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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

On Saturday, a large gathering at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 on Bemis Road in Van Buren Township celebrated the 75th anniversary of the post's founding in 1945 by WWI veteran Harry Agge and more than 200 other veterans. The post also dedicated a 105mm Howitzer, with the Belleville High School ROTC Commander, Gunnery Sgt. Matt Barr, calling out "Fire!" and having a loaned Civil War cannon shot off from behind the post. Guest speaker was Lt. Colonel Donald E. "Digger" O'Dell, who told of his five and a half years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. Other guest speakers were Brigadier General Carol Ann Fausone (ret.), Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, VFW Commander John Blackstone and past post Commander Robert Krouse. Geof Bush and Lori Day sang the National Anthem and Pastor Robert White gave the invocation.

VBT pays $1.5 million for Ford property

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After a brief closed-door session on Monday morning, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to purchase 181.35 acres of vacant land at the northwest corner of Tyler and Belleville roads at a cost of $1.5 million.

The land, across from township hall, extending nearly a half square mile from Belleville to Beck Road, is being sold to the township by the Ford Motor Land Development Corporation.

The board also approved another $50,000 to cover closing costs and other incidentals. All the money is coming from the landfill fund.

At the regular meeting following the 24-minute closed-door session, Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara explained that over the past year that the property has been for sale two developers were interested in the full 181 acres, one for an industrial and warehousing development and one for industrial, warehousing, and trucking.

Another developer wanted to put a gas station at the corner of Tyler and Belleville roads and another developer wanted to put a gas station and strip mall along Belleville Road north from Tyler. The last two failed because Ford was unwilling to split the property.

"I would like to add that this Administration was not in support of these uses and feel they would be detrimental to the community, both physically and ascetically," Supervisor McNamara said. "But they would have met most of our zoning requirements. And, therefore, would not have been legally stopped by the board's intervention.

"We are not land speculators. We are Community Developers. The land acquisition is to guard against cheap commercial building designed to be flipped for a fast buck," he said, adding he wants to build something that allows for community input.

"The citizens working with township planners and developers will create our community's vision of what should go on this key parcel of land. All of this, of course, must include providing the residents a good rate of return on their investment.

"I further need to emphasize that development of this property will probably not be with this board or the next board. Developments of this size generally only get built when the economy is coming out of downturns, not in the end of an upturn. It will, however, be this board's task to work with the people of Van Buren, to create the vision and site plan to be proposed to new developers that wish to make this vision come to life."

McNamara said what VBT is doing is a common method of community building and the closest such example would be the build-out of Canton's Heritage Park and the neighboring condo and home developments that surround the park and golf course. McNamara said in that project, Canton set the vision and bid out the section to developers to come and be part of the Grand Vision.

He said with the purchase of this property the citizens of Van Buren Township can control their own future.

"We also believe that at this purchase price we can be assured of a fair return on our money. The fact is that we are getting this property for approximately $8,300 per acre versus the ranges in that area that start at $50,000 and go to $250,000 per acre (which is the price Speedway paid)," McNamara said.

McNamara said that former Director of Planning and Economic Development Ron Akers got information last September that Ford wanted to sell 3,000 to 5,000 parcels of land it owned throughout the world to get out of the land business.

McNamara said that on Oct. 4, 2018, he and Akers, and two others from the

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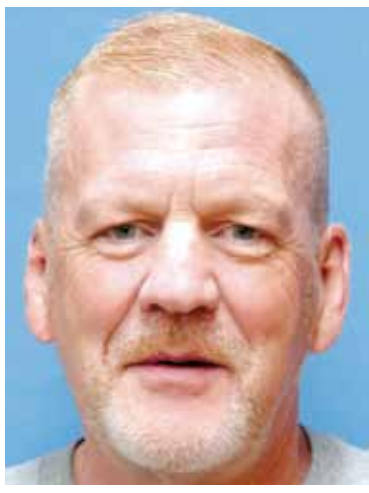

Kenneth Voigt

Five candidates seeking seats in Belleville City Council election Nov. 5

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley is seeking her third, four-year term as mayor in the Nov. 5 election – and she's running unopposed.

Conley, 52, has been married to Jeff Conley for almost 23 years and they have two sons, Austin, 15, and Carson, almost 12. They live at 629 Light Tower Dr., in Harbour Pointe subdivision.

Conley is Human Resources Manager for Canton Township. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and a Master of Human Resources degree in Organizational Development.

She served a four-year term on the city council from 2001-05 and was appointed to fill an unexpired term on the council in 2007. She has been mayor for almost eight years.

Conley serves as vice chairperson of the Conference of Western Wayne County (CWW) and is a member of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority program committee.

"I have a passion for the Southeastern Michigan Boys and Girls Club Advisory Board and am an avid fund raiser supporting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and several local groups," she said.

She is an endurance athlete and enjoys watching her children's latest sports, supporting her community and its schools, and traveling when time permits.

When asked why she is running for mayor, Conley said:

"I am running for mayor for the City of Belleville for a third term. I have loved serving the City of Belleville. As I reflected back on the reasons I ran in the past, I am proud to know that the very things I held close were things that we as a community accomplished. I ran to preserve the very services our community was built on which included the District Library and keeping it downtown. What an incredible addition to the tri-community found in the heart of the city.

"I ran to protect the financial integrity that the city has worked hard to build. Many communities around the state continue to live within the means of their budgets and provide services especially with declining revenues. This will continue to be a challenge for our community, meeting the growing capital improvement and equipment demands have reached a point in which new avenues need to be explored and I am committed to doing just that. The city will be faced with some hard decisions in the coming years to meet the needs of public safety, which is vital to our community. All of the taxes that the city captures in the city do not cover the costs of our police and fire operations, let alone capital.

"It is a time of transition and transformation in our city and I could not be more excited for what lies ahead. There is development going on that this city has longed for, there are new businesses, new faces and a renewed energy that will help to drive our community in a forward direction.

"There will be key positions in the city that will be vacated in this next term of office and that provides an opportunity to re-evaluate top leadership positions and ensure that new employees are aligned to take hold of the momentum that can be felt in our downtown and working to ensure that it continues. There are many things that still remain to be accomplished and I look forward to getting them done.

"It is an exciting time in this beautiful city I call home. I look forward to the years ahead," Conley concluded.

Two council seats to be filled

The terms for council seats now filled by Jack Loria and Tom Smith are expiring. Loria said he will seek re-election and Smith said he wouldn't.

Filing to fill those two seats are Loria, Kelly Bates, and Ken Voigt. Aafrika Poole has filed as a write-in candidate.

Jack Loria

Jack Loria, 73, 118 S. Edgemont St., is present Mayor Pro Tem of the Belleville City Council and he is seeking reelection to the council. He has lived in the city for 71 years.

Jack is married to Rosemary Loria and they have a son Michael and daughter Jaclyn. He presently is working as a para-professional for the Van Buren Public Schools.

Loria holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Cleary College.

He served on the city council from 1978 to 1981 and from 2012 to the present. He also was appointed to the planning commission and served 1976-77 and 2002-09.

Loria is a member of the Eagles, St. Anthony Men's Club, and Moose.

"I am running for a seat on city council to offer my knowledge of the city and community and assist in the transition to a new city manager," Loria said.

Once elected, "I do not have a personal goal. I have a great working relationship with our current city manager Diana Kollmeyer and hope to continue the relationship with a new city manager for continued growth and prosperity in Belleville."

Kelly Bates

Kelly Bates, 342 Victorian Ln., is making her second try for a seat on the Belleville City Council. She has been married to Thomas Bates for nine years and they have lived in the city for five years.

Bates serves as Senior Administrative Assistant/Human Resources at the University of Michigan Athletic Department and has her own event planning business. She attended Schoolcraft College.

She presently serves on the city planning commission.

"I have always enjoyed being active and serving in both my community and church. Volunteering has always been a big part of my life as I love to give back! At work I serve as the head of my department's Health and Wellness committee, receiving the inaugural award for the entire university last year for this effort. At work I also head our Recycling and Sustainability committee and am in charge of employee recognition efforts with an emphasis on 'FUN.'

"I also enjoy volunteering at local events and helping out wherever I am needed. My husband Tom and I love to travel. We typically travel to Florida about twice a year. Sanibel Island is one of our favorite places we visit as we are both avid sea shellers and love to fish. We travel to Canada as well, about as much as we travel to Florida as I have family that lives there. We also enjoy being active in our community by walking, biking or kayaking. In the summer we like to enjoy Music Lakeside. I am also a big animal lover and have been known to help rescue animals over the past 20 years or so. When I'm not rescuing them I do enjoy watching them while on hikes or when bird/deer watching.

"We also enjoy spending time with our friends and family, sharing a meal and laughs. I am also working on becoming a master gardener. Over the years I have always been connected in my community; I served as the past president of my home owners' association in Victoria Commons as well as being awarded the Woman of the Year in my previous community for my dedication to residents and moving the city forward. I have also volunteered with the American Cancer Society, Art in the Park Plymouth, United Way, National Kidney Foundation and the Alzheimer's Association.

"I am running for this office to continue to build upon the groundwork that has been laid by previous residents, council and boards while fostering closer relationships with Belleville's residents.

"We live in such a special city with a small-town, Hallmark feel to it, rich in history, dedicated residents and traditions. I hope to improve upon current resources and provide new ones and benefits to our residents.

"At the end of each day we are all neighbors. I'd also like to incorporate more ways to be encouraged and engaged

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OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT Board decides to take charge of its future on Tyler Rd.

After a brief closed-door session on Monday morning, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees endorsed Supervisor Kevin McNamara's proposal to buy 181.35 acres across Tyler Road from the township hall to take control of the township's future.

If the township hadn't acted to purchase the property from Ford Land Development, it could have been bought by a company wanting to put in warehouses and trucking. Or, another gas station and strip mall could have been put on Belleville Road.

The township apparently has $1.5 million to spare in the landfill fund and so in open session on Monday it voted to buy the property.

And, what are they going to do with it? Well, McNamara said it probably won't be developed for ten years or so and what to put there would be determined by township residents who would work with planners for a grand vision for the property.

It's been suggested the site would be a nice place for the senior housing needed in the township. Residents could walk across the street to the senior center.

And, Trustee Sherry Frazier said it's a good investment and she is pleased that now they will be able to put up a lighted sign on the corner of Belleville and Tyler roads to point people to township hall and tell them what's happening. They'll own the corner. Moving forward in VBT.

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

We've been informed that retired Belleville Police Officer Carl Arnett died on Monday at his home on Second Street in the City of Belleville. We have no information on arrangements.

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A resident of Belle Villa mobile home park was sent over by the Belleville Police on Friday to tell me of the latest scam.

She said she got a Facebook message from her sister the previous night and she didn't question it because it was her sister's regular Facebook page.

She said her sister wrote asking her if she heard about her windfall. The sister said she got $150,000 from a grant that she doesn't have to pay back. She said her sister gave her a phone number so she could apply for a grant, too, and the lady sent text messages to apply. She gave her name and address.

