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F R E E

VBT planners turn down changes for Hampton Manor

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Planning Commission scolded Sam Martin, vice president of the Hampton Manor chain, for doing whatever he wanted when building the assisted living and memory care facility at the corner of Tyler and Morton Taylor roads.

Martin came before the commission at its Sept. 27 regular meeting to seek site plan amendment for his facility. He was alone representing Van Buren Investors Land Holdings LLC.

Vidya Krishnan, principal planner from McKenna, said the applicant made numerous changes and they should have sought amendments before the changes.

"No C of O can be granted," Krishnan said, referring to the certificate of occupancy being sought.

She said the east side of the building was supposed to be brick and it was replaced with siding, which is not remotely in compliance.

She said there is not a metal roof and that has been replaced with shingles. Doors have been added to the north and south sides of the building.

Krishnan said the color of the siding was the biggest change. She said during the planning process, the developers wanted blue siding and were emphatically told no. She said the blue had been a color used on their buildings in the past.

She said no other applicants in her experience have built so differently to what they agreed to. She said others came with amendments before proceeding.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said a resident observed some of the changes and came forward. He said building inspectors routinely check day in and day out, but they checked the foundation, drainage, electrical and the like not the aesthetic conditions.

Director Power said it was his role to review the final site work and architectural elevation when it's time for the developer to seek return of the bonds. He said this review was hastened by the resident's observations.

Martin said during the pandemic it was a problem to get supplies, but they got a good deal on the siding and so used it on three buildings.

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Independent photo by James Otzman

The Van Buren Township Planning Commission had emphasized that the Hampton Manor assisted care facility was to have brick on it and no siding and the color blue was not to be in the design, which was supposed to be earth tones. The developers put lots of blue siding on the building, changed the roof from metal to shingles, and other deviations from the approved design which made the commissioners very upset.



Taking part in Friday's 20th-anniversary celebration of Keystone Academy in Sumpter Township were, from left, Tom Bowles, Keystone's first school board president who now lives near Calumet; John Losen, who is father of two presidents of other local NHA school boards; Vesta Losen, who stepped in as board president and has been board president for many years; and J.C. Huizenga, who started National Heritage Academies in 1995. NHA, which now has 101 charter schools in the country, operates Keystone Academy.

Keystone Academy in Sumpter looks forward to the next 20 years

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Students, staff, and important guests celebrated the 20th anniversary of the opening of charter school Keystone Academy on Sept. 29.

J.C. Huizenga, who founded National Heritage Academies in 1995, was present to address the crowd gathered outside on the newly revamped soccer field behind Keystone.

NHA operates Keystone, along with 100 other schools in the nation. Huizenga was present for the opening of Keystone 20 years ago.

"Those 20 years sure did go by fast," he said, thanking Tom Bowles and Vesta Losen for their visionary thinking.

"Without you both seeking to offer the children of Belleville a better education for a stronger future, Keystone would not exist," he said.

He recalled that the opening of Keystone was an exciting time, filled with hope for a promising future.

"And thanks to Vesta and the vigilance of our Keystone school board those dreams have come true," he said.

"The school has succeeded in so many ways, from being recognized as a Michigan Reward School to receiving the NHA Founder's Award for its emphasis on Moral Focus," he said.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

The Orphan Violin: A True Story

By Rosalie Bird-Doolittle
Surprise, Arizona

In circa 1917, Rufus Loren Bird (aka R. L. Bird) was deployed to serve in WWI. Military records indicate that he was in England, France, Belgium, and Germany. Although the war ended in November of 1918, he was not discharged until 1919 at the age of 24.

While he was stationed in Germany, he met an old couple with a violin. As a violin musician, he recognized the quality of the instrument and bought it from the couple for \$25 as they needed the money. No doubt it was worth more, but they accepted what he was able to pay.

He brought the violin back to Indiana. He enrolled in college at the Indiana State Normal School, now known as Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. For years to come, he would student-teach band and orchestra at the surrounding schools that had a music program. In 1929, he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree and was offered a teaching position in Belleville, MI. For the next 17 years, he spent his entire teaching career in the Van Buren Public School system.

In 1946, he died in a tragic accident on the property across the road from the Bird Homestead that is in Mooreland, IN. It was the Bird family home since 1847 and is eligible to be regarded as a sesqui-centennial property. The home has been inhabited for 176 years by a family member or second-generation person/s. The information is verified by the *Hoosier Homestead Database*. Currently, the Homestead has a plaque in the yard stating it is a 'centennial farm.' But it is eligible to be upgraded to *sesquicentennial* status. (Inhabited for 150 years or more by a family member)

Recently (September 2023) a man named Dan Tinsley of Mooreland, IN, purchased a violin at an auction in Hagerstown, IN, which had carvings on the case. In fact, we were told it had been in two auctions. This orphan violin, which was highly valued by our father, Rufus Bird, and came originally from Germany to Indiana, was now without a home. We have no idea how it made its way into two auctions! And it doesn't matter; the violin is back.

Mr. Tinsley had contacted the *Belleville-Area Independent* newspaper of Belleville, MI, where two years ago, Mr. Bird's bio was written by Rosalie Bird-Doolittle, the youngest daughter of Mr. Bird, and published in the local newspaper.

The bio was published in the *Belleville-Area Independent* and a framed copy was donated to Belleville High School and the Fairmount Historical Museum

in Fairmount, IN, where our father had completed his student teaching before moving to Michigan.

It is the same museum that has devoted an entire wing to the famous hometown actor, James Dean. Another interesting historical fact is that Fairmount is the home of Jim Davis, who created the character Garfield the cat and wrote the comic strip.

Our niece and her husband, Mike and Pam Fleming, were contacted by Rosemary Otzman, the editor of the *Belleville-Area Independent* to verify the story that Mr. Tinsley from Indiana had shared with the editor. This was the first time that our family realized that the violin was not in the possession of a Bird family member!

We notified the local Indiana family to verify the violin and case and they did. It had carved information on the top of the wooden case. It was well-traveled. The carving said: England, France, Belgium, and Germany; Mooreland, IN, and R. L. Bird.

Our cousins, who live in Mooreland, IN, decided to go to the address for Dan Tinsley, who lives about 4.5 miles from Mooreland. He now owned the orphan violin. A family member remembered it being at the Homestead in Mooreland.

Merrill Coffin and his wife, Carolyn, drove to the address on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023, that we found on the internet for Mr. Tinsley. No one was home, so they went back home and waited until after supper and went back. They were kind enough to investigate the situation for our family in Michigan. I am writing this from Surprise, Arizona, where I live with my husband, Harry Doolittle, in retirement.

The following is the e-mail I received at 12:30 p.m. (9/18/23) from Dan Tinsley:
Ms. Doolittle,

I purchased the violin last week at auction near Hagerstown, IN. The lady and her husband were downsizing their farm, mostly equipment, but a small amount of antiques and collectibles were offered. The lady purchased the violin some 25 years ago, she told me, at another auction near Mooreland, IN.

That's pretty much all I know about it other than what I've read about your father online. See attached photos.

*Respectfully,
Dan Tinsley*

The orphaned violin is no longer an orphan. It has been "bought back" into the Bird family and is now back home among those who knew the man behind the violin.

We knew his life and times, his struggles, his persistence to get an education and who took nine terms of summer school to get his master's degree in music at the University

of Michigan while raising a family.

The violin will remain a family treasure and a living reminder of the patriarch of our family and the once Belleville High School band conductor and teacher. (1929-1946)

We are grateful to Mr. Tinsley and the families who kept our father's musical instrument and valued it as a valued piece of WWI history.

