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THE BELLEVILLE ENTERPRISE

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A Van Buren Township man has been charged with second-degree murder in the shooting death of his wife in their Fay Drive home last week.

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Local election results show some surprises

Last week, elections in several local municipalities brought voters out to make their choices for school and road bond issues, candidates and even an advisory vote on public safety funding.

Clerks throughout the area noted an extremely light turnout of voters despite the increased interest in national politics.

BELLEVILLE

City of Belleville returned unopposed Mayor Kerreen Conley to another four-year term and selected Kenneth R. Voigt and Kelly Bates to serve four-year terms on the city council. Loria received 404 votes or 38.4

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percent of the ballots cast while Bates received 375 votes or 35.6 percent of the votes cast. Jack Loria received 273 votes or 26 percent of the votes..

In addition, Belleville voters were asked to approve a special assessment for the police and fire department operations of up to 2.00 mills or \$2 per \$1,000 of taxable value on real property in the city.

Voters approved the assess-

ment with 348 yes votes or 57 percent of the votes cast while 262 voters, or 43 percent, cast no votes on the question. This was an advisory vote and is not binding on the city.

Voters also approved a request from the Van Buren Schools to borrow the sum of not to exceed \$35,490,000 and issue general obligation unlimited tax bonds in one or more series. Voters approved the proposal with 3,421

Yes votes or 56.1 percent of the ballots cast on the issue while a total of 2,674 voters, or 43.9 percent, cast no votes. The funds will be used for the purpose of erecting, furnishing, and equipping a new early childhood center; remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping existing school buildings; acquiring and installing instructional technology in school buildings; and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping playgrounds, athletic fields, and sites. The estimated millage that will be levied for the

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CANTON

Cherry Hill Ford Factory project wins honors

The Cherry Hill Ford Factory Complex was recently honored with the Revitalization Award by MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership as part of the 6th annual Awards of Excellence during Michigan Auto Heritage Day ceremonies at the Capitol Rotunda in Lansing.

The Cherry Hill Ford Factory Complex in Canton, an original Henry Ford village industry factory and dormitory, is being restored by the township Partnership for the Arts and Humanities. The complex will offer veterans programming - the same purpose it served when Ford opened the facility in the 1940s. The Ford Factory Complex was purchased in 2012 and is still in the process of being rehabilitated so that it can supply veterans with transitional housing after serving in the military.

"This picturesque settlement was the site of Henry Ford's final, most unique and least publicized village industry," said Jill Engel, executive director of the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities. "Unlike his previous 18 village industries, Henry Ford did not employ local off-season farmers; rather he provided employment and residence opportunities for disabled veterans of World War II."

In addition, Engel was presented with a special tribute signed by State Rep. Kristy Pagan, State Sen. Dayna Polehanki, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist.

Michigan Automotive Heritage Day and the Awards of Excellence began in 2014 and have become an annual opportunity to celebrate the story that can only be told in Michigan: how this area "Put The World On Wheels."



State Sen. Dayna Polehanki, State Rep. Kristy Pagan, Partnership for the Arts and Humanities Executive Director Jill Engel and MotorCities Chairman Michael O'Callaghan celebrate the honor awarded to the Cherry Hill Ford Factory Complex.