014.
He is survived by his parents; grandparents Richard Prouty of Ypsilanti, MI, Tammy O'Donald of Tennessee, and Christopher Baldwin of Melbourne, FL; great-grandparents Marlene Prouty of Ypsilanti, Donna Baldwin of Flint, MI, Cynthia Heartwick of Paw Paw, MI and Pierre Lemieux; two uncles Tyler Raymond Baldwin of White Lake, MI and Dennis Clayton Baldwin of Flint, MI; also numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by great-grandfather James Prouty.
Visitation was Saturday, September 13, 1-2 p.m. with a 2 p.m. Funeral Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI. Pastor Gordon Moore officiate.
Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Please sign his on-line guest book for the family at www.davidcbrownfh.com .

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Upcoming Meetings

• Tuesday, Sept. 23 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water & Sewer Commission, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Sept. 24 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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

More Letters

Introduction to the Common Cents Slate

To the Editor:

My name is LaChelle Reed Caver and I am seeking to be elected as a Trustee of the District Library Board. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the community. I have been a Sumpter Township resident for over 12 and a half years, with family ties to the community for 20+ years. I am a lawyer with 15+ years in practice which centers on families, seniors and children. I am also co-pastor of a southwest Detroit community church. I believe that my professional and life experiences along with my community ties will allow me to be an asset as a member of the District Library Board.

I am one of four persons on the COMMON CENTS LIBRARY SLATE, which also consists of Bernard A. Grant, a Van Buren Township resident and architect with 28+ years in architecture, planning and project management; Phillip Miller, a City of Belleville resident and expert in municipal finance with 22 years of experience; and Tanya Stoudemire (*Mrs. Phillips*), a Van Buren Township resident and expert in library budget issues. We believe we have a strong slate, representing skills needed to bring a serviceable District Library to our communities.

Please vote for the entire COMMON CENTS LIBRARY SLATE on Nov. 4.

LaChelle Reed Caver
Sumpter Township

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Silence from the pulpit no longer an option

To the Editor:
Re: Pulpit Freedom Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014

I would like to direct this letter specifically to all of our tri-community clergy – a message of high priority, namely, your Constitutional freedoms and liberties.

Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014 is recognized and set aside as STAND UP and SPEAK OUT from your pulpits. Daily we are reminded: Wake-up. Take back America. Yet, more often than not, our clergy remain silent in the pulpit.

If America is to remain free, if our United States Constitution is to remain the law of our land, unaltered, then clearly NOW is the time we need to hear from our Spiritual Leaders! All must stand-up and speak-out; we are most certainly at the epicenter of the battle for the minds and souls of America. Clergy and all Americans alike can no longer allow ourselves to be intimidated or silenced by politicians, ACLU, or foreign influence. We Christian Americans must take back our God-given rights and the precious freedoms our forefathers fought

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Court Watching:

Thomas White's final conference before trial adjourned until Oct. 10

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The final conference in Wayne County Circuit Court, where a plea deal could be arranged on 20 felony charges for disbarred attorney Thomas A. White, has been adjourned until Oct. 10.

This is the third time this final conference has been postponed. Other final conferences had been set for Aug. 8, Aug. 15, and Sept. 12.

On Sept. 12, defense attorney Michael Vincent and his assistant Olga Wermalenka were in the courtroom with defendant White.

This court is being presided over by Judge Dalton Arnold Roberson, a retired judge who was filling in for Judge Margaret Van Houton. Judge Van Houton was going to be out for three months recovering from knee and foot surgery.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Dan Williams did not appear in the courtroom, but Vincent told the judge that Wermalenka had talked to Williams and Williams would not object to a month's adjournment.

Vincent told the judge that the case is a work in progress and he has been talking with Prosecutor Williams for a month.

Judge Roberson reminded Vincent that there will be no more plea deals after the final conference, since the final conference is the last session before the trial. White's jury trial is set for Nov. 3.

Judge Roberson asked Vincent if there had been an offer from the prosecutor on a plea deal and Vincent said there hadn't.

"All those charges and there's no offer?" Judge Roberson asked, referring to the list of 20 felonies.

After the Oct. 10 date was approved, Vincent said he and Williams would continue to work on "discovery and coming to an agreement."

White was charged with his first five felonies on Sept. 6, 2013 and the next 15 felonies on Dec. 18, 2013.

The first set of charges included uttering and publishing, larceny by conversion ($20,000 or more), embezzlement of $20,000 of more, and two charges of identity theft. The victims in those five charges were Judith and the late Leland Jordan of Belleville.

White's charges in December included conducting a criminal enterprise and 14 charges of embezzlement, with various victims.

White's $20,000 or 10% bond put on for the first five charges by 34th District Court Judge David Parrott last September was changed to $50,000 personal recognizance bond by 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley in December after the additional 15 felonies were added.

White's preliminary exam on the first five charges was reset six times before being waived on April 9, when White was bound over for trial by 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green.

Circuit Court Judge Van Houten approved a motion to consolidate the first five charges with the 15 charges on May 2. Now the case has the combined 20 charges.

Judge Roberson, retired Chief Judge of Wayne County Circuit Court, said he moved to the Gulf area for 15 years and then reestablished residency in Michigan.

White, 46, is accused of stealing an estimated $11 million from widows, families, and estate beneficiaries.

He practiced law in an office across Main Street from Belleville City Hall for 20 years and was a lifelong resident of Van Buren Township.

Judge Van Houten has said a two-to-three-week trial will be needed. Prosecutor Williams previously told the judge that 50-60 witnesses will be called if the cases go to trial.

Court Watching:

Patrick, Mixon take plea bargains; Coskie, Jackson trials set

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The jury trial set for Sept. 8 for Billy Ray Patrick, II, 22, of Belleville on four felony charges has been cancelled.

Charges were filed after Patrick allegedly shot his friend in the face May 12 in a dispute over marijuana in the victim's driveway on West Columbia Avenue in Belleville.

A plea bargain was worked out by Patrick's retained attorney Michael Vincent and Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Francesco Simone.

In May Patrick was charged with:

1. Assault with intent to murder,
2. Assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder,
3. Assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), and
4. Weapons, felony firearm.

His bond was set at $500,000 or 10% and he has been held in the Wayne County Jail since his arrest.

When he was arraigned Patrick stood mute and pleas of not guilty were entered by the court.

On Sept. 4, Patrick accepted a plea deal that dismissed charges 1 and 3. He pled no contest to charges 2 and 4.

Circuit Court Judge Thomas Cameron will sentence Patrick at 9 a.m. Oct. 2.

Vena Mixon

The Sept. 9 jury trial for Vena Ezette Mixon, 47, of Sumpter Township was cancelled after she accepted a plea bargain. She will be sentenced by Circuit Court Judge Lawrence Stuart Talon at 9 a.m. Oct. 16.

When she was arraigned she stood mute and the court entered not-guilty pleas.

The deal was worked out by her retained attorney Keith G. Clark and Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Ryan Michael Lukiewski.

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

Her charges were two counts of felonious assault and one weapons, felony firearm. She agreed to plead no contest to one of the felonious assault charges and the two other charges were dismissed.

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

Kenneth William Coskie

Accused murderer Kenneth William Coskie, 74, of Van Buren Township had a final conference Sept. 12 before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Vera Massey Jones.

She set his jury trial for 9 a.m., Oct. 27.

Coskie is accused of using his 12-gauge shotgun to kill Eric Williams, 44, of VBT, just before 8 p.m. April 9 near his home in the Michigan Avenue-Denton Road area.

Coskie has been charged with one first-degree murder charge and one felony firearm charge.

He has been held in the Wayne County Jail on $1 million bond since the shooting.

Richard Elmer Jackson

The murder trial for Richard Elmer Jackson, 49, has been moved from Sept. 17 to Nov. 12 at 9 a.m. before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Timothy M. Kenny.

The trial had originally been set for Aug. 7, but his judge was replaced and his court-appointed attorney replaced by retained attorney William Otis Culpepper.