Then she got a message that said if she sends them $1,000, she'll get $80,000 in return. There was a chart and if she gave them $10,000 they would give her $1 million.

When she got this message, she told her sister to call her, but then got a message back that she couldn't because she had ear surgery. The woman knew this wasn't true. She said about half way through the whole thing she knew it was a scam.

In the morning she called her sister to tell her she'd been hacked. The sister was going to change her Facebook codes and the lady went to Belleville Police. Police said they couldn't do anything about it, but warned her to send out messages to friends, telling them if they get a message from her about a windfall, not to respond.

She said police suggested she share the story with the *Independent* so we can alert

others, especially seniors, not to fall for this scam.

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There are four signs with pictures on them now hanging on the fence around the construction area in the 500 block of Main Street. They were put in place by the Belleville DDA to show the stores that used to be in Belleville plus one drawing of a store that will be erected in that area.

There was much discussion before the Sept. 18 DDA meeting about the identity of the young man leaning against the front of a car in one of the old shots. When Museum Director Katie Dallos arrived she said she saw the name "Hooten" written on the back of the picture and then all the old-timers knew it was Ted Hooten, who had Hoots Boots where Johnny's on the Lake is now located.

Ted, who has since passed on, was in my sister's BHS Class of 1956 and so I had known him for a long time. I recall he was quite a cut-up in high school and I think he would really like being in a picture on a fence in 2019 Belleville.

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A reader called on Tuesday morning to tell us that she was looking at Medigap information on the internet and plugged in her zip code of 48111 and it said "Wayne." She suggested the zip code problem in Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter might cause people to not get their Medicare booklets for 2020 which they need in time to sign up. She suggested if you don't have your booklet of information by October that you contact Medicare.

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We've been told several people called Van Buren Township dispatch to report several large explosions on Saturday afternoon in the area of Bemis Road. They were told it was a Civil War cannon being shot off at the VFW Post during its dedication of the 105mm Howitzer that has its barrel plugged and can't be fired.

The owner of the cannon brought it to the VFW post and it was "hidden" behind the post until the Marine dedicating the Howitzer hollered "FIRE!" and then the Civil War cannon was fired. It was very loud.

The crowd at the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the post were invited to come around to the back of the post to watch the cannon be fired again after all the speeches were over.

Post Commander John Blackstone also publicly advised Sumpter Township Supervisor John Morgan that the Howitzer is not pointing at the Sumpter Township Hall. Of course, he referred to what we wrote after one of the VFW members told us that's where it was pointed. It is, sort of, if you check it out. But, really, the Howitzer had to be set in place in a way it could best be seen and it is.

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Letters

More than a public problem – it's a mess

To the editor:

This public issue needs to be cleaned up. If you make a mess and are old enough, you are responsible to bring it back to its original status.

First of all, what law gave Clerk Leon Wright of VBT the right to change a U.S. Postal designation? In this case, the City of Belleville and the Township of Van Buren.

I do not remember a vote to be taken by the residents of VBT for the change. Is it possible by law as an unnecessary act of governance? As for me, I do not feel comfortable with such an individual right.

What documentation is available to peruse on this subject specifically for the change? As residents in VBT we are in a questionable circumstance.

We have one U.S. Postal building in the Belleville-VBT area. It services the communities of Belleville, VBT and Sumpter. If the U.S. Postal building is in the confines of Belleville or VBT, do either have certain rights as to mail delivery designation?

Belleville, VBT, and Sumpter all have the same zip code 48111. Why do we not have separate zip codes?

It all boils down to confusion in how or where to deliver mail, especially for businesses and perhaps individuals with this new designation.

And, to add to the problem, the legal documents that are with the Belleville name printed on them and not VBT. All need to be changed to satisfy the laws.

Clerk Leon Wright, what were you thinking when you set this act into law? Recognition of VBT?

I, for one, have had no complaint to be a Belleville-designation resident. The U.S. Postal Service is excellent and my mail is well-delivered, for zip code 48111.

Clerk Leon Wright, you are responsible for this mess. Put it back to its original status. It DID NOT need to be changed.

We know who we are and very much American citizens.

G. Bitnar
Van Buren Township resident

Thank you, St. Jude

To the editor:

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Oct. 3 is 'Take Your Bible to School Day'

To the editor:

I'd like to address this letter to all the children attending schools in our Tri-Community, while also informing parents, teachers, coaches, and administration of the following:

Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019, is our national "Take Your Bible to School Day."

Students do NOT have to leave their Faith at home. Students have the legal right to *share* their beliefs – pray, evangelize, read Scripture, and invite students to participate in such activities during free time, as long as they do not substantially interfere with the operation of the school or infringe on the rights of other students.

The right to expression also extends to the clothes students wear. Students may thus wear religious clothing to the extent that other like articles of dress are permitted.

No school may prohibit student expression solely because others might find it "offensive."

Parents need to let their school students know what their legal rights are. If there is *any* violation (prevention or obstruction) of this legal "right," there is legal recourse readily available, i.e. the "Alliance Defending Freedom."

In addition to Student's Rights, our teachers and coaches, too, have the legal right to engage in religious activities outside of non-instructional time, as follows: *Formation* of after-school Bible student groups, *Participation* in prayer groups with other adults, *Distribution* of literature to other adults for non-curricular activities on the *same terms* as all other events and activities. They also can legally provide *instruction* related to religion as part of the curriculum, and have some *involvement* in religious clubs.

God bless America.

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
Belleville

First Step Baby Shower was a great success

To the editor:

Thank you to all who donated so many baby items -- from baby wipes to diapers to car seat. Beautiful hand-crafted blankets and lots of onesies and much more. The need is great and you helped to fill that need.

Again, thank you for your kindness of gifts and gift cards.

A special thanks to Belleville-Area District Library, Char-She Beauty Supplies and Mail One and Trinity Episcopal Church for their space. You made my job a little easier in accepting and receiving baby items.

All gifts went to First Step on Saturday Sept. 21.

Marian Caldwell, coordinator
Ypsilanti/Belleville

More Letters

St. Anthony Men's Club gives thanks for support

To the editor:

St. Anthony Men's Club outing held at Fellows Creek Golf Course on Sept. 9 was a complete success. The Men's Club would like to thank the 72 golfers who participated. After the round of golf, the players were treated to a brunch of chicken with all the trimmings.

The Men's Club would also like to thank all the sponsors who helped make the outing successful.

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Special thank you to Brian Brown and his staff at Fellows Creek Golf Course for all their help and services. Also, to Ted and Debbie Wisniewski, Matt Cosgro, Pete Pitzen, John Zaroff, Leonard and Antoinette Szweda, John Krcmarik, Bill Alati and Jack Miles for all the volunteer work putting this event together.

Len Szweda
St. Anthony Men's Club, Belleville

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Sept. 26 – Wayne Walters
Oct. 2 – Nancy Shephard, Jakleen Ochalek
Oct. 3 – Chris Collins, Susan Cappelli
Oct. 4 – Charles Tackett

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Anniversary

Sept. 22 – Connie and Joseph Sixbey

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, Sept. 30, – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

• Tuesday, Oct. 1 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.

• Monday, Oct. 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Oct. 8 – September Days Senior Center Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Oct. 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Oct. 10 – Keystone Academy board meeting at 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

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Obituaries

Bernadine Mae Schaerer

BERNADINE MAE SCHAERER

(April 18, 1929 -- September 20, 2019)

Bernadine Mae Schaerer, age 90, a longtime Sumpter Township resident, died peacefully at her residence on Friday evening, September 20, 2019.

Bernadine is the beloved wife of the late Floyd Held (d.1954) and the late James Schaerer (d.2010); loving mother of Richard (Laurie) Held of Whitmore Lake, Debra (Ralph) Hendrix of Howell, Ronald (Gina) Held of Belleville, Gary (the late Cathy) Held of Belleville and Tamara Demara of Belleville. Mrs. Schaerer is also survived by her brother, Orman (Marion) Jr. Reynolds of Belleville, fifteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. Sadly, she is preceded in death by her daughter, the late Laurie Bourque (d.2010).

Born on April 18, 1929 in Romulus, Bernadine moved to Belleville at a very young age. A graduate of Belleville High School *(Class of 1947),* Bernadine served her community as a school bus driver for the Belleville school system for twenty-seven years. In her spare time, she enjoyed woodworking, painting and shopping. She also had a particular fondness for the Amish people and their culture. She was loved by many and will be truly missed.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, September 25, 2019 in the Main Chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. Bernadine's family greeted guests from 9 until 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment followed at Alban Cemetery, Ypsilanti Township.

In lieu of customary tributes, please consider contributions to the American Cancer Society.

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Louise E. Czajkowski

LOUISE E. CZAJKOWSKI

(November 10, 1930 -- September 16, 2019)

Louise E. Czajkowski, age 88, life-long Belleville-area resident, passed away Monday, September 16, 2019 at her home, surrounded by her family. She was born November 10, 1930, daughter of Lewis & Mary Catherine (Chrobak) Harvey.

She graduated from Belleville High School, Class of 1948. She loved to travel and saw all 50 states, plus enjoyed several trips to Europe. She enjoyed birds and flower gardening and often called her home "God's Little Acre." Most of all she treasured time spent with her family and numerous friends.

She is survived by 5 children: Curtis Czajkowski of Van Buren Township, MI, Catherine Czajkowski of Atlanta, Georgia, Cynthia (Alan) Hamersly of Noblesville, Indiana, Cheryl Czajkowski of Farmington Hills, MI and Carol (Kevin) Malek of South Lyon, MI; 10 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; a sister Beverly (Arthur) Martin of Van Buren Township, MI; also numerous friends and her beloved Pomeranian-mix Buttons -- who brought much joy to her life the last two years.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents, husband of 64 years Irvin Francis Czajkowski in 2015, daughter Claudia Webster in 2007, also a granddaughter Leslie Hamersly in 1987.

A Funeral Mass was at 11 a.m. Thursday, September 19, 2019 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. Father John Kiselica served as Celebrant. The family greeted guests an hour prior to Mass. Interment followed in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue or Ovarian Cancer Research.

ELIZABETH LEE GUY

(March 9, 1933 -- September 22, 2019)

Age 86, of Romulus. Survived by two children, five grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Services set for 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Family greeting from 9 a.m.

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Jean Hester Lamoureaux

JEAN HESTER LAMOUREAUX

(February 9, 1940 -- September 4, 2019)

Ms. Jean "Jeannie" Hester Lamoureaux, 79, passed away on September 4, 2019 following an illness. She was born February 9, 1940 in Saginaw, Michigan a daughter of John and Mary Marcum.

Jean loved to live life her own way. She resided in her home in Romulus for many years. Jean enjoyed gardening, cooking and traveling. She was an avid reader and loved to collect knick-knacks. Above all else, Jean's greatest joy in life was spending time with her beloved family and pets. Prior to her retirement she had been employed by General Motors and was a member of the UAW.

