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Before Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the school board was taken on a tour of Owen Intermediate School that is undergoing renovations and is due to open in three weeks. The board was assured the necessary work would be done by then with up to 70 workers at the school daily. Above they are shown the cafeteria.

School Board appoints new HR Director, raises salaries of 3 positions

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After Van Buren Public Schools Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun resigned as of July 25, the school board not only appointed a new HR Director, but raised the salaries of three other

administrators.

Madyun, who had worked for the Van Buren Schools for 13 years, accepted a HR Director position in the Northville Schools.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak explained the situation during Monday's regular meeting of the school board.

He introduced the new HR Director, John Leroy, most recently principal of McBride Middle School who started his job earlier Monday.

Supt. Kudlak said they had many applicants for the HR position, but Leroy rose above them all. He said Leroy is good with solving problems and working with groups.

Kudlak said after the district lost Madyun, he reached out to other school districts about their pays and he said 14 districts responded. He said he did some math and worked with the different sizes

of the districts and other factors and found that three administrators are lower in pay than they should be, especially the finance director.

"We hate to leave it until somebody leaves and then adjust it," Kudlak said of the pay.

Kudlak said of the 14 districts responding to his questions, he said some didn't give all the answers.

Board President Amy Pearce said they "don't want you poaching their people."

Kudlak said the salaries were set a few

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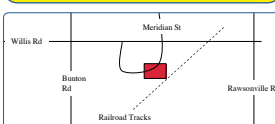
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Suspect arraigned after attempted armed kidnapping, fleeing

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Carl Emerson Travis, 51, of Grosse Pointe, was taken into custody Friday night when he was chased more than 26 miles into Detroit by police after allegedly trying to kidnap a female at gunpoint at a Van Buren Township apartment complex.

Van Buren Township Deputy Chief Joshua Monte said the patrol division responded to a 911 call at 9:09 p.m. Aug. 5 at the Waverly apartments where a caller said he witnessed a male armed with a handgun attempting to drag a female into a vehicle.

Deputy Chief Monte said officers arrived and observed a physical struggle inside a vehicle between the male and female. The female victim was able to exit the vehicle and run to the safety of the responding officers.

The male subject fled on foot to his vehicle parked nearby. Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop of the suspect vehicle as he was fleeing the scene.

The suspect refused to stop and officers pursued the vehicle onto eastbound I-94 into the city of Detroit. The suspect exited onto Trumbull Avenue from eastbound I-94 in the city of Detroit, lost control of his vehicle and struck a pole disabling the vehicle.

Deputy Chief Monte said the suspect fled from the vehicle on foot and was apprehended by Van Buren officers following a foot pursuit. Van Buren police officers were assisted by Trooper 2, the Michigan State Police Helicopter, and Romulus Police Department during the pursuit. The Michigan State Police took the single-vehicle crash report.

"This incident was not random, but a targeted act," Deputy Chief Monte said. "The victim knew the suspect. I would like to commend the involved officers. Their quick and measured response likely prevented a tragic incident."

On Monday, 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin arraigned Travis on one count of unlawful imprisonment, one count of domestic violence assault, two counts of resisting and obstructing police, one count of fleeing and eluding, one count of reckless driving and charged as a habitual offender. He was given a \$500,000/10% bond. He was currently on a tether, out on bond for fleeing and eluding from an Oakland County case.

Travis, who was arraigned virtually from the Van Buren Township police lockup, objected to the high bond because he said

he takes care of his five-year-old daughter and works in his construction company.

Prosecutor Sona Movsisyan said the complainant has a current personal protection order against Travis and he may have followed her to the apartment in violation of the PPO. She said because of his long history of arrests and the dangerous driving during the chase, he is a danger to the public. She said she has been told that Travis won the lottery a couple of years ago and has access to money. She asked for a high bond even higher than what set.

Judge Martin said because of the public safety issue she would not reduce the bond. If he posts the bond, he must stay away from the complainant and wear a tether. His virtual probable cause conference was set for 8:30 a.m., Aug 17, at 34th District Court.

Quadruple murder suspect found dead in Wayne County jail cell

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Raymond Lee Bailey, 39, of Wyandotte reportedly was found dead in his cell at the Wayne County Jail on Saturday morning where he was awaiting trial for the shooting deaths of four cousins in Sumpter Township on Aug. 15, 2020.



Bailey

Channel 2 Fox News reported Bailey's death after a relative of the victims alerted

them to rumors of his death. They reported it was unclear how he had died.

Bailey had been charged with four counts of premeditated murder and four counts of weapons – felony firearms for the deaths of sisters, Laura Tanner, 35, and Sarah Tanner Grupa, 38, and their cousins, brothers Forrest Sampson, 28, and Neil Sampson, 30. Laura Tanner was Bailey's former fiancé and the murders took place at her home.

Sumpter Township police found them dead throughout her home in the 24900 block of Martinsville Road. After the murders,

Bailey fled north before a friend helped him turn himself into Bay City police. He was arraigned from a hospital bed because he said he had a broken neck. His attorney told 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley that Bailey intentionally harmed himself while in the Huron Township lock up that Sumpter Police use for its detainees, where he was taken after being brought back from Bay County.

Bailey had been held without bond in the Wayne County Jail since Aug. 19, 2020, but on Sunday he was no longer listed on the Third Circuit Court website as being

incarcerated and he was no longer listed as an inmate of the Wayne County Jail.

After many forensic exams and other delays in the case Bailey was deemed competent to stand trial and his jury trial had been set for eight days beginning Jan. 4, 2023 before Circuit Court Judge Kelly Ramsey.

Bailey had been charged with domestic abuse and assault on Oct. 29, 2019, but both charges were dropped in 34th District Court. The domestic abuse charge was dropped when the victim, Laura Tanner, did not come to court to testify against him.

Court Watching:

David Delaney bound over to circuit court on two larceny charges

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

David Allen Delaney, 61, of Newport, was due for his arraignment/probable cause conference on March 23 at 34th District Court on charges of larceny in a building and larceny between \$1,000-\$20,000 or subsequent offense notice on Jan. 12 in Van Buren Township. His defense attorney said he was still in inpatient treatment, so his court date was adjourned until April 20. On that date, he still was in treatment. Judge Lisa Martin reduced his bond from \$10,000/10% to \$10,000 personal bond and set his probable cause conference for May 25. Then his preliminary exam was set for July 6.

At the live preliminary exam July 6 before Judge Green, the frail, complaining witness testified that Delaney was homeless and she took him in because she needed care. She is confined to a wheelchair and needs

help moving from her chair to her recliner, she said. She said he lived in her home on Country Lane for three months and he helped her get dressed, cleaned the house, tended to her feeding tube, and worked about an hour a day.

She testified she was asleep in her recliner on Jan. 12 when she awoke at about 4 a.m. to see him next to her chair with her envelope in his hand and she thought he was just moving it around on the table to get it out of the way. She said she went back to sleep because she trusted him.

When she woke up in the morning, she said he was gone and nothing was left in his room. She said her envelope with \$2,800 cash was gone. She said she waited to call the police because she thought he would come back home. She testified that he took good care of her.

Defense attorney Sofia Nelson cross-examined the witness and the witness

testified that she bought him a Carhart jacket, paid for doctor's care for him, and gave him \$100 now and then. She testified she did not know what the minimum wage was and she provided no health insurance and paid no taxes on his employment. There was no contract for his services, she testified. She stated she did not call him to accuse him of stealing money out of the mailbox, as the defense attorney alleged.

Judge Green bound Delaney over to circuit court on both charges. He was arraigned on the information July 20 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice and a calendar conference was set for Aug. 10.

Justin Cleeve Johnson

The preliminary exam for Justin Cleeve Johnson, 20, of Ypsilanti was set for 11 a.m., Aug. 10, to face 11 charges surrounding the break-in of the Meijer store in Van Buren Township. He is free after posting bond of \$5,000/10% and must not return to

any Meijer store.

Johnson is charged with breaking into Meijer through the Garden Center on June 11 and gained entry to the main store through a door that had been left unlocked. He went back three times, according to police, and was caught on the third trip.

He is charged with two counts of safe breaking, two counts of possessing burglar's tools, two counts of breaking and entering a building with intent, a count of receiving and concealing stolen property worth between \$1,000 and \$20,000, two counts of larceny in a building, one count of escape while awaiting trial for a felony, and one count of false report of a medical or other emergency.

Ryan Anthony-Scott Hayes

Ryan Anthony-Scott Hayes, 37, of Sumpter Township, was found guilty as charged by a 34th District Court jury on
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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Local salaries rise when employees take better jobs

You've got to wonder what the end of all this is going to be. In Van Buren Township and the Van Buren Public Schools, the salaries for top employees is rising. This is taxpayer money and it sure makes us nervous.

The most recent case is the Human Resources Director at Van Buren Public Schools, Abdul Madyun, who resigned July 25 to take a better job as HR Director for the Northville Schools.

This sent the superintendent into a study of like jobs for like districts and he got results that ended up raising the pay for three administrators significantly. The finance director got a \$17,000 pay hike. The other two got \$3,500 each.

Supt. Kudlak said he didn't want to wait until those administrators left for better-paying jobs to raise the pay for that position.

We understand they want to get ahead of others bailing out, but where will this all end for taxpayers? Is it really necessary?

In VBT an administrator left for a job a few years ago and he was being paid about \$70,000. They hired him back at \$98,000 a few weeks ago. And made up a new job for him to fill. VBT is working fewer days a week.

And the taxpayer is stretching his dollar to try and buy enough groceries to last and enough gallons of gas to suffice. Some are getting much richer on that taxpayer dollar.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

The Michigan Department of Transportation sent out a message that the rest stop on I-94 in Van Buren Township was to be closed last Thursday and Friday for building and parking lot repairs. It was supposed to reopen Friday at 4:30 p.m.