Jackson, 49, has been held in the Wayne County Jail since he was charged with the Dec. 17 first-degree murder of his wife Travisteen in their VBT home.

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CURED Family Fun Day set Oct. 25 at Fairgrounds

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Eric Tice, 12, is a new member of the Sumpter Township community and has enrolled at McBride Middle School.

Eric has eosinophilic disease and his mother Renee Osaer is putting on a Family Fun Day fundraiser for CURED (Campaign Urging Research for Eosinophilic Disease) at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Oct. 25.

They recently moved here from Taylor.

Eosinophilic disease is a very complex disease that attacks the digestive system and blood. It depletes the body of iron and essential nutrients necessary for proper development and physical growth.

In addition, the symptoms associated with this disease are painful cramping, bleeding, vomiting and polyps. In many cases, children develop severe damage to their digestive tracts.

Due to lack of nourishment caused from multiple food allergies or intolerance to so many foods, many children must rely on liquid formula or a feeding tube for their nutrition on a daily basis. There is no cure for the disorder.

Eric Tice, 12, of Sumpter Township suffers from eosinophilic disorder and his mother Renee Osaer is organizing a Family Fun Day at the fairgrounds to bring awareness to the disease and earn funds for research.

Osaer is seeking raffle gifts to be purchased by a guest at the event. She said contributions will be publicly acknowledged.

All proceeds raised from this event will go directly toward medical research. Gift certificates, gifts, prizes or any other donations can be mailed to her at 22770 Sumpter Rd., Belleville 48111. Any checks should be written to CURED. Any raffle item will be picked up. Call Osaer at (734) 890-7384.

To make a donation visit the CURED website at www.curedfoundation.org and put Michigan in the comments section.

Spaghetti Dinner at Eagles to raise funds for Diabetes Alert Dog

A Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at the Fraternal Order of Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Road, Van Buren Township.

Cost is $10 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under.

Angie Gunsell of Romulus is working with Paradise Dog Training to receive her Diabetes Alert Dog. She has signed up to help raise awareness about diabetes dogs and to help raise funds to off-set the cost of her dog.

The Eagles are joining in to help her raise enough money for her Diabetes Alert Dog. Paradise Dog Training of Fenton will be on hand to answer questions and do a demonstration (paradise-dogtraining.com).

For more information, call Angie Gunsell at (734) 812-5466 or Christy Caswell at (734) 829-8653 or email: thegunsells1018@gmail.com .

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and died for. Our clergy and all American citizens have every legal right within our U.S. Constitution to stand-up and speak-out for freedom of speech – from the pulpit! Americans hunger for strong Biblical leadership – from the pulpit. We need to hear from our clergy words of strength, courage and revival. Today, America is at a crossroads and we need to be reminded what Benjamin Franklin said: "Where liberty dwells, there is my country."

Many of our Christian leaders have remained silent far too long. Abandoning their roles as spiritual leaders has left a huge emptiness in our lives. Consequently, we citizens are being bombarded daily while witnessing Christians being murdered, blatant lawlessness, immorality, injustice and "political correctness." Those UN-American, UN-Christian messages are both harmful and destructive to our minds and souls.

Not since the American Revolution have we Americans been faced with such a challenge – the battle to defend and restore our Christian faith, the foundation upon which our nation was built. Sadly, we see even the minds and souls of our children and grandchildren being polluted – questioning right from wrong; resulting from lack of Christian leadership, guidance and direction within our homes, schools and churches. Don't we, as parents and grandparents, owe them a better legacy, rather than trillions of debt?

Whenever and wherever there is an absence of old and fearless "stand-up, speak-out" Christian pastoral leadership, evil can and does fill the void. I truly believe many of today's clergy are neglecting their duty and responsibility, to God and mankind, when they neglect to preach God's word regarding these ever-occurring abuses. If we continue on our current path of complacency and ignorance, taking for granted our God-given freedoms, we will surely lose them.

I believe many Americans will agree – silence from the pulpit is no longer an option! There is a revival movement afoot right now in the United States of America. Some 500+ clergy throughout our nation, loyal to His word, are gathering and praying for revival in our nation. They are praying that we citizens, clergy and congregations join with the 500+ to stand-up and take a stand, speak out for revival.

I want to urge more of our clergy to become more aware and knowledgeable about your speech freedoms guaranteed within our United States Constitution, which specifically speaks to the limitations and extent of the church's role in the political process, and to learn about "Pulpit Freedom Sunday," please click on pulpitfreedom.org .

It is an event associated with the Pulpit Initiative, a legal effort designed to secure the free speech rights of clergy in the pulpit. Pulpit Freedom Sunday (Oct. 5) encourages all clergy to exercise their constitutionally protected freedom to speak truth into every area of life from the pulpit.

Clergy everywhere: We Christian Americans need to hear from you. We will thank you for speaking out boldly, according to His Biblical directive, on today's pivotal issues of concern. In His name, I'm praying for revival and a congregation supporting bold, Christian leadership.

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City Council

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getting married that night and most of the fire fighters want to go to the wedding. It was suggested they ask Sumpter to help;

• Approved Main Street closing for the Belleville Area Council for the Arts' 2015 Artaffair on Main, July 25-26. BACA President Doug Dalton said they are planning to get cash awards to help bring more artists to the event;

• Passed a proclamation that Belleville will become "Booville" during the month of October. About 20 events are being planned throughout the month, including the annual Harvest Fest;

• Approved closing High Street and the parking lane on Main Street between High and Denton Road for the Belleville Zombie 5K race on Oct. 18. Belleville High School New Tech students Marissa Higgins and Brittany Jones were present to explain the project. This event started with the Soup contest, where the Zombie Race won the prize, so they had money to make the race a reality;

• Opened three sealed bids for refuse and recycling services and referred them to the administration and engineer for a recommendation. Bids came from Waste Management, Republic Waste, and Rizzo Environmental;

• Opened the lone bid for installation of equipment for the police department's new 2015 Ford Interceptor. Priority One Emergency bid $9,141 and was approved, contingent on Chief Berriman's review of the bid. Berriman had solicited bids from four companies. He said there will be a two-week turnaround and he is anxious to have their new car on the road;

• Approved Hennessey Engineers moving forward to prepare engineering plans and specifications at a cost not to exceed $22,000 for the Sewer Rehab Proposal under the State Revolving Fund. The city's SRF loan has been approved. The project would be bid out in January for final loan approval and start construction in April. Estimated construction cost is $432,300;

• Reluctantly approved the intergovernmental agreement with Wayne County and paying $22,525 as the first payment to the county for 50% of the local share of resurfacing of East Huron River Drive from Sumpter to Martinsville. After bids are taken, if the total cost is more than the $934,950 estimated, with the city's share $45,050, Belleville could opt out of the project. The project is partially funded with federal money. The funds Belleville will use are Act 51 road funds. The city doesn't get Act 51 funds for East Huron River Drive, so it will seek information on whether it's legal to use that money for that road. The project will mill off the surface and resurface and restore the shoulder with grass. It will take 65 days and would start after the 2015 Strawberry Fest, so it will be done by a year from now;

• Approved paying $5,000 to help pay for legal counsel (Erman, Teicher, Zucker & Freedman of Southfield) for proposed legal action against Wayne County over the Downriver Utility Wastewater system, which the county has indicated it will sell. Thirteen communities have paid for the system, so they oppose this action;

• Approved a traffic order for Harbour Pointe subdivision that allows parking on just one side of the streets, to provide space for emergency vehicles. Signs will be erected and public education and warnings will come before anyone is ticketed;

• Approved accounts payable of $61,637.31, with the removal of $120 to Johnston Lithograph for hole signs for the recent fire auxiliary's golf fund raiser. Also approved were the following departmental purchases in excess of $500: to Council of Western Wayne, $3,406 for annual dues; to Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority, $5,000 for community assessment; to JLB Overhead Door, $555.57 for door repair; to UMS, $4,500 for sewer line repair; and to Wayne County Accounts Receivable, $945 for prisoner lodging; and

• Was informed DPW Director Rick Rutherford's father died and his service was to be Sept. 16 at Crane's in Romulus.

