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The last Belleville Farmers' Market of the season is 4 to 7:30 p.m., next Monday, Sept. 28. This year's market was the fourth year and it has been the most successful in its history, with people coming in crowds to buy fresh fruits and vegetables, baked good, crafts, and other items. The Belleville High School class of 2021's bottle and can drive is also under way at the market to earn funds for next year's graduation party. A special Harvest Market is set at the Fourth Street Square from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10, also sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community.

VBT gets \$572,336 reimbursement for public safety workers

On Thursday, Sept. 17, Van Buren Township's Public Safety Department was awarded \$572,336 toward payroll reimbursement for Public Safety workers who kept residents safe during the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order issued by the State of Michigan in March of 2020.

On July 1, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed Public Act 123 of 2020, which appropriated \$200 million for the Public Safety and Public Health Payroll Reimbursement Program.

"We've been looking high and low for any grants that help the township recoup any cost related to COVID-19," said

township Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "I was pleased the state has allocated funds for our front-line heroes."

"We've now been reimbursed from the state in receiving \$572,336 to help offset the cost of payroll and fringe expenditures for front-line workers who have performed hazardous duty and experienced physical hardship related to COVID-19," said Director of Public Safety Greg Laurain. "I want to thank our staff for all their hard work as we continue to keep our community safe during the pandemic. We're One-Department One-Team that is here to help during any time of need."

The grant program used federal funding available to the State of Michigan through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act.

Another part of PA 123 set aside \$100

million for First Responder Hazard Pay Premiums to first responders. VBT has pursued this grant as well and is waiting to hear back from the state.

Sumpter attorney reaches out to public for info on 'missing funds'

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

There were no business items on the agenda for the Sept. 8 in-person meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees and township attorney Rob Young spent most of the 45-minute meeting reporting on his investigation of charges brought in a letter signed by James Clark, Democrat candidate for treasurer, which was printed in the *Independent* on July 30.

Young said Supervisor John Morgan asked him to investigate the charge that money was missing and so he sent an Aug. 28 inquiry letter to board members and staff members asking if they knew about any missing money.

At the meeting he read his long letter, with pauses for personal comments.

Then he read eight letters from board members, staff members, and the auditor

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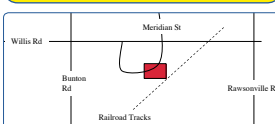
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Zoom Court Watching

Competency exams set for defendant in four Sumpter Twp. murders

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green approved setting competency exams for Raymond Lee Bailey, 37, of Wyandotte who is charged with four murders in Sumpter Township on Aug. 15.

This is expected to delay Bailey's case by from six to eight weeks.

Bailey is in the Wayne County Jail with no bond for the shooting deaths of two men and two women, all cousins, in a Martinsville Road home: Laura Tanner, Sarah Grupa, Neil Sampson, and Forrest Sampson.

He is charged with four counts of first-degree murder and four counts of felony firearm.

On Sept. 16, 35 people watched his Zoom probable cause conference at the 34th District Court.

Appointed defense attorney Sharon Clark Woodside said Bailey intended to retain counsel, but Judge Green noted there is no notice of any attorney filing as attorney of record in the file. She said there is voluminous discovery.

"I paid an attorney \$1,000 and he spoke with me for ten minutes. That was it," said Bailey by Zoom from the jail. "I had an understanding I could have a retained lawyer."

Judge Green asked if the attorney was retained.

Bailey said, "Yes, I had a lawyer and they said I ran out of time. I was denied my right to my attorney."

Judge Green admonished Bailey for talking so much and said it was a simple question. Yes or no. Does he have a retained attorney?

"I'm going to mute you if you don't stop talking," Judge Green said and Bailey replied, "I never had a voice anyway. Mute me and do whatever you wish."

Judge Green said the defendant was arraigned on Aug. 19 and it's almost 60 days later. There is no retained attorney in the file and she does not want to delay.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Tara Hindelang said she spoke to defense attorney Ali Hammoud the day before and he said he would not file until payment is made. If it is not made, he would not file an appearance.

Judge Green said she wants to proceed with this case and can't wait for the possibility there's going to be a payment or an attorney sometime.

She said she will proceed with the presumption that Woodside will be the attorney on this case. Woodside asked to be



Raymond Lee Bailey, who is charged with four Sumpter Township murders, attended a court session via Zoom on Sept. 16 from the Wayne County Jail where he is being held without bond. Also present were, 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green, at left, above; Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Tara Hindelang, at left below; and Bailey's appointed defense attorney Sharon Clark Woodside.

put in a Zoom breakout room with Bailey and Judge Green did so.

When Woodside came out of the break, she said, "He's a little frustrated, 'cause he can't... I probably will represent him for a while. Could I have a few more minutes? The breakout room session died."

After coming out of her second brief conference with Bailey, Woodside said she spoke with Bailey during a jail visit and, "I think I should refer Mr. Bailey for a criminal responsibility for this matter." She said she had reviewed 100 pages of the discovery.

She also said she would like him referred for waiver of Miranda and for responsibility and competency – "all of it." Prosecutor Hindelang said there is a Miranda statement on video.

Judge Green spoke to Bailey saying they will have a psychiatrist come and talk to him and asked if he understood. He did not reply.

"He's choosing not to speak to me and that's OK," Judge Green said.

Bailey said, "You're going in and out and I'm not hearing you," referring to the Zoom connection.

Defense attorney Woodside told Bailey she would come down to the jail later that day to see him, if she can.

Prosecutor Hindelang said she would transfer all the discovery directly to the forensic center to make sure it has everything.

Judge Green said there is no date for the next court session. She said when she gets the report back, she'll give a date. She said the court office will put a control date on the case and track it.

Allen Alexander Tabb

Allen Alexander Tabb of Detroit was charged with armed robbery and assault

with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) on Jan. 22 in Van Buren Township. Cash bond was set at \$50,000 and then on April 1 lowered to \$10,000 cash or surety and bond was posted and he was released with a tether.

A live preliminary exam had been scheduled for Sept. 9 before Judge Oakley and then postponed until Sept. 21. Then, because Sept. 21 was not a good date for defense attorney Brandy Robinson who was tied up at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice that day, it was reset to Oct. 7. Defendant Tabb also was in the Lenawee County Jail, so a writ for him to be brought to court had to be generated.

Joseph Raymond Cox

The live preliminary exam for Joseph Raymond Cox, 37, of Van Buren Township has been adjourned until Oct. 7. He is charged with receiving and concealing stolen property worth \$20,000 or more and larceny of \$20,000 or more on Oct. 31, 2019 in Van Buren Township. He is free on \$2,000 personal bond.

Steven Patrick Murray

Steven Patrick Murray, 57, of Wayne had his probable cause conference again adjourned for discovery until Sept. 23. Murray is charged with carrying a concealed weapon and driving while license suspended on July 14 in Van Buren Township. He is free on \$10,000 personal bond.

Kelly Gene Hamilton

Kelly Gene Hamilton, 49, of Van Buren Township had his live preliminary exam before Judge Green on Sept. 15 on a charge of domestic violence – third offense notice on Aug. 8 in Van Buren Township. Judge Green bound him over to circuit court for a Sept. 29 arraignment on the information. He is free on \$5,000 personal bond.

Johnnie Lee Goodman

Johnnie Lee Goodman, 29, of Van Buren Township had his arraignment and probable cause conference set for Sept. 23 on a new charge of criminal sexual conduct – fourth degree – (force or coercion) on July 10 in Van Buren Township.

His probable cause conference will also be held Sept. 23 on previous charges of assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer and domestic violence on March 23 in Van Buren Township.

Nakiote Darnell Lewis

Nakiote Darnell Lewis, 62, of Van Buren Township will have a live preliminary exam at 2 p.m., Sept. 23, on charges of home invasion first degree, aggravated assault, and assault and battery on July 20, 2019 in Van Buren Township.

Ashley Ryan Hampton

Ashley Ryan Hampton, 37, of River Rouge had his probable cause conference adjourned from the original Sept. 9 until Sept. 23 on three charges of criminal sexual conduct – 1st degree (relationship) on Jan. 1, 2014 in Sumpter Township.

He was arraigned Sept. 1 and is free on \$5,000 personal bond. Defense attorney is Thomas Reed Quartz.

Prosecutor Abigail McIntyre said a Kids Talk video will be sent over to Quartz after a protection order is signed, along with the police report and witness statement.

Ramon Omar Dorr-Horton

Ramon Omar Dorr-Horton, 28, of Van Buren Township, had his probable cause conference adjourned from Sept. 9 until Sept. 30 to face charges of carrying a concealed weapon, driving while license suspended, and driving with open intoxicants on Aug. 27 in Belleville.

Defense attorney Michael Carter said his client was still in the Wayne County Jail because he had no permanent address. He said his client is age 28, working at Applebee's and had a firearm in the trunk of his car and it was not loaded. Bond was set at \$20,000/10%.

Dorr-Horton told Judge Oakley that he lived in Harbour Club apartments and they were letting him stay past the end of his lease because of COVID. He was he would be moving to Huron Estates in Belleville.

Prosecutor Lori Mireles-Smith pointed out the defendant has several bench warrants and charges of DWLS, disorderly, and civil. He has a \$430 payment plan that comes due to start on Sept. 11 and he's still in jail. Judge Oakley moved the payment plan to start Oct. 9 and reduced his bond to \$5,000 personal bond. He told Dorr-Horton that he has to start taking care of business.

Austin Robert Vivrette

Austin Robert Vivrette, 23, of Van Buren Township, had his probable cause conference adjourned until Sept. 30 to face charges of assault with a dangerous
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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

How to maneuver around the Huron River bridge?

We don't know how long the East River Drive bridge over the Huron River will be closed, but drivers are maneuvering through the Metro Park and through New Boston and through the City of Belleville to get where they have to go and it hasn't been pleasant.

The traffic in downtown Belleville has been terrific, with semis and long lines of cars. But, once you get through the few blocks of the city, driving is unobstructed.