In the July 5 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Supervisor Kevin McNamara said he read in the *Free Press* that premier communities, including Birmingham, are looking at building pickleball courts. "They're following us," he said, referring to the township's courts that are already in use at the corner of Denton and Beckley roads.

Also, during that meeting while discussing the problem of housing, Supervisor McNamara said that the township did lose a bid to Grand Rapids for veteran housing a year ago. Hadn't heard about that.

On this week's Van Buren Township police dispatch log, there was an entry for a Robbery on Holly Lane at 12:28 a.m. Aug. 2. VBT Deputy Chief Joshua Monte said the call initially came in as a Robbery / B&E, but it was unfounded. He said a roommate of the caller locked himself out of the house and was trying to gain entry.

At Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, James Williams announced the health clinic construction has started at McBride and it should take 90 days to open once it's started. The clinic, which can fill prescriptions, will have its separate entrance, so sick people will not have to traipse through the school

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



building. The clinic was devised as a way for the employees to save money on health care, but it will be open to the community, as well.

Also, at the school board meeting it was announced that fall sports started Monday, the football field turf project is complete and the track upgrade is finished and had its punch-list walk that day to tend to details.

School Supt. Kudlak said an administrative retreat is set for Aug. 25 and it will concentrate on school safety. He said the district now has joined with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department program where they meet with groups to discuss concerns. The concern the school board has is the safety of BHS students in the Washtenaw County part of the district. Those students involved with the two handgun incidents at the school said they were afraid to walk from their homes to the bus and needed to protect themselves.

Board President Amy Pearce had asked before and she asked again if someone from the Washtenaw Sheriff's Department couldn't come to a school board meeting to talk to them about it. Supt. Kudlak said he was sure the department could have someone come, but he would like to wait until they get fully into the program they've just become a part of there.

Pearce said she has been informed that the Van Buren Education Foundation will hold Casino Night at The Garage on Oct. 8.

Tickets are now on sale for the fund raiser that results in thousands of dollars given to teachers for education supplies.

It wasn't announced at Monday's meeting, so on Tuesday we asked about the pay for John Leroy who has just been appointed the new Human Resources Director for the Van Buren Public Schools. We were told the HR position had started at just over \$100,000 and for Abdul Madyun in his seventh year he was making \$118,000 before he resigned. The HR Director salary now has been raised and Leroy will start at \$115,000.

The school district is trying to get out the information on the 1.75-mill sinking fund for six years it will be asking voters to approve in the Nov. 8 election. The sinking fund millage that is expiring is currently 0.48 mill. A bright, information-packed brochure has been prepared to get the facts to voters and Supt. Kudlak said it is being passed out at events and groups around the district.

The district wants to be sure the brochure gets out to as many voters as possible before Sept. 24, the first day absentee ballots will be available to voters. "Our role is to educate, not promote," Supt. Kudlak said of the ballot question.



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Letters

FMAR to honor Pete, Marcy LaFramboise

To the editor:

Come to Graham Park, 23480 Sumpter Rd. in Sumpter, on Saturday, Aug. 20 between 1 and 4 p.m. FMAR will provide desserts and beverages at a casual event to honor Pete and Marcy LaFramboise for their many, many years of service to animals and people in our community.

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FMAR Board of Directors
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'Double Day' is back at Meijer for Food Closet

To the editor:

Meijer at 9701 Belleville Rd. is partnering with the Emergency Food Closet, housed at Belleville Methodist Church at 417 Charles St., for its Fall Simply Give Campaign which began July 3 and runs through Oct. 1.

This Saturday, Aug. 13 is the first of two Meijer Simply Give Double Match days. If one purchases a \$10 card, Meijer will match with \$20, for a total donation of \$30.

If \$5,000 can be raised as a combined total on these two dates, Meijer will match with \$10,000, for a total donation of \$15,000. Food prices continue to escalate. A dozen eggs that were 99 cents a dozen last fall are now \$2.89 a dozen!

Since Jan. 1 through Aug. 6, 2022, the Emergency Food Closet has served 117 families and distributed 1,199 bags of food. Besides receiving a bag of food, each client also receives a choice of meat, dairy product, lunchmeat, a loaf of bread, and a four-roll pack of toilet paper. Families of five or more receive double of each. The Emergency Food Closet is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and serves the residents of Van Buren and Sumpter townships and the City of Belleville.

Please continue to help feed the hungry in our community! Thank you.

Marilyn Wood - Coordinator
Emergency Food Closet
Belleville

Anniversary

Aug. 14 – Pete and Marcy LaFramboise, 60 years.

Applefest invites all state fiddlers to compete

To the editor:

The Huron Township Applefest invites all fiddlers to participate in the 35th-annual Michigan State Championship Old-Time Fiddlers Contest on Saturday, Oct. 1, at 3 p.m. in New Boston.

Fiddlers register at 2 p.m. and draw for places at 2:30 p.m. There is a \$10 registration fee. Contestants will be required to play a waltz, a schottische, a jig and a reel, all in a manner suitable for Michigan-style old-time dancing.

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For more information, contact Tommy McKinney at tsm1325@gmail.com.

Tommy McKinney

Be sure to check the Applefest website before traveling to New Boston to make sure the Applefest and the fiddle contest have not been cancelled due to pandemic or other circumstances.

Sumpter Township siren down for repairs in Arkona/Wear area

Due to an equipment issue, Sumpter Township emergency siren #9 at Sherwood and Arkona roads is down until further notice.

In a Nixle notice, the township said a number of the remaining 13 sirens will still be audible in that siren's specific coverage area as many siren coverage areas overlap. However, the audible level will not be anywhere near the normal level.

Residents were asked to keep this in mind during the monthly test at noon on Friday, Aug. 5, and during any periods of severe weather the township might encounter until the siren is fixed. This message will be updated when the issue is resolved, the Nixle alert said.

Birthdays

Aug. 7 – Anna Krushlin
Aug. 10 – Pastor Fred Dunford
Aug. 11 – Claudia Sell, Marek Thompson
Aug. 14 – Christina Warren, Lianne Clair, Nick Dearing
Aug. 15 – Cathe Frisch
Aug. 16 – Phil Miller, Darlene Gerick
Aug. 17 – Carmen O'Keefe, Sue Pennington, Pam Delisle
Aug. 21 – Marty Krushlin
Aug. 24 – John Burk, Sr.

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School Board

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months ago but he asked the board to reset those three salaries and the board approved raising:

- Finance Director Sara Cortese from \$108,500 to \$125,000;
- Director of Instruction Jeff Moore from \$114,500 to \$118,000; and
- Director of Special Education Karen Johnston from \$114,500 to \$118,000.

Board vice president Susan Featheringill abstained from the vote since Cortese is her daughter. Featheringill also abstained from a vote on a payroll check of \$346.11 earlier in the meeting since Ian Simmons, who is working as a PT Tech and is a recent BHS graduate, is her grandson.

Parent Jaclyn Hofman congratulated Leroy for his promotion and then chastised the superintendent and the board for the chaos that has descended on the district with the switching around of well-established administrators between buildings and grade levels to fill the vacancy left by Leroy at McBride.

Edgemont Principal Fred Abel to principal at McBride and Laura Maher from McBride to Edgemont as principal.

"I'm disappointed Ms. Maher wasn't promoted in her building," said Hofman, noting she's sure they won't change their decision now, but she wants them to know how the parents are feeling.

She said following the COVID disruption consistency is needed for students and staff. She said she is disappointed in the superintendent and the school board.

"I feel you have failed them," she said to the board.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the board:

- Approved Owen Intermediate School's Nov. 1-4 sixth grade camp at YMCA Camp

Copneconic in Fenton. Cost to students is \$225 each;

- Approved a change order for Capricorn Diversified Systems in the amount of \$61,100 for additional infrastructure technology for the Owen Intermediate School construction work. The cost will be paid by \$40,595.17 from the Owen Technology bond budget with the remaining \$20,504.83 funded from the original approved IT project;

- Approved a one-year contract with the Van Buren Food Service Association that was signed on July 11 by Madyun when he was still HR Director. Supt. Kudlak presented the contract that featured \$1.50 per hour raise for all classifications, Classification 1 Food Service Worker is guaranteed a minimum of 5.5 hours per day, and other details. Kudlak said this will make it \$14.84 to start, which is competitive pay;

- Approved hiring the following instructional employees: Deondra Burton, Rawsonville teacher; Alexandra Barnes, Edgemont ASD teacher; Danielle Williams,

GSRP teacher; Jackie Plumb, Owen speech pathologist; Erica Boulas, BHS English teacher; Tara Duryea, occupational therapist; Jackie Kennedy-Nelson, Owen teacher; Jordan Cumbo, Tyler teacher; Jewelane Conger-Fettes, Tyler teacher; Staci Russell, elementary instructional coach, and Brittany Stanko, ECC teacher for three-year-olds; and

- Approved the following hires for non-instructional positions: William Sheridan,

Peter Cender, and DeJuan Rogers for BHS building subs; Amy Loggie, Brier Market, Donna Bodden, Doris Biles, and Davendera Sandhu as bus aides; Chantu Johnson and Yvonne LaChance as bus drivers; Kimbria James, Kimberley Beyer, and Kirsandra McKay as paraprofessionals in special services; Francine Tate, Joshua Roberts, and Lenoye McBride as custodians; and John Leroy as Director of Human Resources.



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Obituaries



Rozanne Ogger

ROZANNE OGGER

(November 6, 1951 – August 7, 2022)
 Rozanne Ogger, age 70, of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away early Sunday, August 7, 2022, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born November 6, 1951, in Dearborn, MI, daughter of Edward Stanley and Irene (Stankiewicz) Rafalski. She graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1969. She was an office administrator for Hillsdale College for 17 years, before she retired. She was a member of the Van Buren Eagles Aerie #3996 for many years.