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

At about 11:15 a.m. Monday, Sept. 8, there was another vehicle crash on Main Street in downtown Belleville, this one at the Third Street intersection. A witness said a car disregarded the red light and T-boned a car driving eastbound on Main. No injuries reported.

Iwao, Kinzel awarded academic merit scholarships

Albion College has awarded academic merit scholarships to Eri Iwao and Tyler Kinzel of Belleville in recognition of superior high school achievements and their potential for collegiate excellence.

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Sally and Peter on Sept. 13, 1944

Sally and Peter Bukis

Sally, Peter Bukis celebrate 70 years

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Sumpter Twp. board discusses new junk yard that just popped up

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Over the last few weeks what looks like a new junk yard just popped up in Sumpter Township and the residents want to know what's going on.

At the regular township board meeting on Sept. 9, Marty Kalasz brought up the subject and others joined in with questions.

Treasurer John Morgan, who is acting township supervisor, explained that the auto auction business on Rawsonville Road is handling a number of cars that were damaged in the flooding in Detroit and they asked to put them temporarily on the township fairgrounds.

But, the township was having a car show and so couldn't give them the space. So, they got the use of land zoned industrial, back off Willis Road, across from Holiday West mobile home park.

Kalasz complained that he saw 14 ordinance violations on the cars parked there and township residents with those violations would be cited.

Attorney Rob Young said on Thursday the planning commission was meeting and the planner would be there and they'll figure out what needs to be done. He said usually a site plan needs to be submitted.

Kalasz said oil and gas could be leaking into the county ditches and that is a DEQ violation.

Acting Supervisor Morgan said, "They came in overnight and we don't know if they're in violation of anything."

"You're waiting too long," Kalasz insisted.

"The potential is there," agreed Debbie Chamberlain. "If residents can't park a car in their yard without a license plate, registration, and insurance… The ordinance officer should be out there checking it out."

"As far as we know they haven't done anything wrong," Morgan said. "We're not going to harass them over the potential … If anything's wrong we'll make sure it's made right."

"My ordinance officer has been out there," said Trustee Bill Hamm, who has been put in charge of the building department.

Hamm said because of the Act of God in Detroit cars have been piled up all over the Detroit area, in Westland, Dearborn, Wayne, and Inkster, along with Sumpter.

"This is a very temporary state for their cars," Hamm said.

"I hope so because it looks terrible," Chamberlain said.

"I expect them to be out of here in less than two months," Hamm said.

"Randy is OUR ordinance officer, not YOUR ordinance officer," she reminded Hamm and he agreed she was correct.

Mary Sherwood noted that someone said the auto auction may have purchased that property and if they purchased, it seems more permanent and should have a privacy fence.

"If they want to stay, they will need a privacy fence," Morgan agreed.

"I don't think Sumpter Township should be a dumping ground," Sherwood said.

Trustee Alan Bates said the cars will be parked there until they are auctioned off. When people asked the location, Bates said it's across from Holiday Wood, east of the Bokon property, and can be seen from the road.

Sumpter Police Captain Eric Luke said his department has contacts with the auto auction and they expect the cars to be gone within two to three months. He said they are all water damaged, not crashes.

Captain Luke said they talked of putting up a fence, but the quicker they auction them off, the quicker they get the money. He said vehicles are coming in every day.

Morgan said, "You heard Mr. Hamm said the Governor declared a state of emergency."

Kalasz said on Monday he saw semis going in and dropping stone.

In other business at the Sept. 9 meeting, the board:

• Approved POAM contract language that put in place the rank of corporal and approved Police Chief James Pierce's appointments of Detective John Toth to the rank of Det./Cpl. and Officer John Ashby to Corporal, effective immediately. There are stringent requirements for the rank, including 12 years of continuous service and one year of previous review by the chief and captain and one year review after the promotion;

• Approved the zoning ordinance amendment to insert words that were inadvertently left out in the updating of the ordinance;

• Approved the reappointment of Joy Cichewicz to the planning commission with a term to expire in 2016;

• Approved awarding demolition bids for three properties (5760 Oakville Waltz, 43525 Willis, and 13671 Rawsonville) to Bush and Sons for $25,200 contingent upon all proper permits obtained and to be paid with federal Community Development Block Grant funds;

• Approved the bid of S&J Paving to sealcoat and stripe the township hall, community center/police, and old township hall parking lots at a total cost of $9,775;

• Approved purchase of one six-foot merry-go-round mat from Miracle Midwest for $1,020 to be paid with funds from the Wayne County Parks Grant fund;

• Approved purchase of one, six-foot merry-go-round from AAA State of Play for $1,978 paid with funds from the Wayne County Parks Grant fund;

• Unanimously approved location of the sand volleyball court northwest of the playground some 90 feet from the back of the beach at Banotai Park. A motion to put it in the northeast corner failed at the Aug. 26 meeting;

• Approved paying warrants of $640,100.32; and

• Heard Chief Pierce tell of the police department employees who painted part of the police department exterior and finished on the hottest day of the year. Captain Luke said court workers did some of the work, but the landscaping was purchased by the Command Officers Fund. Luke said even though the building is 60 years old, it's important to take pride in what you have. Morgan said all the employees of the township chip in and go to the extreme to help the township.

17th-annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival under way Sept. 19-21

The city's largest family celebration, the Romulus DDA Pumpkin Festival, is set for Sept. 19-21 in downtown Romulus.

The 17th-annual festival is expected to draw thousands of participants from Romulus and Southeast Michigan.

Some of the highlights are the Parade of Lights on Friday night, a car show on Saturday, a tractor and lawn tractor show on Sunday, great food, children's games and a host of contests. There will be pumpkin-themed events and a lineup of live musical entertainment all weekend long. Many of the activities are provided at no cost.

The festival places emphasis on the city's history. Many of the events will take place in and around Romulus Historical Park and the Downtown Pavilion on Hunt Street. There will be a number of old-fashioned events for families and the city museum and other historical structures will be open for tours.

Hunt Street will be closed from Goddard to Bibbins over the three-day weekend.

The Downtown Development Authority began funding and organizing the festival three years ago. DDA Director Maria Lambert said that since the festival has something for everyone, it will bring the community together in celebration.

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MDEQ raises permit fees for Belleville DDA's Horizon Park project

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the Aug. 20 meeting of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson answered questions on the progress of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality grant delay for Horizon Park, which included a kayak launch.

Thompson said she has been informed that the MDEQ has finished its 30-day review and now wants a 30-day public comment period.

She said the DDA has paid a $100 fee and now the MDEQ wants another $400, boosting the total fee to $500.

"We have to do it to get it done and so we'll do it," said DDA member Rosemary Loria. "We have to look at the long-range good."

Last spring, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder signed approval of Michigan National Resources Trust Fund grants, including $120,700 for Belleville for Horizon Park upgrades.

The project was to include a floating dock, universally-accessible canoe/kayak launch, parking lot resurfacing, sign kiosk and paved picnic pad on Belleville Lake.

Recently, the Belleville DDA learned that Van Buren Township, which owns the lakeshore, determined it needed to get MDEQ and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approval for the project.

After MDEQ holds its public comment period, if it approves the permit for the project, the township will forward copies to STS Hydropower, operator of the French Landing Dam, and to three state agencies for further review and comments.

Eventually, STS and VBT could ask FERC for approval and then FERC's public comment period will be held.

Thompson told the DDA at its July meeting that the DNR grant necessitates building the project by 2016 and they hope to be able to build it in 2015. Originally, plans were for construction during the summer of 2014.