I am the youngest daughter of R. L. Bird. At one time, I was daddy's little girl at four years old (1946) when he tragically left this world. He was gone soon after this

photo was taken. The violin is as close to him as I will ever be this side of Heaven.

May I leave an encouraging word to collectors everywhere of historical items? There is a family somewhere who would be grateful to you for preserving an important article that belonged to a member of their family. It represents a person who is now gone and lost to their lineage, but still very much alive by you giving their family member's item a place of distinction in your home or on display, even in a museum, to remember a life well lived.



Rosalie on Rufus' shoulders alongside her brother, Cyril Bird.



O P I N I O N S

Guest Editorial

How many Michiganders read newspapers?

Michigan has more miles of freshwater shoreline than any state in the nation, is the second-most agriculturally diverse state in the nation, is home to more than 115 lighthouses, and 5 million newspaper readers. Really?

Really. Every month, 85% of Michigan adults read newspapers' print and online issues, according to a new Michigan Market Study conducted by Coda Ventures in partnership with Michigan Press Association Services. The study measures media usage and purchase behavior of Michigan adults across urban and rural zip codes.

The 5 million Michigan newspaper readers number might not come as a surprise to you. After all, you are reading a newspaper right now. You are in the majority of Michigan citizens who value your newspaper's local news and ads.

Who are these 5 million Michigan newspaper readers? Coda reports:

- 77% are under age 65,
- 63% are homeowners,
- 91% believe they have a responsibility to shape the future of their communities,
- 91% vote in local elections, 82% vote in state and national elections,
- 80% believe newspaper advertising is important,
- 94% take action as a result of newspaper advertising,

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We have been recycling the editorial page cartoons for this page created by the late Bob Mytych over the years, but it's time to get a new cartoonist with fresh ideas. We like to have a local touch to the cartoons and we pay for the work.

If you think you can do a weekly cartoon for this page, send a few cartoons for us to consider. Send them to rotzman@ameritech.net.

Last week, in this column, we wrote about a report we saw on TV about the Pumpkin Factory and how Amanda Bielski is offering jobs to striking UAW workers who can dress up and scare people during the Halloween season and earn. She also works as a UAW member at the River Rouge Plant.

Linda LeBlanc, owner of the Pumpkin Factory, said the statement in this column that the Pumpkin Factory opened Oct. 13 was incorrect. The Haunted House opens on Friday the 13th of October, she said. The farm is open Oct. 1-31. When she talked to me on Friday, she said actually, it was already open then.

She said she has not sold the farm and Amanda is her granddaughter and she and her grandson are running the business this Halloween.

Over the weekend we saw a story on Channel 7 television news about Dominic Hodder, a five-year-old boy who loved to watch the Waste Management garbage truck arrive each Friday morning all summer to collect the trash at his Haggerty subdivision home in Van Buren Township. His mother, Nicole Hodder, said he would go outside or watch from the window as the truck arrived each week.

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Then, he had to go to school and so wasn't present for the pickups. His WM truck driver missed seeing him and figured he was in school. On a recent Friday the driver brought his truck back after 5 p.m. and stopped. Dominic came running out and driver Tyrone Stanley presented him with a present – a WM vest. Then he showed a delighted Dominic the truck and how it worked.

Mother Nicole said the happy incident will probably stay with Dominic for the rest of his life.

At the Sept. 27 meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission, everyone was delighted to see a new, BIG, digital clock on the wall at the rear of the large meeting room. The previous clock had been regular size and really hard to see from the board table where the chairperson wanted to start the meetings on time. We stopped trying to see the old version and used a little watch to keep time. The new clock is a treat.

When Belleville Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt bought a new clock for the city council meeting room not long ago, it was a big treat for that meeting room. The old clock was easy to see, but it had tended to be the wrong time all the time.

The school board meeting room clock at the Belleville High School cafeteria on Sept. 25, wasn't anywhere near the right time and nobody mentioned it and board

members used their own time-keepers.

Enough reports on clocks.

On the front page of the Wednesday, Sept. 27, *Wall Street Journal* there was a picture of President Biden with UAW strikers outside of a General Motors plant in "Belleville, Mich." taken Sept. 26. The outline said Biden became the first U.S. president to walk a picket line, according to the White House and historians.

Actually, it was in Van Buren Township and VBT workers had mowed and cleaned up the area to make it nice for the president, but when Belleville got the credit, they were a little miffed. That GM plant is the same one we took a picture of with strikers the previous Saturday and it was in the Sept. 28 *Independent*.

The VBT police, Secret Service, and others had closed Denton Road between Ecorse Road and Michigan Avenue. The GM plant is on Ecorse, just west of Denton. It is reported Biden visited the strikers for 12 minutes and spoke to the small gathering on a bullhorn.

Reg Ion, who lives in that neighborhood, said the president flew into Willow Run Airport. Reg said he held up a sign for the president to see as he rode by and he's sure the president saw it.



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Editorial

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- 62% use newspapers to decide which products to buy,
- 70% have lived in the community 5 or more years,
- 88% of the people believe that publishing public notices in newspapers should be required,
- 70% of the people plan to travel within Michigan in the past/next 12 months at least one time

Michiganders say they rely on local newspapers as their primary source of news and information about schools, local government, high school sports, local entertainment, candidates/ballot issues, crime and safety.

Michigan citizens rely on newspapers for local advertising, too. Most, 94%, said they take action on newspaper ads.

Michigan's lofty newspaper readership and action taken on newspaper ads is impressive. It makes sense readers who vote want to learn about local elections, learn about the candidates running, and learn about local issues from a trustworthy local news source. Wise candidates and businesses buy ads in these same news pages where 80% of its readers believe newspaper ads are important.

Michigan is home to approximately 220 newspapers. All but one of Michigan's 83 counties have a newspaper. Most counties have multiple newspapers.

When a community lacks reporters as watchdogs, studies show that local government pays more for bond interest, voter turnout is lower and partisanship increases.

Michigan's 5 million newspaper readers could fill up Ford Field's 65,000 seats 76 times and still have a waiting line. Picture 76 Ford Field Stadiums. That's a lot of readers.

This week, many newspapers across the country will be celebrating National Newspaper Week. If your subscription is due, help your local newspaper celebrate by renewing. If you own a business, help your local newspaper celebrate by purchasing an ad. At the very least, reach out to the editor or publisher at your local newspaper and thank them for all they do in the community and for providing you with the most reliable source for local news and information.

James Tarrant, Executive Director
Michigan Press Association

BHS Varsity Football scores

- Aug. 25 – River Rouge at Wayne State University, BHS, 35-River Rouge, 28
- Aug. 31 – BHS, 56-Livonia Stevenson, 7
- Sept. 8 – BHS, 56-Livonia Churchill, 0
- Sept. 15 – BHS, 53 – Dearborn, 0
- Sept. 22 – BHS, 42 – Livonia Franklin, 3
- Sept. 29 – BHS 35 – Westland (John Glenn), 8, Homecoming

Letters



VBT, Sumpter police recovered my jet skis

To the editor:

On Sept. 19, 2023 at exactly 5:16 a.m. a red H3 Hummer stole my JetSkis and trailer from my Harbour Cove condo community.

The Van Buren PD, Officers Ryan Barry and Donavin Rubens, were able to arrest a suspect and recovered my stolen JetSkis and trailer.

Sumpter PD Officer Ken Tony, also, a retired Van Buren Police officer found the vehicle that had stolen my JetSkis and trailer. Awesome Job, Officers.

Thanks for all your help.