A senior citizen came into our office to complain about having to pay to drive through the Metro Park on her way to her Van Buren Township home from card games in eastern communities. She said her son gave her a pass for the Metro Park, but she gave it back, telling him to use it for his children.

We do pay taxes for the Metro Parks and then have to pay extra to enter them, which doesn't seem right, so we can understand her concerns.

The stores in the strip mall at Haggerty and East Huron River Drive report a severe loss of customers since the bridge closed.

There is a big crane at work at the site and reports that the whole thing could be completed by Christmas.

One can only hope. People remember the closure of the bridge in New Boston that was so long, businesses closed their doors. Let's hope this is different.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

At Monday's city council meeting, interim city manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz asked the council to keep the driver and the family of the city's driver in their thoughts and prayers. She referred to Joy Akans, who drove the senior transportation van for many years and died Sept. 8.

She said Joy fell in the back yard of her home and broke her leg and crawled back to the house. She then was diagnosed with terminal cancer and died Sept. 8. Kobylarz said Joy found a replacement for herself as driver.

She also said the city's accounts payable clerk is taking a couple of days off because her mother had a stroke and she's dealing with that.

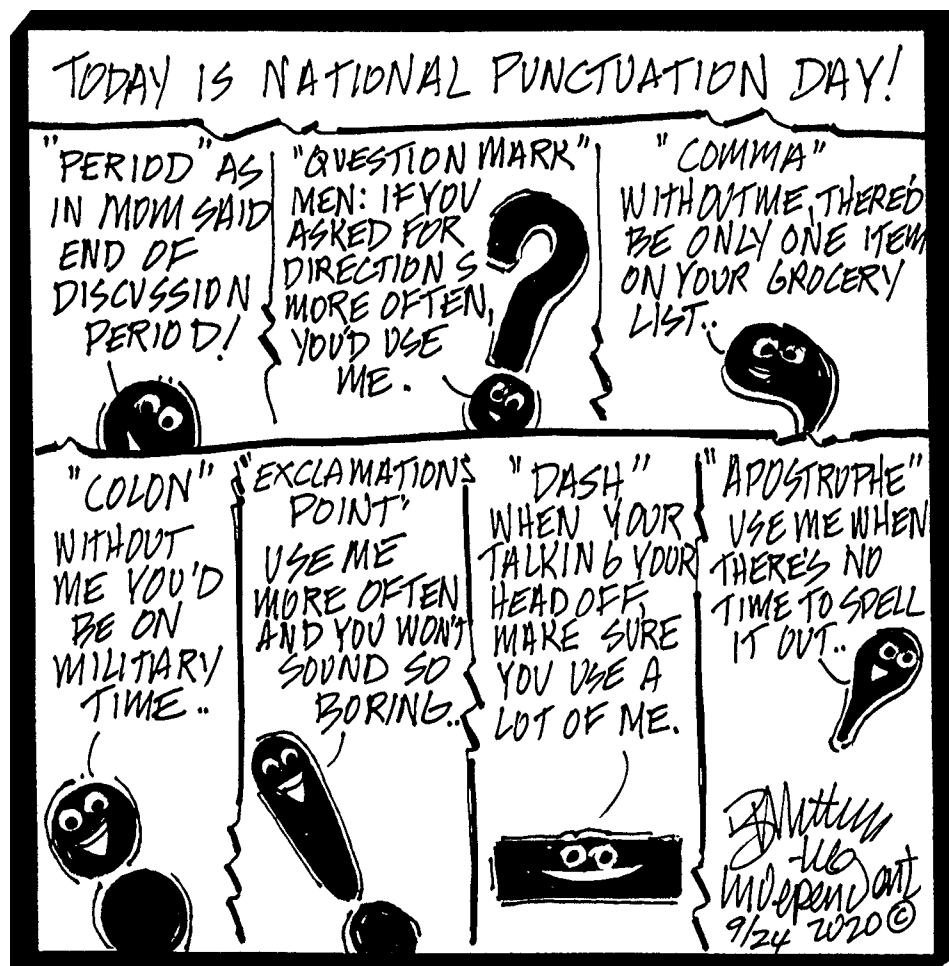
Most police departments urge residents, "If you see something, say something." In Sumpter that doesn't seem to be the case. Toni Clark saw something strange that she thought was illegal and called police. She got ticketed by the police chief for filing a "false report of a misdemeanor."

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For many months, I have been receiving treats from a secret friend, who drops off bags of goodies with my name written on the bag and then leaves, without a word. The fresh fruit and sweets are so good. On Monday she dropped off a heavy bag that contained lots of bottles of all sizes of hand sanitizers and a box of single-use masks. And, a delicious lemon cake.

I seldom accept gifts from people because I want to be free of owing anything to anyone so I can present the news freely. There are exceptions. Some of our readers just love to drop off plates of cookies. Our

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



late friend Joy Akans was a great baker of goodies and bring things to us when she was making oodles of good things for church or family or some other event.

With my secret pal, I can't refuse because I don't see her. I know it's a woman from the time I saw her briefly before she left. One time she handed a bag to someone outside coming into our building and asked the person to deliver it to me.

This is all to say: Thank you. I appreciate your surprises and the message that you value what we do here.

Currently, our paper is printed at a print plant in Adrian and the plant is no longer going to be printing newspapers, so we are changing printers. Our new printers are in Davisburg, and actually we'd been with them before until we got a significantly lower rate. They are great and our schedule will be a little tighter on Wednesday morning, but we can do it.

When we started at Adrian, we were encouraged to switch to the heavier paper stock that they liked, so we did. Now, we are going back to the print plant that uses the lighter-weight newsprint, like in the early days of our paper.

In about a month, you'll see a difference in the paper.

A family member called to tell me his wife was in hospice and to ask me to help write an obituary.

That got me to thinking about others. It would really be a great gift to survivors for people to write their own obituaries, so everything would be right and the obituaries would contain what people wanted to be remembered for.

I've had my obituary ready for many years, with some blank spaces for when I died, etc. We all die. That's part of life. I've had survivors in my office struggling, in tears, with what to put in an obituary and we work together and get something written.

An obituary, written by the person himself/herself, would be a gift to survivors. One less thing to do.

And, a clear, sharp picture would be nice. Just a thought. A gift to survivors.

At Tuesday's Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority meeting it was noted how active the Harris pocket park, just south of Aldi's, has become. DDA Director Susan Ireland said when leaving the DDA office on Sept. 17 she saw ballet dancers, karate practice and a band playing music. Before Tuesday's meeting, she saw tap and ballet. DDA member Joyce Rochowiak said the Belleville Rotary Club would be meeting there, as well, on Tuesday.



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Letters

It's been 'Sheer Happiness' for Athena

To the editor:

Autumn is here and before the flowers are gone, I would like to mention the theme of the flowers in Belleville this year was "Sheer Happiness on behalf of Athena," the lady who was seen often walking in the community.

Last fall she was walking in the rain and I stopped and drove her home. We had a conversation about the flowers and I asked her what she thought would be a good theme for the next year.

And she lit up and said, "Sheer Happiness with pastel colors and bubbles." I wrote it down and after hearing she had passed over the winter, we did the theme "Sheer Happiness in Memory of Athena."

Susan Oberdorf
Pioneer Landscaping

We have great, caring, young people here

To the editor:

I am writing this letter to let all who read this know what great, wonderful, and caring young people there are in our community.

Last Thursday, Sept. 17, around 4:30 p.m., I fell in my garage. I have too much stuff. I could not get up as my left leg was tucked under me. I kept looking for someone to help me. Then a young man rode by across the street on his bike. I yelled as loud as I could. To make a long story short, he stopped at my driveway and then two more young men walking stopped. I yelled I needed help. Long story short, all three came to my aid.

They got in front of me, grabbed my arms and I was up. I thanked them again and again. I got my purse and gave them each money and told them they were worth every penny. They all had on their masks and I told them I would like to give them all a big hug, but we had to keep our distance.

They left and then came back up my driveway to ask if I was sure I was OK or did I need their help. I told them how special they were. Polite and really cared about helping me. Told them to tell their parents what a good deed they did. I

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have their names and grades. They are in Belleville High School. I want everyone to know who they are: Marcus Voigt, a junior; Jaden Jackson Henley, a junior; and Walton, a sophomore.

Thank you, again, and God Bless You.
Kathy Niemann
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The lake safety meeting was not fake news

To the editor:

My comment is in regards to the *unknown resident* who said the story about a meeting with residents and police was fake news. It is not! Rick and I both attended that meeting. We met in the shelter at Quirk Park on Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

There were at least 40 residents there. Some live on the lake; while some do not live on the lake, but do use it for boating, swimming, fishing, etc. There were also a number of law enforcement officers in attendance from VBT, Wayne County Sheriff, and the DNR.

The meeting came about due to concerns over some boaters and jet skiers who are not following Michigan boating rules. There have been issues with boaters and jet skiers not following "WAKE" zone rules, not going counterclockwise when boating or using a jet ski, operating a boat or jet ski in an unsafe/reckless manner. Those are just a few of the reasons for the meeting with law enforcement.

As for the *unknown resident* who said he has only seen a police boat once this season, he may have only seen a police boat once, but many of us who use the lake have seen them throughout the summer. You can't see what is going on from one end of the lake to the other if all you are doing is looking out the window as boats pass by your house.

Boater Safety classes are offered to Michigan residents every year for a nominal fee. Anyone can *GOOGLE* "Boater Safety Class" and get more information about where and when they can sign up for a class. It is in the interests of all who use our lake to know how to safely pilot a boat or jet ski.

If you contact VBT-PD I'm sure they would be glad to give you the facts about the meeting, rather than the fake news you received from the *unknown resident*.

Mary Jane Dawson
Belleville

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Written by Jolenne Ciaverella

More Letters

Get out and vote to remove rotten apples

To the editor:

There seems to be a lack of interest in the upcoming election for President. I see very few signs in yards, but see many campaign TV ads for candidates.