In other business at the half-hour meeting on Aug. 20, the DDA:

• Discussed downtown late September decorating for Booville, an event which will run throughout October. Decorations include putting lights on the city tree at Doane's Landing along with Halloween decorations. Other plans are for the Gateway Sign, Fourth Street Square and Victory Station. The DDA has added $1,000 to its annual decoration budget for Booville. DDA Chairman John Hoops said they are in the "encouraging the downtown to decorate" stage. Steve Jones said the Belleville Area Council for the Arts is sponsoring a decorating contest for 48111 with prizes to encourage decorations throughout the tri-community;

• Discussed leasing outdoor sculptures for 2015, since the deadline for committing to Midwest Sculpture Initiative is Nov. 1. Last year the DDA committed $5,000 to lease six outdoor sculptures, but only had to spend $3,946. The DDA raised $5,650 in cash plus $1,670 in in-kind website upgrades, with the total cash cost $9,596. The sculpture committee will be reorganized to bring a recommendation;

• Heard a report from Joan Bodnar on the 2014 Strawberry Festival and she thanked the DDA for its financial support. "I've been here for eight years and the last two years were the best as far as weather," Bodnar reported. "In the years before, we had at least one rainy day." This year people enjoyed the camel rides, Extreme Aquasport water show (that lasted five and a half hours), the tigers, live broadcasts, and other events. She said several vendors sold out and they didn't get any vendor complaints. "Everybody was happy," she said. On the third Tuesday of September the Strawberry Festival Committee will meet to review the 2014 event. In October and November they will start plans for the 2015 festival;

• Heard Steve Jones of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts thank the DDA for being a $2,500 sponsor of ArtAffair on Main. He said they will thank the DDA officially at its next meeting;

• Heard City Manager Diana Kollmeyer report that ropes for the piers that decorate Horizon Park were delivered earlier that day. Some of the ropes at the park have broken down;

• Heard Treasurer Sabrina Richardson Williams ask about the bridge over the ponds at Victoria Commons. She said she thinks the grass is blocking the water flow. Kollmeyer said one employee has been in the hospital for a week so they are short-handed. She said they had talked about painting that bridge; and

• Heard Councilman Tom Fielder say the Belleville Bridge has some medallions that are getting beaten up by the weather. "Should we be sealing Chesley's balls?" he asked of the stone balls on the bridge designed by the late Chesley Odom. Thompson said the poles on the bridge had been repainted and the fence replaced at Doane's Landing. Jones said the wrought iron on the bridge is looking rough.

Sumpter holds 30-min. public hearing on MJ provisionary centers

By Rosemary K. Otzman
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At the end of a brief public hearing to discuss a proposed ordinance to regulate marijuana provisionary centers in Sumpter Township, a man in the audience raised his hand and asked when he could sign up to have one.

This was at the Sept. 11 hearing held at the Sumpter Community Center that, when you sorted it out, brought just 13 members of the public, along with township officials and police personnel. Also present was Cannabis Counsel representative Thomas Lavigne, an attorney who is an advocate for legalizing marijuana.

Township attorney Rob Young said it would be quite a while before anything is in final shape for anyone to apply.

Planner Laura Kreps agreed that the ordinance is still a document they are working on.

The zoning ordinance on medical marijuana provisionary centers is different than the general law ordinance on provisionary centers that the township board is in the middle of passing. The board had the first reading of that ordinance recently and needs to have the second and final reading, but is waiting for the zoning ordinance to pass with it.

The township passed a medical marijuana growers ordinance in 2011 just after the state passed its medical marijuana act.

Sumpter Township Police Det./Cpl. John Toth has been working with attorney Young and planner Kreps to move the two new ordinances forward to give the township a way to manage the provisionary centers which are expected to become legal after House Bill 4271 gets to the governor's desk for a signature.

The new state law is expected to turn over enforcement of the provisionary centers to the local municipalities.

"How do you live with the law?" Det./Cpl. Toth said, referring to the process Sumpter is going through. He said 23 states allow medical marijuana, two states have legalized marijuana and another state has it on the ballot in November

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Minding Your Business

with Bob Mytych

Everything-N-That Resale Shop will be opening soon at 41019 East Huron River Drive at Haggerty in the Metro Park Plaza. Owner **Shannon Randell** will be selling quality clothing, household items and small appliances. Opening her own shop has been a lifelong dream for Randell, a mother of two who lives in the community. Once open, Randell hopes to be open seven days a week. Donations are welcome, but please no furniture or drop-offs after hours. Call **(734) 771-7036**.

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The Huron Sportsman's Club of New Boston is gearing up for the 2014 **Applefest** Oct. 3 and 4 at their headquarters at 19835 Sterling Street. The club will offer free shuttle to the Applefest Main Street, a beer tent, live music, fish fry, steak fry, and a food tent. Parking is $3. See their ad in today's paper for times and details.

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The business expansion is nearly complete at **Sumpter Pet Care** on Sumpter Road near Willis Road. **Dr. Yvonne Craiger** and staff have expanded their business to the adjoining unit next door to better serve clients. Watch for their open house and pet adoption event coming in October. Call **(734) 697-4700**.

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The Lakeside Art Show will take place this Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the lakefront home of **John and Debbie Juriga at 327 E. Huron River Drive** in Belleville. Artisans and items include clothing, basketry, jewelry, paintings, soaps, garden art, photography, pottery, stained glass and more. The event is sponsored by the **Belleville Area Council for the Arts.**

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Beltone of Sumpter Road will be holding a complimentary breakfast hearing-loss seminar on Oct. 14, from 9:30 a.m. until noon at the **Holiday Inn Express** in Van Buren Township on the North I-94 Service Drive. See their ad in today's paper for other details and call **(734) 256-4113** to make a reservation.

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The **Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue**, based in Sumpter, is holding its monthly adoption clinic this Saturday, Sept. 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the **Petco** store on Warren Avenue across from Westland Mall. Call **(734) 461-9458.**

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Rawsonville Woods mobile home community on Rawsonville Road will be holding a community-wide yard sale next week end, Sept. 26-28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

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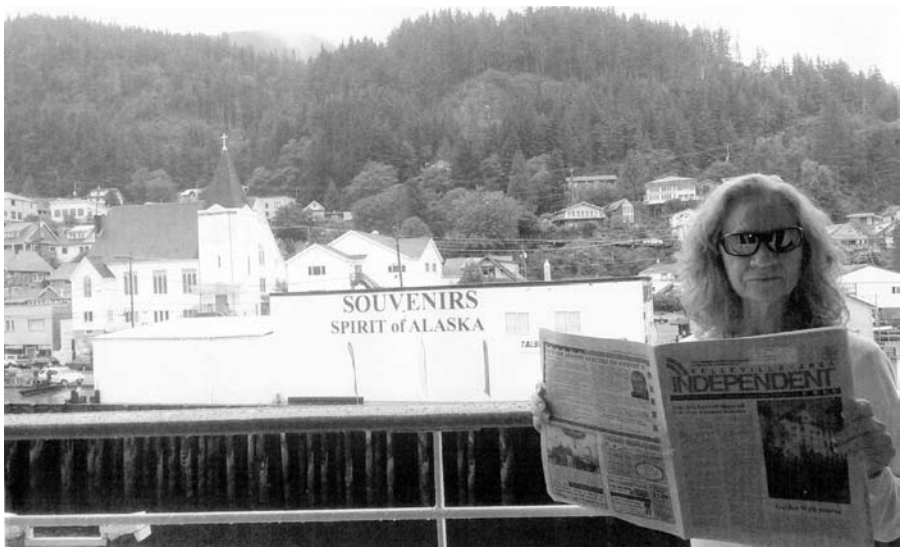
The Yankee Air Museum is holding a **Behind-the-Scenes Day** on Sept. 27, throughout the day at their museum at Willow Run Airport. The event is free and limited to 120 reservations. To reserve a place visit their website at wwwyankeeairmuseum.org or call **(734) 483-4030.** Tours will last about one hour.