Terry Thacker
Ypsilanti Township

Bethany Bible Church sets fall festival on Oct. 8

To the editor:

Bethany Bible Church, 810 East Huron River Dr., Belleville, will be hosting an outdoor Community Fall Festival on Sunday, Oct. 8, around noon.

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* Grannies: Initiate favorite hymns in a "sing-along." Bring your voices, and/or instruments: (string, brass, keyboards, etc.).

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BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Oct. 5** – Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Edsel Ford HS, 4 p.m.; Freshman Football vs. Wayne Memorial HS, 4:30 p.m.; Freshman & JV Volleyball vs. Father Gabriel Richard HS, 5 p.m.; Girls Varsity Swim & Dive vs. Dearborn HS, 6:30 p.m.; Varsity Volleyball vs. Father Gabriel Richard HS, 6:30 p.m.

• **Friday, Oct. 6** – Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Fordson HS, 4 p.m.; Boys JV Soccer vs. Fordson HS, 5:30 p.m.

• **Monday, Oct. 9** – Boys JV Soccer vs. KLAAC Crossover, 4 p.m.; Boys Varsity Soccer vs. KLAAC Crossover, 5:30 p.m.

Go Tigers!

Diane Kiessel

BHS Athletics Secretary

Keystone

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"The moral focus that we celebrate at Keystone is an important part of the school's daily routine and it's done so well here that Keystone edged out 100 other NHA schools to win the Founder's Award.

"From time to time I get the question: 'Whose morals are you teaching these students?' to which I reply, 'Everything we teach must have a paradigm. And our moral focus paradigm is the four Greek cardinal virtues of temperance, prudence, justice and fortitude. From those root virtues spring the entire virtue tree, and even the early Greek philosophers, names like Aristotle, Plato and Socrates, recognized the importance of these virtues in society,'" he said.

He said the school is fortunate to have the leadership of principal Jorvonna Drain and the dedication of an outstanding faculty and staff.

"This is a very different world than when Keystone began 20 years ago," he continued. "Back then, we couldn't have even imagined many of the problems that exist in our society today, yet the faculty and staff at Keystone has faithfully prepared thousands of young people with the skills they need to confront these problems.

"It is clear that Keystone has become a beacon of hope in a difficult world, and even though we can't fully anticipate the problems that will confront us 20 years from now, I'm confident that no matter how difficult our future problems become, the spark that Vesta and Tom began will continue to cause that beacon of hope that we call Keystone to burn brightly over the next 20 years."

Vesta Losen said the history of Keystone began, in her point of view, 50 years ago when the first child care center opened in the Belleville area.

"We began with a few children in a church and I was elected to direct it," she said. "We sent our Kindergarten children to Belleville schools, until one year the district said they could no longer pick them up by bus and they would not be allowed to go to the school which adjoins our property. It was said to be financial issue.

"The parents were left in shock and said, 'Why can't you teach them here?' That seemed reasonable, and I agreed.

"So we began with those nine children and they learned well! We included a version of Moral Focus, had very few behavioral issues,

and the children learned well. When finished with the Kindergarten material successfully, we just went on to learn more," she said.

Losen said the students entered the local schools in first grade, ahead of the game. She said people began to notice and talk about it around town, and wanting them to enlarge the school to teach more grades.

"That was never our goal," Losen said. "We struggled with this question for a few years. But, when I was really pushed by the parents, I agreed to run for the Van Buren School Board to try to encourage the public system locally.

"I acquired a couple of new friends in my life: Lou Kovach, who lives down the street on Bemis, and Tom Bowles, who also agreed to run. Lou sponsored us and Tom and I just worked to get elected.

"We did win by huge margins and served for four years. As was pointed out in last week's newspaper, we tried to help both educationally and financially. I have to say, 'I did NOT have the time of my life.'

"Meanwhile, our Kindergarten classes grew to 40-45 students, which was not popular in some areas. I was no longer teaching, but just

the administrator.

"Enter: Mr. J.C. Huizenga (one of my favorite people) and National Heritage Academies. I do think Tom had first contact with him and I watched from the sidelines, and Mr. Huizenga and NHA opened up additional schools in Michigan. Whenever he came to an opening ceremony, somewhere in this state, Tom and I would be there and ask, 'When are you going to help us open a school in Sumpter?' until, Mr. Huizenga was tired of listening.



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Obituaries



Billie Sue White

BILLIE SUE WHITE

(October 1, 1941 - September 24, 2023)

WHITE, Billie S., age 81, of Belleville, September 24, 2023. Beloved wife of Paul White for 62 years. Loving mother of Barry (Karen) White. Dearest grandmother of Sarah White and Kristen White. She is also survived by her sister Phyllis St. Pierre and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents Troy and Ethel Little and her brothers Troy Gene Little and Paul Howard Little. Funeral service is Saturday, October 7, 2023 1:00 PM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation is Saturday, October 7, 2023 12:00 - 1:00 PM. Her cremation took place at "The Witness Crematory" located inside of Michigan Memorial Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The National Kidney Foundation.

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Carrie Elizabeth Toth

CARRIE ELIZABETH TOTH

(March 2, 1924 - September 27, 2023)

Age 99, passed away Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at the Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born March 2, 1924 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Warren and Alma Mae (Lupher) Huntsinger. Raised on a farm in the Belleville area, she was one of the original "Rosie the Riveters" before enlisting in the Navy during WWII. There she met Stephen Toth to whom she was married until his death October 29, 1985. Together, they raised 7 children, the first four all born in different states as Steve was transferred from base to base in the Army.

Survivors include children: Katherine Hay (John) of Grass Lake, MI, Gayle Fill (John -deceased) of Chelsea, MI, Theodore Toth (Trish) of Hamburg, MI, Lori Hendricks (Dan) of Grand Saline, Texas, and Gary Toth (Janet) of Lake Stevens, WA. One beloved sister: Edith Welt of Gladwin, MI and daughter-in-law Susan Toth of Grass Lake, MI.

She is also survived by 19 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

No public services are planned. Burial will be at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ann Arbor Fisher House Michigan, PO Box 130466, Ann Arbor, MI 48113. Arrangements were entrusted to Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.



Robert "Bob" Soja

**ROBERT 'BOB' SOJA**

(January 21, 1931 - October 1, 2023)

Robert "Bob" Soja, age 92, of Belleville, MI, passed away under Hospice Care at home, surrounded by his family on Sunday, October 1, 2023. He was born January 21, 1931, in Sumpter Township, MI, son of Joseph and Bernice (Jasanoski) Soja.

Bob served his country in the U.S. Army from February 1953 through 1954. He was a very hard worker, which was a trait he taught and passed down to his girls and their families. Bob worked as a carpenter, for several different contractors. He built homes, worked on big construction projects at Detroit Metro Airport. He built all three of his girls' homes in the area. In later years, he went to work at Ford Motor Company, retiring January 13, 1995.

Mr. Soja was a lifetime VFW member, Post 4434. He was also a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, MI, where he was active in the church and ushered for many years. Bob enjoyed the outdoors; gardening, mushroom picking, and he was an avid hunter -- deer, pheasant, and rabbits. He also enjoyed his tractors and traveling. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren.