I'm sure the COVID-19 has a lot to do with people not canvassing for their candidates and for that I am glad that some campaign officials realize that they don't want to spread the virus further among the voters. Wearing masks, keeping distance and not attending huge crowd events is a plus. I am sorry to see so many of our citizens have succumbed to the coronavirus.

It is sad to say goodbye to Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg who made her transition earlier this week. I wonder how her death will affect the balance of the court. Justice Ginsburg was a strong supporter for justice for women rights. I would like to see the selection for Justice Ginsburg's seat be held by the new President. As you

"There is a cult of ignorance in the United States, and there has always been. The strain of anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that 'my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge.'"

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may remember the Congress disallowed former President Obama to appoint a new Justice and also refused to honor any of his bills / propositions. It was a stalemate situation that Congress could or would not give President Obama the chance to make a Supreme Court selection.

However, this Congress has changed the rules and the President now in office gets to choose a new justice to fill Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's seat. Will this sort of action continue for all future presidents?

Just thinking how things change at will and the voting public has nothing to say about the rule changes.

This is why it is very important to select candidates by their integrity, responsibility and commitment to the PEOPLE WHOM THEY SERVE. So everyone get out and VOTE. It is the only way the rotten apples can be removed.

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Elizabeth Louise
Kurczewski

ELIZABETH L. KURCZEWSKI

(February 21, 1940 – September 14, 2020)

Elizabeth "Betty" Louise Kurczewski, age 80, long-time Belleville area resident, passed away peacefully Monday, September 14th in the presence of family. She was born February 21, 1940 in Ottawa, Canada, daughter of James Maurice and Anna Gertrude (McInnis) Flynn. Betty is survived by her devoted husband of 53 years, Henry John Kurczewski; three children: Michael John (Susan) Kurczewski of Jackson, MI, Ian Christopher Kurczewski of Belleville, MI, and Amy Elizabeth (Edward) Koontz of Troy, MI; five grandchildren: Heather Harris, Jason Sharp, Christopher Steele, Matthew and Megan Koontz; two great-grandchildren: Spencer and Tessa; three brothers: Robert (Genevieve) Flynn of Aylmer, Quebec, Michael (Phyllis) Flynn of Fort Erie, Ontario, and Thomas (Karen) Flynn of Gloucester, Ontario, all of Canada; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Betty appreciated education and achieved a nursing degree in 1964 from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in Montreal, Canada. She maintained her nursing license throughout her life and utilized it in multiple capacities to help the underserved and vulnerable. She later earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1973 and Master's degree in Psychology from the University of Detroit in 1979. She was a founding Director at Quest, Inc., which provided housing and services to developmentally disabled adults, for 20 years before she retired. During her retirement, Betty studied and trained to perform ultrasounds on young women at Family Life Services in Ypsilanti, MI. She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, where she was active in St. Theresa's Circle. She was also a member of Belleville Area Council for the Arts. Betty and Henry enjoyed spending their summers on Russell Island in Algonac, MI. Most of all, Betty enjoyed traveling with her husband and friends as well as spending time with her family creating memories.

Visitation will be 2-8 PM with a 7 PM Rosary on Friday, September 25, 2020, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. The Rosary will be livestreamed through the Facebook page of the David C. Brown Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Saturday, September 26, 2020, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI. Father John Kiselica will serve as Celebrant. The family will welcome friends 10-11 AM at church. Interment will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Family Life Services, Ypsilanti, MI, <https://flsfriends.org/> and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Eric Christopher Silvenis

ERIC CHRISTOPHER SILVENIS

(May 21, 1972 – September 12, 2020)

Eric Christopher Silvenis, age 48, died Saturday, September 12, 2020.

He was born May 21, 1972 in Wayne, MI. He graduated from Belleville High School, Class of 1990, and Washtenaw Community College. He held many certificates for heating, cooling and was a boiler operator. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy for four years.

His love of music was a passion with song writing and publishing many 45 records. He published and cut the first records for The Von Bondies and The henchmen. Direct Hit, Northern Mutt and Sludge Records were some of his labels. He was part of The Livernoise band with his Brothers. His many friends from England would treat him like royalty when visiting Detroit for the 5-day Detroit A Go Go shows celebrating Northern Soul.

His constant generosity, humor and especially his loving personality was always present. Once Eric knew someone had an interest in something he would drop by with a gift to support it. A book on learning how to play guitar or hot wheels cars for a child with an interest. He would also be that friend that would be right there for you if you needed something. Eric suffered from Bipolar Disorder for the last 20 years that was controlled by medication. Bipolar Disorder and Depression are such unforgiving diseases. You can be smiling on the outside and dying on the inside. You can say all the right things to keep folks at bay and battle the voices inside that can be relentless in their negative message. When you are at your lowest, you cannot see the light even though you are surrounded by those who love you. These disorders are so cruel, they can leave all those loved ones with a broken heart. Please pray for the families and people who have to battle these illnesses every day.

Eric is survived by his father Glenn (Sharon) Silvenis of Belleville, MI, two brothers: Aaron (Lindsay) Silvenis of Bloomfield Hills, MI and Adam Silvenis of Taylor, MI, and their mother Christine Silvenis (who helped to raise Eric since the time he was 7) of Dearborn, MI; three nephews: Jonah, Gabriel and Slayton; six aunts and uncles: Patty (Brent) Seppanen of Minnesota, Bill Strang of Inkster, MI, Leonard (Linda) Silvenis of Garden City, MI, Don (Anna) Silvenis of Pinckney, MI, Scott (Joyce) Silvenis of Tennessee and Donna (Chris) Lochrie of Belleville, MI; his best friend Dave Wiczorek; also numerous extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother Susie Hall, also an aunt Amy Talley.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a private funeral service was held on Friday, September 18, 2020 at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. It continues to be streamed on the funeral home Facebook page. Interment was held at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen and would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for keeping Eric and his family in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

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Obituaries



John S. Dawe

JOHN S. DAWE

(September 24, 1932 - September 13, 2020)

John S. Dawe, age 87, long-time Belleville area resident, formerly of Canton and Jackson, MI, passed away Sunday, September 13, 2020 at Kresge Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, Chelsea, MI. He was born September 24, 1932 in Wayne County, MI, son of Clarence Buckingham & Edna (Riecks) Dawe. He was married to Laverne (Liimatta) Dawe for 24 years.

John graduated from Dearborn High School, class of 1950. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. He received his bachelor's degree in Economics and Psychology from Albion College in 1955 where he was a part of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. He was a District Traffic Manager for Michigan Bell in Jackson, MI, and retired from AT&T after more than 30 years of loyal service. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Belleville, MI. John was an avid bowler and golfer, but more than anything, he loved the lake life and boating. John lived on Belleville Lake for over 35 years and kept his SeaRay boats on the Detroit River for many years as well. He was also a member of the Kean's Marina and the West River Yacht Club.

Mr. Dawe is survived by three children: Sandra (Barry) Myers of Newport, MI, Scott Dawe of Houston, Texas and Doug (Lori) Dawe of Orlando, Florida; three step-children: Cheryl McKinnie, Scott McKinnie and Laura O'Kray; 9 grandchildren: Sean Myers, Kyle (Elizabeth) Myers, Jaime (Nick) Riley, Steven Dawe, Wesley Dawe, Kayla (Ethan) Paxton, Larissa (Connor) Neve, Katrina (Justin) Lewandowski and Parker Dawe; 3 step-grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren: Skylar, Aurora, Dash and Karter with another great-granddaughter on-the-way; niece and nephews: Randy (Laura) Dawe, Marcia (Mike) Rinker and Curtis Dawe; also several great-nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Laverne Dawe, also brother Newman "Newt" Dawe.

Cremation rites have been accorded. The family will host a gathering Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 1-4 PM with a Memorial Service at 4 PM at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764, (734) 697-4500. Rev. Jim Walker will officiate. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, there is a limit of ten (10) people in the building at one time. Face coverings are required inside the building. The service will be live-streamed on Brown's Facebook page for anyone to watch during and afterward.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Belleville First United Methodist Church.



Arturo Buendia

ARTURO BUENDIA

(March 1, 1956 - September 16, 2020)

Arturo Buendia, age 64, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at University Hospitals, Ann Arbor, MI from a brief battle with Lymphoma. He was born March 1, 1956 in Colombia, South America, son of Arturo Buendia Medina & Beatriz (Salavarría) Buendia.

He moved to America at a young age. He graduated from High School, class of 1974, and then he proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He worked for TTI in support of Chrysler Corporation. He enjoyed playing the drums, riding his Harley motorcycle, and was a proud member of the National Rifle Association. He loved cars and talking politics. Most of all, he was proud he became a United States Citizen on December 11, 2014 and loved supporting Donald Trump.

Art is survived by his wife Sonya, his daughter Daniela Buendia (Justin Shepard) of Garden City, MI; 9 step-children: Glenn Domke of Garden City, MI, Stacey Bonecutter (Mark) of Manistee, MI, Angela Bennett (Robert) of Fort Wayne, IN, Jennifer Peters (Brian) of Livonia, MI, Aaron Domke (Monika) of Livonia, MI, Jeremy Cottrell of Dearborn Heights, MI, Suzanna Cottrell of Milford, MI, Chris (Keilie) Cottrell of Belleville, MI and Ben Cottrell of Milford, MI; one grandson Clayton Cottrell; five siblings: Gloria B. (Dale) Antonio of Guyton, Georgia, Teresa (Otto) Munoz of East Elmhurst, New York, Jorge Buendia of Belleville, MI, Elisa (Roly) Valdes of Miami, Florida and Jimmy (Daniela) Buendia of Equadore; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI.

The family is planning a memorial celebration in 2021 and it will be announced.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warriors or any Veteran organization and would be appreciated. But what Art would have loved most, would be if you gave to Trump's campaign in his honor.