They're reading the Independent everywhere

Patricia Riemer of Belleville reads her *Independent* recently in Ketchikan, Alaska, during a seven-day cruise. In the paper she holds she is looking at a published picture of her son John Riemer reading the *Independent* at Phoenix International Raceway and he was holding a paper with a picture of his mother (Patricia) reading the *Independent* in Grand Junction, Colorado.

You, too, are invited to submit a photo of you reading the *Independent* in an exotic location. Please include the name and address of the person you wish to get the free subscription when it is printed. Include your phone number if you want us to let you know just before goes in the paper. A person may use this offer to get a total of two free subscriptions – and no more.

If you aren't going to an exotic location, just send us $30 for postage to an address inside Michigan or $35 out of state, and we'll provide mail delivery of the *Independent* so you won't miss a single, exciting issue.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Sept. 18 –** Wyldlife Parent Information Night starts at 7:15 p.m. at Keystone Academy, 47925 Bemis Rd., Sumpter Township. Wyldlife is a non-denominational Christian group for students.

• **Friday, Sept. 19 –** Friends Family Theater All FREE Movie Night with bounce house, 7 p.m., Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. "Theo God's Truth: What is the Truth?" and another feature film. Information: (734) 482-5074.

• **Friday, Sept. 19 through Sunday, Sept. 21 –** Lots of family fun in Romulus, at the three-day Pumpkin Fest where the annual Light Parade starts at 8 p.m. on Friday.

• **Thursday, Sept. 25 –** A grief support seminar starts at 6:30 p.m. today at Romulus Wesleyan church, 37300 Goddard at Huron River Dr. and runs every Thursday through January. Information: (734) 941-1511.

• **Friday, Sept. 26 –** Friends Family Theater All FREE Movie Night with bounce house, 7 p.m., Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. "The War Within" and another feature in Real 3D. Information: (734) 482-5074.

• **Sunday, Sept. 28 –** Off-leash playtime at 2 p.m. with other friendly Pugs and Pug owners at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township. www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs

• **Thursday, Oct. 2 –** Meet the local candidates (including library and school board) for the November election at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Moose Lodge, corner of Sumpter and Harris roads. Put on by the Belleville Area Women's Club.

• **Friday, Oct. 3 –** Friends Family Theater Free Movie Night with bounce house, 7 p.m., Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. "Veggie Tales: Beauty and the Beet" and another feature. Information: (734) 482-5074

• **Sunday, Oct. 5 –** This year's CROP Walk to fight local and international hunger starts at 2 p.m. at Van Buren Park, a new location. The walk is between 1 and 4 miles, you choose. Information: (734) 323-5062.

• **Sunday, Oct. 5 –** Bugles Across America is held at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street in Belleville to honor military people serving and at rest with a brief ceremony.

Jesus Is Waiting
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Meet Him @ Church
Message paid for by a member of the Catholic Church.

Lisa Czarnik, Veterinary Technician at Sumpter Pet Care, holds two of the three horses that she found running loose last week.

Sumpter Pet Care Vet Tech Lisa Czarnik helps round up loose horses

Four horses were loose and crossing back and forth on Willow Road near the entrance to Oakville Metropark early the morning of Sept. 11.

Sumpter Pet Care Veterinary Technician Lisa Czarnik saw the potential for harm to the horses and to drivers if an accident occurred and stepped into action. She phoned 911. The call was answered by Huron Township Police Officer Keith Nickrand, Badge #24.

He and Metropark Officer Josh, along with Lisa and a Good Samaritan, were able to round up three of the four horses – a paint pony and two miniature horses, and put dog leads on them to help hold them.

The fourth horse was spooked by traffic and ran southwest into the wooded area adjacent to or part of the metropark. He was later found back in his home yard.

As more help came along, Lisa left to find lead ropes and a halter to hold and better lead the horses away from the road.

The situation was stabilized and once the owner was identified the remaining three horses were discharged to their owner.

Save your milk jugs for Museum's Booville decorating contest

Belleville Area Museum Director Katie Dallos is asking the public to save their empty plastic gallon milk jugs for the museum's Booville decorating contest for children.

She said the museum is looking for clean, plastic gallon jugs for Halloween decorating. Rinse with soap or vinegar for best results.

Dallos said they plan to have children draw scary jack-o-lantern faces on them at Harvest Fest and place them around the museum for the Booville Decorating Contest.

The public may drop jugs off at the museum any time during business hours: Tuesday, 3-7 p.m., and Wednesday through Saturday, noon-4 p.m. or bring them along during Harvest Fest on Oct. 11, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

VBT Planners to update zoning ordinance in eight-month project

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on Sept. 10, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission heard its consultants map out an eight-month program of review and revision of the zoning ordinance, followed by a public hearing and presentation to the township board in June.

Sally Hodges of McKenna Associates said last spring the township board authorized funds for the planning commission and McKenna to do a comprehensive update of the zoning ordinance as a whole.

She and McKenna planner Patrick Sloan, who also is filling in for the township in the building and planning department, laid out a schedule for the work, taking the commission's attention once a month – or, with the help of a subcommittee, if they so choose.

"It is ambitious," Hodges said of the schedule. "A lot of the work could be done in subcommittees. I'm wary about requiring a meeting since we have a lot of big things on our plate."

She said they could spend one meeting a month on this project and the second meeting on business, or do some of the ordinance review/revision work at every meeting.

The product of all this work will be an updated, corrected, reorganized zoning ordinance that would be put on the website where users could type in a word and have hyperlinks to the proper sections. Charts and graphics will also be a part of the document.

Sumpter Township and the City of Belleville recently completed such updates and their on-line zoning ordinances are getting high praise for ease of use.

Ecorse/Hannan Future Land Use

The commission also looked at a draft of the Ecorse-Hannan Road Master Plan amendment, which Hodges said will be put into writing and presented to the commission for action.

She said this Master Plan amendment effort began in response to Frank (Fawwaz) Jarbou's interest in developing his parcel at the southwest corner of Ecorse and Hannan roads, across Hannan Road from his new shopping center in Romulus.

He had said he would like to put in a drive-in bank and the new draft of proposed future land use would allow that. The draft calls for General Commercial at the corner and Local Commercial for the area westward along Ecorse to I-275 instead of the present Mixed Use future use.

She said the goal is to update desired future land uses on Ecorse, east of I-275, to reflect current trends and conditions.

A year ago, the planning commission approved rezoning of the western part of Jarbou's property from AG to C-Local Business, to make way for a pig launcher.

Jarbou had asked for the whole 2.23-acre site to be rezoned to C1-General Business.

Ernie Tozer was the only person to speak on the rezoning at the five-minute public hearing on May 8, 2013 and he pointed out the amendment to the township Master Plan for the Grace Lake area includes this parcel and it is shown as Mixed Use. He said what Jarbou is proposing is not what it's supposed to be.

"We are entertaining rezoning that and it is contrary to the Master Plan," Tozer said, adding you can't rezone against the Master Plan unless you revise the Master Plan first.

Planning Commission chairwoman Carol Thompson told him the commission has studied Mixed Use and it didn't go forward.

Thompson said they would put changing the Master Plan for that area on the commission's "to-do" list.

Jarbou's property was part of a Circuit Court consent judgment that ordered VBT not to treat the two sides of the road differently and a little general commercial should be at that corner.

That was the case of Shukr vs. Van Buren Township. The terms of the consent agreement included approval of a specific site plan for a gas station and convenience store and that the land remains zoned C-Local Business district.

Coming development?

Andrew Pavlosky of Tyler Road asked the commission if something is being planned for the northeast corner of Belleville and Tyler roads. He said he saw men out there measuring and talking about the property, which is near his.

What he wanted to know is if the property reverted to its original Residential zoning after the 2007 rezoning with conditions for a medical center fell through. The agreement was that it would revert back to its original zoning if the project didn't go forward within two years and it didn't.

He said in the summer of 2009 he asked Dan Swallow of VBT's Building and Planning Department, if it had gone back to Residential and he said it had. But now, he said, the land is still listed as Commercial.

"There are all new people at the Developmental Services office and they don't know," he said.

Sloan was asked to look into the situation and report back to the planning commission.

Grief Support/Seminar starts Sept. 25 at Romulus Wesleyan

A Grief Support/Seminar begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, and runs every Thursday through January at Romulus Wesleyan Church, 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive, Romulus 48174, (734) 941-1511.

This non-denominational program features 13 individual lessons that focus on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. For information on this Christian-based program, visit www.griefshare.org and https://www.facebook.com/griefshare. For other questions and to register call the church at (734) 941-1511.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On Wednesday, September 24, 2014, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1997	FORD	4D	1FALP51U9VG232897	14-12116
1993	FORD	2D	1FAPP31X2PK164619	14-15040
1996	HONDA	4D	1HGCE1896TA003735	14-15189

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

1999	MITSUBISHI	2D	4A3AK54F3XE100596	14-13642
2005	PONTIAC	4D	1G2NE52E35M103270	14-13712
2013	TAO	MP	L9N1ELKD6D1081023	14-14078
2006	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNDS13S162286735	14-14778
2000	LINCOLN	4D	1LNHM86S7YY926600	14-14835
1999	FORD	4D	1FAFP53S9XA297425	14-15078
2002	DODGE	4D	2B3HD46R52H117559	14-15179
1994	HONDA	2D	1HGCD7254RA021719	14-12026

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

Leon Wright, CMC
Van Buren Township Clerk
Published: September 18, 2014

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, and County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a Special Land Use request on the following described property.

Parcel number V125-83-074-01-0001-008, also known as 2193 Rawsonville Road (McDonalds), is the subject of this hearing. The site is approximately 2.7 acres and is located in the C-1, General Business Zoning District. This site is located on the east side of Rawsonville Road, south of I-94.

The owner, Scott Powlus (McDonalds USA, LLC), is requesting approval for the construction of an additional drive-through lane and other site changes. A drive-through restaurant is a Special Land Use in the C-1 District, and a proposed change to the Special Land Use requires a public hearing. This hearing is being held in accordance with Section 12.03 (Permitted Uses With Special Approval) of the Zoning Ordinance.

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

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

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Menards

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township doesn't have a building and planning director at the moment.

Sloan didn't know the size of Walmart's fence. The fence height was one of the variances sought by Menards.

When the BZA found out that the IN and OUT signs on the wall requested to guide traffic on the one-way drive into the outdoor storage area were to be lighted, that made them more even eager to postpone their decision. Signage was one of the items needing a variance.

Scott Nuttleman of Menards Real Estate had explained earlier that the IN and OUT signs were on the east wall facing away from the residences to the west and north and the signs couldn't be seen from those directions.

There were about 30 people in the audience, most from the Meadows residential development to the north that would adjoin the Menards' complex. About ten of them got up, some more than once, to comment on the plans and ask the BZA to protect their homes from all the noise and visual clutter of a store.

Between the Aug. 27 planning commission public hearing on requested special land use for outdoor storage at the Menards' store and the Sept. 9 meeting, Menards had added a strip of 6-10' of additional undisturbed forest area that won't be touched to help buffer the northern residential area.

Nuttleman said that change was a direct response to comments by neighbors at the Aug. 27 meeting.

The requested variances included two for signage, two for setbacks, and one for fence height at the front of the outdoor storage area.

Sloan recommended approval of the directional signage, but denial of the 16 cart corral signs. He recommended requiring the large Menards sign on the building to be reduced in size to fit in with the ordinance restrictions.

Nuttleman said the access drive the township has required to circulate traffic away from Belleville Road in the retail development pushes the project back from Belleville Road. He said the planning commission has discretion to allow them to have 263 less parking spaces than would be required.

They are trying to fit the parking, building, outside storage and ponds in a fixed area for building, Nuttleman said.

He said the county will be putting conditions on the size of the ponds. The proposed regional retention pond being planned is not available now.

After the neighbors discussed everything from the little animals that live in the area where the trees will be cut down to whether nearby Quirk Park will be affected, Bob McKenna said, "There's a lot here to consider."

"I would propose looking for fact-finding," said McKenna, who is a planning commission member with a seat on the BZA.

BZA Chairwoman Theresa Wardwell said she felt the procedure was backward and the cart was before the horse.

She said the BZA is being asked to grant variances before the planning commission has completed its work.

BZA member Ed Miller made a motion to postpone the variances until the BZA gets fact-finding information and until the planning commission acts. The motion passed unanimously.

The planning commission said it expected to vote on special use approval for Menards outdoor storage at its Sept. 24 meeting and didn't wish to act until the BZA made its decisions.

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2014

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Absent
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENT None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of August 18, 2014 as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

6, PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Rotary Club Request – Victory Park/Gazebo-Little Free Library

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 14-100** to approve a request from Rotary Club of Belleville to adopt the Gazebo and build the Little Free Library, "Take a Book, Leave a Book Community Project to be held in September at Victory Park in the Gazebo area.
MOTION CARRIED.

B. SMART – 2015 Municipal Credits

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 14-101** to approve the appropriation of FY2015 SMART Municipal Credits in the amount of $3,914.00 for the local Senior/Disabled Transportation Program with local match of $4,501.00 funded with the senior transportation budget.
MOTION CARRIED.

9.ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 14-102** to approve accounts payable and payables over $500.00 as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED.
Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer
Approved: September 15, 2014
Published: September 18, 2014

Applefest invites all fiddlers to take part in state Fiddlers Contest

Huron Township Applefest invites all fiddlers to participate in the 29th-Annual Michigan State Championship Old-Time Fiddlers Contest at noon on Saturday, Oct. 4, in New Boston. Fiddlers register at 11 a.m. and draw for places at 11:30 a.m. There is a $10 registration fee. Contestants will be required to play a waltz, a schottische, a jig and a reel, all in a manner suitable for Michigan-style, old-time dancing. Contestants will be judged on timing / tempo, intonation, expression, and repertoire. First prize is $200, second prize is $100, and third prize is $50. Complete rules can be found at : http://huronapplefest.com/fiddlers-contest/ For the first time, an additional, separate competition will be held for the best version of Opera Reel, a favorite of Michigan's old-time fiddlers. Best Opera Reel prize is $100. For more information, contact Jim McKinney at (734) 753-8863 or stringtet@charter.net .

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville
NOTICE FOR BIDS

The City of Belleville will be accepting sealed bids for the repair of three fire trucks (Engine 451, Rescue 453 and Engine 461.) You must have an emergency vehicle technician certification to make a bid. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on September 25, 2014. Contact the City Clerk if you have any questions.

All bids are required to be sealed and marked "Fire Truck Repair" and delivered to the City Clerk. Bids will be opened at the regular scheduled Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on October 6, 2014 held at the Belleville Municipal Building located at 6 Main Street Belleville, MI 48111.

Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: September 18, 2014

Understanding the Law

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

Have you ever filled out an application for employment or college that asks you to disclose your criminal history? The answer is probably yes. Today, almost all applications will ask this question. Unfortunately, for some applicants, the answer is yes.

Maybe the conviction happened years ago when you were younger and more careless. Perhaps you do not even resemble the old you. The question then is simple: can you get a conviction off of your criminal record so that you can honestly tell potential employers and others that you have not been convicted of a crime? The short answer is, probably.

In Michigan, an expungement has the effect of setting aside a conviction. In general, once a conviction is set aside under the expungement statute, the person whose record has been expunged is legally considered not to have been convicted of a crime.

However, not everyone is eligible to have their convictions expunged, and not all convictions are capable of being expunged. For example, if your crime involves a traffic offense such as drunk driving or driving without a license, you may not expunge the conviction.

To help you determine whether you are eligible to have your particular conviction expunged, we strongly urge you to speak with your attorney.