Bob is survived by his wife of 68 years, Frances (Price) Soja and his three girls: Diane (Mike) Chartier of Belleville, MI, Karen (Brian) Good of Tecumseh, MI, and Janet (Eric) Ley of Willis, MI. He was extremely proud of his 8 grandchildren: Todd (Whitney) Chartier of Willis, MI, Ashley (Paul) Nicholson of Manchester, MI, Kara (Tony) Fahrian of Athens, Ohio, Brian (Kristy) Good of Tecumseh, MI, Brandon (Jessica) Ley of Belleville, MI, Matthew & Jessica Ley of Willis, MI, and Janae Good of Tecumseh, MI; great-grandchildren: Waylon & Margaret Nicholson, Theo Fahrian, Amelia Good, and Elizabeth Ley. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Jean Kornacki of Brighton, and a host of nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, granddaughter Allison Ley, also five brothers and three sisters.

Visitation will be 4-8 PM Thursday, with a 6:00 PM Prayer Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. A Funeral Mass will be Friday, October 6, 2023, at 11:00 AM at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI, with Father Bryan Shackett as Celebrant. Interment will follow in Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Michigan and the American Heart Association and would be appreciated.

www.davidcbrownfh.com**RICHARD CARL TIMM**

(January 9, 1935 - September 20, 2023)

Age 88, of New Boston. Survived by wife Lila; four children Nancy, Susan, John, Michael; son-in-law Curtis; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home. Private memorial at a later date.

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Robert Jackson Breazeale



ROBERT JACKSON BREAZEALE

(August 25, 1948 – September 30, 2023)

Robert Jackson Breazeale, age 75, resident of Belleville and formerly of Taylor for many years passed away on September 30, 2023, at home in hospice care surrounded by his family. He was born on August 25, 1948, in Wayne, MI, to Robert and Marion (Schall) Breazeale. He served our country in the United States Army, right from his high school years.

Robert then went to work for Ford Motor Company on the assembly line at the age of 16 and worked there until his retirement in 2004.

Robert enjoyed woodworking and tinkering with almost anything. He had a passion for cars as well and enjoyed attending car shows.

Robert enjoyed bicycles and had one that was his prized possession. He also had a Model A that he worked on with his father and restored and a 1940 Ford that they also worked on.

Most of all he loved his family.

Robert is survived by his daughters, Gwendolyn (Christopher) Smith of Brownstown, MI, and Theresa Breazeale of Belleville, MI; his sister Denise Ford, of Belleville, MI; his grandchildren, Nicholas (Kelsey) Smith of Westland, MI, Rebecca Breazeale of Grand Rapids, MI, Caitlyn Smith of DeMoine, IA, Megan (Alec) Loechli of Belleville, MI, Philip (Alyssa) Smith of Taylor, MI, and Jocelyn Smith of Fowlerville, MI; his great-grandchildren Finley and Yanahliya Loechli and Lincoln and Kylee Smith; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors, and lifelong friend, James (Sandy) Wilson, of Ypsilanti, MI.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of many years, Sharon Breazeale in 2022, and his sister, Donna Buettner.

A visitation will take place on Thursday, October 5, 2023, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., and a funeral service at 12 p.m. with visitation two hours prior from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m., will take place on Friday, October 6, 2023, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, 48111, burial will follow at Knollwood Park Cemetery located at 1299 North Ridge Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Hillside Cemetery closed through Saturday for repaving project.

Hillside Cemetery will closed to all visitors for a much anticipated re-paving project, according to an advisory from the city of Belleville.

Visitors have been asked to not visit between Tuesday, Oct. 3, and Saturday Oct. 7, since the cemetery will be closed for re-paving. This project is weather permitting and may result in changes to the closure schedule.



Janet Myrtle Frederick

JANET MYRTLE FREDERICK

(February 7, 1936 – September 29, 2023)

Janet Myrtle Frederick passed away on September 29, 2023 at the age of 87. She was born on February 7, 1936 to Myrtle & Norman Miller. Due to her father's illnesses, her childhood was spent in Taylor, Milan, Alba, and Dearborn. Jan married Oscar T. Frederick in 1959 and moved to Belleville, MI a few years later.

Janet was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar T. (Junior) Frederick; her parents; her brothers Bobby Miller, Eugene Miller, and Norman Miller; her sisters, Susan Coates, and Jane Miller, numerous friends from several states; and a nephew, David Miller.

She leaves behind three sons, Robert (Joy), Ronald, and Alan (Gunesha); many grandchildren, Kyle (Danielle) Frederick, Shannon (Sam) Kelland, Micheal (Mary) Pucket, Heather (Jake) Weichman, Abigail Frederick and Allison Frederick; great-grandchildren, Serah, Austin, Philip, and Averieanna.

Jan enjoyed traveling. Casino trips, cruises and her yearly migration to Estero, Florida were among her favorites. Recently, her only trips were to the farm to visit Shada & Mike Eadie, their children Steven (Ashley) & Destiny (Stone), and Ezran. Playing and talking with Ezran brought her great joy.

Visitation was Monday and Tuesday, October 3, 2023, with a service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Dellis "Brownie" Melton Brown

DELLIS 'BROWNIE' MELTON BROWN

(April 22, 1940 – September 27, 2023)

Dellis Brown passed away on September 27, 2023 at the age of 83. He was born on April 22, 1940 to Willis and Dorothy Brown in Fola, West Virginia. Brownie graduated from Nicholas County High School at Summersville, West Virginia. Following graduation, Dellis went to work on the Summerville Dam, then came to work for Ford Motor Company in Michigan.

Mr. Brown was preceded in death by his parents; his special companion of many years Virginia Thomas; three brothers, Zane Brown, Alvin Brown, and S. Norman Brown (who died in infancy). He was also preceded in death by his sisters Freda Ray and Zona Elkins.

Brownie is survived by three of his sisters, Mary Brown, Judy DeVito, and Letha "Sally" O'Dell. He is also survived by his son Matt Brown, granddaughter Brooklynn Brown, and his many supportive friends.

Mr. Brown was loved and respected by all who knew him and was known for his desire to always help others.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, October 9, 2023, from 2 to 6 p.m., at 41795 Bemis Rd., Belleville, MI 48111. Please send a private message to let us know if you are able to attend.

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"We didn't come back to your committee and I don't know why we didn't," Martin said, adding that it's honestly beyond him why they didn't. He said when they get the materials cheaper the savings are passed on to their residents.

"Our cost is a lot lower than anyone else," he said. Martin said their business is privately owned and so they can let people in to live if they can't afford to pay the cost. He said they started ten years ago and now they have 30 buildings in the U.S.

Commissioner Bernie Grant, an architect, asked Martin if he was involved in the details of the construction or the details of the permitting and he said he was at first and then wasn't. He said he wasn't involved during the bidding process, but their architect was involved.

Commissioner Grant said the foundation was not built to accommodate the band of brick and Martin said that was true.

Grant said there were six different finishes and they used asphalt shingles and synthetic stone. He said that leads him to believe that was intent to do this from the start because of the cost savings.

"I'm in the industry ... We built buildings during the pandemic and you could have come to us with changes," Grant said.

Martin replied that there was no intent to do this.

"This is a huge step beyond the original drawings," Grant said. "A huge step down. There was no vinyl siding ever on the plans..."

"I don't think this is acceptable," Grant said, asking the consultants what "revoke" means, if the commission turns down their request.

He said they have to change the foundation for the brick and that can be done by digging down. And, adding the doors were another thing. He said they left

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the architect out of the process and if he was involved this wouldn't happen.

"My feeling is it's not far enough along ... for the township to accept it," Grant said.

Martin said there are homes right across the street that have blue on them and he had produced pictures of them without addresses. He said they made sure their buildings don't look like industrial buildings.

Grant said the commission approved the site plan which is a binding contract. He suggested they get really working harder with the township on this.

Krishnan said her letter to the commission on the issue is not a recommendation. She said it's up to the commission to make the decision. Also, she said, he cannot compare his building to single-family homes.