COVID-19 death total in 48111 area remains at 32

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

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 were 626 on Tuesday, Sept. 22, up from 615 the previous Tuesday, Sept. 15.

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, the separate numbers released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 379 positive cases, 17 deaths; City of Belleville, 172 positive cases, 14 deaths; and Sumpter Township 75 positive cases, 1 death.



Jane Louise Rockwell

JANE LOUISE ROCKWELL

(July 31, 1931 - September 13, 2020)

Jane Louise Rockwell, age 89, of Punta Gorda, Florida, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away early Sunday, September 13, 2020 at her home. She was born July 31, 1931 in Ypsilanti, MI, daughter of Walter & Cora (Artley) Bradshaw. She graduated from Belleville High School class of 1949. She worked for Van Buren Public Schools at various elementary schools in the kitchen for 20 years. Jane retired and moved to Florida in 1998. She enjoyed traveling, reading, and baking. For the last 7 years, she enjoyed motorcycle rides.

Jane is survived by son Brad (Marla) Rockwell of Missouri, daughter Jan (Don) Schrock of Hiawasse, Georgia, granddaughter Ashlee (Eric) Reynolds, grandson Jacob Dorsten, two great-granddaughters Abigail & Emma Reynolds, her loving companion Stan Hallberg, also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband John W. Rockwell, grandson Bruce David Webster, brother Hersh Bradshaw and sister Anne C. Smith.

According to her wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tidewell Hospice and would be greatly appreciated.

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Sammy Douglas Cumberledge

SAMMY DOUGLAS CUMBERLEDGE

(July 3, 1952 - September 7, 2020)

On Monday, September 7, 2020, Sammy Douglas Cumberledge, of Belleville, Michigan passed away. He was a loving husband, and father of two children. Sammy was born on July 3, 1952, in Paris, Tennessee.

Sam had a passion for videography and electronics. He also loved physical fitness. And, let's not forget music; most especially his favorite entertainer, Elvis Presley! He was known for his desire to learn, and meet new people, and just enjoy life! He had an infectious smile, a great sense of humor, and a laugh that would make your heart smile!

Sam was preceded in death by his parents, Roxie and Virgil, and his sister Pamela Z Stawowy.

He is survived by his dearest wife Kit Dewyer; his two daughters Dana (James) Collier and Megan (Kenneth) Green; three grandchildren James Caleb Collier, Ariyah Raquel Henry, and Madison Harley Collier; one brother Danny (Andre) Cumberledge; three nephews Jeffery (Therese) Stawowy, Jon (Julie) Stawowy, and Nicholas (Sarah) Stawowy; as well as many other dear family members and friends.

A private memorial service for immediate family will be held, and his remains will be respectfully laid to rest at the Fish Cemetery, 15025 Zepernick Rd, Pemberville, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers or donations, we challenge each person to perform a random act of kindness in honor of Sam's life!



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To the editor:

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Contract Welding again recently donated many, many labor hours, removing repainted finials from broken or bent flag staffs. These are then used in refurbishing flags that were replaced from veterans' graves of several local cemeteries. Due

to a bad rotator cuff in one of my arms, removing them would be quite difficult, if not impossible. With this donation, more refurbished flags will be available to the public for FREE.

On behalf of our local VFW Post #4434 and myself, THANK YOU again, Tom, for your continuing support of our Flag Restoration program.

Other supporters of the program are Manns Lumber, Sumpter Ace Hardware and Belleville Pro Hardware.

Pete Pitzen, Jr. Vice Commander
VFW Post #4434

Votes, not sign, will determine who wins

To the editor:

I read with interest the complaints of a citizen of Romulus regarding a political sign in Downtown Romulus. Interestingly enough, the Romulus City Clerk announced that the City of Romulus has no sign ordinance and to call it as disrespectful to the citizens is indeed a stretch.

After having spent great amounts of money and effort to rehabilitate a building that was uninhabitable, and return an office in a town that most people go through because there is nothing much to go to in Romulus, seems petty to me.

A sign announcing an individual running for office is a standard of American politics and the good citizens of Romulus will make the final determination on who they wish to represent them, not a sign in a window.

Charles Miller
Former Romulus City Councilman

Vote for incumbents in Sumpter Township

Dear Sumpter Neighbors,

Please vote the incumbents John Morgan, Esther Hurst, Matt Oddy, Don Laporte, and Tim Rush in the November Sumpter Township election. I personally have attended meetings and interacted with the

current Board at Township events over the last four years.

The elected board has shown stability, professionalism, dignity, financial responsibility and a personal involvement in our community.

Vote for proven experience and performance, not political rambling. Vote John Morgan (Supervisor), Esther Hurst (Clerk), Matt Oddy (Trustee), Don Laporte (Trustee), and Tim Rush (Trustee).

Best Regards and Be Safe.

Mihaela Dan
Sumpter Township

Talk is cheap, a person's actions is what speaks

To the editor:

I made a commitment to Family, God, and Community. I live by a life code. Honor, Honesty, Integrity, Loyalty, and to Love my neighbor as I love myself. I believe in the Bible verse "Judge not lest ye be Judged".

Sumpter Township's current administration took part in a recount order from the Wayne County Elections Commission due to claims of ballot tampering fueled by Jim and Toni Clark during the 2020 August primary election.

Mr. Clark was endorsed by the current Sumpter Township Treasurer Ken Bednark. Mr. Bednark writes: "This letter is written to express my personal and professional endorsement of James 'Jim' Clark as candidate for Sumpter Township Treasurer. Mr. Clark expresses his love of community through service. He has demonstrated integrity. Mr. Clark has the right skillset and is a superior choice to be Sumpter's next treasurer."

Mr. Clark seems to have gotten himself into a sticky situation that leaves to question his level of integrity. On Aug. 25, 2020 residents of Sumpter Township viewed the police body cam of Mr./Mrs. Clark publicly accusing Mr. Rush and the entire elections committee of jeopardizing their integrity and honor as honest people. Claims of boldly removing ballots from the tabulator and manipulating votes as if they have magical powers to make things appear or disappear. The residents of Sumpter

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Township should not be subject to this kind of behavior by any elected official.

I eagerly await Mr. Clark's written or verbal response to the community validating accusations in regard to theft, embezzlement and breaking federal law by the current administration.

Sept. 4, 2020, I visited the venue where the recount took place with the expectation that truth will prevail. I observed the team of Sumpter Township residents that believed their truth of federal election violations by the current administration. Several candidates that reported claims of these violations actually prevailed in the primary election. Experience has taught lessons of motive in people. "Rabble Rouser" -- a person who tries to arouse people to anger, hatred, or violent action by appeals to emotions, prejudices, etc.; demagogue.

Most times people that make the loudest noise to degrade, belittle, accuse without irrefutable proof have underlined goals of destroying credibility and character. I have read in the Belleville *Independent* claims of how Sumpter Township needs to move into the 21st Century in regard to economic development, new business, senior housing and qualified leadership at the helm. The residents of Sumpter look forward to a model of how the 21st century Sumpter Township looks and how the residents will pay for the visionary's vision.

Sumpter Township residents, elect leaders that exhibit Integrity, Honesty, Humility and a Heart for the people. A true Advocate. On Nov. 3, 2020 write me in to win. Vincent Warren as "Treasurer."

Vincent Warren
Sumpter Township

Sumpter Twp.

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saying they didn't know of any missing funds.

"It was pretty unanimous," Young said of the response.

"I was hoping to get information so I could go to the next step," Young said, reaching out to the public to give him information on missing funds.

He said he would turn any information over to the Sumpter Police Department or the Michigan State Police. He said he would reach out to letter-writer Jim Clark that week.

Young said he did not read Clark's article.

"Those who work here know the allegations are false," said Supervisor Morgan. "But we cannot ignore that they have been made and must investigate ... Take the next step as you see fit," he said to Young.

"I'm looking forward to your report on Mr. Clark," said Trustee Tim Rush, a candidate for reelection.

In other business at the Sept. 14 meeting, the board:

- Went into closed-door session to discuss upcoming labor union negotiations with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). Young said it has been four years since the current contract was approved. The closed session was added to the agenda after the meeting began;

- Heard Trustee Matthew Oddy ask Young if they could also discuss in closed session the tie between deputies and AFSCME. Young said contract employees and deputies derive the same benefits as AFSCME and there has been some discussion lately about why this isn't separate. He said that he'll take a look at that, but that night's closed session was for a specific reason and everything discussed has to be related to AFSCME;

- Heard Police Chief Eric Luke apologize for the malfunctioning of the weather

sirens that went off at 4 a.m. the previous day and at 7 a.m. that day. He said they believe it was due to lightning strikes; and

- Heard Clerk Esther Hurst say she was very proud of her election workers and staff after the results of the recent recount of the supervisor's Democrat race by the county. Oddy said something should be done for the poll workers and Hurst asked for hazard pay "for what they've gone through." Oddy agreed, saying they need to be vindicated publicly.

"Half of the American people have never read a newspaper. Half never voted for President. One hopes it is the same half."

— Gore Vidal

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Belleville City Council hires Verna Chapman as new clerk/treasurer

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Verna Chapman, who has been working for the City of Birmingham, will begin duties as the new city clerk/treasurer in Belleville in a few weeks.

The Belleville City Council met in a seven-minute, special Zoom meeting at 5 p.m., Sept. 16, to hire Chapman.

"It was very stressful," said Interim City Manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, referring to the city not having a clerk/

treasurer after Sherri Scharf resigned as of Oct. 1.

"We needed to find a qualified candidate quickly to run the election" and other duties, Kobylarz said.

She said Chapman is highly qualified.

Kobylarz said she and Councilman Tom Fielder interviewed Chapman and never got any negative information.

She said Pifer Investigations is finalizing the background check.

"I would like to have her on my team,"

Kobylarz said.

Councilman Fielder said Chapman even handled cemetery records, which the Belleville clerk position also handles.

