

today's hot line

Bellaire Services Friday In Redford

Funeral services for Redford Township Supervisor Aldrick Bellaire will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Valentine Catholic Church, 14832 Beech Dale. A prayer service will be conducted by Lutheran pastors Wednesday at 8 p.m. A Catholic rosary service will be held at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, both in the Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 48425 Beech Dale.

The township's chief elected officer for four years, Bellaire died suddenly Monday evening of a cardiac arrest in Detroit's Sinai Hospital, where he had been taken for a respiratory ailment. He was 56.

Tough, outspoken but good-natured, the affable Bellaire brought a zest to the administration of the township he loved and a progressive view of Wayne County government and regional cooperation.

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Jail Parents?

Madison Heights is prepared to send to jail parents of habitual juvenile offenders in an attempt to curb delinquency. But the City of Farmington has doubts about the legality of that approach and is considering a milder, alternate approach which could be taken.

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Partisan Agendas

Republican Ladies of Farmington Hills have invited State Sen. Robert Huber (R-Troy) as guest speaker - topic probably to be his candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat held by Philip Hart. The Farmington Democratic Club, at its next meeting, will discuss approaches which can be taken to providing senior citizen housing in Farmington Township.

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Feedback

Observer Newspapers' "feedback" from the readers is better than what the broadcasters get because our readers sign their names and don't hide at the end of the telephone line. No one likes the Readers' Forum better than you, the readers - unless maybe it's our own staff.

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Who's Backstage?

Dramas by two well known authors will open in 10 days on local community theater stages. For a look at some of the people who will help bring this live theater to your own backyard, see the Amusements Pages.

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Scholarship

Schoolcraft College has vastly expanded its scholarship and grant offerings to needy students, but not without a bit of haggling over whether residents or non-residents will get the aid. Dennis Pajot covers the affairs of Schoolcraft in detail on the Regional Affairs page.

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"We're so pleased and happy..."

We sold everything except some of the small items and we're very pleased with the results," said Mrs. L. Koenen. Use Observer Want-Ads to buy, sell or trade.



SIX YEAR old company, 14' up right frame, loading bed, mic. dishes, collector's car, mic. paper, history, solid axle, 7' gas ice skates, car, mic. green, copper mic. mail supplies, charcoal grill, perling, Royal typewriter, four 700's tires, farm tools, 700's and other items, \$75, 000.00

Classified WANT ADS 422-0900

DeBaene Resigns City Post Public Services Director Needed



DPB Director Ted DeBaene

The City of Farmington is looking for a new director for its Department of Public Services (DPS) following the resignation of Ted DeBaene who is leaving for another job.

DeBaene's resignation, effective Feb. 6, was accepted Monday night by the city council.

DE BAENE WILL be moving his family to Baton Rouge, La., where he is joining an engineering consulting firm.

DeBaene told the Farmington Enterprise & Observer that the company he is joining engages in public works and maintenance consulting work for municipalities throughout the nation.

Upon joining the firm, his first assignment will be a trip to Memphis. The firm is going into a relatively new field, he explained, which should be challenging.

The company uses computer programming and data processing equipment to develop schedules and routing for public works and maintenance activities, DeBaene added.

CITY MANAGER John Dinan said he hated to see DeBaene leave Farmington but wished him the best of luck in what promised to be a challenging and productive endeavor.

Dinan said the city is in the recruitment stage now to find a replacement and because it

is a specialized field the city will rely on federal agencies and notices in specialized trade publications.

Dinan said the Michigan Municipal League and International League of City Managers Associations will be used to recruit a director.

The city manager estimated it would probably take until April 1 before a replacement could be found. Meanwhile, the two supervisors in the DPS will direct operations.

Joseph DeVriendt, DPW supervisor, will direct activities involving roads, storm drains, sidewalks and rubbish pickup.

John Overfield, water-department supervisor, will be responsible for the water system and sanitary sewers operation.

DE BAENE HAS been DPW director since joining the City of Farmington administration team in 1966.

He was born in Detroit in 1938 and graduated from Catholic Central High School. In 1961, DeBaene graduated with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Notre Dame University.

He spent a short time in private industry and then took a position with the City of West Allis, Wis., as an engineer in the bureau of street construction. DeBaene is married and has two children.

Local Youth Victim

Charge Trio With Kidnapping

A pre-trial hearing of three persons charged with kidnapping began Friday in Farmington District Court but was adjourned for two weeks when one of the defendants failed to appear.

Glen Graves, 34, of Wyandotte; Daniel Patrick, 22, of Wayne and Miss Janet Conklin, 20, of Wayne, are charged with kidnaping 17-year-old Patrick Bradley of 31621 Folkstone, Farmington.

In addition, Graves is charged with felonious assault, and Patrick with felonious assault and carrying a concealed weapon.