"We didn't follow directions," Martin conceded, but he asked if the building wasn't pleasing to look at when you drive by?

Commissioners replied, "No, no, no," to that question.

"Whether one of us finds it attractive is irrelevant," said Commissioner Jeff Jahr. He said during the early meetings on the development, which Martin did not attend, residents were concerned about the building and voiced serious concerns.

"It's not up to you to decide what our standards are," Commissioner Jahr said. "We decided what was appropriate."

Commissioner Jackson Pahle, who said he was a newer commission member joining the commission in February and wasn't present for the early discussions, noted the community needs elder care and he doesn't have many issues with the building.

Commissioner Pahle said, however, the township does have standards and they have to abide by them.

"You make it hard for us to deal with other developers who work to build to what we have approved," said Township Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the planning commission.

"This is the first time a builder came in and did whatever you wanted to do," she said, referring to her long experience with the commission. She said he had no regard for all of the plans they worked so hard to approve. "It makes it awful hard for me to really believe you now." She said that the blue was their logo, as he stated in a note.

She said this makes it very hard for the commission to deal with other developers who come in.

Commissioner Medina Atchinson said she knows builders who had to wait a year for what they needed.

She said he's expecting them to approve what he has done, but if they let him by it would be putting the commission in a bad situation.

"You're also telling me I have failed the people I represent. We all agreed with what was code. I hate to beat you up so bad, but it's 8:21 p.m." This all over a self-inflicted problem they created, she said. The meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

"He is vice-president," said Jahr. "Why vice president and not president or CEO? This revocation of a site plan is a very serious problem to address."

He said he is not convinced that revocation of the building permit should be done now and, "I understand you made a mistake. You are in violation, an indisputable fact." Jahr said he should build it as originally designed.

He added that over the pandemic, the township made revisions because of unavailability of materials and timelines were extended.

"We're interested in working with you," he said, noting the materials approved three years ago may no longer be available, but versions of the materials are available. "I don't want to shut the door on you working with us," he said.

He urged Martin to bring in samples as required and not send them by zoom. He said the township will work together with him to try to solve the problems.

"Don't hand me the as-builts and say this is what I want," Jahr said, adding that he could go on about health care not being cheap in our senior community. He will save that for another meeting.

Grant said he agreed with Jahr and the township likes to work with architects and engineers and he would encourage that.

Krishnan asked the commission to give
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- Wednesday, Oct. 11 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

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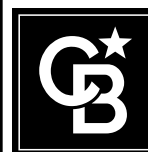
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VBT Plan*(continued from page 9)*

direction to the administration on what it wants, so the administration won't have to keep coming back to the commission with proposals.

Grant said he wants to see them get the construction as close as possible to what was approved.

Martin asked if Grant meant there should be no siding at all and Grant replied he wants it to be as close as possible to what was approved.

"You have a final site plan approved ... Get it as close as possible," Jahr agreed.

Krishnan said the blue siding hits you in the face. That's what hits everyone."

Commission chairman Brian Cullin agreed, "That blue does not work... Earth tones was chosen..."

Jahr said in the early meetings some of the details were marked "conceptual" by the developers and the township asked them to take that "conceptual" wording out in a letter in December 2019. It was not to be changed, Jahr said of the site plan.

"You guys were told this, you guys knew they weren't supposed to change anything..." Jahr said.

Krishnan said he original site plan is valid if the request for site plan amendment is denied.

Jahr asked if a stop work order was in place and Power said yes as a mechanism to apply final inspection. Power said the interior can be used while work is done on the outside.

Jahr said a temporary certificate of occupancy was requested.

Power said the township tries not to partner with the interior C of O and the landscaping and exterior. He said there are bonds on site work.

Jahr said because of all the work to be done he doesn't see any form of separation from the C of O on this.

Power said that was completely reasonable.

Grant said do not grant a C of O since the building is not completed. The last thing you want to do is allow him to use the inside while they hesitate to follow the requirements for the outside.

Explaining the two doors added, Martin said they have doors for courtyards with fences. It will have a cement base.

Budd said they should not get a temporary C of O.

Krishnan said this building is for assisted living and memory care and it would

be disconcerting for residents to hear construction going on. They wouldn't want to put the residents through that, she said.

Power said there was some confusion about the pictures Martin presented of neighboring houses. Power said he told him if the amendment was based on community aesthetics, pictures would show if there was any aesthetic compability in the neighborhood. It didn't guarantee approval, he said.

"The neighborhood is more than four houses across the street ... Blue is not incompatible for a home, but on this structure, with its size and weight, it doesn't match." That issue was discussed and decided two years ago, he said.

He said there are housing developments on all four corners and this is a busy intersection.

Chairman Cullin said before he does anything that's not in the plans, he should talk to the township.

"But to go and do it blatantly," Cullin said, "doesn't cut it."

Jahr made a motion to deny the application for a site plan amendment because of deviations from the site plan and other details he listed. The final site plan approved in 2021 remains in effect. The motion was seconded by Pahl and passed unanimously.

Jahr said once a site plan is approved, it is no longer conceptual and cannot be changed.

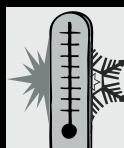
Cullin said, "In the future if you're going to make changes, come to us."

"We're going to do it right next time," Martin said.

In a Sept. 13 letter from Zohaib Syed, managing director/CEO of Hampton Manor, explaining the deviations from the site plan on the \$10 million building, he said: "At this point, removing and replacing the siding would create delays and complications for at least 40 residents and their families currently residing in Van Buren Township and 72 employees that are committed to the facility and expecting occupancy by the end of October, as they have already provided notice at their current residence that they will be moving."

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City Council

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White said of what was found when Roys Street was recently dug up. “I have heard nothing from them.”

Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt, who was chairing the council meeting in the absence of the mayor, said the problem was that that sewer line doesn’t show up on city maps. He said he’s glad the problem is finally solved.

Rutherford said later that the 8” pipe that wasn’t on the map should have been

seen by the construction company during its work. He said inspectors, including himself, were at the library construction site constantly but this was done when no inspector was there.

Fielder thanked Pastor White for his patience and said the solution was not delayed because of “malice on our part.” He said Pastor White’s persistence with the situation made all the difference.

“I have talked to the library about that,” Fielder said, adding the administration said to no longer look at who’s fault it is, but just solve the problem. “The baptismal font

works.”

At the end of the meeting, Councilman Fielder said this problem showed there was a mystery of what the city has underground. He said a GSI class is being taught at Belleville High School and the teacher said he would like to have his students map the city utilities as interns.

“I think it’s a no-brainer,” Fielder said of the GSI work. “Pastor White was the only one who had a document that showed it.”

Rutherford said he had a 1982 map.

Mayor Pro Tem Voigt said there are 700 gallons in the baptistry that empties into that line, along with the church’s front bathrooms which are seldom used. They had to run the 700 gallons into the line that doesn’t exist on a map.

Victoria Commons comments

After Pastor White completed his comments, Tom Jones of Victoria Commons rose to ask about the city doing work that is needed at his subdivision. That included signs that are fading and a young man who parks on the wrong side of the road. He said he has lived there 26 years and there had never been parking on the right side all those years, until now.

Councilwoman Kelly Bates interrupted his comments and said she had the fire department come out and they said it wasn’t on the wrong side. Though the discussion it turned out that Bates’ husband was the one doing the parking Jones objected to.

Jones said they have to stop traffic because of this one vehicle.

Acting Police Chief Kris Faull said it’s a fire lane. Fire Chief Brian Loranger said it’s not safe the way it is now and Councilman Bates said, “That’s not what I was told.”