They said Chapman told them that she feels she can leave Birmingham because they have four other people qualified to do the job.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said a copy of Chapman's resume was sent to all the council members and Chapman is "ready to hit the ground running ... The timing

couldn't be better."

Councilman Ken Voigt made the motion to approve the appointment and the council voted unanimously to approve. Then, council members cheered.

Chapman, who was present by Zoom, said she was excited and anxious to get started.

Kobylarz at first said she would be expected the next morning, but she laughed and said, "I'll see you in a few weeks."

City Council accepts MMRMA grant for police bumper guards

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A \$1,455 MMRMA grant for bumper guards and pit bars to protect the front ends of three police cars was accepted by the Belleville City Council at Monday's regular meeting by Zoom.

Police Chief Dave Robinson said he found

it was under \$3,000 for equipment for the three vehicles, at \$2,910. He wrote a grant for that amount and got a 50% grant from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority Risk Avoidance Program.

The council action included approval of the purchase of the equipment and a budget amendment to provide for the \$1,455

matching funds. Chief Robinson will use funds saved by not filling the second allocated part-time police position until after Jan. 1.

The three existing police units to get the equipment are cars 217, 218, and 218A.

The equipment purchased is three 2020 Utility Interceptor Push Bumpers at a cost of \$350 each and three Pit Bars Elite 2020 for Interceptor Utility at \$390 each plus three 23.5" Solid Center Channels at \$30 each and labor of \$200 per car to install it all. The pit bars are for pit maneuvers.

The equipment and installation is through Williams Emergency Vehicles & Equipment in Canton.

Interim City Manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz also announced public safety personnel and front-line workers will get a \$1,000 bonus each by Sept. 30 because of a grant. "We applied for \$27,000 and got \$27,000," she said, noting this is for police and on-call fire fighters.

In other business in Monday's one-hour meeting, the council:

- Heard Mayor Kerreen Conley read a proclamation presented by Barbara Rogalle Miller of the League of Women Voters that recognizes the centennial of the 19th Amendment and founding of the League. The council members will come in to city hall to sign the document;

- Approved Councilwoman Kelly Bates' plan to recognize 48111 veterans by hanging their pictures on the downtown lamp posts similar to the way high school graduates were honored last summer. The first 35 residents that register, at \$30

each, up to Oct. 15 will be put up through the end of November. Funds raised will go to repair the veterans' memorial. Councilwoman Bates can be reached at council@bellevilleonthelake.com;

- Approved extending DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) dates of operation through the end of November to be consistent with the State of Michigan dates. John Winter of Egan's Pub said no kind of shelter is allowed by the state and he's trying to get word from the state on allowing something to block the wind;

- Approved the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive fund raiser on Oct. 10, 11, and 12 at Five Points;

- Approved accepting the CLCT grant of \$5,000 to offset costs having to do with the election, "Ensuring the residents of Belleville can vote and vote properly," said Interim City Manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz. She announced she is now certified to be an election clerk and spent a full nine-and-a-half hours on data entry for the absentee voters, "and, I'm only through M." She thanked Van Buren Township Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery for coming over the previous Tuesday to make sure the AV ballots were mailed out to the military on time. She said the Redford Township clerk is coming on Tuesday to help her with data entry. She said neither of them charged for their services. She said the city's new clerk will start Sept. 28. Kobylarz asked for help of council members to come in on Sept. 23 or 24 to help put ballots in envelopes for mailing;

- Approved allowing Stacey Davis of Van Buren Township, mother of a player on the Belleville High School football team, to conduct fund raising at Five Points on Oct. 3 to benefit team members. Davis explained before the meeting started that the BHS team is sponsored by Adidas and has to wear all Adidas. She said that is expensive and they need bottled water, face masking, and food. Mothers used to cook for the team before games, but that is no longer allowed. Mayor Conley suggested she present a list of needs so people can adopt a kid. Davis said they no longer sell the Gold cards to earn money because the restaurants can't support it now and ticket sales are down and they can't do raffles. She was looking for ideas for fund-raising for the team. Fire Chief Brian Loranger

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• Heard DPW director Rick Rutherford say bids on the final work at Doane's Landing will be in on Sept. 24 and Kobylarz said she could call a special council meeting to keep things moving along. He also said they are on a waiting list to get the trees cut next to the DPW yard and the one at the bridge. He said because of the bridge closed on Huron River Drive, the city is now flooded with traffic. The cones set by the police in the right, southbound lane after the bridge are keeping people from cutting into traffic.

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Whereas, most of the women who began asking for the right to vote never lived to see the enfranchisement of women; and

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Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte
Council Member Kelly Bates
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Council Member Kenneth Voigt



Stephanie E. O'Neill, daughter of Pamela and Todd O'Neill of Van Buren Township, recently graduated from Michigan Technical University with a Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science. After completing her technical study last winter, she successfully passed her State board and now she is beginning her career as a Medical Laboratory Scientist. She is a 2015 graduate of Belleville High School.

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VBT Planners postpone apartments approval, set public hearing

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At a 91-minute Zoom meeting Sept. 9, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission postponed approvals of the Clover Communities senior apartment plans and set a public hearing for Sept. 23 on the proposed amendments to the RM zoning ordinance to make way for Scott Jones' development next to Sandy's Marina.

Beth Ernat of Clover Communities, which plans to build senior apartments on Belleville Road near Robson, said it was necessary to increase the building size by about 44 linear feet to enlarge the size of

the two-bedroom units to comply with the ordinance. She said neither she nor the township had noted the discrepancy until now.

Ernat said the development has been named Belleville Gardens Senior Apartments.

She said they plan to scale back the 1.9 acre commercial outlot along Belleville Road to 1.52 acres and decrease the oversize drainage pond.

The plans now feature 51% brick siding, 25% hardie plank, plus board and batten in earth tones. The VBT Board of Zoning Appeals had turned down the original plan for mostly hardie plank.

The BZA did approve 40 garages for the project, all with wall separations. They are actual garages with moveable doors and with a regular door in the rear. They will be 51% brick and 49% hardie plank cement fiber.

Vidya Krishnan, planning consultant from McKenna, said the legal advertisement for the public hearing for this project cites the exact square footage and this change would make the notice invalid.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said there are still adjustments to be made and modifications could be made inside the building to keep the same footprint.

He suggested renoting and revisiting the project at a later date before approval.

When Matt Best, director of public services, asked where the 44 feet would be, Ernat said they need to find 44 additional feet and it could be eight feet to the north and 14 to the south. She said they could have an increase in one wall of 20 feet with no substantive changes and their engineers are working on it.

Krishnan recommended having the engineers prepare new drawings and bring them back to the planning commission.

Director Best said Krishnan is citing the rules, but it is the planning commission's decision.

Director Power recommended postponing action to give his department a chance to see the changes and they may be able to bring it back to the commission without republishing. They may have a creative solution, he said. He urged them to bring it back to the township as soon as possible.

He said it was inadvisable to take action at that meeting.

After a brief discussion, the commission voted unanimously to postpone action on Clover Communities' special land use request and its request for preliminary site plan approval.

Multiple Dwelling Residential District Amendments

The commission discussed proposed amendments to the township's RM – Multiple Dwelling Residential district, to make way for Scott Jones' free-standing condominiums on the lake.

A public hearing has been set for Sept. 23.

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

Krishnan explained the "Edge" dwellings and the "Interior" dwellings in the amendments. The Edge dwelling would be 7,200 square feet with a 60 foot front lot width and the Interior dwellings would be 6,300 square feet, with a 45 foot front lot width.

The Edge dwellings could be seen from the street and neighboring parcels and would appear as a normal subdivision. Interior

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VBT Plan

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dwellings would be smaller. Together the units would achieve the density required by the Master Plan.

The discussion was to make sure everything the commission wanted was included in the proposed changes.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr said he compared this plan with six communities and suggested they add the lake also as the place for the Exterior units.

Krishnan agreed, saying that would ensure they wouldn't have teeny-tiny lots

on the lake.

Best said they could just add zoning districts BLA and BLB, which are lakeside districts, as the best way to describe it and commissioners agreed.

As to side yard setback, Krishnan said it would be a combined 15 feet and not less than 5 feet on one side.

Ashley Crossroads South

The commission also unanimously approved the preliminary site plan for Ashley Crossroads South for a 83 spot parking/storage area under the ITC lines on a 4.5-acre site located between 41775 and 41873 Ecorse Rd., between Kirkridge Street and Haggerty Road.

Allen Dresselhouse of Ashley said the tenants need more parking and the site is leased from ITC.

Krishnan said all requirements have been met and there are no other uses possible for the site. She said each parking spot would be 11 feet by 50 feet. There would be landscaping and no tree removal and 10 light poles 35 feet tall.

Township Treasurer Sharry Budd said they are building on property they do not own. She questioned what would happen if they left in the future.

Power said they have a lease with an uncertain end date. He said a letter from ITC allows this and he didn't see that as being an issue. He said the key is no structures to interfere with their lines.



State Rep. Joe Bellino, of Monroe, on Sept. 10, honored Darrian Young, who served as Monroe County Sheriff's Office animal control officer, during a special memorial service at the state Capitol. Young died June 6, 2020 while on the line of duty. "My heart and prayers go out to Darrian's family – she was so young, and her life was lost way too soon," Bellino said. "Not just today, but always, we must remember those who put their lives at risk every single day so that we can enjoy our freedoms and live comfortably." The Michigan House holds an annual service to honor first responders and the victims of 9/11, as well as the first responders and service members from Michigan who died during the last year. Rep. Bellino serves the 17th District, which includes Sumpter Township.

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Court watching

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weapon (felonious assault) and weapons — felony firearm on Aug. 28 in Van Buren Township.

Defense attorney Joseph MacArthur Hall said he still needed discovery. It was pointed out Vivrette had three Van Buren Township traffic tickets totaling \$650 that were due and he should set up a payment

plan.