Jean is survived by her loving children David (Peggy) Lamoureaux, Jason (Jeanette) Lamoureaux and Dean (deceased) Lamoureaux. Adored brother Arthur (Sue) Marcum. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren.

A memorial service in Jean's honor will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Noon at the Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville, MI 734-697-9400. Jean's family will greet guests from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

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MORT DALE STOELTON

(July 22, 1934 -- September 18, 2019)

Mort Dale Stoelton, age 85, passed away on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 in Sebring, Florida. He was born in Detroit, Michigan July 22, 1934 to the late Edward and Audrey (Thompson) Stoelton and lived most of his life in Belleville, MI.

Mort married the love of his life, Bonnie Lee Stoelton who passed away in 2006 after 52 years of marriage. He had been a resident of Sebring for 20 years coming from Key Largo, FL.

Mort retired from Ford Motor Company in 1999 and was a deacon and member of Whispering Pines Baptist Church. Mort loved to coach baseball and spend time with his family. He enjoyed listening to Christian music and reading his Bible.

Mort is survived by his Sons, Mark (Darlene) of Sebring, FL; Michael (Krisy) of Belleville, MI; Mathew (Mariko) of Tokyo, Japan; brother, Lynn Stoelton (Connie) of MI; eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 1 p.m. at Whispering Pines Baptist Church, Sebring FL with family receiving friends beginning at 12 noon. Memorial contributions may be made to Whispering Pines Baptist Church, Sudan Interior Mission or Highlands County Humane Society.

Arrangements entrusted to: Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Online condolences may be left at: www.stephensonnelsonfh.com .

The Lakes Dental Care to host 'Free Dentistry Day' on Friday, Oct. 11

Residents in the Belleville community and surrounding areas have the opportunity to receive free dental services at The Lakes Dental Care on Friday, Oct. 11.

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City candidates

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through health initiatives for our residents. One of my passions is sustainable living and being conscious of how everything we do and use impacts us. I would like to bring more awareness and education of this, including our recycling program and through community gardens.

"I have had the experience of being a leader, planning, logistics, and being an active participant in meetings, receiving/relaying information to all stakeholders, giving press releases, working on marketing, keeping on target for budgets, branding and all publications involved for each organization I have been involved in all while keeping on deadline.

"Once elected, I look forward to serving with integrity while utilizing my experience with community involvement. While being an integral member of the council team I will continue to talk to residents as well as neighboring communities and businesses about their needs in our community. As the city seal says 'Quality Living.' I want to help make decisions with that goal and our residents in mind. Providing the basic services like Police, Fire, utilities, infrastructure, preparedness as well as amenities such as parks and our downtown are important to all of us who live here.

"I think we can be more innovative. I have attended a good majority of the city council meetings since moving here and I see that it isn't convenient for everyone to attend city council meetings due to work, school, and other reasons and we don't have the meeting aired on local cable. Exploring how we can change this and have a more engaged city could help to connect our community outside of the very few people who do currently attend meetings.

"I would also like city council to create a more extensive follow-up list and maintain this list online and discuss it at the appropriate meetings with department heads within the city so that residents will be informed of where we stand on items effecting us all. The city has limited resources and staff. We can look at what has always been done and ask and explore the 'whys' to see why and where we can improve upon current processes. We can look at possible funding options and/or grants to help our community thrive.

"Also, I would like to see more collaboration between boards, commissions, and committees to work together to strengthen and build our community. It is important to bring us all together to make a thriving city where people from all over will want to come across the bridge and visit Belleville," Bates concluded.

Kenneth Voigt

Kenneth Voigt, 78 W. Wabash St., is retired. Voigt, 63, has lived in the city for 40 years. He and his wife Peggy have three children: Matt, Sarah and Adam.

This is his first bid for elective office.

He had been appointed to and served on the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, the Belleville Planning Commission, and the Belleville Sign Commission.

Voigt is a member of the Belleville Historical Society, Belleville Area Council for the Arts, and the BYC.

Why is he running for office?

"I have lived in Belleville since 1979. I served on the Belleville Police Department for 25 years including a brief time as acting chief of the department. I served for a total of 18 years on the Downtown Development Authority, 4 years on the planning commission, and 8 years on the sign commission.

"I am very active in the community. I am a member of the Belleville Historical Society and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. I currently serve as vice-president of the arts council and for the past ten years I have led the committee that produces Music Lakeside, our summer concert series at Horizon Park.

"In the past I have served on the Van Buren Soccer Association as both a coach and a board member, and on the Belleville Strawberry Festival committee. I am running for council because I love our little town and I want to see it thrive."

As to his goals once he is elected:

"The recent development in the city (the library and the Jones' project) gives us an unprecedented and long-awaited opportunity to revitalize the area and to realize the potential of our downtown. We have one of the best geographic locations in Southeast Michigan, if not the entire state, and have struggled to capitalize on it. Since our city is land-locked, it is important to maximize our tax base so that we can continue to provide the level of public service that the residents expect and deserve. I will work hard to keep the momentum that we have going. We need to think outside the box in order to have a strategic vision for our community if we want to improve our quality of life."

Aafrika Broadus Poole

Aafrika Broadus Poole, 41, 235 Main St. has filed as a write-in candidate for city council. She has lived in the city for 16 years and is the mother of three children: Donald C. Poole III, age 16; Kinley Poole, age 11; and Chance Poole, age 9.

She describes her occupation as entrepreneur/philanthropist/educator and lists her education as University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1999. This is her first try for election to public office.

Poole has been active in D3 Cerebral Palsy Foundation, a non-profit organization, where she served as president. She also has been active in Future Vest Women's Investment Club as Vice President of Education 2014; Michigan Department of Education: Great Start to Quality Blue Star, MiRegistry non-profit child care.

Her hobbies include community organizer for years 2008, 2012, 2019; federal grant writer for years 2003, 2012, 2017-2019; and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Experienced Advisor for Volunteer Services, 2012.

When asked why she is seeking office, she replied:

• "EXPERIENCE: Business ownership for 25+ years and philanthropist 10+ years;

• QUALIFICATIONS: Graduate College General Studies, UM Ross School of Business, College of Communication, College of Psychology; Michigan Department of Education Licensed Substitute Teacher;

• PASSIONATE OVER: Census 2020, Education, Family Tradition, Safe & Secure; Health Care; Environment (neighborhoods);

• NATIVE: City of Belleville homeowner 2003-2019; Born and raised in Saginaw, MI, 1977-1996.

She said her goals, once elected, are to "Work to uphold tradition and nice, clean, healthy Belleville community. Work together as a city council member to continue the good works already set forth by our city mayor and city government. I am a proud voter of Belleville, MI 48111."

The information about the candidates was written by the candidates in response to an Independent *questionnaire*.

BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Sept. 26**: Girls Golf vs. John Glenn HS, 3 p.m. at Willow Metro Park; Freshman Football vs Bay City Central HS, 4:30 p.m.; Freshman Volleyball vs Lincoln HS, 5 p.m.; JV Football vs Ida HS, 6:30 p.m.; Girls Swim & Dive vs John Glenn HS, 6:30 p.m.; JV Volleyball vs Lincoln HS, 6:30 p.m.

• **Friday, Sept. 27**: Boys JV Soccer vs Garden City HS, 4 p.m.; Boys Varsity Soccer vs Garden City 5:30 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Oct. 1**: Boys & Girls Cross Country Tri Meet, 4 p.m. at Van Buren Park; FR & JV Volleyball vs Wayne Memorial HS, 5 p.m., Boys JV Soccer vs Dearborn HS, 5:30 p.m.; Varsity Volleyball vs Wayne Memorial HS, 6:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Soccer vs Dearborn HS, 7 p.m.

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Belleville DDA decides on layout for one-way Fourth St. to library

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority decided four parking spaces along the newly designed Fourth Street will be located just off Main Street, to accommodate visitors to the museum on one side and businesses on the other side.

At its regular meeting on Sept. 18, the DDA was presented with two more drawings, with a total of three options designed by Phil Westmoreland of Spicer Group for the layout of the part of Fourth Street left after the library construction is complete.

DDA member Jim Chudzinski said he took a good look at Fourth Street and there is not much room there, although the drawings look like there is a lot of space. He said he would like the four parking spaces closer to Main Street.

DDA treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams said she talked to her neighbors in Victoria Commons and they said they would like the parking in the middle of the block for aesthetic reasons.

Chairing the meeting was vice chairperson Alicia McGovern in the absence of chairperson Rosemary Loria. It was announced Loria had just been released from the hospital. McGovern asked everyone to keep Loria in their thoughts.

McGovern asked if the street option had to be decided at this meeting and DDA coordinator Carol Thompson said it did. She said while amenities for the street can be customized down the road, "We're at a point we want to be talking to the concrete group."

Mayor Kerreen Conley said she was not overly excited about the signs proposed so that can be decided later.

Museum Director Katie Dallos said this was the first time she saw what was being proposed for Fourth Street, next to the museum. She said people who have trouble walking generally park in the first two places on Fourth Street because they can't go in the side door and have to walk around to the front door. She said they also usually park at the first two spots on Roys Street and in front, on Main, as well.

She said there was no quilt show this year because the Western Wayne County Quilters were concerned about parking for the elderly that attend.

"It would hinder us to push the parking back [to the middle of the block]," Dallos said, referring to one of the options.

Belleville Area District Library Board president Sharon Peters and Library Director Mary Jo Suchy also were present to hear what was going to happen on Fourth Street.

Peters said they talked with their site building director and, "We will be fine with either option you choose."

She said there will be 89 spots in the new lot next to the library, but they won't be available until early summer next year.

"We're looking for a cultural hub for the whole community," Peters said. "I have a lot of sensitivity to people with disabilities these days."

"I would like parking as the number one [choice] closer to Main Street for other businesses besides the library," Chudzinski said.

Mayor Conley said she liked the parking in the middle of the block because it is more symmetrical. But the parking on Main Street is compromised, she said.

McGovern said visually it is better with the parking away from Main Street, but because of the need for parking there expressed by business property owner Dr. Jawad at a previous meeting and the museum, she would have to go with the parking next to Main.

This was Valerie Kelly-Bonner's first meeting as a member of the DDA since being appointed and she said she was not informed enough to comment.

DDA member Jason Mida said he is in favor of keeping the parking close to the businesses.