Bates complained about people parking at the entrance to the subdivision to pick up their children from the school bus and how you have to drive around them. She said you have to drive carefully in the subdivision.

Jones said for 26 years there had been no parking there and now they park there. He asked if she was privileged because she sits on the council and she said she wasn’t.

Jones said Bates doesn’t come to the homeowners’ association meetings because she knows they will confront her on the parking. She said when she was HOA president she went to all the meetings but stopped going when she became part of the council.

Mrs. Hudson, who said she has lived at Victoria Commons since the homes were built, said that the car that sits there is a safety risk. “I didn’t know it was yours,” she said to Bates.

Hudson said her son and daughter played sports and graduated from Belleville High School.

“Things are changing in Victoria Commons and it’s very sad,” she said.

Jones said other complaints were trees and pond maintenance. He said he was told the cattails he didn’t like couldn’t be cut down because of state law.

Another woman criticized Voigt for cutting in trying to keep order. Voigt said they are going to look into all these problems and she said, “That’s what they said before.”

Jones said he came to complain about the streets and he said the mayor told him the

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Belleville Fire Auxiliary Presents...

"Dress our Truck"

Dinner Fundraiser!

Saturday
October 7th, 2023
430-9PM @ The BYC

Tickets: \$30 each
includes entrance
& Dinner

Music, Raffles, Auction!
Cash Bar



BYC: 831 E. Huron
River Drive, 48111

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On October 11th, 2023, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2006	PONTIAC	4D	2G2WR554261176560	23-9214A
2010	CHEVROLET	2D	1G1AD1F5XA7224945	23-9368
2007	FORD	4D	1FAFP56U37A213483	23-9479
2009	SATURN	4D	1G8ZS57B99F135309	23-5667

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

2009	HARLEY DAV	CY	1HD1BW5189Y026961	23-6829
2015	FORD	4D	1FA6P0HD4F5106384	23-8872
2013	MERCEDES	SW	4JGDA5HB2DA258159	23-9376A
1999	GMC	SW	1GKEK13R6XJ780448	23-9417
2008	FORD	TK	1FTYR10D58PA80741	23-9416
2009	FOREST RIVE	TR	5NHUTS6229W037412	23-9830
2005	AMERICAN	TR	5N6200G2051007957	23-9830
2005	FORD	4D	1FAFP34N05W274824	23-9467
2006	PONTIAC	4D	2G2WP552061300443	23-10007
2009	MITSUBISHI	4D	JA3AU26UX9U028276	23-5134

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

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
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Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **2:00 p.m. on October 25, 2023**, for the Bid Package No. 7 - Classroom A/V & Public Address Systems, related to McBride Middle School, Edgemont, Rawsonville, Savage, & Tyler Elementary Schools. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud, following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held in person on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at McBride Middle School (47097 McBride Ave., Belleville, MI 48111). Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded from the link below.

<http://cloud.ids-troy.com/bids/bids/vbps/BP7-clrmavandpasystems/>

Bid Security, Cashier's Check or Certified Check in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the School Board, Board of Directors, or the Superintendent of the School District. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must also be included along with a Criminal Background Disclosure Affidavit and a Non-Collusive Affidavit. Accepted bidders may be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Documents will be available for viewing on **September 28, 2023**. Any questions, contact Jeff Brender, Integrated Design Solutions, at: jbrender@ids-michigan.com.

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City Council

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streets in her subdivision were worse. He said he thought that was inappropriate.

Rutherford said they just did road patching in Victoria Commons and cut trees. He said people should reach out to him with complaints.

Voigt said this is just patching, but the city will be doing significant street work throughout the city with in the next two years. He said the city's website has a place where people can register complaints.

Jones asked when the new city manager was coming and was told Jason Smith will be in place on Oct. 16.

Variance remarks

Also speaking about problems she was having with the city was Tracy Hill of S. Liberty Street who has been trying to get a variance on a fence for five months. The Board of Zoning Appeals has yet to meet.

She said a four-foot fence is allowed where a six-foot fence is needed to shield her home from the two-story apartment building next door. She said now she has been told she has to pay \$542 for a variance hearing, which she objected to.

Hill said she is a contractor and she said other cities do not have rules like this. Voigt said he would be happy to talk to her after the meeting or come over to her house to see the situation. He said he also sits on

the BZA and they are working to set up a meeting.

Joannie Laginess thanked Rutherford for fixing the sewer on North Liberty Street quickly.

In other business at the 90-minute meeting, the council:

- Was introduced to Krisy Doe, the new police records clerk;

- Received a sign from Steve Cinnamon marking the 22 years his car show has been at Victory Park;

- Unanimously approved expending \$48,395 for updated BS&A cloud software plus less than \$1,500 for a laptop and docking for the new city manager, as recommended by Acting City Manager

Steve Jones;

- Unanimously approved a resolution granting the ability to change dates for the Board of Review, if needed; and

- Approved accounts payable of \$203,395.71 and the following departmental expenditures in excess of \$500: to Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$16,882 for fire hydrant and valve replacement at fire station; to Carhartt, \$1,680.37 for winter coats for the fire department; to Davenport Brothers, \$4,650 for steel security door for building exterior; to ESO, \$2,662.60 for upgrade of emergency reporting software; and to Spectrum Wireless, \$51,931.52 for radios for police department.

Live auction set Oct. 14 in Livonia to benefit League of Women Voters

A live auction will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh Rd., Livonia to benefit the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, which includes the Belleville chapter.

Guests will be able to view the items from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Auction items include holiday gifts for friends and family, baked goods, wine, handmade items, event tickets, and more. Light refreshments will be served.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome. A gift will be given to LWV members who bring guests. There will be a door prize drawing for guests.

For information, call (734) 697-3605.

Washtenaw County Elections Division Public Notice

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the township of Van Buren who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to their Township/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 23, 2023**.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.497) at the Township Clerk's office, located at the following location during the following hours:

Van Buren Township (46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Twp., MI 48111):

- Regular business hours: Monday - Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 4th 7:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Hours for Absentee Ballots are 7:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday – Thursday and Saturday, November 4th 7:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Election Day, Tuesday November 7th from 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lincoln Consolidated School district will be voting on the following millage proposals as presented and listed below:

LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL
EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE
AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW
18.1067 MILLS FOR 10 YEARS AND
.5 MILL FOR 10 YEARS FOR
HEADLEE RESTORATION PURPOSES, IF NECESSARY

LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
FOR PUBLIC RECREATION AND PLAYGROUNDS
.0943 MILL FOR 5 YEARS

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Township clerk's office listed above. A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact the clerk's office.

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National Heritage Academies Keystone Academy Public Notice

**Keystone Academy (Y5-8) 47925
Bemis Rd Belleville, MI 48111-
9760 KeystoneAcademy.org
734-697-9470**

OPEN ENROLLMENT NOTICE

Open enrollment for the 2024-25 academic school year ends on 11/30/2023 at 5 pm. Applications can be obtained by contacting the school. Should the number of applications received during open enrollment exceed available seats, a random-selection drawing will be held via live stream on 12/1/2023 at 5 pm.

Applications received after open enrollment will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis for remaining open seats. Waiting lists will be formed accordingly.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

National Heritage Academies does not discriminate against or limit the admission of any student on any unlawful basis, including on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, color, need for special education services, sex, gender, disability, intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, athletic ability, race, creed, gender, national origin, religion or ancestry. A school may not require any action by a student or family (such as an admissions test, interview, essay, attendance at an information session, etc.) in order for an applicant to either receive or submit an application for admission to that school.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 24:

0459 – alarm, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0647 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0729 – suspicious circumstance, Creekside Dr.
0907 – suspicious circumstance, Virginia St.
1126 – fraud complaint, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.
1147 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1342 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1739 – neighbor dispute, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1802 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
2125 – fire dept. assist, Oregon St.