David Russell Morris

David Russell Morris, 48, of Belleville was arraigned by Judge Oakley on Sept. 11 on a charge of domestic violence on Sept. 10 in Belleville. His attorney Royce Nunley said his client had arrived from Wisconsin two weeks ago and Sept. 11 was his first day on the job here. He was staying with his son and will abide by the no contact order with the complainant.

Morris told Judge Oakley he spent all his money moving from Wisconsin to start a new life here. Judge Oakley gave him personal bond of \$5,000 and an Oct. 8 court date. He will set up a civil standby with police to get his clothes and other possessions.

Chelsey Alison Suggs

Chelsey Alison Suggs, 33, of Taylor was arraigned Sept. 11 by Judge Oakley on charges of possession of controlled substance/analogues and operating while intoxicated-second time on Feb. 16 in Belleville.

Her defense attorney Edward Holmberg said this happened just before COVID and they came to turn her in voluntarily.

Judge Oakley gave her personal bond of \$2,000 and set her probable cause conference for Sept. 23. She was ordered to use no mood-altering drugs and no drugs without a doctor's prescription.

Omar Morano Smith

Omar Morano Smith, 39, of Westland failed to appear for his preliminary exam before Judge Green on Sept. 14, so a warrant was put out for his arrest. He has been charged with fleeing police in a vehicle on May 11 in Van Buren Township.

Michael David Woody

Michael David Woody, 39, of Sumpter Township had his probable cause conference adjourned to Oct. 7 because the defense attorney is yet to get the digital discovery. Defense attorney Janet Szpond waived his appearance before Judge Green on Sept. 16.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Lori Mireles-Smith said Van Buren Township Det. Michael Long usually is good with getting the discovery and she will check with him.

Woody is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and

malicious destruction of personal property between \$200 and \$1,000 on March 19 in Van Buren Township. He is free after posting surety bond of \$5,000.

Excel Engineering buys Ricardo test facility in Van Buren Township

On Sept. 9, Excel Engineering announced the acquisition of the former Ricardo test facility on Haggerty Road in Van Buren Township, as its second U.S. engineering and testing facility.

Excel plans to create an estimated 28 jobs and investing \$3 million in the 11-county Detroit Region over the next 12 months.

Founded in 2002, Excel Engineering is a provider of testing services that offers 38 engine and electrification test cells, with engine dynamometers ranging from <5 to 4500 HP, including EPA certification exhaust emissions.

It also offers powertrain test cells for hybrid/electric motors, transmissions, transfer cases, axles, and driveline components.

"At Excel we're very excited about this opportunity to expand our powertrain testing services into Michigan, as we are now squarely positioned to provide locally based support of the automotive engineering services market," said Doug Sobotka, president of Excel Engineering, in a news release.

"For nearly 20 years, we've built an infrastructure to become a leading test services provider to the market. We're providing cost-effective testing solutions for transportation industry OE's, Tier 1 Suppliers, and other engineering services organizations in metro Detroit."

Excel Engineering was initially discovered through the research conducted by the Detroit Regional Partnership's (DRP) Business Intelligence Team that identified the company as a potential target. DRP Business Development Manager Carlotta Gmachl led the project.

Together with Wayne County and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), the region was able to support Excel Engineering with all their milestones regarding air permitting in their new building. Excel Engineering purchased the facility in June 2020 and started hiring the same month.

"We are proud to have played a role in bringing Excel Engineering to Wayne County," said Warren C. Evans, Wayne County Executive.



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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Sept. 24 through Saturday, Sept. 26** – Restaurant Rally 48111 is a three-day call for action to support restaurants in the tri-communities of Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter. The Belleville CBC and Belleville and Van Buren Township’s DDAs are asking everyone to patronize at least one local eatery every day of the rally.

• **Saturday, Sept. 26 and Sunday, Sept. 27** – You are invited to join Belleville Church of God, 45170 Hull Rd., Van Buren Township, at 6 p.m. each day, in person at the church or in spirit, to pray for our nation and our world.

• **Monday, Sept. 28** – Belleville Farmer’s Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Square. Put on by the Belleville Central Business Community. Bottles being collected to earn money for the BHS Class of 2021 graduation party next spring.

• **Thursday, Oct. 1** – Food Truck Rally from 4-8 p.m. at Belleville High School to earn funds for the BHS Class of 2021 senior party next spring. Ten trucks are scheduled to be at the school and customers should drive in at the administration building entrance. Forty-nine cars at a time will be admitted.

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

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

• **Saturday, Oct. 10** – Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for Van Buren Township residents only from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at US Ecology east parking lot, 49350 N. I-94 Service Dr. Free drop-off to dispose of household hazardous waste in a

safe and environmentally friendly manner.

• **Saturday, Oct. 17** – Tentative date for Belleville Zombie 5K Run put on by Belleville High School New Tech students.

• **Sunday, Nov. 1** – Bugles Across America is at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park in Belleville. In a brief ceremony, members of the military, alive and dead, are honored. “Taps” is played and Geof Bush and Lori Day sing the National Anthem.

• **Thursday, Dec. 3, to Sunday, Dec. 6** – Winter Fest put on by the Belleville

Area Chamber of Commerce with food, music, carriage rides, lighted parade, and fireworks.

• **Sunday, Dec. 6** – Bugles Across America is at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park in Belleville. In a brief ceremony, members of the military, alive and dead, are honored. “Taps” is played and Geof Bush and Lori Day sing the National Anthem.

“I’d kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.”
– Steven Wright

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **October 14, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.** Pursuant to the State of Michigan Governor’s Executive Orders, this hearing will take place electronically due to health concerns associated with COVID-19. The Planning Commission will consider the following zoning ordinance amendments:

Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments: Proposed amendments to limit medical marijuana caregiver activities authorized under Michigan Initiated Law 1 of 2008. The amendments will be to Section 2.102 – Definitions, specific terms and Article 7 – general provisions.

Members of the public may access the agenda materials via the Township website – www.vanburen-mi.org beginning **October 9, 2020**. On this website, members of the public will also gain access to **means of participating in the electronic meeting**, including a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel which can be reached from the live meeting link located on the Van Buren Township website home page (www.vanburen-mi.org). Closed captioning will be available after YouTube fully renders meeting video.

A complete **procedure for public comment by electronic means** is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website (www.vanburen-mi.org). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments via e-mail to dpower@vanburen-mi.org by **Noon, Tuesday, October 13, 2020**, which is the day before the meeting. Members of the public may also contact dpower@vanburen-mi.org to be connected with members of the Planning Commission prior to the meeting by e-mail.

To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk’s Office at 734.699.8900 extension 9205.

Posted: September 18, 2020
Published: September 24, 2020

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order electronically via Zoom meeting ID 936 0807 2615 at 6:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others participating, facilitating and monitoring the meeting: Secretary Montgomery, Executive Assistance Selman, Public Services Director Best, Developmental Services Director Power, Water and Sewer Director Taylor, Communication Specialists Albrecht and Nichols and a maximum audience of Twenty-Two (22).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Frazier moved; Miller seconded to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller. Nays: White. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Board Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2020, Special Board Meeting Minutes Budget Preparation of August 31, 2020, Special Board Meeting Minutes Budget Preparation of September 1, 2020, Prepaid List of August 20, 2020, Prepaid List of August 27, 2020, Prepaid List of September 3, 2020, Prepaid List of September 10, 2020, Voucher List of September 1, 2020, Voucher List of September 15, 2020, Re-appointment of Walter Rochowiak to the Water and Sewer Commission with a term to expire June 1, 2022, Re-appointment of Eileen Parent to the Water and Sewer Commission with a term to expire June 1, 2022, The 2021 Holiday Schedule, The 2021 Board of Trustee Meeting Schedule, Resolution 2020-16 the 2021 Department Fee Schedules.] Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: On September 17, 2020, at Harris Park, the Pandemic Driveway Band will host a free performance, Parks and Recreation is hosting “Rec to GO - Insect Adventure Kit Giveaway” on Saturday, September 19, 2020 from 10 a.m. until noon. Drive up to the Parks and Recreation entrance then wait for staff to deliver the FREE activity kits to each vehicle, one per child, The R.E.A.L. summer youth program will give away free school supplies and mental health awareness information to Van Buren Public

Schools students grades K-12 on Saturday September 19, 2020 from noon-4 p.m. or while supplies last at Harris Park just south of Aldi, the Van Buren Township DDA and Central Business Community are promoting “Restaurant Rally 48111” September 24-25-26, 2020 promoting dine in and carry out from all local restaurants, the Clerk’s Office has received 8,690 requests for absentee ballots and will be sending out ballots on Friday September 25, 2020, the Senior department received two buses from SMART last week, the Huron River Drive Bridge is closed due to repairs with an anticipated completion this fall, in 2021 the resurfacing of Haggerty road will begin and, the Red Cross blood drive produced 36 products exceeding the goal of 30 and all prior donations.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business):

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Miller moved; Martin seconded to approve the selection of REVIZE for the new Township Website project. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Wright moved; Frazier seconded to approve the application for the Banotai Farms, parcel # 83-119-99-0004-006, inclusion in the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program for ten (10) years. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Martin moved; Budd seconded to approve the posting of a Request for Proposal for Implementation of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Program. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the Election Specialist job description and the personal services agreement between the Township and Brittany Beaudry to fill the position effective 2021. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA

ITEMS: A public comment was received disagreeing with the Election Specialist job description and position in the Clerk’s Office. Tentative return to work for all Township employees will be September 28th, 2020

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA

ITEMS: **ADJOURNMENT:** Miller moved; Frazier seconded to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Township Supervisor
Published: September 24, 2020

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On September 30th, 2020, 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.