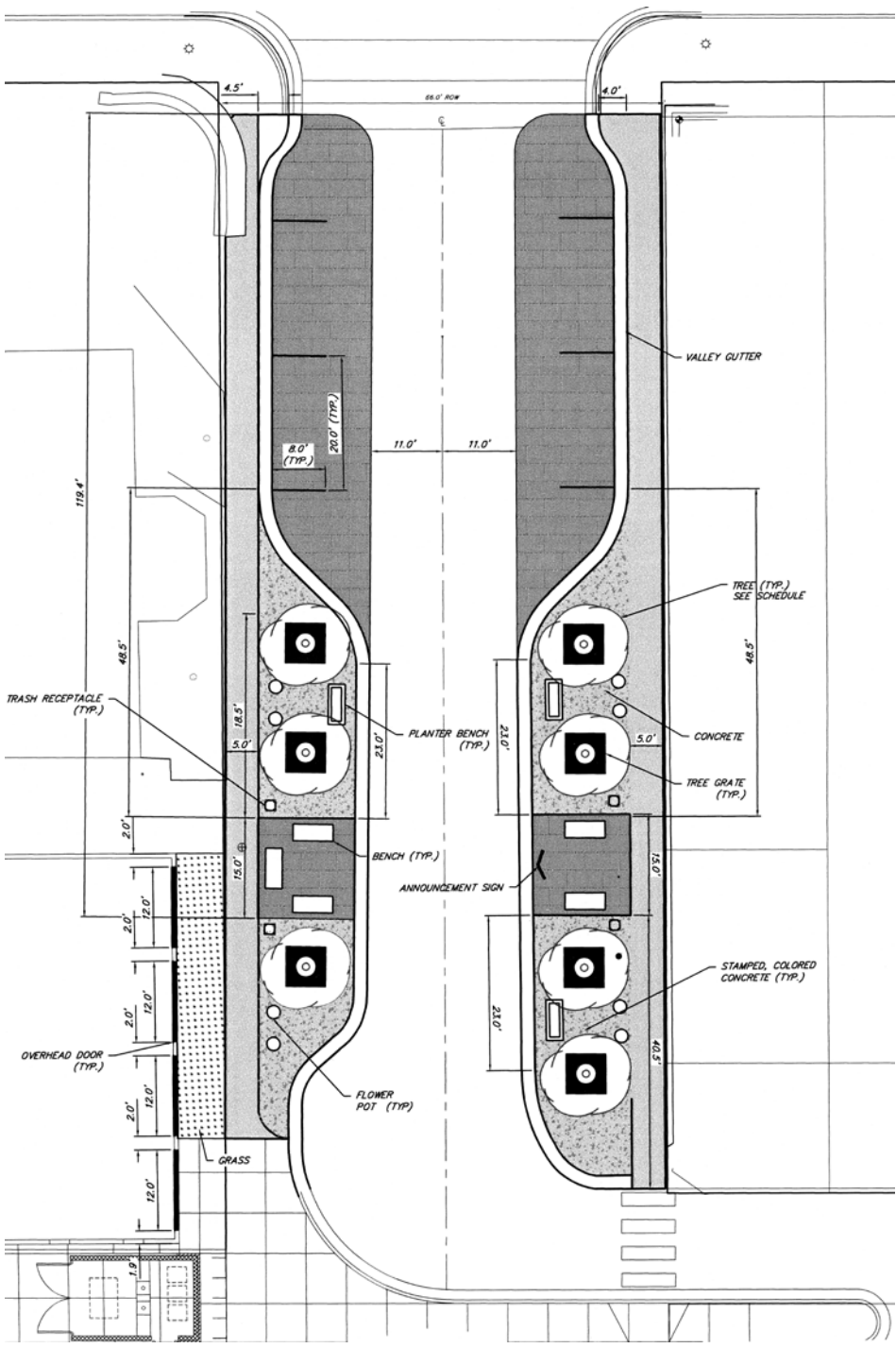
DDA secretary Denise Baker said as a businessperson, she is in favor of keeping the parking closer to Main Street and the benches farther down toward the library.

Richardson-Williams said most of the businesses in that area close at 5 p.m., but she was reminded of Egan's Pub that would be open later.

Chudzinski made the motion to approve that evening's layout #1, with parking at Main Street, and that was seconded by Mida. The motion passed. Richardson-Williams cast the only nay vote and Kelly-Bonner did not vote.

In a report to the DDA on what she calls the "Belleville 4th Street Placemaking Project," Thompson said Fourth Street continues to function as a street, changing to one-way, directing traffic towards the new library and the adjacent library/city parking lot.

She said in a 2010 parking study there were 243 parking spaces in the downtown, the six blocks from the bridge to Five Points. That included 104 parking spaces on Main Street, 82 spaces in the Liberty Street parking lot, and 61 spaces (public and private) within one block of Main. The new library/city parking lot will have 91 spaces (previous city and library lots had 37); Fourth Street had eight spaces, changing to four. This provides a net gain of 51 spaces and downtown will have 294 spaces.



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VBT DDA hires Wade Trim for new Capital Improvement Plan

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Wade Trim was hired by the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority for a lump sum of $21,000 to help a subcommittee put together a new "wish list" of capital improvements to work on in the DDA district.

At its regular DDA meeting on May 28, Executive Director Susan Ireland said Wade Trim knows the township and, by using them, "We don't have to reinvent the wheel."

Director Ireland referred to the present list of DDA projects that has pretty much been completed at a total cost of $27,570,500.

She said she called Dave Nummer, who was the former township engineering consultant at Wade Trim, to present a proposal, but she did all the talking at the meeting. Nummer encouraged her, saying she was doing a good job explaining the project.

Ireland said in looking at a new list of projects, "We also take a step closer in the township's pursuit of Redevelopment Ready Community status with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)."

In a memo presented on the Capital Improvement Plan topic, Ireland said, "After thoughtful consideration, I made a conscious decision to reach out to Wade Trim, asking them for a proposal to assist the DDA with this process. They are very familiar with the Van Buren DDA and we have collaborated on several successful projects in recent years. Wade Trim has the ability to dive into this with virtually no learning curve as would be required of others."

Ireland said this is something the DDA has to do.

Wade Trim will summarize each project, provide graphical representation, budget level cost estimates, and time estimates, she said. Ireland said funding for the project has been included in the 2019 DDA Budget.

"We got it done," said DDA member Carol Bird. "We need a new list,"

"We still haven't widened Belleville Road," pointed out DDA chairman Craig Atchinson and Mark Laginess noted the DDA has taken steps in that direction. He referred to getting rights of way along that stretch of the road.

Ireland said she would like to see center turn lanes on Belleville Road from Tyler to Ecorse.

"It's difficult at times to be getting out," Ireland said.

Nummer said he has "an idea of some creative things to come up with."

It was noted DDA members Mark Laginess and Vic Delibera were on the committee that came up with the present plan.

Chairman Atchinson reappointed Laginess and Delibera to the new subcommittee, along with Bird and Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

The current list includes the $5 million renovation and addition to township hall, the $5 million Fire Station #2, $2.5 million in traffic light signalization and road repair, the $6.2 millon Belleville/Ecorse Road intersection project with landscaping, the $1.3 million non-motorized pathway over I-94 on Belleville Road (in progress), the $1,460,000 Placemaking Initiative (in progress), and others.

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The oldest alumni at Saturday's Belleville High School Alumni Reunion are, from left, Jean Smith Hayward, age 96, class of 1940; Dick Feight, class of 1944; Millie Baker, class of 1944; Phyllis Smith Stein, class of 1945; and guest Thelma Griffin, wife of oldest male alumnus, Neil Griffin, age 94, class of 1943.

BHS Class of 1964 posed for a photo during the alumni celebration on Saturday. They are celebrating 55 years.

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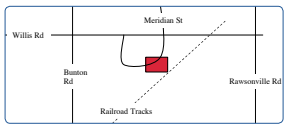

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Belleville High School prepares for Oct. 11 Homecoming game

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Homecoming is an exciting game to attend since the King and Queen are both crowned during halftime and the awesome marching band puts on a great halftime show, Small said.

At 7 p.m., Oct. 9 the BHS Senior class of 2020 is hosting the annual Powder Puff Football Fundraiser. Admission is $5. The A&W is also hosting a dine to donate event the same day with 15% of sales conducted from 4 to 9 p.m. that will benefit the Senior Class of 2020.

Nia Washington named to President's List at Georgia State Univ.

ATLANTA, GA -- Nia Washington of Belleville was named to the Summer 2019 President's List at Georgia State University.

To be eligible for the President's List during the summer semester, degree-seeking students with a minimum Georgia State University cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 must earn a 4.0 GPA for the semester and complete at least 6 semester hours of academic credit with no incompletes.

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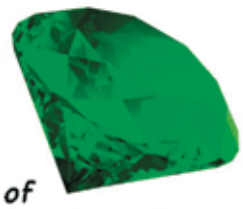

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DeBuck's Corn Maze and Sod Farm on Martz Road features acres of sunflowers guests can cut and bring home, along with acres of pumpkins from which to select, and plenty of play areas for children.

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Keystone attorney, NHA attorney to attend next school board meeting

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The attorney that represents Keystone Charter Academy school board and an attorney from National Heritage Academies, that provides all educational services to Keystone Academy, are expected to lock horns at the next meeting of the charter academy school board at 6 p.m. Oct. 10.

At the school board's regular meeting on Sept. 12, board president Vesta Losen said Keystone's attorney agreed that the board should be signatories on its account at Chase bank since that's how it reads in the services agreement signed with NHA.

"The problem was we were not getting our money," Losen said of the $35,000 set aside for the board each year. "The PTO waited eight months for a check."

A resolution prepared by Keystone attorney Candace Sorenson was discussed and tabled at the Aug. 8 meeting and then discussed and tabled again at the Sept. 12 meeting with the plan to have Keystone's attorney present at the next meeting to explain why the resolution is proper.

Andrew Roth, who is in training to be the NHA representative to Keystone, said an NHA attorney should be there, too.

Secretary Connie Shull pointed out treasurer Charlene Derrick is not comfortable with passing the resolution. Derrick has said several times that the situation "does make me nervous."

"She's being made to feel uncomfortable," said board president Vesta Losen, referring to the list of things Roth said Derrick would be responsible for if the present policy was changed.

Roth said Derrick would be responsible for accounting and retention of records and if there was a problem with the audit it would be hers.

"You can do whatever you want, but we still think it's not a good idea," Roth said.

Losen said according to the service agreement the only signers on the funds at Chase bank are the president and treasurer.

"People from NHA on there are not signatories on the major account," Losen said. "We have no reason to touch the major account. What we're concerned about is the board spending account. Only Charlene and myself can withdraw there. NHA can go in and see what checks we've written, otherwise nothing changes."

Jeff Henders, longtime NHA representative to Keystone, explained the money goes from the state to charter authorizer Bay Mills Community College, which takes out 3%, and then it goes to NHA at Chase bank and then the $35,000 board funds to Keystone.

The budget shows some $6.8 million in state aid and federal funds in the major Keystone budget.

Losen insisted NHA would still be doing the financial report in the board packet each month.

"NHA has practices it follows," said Henders. "We can supply you with reports, but not give information to the auditor... It sounds like you're attempting to take on a big responsibility."

"The problem was we were not getting our money," Losen said. "The PTO waited eight months for a check."

Henders agreed, "It's all on us. It started when we had transition." He referred to the change in principal.