Monday, Sept. 25:

0938 – follow up investigation, Virginia St.
1411 – welfare check, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1416 – damage to property, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1645 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Harris
1752 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Willis
1901 – family trouble, Knollwood Dr.
2159 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rustic Ln.

Tuesday, Sept. 26:

0908 – assist other agency, Second St.
1522 – family trouble, Sumpter Rd./Judd Rd.
1535 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1544 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1626 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1716 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1736 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Wear
2223 – disorderly person, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
2350 – family trouble, California St.

Wednesday, Sept. 27:

0612 – welfare check, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.

0903 – fire dept. assist, Alaska St.
1215 – citizen assist, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
1250 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico St.
1355 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1429 – family trouble, Wayside Dr.
2004 – property damage accident, 42000 bl. Bemis
2141 – traffic complaint/hazard, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2225 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
2321 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 28:

0105 – suspicious circumstance, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0816 – follow-up investigation, Wayside Dr.
0914 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
1020 – follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Wear
1100 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1129 – assist other agency, New Mexico St.
1349 – traffic complaint/hazard, 17000 bl. Savage
1417 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1513 – property damage accident, Willis Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
1553 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.
1631 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter/Willis
1642 – citizen assist, Mulberry Dr.
1710 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1948 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1954 – traffic complaint/hazard, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2138 – PPO violation, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
2141 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.

Friday, Sept. 29:

0800 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1036 – assist other agency, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1329 – warrant arrest, Rustic Ln.
1359 – civil matter, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1408 – traffic complaint/hazard, 18000 bl. Savage
1541 – property damage accident, Bemis/Elwell
1637 – assist other agency, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1828 – family trouble, Bemis/Sumpter
1931 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
2020 – suspicious circumstance, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2309 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Judd

Saturday, Sept. 30:

0013 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
0141 – noise complaint, Creekside/Rustic Ln.
0340 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1044 – suspicious person, Martinsville/Willow
1109 – suspicious circumstance, Harris/Savage
1149 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1650 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1747 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Willis
1812 – alarm, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1826 – neighbor dispute, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1913 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
2040 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.

Also on this week's log are 153 patrol checks, 125 traffic stops, and 12 misc. details.

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Belleville Area Council for the Arts announces judges for Art Show

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts will present its 14th-annual Community Art Show on Oct. 13-15 at the Belleville Yacht Club, 831 E. Huron River Dr.

Judges for the artworks will be Tony Muncie, Denise Sutton, and Keturah Wood.

The opening reception for the art show will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13. This is the time to meet the artists.

Prize winners will be announced at 7:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded in six categories: Upcycled, 3-D/Fiber Art, 2-D, Photography, Children Ages 6-12 and Teens Ages 13-17.

Public viewing continues from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 15. The show is open to the public and is free of charge.

A People's Choice Award will be announced at the end of the show. All attendees will have a chance to choose the piece of art that they like the most.

Prize winners will be chosen by these judges:

- Tony Munie, a Van Buren Township resident since 1994, designs, builds and restores leaded and beveled glass windows. He graduated from Fordson High School with honors in art. He attended a trade program at Denver Glass & Machinery in Colorado to pursue hand-beveling and engraving. He also attended Henry Ford College, pursuing the arts, especially ceramics. His proudest accomplishment was rebuilding a stained glass window for the Historic Hackley Home in Muskegon.

- Denise Sutton is an Interior Designer by career and natural artist in her own right. She currently lives in Allen Park, but she hails from a little corner on the outer north section of Belleville, once called Sheldon. Denise received her degree in Home Economics and Interior Design from Eastern Michigan University, with studies including architectural drawing and basic art. For 34 years Sutton developed and ran her own design business, Denise Sutton Interiors.

- Keturah Wood was born and raised in Belleville and is deeply connected to her roots. With a strong background in education, she dedicated more than 20 years to working with students, spanning from Young Fives through high school. Currently, she serves as the Curriculum Director for Southgate Community Schools, and is pursuing her PhD in Curriculum and Critical Social Inquiry at Wayne State University. When not shaping young minds, she enjoys acrylic painting, often on large canvas pieces.

*To build a better
world, start in your
own community!*



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Belleville, State of Michigan, 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 23, 2023.**

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 as follows:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 4th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 7th from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Qualifications for registration are:

- Applicant is at least 18 years of age
- City of Belleville resident for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election
- United States citizen

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

- **Mayor**
- **Two (2) City Council Members – Full Term**
- **Two (2) City Council Members – Partial Term**

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.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the City Clerk's office: 734-697-9323, extension 7010.

Briana Hootman,
City Clerk/Treasurer
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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 244 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Sept. 24:

0018 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd./W. I-94
0142 – noise complaint, Stratford Dr.
0143 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
0242 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Haggerty Rd.
0249 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.
0452 – assist other dept., Colony Ln.
0528 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / W. I-94 Belleville ramp
0826 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lake Point Blvd.
0915 – civil matter, Chatsworth Dr.
0916 – malicious destruction of property, Fret Rd.
0951 – civil matter, Vernon St.
1046 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1218 – shooting, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1329 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1356 – dumping complaint, Belleville Rd.
1401 – neighbor trouble, Bak Rd.
1401 – neighbor trouble, Renton Rd.
1412 – domestic, Haggerty Rd.
1419 – welfare check, Martz Rd.
1454 – assist other dept., NB I-275/Ecorse Rd.
1519 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1526 – assist other dept., N. I-275/Ecorse Rd.
1551 – intrusion alarm, Christina Ln.
1554 – intrusion alarm, E. Sadie Ln.
1556 – welfare check, Tyler Rd.
1651 – malicious destruction of property, W. Sadie
1906 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Vernon St.
1957 – mental subject, Winchester St.
2017 – assist citizen, Denton Rd./Ecorse Rd.
2306 – domestic, S. Woodbury Dr.

Monday, Sept. 25:

0100 – breaking & entering, Lighthouse Dr.
0100 – fight, Denton Rd.
0104 – assault & battery, Holly Ln.
0250 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0717 – harassment call, Coca-Cola Dr.
0820 – suicidal person, Dewitt Rd.
0821 – assist fire dept., Dewitt Rd.
0824 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
0857 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Robson Rd./Moms Dr.
0903 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave.
0939 – trespassing, Denton Rd./Merle Ct.
1002 – misc. complaint, Hull Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1004 – follow-up by officer, Holly Ln.
1015 – assault & battery, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
1152 – malicious destruction of property, E. Sadie
1225 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
1309 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd.
1417 – prisoner transport, Tyler Rd.
1434 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1453 – assist other dept., E. Wabash
1556 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1556 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1557 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1557 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1558 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1610 – welfare check, Robbe Rd.
1649 – misc. complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1931 – civil matter, S. Belldridge Dr.
1936 – civil matter, Holly Ln.
2230 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2230 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
2332 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, Sept. 26:

0049 – shooting, Hayes
0126 – juvenile complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
0217 – domestic, W. Huron River Dr.
0855 – property damage accident, W. I-94/rest area
0948 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.
1011 – disorderly, Tyler Rd.
1046 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
1048 – mental subject, W. Huron River Dr.
1237 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd.
1330 – welfare check, Landmark
1425 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes,

Briar Dr.