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2002	FORD	SW	1FDRE14W42HA19129	20-9396
2003	HONDA	2D	1HGCM66583A069915	20-10354
1995	CHEVROLET	2D	2G1FP22P3S2142865	20-10865
2005	MERCURY	SW	2MRDA23255BJ00430	20-11515
1986	STARCRAFT	BT	STRS9300E686	20-11534
2003	MERCURY	4D	1MEFM55S23A604006	20-11829

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 MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: September 24th, 2020

Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



The Belleville Central Business Community will be holding its annual Monster Mutt Walk Costume Contest next month, however, this year's ever-popular event during Booville will be virtual. The fifth-annual event is co-sponsored by Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, where all of the proceeds will benefit the no-kill shelter in Sumpter. Participants are asked to email in their photos anytime between Oct.1-23 to jfaymillard@att.net and include your dog's name, breed, and type of costume. Medals will be awarded to first, second, and third places in four categories: Scariest, Cutest, Best Mutt, and Family. The registration fee is \$10 per dog/entry and one can of dog or cat food with both items going to FMAR. Applications are available at www.bellevillecbc.org or by emailing Janet Millard at her email above. Applications can be mailed to: Belleville CBC, 152 Main Street, Suite 2, Belleville, MI. 48111. Dog and cat food can be dropped off at Stoney Creek

Motorsports on West Columbia or during the City of Belleville/CBC's Harvest Fest at the 4th Street Square on Oct. 10. The virtual mutt walk/contest is sponsored by the CBC, Genisys Credit Union, and Tucker Insurance Agency.

You have until Wednesday, Sept. 30, to get your application in and until Oct. 1 to bring your completed scarecrow in to city hall for the City of Belleville's Annual Scarecrow Contest. Scarecrow frames are available at city hall and applications at the city's website or at city hall. The event is sponsored by the city and Belleville Parks & Recreation Commission. For more info, visit www.bellevilleonthelake and on Facebook at Booville.

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Restaurant Rally 48111 is under way here in Belleville and at area restaurants and eateries. The event is an invitation to patronize at least one local eatery each day, now through Sept. 26. Find information including posts from some of the restaurants on Facebook. The event is sponsored in part by the Belleville Central Business Community, Belleville Downtown Development Authority, Van Buren Downtown Development Authority, and Sumpter Township restaurants. It's also Small Business Week in Michigan so be sure to shop local whenever possible.

The Belleville Tigers Varsity Football team pulled out a fourth-quarter, 29-26 victory at Livonia Stevenson last Friday in its season opener. Belleville, 1-0, plays host to Dearborn Fordson tomorrow evening, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m. The game is open to the public however there are fan limitations / restrictions and mask guidelines in place. Visit the BHS website for the details. Go, Tigers!

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

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VAN BUREN

CHARTER TOWNSHIP

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

For the

Implementation of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Program

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The Charter Township of Van Buren is seeking bids from qualified potable water meter contractors to replace implement an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Program. Sealed bids will be received by Charter Township of Van Buren at the office of; Leon Wright, Township Clerk, Charter Township of Van Buren, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111 until 10:00am., on Thursday, October 10, 2020 *when* all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for the Implementation of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Program in the Sheldon Room of Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Michigan, 48111.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the following locations: Charter Township of Van Buren, Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111. The Charter Township of Van Buren is a Participating Agency in the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN). Interested vendors are encouraged to register with MITN at www.mitn.info to view specifications for this and our entire Request for Bids (RFB).

Published: September 24, 2020

Clerk's office to pay return postage for all VBT absentee ballots

The Van Buren Township clerk's office has announced that it has paid for all 2020 General Election Absentee ballot return postage for residents.

"We want to make voting accessible for all residents," said Clerk Leon Wright. "Our goal is to make voting as easy as possible for all voters in VBT. If you decide to mail your ballot, you don't need to put a stamp on it, however, we encourage voters to utilize the drop box in the front of the building."

Absentee ballots will be mailed to residents by Friday, Sept. 25. The clerk's office is asking that all residents fill out their ballots and mail them or drop them in the drop box at township hall, as soon as possible.

"During the August primary election, we had thousands of absentee ballots dropped off the day prior to and day of the election," said Clerk Wright. "The sooner we have the ballots, the faster our counting will take place and the sooner results can be made available. When voters wait until the last

minute, it delays our counting efforts."

For more information about absentee ballots, call the clerk's office at (734) 699-8909 or email bbeaudry@vanburen-mi.org.

Birthdays

Sept. 25 – Liz Bowman
Sept. 28 – Andrea Marde Moore, Kevin Gage Moore
Oct. 1 – George T. Kennedy

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City of Belleville Public Notice



POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle(s) will be held:

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BY TRACEY KOBYLARZ, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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

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

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

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

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

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

Posted 9-16-2020

Published: 9-24-2020 & 10-1-2020

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, Sept. 28 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
 • Monday, Oct. 5 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville

City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Oct. 6 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
 • Thursday, Oct. 8 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission at 7 p.m.
 • Monday, Oct. 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS

Commons

• Tuesday, Oct. 13 – Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m., new library
 • Wednesday, Oct. 14 – Van Buren

Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Oct. 19 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
 • Tuesday, Oct. 20 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, MICHIGAN 48111

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified electors of the Charter Township of Van Buren in the State of Michigan who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated State agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Township Clerk.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local Clerk is Monday, October 19, 2020.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 68.492) at the Charter Township of Van Buren Clerk's Office at the following place, day and times:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday November 1, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday November 3, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Qualifications for Registration:

- Applicant is at least 18 years of age
- Resident with the Charter Township of Van Buren for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election.
- Citizen of the United States

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the residents in the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County Michigan will be voting on the following as presented and listed below:

UNITED STATES: PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 12TH DISTRICT, REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 12TH DISTRICT, REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 21ST DISTRICT.

STATE BOARDS: MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, TRUSTEE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, GOVERNOR OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY.

COUNTY: PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, SHERIFF, CLERK, TREASURER, REGISTER OF DEEDS, COUNTY COMMISSIONER 11TH DISTRICT.

TOWNSHIP: SUPERVISOR, CLERK, TREASURER, TRUSTEE

JUDICIAL: JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT, JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS 1ST DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION, JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3RD CIRCUIT INCUMBENT POSITION, JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3RD CIRCUIT NON-INCUMBENT POSITION, JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3RD CIRCUIT INCUMBENT POSITION PARTIAL TERM ENDING 01/01/2023, JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT INCUMBENT POSITION, JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT 34TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE: BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE 9TH DISTRICT.

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: BOARD MEMBER VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.

DISTRICT LIBRARY: BOARD MEMBER BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY.

STATE PROPOSAL 20-1 A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW MONEY FROM OIL AND GAS MINING ON STATE-OWNED LANDS TO CONTINUE TO BE COLLECTED IN STATE FUNDS FOR LAND PROTECTION AND CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PARKS, NATURE AREAS, AND PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES; AND TO DESCRIBE HOW MONEY IN THOSE STATE FUNDS CAN BE SPENT.

STATE PROPOSAL 20-0 A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE A SEARCH WARRANT IN ORDER TO ACCESS A PERSON'S ELECTRONIC DATA OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS.

TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL- A MILLAGE RENEWAL WHICH EXPIRES DECEMBER 2023 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 6.3932 MILLS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF SEVEN YEARS BEGINNING DECEMBER 31, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 2024.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT: REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL. RENEWAL OF AUTHORITY WHICH EXPIRES WITH THE 2021 LEVY ON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY, MICHIGAN BE INCREASED BY 2 MILLS FOR A PERIOD OF SIX YEARS, 2022 TO 2027 TO PROVIDE OPERATING FUNDS TO ENHANCE OTHER STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING FOR LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING PURPOSES.

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the Van Buren Township Clerk's office located at 46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111, by contacting the Clerk's office at 734-699-8909 or by visiting the Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org where a sample of the ballot may be viewed.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk's Office

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 437 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police for last week, including the following.

Sunday, Sept. 13:

0055 – noise complaint, Bemis Rd.
0609 – assault & battery, Village Center Dr.
1258 – misc. complaint, Elwell/W. Huron River Dr
1428 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd.
1429 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1438 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan/Tyler
1504 – harassment call, Wildrye Ct.
1736 – suicidal person, Van Buren Ct.
1950 – breaking & entering, McKinley St.
2029 – larceny, Dewitt Rd.
2122 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2305 – suicidal person, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, Sept. 14:

0048 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
0317 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
0338 – property damage accident, E. I-94/Haggerty
0747 – shooting, Maurice Dr.
0850 – malicious destruction of property, Riggs
0857 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
0939 – suspicious person/vehicle, Outer Dr.
1033 – neighbor trouble, Independence Ln.
1040 – fraud, Lenmoore Ave.
1042 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1121 – suspicious person/vehicle, Alba Ct.
1122 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1128 – disorderly, Independence Ln.
1140 – private property impound, Industrial
1300 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
1303 – shooting, N. I-94 Service Dr./Old Rawsonville Rd.

1350 – 911 welfare check, Briarwood Dr.
1413 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1448 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lohr Rd.
1549 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1558 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1634 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1732 – animal complaint, Andover Dr.
1819 – traffic offense, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1834 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
1837 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1920 – assist other dept., S. I-275/Ecorse

Tuesday, Sept. 15:

0016 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0318 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd.
0337 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
0813 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
0946 – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.
1012 – parking complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
1019 – suspicious person/vehicle, Endicott Ave. / Marriott Ave.
1204 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
1231 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1234 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1239 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr./Hoeft Rd.
1445 – lost property/child, Florence Ln.
1447 – neighbor trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1539 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
1703 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
1704 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
1800 – assist other dept., Elwell Rd.
1814 – fraud, Wildflower Ct.
2040 – mental subject, Outer Dr.
2252 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 16:

0136 – noise complaint, Westlake Cir.
0211 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0705 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.
0927 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
1038 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodbury Green
1057 – assist other dept., S. Bellridge Dr.
1106 – private property impound, Van Born
1108 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren St.
1306 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1339 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1418 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1555 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1555 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1627 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1633 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1641 – property damage accident, E. Huron River
1722 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Prairiegrass Ct.
1810 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1831 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
2047 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robbe Rd.
2251 – noise complaint, Van Buren St./Arthur St.