Shull said there were delays with reimbursement for Christmas purchases and the scholarship for a student heading to college.

"I'm hesitant ... on all sides," said Henders. "I don't think the process wasn't followed." He said Losen said she sent a bill to NHA and didn't know who she sent it to. "We didn't get it."

"I think there was overload at NHA," Losen said. "There were a lot of new schools ... Andrew is new on the job ... The service agreement. We have not followed it."

Roth said the board treasurer would have to provide proof of financial steps.

"I have 60 years of experience," Losen said. "I can help."

She said Keystone needs to consult with its attorney. Losen said the board attorney said Len Wolfe of Bay Mills said he was not going to agree with NHA on this.

Henders disagreed, saying Bay Mills is very happy with how NHA handles the finances.

"We're indemnified as board members," Losen said.

"It's an option you can use," Roth said of the resolution. "I'm not saying you can't... I do think it's a bad idea, not the best choice."

"We could be lazy and just let you do it," Losen said.

"It's not normal," Roth replied.

"It does make me nervous," board treasurer Derrick repeated.

"If we all work together, we can do it," said board member Patricia Kirkpatrick.

Derrick asked if this is all because of what happened last school year.

"We hired an attorney for a reason. Let's use her," Losen said.

"You need a checkbook for the account?" Henders asked and Losen replied they do.

Henders said it's never been disputed or stated as such by any other board in the NHA group and Keystone is the first board to question the procedure.

"I do understand the delays," Henders said. "I'm committed to solving it with Jorvonna and Andrew." He referred to Principal Jorvonna Drain and Roth, the new NHA representative.

Losen said the agreement requires the board to be in control and Automated Clearing House network withdrawals has the ability for NHA to pull the money out of Keystone's account.

Losen said she signed the agreement two days before deadline because she expected the resolution to be passed by the board.

She said NHA could change the services agreement or they could fix it with the resolution.

"I want to do it right," Losen said, noting she was in favor of tabling it that evening.

"I'd really like to see a solution," Shull said.

Principal Drain said once she found out she was part of the process, she expedited payments.

"I don't want you guys waiting a long time," Drain said.

Losen said Chase bank does not understand why it's set up this way.

In other business at the one-hour-and-20-minute meeting, the board:

• Unanimously approved the new medical health policy amendment required to be adopted by MCL 388.1766 for all schools in Michigan by Oct. 1. This requires a person employed by the school who distributes a family planning drug or device on school property or refers a student for an abortion shall be subject to a financial penalty of not less than 3% of that person's annual compensation;

• Heard Principal Drain announce there were 699 students enrolled, with a goal of 768. She said they maintained about 750 last year;

• Heard Drain report there are 79 students enrolled in the Stars before- and after-school program as of Sept. 3. Losen said there is a $40 enrollment fee for that program each year and Keystone used to get 10% of that, but now NHA takes it. "I'm not giving up on this," Losen said;

• Approved an after-school tutoring program at a cost to the board of $3,088;

• Approved the Teacher Evaluation and Employee Certification Warranty Resolution;

• Approved the Reading Assessment System Selection Resolution for the state's third-grade reading law, selecting aimswebPlus for testing; and

• Heard Losen say that Keystone is not doing as well in reading as the last two years. She said she is encouraged by studies that are not based on learning how to teach them, but how students learn. "Common Core doesn't work. It started seven years ago and we've gone down," she said.

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township met with representatives of companies interested in buying the Ford Land property. They said Ford Land was requiring them to purchase six parcels as a package and that they were primarily interested in industrial development.

They discussed the current zoning of the site (mixed use) and how that was applicable to their plans. In order to change the current land use regulations, they would need to amend the township's Master Plan. They also discussed the township's effort in the past to acquire the property.

"We left the meeting indicating that we would be conducting a follow-up meeting with the real estate broker Steven Gordon to discuss the site further," said Akers in a report of the meeting.

Then a brief meeting was held Oct. 8, 2018 with Steve Gordon from Signature and Associates, Supervisor McNamara, and Akers. Gordon said the meeting on Oct. 4 did not go well as the developers were unable to utilize the Ford Land property for their planned purposes. There was discussion regarding the township's prior attempt to acquire the property with CBRE broker.

Gordon indicated that the current asking price of the property was $8.1 million. Akers reported they asked Gordon why the drastic increase in price, since the prior asking price was $3.3 million. Gordon said he could not explain the difference, but indicated it may have something to do with Ford's decision to switch real estate brokers.

Gordon also hinted that they may be able to accept something in the $4 million range as that is what the current developer was going to be paying for it. The township representatives told Gordon they would need to consult with the township board prior to offering a price to them for the property.

On Dec. 5, McNamara sent a letter saying the board of trustees has authorized him to offer $1.5 million for the property.

"I understand this is below the asking purchasing price," he wrote. "However, as much as we would like to integrate a public park on the property, I've been advised by engineers that is would be at least a five-year project to mitigate the wetlands and acquire the funds necessary to build a park. Further, we've consulted with numerous developers and it's anticipated that this property would remain undeveloped until the next economic cycle, approximately 10 years."

Ford Land did not accept the offer.

Then, a few weeks ago, new for-sale signs went up on the property and the cost was $45,000 per usable acre. Eighty acres would be $3.6 million.

Clerk Leon Wright contacted Ford Land and asked them to reconsider Van Buren Township's offer. The offer was accepted and closing will be in 30 to 45 days.

McNamara said one of the industrial developers decided to purchase land in Romulus.

"I'm an optimist that we're not going into a recession," said Clerk Wright after making the motion to buy the property. He said the price is excellent and the township can go after people "we want to see in the community" to develop there.

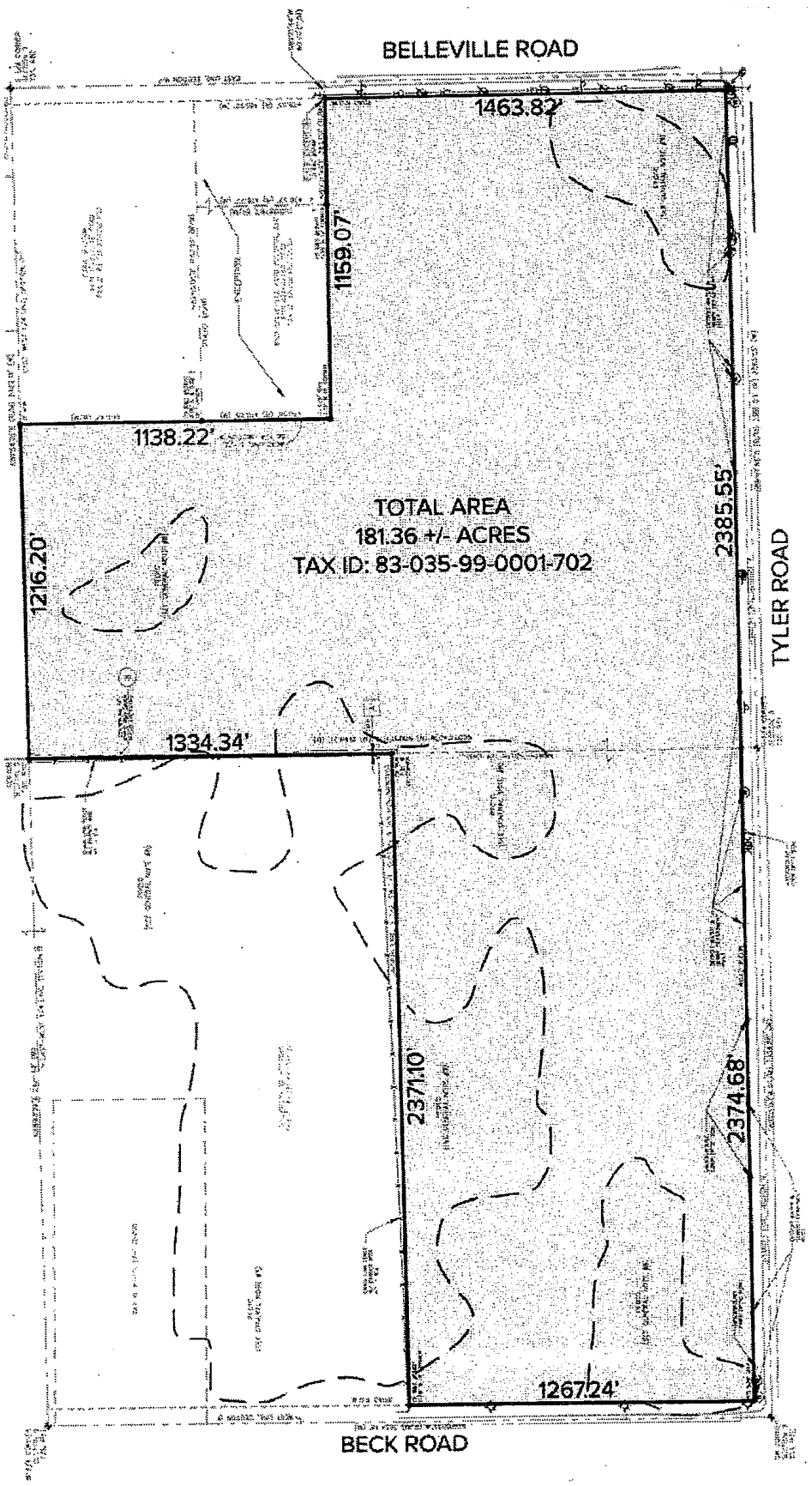
Trustee Sherry Frazier, who is a real estate agent, said this is an excellent investment and allows the township to control the property to increase the value to other properties on Belleville Road.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to put a sign on the property," Trustee Frazier said, referring to the LED sign she has been asking for at the corner of Belleville Road and Tyler to direct people to the township hall and to tell what's going on in the township.

"Sherry's going to get her sign," Supervisor McNamara said.

Trustee Reggie Miller asked if the township will be able to make a profit on this transaction and McNamara said, "Yes, we can."

Trustee Miller attended the closed session and open session by telephone and township attorney Patrick McCauley said there is no prohibition in the Open Meetings Act against voting in an open meeting by phone. McCauley said the Michigan Township Association attorney and Attorney General Bill Schuette also have given positive opinions on voting by phone in an open meeting and participation in the discussion. This is the first time anyone remembers ever having a Van Buren Township board member participate in a meeting by phone.



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• **Thursday, Sept. 26 –** Free class on how to "Clean Up Your Inbox" is at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. No computer or device required for this demonstration-only class. Information: (734) 699-3291.

• **Thursday, Sept. 26 –** Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., in the Dining Hall at the Wayne County Fair Grounds, 10871 Quirk Rd., Van Buren Township. All are welcome!

• **Friday, Sept. 27 --** Karaoke at the Van Buren Eagles 3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, (734) 699-8836.

• **Friday, Sept. 27 –** State Rep. Joe Bellino will be holding coffee hours from 1 to 2 p.m. at Tim Hortons, 404 S. Monroe St., in Monroe and from 3 to 4 p.m. at Maybee Village Hall, 9051 Raisin St., in Maybee. Tell him your concerns on state issues.