1431 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1454 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1504 – private property/property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1621 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Park Dr.
1627 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1700 – larceny, S. Belldridge Dr.
1744 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1916 – assist other dept., Carmell/Belle Villa
2153 – welfare check, Laguna Dr.

Wednesday, Sept. 27:

0306 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
0700 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0905 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
0933 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
0955 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1039 – intrusion alarm, Hamilton St.
1056 – larceny, N. Belldridge Dr.
1156 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.
1217 – domestic, McBride Ave./Haggerty Rd.
1346 – lost property/child, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1400 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1413 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.
1519 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.
1738 – juvenile complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1743 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.
1910 – neighbor trouble, Chatsworth Dr.
1934 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.

1948 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.
2042 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
2053 – assist other dept., Crowley Ave.
2104 – harassment call, S. Woodbury Dr.
2125 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2326 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 28:

0652 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
0723 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
0820 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lake Point Pass
0844 – repossession, Westlake Cir.
0852 – welfare check, Chatsworth Dr.
0907 – warrant arrest, Washtenaw County Jail
0910 – property damage accident, Dewitt Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1109 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1128 – road hazard, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell
1219 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1223 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd.
1229 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Van Buren Ln.

1237 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Beck Rd.
1317 – traffic offense, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.
1435 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Haggerty Rd.

1448 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1503 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd.
1519 – domestic, Anna Dr.
1620 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1704 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

1844 – assist citizen, Holly Ln.
1910 – assist fire dept., Parkwood Dr.
1921 – welfare check, Ecorse Service A Dr./Beck
2052 – welfare check, Mott/Denton
2106 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Maple Dr.
2124 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
2230 – civil matter, Amanda Dr.
2339 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

Friday, Sept. 29:

0108 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0210 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
1028 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
1031 – mental subject, Parkwood DR.
1054 – vehicle lockout, Haggerty Rd.
1053 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1059 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.
1122 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service
1230 – assist other dept., N. Timberview Dr.
1255 – family trouble, Brookside Dr.
1315 – civil matter, Park Estates Dr.
1349 – intrusion alarm, Harmony Ln.
1357 – intrusion alarm, Packard Ct.

1518 – parking complaint, Bradley Dr.
1522 – larceny from auto, Timberland Dr.
1534 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Marina Dr.
1637 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1736 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Independence Ln.
1800 – domestic, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1822 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1849 – domestic, Pinewood Ln.
2037 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2044 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Elwell Rd.
2225 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2236 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2243 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
2308 – found property/child, S. Belldridge Dr.

Saturday, Sept. 30:

0054 – domestic, Belldridge Apartments
0117 – assault & battery, Maurice Dr.
0134 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
0143 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
0150 – 911 welfare check, Meadows Cir.
0230 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
0507 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1034 – private property impound, N. I-94 Service
1043 – assist fire dept., Van Buren St.
1337 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1353 – domestic, Westlake Cir.
1554 – civil matter, Holly Ln.
1712 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
1721 – intrusion alarm, Celestine Dr.
1836 – missing person, Freedom Way
1842 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1850 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1856 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1933 – assist other dept., W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
1950 – domestic, Victoria St.
2012 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2013 – suicidal person, Michigan Ave./Denton
2053 – domestic, McKinley St.
2135 – overdose, Quirk Rd.
2137 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
2325 – noise complaint, Woodgrove Dr.
2356 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ventura Dr.

There were 54 traffic stops on this week's log, with three of them being on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 24:

0135 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1554 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
2101 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
2110 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
2136 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Victorian Ln.

Monday, Sept. 25:

0017 – parking complaint, Estrada
0939 – welfare check, High St.
1142 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1425 – civil matter, E. Wabash Ave.
1450 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1642 – private property/property damage accident, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1643 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
2212 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.

Tuesday, Sept. 26:

1117 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.
1913 – fight, Carmell/Belle Villa Blvd.
2055 – welfare check, Carmell St.

Wednesday, Sept. 27:

0837 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1242 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1709 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St.
1756 – traffic stop, Madelon St./Robbe St.
1842 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
2106 – disorderly, Belle Villa Blvd.
Thursday, Sept. 28:
1353 – property damage accident, Second/Main
1435 – noise complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1936 – fight, Belle Villa Blvd.
2117 – mental subject, Carmell St.

Friday, Sept. 29:

0108 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0516 – parking complaint, Estrada/Estrada
0722 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
0929 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Main St.
1052 – fraud, E. Huron River Dr.
1107 – misc. complaint, Carmell St.
1948 – traffic stop, high school
1951 – traffic stop, high school
2028 – parking complaint, High St.
2323 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.

Saturday, Sept. 30:

0028 – threat, N. Liberty St.
0147 – personal injury accident, W. Columbia
0941 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1659 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St./W. Columbia Ave.
1818 – disorderly, High St.
1850 – assault & battery, W. Columbia Ave.
2023 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Roys St./Church St.
2323 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Second St./Main St.
There were 11 traffic stops on this week's log.

Festival of Holiday Trees seeking trees, wreaths to exhibit

The 2023 Festival of Holiday Trees is scheduled to be at Van Buren Township's grand reopening of the Belleville Area Museum Dec. 2-23.

The Belleville Central Business Community will be bringing Santa to the museum for two Saturdays.

The township invites community organizations, individuals, and businesses to display decorated trees or wreaths at the museum, which will reopen after being closed for more than three and a half years.

Each entry should have a cultural or historical theme or one that is representative of an organization. Entries can be submitted in three categories:

- Floor-size artificial tree (6-8 feet tall);
- Tabletop artificial trees (maximum 3 feet tall); or
- An artificial wreath (with sturdy wire attached for hanging).

According to the township all submissions must include lights, artificial tree or wreath, tree stand if applicable, decorations, and tree skirt.

The museum will create a sign to display the name of the organization. Any logo files are to emailed to bam@vanburen-mi.org.

The township states that previous experience has shown that open exhibits, such as these, are usually safe. However, the museum cannot guarantee absolute security and cannot be responsible in case of loss or damage. Rare antique ornaments are not encouraged.

In addition to displaying a tree or wreath, the township also offers the option of donating the fully decorated tree for auction. The Silent Tree Auction has proven, in the past, to be an excellent way to raise money for the museum. This year's auction will run from Friday, Dec. 1, through Friday, Dec. 15. Trees will be available for pick up by purchasers on the last day of the festival.

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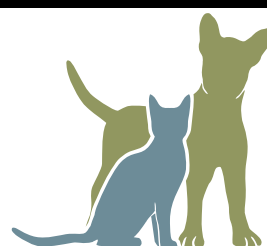
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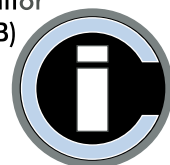
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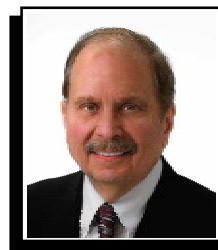
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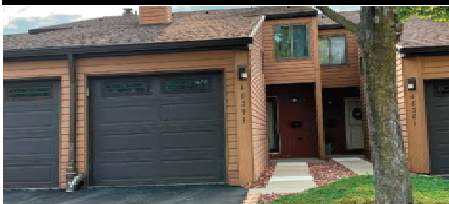
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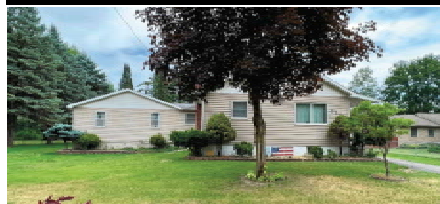
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