Rozanne loved time spent at her permanent spot at Four Lakes Family Campground on Little Portage Lake. She enjoyed reading, gardening and loved animals. She was an avid card player who loved game night and time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren. Rozanne loved taking care of her family and cooking, especially Polish dinners and comfort food. She also enjoyed embroidery, and always made sure each new baby got a personalized stocking at Christmas.

Mrs. Ogger is survived by her husband of 43 years, Timothy Albert Ogger; three children: Kimberly (John) of MI, Andrew (Lacey) of MI, and Kelley (Will) of MI; 5 grandchildren; her dog Murphy; cats Elvis and Priscilla; brother Mike (Linda) Rafalski of Farmington Hills, MI; three sisters: Elaine Hobi of Belleville, MI, Dianne (Mike) Cullen of Wayne, MI, and Linda (Jay) Murray of Willis, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be 3-8 PM Thursday, August 11, 2022, and 11 AM until 12 Noon Friday, August 12, 2022, with a 12 Noon Funeral Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. In lieu of fresh flowers, perennials are preferred, or donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital would be appreciated.

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Richard Lee Van Der Voort

RICHARD LEE VAN DER VOORT

Richard Lee Van Der Voort, 86, died May 29, 2022 in the Philippines where he had lived for about 20 years.

He was the son of Esther and Lee Van Der Voort. His mother worked for Moss Brothers store in Belleville for many years. He grew up on Wear Road in Sumpter Township and attended Smithville School. He graduated from Belleville High School in 1954. Richard played the mandolin and ukulele and was part of a Country-Western band.

He joined the Army after graduation and then earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Western Philosophy at Michigan State University and his Master of Arts degree in Modern Literature and Poetry Writing at MSU and University of New Mexico.

He spent 15 years as a professor of college-level English at Iowa University in Ames, IA. After a psychic experience, he self-studied Eastern philosophies. In 1975 he became a professional touring psychic consultant and was a speaker, seminar-giver, and radio and television personality. He had eight radio shows in Michigan and Texas. Richard published more than a dozen books, with many available on Amazon.

Over the years he had several wives and children. He is survived by his common-law wife Marissa.

BENDETTA MARIE (COLE) FARR

(July 9, 1936 – August 1, 2022)

Age 86 of Belleville. BHS Class of 1953. Survived by sons Larry, Gary, and Perry; 6 grandchildren; 1 great-grandson. Preceded in death by husband Earl Farr on July 2. David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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LOIS MARIE LONG

(August 4, 1953 – August 5, 2022)

Age 69 of Willis. Survived by husband James Jurewicz; five children Marie and Melissa Stumbo, Chelsae Charlesworth, Gary Davis, Jr. and Tania Coaltrain; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; four sisters. David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Aug. 11 -- Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission quarterly meeting, 7 p.m. Belleville Planning Commission meeting cancelled.
- Monday, Aug. 15 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 16, and Wednesday, Aug. 17 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Budget Review, all day.
- Wednesday, Aug. 17 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 22 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building

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VBT planners approve Sumpter Rd. Corridor Plan, text amendments

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of a draft amendment to its 2020 Master Plan and the text amendments to support it in hopes of assuring that the property along Sumpter Road from Industrial Park Drive in Belleville to Bemis Road in Sumpter Township is developed in the highest manner.

The vote occurred at its July 27 regular meeting after public hearings were held on both the Sumpter Road Corridor Plan and the zoning ordinance text amendments. No one from the public spoke at either public hearing, with the first hearing taking two minutes and the second hearing taking four minutes.

Dan Power, VBT director of planning and economic development, and planning consultants Vidya Krishnan and Adam Cook of McKenna Associates have been working on this project for more than a year.

Director Power said they held a first public hearing on the Sumpter Road Corridor Plan and this is the second. He said this second hearing follows requirements of state law to let neighboring communities know of changes and to give them another chance to offer suggestions.

The plan has been on the township website for some time for people to study, he said.

Power said they have reached out to get input from the public for more than a year on this project and held a public hearing at the fire hall on Hull Road on July 28, 2021 that brought a good number of people.

After that meeting, the plans were changed. It had started out as proposing, among other things, commercial zoning placed in a strip along both sides of Sumpter Road from Hull Road to Bemis, with farmland being left behind the strip. But, residents didn't like that plan and so it changed into proposed subdivisions on the farmland on both sides of Sumpter Road. The southeast and southwest corners of Hull Road are designated commercial anchor lots, as are the northeast and northwest corners at Bemis.

That plan has a mixed-use district and overlay district and four different kinds of lots, plus the anchor lots.

Power said Cook did an extensive history of the corridor, with pictures, and that information is part of the plan.

Power said implementation of the plan relies on the development of the RIC and Agricultural zoned lots by property owners. New development has to be consistent with those already there, he said.

He said there is no desire to expand the sanitary sewer system south of Hull and the subdivisions planned would be rural settlements in clusters. Power said a big No. 2 on the plan behind the old lumber yard at the corner of Sumpter/Hull is noted because the previous plan that if a parcel behind that lumber yard and the parcel on

Hull behind that parcel come into the same ownership, it could be rezoned commercial, is no longer in effect.

Also, he said, the owner of the property on Bemis, at the northwest corner of Sumpter Road, said he may want to rezone from commercial to rural residential.

After the revised Master Plan was recommended to be sent on to the township board for approval, Power talked about the text amendments for the zoning ordinance that would support the Sumpter Road plan.

Power said they had multiple work sessions on the project with a commission subcommittee and many revisions. He said the text amendments include rules on setbacks, building types, specific uses, and an overlay district, that resembles the Belleville Road Corridor Plan, but with many differences. The newest revision was July 21.

Power said they removed the requirement for 50% glass for commercial buildings and added new permitted districts. He said they also clarified the appeals for building types and now have a more refined version of the ordinance.

"We have worked really hard on this," Krishnan said during the discussion on the text amendments. "It is one of the best ordinances we have written." She said it protects the area and at the same time fixes the properties that are not enhancing the

area.

Commissioner Brian Cullin asked if any developers are waiting for this ordinance to be completed and Power said there are preliminary plans for what was the burger restaurant. Also, the residential building that was commercial and then restored could go back to residential use.

Commission chairman Bryon Kelley said he is not a fan of the word "appeal" because that brings up that it may be an issue for the Board of Zoning Appeals. He suggested using the words "reviewed" or "interpreted." He said the word "appeal" makes it seem like, "I have a right. It should be more for review and interpretation, not a formal appeal."

Krishnan said they could change that to "can request clarification from the planning commission."

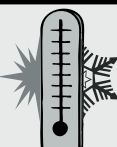
"Appeal is a loaded word," Commissioner Jeff Jahr agreed.

"It's a problem when you get pesky attorneys involved," Kelley said, referring to himself.

Commissioner Jahr made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Cullin to recommend approval to the township board of additions to the zoning ordinance to initiate a proposed Sumpter Road Mixed Use zoning district and Sumpter Road overlay district. The motion stipulated that the word "appeal" would be replaced with the words suggested. The motion passed unanimously.

The commission was meeting with a bare quorum with excused absences for Medina Atchinson and Callie Barr. Present were

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 "A Hot August Night," an evening of bands and singers, with Rock Harley as Johnny Cash, Matt King as Elvis, and Charlie Nova as Garth Brooks, is coming to Romulus VFW Post #78 at 39270 West Huron River Dr. in Romulus this Saturday, Aug. 13 starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. Food and drink will be available, along with a 50/50 raffle and basket giveaways. For tickets call (734) 941-3030.

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 The Taste of Belleville is coming up on Thursday, Aug. 18 at Horizon Park-High Street featuring local restaurants and organizations with tasty samples, DJ music, rubber ducky race, and the final Music Lakeside concert featuring The Groove Council, all beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the Belleville Bridge Walk. It'll be the 26th-annual trek across the national award-winning bridge, designed by our very own, the late Chesley Odom. It measures 2,215 inches. Chesley was a professional designer and loved nature, the arts, the lake, and his adopted hometown of Belleville. Incidentally, when I attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony last week at Belleville Paddle, the former location of Chesley Odom Design on Main Street, I learned that Paddle Belleville co-owner Matt McLean was hired by Chesley and worked in the same building, some 20 years ago. McLean said that Chelsey came into his vocational class one day at Belleville High School looking for someone to hire, and so Matt started soon after. I told him I knew Chesley, as well, and remembered when he installed the current deck gazebo, boulders and the beautiful landscaping, that he also designed. Chesley told me to stop by "anytime you see my Mustang

here" and pull up an Adirondack chair for a few and unwind. Chesley had an open door and I did show up a few times. Today, Paddle Belleville occupies this beautiful lakefront property. It's still an inspiring place to unwind just as it was for Chesley and me. I'm sure he'd love to see this property being used for recreational opportunities. Probably just another one of his dreams coming true. Congratulations, Paddle Belleville!

 This Thursday's Music Lakeside Concert at Horizon Park features Nikki D & The Sisters of Thunder (Soul/Blues) beginning at 7 p.m. In case of rain, the free concert will move across the street to First United Methodist Church on Charles Street.

 Congratulations to Pastor Eddie Marcum of River of Life Assembly of God Church on Sumpter Road, which is celebrating its 20th Anniversary of Ministry this weekend with three days of activities and family-filled fun, such as a program looking back at their history on Friday, followed by raffle giveaways, food trucks, and fireworks on Saturday, and water baptisms and guest speakers during Sunday service. See their ad in today's paper.

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VBT planners approve final site plan for twp.'s Community Center

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After a lengthy discussion on what to do about a detention pond that does not detain any water but floods the adjoining parking lot, on July 13 the Van Buren Township Planning Commission approved the final site plan for a Community Center and site upgrades for its \$16 million project.

The site plan was approved with conditions on the detention ponds including Treasurer Sharry Budd's concerns about the safety of the unfenced pond or ponds.

The final site plan was sought by architect Stephen J. Gedert on behalf of owner Van Buren Charter Township. He applied for roughly 13,446 square feet of renovations and a 16,411 square foot gymnasium addition adjacent to the existing municipal building, renovations to the existing building, and the construction of associated

VBT Plan

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Treasurer Budd, Kelley, Cullin, and Jahr. There is a vacant seat.

The commission subcommittee working on the Sumpter Road Corridor Plan and the text amendments were Atchinson, Barr, and Jahr.

In other business at the one-hour-and-44-minute meeting, the board:

- Withdrew from the agenda a proposed landscaping modification at Menards, 10010 Belleville Rd., because more information is coming. The proposed plan is to reduce a roughly 160' long section of the site's northern greenbelt to a width of less than 20' to allow for a gated express lane entry into the store's lumber yard;

- Discussed possible changes to the present requirement of 30% of residential developments having side-entry garages and the present setback requirements. After much discussion, the commission informally directed Power and Krishnan to continue research and to bring back a written report;

- Voted to recommend to the township board approval of a zoning ordinance amendment concerning gasoline filling stations to make them special land use instead of allowing them by right the way it is now. Krishnan said under the current zoning, gas stations could be put in along Belleville Road to Ecorse by right. "We have enough gas stations now" in that area, she said; and

- Heard Commissioner Jahr note that he is glad the EV unit language was taken out of that gas station ordinance. Krishnan said that in her studies she found in Grand Rapids EV is exempt from zoning regulations, which she found shocking. Jahr said he thinks putting together an EV ordinance would be a good winter project, after the construction season is over. Power said that EV stations now are treated as accessory structures that are reviewed by the administration.

pavements and utilities.

The project includes a large outdoor performance plaza, a fitness patio, additional parking, walkways, and landscaping. It also includes the fencing off of the police vehicle parking area and separately the employee parking for security. An additional entry to Quirk Road for the public is planned from a northwest section of the western parking lot at township hall.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, noted that changes in the plans are being made to put a second stormwater drainage area behind the DPW yard and the DPW fence would be moved.

Paul Kammer, the township's engineering consultant from Fishbeck, said the water main on the township site has a current tap on Quirk Road and a new tap will be made on Tyler to loop the water main. He said a new sanitary service will be put in from Quirk between the DPW and township hall.

"The pond does not detain any water," Kammer said of the stormwater drainage currently on the site that should be upgraded. He said instead of the water going into the pond, the existing parking lot is flooded.

He said they plan to combine the old and new drainage system and detain it in the southwest corner of the DPW building. He said they will collect all the water from the entire site and detain and eject it from the system.

Kammer said the plans did not show the weir metering structure and that has to be worked out before construction is approved.

Treasurer Budd, who is the board's liaison to the planning commission, said she is concerned about the bigger pond which kids will find attractive when it has water in it.

Kammer said it is designed to be dry and after a rain to hold the flow for 48 to 72 hours. He said after a rain there could be 2' of water, but there are walkable side slopes, 1:6, and a fence is not required by

the ordinance.

He said the present pond has two pumps and one is not functioning. It could overflow to Quirk Road, north and west.

Kammer said the next pump station, not a part of the community center project, will be handled later by the township.

Budd said she is concerned about it being so close to the public area. She said she

hopes he does know what he's doing with the drainage.

Kammer said they are concerned about the size, but it could be moved so it's not so close to the outdoor performance area.

"As currently designed, it works," he said, noting the flow comes north from the splash pad.

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Jennie Jerome of Sumpter Township was one of the vendors at Monday's Farmer's Market on Fourth Street Place in downtown Belleville. Her booth is in the front of the Belleville Area District Library. She said she lives on Judd Road and the flowers are picked in the morning of her market days. The Farmer's Market is held each Monday afternoon during the summer and is sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community.

Revive I-275 update:

S. I-275 exit to Ecorse closed for month

Work on the Revive I-275 project has moved to the interchange with Ecorse Road.

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The southbound I-275 ramps to eastbound and westbound I-94 reopened as of Aug. 3. Reminder:

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Anna Hardy interns at Disney World as part of Ferris State U. program

Anna Hardy of Belleville, a senior in Hospitality Management at Ferris State University, will serve as an intern at Disney World for six months as part of her university program.

"I will be participating in the Disney College Program at Disney World at Epcot," Hardy explained. "I will be working at the attraction 'Living with the Land.'

"It has been a dream of mine for years to be able to have the experience of working at Disney. I am hoping this program will help with my future goals in the hospitality field."

She said her university advisor Amy Dorey encouraged her to take this opportunity to work for Disney.

"I was very hesitant in the beginning, as this program is for six months, which is very scary. However, Amy made sure that I would still graduate on time and be able to enjoy my program."

Hardy said as someone who wants to be a wedding planner, Disney was a slight risk for her to do since she wouldn't be working directly with weddings. But since she got there, she has been able to network with the wedding pavilion team and hopes that one day in the future she will be able to work

for the Disney wedding planning team.

She said in another internship she worked at a wedding planning company in Sarasota, FL, called Swanky Soiree.

Hardy said she advises students that internships are good because they offer students a peek at what their future would be like.

"I always recommend doing several different types of internships in your field to see what job you like most," she said.

Hardy also was on the Ferris State Dance Team for three years and was the team's vice president for two years. She is taking a break from the team as she completes her six-month internship at Disney.



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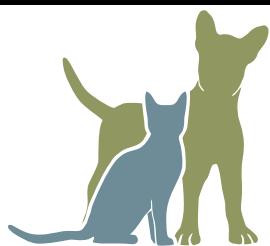
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The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Paddle Belleville on Aug. 2 at its waterfront business at 533 Main St., Belleville. Taking part in the ceremony were the owners and partners at Paddle Belleville: Matthew McLean, Christopher Maurer, Chris Hensley, and Scott Gocaj. Others attending included Therese Antonelli, Gary Marshall, Colette McClinton, Steve Jones, Randy Brown, Dinara Strikis, Alvis Brigis, Carmen Stovall, Belleville City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson, and others from the community, including customers that just came in from off the lake and were enjoying lunch on the landscaped property. The late Chesley Odom, a professional designer, was a prior property owner and he installed the docks, boulders, and landscaping at the site. Paddle Belleville's ribbon-cutting, grand opening would have been held a year ago, but was postponed because of the pandemic. The business offers rentals of paddle boats, paddle boards, kayaks, jet skis, pontoon boats, and is open seven days.

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— Ray Bradbury

River of Life invites public to help celebrate 20th anniversary

River of Life Assembly of God, 16650 Sumpter Rd., Van Buren Township, invites the public to join in its anniversary weekend, Aug. 12-14, to celebrate the 20 years since it was formed in 2002.

The weekend will kick off at 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 12, with a night to "Honor the Past," as it reflects on its journey with the founding pastors, the Rev. Paul and Mary Marcum.

Saturday is "We are the Church Day" when the church will bless the community with random acts of kindness and gift card giveaways at local gas stations and grocery stores. The celebration continues with a family fun night, with food trucks and fireworks, beginning at 7 p.m. on the church grounds.

On Sunday the weekend will conclude with its 10:30 a.m. service, "Leading into the Future," including water baptisms and guest speaker Dr. Bradley Trask, Assistant Superintendent of the Michigan Assembly of God Ministry Network.

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- **Thursday, Aug. 11** – Music in the Park at Horizon Park in Belleville brings a free concert at 7 p.m. with Nikki D & the Sisters of Thunder bringing soul/blues.
- **Saturday, Aug. 13** – Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #78 at 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, is hosting “A Hot August Night.” Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the show is at 7 p.m. Food and drinks available for purchase. Tickets are \$25 per person; call (734) 941-3030. Performing will be Rock Harley as Johnny Cash with “Ring of Fire,” Matt King as Elvis Presley with “Burning Love,” and Charlie Nova as Garth Brooks with “Standing Outside the Fire.”
- **Monday, Aug. 15** – Belleville Farmer’s Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Main Street Car Show, 6-8 p.m., between Third and Fifth streets in downtown Belleville.
- **Thursday, Aug. 18** – Belleville Bridge Walk at 5:30 p.m., followed by Taste of Belleville at 6 p.m. at High Street and Horizon Park. Also, Music in the Park at 7 p.m. in Horizon Park with The Groove Council bringing R&B music.
- **Friday, Aug. 19** – Belleville Lake Neon Luau Boat Parade starts cruising at 9 p.m. Good viewing from Horizon Park in Belleville. The boats will be decorated and lighted and vying for cash prizes and trophies. DJ and pig roast at Johnny’s on the Lake.
- **Saturday, Aug. 20** – Margaritas in the ‘Ville all day, along with special cheeseburgers at Egan’s, Johnny’s, and Bayou Grill, a Jimmy Buffet tribute band at 6 p.m. on the Fourth Street Square in Belleville, and a costume contest with prizes to the Luau King and Queen.
- **Saturday, Aug. 20** – Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #78 at 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, is hosting a Post Picnic, noon to 6 p.m. The Post will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. If you wish to bring a dish to pass, the sign-up sheet is in the clubroom. Everyone is welcome. Information: (734) 941-3030.
- **Saturday, Aug. 20** – Come honor Pete and Marcy LaFramboise for their many years of service to the community after forming Friends of Michigan Animals

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- **Saturday, Aug. 20** – Kids’ Fun Day at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, 1-4 p.m. Games, fire truck, and more. Open to the public.

- **Sunday, Aug. 21** – Goat Day, 2-5 p.m., at Horizon Park in Belleville. Goats leased by the city will be working on the shoreline vegetation. 4-H members will bring goats on leads so they can be petted and pictures taken with them. The youth will answer goat questions. There will be a band, food trucks, and goat t-shirts for sale to benefit the food closet.

- **Sunday, Aug. 21** – Finder’s Keepers at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road in Van Buren Township.

- **Monday, Aug. 22** – Belleville Farmer’s Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Main Street Car Show, 6-8 p.m., between Third and Fifth streets in downtown Belleville.

- **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Aug. 26-28** – Sumpter Township township-wide garage sales. No permits needed.

- **Saturday, Aug. 27** – Willow Methodist Church Car Show, Noon – 4 p.m., 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston. Refreshments available for purchase. No charge or pre-registration for cars. Grass parking/easy access.

- **Saturday, Aug. 27** – Michigan Motor Fest, 6 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road in Van Buren Township

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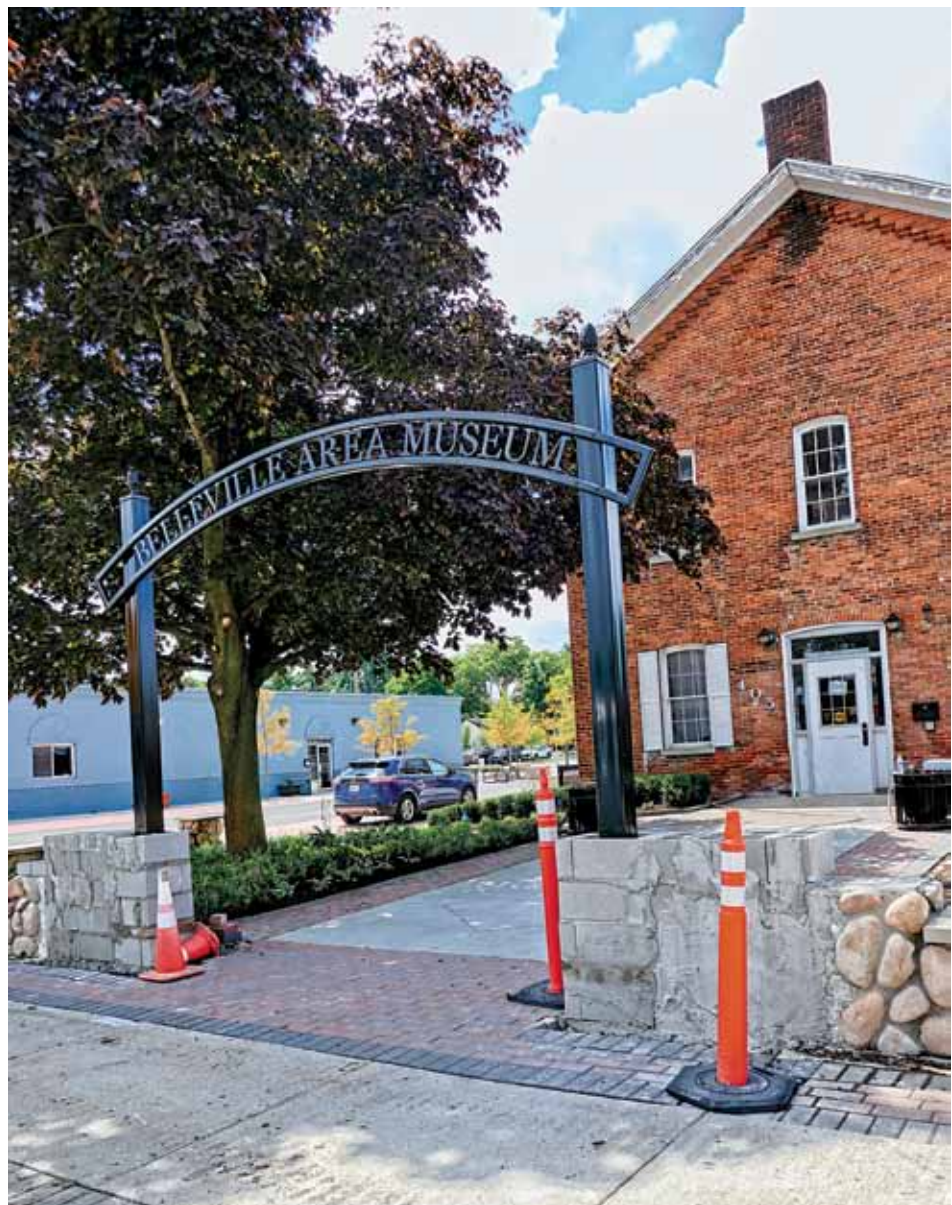


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Work continues on museum

Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Crews worked over last weekend to plant perennials in the new garden area at the Belleville Area Museum on Main Street in Belleville and to erect an arch that mirrors the arch at the Fourth Street Square across the street. This picture was taken on Saturday and work continued on Monday. The museum, built as the Van Buren Township hall in 1875, was turned into the museum in 1995 to serve the communities of Van Buren and Sumpter Township and the City of Belleville. It is a State of Michigan Registered Historic Site. The building, owned by Van Buren Township, has been closed for two years and renovations to the exterior began last year.



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Sumpter Twp. board approves Karen Armatis as new deputy clerk

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on July 26 the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted 6-1 to approve the appointment of Karen Armatis to the deputy clerk position at the proposed pay of \$26.41 per hour, effective Aug. 3.

Trustee Peggy Morgan voted no.

Armatís replaces Anthony Burdick who has been named township manager.

In other business, the board:

- Accepted the resignation of probationary fire fighter Ronald Jeffries effective July 7;

- Appointed Financial Director Scott Holtz as the officer delegate to represent Sumpter Township at the 2022 Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) meeting Sept. 26-27, in Grand Traverse Resort;

- Approved on a 6-1 vote the second-highest bid and proposal of Roberto Sanchez for the property identified as #820810108-99-0006-001 Martinsville Road for the reconfirmed bid of \$55,000. He wants to build a horse farm. The original highest bidder withdrew from purchase consideration. Bids were submitted last December. Trustee Morgan cast the only no vote. She had asked why they could do this after voting to have township properties sold by a Realtor. She was told this purchase was in the works and was never a part of the ones being sold by the Realtor;

- Approved having the newsletter committee begin the process of gathering articles from all departments of the township for the purpose of publishing the fall/winter edition of the township newsletter. It is expected to be published near the end of August;

- Heard Clerk Esther Hurst announce that the township-wide garage sales will

be Aug. 26-28 and no permits are required. She also announced that Wayne County Senior program will serve hot lunches at 11:15 a.m. on Mondays and Tuesday at the senior center. Call (734) 461-1186 or (734) 461-9373 to reserve your lunch. Commodities are being distributed for those eligible on the third Thursdays of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also, seniors will be attending a Tigers game at the end of August and those interested should call for information;

- Heard resident Ronald Barrington Robinson say during public comment that at the July 12 meeting he wanted to make a comment and was denied. He said his First Amendment rights were violated. He demanded the whole board resign, including the attorney and the public safety director. He said he is filing a civil right violation. He then left the meeting. Trustee Morgan said she wanted to apologize. "I did not agree with that ... ALL the residents have a right to speak." Trustee Matthew Oddy said Robinson attempted to speak over the board, was called out of order, and he doesn't apologize;

- Heard resident Sharon Pokerwinski, administrator of the township parks, say she wants to continue with the county grants for Banotai Park. She said since the dock they were going to repair was torn down, the county gave her two weeks to restate what she wants to do with the grant. She said she was informed that grilles at the park needed replacing. She said she is also working on another grant and she hates to see the grant money go away;

- Heard Trustee Rush announce an Aug. 27 back-to-school event and an Oct. 15 food affair planned by the Parks and Recreation Commission;

- Heard Trustee Oddy again complain at length about the *Independent*, especially for publishing letters he doesn't agree with, most recently one from Robinson. "He has a right to his opinion," Trustee Morgan said of Robinson;

- Allowed resident Mary Ban to speak at the end of the meeting because she was late. She had questions on the museum and whether they are going to get comfortable chairs for the meeting. She also said her

church, River of Life on Sumpter Road in Van Buren Township, will be holding its 20-year celebration Aug. 12-14. On Friday there will be programs and prayers and on Saturday they will give away gas cards and food cards and have food vendors available, with fireworks; and

- Allowed resident Eric Partridge to speak at the end of the meeting, as well. He had bid on replacing the fence at the fairgrounds and he asked the status of the bids. Township Manager/Deputy Clerk Burdick said there now are other considerations and a written explanation will be sent out to the bidders by mail.

Workshop session

Before the regular meeting, Manager Burdick gave an overview of Supervisor Bowman's vision for Banotai Park improvements, including increasing the size of the pond by five acres, re-sloping the pond, and restructuring of the roadways in the park. There is no cost consideration yet, he said. Burdick said this "reclamation" is one of the projects they are drawing up and scoping out and it will take some time. He said at the next board meeting they hope to have a gentleman present who has been involved in such projects from start to finish.

He also said timing is critical since the Parks and Recreation Master plan expired in December and it is needed for grant funds to be available.

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Belleville to be center of luau party time the weekend of Aug. 18 - 21

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The City of Belleville will be the scene of a series of special events and parties from Thursday, Aug. 18, through Sunday, Aug. 21.

"It's going to be a fun and busy weekend in our awesome little town!" said Chris Donley who is planning much of the party.

On Thursday, Aug. 18, the weekend starts off with the annual, city-sponsored Belleville Bridge Walk at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Central Business Community's annual Taste of Belleville on High Street at Horizon Park starting

at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m. is the Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park.

On Friday, Donley said those taking part in the luau-themed Neon Board Parade will meet in the bay between the two bridges between 8 and 8:30 p.m. and start cruising at 9 p.m. from the judging area of Horizon Park. The names of the boats' captains should be displayed on the starboard side of the boats and should be visible to the judges on the docks at Horizon Park, he said.

Donley said the boats will be cruising under the Denton Road Bridge, so boat decorations need to be able to fit. They

will travel at a "slow roll," no-wake speed toward the west end of the lake.

He said non-boaters can have a great view of the parade from Horizon Park and Johnny's on the Lake. There will be cash prizes and trophies, with Johnny's sponsoring the Captain's Cup trophy and \$500 grand prize for the best-decorated boat.

There will be a DJ in the park and Johnny's will have its DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) trailer serving drinks outside, along with a Hawaiian pig roast.

On Saturday, the theme is "Margaritas

in the 'Ville" and there will be a Jimmy Buffet tribute band, the Leaky Tikis, at 6 p.m. on the Fourth Street Square, presented by Egan's Pub, the Bayou, and Johnny's. Other artists will perform. People are invited to come dressed in tropical luau attire.

A costume contest will be judged at 7:30 p.m. and a basket of local gift certificates will be given to the Luau King and Queen.

All day there will be specialty Margaritas and cheeseburgers offered at Johnny's, the Bayou, and Egan's,

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

PA 188 of 1954 Proceedings NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by more than 50% of the record owners of land within the hereinafter described Special Assessment District, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren proposes to rehabilitate and improve the streets of Greenbriar Drive, Woodwall Court, Woodside Court, Greenwood Court, Greenwood Drive, Thornwood Drive, Briarcliff Drive, Briarwood Court, Bramblewood Court, and Greenbriar Court, and to create a special assessment for construction and administrative costs by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described in the map and includes parcels:

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received plans showing the improvements and locations thereof together with an estimate of the total costs of such construction in the approximate total construction amount of \$750,000 and has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the aforementioned Special Assessment District to supply 100% funding for the total project and has further tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, Special Assessment District information and Petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this notice until and including 4 PM on the date of the public hearing hereon and may further be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such Petitions, Plans, District and Estimate of Cost will be held at the Van Buren Township Hall at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, within the Township commencing at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2022.**

At such hearing, the Township Board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said Board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said plans, estimates and costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren
46425 Tyler Road
Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111

Posted: August 8, 2022

Publish: August 11, 2022

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, July 18, 2022 - 7:30 pm
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM. The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Henry	Present
Council Member Jones	Arrived at 7:40 p.m.
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

1) None

B. Council Follow Up List

1) Mike Renaud asked the following questions pertaining to the Council Follow Up List:

a) Questioned if it was worth utilizing city resources to retain legal counsel regarding the upcoming ballot proposal for medical marijuana.

b) Inquired about the exact location of the vegetation clearing near Horizon Park.

c) Asked if the city was still looking in to having a sprinkler system in Horizon Park.

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

1) John Juriga

a) Stated it is a delight to walk through town now, with the weeds being cleaned up.

b) Thanked Director of Public Services, Rick Rutherford, for the new crosswalk signs.

2) Tom Fielder

a) Attended the most recent Detroit/Wayne County Substance Abuse Disorder Board Meeting, and had the following to report:

1. The numbers are fairly normal, but 90% of Wayne County overdose deaths are due to fentanyl.

2. Narcan is still good for 36 months following the expiration date.

3. There have been 880 deaths from overdoses in the last year and the primary age group of those deaths is 35 to 55 years old.

4. There has not been one overdose death of anyone under 18 years old within Wayne County over the last year.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Jones to approve the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 5, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Henry

to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council

Meeting held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A. None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) Resolution # 22-049 – Board and Commission

Appointments

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Henry

approving **Resolution # 22-049** to make two re-

appointments to the Downtown Development

Authority, two new appointments to the Board of

Review, and one new appointment to the Civil Service

Commission.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye

Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

B) Resolution # 22-050 – Public Safety Special Assessment Millage Increase

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Bates approving **Resolution # 22-050**, to approve a Public Safety Special Assessment increase from 2 mills to 4 mills.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Voigt to approve **Resolution #22-051** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• City Manager Robinson was not present. Deputy City Manager made the following comments on his behalf:

-- Thanked the DDA Seasonal Work Crew, as well as the Summer Youth Program workers for making the downtown area look very nice.

-- Stated that he is optimistic about the direction in which the city is headed.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Council Member Henry

-- Welcomed Angela Samyn to the Civil Service Commission

-- Stated that the Thunder Over Michigan air show was great.

• Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt

-- Reminded everyone about Music Lakeside taking place on Thursday, July 21st, at 7 p.m.

• Council Member Jones

-- Thanked the attendees of the meeting.

-- Noted that Brother Crowe was playing at 4th Street Square that evening.

• Council Member Bates

-- Thanked Tom Fielder for his report about substance abuse.

-- Thanked the attendees of the meeting.

-- Thanked the Summer Youth Program workers.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• Welcomed Angela Samyn to the Civil Service Commission.

• Stated that all indications point to approval of a grant from Wayne County for revitalization of Victory Park and/or Victory Station.

• Seconded the other comments made by the Council Members.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

• John Juriga

• Thanked Steve Jones and Ken Voigt for hosting Music in the Park for the last 13 years.

• Tom Fielder

• Mentioned in reference to his earlier report on substance abuse statistics that alcohol is still the number one cause of hospital admissions.

• Inquired if there were any updates regarding the Belleville Area Museum.

• Becky Hasen

• Asked if there were any new buildings being constructed in the new plaza at Main and N. Liberty.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

• None

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman / City Clerk

Approved: 8/1/22

Posted: 8/2/22

Published: 8/11/22

Local preliminary returns:

Voters approve district library millage, Sumpter OKs police millages

Preliminary results of the Aug. 2 primary election show that the Belleville Area District Library millage replacement passed 4,846 (58.87%) to 3,385 (41.13%) with the following totals:

- Van Buren Township – 3,504 yes, 2,135 no
- Sumpter Township – 864 yes, 991 no
- Belleville – 478 yes, 259 no

Sumpter Millages

Sumpter Township voters approved police millage Renewal 1 by a vote of 1,274 yes (64.7%) to 695 no (35.3%) Millage Renewal 2 was approved 1,132 yes (57.67%) to 831 no (42.33%).

Sumpter Treasurer

Sumpter Township Treasurer, partial term ending 11/20/2024, Democratic primary was won by Sheena Barnes, 446 (54.13%) over incumbent Vincent Warren, 376 (45.63%). Barnes will meet Bart Patterson, who is unopposed as a Republican, in the November election.

Wayne County Commissioner

Wayne County Commission, 11th District, in the Democratic primary shows incumbent Al Haidous getting 5,137 votes (52%) and Toni Clark getting 4,748 (48%). Haidous of Wayne will meet Corey Blue of Sumpter Township, who is unopposed as a Republican, in the Nov. 8 election.

State Representative, 31st District

State Representative, 31st District, Democratic primary: Reggie Miller earned 6,617 votes (80%), and Glenn Morrison, Jr., 1,653 (20%). In the Republican primary, Dale Biniecki earned 5,297 votes (64%) over Holli Vallade, 3018 (36%).

Miller and Biniecki will meet in the Nov. 8

election.

State Senate, 4th District

State Senate, 4th District, Democrat Darrin Camilleri was unopposed on the Democratic ballot. On the Republican side, Houston James earned 7,499 (41%); Michael Frazier, 4,080 (23%); James Chapman, 3,493 (19%); and Beth Socia, 3,047 (17%).

Camilleri and James will meet in the Nov. 8 election.

Representative in Congress, 6th District

Debbie Dingell, was unopposed in the 6th District on the Democratic ticket and garnered 102,852 votes (100%). On the Republican side of the ballot, Whitney Williams earned 30,560 votes (53.68%) and Hima Kolanagireddy earned 26,370 votes (46.32%). Dingell and Williams will face off for the seat in the Nov. 8 election.

Final canvass of primary vote

According to Michigan Election Dates for 2022, the board of county canvassers complete their canvass of the August primary on Aug. 16 and county clerks forward results to the Secretary of State within 24 hours. The Board of State Canvassers meets by Aug. 22 to canvass the August primary to make numbers official.

Votes tallied

Sumpter Township had 8,315 registered voters for the Aug. 2 primary election and 2,037 ballots were cast, making it a 24.5% turnout.

Van Buren Township had 24,783 registered voters for the Aug. 2 primary and 5,912 ballots were cast, making it a 23.86% turnout.

The City of Belleville had 3,429 registered voters for the Aug. 2 primary and 770 ballots were cast, making it a 22.45% turnout.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON Wednesday, August 17th, 2022 at 10 am, at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle(s) will be held:

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DATE: August 9, 2022

PUBLISH: August 11, 2022

**BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
6 MAIN STREET**

BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111

**BY BRIANA HOOTMAN,
CITY CLERK**

Luau party

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Sunday is Goat Day, sponsored by the City of Belleville, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Horizon Park. There will be 4-H members with goats on leads to add to the goats already on the park's shoreline trimming the vegetation. There will be a band and one or two food trucks.

Goat Day will not have DORA activities, as the other days, and the rule for no alcohol in the park on Sundays will be enforced, according to the city council.

DORA will be in effect the other days of the week allowing alcoholic drinks purchased from Johnny's, Egan's Pub, or Bayou Grill to be carried within a designated area, which includes the park.

Those three businesses are the only ones in the city so far that have DORA certification from the state. The city plans to expand the DORA district to include the

bars set to open in the new mall being built next to the bridge.

Rain make-up day for the boat parade is Sunday, Aug. 21.

Donley said events are listed on Facebook under "Belleville Lake Neon Luau Boat Parade" and "Margaritas in the 'Ville."

Court watching

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July 14 before Judge Green. He was fined \$345 and had to pay within seven days.

Hayes had been charged with trespassing at 12:08 p.m. on Jan. 19 in the City of Belleville.

Ariyah Kela Bennett

A preliminary exam for Ariyah Kela Bennett, 26, of Ypsilanti was held on July 20 before Judge Martin. After the testimony from one witness, Judge Martin bound her over to circuit court for an Aug. 8 arraignment on the information.

She is facing six charges following an April 26 incident at the gas station at the corner of Belleville Road and the South I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township.

She is free on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond and was warned to have no contact with those involved in the incident.

Bennett is charged with malicious destruction of personal property from \$1,000 to \$20,000, two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, one count of malicious destruction of personal property

from \$200 to \$1,000, reckless driving, and assault or assault and battery.

The surveillance video of the incident was shown on television, Instagram, and YouTube. The witness said she approached Bennett's vehicle that evening to discuss a problem Bennett had with the witness' son. She testified Bennett had been calling her continually about this. A fight broke out after Bennett spat in the witness' face, with Bennett driving recklessly, attacking the witness' vehicle with a baseball bat.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

JOB POSTING



VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Community Services - Parks Maintenance

Classification: Part Time

Hourly Wage: \$18.00

Application Deadlines: Open Until Filled

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JOB POSTING



VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Community Services - Director of Parks

Classification: Regular, Full-time FLSA

Status: Non-exempt

Salary: \$63,000

Benefits Package:

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Court watching

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and causing the vehicle of the witness to be totaled by her insurance company. She said the estimate to fix it was more than the \$16,000 vehicle was worth.

William Malik Johnson

A charge of malicious use of a telecommunications device against William Malik Johnson of Farmington Hills on Aug. 24 in the City of Belleville was dismissed without prejudice by Judge Oakley on Jan. 5 after Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Jane Gillis said the

prosecution was unable to proceed.

Kelly Franklin Goble

After a trial before Judge Green on Jan. 19, the charges of child abuse-4 and domestic violence against Kelly Franklin Goble, 55, of Tecumseh, were dismissed and he was found guilty of a new charge of assault and battery. Judge Green assessed fines and costs of \$500, with no probation.

Prosecutor Gillis asked that the domestic violence charge be dismissed because Goble didn't live at the home on Brandi Drive in Van Buren Township where the incident allegedly occurred.

The first witness was a 15-year-old boy

who testified that Goble grabbed him by the throat twice in his mother's bedroom on Nov. 29, 2020. The boy said he was staying at the home, that belonged to Goble's ex-girlfriend, so he could do his virtual classwork. He said he wasn't hurt and could breathe some.

The second witness was the boy's mother who said the boy called her mother and the boy and grandmother went to the police department to make the report.

Witness three was Goble's girlfriend. She said he had lived with her in Tecumseh since November 2019 and he was at home the day of the incident and didn't go to Van Buren Township. They were decorating for Christmas, she recalled.

Joel Marc Colding

Joel Marc Colding of Detroit was charged with possession of firearm by felon and felony firearm in Van Buren Township

on Jan. 1. On Jan. 19, Judge Green set his probable cause conference for Feb. 9 because Colding was in custody at the Egeler Guidance Center in Jackson and the court needed to email a request to Michigan Department of Corrections to make him available virtually for the conference.

On Feb. 9 he was present virtually for his probable cause conference and his preliminary exam was set for March 23. After his March 23 exam, he was bound over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice for an April 6 arraignment on the information. That was adjourned until April 20 at a request of the court and then until April 25. A pre-trial was set for May 18 and then set for May 24. At that time charges were dismissed by Judge Mariam Bazzi.

Dominick Robert Anderson

Dominick Robert Anderson, 25, of

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

SEEKING BIDS



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR IRON BELLE TRAIL, VBT, SECTION H JOB NO. 2020-0094

VAN BUREN
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Sealed proposals will be received by Van Buren Township at the office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111 until **12:00 p.m.** local time (EST), on **August 25, 2022** for construction of this project. Proposals are to be delivered to the Township Clerk's Office in a sealed envelope marked on the outside as described in the Instruction to Bidders.

Project Description:

The project site is located along the south side of E. Huron River Drive east of Edgemont Street and west of Martinsville Road. The project includes the development of approximately 2,450 linear feet of 5' wide concrete sidewalk.

The drawings and specifications under which the work is to be performed are on file and may be examined at the following locations:

Van Buren Township	OR	PEA Group
46425 Tyler Road		7927 Nemco Way, Suite 115
Van Buren Twp., MI 48111		Brighton, MI 48116

Digital copies of the bid package (drawings and specifications) are available on MITN. Hard copies may be obtained from **PEA Group, 7927 Nemco Way #115, Brighton, Michigan 48116** at a cost of \$150.00 to the bidder.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable bid bond for a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the proposal amount. All questions regarding clarification or interpretation of the documents shall be directed to Jeffery Smith, PLA, LEED AP, of PEA Group by the following means: Office: (517)-546-8583, Fax: (248)-689-1044, and email: jsmith@peagroup.com.

The right is reserved by the Owner to accept any proposal, to reject any proposal, and to waive irregularities in proposals. No bid may be withdrawn after the above date and time for receiving bids for a period of one-hundred-twenty (120) days.

Van Buren Township, MI
Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Published: 8-11-22

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On August 17th, 2022, 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.

2008	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WB58K189216876	22-543
2007	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WT58K579132426	22-5090
2014	CHEVROLET	4D	1G11Y5SL5EU101920	22-5558A
2005	JEEP	SW	1J4GL58K15W538052	22-5981
2006	SATURN	4D	1G8AJ55F26Z115371	22-6746
2012	FORD	4D	3FAHP0HA2CR129833	22-6793
2004	PONTIAC	4D	1G2NE52F04C256945	22-6792B
2020	NISSAN	4D	1N4BL4EV1LC151997	22-7117
2017	DODGE	SW	2C4RDGCG7HR671356	22-6790
2000	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1JC524XY7100689	22-7081
1992	MERCEDES	2D	WDBFA66E0NF060294	22-7081

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.

2013	DODGE	4D	1C3CDFBH4DD235480	22-4771
2010	DODGE	SW	2D4RN3D1XAR419853	22-4521B
2002	CHEVROLET	2D	2G1WX15K029373305	22-5274
2016	NISSAN	4D	1N4AL3AP9GC295056	22-5532
1979	GMC	TK	T17DE9V586020	22-5220
2008	KIA	SW	KNDJD735885808765	22-5532B
2022	TOYOTA	4D	4T1C11AK0NU674936	22-5791
2009	FORD	4D	3FAHP07Z59R201107	22-5693
2019	CHEVROLET	SW	2GNAXJEV4K6231544	22-5849A
2007	FORD	SW	1FBSS31L27DA45624	22-6821
2008	SATURN	SW	3GSCL33P78S678977	21-484
1999	PONTIAC	4D	1G2WR5216XF344978	22-5985
1999	CHEVROLET	TK	1GCCS19X7X8114912	22-7054

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

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: August 11th, 2022

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 282 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, July 31:

0151 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
0318 – assist other dept., Santa Clara
0448 – property check, Lighthouse Dr.
0453 – property check, Archwood Dr.
0458 – property check, Bellridge Apts.
0719 – juvenile complaint, Andover Dr.
0800 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0902 – suspicious person/vehicle, McKinley St.
0921 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0926 – traffic offense, W. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
0942 – trespassing, Country Walk Blvd.
1020 – breaking & entering, Van Born Rd.
1039 – unauthorized driving away of auto, E. Archwood Dr.

1046 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1057 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1058 – civil matter, Brookview Dr.
1227 – mental subject, Van Buren St.
1311 – vehicle lockout, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
1314 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1338 – missing person, Beckley Rd.
1355 – threat, McBride Ave.
1430 – malicious destruction of property, Ecorse
1446 – breaking & entering, Haggerty Rd.
1511 – fraud, Berkdale Dr.
1523 – welfare check, Vernon St.
1529 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1834 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1910 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1951 – welfare check, Denton Rd./Old Denton Rd.
2112 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2115 – domestic, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2252 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
2257 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
2312 – domestic, W. Archwood Dr.

Monday, Aug. 1:

0018 – animal complaint, Bog Rd.
0216 – property check, Cobblestone
0229 – property check, Mission Pointe
0410 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0603 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
0717 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
0735 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0757 – intrusion alarm, Wildbrook Dr.
0901 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0920 – noise complaint, Harmony Ln.
0949 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
1003 – private property/property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr.

1039 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1423 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1454 – road hazard, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
1458 – animal complaint, Sunrise Ln./Belleville
1609 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.

1641 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1647 – suspicious person/vehicle, Vine St.
1648 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.
1709 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
1720 – property damage accident, Winding Pond
1752 – civil matter, Brookview Dr.
2026 – suspicious person/vehicle, Stamford Rd.
2114 – assist citizen, Haggerty Rd.
2217 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
2238 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / E I-94
2258 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2342 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
2342 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2347 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 2:

0014 – family trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0028 – robbery, Holly Ln.
0049 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0100 – suicidal person, Tyler Rd.
0121 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0202 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0341 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd./E. I-94
0630 – property damage accident, Oak Ln./N. I-94 Service Dr.

0654 – domestic, Oak Ln.
0657 – fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0711 – trespassing, Ayres Ave.
0736 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
0947 – animal complaint, S. Timberview Dr.
1119 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1203 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1228 – larceny, Lake Point Blvd.
1322 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
1342 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1423 – larceny from auto, W. Archwood Dr.
1451 – property damage accident, Lake Crest Dr.
1532 – property damage accident, Sawgrass Ct.
1555 – private property/property damage accident, Green Meadows

1602 – animal complaint, Sadie Ln.
1616 – road hazard, Jackson Ln.
1631 – civil matter, Brookview Dr.
1713 – private property impound, Hanover Dr.
1734 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1752 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.

1832 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
1849 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave.
1946 – neighbor trouble, Alden Ave.
2026 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2058 – welfare check, Peachtree Ln.
2123 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
2129 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
2212 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
2218 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 3:

0146 – property check, Belleville Rd.
0845 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
0909 – assist fire dept., Savage Rd.
0912 – animal complaint, Ecorse Rd./Kirkridge Park Dr.
0934 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
0935 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
0950 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
1000 – welfare check, Prairie Ct.
1010 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
1106 – private property impound, S. Industrial
1150 – intrusion alarm, Wheeler
1157 – traffic offense, Andover Farms
1253 – welfare check, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1319 – larceny from auto, W. Archwood Dr.
1319 – vehicle lockout, McBride Ave.
1411 – property check, Lancaster Dr./N. Dartmoor Cir.