• **Saturday, Sept. 28 –** State Rep. Kristy Pagan will be present at 10 a.m. at Belleville City Hall for a coffee hour with constituents. Tell her your concerns about state issues.

• **Saturday, Sept. 28 –** The "Write Stuff" Writer's Group meets the last Saturday of every month from 1-3 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. All aspiring writers are welcome.

• **Saturday, Sept. 28 –** Gospel concert from 1 to 5 p.m. in the pavilion at the Sumpter Township fairgrounds, sponsored by the Progressive Civic League and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

• **Saturday, Sept. 28 –** Eagle Riders Hog Roast, 3-10 p.m., $15 in advance, $20 at the door. Tickets includes cash prizes. First keg of beer is on us. Cash bar. Van Buren Eagles 3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, (734) 699-8836.

• **Sunday, Sept. 29 –** The 1919 Model T housed in the Belleville Area Museum will make the trek to the Piquette Plant at Milwaukee Junction in Detroit to celebrate its 100th birthday and take part in the plant's Model T Birthday Celebration, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

• **Sunday, Sept. 29 –** From noon until closing, Egan's Pub, 396 Main St., Belleville, will give a percentage of its sales to the Belleville Community Chorus as part of a Dine to Donate afternoon. There will be 50/50 raffles and raffle baskets.

• **Sunday, Sept. 29 –** September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., offers free Sunday music from 2 to 5 p.m. This week it's Cool Birds. For information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Monday, Sept. 30 –** Last day of the season for the Belleville Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m. at the Fourth Street Square in Belleville, sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community. Also, last day for Cruise Main Street Classic Car Show, 6-9 p.m. on Main Street in Belleville, sponsored by Egan's Pub.

• **Tuesday, Oct. 1** – The Belleville Area Museum will host a Booville Bonfire Kickoff with free hot chocolate and S'mores from 5-7 p.m.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 2** – League of Women Voters is holding a candidate's forum for those seeking seats on the Belleville City Council in the Nov. 5 election. The forum is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Belleville High School mini-auditorium.

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Court Watching:

Michael Runyon waives exam, is bound over to circuit court

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Aug. 28, Michael Alan Lee Runyon, 27, waived his preliminary exam before 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley on a charge of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than death and domestic violence on Aug. 11 in Sumpter Township.

His date at circuit court was Sept. 11 for an arraignment on the information. On Sept. 11 a plea was considered and a disposition conference set for Sept. 24 before Circuit Court Judge Deborah A. Thomas.

He is free on $5,000 personal recognizance bond and GPS tether. Court-appointed attorney is Vincent Toussaint.

Joseph Benjamin Ferguson

Joseph Benjamin Ferguson, 23, waived his preliminary exam on five charges and Judge Oakley bound him over to circuit court for a Sept. 11 arraignment on the information. Circuit court, however, adjourned the AOI until Sept. 23 before Judge Gregory D. Bill.

Ferguson is charged with fleeing a police officer – third degree, assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer, operating while intoxicated, operating while license suspended and reckless driving on June 9 in Sumpter Township. He is free on $10,000 personal recognizance bond and wears an alcohol tether. His retained attorney is Michael Woodyard.

Chad Allen Roberts

Chad Allen Roberts, 45, waived his preliminary exam before Judge Oakley and was bound over to circuit court for a Sept. 11 arraignment on the information. He was charged with operating with a high blood alcohol content, operating while intoxicated, and operating while license suspended, revoked or denied on June 23 in Sumpter Township. Roberts is free after posting bond of $10,000/10%. His retained attorney is Michael Vincent.

On Sept. 11, Roberts pled guilty to the charge of operating with a high blood alcohol content and the two other charges were dismissed. Sentencing by Judge James R. Chylinski was set for Oct. 30. Bond was continued.

Aaron Michael Armos

Aaron Michael Armos, 21, waived his preliminary exam before Magistrate Lisa Martin and was bound over to circuit court for a Sept. 11 arraignment on the information. He is charged with malicious destruction of a building -- $20,000 or more – on Aug. 10 in Sumpter Township. His court-appointed attorney is Richard Banta. A disposition conference before Judge Gregory D. Bill was set for Sept. 24.

Amanda Renee Cox

Amanda Renee Cox, 26, waived her preliminary exam and Magistrate Martin bound her over to circuit court for a Sept. 11 arraignment on the information. Cox is charged with one count of controlled substance – possession of narcotic or cocaine less than 25 grams on April 21 in VBT and is free on $3,000 personal recognizance bond.

On Sept. 11 she pled guilty to the charge and the plea was accepted. She was referred to probation for a pre-sentence report. Sentencing will be Nov. 13 by Circuit Court Judge James R. Chylinski.

Latasha Antonette Bailey

On Sept. 18, Latasha Antonette Bailey, 33, waived her preliminary exam before Judge Oakley on charges of receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle and unauthorized driving away of an auto on Oct. 14, 2017 in Van Buren Township. She was bound over to circuit court for an Oct. 2 arraignment on the information. Bailey is free on $2,000 personal recognizance bond. Her court-appointed attorney is Kathleen Tulacz.

Brandon Antonio Barros

On Sept. 18, Brandon Antonio Barros, 19, waived his preliminary exam and Magistrate Lisa Martin bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Oct. 2. He faces charges of fleeing police in a vehicle, assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer causing injury, possession of narcotics or cocaine less than 25 grams, and assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer on March 5 in the City of Belleville. He is free on $10,000 personal recognizance bond. His court appointed attorney is Joseph Dillard.

Michael Ross Carney

On Sept. 18, Michael Ross Carney, 65, waived his preliminary exam and Magistrate Martin bound him over to circuit court for an Oct. 2 arraignment on the information. He is charged with operating while intoxicated-3rd and operating while intoxicated with the presence of controlled substance on Nov. 7, 2015 in Van Buren Township. He is free on $5,000 personal recognizance bond. His court-appointed attorney is Malita Barrett.

David Aaron Lipscomb

On Sept. 18, David Aaron Lipscomb, 21, waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for an Oct. 2 arraignment on the information. He is charged with aggravated indecent exposure on Nov. 14, 2018 in Van Buren Township. He is free on $5,000 personal recognizance bond. His retained attorney is Carl Jordan.

William Robert-Eugene Loggie

On Sept. 18, William Robert-Eugene Loggie, 20, waived his preliminary exam and Magistrate Martin bound him over to circuit court for an Oct. 2 arraignment on the information. He is charged with fleeing police in a vehicle on Sept. 8 in Sumpter Township. He is free after posting bond of $5,000/10%. His court appointed attorney is Gil McRipley.

Frederick Aungwa Abunku

Frederick Aungwa Abunku, 26, of Cincinnati, pled no-contest to a new charge of use of a controlled substance and the other four charges against him were dismissed. His retained attorney Rickie Ibe said there is possibility of civil liability and that is why he is pleading no-contest.

Abunku had been charged with possession of narcotic or cocaine less than 25 grams, unlawful use of license plate, operating without security, and no license/multiple licenses in the City of Belleville on Aug. 23. He was free after posting bond of $10,000/10%.

Judge Parrott accepted the plea and said he would do immediate sentencing.

Defense attorney Ibe said his client is remorseful for everything. He said his client's mother is in the courtroom and she flew in for this court appearance as did he and his client.

Because he lives in Cincinnati, Judge Parrott sentenced him to mail-in probation for six months with $995 in fines and costs. Abunku is allowed to go home to Ohio, but he must use no controlled substances and undergo drug screening.

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District Library board approves $33,863.60 for cutting-edge services

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The new library now under construction next to the present library will have a variety of new ways to help the public with cutting-edge services.

At the Aug. 13 meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board, an agreement with Envisionware for a total of $33,863.60 -- which includes payment to The Library Network -- will provide library patrons with high-tech printing, scanning, faxing, and copying.

The touch-screens on these kiosks will look the same throughout the library, so it will not be necessary to learn different systems.

A kiosk for PC Time Management, Print Management, Mobile Printing, and Payment Management will be located next to the color copier near the second floor computer/internet work stations. Payment options will include credit card, coin, bill, and library card / visitor card.

The Library Document Station (LDS) will be located near the copy machine by the entrance on the first floor. Patrons can fax their documents or scan them to a mobile phone, email, or USB drive. From the LDS screen, patrons may also pick up their mobile print jobs or any other print jobs they did in the building that day. Payment options include credit card, coin, bill, and library card/visitor card.

The Coin/Bill Acceptor and Credit Card Readers will work with the LDS as well as the copier. The credit card reader will work with the LDS.

The Ecommerce Services Staff Register (and software) will feature two staff registers at the circulation desk which will interface with the automation system. Staff can accept cash, checks, and credit cards for printing, copying, lost materials, Friends of the Library merchandise, etc. Staff register software provides auditing and reporting controls.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said since the library is no longer charging late fees, it will redeploy the two credit card readers previously purchased for the first-floor self-check kiosks. They will, instead, be used with the staff cash registers.

A four-year subscription to MobilePrint for the Main Library and the branch in Sumpter will enable people to print from their mobile devices or from home and retrieve their documents from one of the library's print release stations.

Various software licenses including two site licenses (for the main library and the branch) and 45 client licenses (34 at the main library and 11 at the branch) are necessary.

This PC Time/Reservation Management software from Envisionware will be purchased through the Library Network which has negotiated a group rate. The price includes installation.

The Envisionware total is $29,055.90 and the Library Network total is $4,807.70 for a total of $33,863.60 for the services.

Envisionware originally was selected for the self-checkout for the new library and that decision was partly because of its suite of other products that would seamlessly interface with the original purchase.

In other business at the Aug. 13 meeting, the board:

• Approved accepting the Centennial Quilt, that now hangs in the present library, to hang in the new library, as recommended by Michele Montour of the art committee. The other quilt that also hangs in the present library, the History of Belleville Quilt, will be hung outside the Belleville High School Auditorium;

• Commented on the recent passing of longtime library patrol and architect of the library's 1992 addition, George Craven. Director Suchy said her favorite memory of Craven was when he performed with his swing band at a library courtyard garden party many, many summers ago. Mary Jane Dawson said she last saw Craven when he went to dinner at the BYC a week before he died. Later that night he said he didn't feel well and went to bed, dying a week later, she said. Cichewicz said Craven was in favor of a new library and didn't want to keep the old library "cobbled together and stuck together with bubble gum." Barbara Gates, one on the board who didn't know Craven, volunteered to write a resolution for the board to pass in his memory. Gates will work with Suchy on a plaque for Craven at the new library; and

• Learned $22,000 worth of readers' chairs have been ordered, since there are 18 weeks of lead time necessary for the order.