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Public invited to Meet the Candidates at Oct. 2 session at the Moose

The Belleville Area Women's Club invites the public to a Meet the Candidates session at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Belleville Moose Lodge, at the corner of Sumpter and Harris roads.

The candidates invited, who will all be on the November ballot, include those running for the Belleville Area District Library Board and the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

Light refreshments will be available.

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INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

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SEPTEMBER 20 & 21, 9am-dark. 28081 Waltz Rd. House & garage items.Many collectibles, furniture, glassware, sewing items, tools & tool boxes & more. 9/18

GARAGE/YARD SALE

COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE
Sept. 26, 27, 28 • 9am-5pm Daily
RAWSONVILLE WOODS MOBILE ESTATES
10825 Rawsonville Rd.
Between Judd & Talladay
Sumpter Township

OCTOBER 1, 2 & 3, 9am-5pm, Annual Rummage and Bake Sale, 44441 Clay. 10/2

SEPTEMBER 18, 19 & 20, 10am-6pm, 9997 Hamilton Court. Tools, exercise equipment, some furniture, lamps, household items and lots more. 9/18

YARD SALE at 750 W. Huron River Dr. September 18, 19 & 20, 10am-6pm. New red 3-way slow cooker, women's clothing, shoes & purses, toys, glassware & much more. 9/18

SEPTEMBER 19, 9am-5pm & September 20 9am-4pm. Van Buren Eagles, 9981 Beck. Assortment of treasures. (734) 699-8836 9/18

SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, 9am-5pm. 35311 Hazelwood, Westland (between Palmer & Avondale). Hunting clothes, tools/ large tool boxes, craft-table, Mickey Mouse Collectibles, Cherished Teddy Figurines. 9/25

TWO FAMILY huge sale. September 18, 19 & 20, 10am-5pm. 48365 Willis (in the back garage). Clothes, household items, toys, misc. & much more. 9/18

YARD SALE. 46600 Kozma, Saturday & Sunday, September 20 & 21, 9am-5pm. Household items & hosta plants (3 different varieties). 2005 Chevy Silverado Truck, low miles. 9/18

BELLEVILLE MANOR-82 Ponderosa Trail North. September 18, 19 & 20, 10am-4pm. Furniture, kitchen stuff, some tools & misc. 9/18

MULTI-FAMILY sale. September 19, 20 & 21, 10am-5pm. 40829 Judd (between Haggerty and Carleton West). 9/18

"Out of clutter, find simplicity."
– Albert Einstein

FOR SALE

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– Albert Einstein

WANTED

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, Sept. 7:
0114 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
0237 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0253 – noise complaint, Parkwood Manor
0336 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0414 – assault & battery, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0954 – hunting complaint, Cape Condos
1308 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Belleville
1541 – juvenile complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
1612 – larceny, Hoeft Rd.
1814 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
1906 – noise complaint, Ash Dr.
2152 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.

Monday, Sept. 8:
0157 – agency assist, Oxford
0529 – larceny from auto, Colony Ln.
0722 – property damage accident, Belleville
0801 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Hannan Rd.
1008 – breaking & entering, Morton Taylor Rd.
1012 – harassment call, Park Estates
1119 – agency assist, Main/Third
1135 – breaking & entering, Parkwood
1205 – disturbance, Village Green Ln.
1309 – ordinance violation, Monterey Dr.
1347 – malicious destruction of property, Belmont
1500 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1502 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Manor
1515 – noise complaint, Ash Dr.
1602 – assault and battery, Woodbury Dr.
1700 – private property accident, Rawsonville
1901 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1945 – dumping complaint, Belleville Rd.
1958 – ATV/ORV complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr./ Ecorse Rd.
2025 – PPO violation, Maple Dr.
2335 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 9:
0816 – private property accident, Lake Villa Dr.
1037 – assist fire dept., WB I-94/Belleville Rd.
1236 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
1832 – fight, S. Ponderosa Trl./Holly Ln.
1850 – breaking & entering, Sylvia Dr.
1938 – fraud, Hardwood Dr.
1945 – missing person, Sheldon Rd.
2038 – assault & battery, Savage Rd.
2050 – assault & battery, Sawgrass Ct.
2156 – larceny, Brandi
2202 – suspicious situation, Bog/Rawsonville
2208 – fraud, Anna Dr.
2352 – noise complaint, Mida

Wednesday, Sept. 10:
0304 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0843 – mental, Lighthouse Dr.
0934 – suspicious person, Belleville
1117 – agency assist, Maple Dr.
1132 – mental, Belleville Rd.
1401 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1505 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
1601 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1648 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville
1910 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 11:
0357 – noise complaint, N. Woodbury Dr.
0750 – suspicious person, Hardwood Dr.
0812 – private property accident, Village Green Ln.
1013 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1126 – breaking & entering, Rawsonville Rd.
1130 – trespassing, Van Born Rd.
1134 – assault & battery, Belleville
1134 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1259 – larceny, Morton Taylor/Tyler Rd.
1325 – breaking & entering, Locust Dr.
1354 – fraud, Quirk Rd.
1639 – fraud, Denton Rd.
1645 – mental, Quirk Rd.
1708 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1719 – dumping complaint, Tyler Rd.
1804 – juvenile complaint, Amanda Dr.
1808 – noise complaint, Country Walk Blvd.
1808 – noise complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1958 – noise complaint, Cherry Ln.
2036 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
2209 – mental, Rolan Meadows Dr.
2259 – property damage accident, Martz/Lohr
2301 – overdose, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.

Friday, Sept. 12:
0109 – mental, W. Huron River Dr./Lake Pointe Blvd.
0712 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
1037 – agency assist, Lighthouse Dr.
1101 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1320 – larceny, Lighthouse Dr.
1435 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1521 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1526 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1733 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr.
1918 – assault and battery, Hannan Rd.
2000 – harassment call, Hull Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 13:
0248 – noise complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0408 – noise complaint, Belleridge
0511 – property damage accident, Lighthouse
0657 – assault & battery, Dalton Dr.
0850 – fraud, Jeremy Rd.
0948 – breaking & entering, Maple Dr.
1212 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1224 – assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1245 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1326 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1425 – PPO violation, Hull Rd.
1659 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
1733 – noise complaint, Ash Dr.
1738 – juvenile complaint, Jackson St.
1845 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1932 – missing person, E. Adams
2039 – fireworks, Salem Ct.
2047 – mental, Belleville Rd.
2127 – fireworks, Ecorse/Sylvan Valley
2300 – noise complaint, Martinsville Rd.
2330 – assault & battery, S. Woodbury Dr.

Also on this week's log are 174 traffic stops, with 18 of those stops on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 7:
0038 – E-911 hang up/investigation, N. Aberdeen
0129 – suspicious person, Belle Plaza
0137 – agency assist, Rawsonville
0142 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
0440 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0802 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1311 – animal complaint, Light Tower Dr.
1628 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.
1641 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1735 – E-911 hang up/investigation, South St.
1957 – assist fire dept., Bedell St.
2026 – disorderly conduct, South St.

Monday, Sept. 8:
0128 – suicide or attempt, Oxford
0548 – intrusion alarm, Third St.
0720 – assist fire dept., Main St.
0929 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1117 – property damage accident, Third/Main
1203 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1411 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1458 – fraud, Main St.
1559 – background investigation, Main St.
1706 – domestic assault, Henry St.
2013 – intrusion alarm, South St.
2042 – malicious destruction of property, W. Columbia Ave.

Tuesday, Sept. 9:
0843 – harassment call, Owen
1004 – suspicious vehicle, W. Columbia Ave.
1034 – suspicious person, Robbe
1409 – animal complaint, 5 Points
1746 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
1748 – domestic assault, Henry St.
2055 – assist citizen, Main St.
2152 – agency assist, Cork & Bottle
2255 – assist citizen, Main St.