1413 – missing person, Beckley Rd.
1452 – larceny, Lake Point Blvd.
1502 – road hazard, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1555 – suicidal person, Winding Pond Dr.
1607 – noise complaint, Belleville Rd.
1622 – 911 welfare check, Birch Dr.
1654 – mental subject, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1655 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1726 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River
1752 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
1749 – malicious destruction of property, Ecorse
1758 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.

1805 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1822 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2003 – civil matter, Alden Ave.
2037 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2115 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2131 – threat, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2157 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hull Rd.
2239 – domestic, Senate St.

Thursday, Aug. 4:

0204 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0725 – malicious destruction of property, Sawgrass Ct.
0728 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0759 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.
0832 – neighbor trouble, S. Timberview Dr.
0848 – domestic, Victoria St.
1030 – abandoned auto, Timberview Ct.
1053 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1056 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren St.
1158 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr. / Edison Lake Rd.

1216 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1237 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1504 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
1552 – intrusion alarm, Ironwood Dr.
1548 – civil matter, Quirk Rd.

1600 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1653 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1723 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martz Rd.
1736 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1839 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.
1843 – domestic, Quirk Rd.
1836 – indecent exposure, Belleville Rd.
1856 – welfare check, Pine Dr.
1857 – unattended death, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1925 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1959 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1956 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2023 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
2111 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2131 – mental subject, Filmore St.
2141 – traffic offense, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
2228 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2234 – intrusion alarm, Vine St.
2240 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

Friday, Aug. 5:

0056 – family trouble, Crowley Ave.
0113 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0338 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
0808 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0821 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pebblebrook Dr. / Wildbrook Dr.
0833 – vehicle lockout, Haggerty Rd.
0930 – harassment call, Village Green Ln.
0948 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1112 – fight, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1220 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.
1226 – domestic, Vernon St.
1229 – suspicious person/vehicle, Marina Dr.
1240 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1243 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1312 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1329 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
1352 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1402 – neighbor trouble, Buchanan St.
1449 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Savage Rd.

1632 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1720 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rawsonville Rd.
1751 – welfare check, Sylvia Dr.
1825 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1854 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1856 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1903 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service
2106 – juvenile complaint, Haggerty Rd.
2109 – kidnapping, Denton Rd.
2221 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
2222 – intrusion alarm, Hull Rd.
2328 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.

Saturday, Aug. 6:

0004 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0136 – intrusion alarm, America
0325 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0345 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd.
0521 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0619 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Pointe Dr.
0648 – larceny from auto, Parkwood Dr.
0818 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0830 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0829 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Stonebrook Ct.
1016 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1042 – ordinance violation, Belleville Lake
1105 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson St. / McBride Ave.
1116 – ordinance violation, Belleville Lake
1208 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Tyler Rd. / Jackson St.
1253 – threat, Bog Rd.
1309 – property damage accident, Cedarhurst Dr.
1356 – ordinance violation, Huron River Dr.
1445 – neighbor trouble, Buchanan St.
1513 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1514 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.

1534 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1536 – lost property/child, Southport Apts.
1747 – fraud, Meadows Cir.
1752 – ordinance violation, sandbar
1837 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2019 – family trouble, Bog Rd.
2023 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Quirk Rd.
2108 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.

2135 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2136 – welfare check, Purple Sage Ct.
2154 – larceny, Monterey Dr.
2202 – domestic, Denton Rd.
2210 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2231 – traffic offense, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
2316 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.

There also were 29 traffic stops on this week's log, including one on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 31:

0312 – domestic, Santa Clara St.
1340 – traffic stop, E. Columbia/S. Liberty St.
1350 – traffic stop, Madelon St./E. Columbia
1543 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
1710 – found property/child, Belle Villa Office
1843 – traffic stop, Madelon St./Robbe St.

Monday, Aug. 1:

0208 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty/Fifth
0727 – suspicious person/vehicle, Henry St.
0752 – malicious destruction of property, N. Liberty St.
1545 – ordinance violation, Main St./Third St.
1852 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Edgemont Ave.

2151 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.

Tuesday, Aug. 2:

0138 – welfare check, Loza Ln.
0249 – welfare check, Loza Ln.
1500 – property damage accident, N. Liberty St.
1725 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
1937 – neighbor trouble, W. Columbia Ave.
2031 – traffic stop, Third St./Charles

Wednesday, Aug. 3:

0744 – mental subject, Carmell St.
0910 – parking complaint, Fifth St./N. Liberty
0914 – abandoned auto, S. Biggs/E. Huron River
1112 – traffic stop, E. Huron River/Madelon St.
2043 – harassment call, Belle Villa Blvd.
2201 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 4:

0053 – traffic stop, E. Huron River/Loza Ln.
0300 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Edgemont
1001 – welfare check, E. Columbia Ave.
1524 – traffic stop, E. Columbia/Madelon St.
2037 – traffic stop, Main St.

Friday, Aug. 5:

0010 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.
0046 – traffic stop, High St.
0823 – trespassing, Henry St.
0914 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1241 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
2146 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church
2241 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe

2324 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
2334 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2352 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Denton Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 6:

0004 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
1125 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
1137 – domestic, N. Liberty St.
1950 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
2043 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.

There were 20 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 31:

0021 – property damage accident, Willow Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
0356 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane Dr.
0807 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
0919 – assist citizen, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1255 – welfare check, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1455 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1514 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1927 – property damage accident, Birch Dr./Birch Ct.

1950 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Bemis
2248 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2320 – suspicious circumstance, Texas St.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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Monday, Aug. 1:

0903 – welfare check, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
0944 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1324 – 911 hang up, 9600 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1532 – animal complaint, Judd Rd./Karr Rd.
2156 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Ln.

Tuesday, Aug. 2:

0015 – suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Ln.
0420 – suspicious circumstance, 42000 bl. Dunn
0539 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
0822 – suspicious circumstance, 43000 bl. Willis
1329 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
1458 – alarm, 4900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1605 – harassment complaint, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
1651 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1656 – ORV complaint, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1726 – property damage accident, Willis/Sherwood
2014 – follow-up investigation, Hampshire Dr.
2022 – alarm, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
2033 – family trouble, Greenmeadow Dr.
2147 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2215 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
2312 – family trouble, Birch Dr.

Wednesday, Aug. 3:

0913 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Wear Rd.
1025 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
1153 – alarm, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1710 – suspicious circumstance, Wear Rd./Bohn
1750 – alarm, 4900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1947 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2030 – assist citizen, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2211 – suspicious person, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
2304 – suspicious vehicle, 27000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 4:

0412 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
0530 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0723 – civil matter, Washington St.
0905 – public relations, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0919 – public relations, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1108 – fire dept. assist, Nevada St.
1205 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1426 – fire dept. assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1623 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Traskos Rd.
1653 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2134 – property damage accident, Willow/Sumpter
2229 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.

Friday, Aug. 5:

0348 – juvenile complaint, Sumpter Rd./Judd Rd.
0504 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
0548 – found property, Sherwood Rd./Wear Rd.
0805 – assist other agency, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0924 – civil matter, Virginia St.
0959 – suspicious person, Texas St.
1737 – civil matter, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1935 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Fenster Dr.
1945 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 6:

0809 – flee & elude police, Rawsonville/Willis
1009 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1031 – assist citizen, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1128 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.
1405 – family trouble, Vermont St.
1656 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
1922 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1925 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.
1937 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
2047 – ORV complaint, Arkona Rd./Sumpter Rd.
2223 – suspicious circumstance, Montana St.
2352 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willis Rd. / California Blvd.

Also on this week's log are 122 patrol checks, 25 traffic stops, and 14 misc. details.

Court watching

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Belleville was arraigned on Jan. 19 for assault on a police officer on Nov. 30 in Sumpter Township. His probable cause conference was adjourned until Feb. 2 so his attorney could get discovery.

Personal bond of \$10,000 was set. Anderson appeared virtually from the Wayne County Jail. On Feb. 2, the case was adjourned until March 2 to give the defense attorney time to get the results of a competency hearing for a pending case in Third Circuit Court. Attorney Ray McCann said Anderson is in quarantine and being assaulted. He wanted Judge Martin to order him put into the general population. A deputy at the Wayne County Jail said he has been tested and when his COVID test comes back negative he will be put into the general population.

On March 2, Judge Green referred Anderson for a forensic examination for competency and criminal responsibility. When that returned a probable cause conference was set for April 27. That was adjourned until May 18. The May 18 date was adjourned until June 22 with approval of all parties to await sentencing in circuit court.

On June 22, the party dropped the charges, the prosecutor filed for dismissal, and Judge Green dismissed the charge, pursuant to a Third Circuit Court plea. Case closed.

Jenell Annaelynn Drake

Jenell Annaelynn Drake, 34, of Taylor was arraigned by Judge Green on Jan. 19, on a charge of assault or assault and battery for an incident in Sumpter Township on April 11, 2018. The final pretrial was set for Feb. 16 to see if the complainant on the charge is still available since it was so long ago.

On Feb. 16, the charge was dismissed without prejudice by Judge Oakley on a motion by the prosecution.

Kenneth Lawson

Kenneth Lawson of Willis was charged with operating with a blood alcohol content of .17 or more and carrying a concealed weapon (pistol) while under the influence on May 8 in Van Buren Township. At his remote pretrial on Jan. 19 before Judge Green, Lawson's defense attorney William Maze said there has been no offer on a plea deal so he will have to write a letter to the prosecutor's office. The pretrial was adjourned until March 2.

On March 2, Maze asked for a jury trial and it was set for June 24, but on May 25 a plea deal was approved by Judge Green. Lawson pled guilty to operating while visibly impaired and the other charges were dropped. No jury trial.

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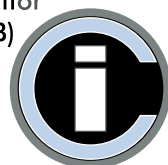
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