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 3, 2019

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE
2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations	None
Citizen Comments	None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL
Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Smith, Second by Marcotte to approve the City Council meeting minutes from August 19, 2019 as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None
7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None
8. GENERAL BUSINESS
A. Witches Ball, Craft Show, Private Event – Use of Fourth Street Square
Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 19-057, a request presented by Egan's Pub to use Fourth Street Square on November 1st for the Witches Ball; November 2nd for Adult Craft Show; and November 3rd for a private event hosted by Moving the Mitten as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
B. Winterfest Activities – Chamber of Commerce
Motion by Marcotte, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 19-058, a request presented by the Chamber of Commerce to use Fourth Street Square on December 5th for non-Main Street vendors; December 6th for movies; December 7th for pancake breakfast, soup crawl and the parade. Option to use Sunday, December 8th for another group or activity to be determined.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
C. 34th District Court Agreement
City Manager Kollmeyer stated that she recently attended a meeting in Romulus regarding the 34th District Court Agreement and that Belleville's City Attorney reviewed the document and recommended approval.
Motion by Marcotte, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 19-059, the 34th District Court Funding Unit Agreement as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
D. Local Pavement Warranty Program
DPS Director Rutherford stated that in order to qualify for road repair funding (other than Act 51 funds), the City needs to adopt resolutions for the local pavement warranty program.
Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 19-060, to *adopt* a local pavement warranty program as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 19-060, to *implement* a local pavement warranty program as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
E. Call Public Information Meeting on Public Safety Special Assessment.
Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 19-061, to hold a public information meeting regarding a public safety special assessment on October 14, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Belleville High School Commons.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
F. Mayor's Appointments to Boards and Commissions
Motion by Smith, Second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 19-062 endorsing the Mayor's recommended reappointments of Jim Chudzinski and Alicia McGovern to the DDA for new terms ending 12-31-22.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES
Motion by Marcotte, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 19-063, for accounts payable and purchases over $500.00 totaling $334,191.33 as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
10. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to adjourn meeting at 8:10 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Scharf, City Clerk
Approved: September 16, 2019
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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

The Charter Township will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday October 1, 2019 during its regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Township Hall to receive public comment on:

- The 2019 Amended General Fund Budget
- The 2020 Proposed General Fund Budget
- Special Revenue Funds
    1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
    2. Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
    3. Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Fund
    4. Landfill Fund
    5. Belleville Area Museum
    6. 9-1-1 Service Fund
    7. Federal Forfeiture Fund
    8. 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 at the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111 one week prior to the public hearing.

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

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Court Watching:

Teen charged with killing man in crash gets competency hearing

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The preliminary exam of Micaiah Carlin Minor, 17, of Canton was set for Sept. 4 before Chief 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green, but his retained attorney David Cripps asked for an independent competency hearing.

This was granted by Judge Brian A. Oakley in Judge Green's absence.

Minor is charged with second-degree murder in the May 7 death of Van Buren Township resident John Robert McElreath, 64.

It is alleged that Minor, an unlicensed driver, was driving southbound on Belleville Road at a high rate of speed, when he disregarded a red light at Ecorse, crossed over the double-yellow line and drove into northbound traffic, striking the victim in his car. McElreath died from his injuries in the crash.

Minor is free on a tether after posting $50,000/10% bond.

Jeffrey Alan Sanders

The preliminary exam for Jeffrey Alan Sanders, 28, on charges of child abuse 3rd-degree and domestic violence on Aug. 17 in VBT, was adjourned a week by Judge Green so the witness could be present. The exam was re-set for Sept. 11.

Sanders was free after posting $2,000/10% bond. His court-appointed attorney is Whitney Lemelin, who said they were trying to negotiate a resolution. He asked Judge Green to lift the no-contact order with the victims.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Larry King said one victim is the defendant's four-month-old son and it is alleged the defendant caused a reckless act causing injury on the child's face, when the two parents were arguing, with the child ending up on the floor.

But Sanders' other alleged victim, his fiancée and mother of the child, said there is nothing in her statement that said the baby hit the floor.

Judge Green said Child Protective Services has been involved and asked if the prosecution tried to contact the CPS worker on the case. Prosecutor King said he tried to reach the CPS worker three times without success. The fiancée went out to her vehicle in the parking lot and got the phone number she used to reach the worker and King was able to talk to the CPS worker.

King said CPS had no problem with the parents being together, but the problem was the parents being together with the child. Judge Green lifted the no-contact order between the parents, but ruled the defendant cannot be unsupervised with the child. And, the mother cannot supervise those visits.

"It's their volatility with each other when the child is present," Judge Green said of the situation. "We've got to put the baby's safety first."

The child's mother said a month and a half after the baby was born, she went back to work and Sanders stayed home and took care of their baby. Sanders is also guardian of his 14-year-old sister and a charge against him of domestic violence against the sister had been dropped.

Sanders told Judge Green he has a 10th-grade education, was diagnosed with ADHD, and has a speech impediment. Because of the no-contact order he had been living in his truck.

On Sept. 11 at the preliminary exam set before Judge David Parrott, Sanders' defense attorney said a plea deal had been reached whereby his client will plead guilty to domestic violence and the child abuse charge would be dropped.

Attorney Lemelin said this was an isolated incident and there was no injury to their son. He said Sanders needs to keep his temper in place.

"He loves her and she loves him," Lemelin said.

Judge Parrott accepted the plea and sentenced Sanders to the work program and $815 in fees. The case will be under advisement for 12 months and if there is no further problem, it will be removed from his record.

James Michael Bellville

James Michael Bellville, 28, waived his preliminary exam before Judge Parrott and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Sept. 25. He is charged with fleeing police in a vehicle, malicious destruction of property between $1,000 and $20,000, and domestic violence in Sumpter Township on Aug. 16. He is free after posting $100,000/10% bond.

Attorney Whitney Lemelin stood in for Bellville's court-appointed attorney and asked Judge Parrott to extend the time the tether allows Bellville to leave home. Lemelin said the tether now allows him to leave home for 13 hours a week. He is a mechanic and needs more time to work.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Larry King read what Bellville said to Sumpter Police at the incident: "You're lucky you got here. I was going to kill her. I have a sledge in my car."

Lemelin attributed that to intoxication, but Judge Parrott continued the bond and tether.

Devaughn Lee Rolax

Devaughn Lee Rolax, 28, waived his preliminary exam before Judge Parrott and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Sept. 25. He is charged with criminal sexual conduct-2nd degree (relationship) on Dec. 14, 2013 in Van Buren Township. He is free after posting bond of $10,000/10%.

Judge Parrott advised Rolax's court-appointed attorney James Humphries that his client needs to be tested for sexual transmitted disease and AIDS.

City of Belleville Public Notice

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Belleville who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the City Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated State Agency. Registration forms can be obtained at **belleville.mi.us/elections** or at **mi.gov/vote** and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday, October 21, 2019.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (per MCL 168.492) at the City Clerk's office, located at 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111 at the following times:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 2nd from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the residents in the City of Belleville will be voting on the following:

Two (2) City Council Members
Mayor

Van Buren Public Schools District Tax Bond Proposal for building and site purposes in an amount not to exceed $35,490,000. If approved by a majority vote of the electors at this election, the bonds will be general obligation unlimited tax bonds payable from general ad valorem taxes. The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2020 is .78 mill ($0.78 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- mills net increase over the prior year's levy.

Public Safety Special Assessment to raise money for operations and to purchase equipment for the City Police and Fire Departments by annual special assessment levies of up to 2 mills ($2.00 per $1,000 of taxable value) on all real property in the City that is not exempt from property taxes for a period of 10 consecutive years to fund the 2020 to 2029 fiscal years.

Sample ballots are available in the City Clerk's office, 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111 or on the City's website: www.belleville.mi.us.

Sherri Scharf,
City Clerk

Publish: September 26, 2019

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 507 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Sept. 15:

0023 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0118 – noise complaint, Sheldon Rd.
0210 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bellridge
0237 – suspicious person/vehicle, Riggs Rd.
0253 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
0323 – suspicious person/vehicle, Cranberry/Holly
0429 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
0456 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0701 – domestic, Sheldon Rd.
0724 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
0845 – hospice death, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1004 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1028 – follow up by officer, Wildbrook Dr.
1108 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1142 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ladonna
1231 – assault & battery, Hannan Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1256 – larceny from auto, Outer Dr.
1636 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Archwood
1706 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sadie Ln./Ecorse
1743 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hardwood Dr.
1905 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Archwood
2000 – mental subject, Maurice Dr.
2208 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.

Monday, Sept. 16:

0022 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd.
0047 – road hazard, Ecorse/I-275
0128 – road hazard, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
0351 – family trouble, Berkdale Dr.
0611 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd.
0728 – larceny, Michigan Ave.
0852 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd.
0859 – larceny, Michigan Ave.
0944 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1006 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd.
1053 – ordinance violation, Bak Rd.
1211 – breaking & entering, Hull Rd.
1249 – found property/child, Chatsworth/Quirk
1312 – fraud, Hull Rd.
1653 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
1714 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1739 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1757 – hospice death, Edgedale Dr.
1838 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Tyler Rd.
1946 – animal complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2126 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2222 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 17:

0203 – juvenile complaint, W. Adams
0232 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
0803 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0816 – animal complaint, Beck/Ecorse
0840 – private property/property damage accident, Village Green Ln.
0940 – disorderly, Lighthouse
1100 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd.
1213 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1247 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd./Mohawk Ave.
1605 – fraud, Bayshore Dr.
1721 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1733 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
1733 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1833 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1920 – animal complaint, Monroe Ct.
2055 – harassment call, Rawsonville Rd.
2145 – domestic, Martinsville Rd.
2245 – unauthorized driving away of auto, McBride Ave.

Wednesday, Sept. 18:

0712 – malicious destruction of property, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
0732 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd. / Wildbrook Dr.
0738 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.
0859 – animal complaint, Robson Rd.
0916 -- traffic offense, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
1031 – road hazard, W. Huron River Dr.
1044 – lost property/child, Haggerty Rd.
1052 – suspicious person/vehicle, Filmore St.
1125 – domestic, Briarwood Dr.
1518 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1607 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1656 – miscellaneous complaints, Ecorse/Denton
1827 – family trouble, Park Estates Dr.
1832 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anna Dr.
1908 – assist other dept., Bayshore Dr.
1925 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
1929 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd.
2053 – family trouble, Bog Rd.
2125 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
2338 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Archwood
2344 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martinsville Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 19:

0041 – animal complaint, Andover Dr.
0127 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bentley
0137 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0307 – follow up by officer, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0624 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
0727 – property damage accident, Walden Blvd. / Tyler Rd.
0844 – motorist assist, Ecorse/I-275
1249 – threat, Linda Vista Ct.
1327 – malicious destruction of property, W. Archwood Dr.
1340 – animal complaint, Mott
1453 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1452 – property damage accident, W. Huron River
1553 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd./ Savage Rd.
2042 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
2211 – suspicious person/vehicle, Dorchester Dr.
2237 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2308 – abandoned auto, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
2315 – noise complaint, Park Estates Dr.
2325 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.