Thursday, Sept. 17:

0005 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
0219 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0454 – suspicious person/vehicle, Daisy Blvd.
0706 – fight, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0820 – 911 welfare check, Briarwood Ct.
1437 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / McBride Ave.
1516 – trespassing, Lohr Rd.
1517 – trespassing, Park Estates
1707 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd / W. Huron River Dr.
1754 – suspicious person/vehicle, Springwood Blvd.
1951 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2024 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
2222 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.

Friday, Sept. 18:

0109 – family trouble, S. Bellridge Dr.
0439 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Sadie Ln.
1107 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1206 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1301 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1616 – abandoned auto, Hanover Dr. / N. Cumberland Dr.
1729 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1728 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1821 – neighbor trouble, Bayshore Dr.
1943 – neighbor trouble, Oak Blvd.
2011 – suspicious activity report, N. I-94 Service
2052 – private property impound, Ironwood Dr.
2233 – noise complaint, Locust Dr.

Saturday, Sept. 19:

0230 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0517 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0719 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0934 – noise complaint, N. Woodbury Dr.
1045 – lost property/child, Laguna Dr.
1130 – parking complaint, W. Sadie Ln.
1202 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton Rd.
1211 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1210 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1227 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Hannan Rd.
1305 – fraud, Lake Villa Dr.
1309 – larceny, Denton Rd.
1343 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./W. I-94 Belleville ramp
1449 – disorderly, Outer Dr.
1458 – fight, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1528 – property damage accident, Dewitt Rd.
1537 – neighbor trouble, Bayshore Dr.
1619 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1623 – parking complaint, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
1629 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1715 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

1812 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1828 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1907 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Beckley Rd.
1927 – mental subject, Morton Taylor Rd.
2022 – motorist assist. N. I-94 Service Dr. / Borgman Rd.
2207 – fight, Outer Dr.
2256 – fight, Beck Rd.
2323 – malicious destruction of property, Outer Dr.
2342 – suspicious person/vehicle, Outer Dr.

Also on this week's log are 226 traffic stops, 141 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 13:

0349 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.
0432 – suspicious person/vehicle, Water Works
0933 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1110 – found property/child, Main St.
1120 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

1357 – domestic, Loza Ln.
1559 – vehicle lock out, Main St.

Monday, Sept. 14:

0024 – 911 welfare check, N. Liberty St.
0244 – welfare check, W. Wabash/South St.
1004 – fraud, Thornhill
1046 – intrusion alarm, E. Thornhill Ct.
1138 – assault & battery, Belle Villa Blvd.
1424 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1905 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St.
1925 – vehicle lock out, Main St.
2009 – threat, E. Columbia Ave.
2115 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
2202 – suspicious person/vehicle, Menlo Park Dr./ Belle Villa Blvd.

Tuesday, Sept. 15:

0839 – larceny, Church St.
0931 – civil matter, S. Industrial Park Dr.
0958 – larceny, Henry St.
1529 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, N. Liberty St./Denton Rd.
1809 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, Sept. 16:

1142 – civil matter, Main St.
1507 – threat, Loza Ln.
1551 – traffic offense, Main St./High St.
1641 – property damage accident, Main/Belleville
1800 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1834 – malicious destruction of property, Victorian Ln.

Thursday, Sept. 17:

0413 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1142 – fraud, Main St.
1905 – intrusion alarm, Main St.

Friday, Sept. 18:

0121 – assist citizen, South St.
1312 – traffic offense, Main/High
1331 – traffic offense, Masonic Lodge
1348 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St.
1856 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia Ave.
2230 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia Ave.
1445 – traffic offense, Masonic Lodge
1540 – traffic offense, Masonic Temple
1550 – traffic offense, Masonic Temple
1658 – traffic offense, Masons Lodge
1700 – property damage accident, Main St. / E. Columbia Ave.

1809 – traffic offense, N. Liberty/Fifth St.
1821 – traffic offense, E. Columbia south
1836 – traffic offense, S. liberty/Columbia E.
1909 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1918 – suicidal person, Charles St.
2351 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
Also on this week's log are 33 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 13:

0048 – suspicious circumstances, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0108 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0141 – noise complaint, 20000 bl. Martinsville
0154 – traffic complaint, Judd Rd./Sherwood Rd.
0230 – family trouble, California St.
0800 – animal complaint, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
0916 – malicious destruction of property, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1044 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1317 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1336 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1338 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1444 – personal injury accident, 42000 bl. Bemis
1832 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1946 – disorderly person, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2307 – mental health call, Country Club Blvd.
2331 – disorderly person, Knollwood Dr.

Monday, Sept. 14:

0056 – family trouble, Oregon St.
1101 – assist other agency, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
1109 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1121 – malicious destruction of property, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1525 – alarm, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1817 – suspicious vehicle, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1904 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2018 – citizen assist, Rawsonville Rd./Bemis Rd.
2022 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2153 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd./Willow Rd.

2247 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
Tuesday, Sept. 15:
0218 – family trouble, Timberlane Dr.
1118 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1334 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1440 – civil matter, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1733 – lost/missing juvenile, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2009 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 16:

1003 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1143 – traffic complaint, Rawsonville Rd./Willis
1152 – suspicious vehicle, Edgewood/Rustic Ln.
1228 – malicious destruction of property, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1304 – fire dept. assist, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1707 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2155 – animal complaint, Greenmeadow Dr.
2248 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 17:

0904 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1000 – civil matter, Rusic Ln.
1021 – traffic complaint, First St.
1107 – mental health call, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1304 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1532 – animal complaint, 8600 bl. Meadow Springs Ln.

1550 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1607 – mental health call, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1634 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1657 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1701 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
2251 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Wilmot
Friday, Sept. 18:
0207 – assist other agency, out of township
0222 – family trouble, Sumpter Rd./Willis Rd.
0953 – traffic complaint, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1218 – suspicious circumstances, 45000 bl. Willis
1316 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1411 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1441 – alarm, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1806 – shots fired, Judd Rd./Elwell Rd.
1938 – citizen assist, Rawsonville Rd./Willow Rd.
2107 – 911 hang up, Edgewood Dr./Rustic Ln.
2132 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
2142 – 911 hang up, Edgewood Dr.
2317 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.

Saturday, Sept. 19:

0351 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
0723 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
0948 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1057 – assist other agency, Martinsville/Arkona
1140 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1449 – suspicious vehicle, Mulberry Dr.
1711 – property damage accident, Willow/Sumpter
1726 – alarm, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1931 – 911 hang up, Judd Rd./Haggerty Rd.
2050 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2243 – noise complaint, Knollwood Dr.

Also, on this week's log are 53 patrol checks, 17 traffic stops, and eight misc. details.

VBT DDA to spend up to \$10,000 to decorate triangle, Harris Park

Van Buren Township's new pocket park, Harris Park, just south of Aldi's on Belleville Road has become a wildly popular destination this summer.

At Tuesday's Zoom meeting, the VBT Downtown Development Authority voted unanimously to spend up to \$10,000 to decorate the park with holiday lights and also to update the holiday lights at the triangle at Quirk and Belleville roads. Some of the decorations at the triangle could be relocated to VBT Hall.

DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland was given the task of maximizing what she could get for the \$10,000 for the locations.

She had presented three price proposals that included maintenance of the decorations.

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Angela Belcher and Ryan Keon, both of Belleville, were married Aug. 28 at Waldenwoods Resort and Conference Center in Howell, with a reception that immediately followed. The bride is the daughter of Sharon VanBuren and Willard Belcher of Belleville. The groom's parents are Thomas and Margaret Keon of Belleville. The couple will reside in Belleville.

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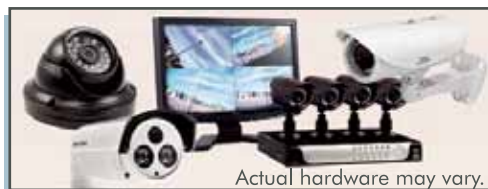


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Virtual Costumed MONSTER MUTT WALK

During Booville
 the Month of October

The Belleville Central Business Community is partnering with Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue to host the fifth annual costumed Monster Mutt Walk. We

have to do it virtual this year but feel it is important to continue to support our local animal rescue.

Pictures of your animals should be emailed to jfayemillard@att.net starting October 1 and ending October 23. Please put dog's name and breed on the email.

Medals will be awarded to 1st 2nd and 3rd in four categories: Scariest, Cutest, Best Mutt & Family (family must dress also). If you are entering more than one dog, please feel free to enter both the individual and family categories.

The registration fee is \$10/dog plus a can of dog or cat food. The application has enough space to register three dogs. All registration fees and food will be given to Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue.

Please return the application by mail with your check to: Belleville Central Business Community, 152 Main Street, Suite 2, Belleville, MI 48111 or drop it off at Stoney Creek Motor Sports on West Columbia. You may drop the dog or cat food at Stoney Creek or bring it to the Harvest Market scheduled for Saturday, October 10 in the 4th Street Square.

Applications are available on line at www.bellevillecbc.org or call (734) 558-5368 after 3:30 p.m., email: jfayemillard@att.net

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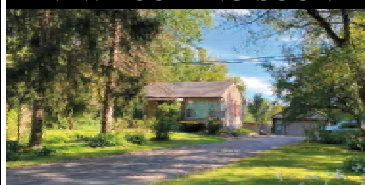
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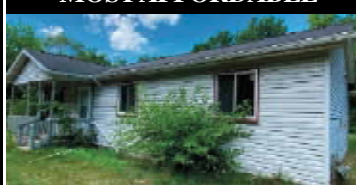
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41405 TYLER, VAN BUREN
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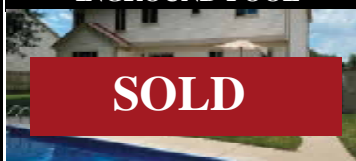
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25817 SUMPTER 80X529 .97 AC \$20,000
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