Wednesday, Sept. 10:
0009 – suspicious situation, Astor Pl.
0230 – background investigation, Main St.
0745 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
0927 – larceny, Owen St.
1009 – parking complaint, Second/Main St.
2024 – sexual assault, Henry St.
2033 – larceny, Third St.
2141 – juvenile complaint, N. Edgemont Ave.
2150 – sexual assault, Estrada

Thursday, Sept. 11:
0119 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.
0216 – miscellaneous complaint, W. Columbia
0800 – assist citizen, E. Huron River Dr.
1310 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
1710 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
1841 – welfare check, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1852 – abandoned auto, Sumpter Rd.
1926 – malicious destruction of property, E. Huron River Dr.
1947 – domestic assault, Church of God

Friday, Sept. 12:
0036 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
0107 – animal complaint, Potter Dr./E. Huron River Dr.
1118 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1134 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
1336 – suspicious vehicle, Estrada Dr./Belle Villa
1758 – agency assist, Edison Ave.
2002 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2038 – welfare check, Bayou & Egan's

Saturday, Sept. 13:
0406 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
0617 – assist fire dept., Main St.
0642 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1219 – intimidation threat, Carmell/Belle Villa
1407 – animal complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1537 – water leak found, Third
1554 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1617 – animal complaint, N. Liberty St.
1737 – assist fire dept., W. Columbi Ave.
1802 – assist fire dept., Biggs Ave.
1928 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
2109 – suspicious situation, W. Davis St.
2202 – harassment call, South St.

Also on this week's log are 25 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 7:
0011 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0131 – larceny, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0815 – traffic hazard, Judd/Elwell
1610 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1709 – property damage accident, Savage/Bemis
1724 – dumping complaint, Willis/Haggerty
1751 – warrant arrest, out of township
1912 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1916 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1940 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
2013 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2126 – citizen assist, Bemis/Savage

Monday, Sept. 8:
0738 – civil dispute, Montana
1243 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
1522 – fraud complaint, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1603 – citizen assist, Montana
1651 – juvenile complaint, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1842 – civil dispute, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2000 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2009 – runaway juvenile, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2237 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2345 – civil dispute, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 9:
0012 – suspicious vehicle, Willow/Sumpter
0435 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
0955 – ordinance violation, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1028 – criminal sexual conduct investigation, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
1256 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Clark Rd.
1336 – assist other agency, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1406 – abandoned vehicle, Carleton West/Judd
1408 – larceny, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1409 – citizen assist, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
1449 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1720 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1752 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Weimer Dr.
1805 – well-being check, Bemis/Rawsonville
1832 – citizen assist, Montana
1855 – suspicious incident, Wyoming
1912 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
2034 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2041 – traffic hazard, Kozma/Wilmot
2100 – traffic hazard, Sumpter/Willis
2149 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2322 – suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 10:
0838 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
0921 – reckless driver complaint, Rawsonville / Willis
1241 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1521 – neighbor dispute, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1852 – well-being check, Dogwood
1857 – minor in possession violation, Rawsonville / Rustic Ln.
1945 – harassment complaint, Montana
2129 – suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
2150 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 11:
1014 – fraud complaint, Utah
1038 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.
1320 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1350 – larceny, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1353 – ordinance violation, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1445 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1620 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1846 – threats complaint, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1916 – assist other agency, 7300 bl. Rawsonville
1945 – suspicious incident, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
2119 – subpoena service, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
2340 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, Sept. 12:
0203 – traffic hazard, Bemis/RR crossing
0718 – family trouble, Walnut
1115 – down wires, Willis/Sumpter
1205 – traffic hazard, Karr/Willow
1551 – malicious destruction of property, Nevada
1804 – subpoena service, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
2010 – suspicious person, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
2105 – threats complaint, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
2147 – suspicious vehicle, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2153 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2236 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Judd

Saturday, Sept. 13:
0747 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0845 – assist other agency, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
0930 – assist other agency, 21000 bl. Fenster
1056 – missing person report, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1418 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1452 – missing person recovered, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1816 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1840 – down wires, Lohr/Sully
2311 – larceny, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2341 – larceny, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2350 – civil dispute, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
2359 – larceny, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Also on this week's log are 17 follow-up investigations, 33 miscellaneous details, 138 patrol checks, and 37 traffic stops.

Birthdays

Sept. 15 – Jeff Green
Sept. 16 – Ronald Stiver
Sept. 22 – Luke White, Jim Posegay, Pat Marshall
Sept. 23 – Jennifer Scott
Sept. 24 – Ray Pokerwinski
Sept. 25 – Hugh McArthur, Sarah Rohn
Sept. 28 – Kevin Gage Moore, Brittany Scott

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LOADED WITH ALL OF THE EXTRAS. LARGE 3 Bedroom 3 Bath home with formal dining room, living room, office, sitting room and more. Huge room sizes Plus New Roof. 6 Car Garages with Large Barn and Out Buildings. Pavesd Street and On 19+ Acres. THE BEST OF COUNTRY LIVING. Lots more to see on this one. Just $275,000

49075 ARKONA, SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
ENJOY THE PLEASURES OF PRIVACY in this picturesque 37 ACRE FARM. Extraordinary 2 bedroom (was 3 - with expanded master) 2 bath Brick Ranch. Large Basement, shows extremely well and has many updates. Large Pole Barn, pond, 37+ acres. $250,000 Call Ashlee at Greenstone Farm Credit Services (734) 625-3813 ADDITIONAL 40 acres available.

429 HARBOUR POINTE, BELLEVILLE
CUSTOM BUILT brick and vinyl 3 bedroom Cape Cod with large master suite plus sitting room and huge master bath, hardwood floors, family room, double fireplaces, 2 1/2 baths, large basement, three seasons room and properly landscaped with deck. 2 1/2 car attached garage. Great neighborhood. Immediate Occupancy. $189,000.

224 ABERDEEN, BELLEVILLE
EVERYTHING'S LIKE NEW IN THIS DECKED OUT 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial with NEW roof (2014), NEW deck (2014), NEW granite countertops (2013), NEW energy efficient furnace (2013) plus newer windows - wood floors - water heater. Other must see features include vaulted ceilings, natural fireplace, stainless steel appliances and professionally finished walkout basement to a brick paver patio and fenced yard. $179,900

156 CHANEY, VAN BUREN, TOWNSHIP
SECLUDED AND HIDDEN BY NATURE This Updated 2 Bedroom 1 Bath Home Features an Updated Kraft Maid Kitchen with Granite Counter Tops, Window and Door Wall Upgrades plus Newer Deck and Driveway. Offering Hardwood Floors, Two Fireplaces, Large Laundry and a Like New Bath. The Rear Yard provides a Great Escape $115,000

9502 HAGGERTY, VAN BUREN
CAR COLLECTORS DREAM! Load up the pole barns with 30+ cars! 5+ acre brick ranch offering 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, finished basement plus large family room & bar. Paved street and 2 huge pole barns. Possible rezoning to commercial use. It's clean and neat with new carpet and fresh paint. This one shows new! Offered at $214,900

45679 ECORSE, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
THE FINAL WORD ON VALUE. Affordable 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath home with Huge Master Bedroom & Master Bath, New Flooring, Bright and Open Kitchen, Paved Street and Close to Everything. Neat, Clean and ready for the new buyer. IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY - just move in. Offered at just $79,900

44233 HARMONY LANE, VAN BUREN
BELLEVILLE LAKE FRONT ESTATE. Indoor olympic pool & whirlpool, multiple fireplaces, skylights, large bath with bidet, family room with fireplace, 4 1/2 baths and 5 bedrooms. Many newer improvemants, 350 ft lake frontage on 2+ acres with boathouse and tennis court. This is a Castle to make one feel like Royalty.. $699,000

500 HURON RIVER DRIVE, BELLEVILLE
HIGHEST QUALITY! Brick Commercial building in the City of Belleville. Former florist, coffee house, and bakery with potential for immediate franchise opportunity and occupancy. The quality, potential and design of this newer (2002) constructed building are beyond description. $795,000