Friday, Sept. 20:

0004 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0034 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0100 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
0200 – missing person, Outer Dr.
0427 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0655 – property damage accident, Riggs Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
0710 – found property/child, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0810 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0829 – ordinance violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1031 – property damage accident, Hannan/Van Born
1059 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1146 – animal complaint, Mott
1234 – domestic, Martz Rd.
1243 – animal complaint, Mott
1359 – miscellaneous complaint, Holly Ln.
1534 – harassment call, Ecorse Rd.
1617 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1818 – neighbor trouble, Riggs Rd.
2034 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2040 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2053 – threat, Bentley Dr.
2149 – animal complaint, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd
2217 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson St.

Saturday, Sept. 21:

0007 – suicidal person, Wildbrook Dr.
0755 – breaking & entering, Rawsonville Rd.
0832 – road hazard, NB I-275/Ecorse
0845 – threat, Belleville Rd.
0939 – lost property/child, Hull Rd.
1005 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
1140 – disorderly, Oak Blvd.
1321 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd.
1344 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Morton Taylor Rd.
1502 – traffic offense, Maple Dr.
1456 – assist other dept., S. Bellridge Dr.
1541 – private property/property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1613 – domestic, Parkside Dr.
1627 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1722 – larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.
1738 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
1827 – abandoned auto, Packard Ct. / Christina Ln.
1834 – assist other dept., Andover Dr.
1920 – noise complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
1927 – assault & battery, Peachtree Ln.
2029 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
2146 – juvenile complaint, Solitude Ln.
2236 – felony assault, Brookside Dr.
2249 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2303 – noise complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
2335 – animal complaint, Lenmoore Ave.

Also on this week's log are 202 traffic stops, 73 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 15:

0236 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
1150 – welfare check, South St.
1219 – follow up by officer, Menlo Park Dr.
1438 – property check, N. Liberty St.
1543 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
2130 – assist fire dept. W. Columbia Ave.

Monday, Sept. 16:

1511 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.
1800 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Tuesday, Sept. 17:

1336 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1718 – retail fraud, Main St.
1833 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
2053 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, Sept. 18:

0136 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1039 – assist fire dept., High St./Roys St.
1213 – suicidal person, W. Columbia Ave.
1242 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1803 – domestic, Main St./E. Huron River Dr.
2024 – property damage accident, Main St.
2050 – personal injury accident, Main St.
2329 – hospice death, Menlo Park Dr.
2334 – assist other dept., E. Service Dr.

Thursday, Sept. 19:

0034 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
0958 – threat, Henry St.
1021 – vehicle lock out, E. Columbia Ave.
1148 – welfare check, South St.
1208 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1401 – traffic offense, Fourth St.
1416 – domestic, High St.
1617 – property damage accident, South St.
1948 – juvenile complaint, Roys St./Main St.
2237 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River

Friday, Sept. 20:

0730 – suspicious person/vehicle, High St.
0823 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1536 – fraud, S. Edgemont Ave.
1547 – welfare check, Carmell
1636 – property damage accident, Main/South
1713 – fraud, Main St.
1827 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2255 – intrusion alarm, Owens

Saturday, Sept. 21:

0009 – traffic offense, Belleville Bridge
0744 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
0900 – neighbor trouble, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1359 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1748 – follow up by officer, Belleville Rd.
1831 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2006 – disorderly, Main St.
2232 – intrusion alarm, Owen

Also on this week's log are 30 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 15:

0000 – noise complaint, Maine
0221 – warrant arrest pick up, Bemis/Sumpter
0238 – warrant arrest pick up, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
0313 – noise complaint, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0415 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willis/ Elwell
1246 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1612 – property damage accident, 44000 bl. Harris
1641 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1944 – property damage accident, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2039 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
2319 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

Monday, Sept. 16:

0041 – warrant arrest pick up, Second St.
0537 – fire dept. assist, 8500 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0928 – citizen assist, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1000 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1106 – civil dispute, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1233 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1513 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Sherwood
1545 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1700 – suspicious incident, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1857 – trespassing complaint, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1920 – assist other agency, out of township
2041 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2127 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Judd
2314 – warrant arrest pick up, Rawsonville/Willis

Tuesday, Sept. 17:

1003 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1350 – suspicious incident, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1650 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1810 – threats complaint, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1940 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2025 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry
2318 – suspicious incident, Redwood

Wednesday, Sept. 18:

0102 – suspicious vehicle, Judd/Sumpter
0227 – well-being check, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0258 – runaway juvenile, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0722 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0810 – reckless driver, Karr/Oakville Waltz
0819 – traffic hazard, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0858 – suspicious person, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
0927 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1203 – recovered UDA, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1317 – alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1334 – traffic hazard, Sumpter/Kozma
1354 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Traskos
1449 – suspicious incident, Bemis/Rawsonville
1711 – citizens assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1712 – civil dispute, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1802 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Haggerty
1814 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1844 – civil dispute, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1939 – 911 hang up, Second St.
2031 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
2059 – well-being check, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2345 – warrant arrest pick up, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 19:

1021 – animal complaint, Carriage Ln.
1518 – warrant arrest pick up, Bemis/Sully
1523 – reckless driver, New Mexico
1900 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
2033 – well-being check, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, Sept. 20:

0234 – well-being check, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0726 – civil dispute, Rawsonville/Willis
0850 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Martinsville
1044 – death investigation, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1318 – trespassing complaint, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1326 – death investigation, Arizona
1429 – fraud complaint, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1538 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1655 – animal complaint, 29000 bl. Martinsville
2113 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2342 – death investigation, 47000 bl. Bemis

Saturday, Sept. 21:

0140 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0542 – malicious destruction of property, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0611 – traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Willow
1023 – juvenile complaint, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
1404 – trespassing complaint, Florida/Oregon
1426 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1756 – warrant arrest pick up, Willis/Sherwood
2001 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
2015 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
2019 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
2107 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2152 – well-being check, Florida

Also on this week's log are six follow-up investigations, 27 miscellaneous details, 57 patrol checks, and 43 traffic stops.

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ORPHAN OF THE WEEK

HONEY

Our **Honey** is as sweet as well honey! She's a beautiful, loving 2 ½ year old tabby that would love to find her fur-ever home. **Honey** started her stay here with kittens that have since been adopted out. She says it's her time now! She has a calm, friendly nature that's ready to love a family with her whole heart. She will do best in a quieter, slower paced home where treat time and snuggles are the excitement of the day. She enjoys comfy baskets for sleeping, pets and attention and delicious treats. She's a beautiful girl with a brown tabby coat streaked with hues of golden honey and green eyes that sparkle with love. Call today to add a bit of sweet **Honey** to your life, she's spayed, vaccinated, tested neg. for FeLuk/FIV and micro-chipped. Call **Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue** at **734-461-9458** or visit our website **fmar1.org** for more information.

Independent photo by James Otzman

Signs designed by the Belleville Downtown Development Authority with old pictures provided by the Belleville Area Museum were put up on Friday to decorate the construction fencing in the 500 block of Main Street. The signs show pictures of what Main Street looked like in the past and one drawing of a planned new building, possibly to be filled by the Lunchbox restaurant.

What's your vision for Van Buren Township?

The Master Plan Workshop is your chance to share your future vision of Van Buren Township!

The Township is updating its community-wide Master Plan, the document that establishes a future vision for the community. The Master Plan will guide decision-making processes for the future use of land, transportation systems, and commercial corridors within the Township.

The Master Plan Workshop is an opportunity to engage with your neighbors, Township staff and officials, and the Master Plan consultants, to share your vision for the Township over the next 20 years. There will be many ways to provide input, including through maps, exhibits, and exercises geared for everyone in the family.

The 2019 Van Buren Township Master Plan will be rooted in the desires and vision of Township residents and stakeholders. We look forward to meeting you, and to hearing your opinions and great ideas for Van Buren Township's future.

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Van Buren Township

Drop in to our Open House

Wednesday
October 2, 2019
3:00 – 8:00 PM

Van Buren Township Hall – Dining Room
(east side of building)

46425 Tyler Road
(between Beck and Belleville Roads)

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EXTRA FEATURES

13731 ELWELL, VAN BUREN TWP
LARGER 5 BEDROOM, 3 Bath Ranch with Large Living Room, Fireplace, Solarium Room, Deck, Basement, Newer Roof, Newer 90+ Furnace and Central Air, Separate Living Area with Bedroom, Bath and Second Kitchen. $250,000

BOOMING WITH ROOM

48024 BEMIS, VAN BUREN TWP
ORIGINAL OWNER 2,500 Square Foot Brick Colonial Offering 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Hardwood Floors Everywhere, Large Family Room with Fireplace, Basement, Huge Fenced Yard, 2 1/2 Car Garage. $250,000

FAMILY ROOM &FIREPLACE

47135 LAUREN CT, VAN BUREN TWP
A PREFERRED LOCATION 1,325 Square Foot Brick Ranch on .43 Acres. Offering 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, Large Family Room with Fireplace and Central Air. Huge 2 1/2+ Detached Garage with Extra Work and Area Big Yard. $169,900

GREAT DEARBORN HOME

844 N YORK DEARBORN
STORY BOOK LOOK! Brick Home featuring Hardwood Floors, Deck, Basement, New Roof 2018, Newer 90+ Furnace, Newer Water Heater, Central Air, Windows and Whole House Generator, 2 1/2 Car Garage $174,900

LIVE THE GOOD LIFE

13713 BASSWOOD, VAN BUREN
A CLEAR STATEMENT OF CLASS. Outstanding Brick 3 Bedroom (First Floor Master) 2 1/2 Bath with Large Open Kitchen With Granite Counter Tops, Family Room with Premium Hardwood Flooring, 3 Car Attached Garage. $358,900

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4401 PARK RD, ANN ARBOR
RARELY OFFERED SCIO TOWNSHIP Brick Farm House Featuring Four Bedrooms, Two Baths, Enclosed Front Porch, Living Room, Dining Room, Attached Garage, Huge Basement on Large 1.4 Acre Parcel Complete with Outbuildings and Large Barn. Just Minutes From Downtown Ann Arbor. $319,900

4,224 SQUARE FEET

23560 SUMPTER, SUMPTER TWP
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY. Possible Residential, Day Care, Group Home, Apartments or Your Ideas Large front covered porch. Large Covered Patio & fireplace and fenced around the patio area. Fire System. 1 Large Kitchen, 2 Apartment Kitchens, 5 Bathrooms. 1 Car Detached Garage. A Best Buy at $225,000

1 ACRE + POLE BARN

17164 RENTON, VAN BUREN TWP
LARGE COUNTRY HOME on more than an Acre. Just minutes from expressways and shopping. Open Floor Plan with Huge Rooms, Wood Flooring, Fireplace, Rear Patio, Fire Pit with 2 1/2 Car Detached Garage PLUS Pole Barn. A Quite and Serene Setting with Mature Trees and the Best of Nature. $219,900.

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