THE EXAMINATION Friday before District

Justice Michael Hand was postponed to Feb. 13 when Graves failed to appear.

The trio's attorney, John Mazer of Detroit, said Graves was appearing in Federal District Court Friday afternoon on a charge of possession of counterfeit currency.

Hand granted the delay after Tom O'Connor, Oakland County assistant prosecutor, agreed to stop proceedings until Graves is available.

Robert Deadman, director of public safety for the City of Farmington, said the three are alleged to have taken Bradley at gunpoint from Farmington to Detroit the night of Jan. 1. He said the trio allegedly

held Bradley three hours in Detroit while attempting to extort money from the youth.

THE GROUP returned to Farmington, Deadman said, supposedly to recover barbiturates, marijuana and LSD which the trio had sold to Bradley previously.

Meanwhile, Deadman said, Bradley's father John telephoned Farmington police who arrested the three before they could escape the area. Deadman said a revolver was found in the trio's automobile.

Bond was set at \$10,000 for each defendant. All three remain in custody.

Expand Thinking On Downtown, Urges Allen

Monday night's adjourned public hearing on the proposed Central Business District (CBD) ordinance has been adjourned again, this time until March 16.

At the same meeting, Councilman John Allen asked for greater efforts in planning for downtown redevelopment and described the CBD ordinance as a short-sighted stopgap measure.

THE SECOND adjournment was granted to allow completion of a revised CBD ordinance, expected to be less objectionable to downtown merchants.

The original draft was met with downtown merchants, and many of their suggestions are now being written into the revision.

Preparing the revision are Driker & Associates, the city's planning consultants, and Burton Shlman, special legal consultant to the Downtown Redevelopment Committee (DRC).

THE DRC, a subcommittee of the planning commission, has been meeting with merchants, Driker and Shlman from out many of the objections.

The DRC has met twice with merchants and interested persons to reconcile objections made with what planners felt was necessary.

City Manager John Dinan says Shlman has been of great assistance to planners in attempting to eliminate legal objections made on the stand and procedures outlined in the CBD draft.

At the second meeting, merchants submitted a 15-point list of suggestions and objections. Dinan reported to the council

that he could see progress in reconciling the merchant's objections with the planners' philosophy.

DINAN EXPECTS the revised draft may be finished late this week. The DRC will review the revision with Driker and Shlman and then meet again with merchants before presenting the second draft to the council.

Richard Tupper, DRC chairman, says the merchant's 15-point list can be broken into three main areas of concern: boundaries of the proposed CBD; potential conforming uses; and zoning regulations and site plan approval.

The planning commission has given the DRC permission to avail itself of the services of Goodell, Grivas & Associates when that firm's technical assistance is needed.

The firm acts as consultants in the specialized field of traffic engineering and is expected to be called upon for advice in developing traffic patterns to ease congestion in the downtown area.

AFTER DINAN presented a progress report in the DRC's activity, Allen presented his views on broadening the scope of planning for downtown redevelopment.

Allen described the CBD ordinance as a "stopgap measure filling a need of keeping undesirable business out of the city."

He said the planning approach was lacking because the city was not obtaining citizen participation. A market study should be made of the downtown business area, he added.

"Until this is done," Allen said, "it will be hard to estab-



GAIETY - Fun and games will be the order of the day from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 7 and 8 when students of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic High School stage a Mardi Gras in the school basement. Proceeds will be used to buy audio visual equipment for the school. Getting ready for the event are: (from left) Rick Hafetz, Chris Rollins, Bill Audette and Sue Stuyman. (Evert photo)

Pick Two Historians

Habermehl Joins Planners

Bruce Habermehl, long-time Farmington resident, was appointed Monday night to the City Planning Commission.

Habermehl, owner of Center Tire in the downtown business district, replaces Russell Milligen who died recently of a heart attack.

Councilman John Richardson, in making the nomination, said he not only felt there should be representation on the commission from the merchants but also from Warner Farms where Habermehl lives.

WARNER FARMS has never been represented on the

planning commission prior to Habermehl's appointment. Habermehl has been active in the community as concession chairman for the Farmington Founders Festival and paper sale chairman for the Farmington Goodfellows.

Councilman John Allen said he was going to nominate Donald Weidly, a local attorney, but would not in recognition of Habermehl's qualifications. A unanimous vote was cast by motion of Allen.

ANNE COURVILLE and Gerald Harrison Monday night were named as new members to the city's Historical Preservation Committee.

Mrs. Courville, who lives on Oakland in downtown Farmington, is co-owner of the Ebenezer Shop, a furniture store in the Downtown Farmington Center.

She was employed as office manager of the Farmington Enterprise & Observer before joining husband John in the new business venture. She also wrote the "Round Town" social column for this paper.

Harrison is retired as superintendent of Farmington Schools and now serves as executive director of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce.