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Council proposes doubling public safety assessment

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council on Monday voted unanimously to double the public safety special assessment from 2 mills to 4 mills for the December tax bill. This assessment is set by the council in an annual vote.

A public hearing on the budget is set for a special meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 28, to discuss the 2022-23 budget and the assessment will be discussed.

Council members said the mills had to be set before this budget hearing, but it can be adjusted after hearing from the public.

The council set the millage rate at 15.9353, reduced again by the Headlee Amendment. It started out years ago at 20 mills.

City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said several months ago the council asked him to dive into the fire department because of response times and they came up with the idea of a duty crew, but it does cost added funding.

He said a special assessment in public safety allows other money the city has to stay with other services the city offers.

He said a fire truck is needed for the fire department and another police car is needed as one is nearing retirement.

Fire Chief Brian Loranger said the cost of a fire truck goes up every quarter. Fire Fighter Chris Zweng was more specific. He said he has learned it goes up 5% per quarter.

Mayor Pro Tem Ken Voigt asked when they will learn whether they were successful in a grant application for a fire truck and Loranger said it would be in the fall.

Councilman Steve Jones said after the capital purchases are made, the council could adjust the assessment downward next year.

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The Belleville High School Girls' Soccer team defeated Woodhaven 6-2 on Friday night earning back-to-back District Championships. In 2021 the team also beat Woodhaven for the district championship. The semi-regional game is June 8 and regional is June 10, both at Dearborn High. Team members are Mackenzie Bailey, Aubrey Adcock, Brooke Hickman, Kenzie Simpson, Jackie Torres, Chloe Abney, Molly Cote, Emily Wisniewski, Breanna McCluskey, Addie Tulik, Gabby Revels, Chelsea Powell, Ava Davis, Molly Parsons, Payton Mathis, Alivia Johnston, Evie Lopez, Rachel Riley, Laura Montgomery, Olivia McCluskey, Megan Mihaly, Vanessa Slone, Emily Michelin. Coaches are Bill Cline, Dan Cline, Brian Rupnow, and Joe Zarka.

Court Watching:

Odumodu bound over on 5 charges after putting cop online

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Jordon Chike Odumodu, 22, of Ypsilanti, was bound over to circuit court for a May 25 arraignment on the information on five charges after a live preliminary exam on May 18 before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green.

Odumodu was arrested after allegedly putting a brief video clip on social media of a traffic stop in Van Buren Township, which he took from the back seat of a vehicle showing him holding a gun pointed at the police officer issuing the speeding ticket to the driver.

Odumodu was charged with nine counts, but then four were dismissed because the testimony did not support them, according to the Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor on the case Bryn Bailey.

The remaining charges are possession of a weapon by a felon, possession of ammunition by a felon, carrying a concealed weapon, and two counts of felony firearm on March 26 in Van Buren Township.

The charges that were dropped were assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), assaulting / resisting / obstructing a police officer, and two counts of felony firearm.

His bond is \$100,000 cash or surety and he is not to be released without a GPS tether. His attorney asked for a referral to pretrial services for a reduction in bond.

At the beginning of the preliminary exam, Prosecutor Bailey stated that in Washtenaw County on Dec. 2, 2020, the defendant was sentenced for the crime of carrying a concealed weapon to 69 days in jail and assessed a fee of \$2,000, making him ineligible to possess a firearm.

The first witness at the exam was Van Buren Township Police Officer Christopher Hayes, who had been with the department for 25 years. He testified that he was on patrol March 26 on Haggerty Road near

Riccardo Drive running stationary radar and he stopped a vehicle that had been going 70 mph in a 45-mph zone. He issued a citation. He said there were four people in the vehicle, which he saw when someone rolled down a window on the passenger side when he approached.

He identified Odumodu as being in the back seat behind the driver, but he had no interaction with him. He said 30 minutes after the stop, dispatch called him and told him to contact a Washtenaw County officer, who sent a video of him on the traffic stop.

"I recognized myself on the video," he said, noting while the face wasn't shown, the way he had other things on his uniform convinced him. The very-brief video was shown in the courtroom.

Officer Hayes testified they put out a BOL on the vehicle, with a broadcast for officer safety and Washtenaw County stopped the vehicle. He said he and Officer Jordan Short drove to the scene and he took the subject in the back seat into custody and transported him to the Van Buren Township police department. He said there

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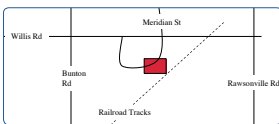
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Community members left short messages on sticky notes and answered questions with round stickers at the June 1 Museum Visioning Workshop.

Residents say they were disappointed in ‘sterile’ workshop on museum

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The long-awaited Belleville Area Museum Visioning Workshop promised by Van Buren Township to discuss the museum's future was held June 1 at the Belleville Area District Library next door to the museum and there was a large turnout.

But many who attended voiced disappointment for what they found when they got to the meeting.

Residents of Van Buren Township were invited, along with residents of the City of Belleville, where the museum is located, and Sumpter Township.

Belleville and Sumpter support the museum with yearly donations of \$10,000 each to the township which owns the museum in downtown Belleville.

“We walked out in protest,” said attorney Barbara Miller, a resident of Van Buren Township, explaining why she and Keith and Ginger Bruder of Willis were on a park bench outside the library's front door as the 5 p.m. gathering started.

Claudia and Donnie Roullier of Belleville also left the meeting after they saw what it was, saying they were very disappointed. She said she already took the online survey on the museum and this meeting was asking the same questions she already answered.

Miller said they let the people inside know that they had expected a meeting where people sat in chairs and someone was in front from Van Buren Township to explain

what was happening with the museum, which has been pretty-much closed for two years without explanation.

But those who expected such a meeting were disappointed as the layout for the museum gathering was with tables around the walls of the Cozzad room meeting area and visitors expected to put colorful round stickers on boards asking for their age and other questions. There also were sticky notes, so brief comments could be written and pasted on boards set up around the room.

The township's department directors were placed around the room with some of their staff members and they all encouraged people to put their comments on the boards. There were no elected officials present, at least for the first hour.

This was the same format as the public meeting for the Sumpter Road Corridor Plan that Van Buren Township held last summer in the fire station on Hull Road and also the community center before that.

Miller said there was no way to discuss things that were on her mind, which included having this museum be a cultural center instead of just a museum, so the Council for the Arts and other groups could have headquarters.

Tom Fielder of Belleville, president of the Museum Historical Society, said the public isn't being encouraged to ask questions, but just to answer the questions on what's already been decided.

He said he made a list of all the things the

museum had been doing and took it to Van Buren Township without response.

Mary Ban of Sumpter Township said she was very disappointed in the workshop.

“The meeting should have been held with in-person comments with the elected officials,” said Ban, who promotes the study of history at public meetings and has been

looking forward to this June 1 meeting to find out when they were going to open the museum and what they are doing with it.

Ban said she wanted to ask about the antique items that families have loaned to the museum. Will they get them back if the museum closes? She said a Sumpter official

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Jennifer Beyer and John Metcalf of Good Design Gap were present at the Museum Visioning Workshop. They said they were hired as consultants for the museum back in February and hadn't been called until two weeks earlier.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Van Buren Twp. underestimates museum support

One person at the Museum Visioning Workshop on June 1 said there's always some "nay-sayers" in describing the complaints about the format of the meeting that did not allow residents to ask questions of Van Buren Township.

The township has kept the museum locked for two years and now is digging up the museum front yard and cutting down trees without public comment.

There are people in the tri-community who worked at getting the museum set up first in Quirk School and later moving into the old township hall in downtown Belleville for its first real museum.

The museum houses artifacts of the communities and those searching for background on their family properties and homes can find paperwork teaching them about early property owners.

People have donated or loaned antique family items to the museum to preserve them and share them with community members. The museum is their museum and they depend on it to keep the area's history in tact.

We think one of the problems we're having is that those at the township who are making decisions on the museum are not from this area originally and don't have that deep feeling for local history.

We believe a regular, sit-down meeting with those who want to come to talk and listen should be held on the museum issue. Look each other in the eye and talk.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Belleville City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson confirmed the information given me that two to three vehicles had their catalytic converters stolen on East Huron River Drive near Potter Drive.

On last week's dispatch log from Van Buren Township Police there were four calls for "shooting" in the same area of the township. On May 29 there was a call at 6:12 p.m. at Savage and Arlene and another one at 11:22 p.m. at Savage and Martinsville. Another shooting was reported on May 30 at 5:34 p.m. and then on May 31 at 7:03 p.m. at Savage and Arlene.

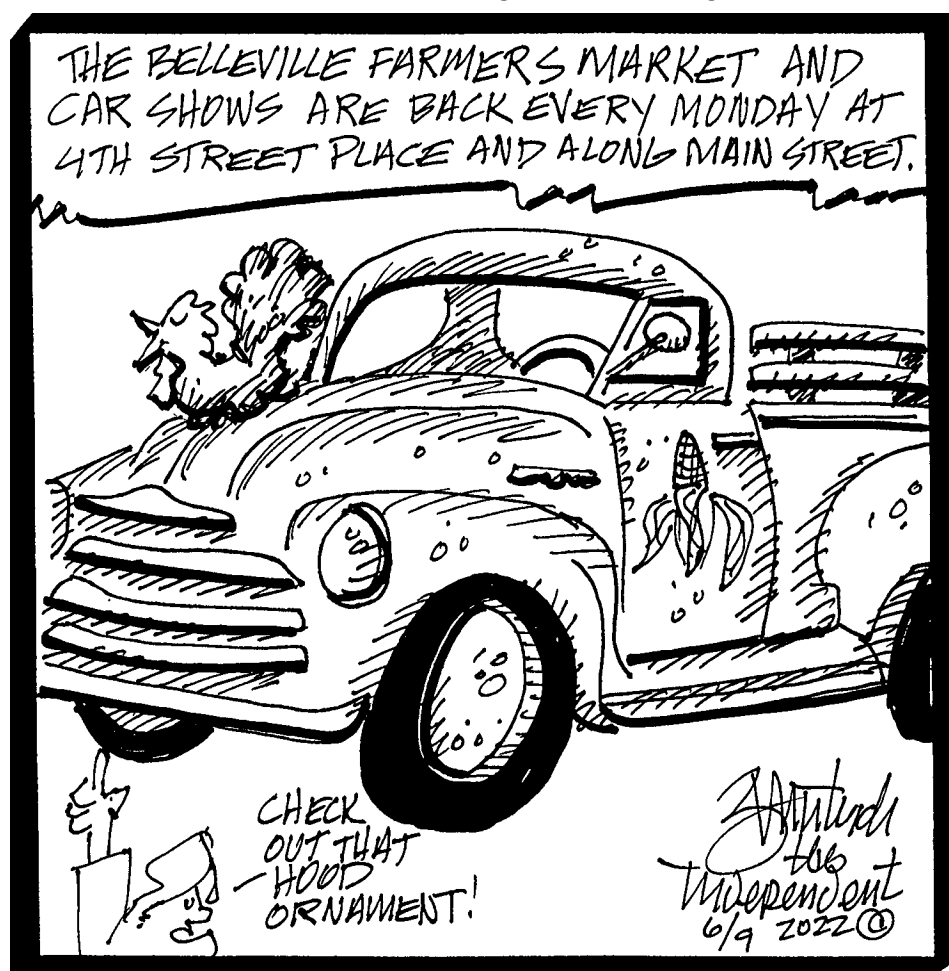
I asked VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazy what all the shooting was about and he said they were all fireworks. Those days were the days before, during, and after the Memorial Day holiday when fireworks are allowed.

On Memorial Day, Belleville Police were called to a shooting report on Greylock Street. Chief Robinson said the officer noted the shot came from the area of Savage and Martinsville and turned it over to Van Buren Township. Sounds like another fireworks report.

Chief Robinson said the "weapons violation" report on W. Columbia Ave. at 8:28 a.m. May 30 on the dispatch log referred to a magazine for a pistol that had a couple of bullets in it found on school property. There was no firearm, he said.

An 18-year-old Summit Academy senior Rakai Edmonds, of Taylor, was before Judge Martin at 34th District Court last week. His attorney Will Nahikian asked for an adjourned probable cause conference so he could study the evidence, so Judge

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



Martin adjourned the case until June 15.

Summit Academy is on Middlebelt Road and Huron Township Police arrested and charged him. He was charged with possession of marijuana on school property, felony firearm-pneumatic gun, and possessing a weapon in a weapons-free school zone on May 19.

The attorney asked the judge to order removal of the GPS tether his client was ordered to wear because it is a burden. Edmonds had posted \$20,000/10% bond.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Bryn Bailey said the accused's backpack was found at the school with an airsoft gun with the red tip removed, marijuana, a three-inch folding knife, and vodka. She opposed removal of the tether.

His attorney said, "He was two weeks away from graduation and made a bad decision. He is fighting suspension."

Judge Martin disagreed with the attorney and said, "In the times we're in" the tether needs to stay in place.

Carol Bonanni of Sumpter Township brought us part of the "Great Cake" that she made from a recipe that was used to celebrate George Washington's birthday each year when he was president. It was reportedly his favorite cake. It's called the Martha Washington Cake, but it was made by their slave Mary Simpson who came with them from the Virginia plantation when he became president and the family moved to New York.

After he was no longer president and was moving to Philadelphia, Washington freed Mary and gave startup money to her so she could run a little store, which she confided to him had been her dream. She sold milk, butter, and eggs and made cookies, pies, and cakes to sell in her sweet case. Every year she baked his favorite cake, put out her best tablecloth and invited the public in to celebrate Washington's birthday in her store. She was afraid people would forget him now that he was no longer president.

Carol found the recipe for the "Great Cake" in a 1965 issue of *The Detroit News*, baked it and brought it in for us to taste on Friday. It was delicious.

It's a cake with no frosting, but with a cream filling that Carol had to stand over a hot double-boiler for a half hour, stirring most of the time. It was great and had a great story with it. Carol, who is 93, doesn't think she'll make it again. Too much stirring.

A reader said he bought a *Detroit News* for the crossword puzzle and was charged \$2.70 because the tax was added. He said it should be \$2.49 because the tax is included in that price. He said he was charged the tax at a local gas station and he is no longer a customer there.



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Letters

There are still good people out there

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I was having somewhat of an emotionally difficult day and your “Act of Kindness” as well as note “You Matter” touched me so deeply. Tears of joy spilled down my cheeks.

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I hope you’re reading this and know you’re appreciated.

I will be passing this along this weekend on my payday in the hopes of blessing someone as you did me.

When I shared with my sister, she too will be doing this.

God Bless You Greatly!

With warmest thankfulness and gratitude,
Cheryle Caldwell

Board should table sale of Sumpter Rd. property

To the editor:

During the last township meeting Supervisor Bowman, disregarding decorum, interrupted a resident who was speaking to the board, engaged him in a debate which negated the “three-minute rule,” then, out of apparent frustration, dismissed the speaker with a wave of his hand and asked the Police Chief to escort “this guy” out of his presence, followed by an angry slamming of his gavel.

Welcome to Sumpter Township, where residents are always welcome to share their views, and express their concerns.

The speaker during that exchange was Corey Blue, a resident who, along with his neighbors, has an issue regarding a nearby parcel of land, which the township board of trustees is now intent on selling, even after offering assurances, for years, that the property would not be sold.

The township currently has full or part ownership in a number of vacant properties scattered throughout the community and the board, for some reason, has decided to sell them all and to put that disputed property at the top of the list as one of the first to go. How considerate of them. There are issues regarding the sale of these properties that I believe every resident should be aware of as they will be affected one way or another by what happens in the very near future.

I believe that most members of the board believe that they were elected to decide what is best for us, and would work toward

that end, despite “a couple of unhappy families” left in the wake. I think that when your decision, as a board member, is *certain* to disrupt and cause hardship and unhappiness to several decent families, as opposed to some vague concept of the future “greater good,” it is time to slow down, or hit the brakes. What is the hurry? I have been following this latest selling obsession by the township board. Supervisor Bowman at that May 24 meeting stated, “I want to sell all the properties!” Why? Who benefits? We know who benefited during the last feverish rush to unload properties, back in 2017, and it was not the residents of this township, and not for the “greater good.”

We elected these members of the board not to tell us what we want, but to work towards *our* vision of this community. This is not the most favorable time to sell vacant land. The market determines the value of property, and this is not a “seller’s market.” Land prices tend to rise in value over time, and also when availability becomes more limited. Trustees are also stewards, and should be just as concerned about this community’s future as to what is happening during their brief “service” on the board. The landfill will not be a source of income forever.

Also, for some reason, there has been confusion among the members of the board as how to sell the properties. Supervisor Bowman wants to hire an acquaintance of his and put the properties up for sale at an auction. Somewhere between the sale of an old butter churn and that of a rusted old hay baler which needs parts, I suppose. Although there are several excellent auction companies in the area, the sale of land is usually not their main area of expertise. To sell property it is usually recommended to hire a Realtor. A Realtor is a member of a vast association of fellow licensed real estate professionals, and when you hire one, you hire them all, as part of their “Multiple Listing Service.” In Belleville alone, there are 89 licensed agents who will have access to those listed properties, and several thousand in the MLS surrounding areas. Realtors also erect signs as part of their service, are skilled in writing offers and contracts, and have an incentive to sell.

If the board insists on selling some of the properties, which they will, they should hire a real estate professional to do the job. If the board has any collective conscience, which I question, they should table the Sumpter Road property at this time, and allow Mr. Blue and his family, and also the neighboring families, to enjoy “Country Living at its Finest” for a couple more years, at the very least.

Randall Miller resident
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Reminder: Flag Day is June 14, fly your flag

To the editor:

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June 14, "Flag Day" 2022, is fast approaching and we are attempting to have a flag displayed at every home in the city.

There were few public ceremonies that honored the flag until June 14, 1877, when it was flown from every government building for the centennial of the flag's adoption. After that, many citizens and organizations advocated the adoption of a National Day of Commemoration for the flag. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson unofficially declared June 14 as Flag Day.

Coincidentally, Wilson also proclaimed "The Star-Spangled Banner" the U.S. national anthem that same year. Nonetheless, Congress did not designate the song as the national anthem until 1931, and only in 1949 did President Harry Truman sign the legislation that made June 14 of each year Flag Day.

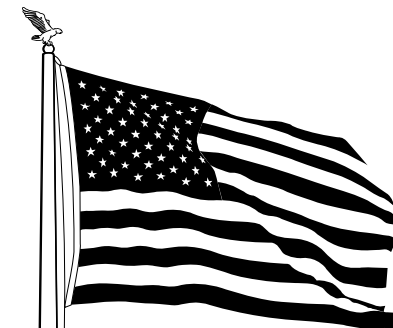
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Edith Ray (Garrett) Hurst

EDITH RAY (GARRETT) HURST

(July 19, 1921 – May 31, 2022)

“Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends leave footprints in your heart.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

Edith Ray (Garrett) Hurst was born in Aetna, Tennessee, on Tuesday, July 19, 1921, to Jady Ray and Leva Garrett. She left this life on an “Ideal day”, Tuesday, May 31, 2022, 49 days short of her 101st birthday. She passed after living a full life and was surrounded by her family. Edith, also known as “Ede” or “E”, formerly of Belleville, MI, worked and retired from Ford Motor Company. She was preceded in death by Von Hurst (husband), Rodney Lee Hurst (son), Wanda Yvonne Biebuyck (sister), Leva Garrett (mother) and Jady Ray Garrett (father). She is survived by Roger (Carol) Hurst (son) of Metamora, MI, Danny (Kathie) Hurst (son) of Punta Gorda, FL, Chris (Glenna) Hurst (son) of Camden, MI, Kelly (Denise) Hurst (grandson) of Statesboro, GA, Roger (Cathy) Hurst (grandson) of Oxford, MI, Amanda (Steve) Cooper (granddaughter) of Auburn Hills, MI, Heather (Deno) Monnett (granddaughter) of Temperance, MI, Casey (Rachel) Hurst (grandson) of Commerce, MI, Dianna Hurst (granddaughter) of La Verne, CA, 9 great-grandchildren plus her nephews and niece.

Edith’s number-one priority was always family. She enjoyed roller skating at an early age and throughout life she loved “taking life easy”, music, bowling, traveling, quilting, Christmas, and the color red. She took pride in her heritage and in her work ethic and instilled both in her family. She made sure everyone around her felt loved and when she looked at you, you knew she loved you “bunches”. She was a great listener and was an amazing confidant. “All that we love deeply becomes part of us.” – Helen Keller

Arrangements for cremation entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Oxford.



Mary Leona Kozma

MARY LEONA KOZMA

(July 27, 1920 – April 30, 2022)

Mary Leona “Lee” Kozma, a long-time former resident of Belleville, passed away April 30, 2022 at her home in Murrieta, California. She was 101. Born July 27, 1920 in Marquette, Michigan to Napoleon and Hilda Vadnais, she attended Northern Michigan University, earning a degree in Art and Education, and later a master’s degree from Eastern Michigan University. She taught in the Van Buren Public Schools from 1943 to 1980 and was a past member of St. Anthony Catholic Church. Lee enjoyed keeping active and never stopped learning new things. A talented artist, she leaves behind an impressive collection of paintings. She treasured being with her family and telling stories about her past. She was a remarkable woman with a beautiful soul, whose positive attitude and contagious spirit touched and influenced many lives.

Lee is survived by her son Tom (Ann) Kozma, daughter Gaeney (Perry) Willmore, and son David Kozma, three grandchildren and four great-grandsons. She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Steve Kozma.

Services June 7, 2022 at St. Francis of Rome, Wildomar, California. Interment will be in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Online condolences may be shared at <https://www.miller-jones.com/obituaries/Mary-Kozma>

Wayne County Health Dept. announces percent of cases in municipalities

The Wayne County Health Department announced the percentage of people in each municipality who have positive tests for COVID-19 as of June 6.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 9,708 on Monday, June 6, up from 9,623 on Monday, May 30.

On Monday, May 30, the separate case totals released by the Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 6,698 positive cases in a total population of 46,609, making 14.4%; City of Belleville, 1,065 positive cases in a total population of 3,898, making 27.3%; and Sumpter Township 1,945 positive cases in a population of 13,354, making 14.6%.

The Van Buren Public Schools had 12 positive tests recorded last week, with no school on Monday, May 30. On Monday, June 6, there were 5 new cases. As of Monday, there has been a total of 730 positive cases since the beginning of the school year last August.

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Feta "Frank" Metuseuski Geladin

FETA METUSEUSKI GELADIN

(October 10, 1932 – June 3, 2022)

Feta "Frank" Metuseuski Geladin, age 89, longtime resident of Belleville, passed away on June 3, 2022, at his home, under hospice care, surrounded by family. He was born October 10, 1932, in Macedonia, formally known as Yugoslavia, to Kemal and Ferdes (Sain) Geladin. Frank worked for Chrysler Corporation for over 30 years, and he belonged to U.A.W. Local #869 and was a very hard worker. He enjoyed traveling and taking trips to casinos in his free time. Most of all he loved spending time with his family.

Frank is survived by his wife of 17 years, Tammie Lyn (Scott) Geladin; 4 children: Ruth Ann Nye of Mansfield, Ohio, Asimae "Jean" (James) Smith of Plymouth, MI, Nancy (Greg) Korby and Anita Frost, both of Taylor, MI; two stepsons, David (Heather) VanDalen of Morenci, MI, and Gregory VanDalen of Monroe, MI; 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren, his sister Anna and her husband, and their two children, nephew Ken Geladin, of Dearborn, MI; niece Jeanette Geladin also of Dearborn, as well as six great-nieces and great-nephews, and extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Juanita, their son Daniel Geladin in 2017, his brother Nevrus Geladin, sister Asimae Geladin, sons-in-law: Michael Frost and Thom Nye, grandson Joseph Siwek, and his great-granddaughter Amanda James.

A visitation was held at the David C. Brown Funeral Home on Monday, June 6, 2022, from 4-8 p.m. and on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, visitation at 10 a.m. with his Celebration of Life beginning at 11 a.m., with Iman Gergure and Pastor Gordon Moore officiating. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Promedica Hospice and would be greatly appreciated by Frank's family.

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Beatrice Joyce Baker

BEATRICE JOYCE BAKER

(January 9, 1927 – June 1, 2022)

Beatrice Joyce Baker, age 95, of Adrian, passed away on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at Gaslight Village in Adrian. Joyce was born on January 9, 1927, in Chicago, IL, the daughter of Ernest and Erma (Blangy) Kellogg. On August 6, 1946, Joyce married Donald Baker and he preceded her in death. She was a member of Holy Family Parish, St. Joseph Campus. Joyce was an active participant and member at several Catholic churches where she lived, serving as Lector, Council Member, RCIA Director and Spiritual Director. Joyce enjoyed interior decorating, scrap booking, solving crossword puzzles, and was a great Scrabble player.

Joyce is survived by her children, Joe (Patricia) Baker of Adrian, John (Evelyn) Baker of Castle Rock, CO, Janice McClain of Boone, IA, Judianna Boulanger of Carbondale, CO, Juli (Ron) Danilson of Johnston, Iowa, Jean (Robert) Flanagan of Pullman, MI, and Joann (John) Currier of Ferndale, MI; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother Eugene Kellogg, and granddaughter Kristen Runyan.

A Funeral Mass for Joyce was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at the Holy Family Parish, St. Joseph Campus with Fr. Michael Newman officiating. Visitation was held an hour prior to the Mass in the Church. Visitation for Joyce was held on Monday, June 6, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. at the Anderson-Marry Funeral Home, Adrian, with a Vigil Prayer service at 7 p.m. Burial was held in St. Joseph Cemetery.

You may send condolences to the family at www.andersonfuneralservices.com. Memorial Contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Association or to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements were entrusted to Anderson-Marry Funeral Home, Adrian.

MELISSA ANN LEDESMA

(July 3, 1983 – May 29, 2022)

Age 38, of Canton. Survived by her husband Jeremy Ledesma, parents Warne and Linda Linsea, grandfather Roger Sigler, two brothers. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Inez Louise Kieselbach

INEZ LOUISE KIESELBACH

(March 11, 1938 – June 2, 2022)

Inez L. Kieselbach passed away June 2, 2022, at her daughter's home with her family by her side. Born to John and Inez (Theel) Miller in Detroit, MI on March 11, 1938. Survived by her brother John (Ann) Miller of Wyandotte, MI; children Susan (Paul) Wollschlager of Newport, MI, and William (Kelly) Kieselbach of Belleville, MI; 10 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Inez moved to Belleville from Livonia in 1989 and fell in love with the lake where many of her friends called her "the Queen of the Lake." Mother of 7 children, Inez had a very giving heart. She had love for everyone and everyone called her "Mom" or "Grandma." Inez was very social and made many special friendships. She has given over 100+ pints of blood to the Red Cross. Inez was an animal lover and loved traveling and boating on her pontoon on Belleville Lake.

Inez is preceded in death by her son Charles David Kieselbach in 1987, husband Charles John Kieselbach in 2006, son Edward Allen Kieselbach in 2008, daughter Katherine Ann Todd in 2011, son; Douglas James Kieselbach in 2017, and son Michael John Kieselbach in 2019.

A service for Inez has been planned for Saturday, June 11, 2022, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Belleville, MI at 11 AM. Visitation has been planned for Thursday, June 9 from 5-8 PM and Friday from 1-9 PM with a 7 PM Rosary followed with time for sharing. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Matthew Lee Smith

MATTHEW LEE SMITH

(March 2, 1961 – June 4, 2022)

Matthew Lee Smith, age 61, of Munnith, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away Saturday, June 4, 2022, at his home, surrounded by family. He was born March 2, 1961, Ypsilanti, MI, son of Donald Lee & Virginia Mae (Robak) Smith. He was an avid guitar player that played in many different bands over the years, from Detroit to Hillsdale, MI. He was an excellent journeyman carpenter, and was also skilled at detailed woodworking. He was very talented and will be missed.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife of 39 years, Corinne Dale (Schettler) Smith; two daughters Crystal Smith of Hillsdale, MI, and Carrie (David) Wilkie of Foley, Alabama; 6 grandchildren Cecil Irish, Vanessa Irish, Jordon Van Sickle, Matthew Van Sickle, Rozalyn Wilkie, and Davidson Hoyt; a sister Eva (James "Barry") Edge of Texas; a brother Russell Lee Smith of Detroit; also, numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, also three brothers Dennis, Roger, and Elmer Smith.

Visitation will be 2-6 PM Saturday, June 11, 2022, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Gordon Moore will officiate his funeral beginning at 6:00 PM.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cystic Fibrosis and would be appreciated by the family. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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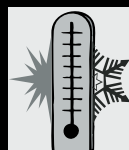
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Janet Lynne Nicol

JANET LYNNE NICOL
(April 22, 1953 – May 30, 2022)

Janet Lynne Nicol died peacefully at her brother's home in Montana on Monday, May 30, 2022. Born to John and Doris (Paske) Potter on April 22, 1953 in Ft. Wayne, IN. Janet is survived by her daughter Deanna (Tim) Gorham of Belleville, MI; son Kevin Pence of Mt. Pleasant, MI; 5 grandchildren: Marissa (Jordan) Kranz, Ashley Gorham, Joshua Gorham, Aiden Pence, and Brayden Stone; great-grandson Landon Kranz; 3 siblings: Tom (Barbie) Potter of Montana, Linda (Mike) Rosenkranz of TN, and Cathy (Mike) Rumfield of IN; also, numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. Janet was preceded in death by her parents, husband John Obeginski, also a daughter Heather Pence in 2016. Janet moved to Canton in 1986 and worked for the Detroit Free Press for many years delivering the news. Janet loved to travel up north and enjoy the country. Most of all, she loved to have family gatherings and time spent with her grandchildren, who affectionately called her "just grandma". Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association and would be appreciated.

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Daryl Craig Hamrick

DARYL CRAIG HAMRICK
(December 15, 1951 – June 1, 2022)

Daryl Craig Hamrick, age 70, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at his home. He was born December 15, 1951, in Dearborn, MI, son of Noble Ross & Pearl Elizabeth (Porch) Hamrick. Daryl graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1970. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict. He worked for Republic Airlines, Northwest, then Delta, for over 30 years, retiring as a crew supervisor. He was a member of the Romulus VFW Post #9568, the Belleville Moose Lodge #934, and the Huron Valley Conservation Association (HVCA).

Mr. Hamrick is survived by his son Jeremy (Julia) Hamrick of Ann Arbor, MI; daughter Julie (Seth) Abbott of Erie, Colorado; 6 grandchildren: Fiona Pearl and Wyatt Michael Hamrick, Ben, Emily, Kate, and Luke Abbott; a sister Donna (Bernard) Dusseau of Dallas, Texas; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers Buddy, Larry, and Jan Paul Hamrick. Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the HVCA and would be appreciated.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Friday, June 10** – “Comeback” benefit fund raiser for the Mathis family from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Belleville Yacht Club, 831 E. Huron River Dr. Food, raffles, live entertainment and specialty cocktails by Rushed Crow Spirits. Harper’s brain tumor has returned and the family needs help. Tickets \$20 for adults, \$10 for children, 5-12, available at www.tinyurl.com/hscomeback.
- **Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11** – Midwest Invitational Rodeo at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road in Van Buren Township; 4-11 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m.-11 p.m. on Saturday.
- **Monday, June 13** – 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.

- **Monday, June 20** – 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, June 23** – It’s the kickoff free concert for Music in the Park at Horizon Park in Belleville. At 7 p.m. King of Strings will bring Indie Rock.

- **Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 23, 24, 25, 26** – Village of Waltz (in Wayne County’s Huron Township) celebrates its 150th anniversary with a carnival midway, festival parade, classic car and vintage tractor show, food, craft and general vendors, beer tent, local bands, entertainment, etc. Facebook @ WaltzImprovementAssoc. Or, website: <https://www.waltzimprovementassoc.com>

- **Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 24, 25, 26** – Lake Fest in downtown Belleville and on Belleville Lake. Friday: 0.1K Fund Run. Saturday and Sunday: Live music, Kids Zone, Artisan Market. All weekend: food trucks. Dragon Boats have been canceled.

- **Saturday, June 25** – Van Buren Township fireworks show at Beck Ball Park at dusk, with rain date of Sunday, June 26.

- **Monday, June 27** – 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, June 30** – Free concert at 7 p.m. for Music in the Park at Horizon Park in Belleville. Playing is Tequila Mockingbirds with contemporary hits.



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Yankee Air Museum presents its annual Wings & Wheels event featuring historic aircraft alongside rare automobiles this Sunday, June 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. held at the new Roush Aeronautics Center at Willow Run Airport. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 day of the event. Kids 15 and under are free. Visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org for info and advance tickets.

The weather cannot be any more perfect for planting flowers and Garden Fantasy Greenhouse on Tyler Road just east of Morton Taylor just got in a batch of Hydrangeas specially grown for Michigan's year-round climate. While there, check out their selection of rose bushes as June is Rose Month and get \$5 off any rose bush this weekend, June 10-12. The greenhouse also offers a great selection of annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, potted plants, herbs, and bag soil. They'll also custom create cemetery flowers for you, along with blankets, cones and other designs. They're open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. See their ad in today's paper and call (734) 697-1765.

The schedule for Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Music Lakeside Concert Series at Horizon Park on Thursdays has

been announced. The season opens June 23 with Kings of Strings, followed by Tequila Mockingbirds on June 30, Dave Hamilton Band July 7, Carl Bradychok Band July 14, Fink Brothers July 21, Brother Crowe July 28, U.B.U Aug. 4, Nikki D. & the Sisters of Thunder Aug. 11, and The Groove Council Aug.18. The concerts are free. Visit www.musiclakeside.com and www.bacart.org.

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- June 9 – JoJo Armatis
- June 11 – Ed Smith
- June 13 – Connie Testorelli
- June 14 – Mike Hinton

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June Milton, Owner & Pharmacist

After two parties, library staff winding down to regular business

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After planning and executing the ribbon-cutting/open house on April 9 and the elegant donors' thank-you party on April 29, the Belleville Area District Library is taking a breath.

Library board president Sharon Peters said she really enjoyed the two events and they had been looking forward to them for so long. Board members thanked all the donors and sponsors of the events.

"We're winding down," president Peters said.

At its regular meeting on May 10, board members discussed the successful parties at the library and talked about new events coming up.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said she had been contacted by the Van Buren Public Schools and they want to have a student art show at the library in January.

Director Suchy said they have a new sculpture that was installed earlier that day. She said the library was given pictures of two different sculptures that were supposed to depict the Midwest Sculpture Initiative artwork that was to be put in front of the library. A completely different sculpture was installed right up next to the library building. She said the previous location for the leased artwork was in Fourth Street Place, but that was changed because the Belleville Central Business Community wanted that space for another vendor booth for its Farmer's Market held each Monday during the summer.

Board secretary Alma Hughes-Grubbs asked if it would be possible for the library to be open on Sundays and Director Suchy said she is crunching the budget numbers, "So, stay tuned."

Board member John Juriga said he has been a part of Music in the Park for 13 years and he would like to see a concert in front of the library. Also, he said, he would like to see two notaries on staff at the library to serve the public. Suchy said she would look into that.

Building committee chairperson Joy Cichewicz gave a report on the final details being taken care of to finish up the construction of the library building.

Suchy said Rachel Kiskien, an intern working on her master's degree in Information at the University of Michigan, will be with the library until August. She is interested in library outreach and community relations and attended the CBC's meeting earlier that day.

At the end of the meeting, board vice-chairperson Mary Jane Dawson told the story of 13-year-old Harper Mathis, a

student at Keystone Academy, who had a brain tumor in 2020 and with treatment was brought back to health. A couple of weeks ago the tumor came back with a vengeance. The parents Justin and Shellie and sister Payton need support, now, she said.

Dawson said this tumor is inoperable, so the parents are considering other clinical trials or going out of the country to seek

treatment to save their daughter's life. The parents would have to take off work and so the Belleville Yacht Club is trying to raise as much money as possible to help them, Dawson said.

A fund raiser is set from 6 to 11 p.m. on June 10 at the BYC. Tickets are \$20 each and available through the BYC or www.tinyurl.com/hscomeback.

Summer events begin at Belleville Area Library

Registration began June 1 for all ages in the annual Summer Reading Challenge Program at the Belleville Area District Library. To sign up, go to <https://bellevillemi.beanstack.org> or go to the Juvenile Reference Desk at the library. Begin winning prizes for reading books.

There are many other programs set for June and July.

Teen Programs: Mondays, 7-8 p.m.

- June 13 - Comic Book Workshop

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- June 20 - Extreme Duct Tape Workshop

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- June 27 - Interactive Comedy Show with Cameron Zvara

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- July 11 - Baffling Bill Magic and Levitation Show

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- July 25th - Rock-n-Roll Time Machine

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Independent Readers (Ages 6-11): Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

- June 14 - Surfer Joel's Comedy Show

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- June 21 - Comedy Show with Gordon Russ

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- June 28 - Shake, Rattle & Roll

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- July 12 - Baffling Bill & Gus the Bunny

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- July 19 - Kevin Devine Concert

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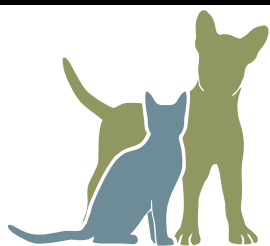
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Class of 2022 thanks community for support

To the editor:

On behalf of the Class of 2022, we would like to thank the community for their countless donations and support of our senior class. The Belleville community never fails to show up for fundraisers or go out of their way to help the younger generation.

We also want to thank Belleville High School's administration for allowing us to be the first class to have a normal prom

and senior graduation since the COVID pandemic started. A huge shout out to the parents and individuals who gave up their weekends to chaperone the senior party; without you we would not have been able to have the event.

Finally, a huge thank you to the staff at Belleville High School who spent countless hours preparing for all of the senior events. We would like to specifically thank the senior class advisors: Jessica Carlin, Paula Slingerland, Felicia Lasenby, and Connie Testorelli for listening to our ideas and making them come to fruition by putting on events that made our senior year as fun as possible. This year's success was possible because of everyone's contributions and selflessness.

Thank you again for your love and support. Sincerely,

The Class of 2022 President
Kennedy Plummer

South Service Drive is getting resurfaced

To the editor:

Hooray!

I, along with other residents on South Interstate 94 Service Drive, want to thank the Wayne County Road Commission for resurfacing our road. It needed it so bad.

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Independent photos by James Oztman

Sumpter Township fire fighters responded to Crosswinds Marsh at 2:41 p.m. June 1 after the pavilion building was hit by lightning. Fire Chief Rick Brown said the lightning struck just to left of the metal bird at the peak of the roof, damaged the rafters, burnt a hole in the shingles, and splintered the floor. Since the pavilion is located on an island in the marsh and the only way to get there is by boardwalk, the fire fighters could not drive a truck to the fire and had to use two Indian Packs. Chief Brown said they are carried on your back and have a pump you can turn to pull water from the marsh. He said with those packs and a fire extinguisher they were able to extinguish the fire. The building was locked up for repairs, so they had to unscrew the doors for entry when they arrived. The fire was called in by a person who saw a trickle of smoke coming from within the pavilion. This picture shows the pavilion on Sunday morning.



The Van Buren Township Fire Department is still investigating a garage fire on Bemis Road just west of Sumpter Road at about 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 27. Fire Chief Dave McNally said they believe the fire to be power-related. Although it had been reported on social media that the house exploded, Chief McNally said the only explosions were of cylinders of gas in the garage. He said Bemis Road was closed down while fighting the fire because they had trucks on the scene from Ypsilanti and Sumpter townships, as well as Van Buren Township, and the roadway was blocked. Belleville Fire Department stood down at its station as backup.

Alysse Brendtke earns Dean's List honor at Lee University

Alysse Brendtke of Belleville earned Dean's List honors during the Spring 2022 semester at Lee University. Lee University is a private, Christ-centered university located in Cleveland, TN, in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains.

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Keystone Academy employee Spring Survey brings best results ever

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Spring 2022 survey of the 57 employees of Keystone Academy, brought 100% response and the highest results ever at the school.

Keystone Principal Jorvonna Drain told the school board at its June 2 meeting, "It's the best survey we ever had and 100% of the staff took the survey."

"At the beginning of the year they all

pitched in and helped each other," she said of school staff, noting there was COVID and contact tracing.

In the Spring results 99% of the staff reported "I feel physically safe at my location" compared to 83% company-wide for National Heritage Academies' schools nationwide. All the scores were higher than Keystone's survey in Fall 2021 and Spring 2021.

Also, in the six questions asked, 92%

has confidence in their leadership team; 90% believes their location has a great culture, 89% agree "My location is focused on meeting our students' and families' needs, and 88% agree they have good opportunities to learn and grow and 88% agreed they have a sense of belonging.

In other business at the one-hour-and-38-minute meeting, the board:

- Discussed the ESSER I, II, and III stakeholder survey of parents, staff members, and school board members, that showed the top suggestion of use of the federal funds is for retaining and attracting teachers and staff. Second was summer and/or tutoring programs. Third was academic materials. Principal Drain said NHA recommends \$8,000 stipends to certified staff and \$4,000 for uncertified staff over the next school year. The NHA representative said that was for putting up with all the nonsense surrounding COVID. Those stipends are in addition to the raises, retaining bonuses, and competency evaluations also done for the teachers. Board vice president Steve Harsant said teachers are receiving a lot of money in one-time bonuses and then will go back to a lower salary when the federal money is gone in 2024. He said they may leave for other jobs. It was mentioned that some school districts are laying off teachers and Drain stated, "NHA doesn't lay off teachers";

- Approved the updated 2022-23 Parent and Student Handbook, with the board adding one sentence and taking out one from the proposed document. The dress code now allows any color of shoes that are loafers, dress, or tennis and the color gray was added as an approved shirt color;

- Approved the 2021-22 final amended budget of \$7.7 million in revenues;

- Approved changing the open enrollment period to Oct. 1 through the last business day in November. Enrollment of 690 was anticipated to form next school year's budget and 692 are enrolled so far;

- Heard Drain report on the special "Grey Out" spirit day on May 31 in support of Harper Mathis and her family as they continue their fight against medulloblastoma. She said the school was able to raise \$3,000 for the wonderful Keystone family who has been a part of the school community for more than nine years;

- Was advised of the activities of Admissions Representative Stefanie Lorey who is sending handwritten birthday cards to all applied, accepted, and registered, along with waiting list, students. She also has arranged a Little League team sponsorship with t-shirts, a Compuware Drive-In Movie (30-second commercial) that runs six times a night May-September, put together a Parking Lot Touch Point with gifts to parents. Also in May there has been a Middle School Mixer for all NHA schools in the area, Regional Parking Lot Bingo at Ann Arbor Prep High School (300 cars), Keystone Carnival, and teacher appreciation cookie tray delivery to daycares;

- Learned everything is set to take care of improvements to the swampy soccer field this summer. There will be work on drainage, adding soil, and seeding; and

- Heard Drain report that only two students did not reach the third grade standard in reading for promotion.

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Village of Waltz to celebrate 150th birthday with June 23-26 festival

The Village of Waltz in Wayne County's Huron Charter Township will mark a monumental milestone this summer as it celebrates its 150th birthday.

Originally settled by Joseph Waltz, Sr. in 1857, this small community was officially platted with the State of Michigan by his son Joseph Waltz, Jr. in 1872.

Located along what was then the Holly, Wayne and Monroe Railway, the village was an important rail stop for coal, water, and other supplies as well as providing an important passenger transportation link between Detroit and Toledo.

Waltz was also one of the first communities in southeast Michigan to have telephone service in the late 1800s provided by the Peoples Telephone Company founded in Waltz. The phone service later expanded throughout Monroe and Wayne Counties.

To honor the Village's founding, the Waltz150 Festival, a sesquicentennial celebration has been planned for June 23 through 26 throughout the community. In the tradition of the original Waltz Homecoming that was held annually from the early 1900s until 2009, the 150th celebration festival will feature a carnival midway, festival parade, classic car and vintage tractor show, food, craft and general vendors, beer tent, local bands, entertainment and much more.

Several local businesses, churches and organizations have also committed to participate in the festivities. The event will be the largest celebration since Waltz marked its 100th birthday in 1972 when it held the Waltz Centennial Celebration.

Founded in 1920, this non-profit community organization has a long history

of hosting events, activities and supporting local causes. More information on the group as well as the Waltz150 Celebration can be found at their website: <https://www.waltzimprovementassoc.com>, on Facebook @WaltzImprovementAssoc, through email at waltzimprovementassn@gmail.com or phone at 734-619-7967.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, June 13 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.
- Tuesday, June 14 – Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 20 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 21 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting
- Wednesday, June 22 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 23 – Special meeting of the Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., to consider proposed application for 4.878-acre pond development at 51150 Arkona and large, grid-tied solar array at NW corner of Haggerty/Wear.

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Museum

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said Sumpter could start its own museum, but she said the tri-community is a family and should stick together in treasuring its history.

“I agree,” said Mary Jane Dawson of Belleville, concerning the way the meeting should have been held. She said she left a message for Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara. “They want a meeting. Talk to them.”

Another person added, “This is a sham. You already know what you want to do.”

Retired attorney Doug Peters of Van Buren Township said the meeting was “ill-conceived” and “poorly planned,” adding it was “cold and mean-spirited.”

He said such a gathering is a good thing to do but do it after a meeting.

“Kevin should be there and stand up and explain himself,” Peters said of Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara. Peters said he was told McNamara was out of town.

“It’s false advertising ... in law it’s a bait

and switch,” Peters said of the meeting that was expected to be a give and take of ideas. “I like Kevin, but it’s poorly handled.

“The way the previous director left, brings questions about who made decisions,” Peters said, referring to Director Katie Dallos who announced on Facebook that she had been fired.

“It’s pulling the cart without a horse,” he said.

“I expected chairs and Mr. McNamara up front explaining what’s going on,” Dawson said.

Peters said he has lived in other communities

and, “In New Hampshire, you’d get ridden out on a rail. This is sterile and cruel.

“That’s what a community is: You look people in the eye and tell them what you know,” Peters said.

Elaine Gutierrez of Van Buren Township defended the procedure for getting input from the public. She said about 15 or 16 years ago, the library had a strategic plan for what they should do in the future and held a session like this in the basement of the Methodist Church. She said they got good ideas this way.



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, May 16, 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 Henry	Present
Council Member Jones	Present
Council Member Bates	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

1) Police Week Proclamation & Resolution

a) Proclamation recognizing the service of Belleville’s police personnel in honor of Police Week was presented to members of the Belleville Police Department.

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to approve **Resolution #22-039**, proclaiming May 15 – May 21, 2022 as Police Week.

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.

2) Public Service Recognition Week Proclamation & Resolution

a) Proclamation recognizing the service of government employees, in honor of their service to the community, was presented to the City of Belleville staff.

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Jones to approve **Resolution #22-040**, proclaiming May 1 – May 7, 2022 as Public Service Recognition Week.

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. Council Follow Up List

1) Council Member Henry inquired about the status of the Charter Revision Committee.

2) Council Member Bates inquired about the status of the DPW lot clean-up, as it had been removed from the list.

3) Resident Mike Renaud inquired about the involvement of the Belleville Yacht Club in the topping of vegetation, and asked what the city is doing from a liability standpoint.

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

1) Tom Fielder

a) Mr. Fielder stated that he had recently attended a Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network meeting, and learned that addictions are on the rise, with alcohol being the number one addicting substance.

b) Inquired about the possibility of patrons refilling BORA DORA cups with alcohol purchased from a store, and asked if the liabilities still apply if someone

was overserved in that cup at an establishment.

c) Noted that the Covid-19 pandemic has had a negative impact on the amount of staffing in regards to mental health services.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of item E: Discussion – BORA DORA District, as requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 2, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council
MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Voigt to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, May 2, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) Resolution to Request Funding from the Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Jones to approve the submission of an application for \$250,000 in MDOT funding to remove and replace concrete roadways within a portion of Harbour Pointe, and to also approve matching funds and coverage of engineering costs on the city’s behalf in the total amount of \$320,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

B) DPW Log Updates

1. Updates to the activity logs utilized by the Department of Public Works were presented to Council by Deputy City Manager McLean.

C) Discussion - Sanitation Fund Rates

1. The proposal to increase resident sanitation rates was presented by City Manager Robinson

2. Resident Chris Lauth stated that the sanitation services provided to the city’s residents are much more convenient than other communities’, and at a lower rate.

3. Resident Mike Renaud stated that he believes that competitors don’t come in with competitive bids because they don’t want to encroach on other companies’ territories.

4. Resident Tom Fielder stated that the city has always had a good relationship with Republic Waste Services, the city’s sanitation service provider.

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Voigt to approve a sanitation rate increase beginning July 1, 2022, with future rate changes to be assessed annually.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

D) Discussion – Possible Rescheduling of June Budget Meeting

1) Council Members discussed and agreed to reschedule the June Budget Meeting to Monday, June 6, 2022, at 6 p.m.

E) Discussion – BORA DORA District

1. Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt re-opened a discussion regarding the BORA DORA district in reference to Pastor White of Grace Baptist Church’s concerns, and wanted to make it clear that the City Council Members were listening.

2. Pastor White reiterated his concerns about the district:

i. People enjoying the district are often cutting across his property and leaving litter behind

ii. Doesn’t understand why the district has to run alongside area churches and a public park.

iii. Stated that the Belleville First United Methodist Church is in agreement with his views.

3. Resident Chris Lauth inquired as to how similar districts in other areas are working, and if they are having any issues.

4. City Manager Robinson made the following comments:

i. Other communities with outdoor refreshment areas are not having any issues.

ii. No citations for violations or arrests for disorderly conduct have been issued or taken place in Belleville’s BORA DORA district since its establishment.

iii. Understands the churches’ viewpoints, but noted that the feelings of the community as a whole must be taken in to consideration.

5. Council Member Henry agreed that the churches should be exempt from being a part of the district, but believes removing Horizon Park from the district would have a negative impact on Lake Fest.

6. Resident Tom Fielder questioned why the city is okay with allowing Horizon Park to be a part of the district, when they had previously declared the city’s parks as alcohol-free zones.

7. Fire Chief Loranger noted that shutting down the BORA DORA district would not prevent someone from becoming intoxicated at a local establishment and then walking to the park.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Jones to approve **Resolution #22-042** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• City Manager Robinson noted that he did follow up on all of the items asked of him by Council.

• Noted that it appears the city will once again receive the Summer Youth Grant from Wayne County Mental Health, in the approximate amount of \$40,000. He hopes to hire around 10 workers, ages 14-26.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Council Member Jones

-- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

-- Noted that the last day of school for Belleville High School seniors is Thursday, May 19th, with their graduation ceremony being held on Thursday, May 26th at Eastern Michigan University.

• Council Member Henry -- No comments.
• Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt

-- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

-- Commented that the discussions at the meeting were good.

-- Noted that a new batch of Belleville High School senior banners are expected to be hung around June 4th.

• Council Member Bates

-- Noted that good conversation was had at the meeting, and believes that discussions like those had are beneficial to the community.

12. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

• Mayor Conley provided an update in regards to the Highland Park/GLWA water debt situation, stating that the State has stepped in and made progress, such as informing Highland Park that they are solely responsible for the repayment of their debt(s) to GLWA. She also noted that several other communities, in addition to Belleville, have held their water payment funds in escrow accounts.

• Congratulated all graduating seniors, and noted that over \$850,000 in scholarships were given out to seniors at Belleville High School last week.

• Noted that the Lacrosse Senior Night is Tuesday, May 17th, and it will also be the lacrosse team’s last home game of the season.

• Sought input from residents on the possibility of changing water billing cycles from the current bi-monthly schedule.

-- Residents in attendance responded that they are pleased with the current cycle, but many stated that they would like to have an auto-pay option for their bills.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

• Tom Fielder

-- Reminded everyone that the due date for the Belleville Area Museum survey is June 1st.

-- Reminded everyone that the Monday Night Car Show and the Belleville Farmer’s Market both begin on June 6th.

• Mike Renaud

-- Reminded everyone that the flag placement for Veteran graves in Hillside Cemetery will take place on Saturday, May 21st at 8:30 a.m.

• Chris Lauth

-- Mentioned that he had heard that State Senator Erika Geiss is holding a Pagan festival in Belleville.

• Council Member Bates

-- Asked if DPW Director Rutherford managed to get anyone to come out and speak at a meeting about PFAS in Belleville Lake.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

• None

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to adjourn at 9:09 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman / City Clerk

Approved: 6/6/22

Posted: 6/7/22

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More Letters

A few thoughts at the start of summer

To the editor:

Just a few thoughts at the start of Summer...

Despite overwhelming evidence of guilt, a high-priced lawyer was found “not guilty.” If you were on trial, what do you think the verdict would be? So much for equal justice under the law.

There is talk of student loan forgiveness. How about reimbursement for those that worked and paid for their education? I’m old and didn’t go to college, but have a car

payment and maybe the government could just give me a car? After all, a loan is a loan.

The government wants to reinstate masks on airplanes -- do they all wear a mask on Air Force One?

Five-dollar-a-gallon gas. The government’s solution: buy an electric car. I’ll buy an electric car when they fly on electric planes.

Oh, and see the new signs on our border that used to say: “give us your tired, your poor, and your weary,” now they’ve added “... and send us your human smugglers, your drug mules, and your terrorists.”

America used to be a great country.

Mickey Widener
Van Buren Township

DTE: There will be no rolling brownouts in MI

To the editor:

With summer on the horizon, I thought this would be a good time to share with you how DTE works to make sure you have the energy needed to live, work, and learn every day, all year long.

A recent report was published by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), the organization responsible for overseeing the electric grid across 15 states and one Canadian province, detailing the summer outlook for the region. In the report, MISO warned of potential generation capacity issues in the Midwest that may lead to rolling brownouts. I’ve heard concerns from some our customers regarding this

report that I want to address.

As the largest energy producer in the state of Michigan, DTE has the energy needed to serve our customers – plus reserves – even during the hottest days of summer. We do not expect rolling brownouts or any issues with generating the electricity you need to live your life all summer long.

We work closely with MISO and have extensive preparedness plans in place in the event of a Midwest regional MISO issue. When the region – not necessarily the DTE service territory – is at risk of falling short because of high demand, we are required by MISO to respond to the call to make sure as many people as possible in the Midwest have the energy they need.

There are several ways we can help the region, including sending our excess generation back to the grid. DTE also has a large number of customers on voluntary interruptible rates that can be curtailed, if needed, to help maintain regional system reliability. And if the region really needs our help, we may issue a public appeal and ask our customers to turn down their thermostats a couple degrees or turn off any lights or appliances they’re not using.

I can’t emphasize enough that we do not anticipate an issue for you or our other customers in Southeast Michigan this summer.

Our focus continues to be on providing clean and reliable electricity to the residents of southeast Michigan. As we continue our generation transformation to cleaner sources of power - like natural gas and renewables, we want all of you to be reassured that DTE is carefully planning this transition. In fact, our new Blue Water Energy Center power plant, which will launch at the start of June, will be the cleanest, most efficient natural gas power plant in the United States.

Rest assured, DTE is preparing for the hot summer, and will make sure we have enough electricity to serve you.

Wishing you all an enjoyable summer,

Trevor Lauer
President and Chief Operating Officer
DTE Electric

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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Bid documents will be available on or after June 9, 2022

Non-Mandatory Prebid Walk-Through: **10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 16, 2022 - Meet at Van Buren Charter Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Twp., MI 48111. Meet at the main entrance.**

Bid Due Date: **2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 28, 2022**
Bids will only be accepted on forms provided. Proposal forms must be in a sealed envelope, mailed or delivered in person prior by 2:00 p.m. EST on the due date to:
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Bid Security: Not required

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City Council

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Tom Fielder said from the audience that people will comment that, “Nobody ever lowers it.” He said the council will have to say what that money is going to be used for.

Chief Robinson said each mill brings \$90,000 and the two mills cost taxpayers \$200 per year for a \$100,000 house.

Mayor Pro Tem Voigt said he wasn’t ready to vote on this assessment that evening, so people could come and comment on the proposal. But Mayor Kerreen Conley said that in order to put the public hearing notice in the paper the city needed to know this assessment figure.

Chief Robinson said what they did with the last two mills was to defray the costs of public safety. He said the reason they have the DPW truck falling apart and the street sweeper in disrepair is because two mills for public safety didn’t displace enough to cover these needs.

“We’re begging, borrowing and stealing to keep going,” he said, adding, “We have been very responsible with the two mills. ... and the employees have been very responsible with their money, sometimes to a fault.”

He said they didn’t have proper police equipment and there were buckets on their desks as they waited for a new city hall.

“We can’t let the building fall down around us,” Robinson said.

Fire Fighter Zweng said with the new duty crew their response rate is expected to be two minutes.

Mayor Conley told Fielder that the council is prepared to answer questions from the public and, “We’ve been very conservative and thought-full.”

In other business at the June 6 meeting, the council:

- Discussed bringing back the goats to munch on the greenery on Horizon Park’s shoreline this summer, with a quote of \$4,000 by Randy Brown. After much discussion, no vote was taken. City Manager/Chief Robinson cautioned the council about ignoring the \$5,450 contract they signed with Randy Brown last summer for the goats, which included three years of maintenance at \$500 a year for him to spray the hill with

vegetation preventative after the goats were done. Chief Robinson said this was a sealed bid and there was another bidder and you can’t just change the bidding rules after the bid;

- Approved a proposal by the Belleville Yacht Club to upgrade the abandoned lakeside pump station on North Liberty Street at the end of First Street. The BYC, after their lakeside cleanup recently, volunteered to fix up the cute little structure by putting on a new roof and doors and windows and landscape, all at their expense. Fielder noted the land on which it sets is officially a park. DPW Director Rick Rutherford said the roof is slate and it shouldn’t be torn off. Everyone agreed the BYC should work under oversight of city administration;

- Approved acceptance of the \$40,000 allocation from Wayne County Integrated Health Network for a Summer Youth Employment Program. Robinson said they have only had word-of-mouth announcements of this and there are already six applications. John Juriga asked from the audience how many minorities have been hired for this program in the past and no one had any numbers. Voigt said he said he thinks the city hires anyone who applies;

- Approved hiring the law firm of Foster Swift Collins & Smith to assist the city in handling the marijuana ordinance. Robinson said they have the highest credentials in the state in this field and since he believes an ordinance is being prepared for the November ballot the city needs expert advice. “This is long overdue,” said Mayor Conley, “since we ended up with the first proposal.” Robinson said the subject is ever-changing since now there have been case law set after the subject went before judges;

- Approved accounts payables of \$86,862 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to A Design Line, \$843.70 for uniform shirts for fire department duty crews; to Blue Ribbon contracting, \$7,275 for emergency sewer repair on North Liberty and \$5,145.50 for emergency sewer repair on Main Street; to Cadillac Asphalt, \$733.20 for road patch; to Huron River Watershed Council, \$2,333.33 for watershed assessment/MS4 Permit; to Johnston Enterprises, \$509 for business

cards for Bellingham and Hootman and City Seal envelopes; and to the Michigan State Police, \$1,500 for template fees for donated radios. A fee of \$1,700 to Radiotronics USA for programming of radios for the police and fire departments was removed from the expenditures list since it was approved paid at the last meeting;

- Heard Robinson say that they are adding six new donated police prep radios into their system which were donated by Canadian Pacific Railroad. They are the exact make and model as their current radios. He said these are very valuable and will assist PD and Reserves with extra surplus while they wait for the grant submission to get approved to order new radios;

- Learned that Belleville Fire Fighter

Young got a grant for three AEDs for patrol cars worth \$7,000 from Beaumont Wayne. The Fire Department will teach the officers how to use them; and

- Heard Robinson announce that he is stepping up the ordinance enforcement and wants the residents to know a police officer will visit people with blight before giving a citation. He said people have been very cooperative so far. He said dismantled cars, unregistered vehicles, uncut grass will be addressed along with other blight and he wants the residents to know this city will be looking good. He said the city had its second work program from the court and workers cut the branches in the alley between Third and Fourth Street as they did public service.



City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2022-23 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET



Notice is hereby given that the Belleville City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan.

The proposed General Fund budget is \$2,795,864 based on estimated sources of revenue, including a proposed 2022-23 City property tax levy of 15.9353 mills for general operating purposes.

The City Council has authority to establish the proposed total millage rate of 18.1 mills, the current maximum allowable millage rate permitted by State Statute and the City Charter.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The budget includes proposed appropriations for the following funds:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
General Fund	\$3,042,847	\$2,795,864
Major Street Fund	\$ 315,000	\$ 499,079
Local Street Fund	\$ 262,000	\$ 310,664
Cemetery Fund	\$ 112,100	\$ 107,803
Sanitation Fund	\$ 275,000	\$ 271,039
Perpetual Care Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Building Dept. Fund	\$ 56,600	\$ 86,166
Budget Stabilization Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Public Improvement Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Capital Equipment Fund	\$ 203,895	\$ 293,444
DDA Operating Fund	\$ 435,954	\$ 520,877
DDA Debt Service Funds	\$ 400,046	\$ 400,046

A complete copy of the proposed 2022-23 City Budget is available for public inspection during regular business hours at City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan.

Public comments on the proposed budget may be submitted in writing prior to the public hearing, and in writing or in person at the hearing.

Briana Hootman
City Clerk

POSTED: June 7, 2022
PUBLISHED: June 9, 2022

Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

Belleville Area District Library

Notice of Public Hearing

The Belleville Area District Library (167 4th Street, Belleville, MI 48111) will hold a public hearing at the Library Board meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 7:30 pm, to consider the proposed 2022-2023 Library Budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The debt service millage rate proposed to be levied for the repayment of the bonds for the new library will also be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the proposed budget is available on the library’s website (www.belleville.lib.mi.us) and at the Library during open hours (Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 9 pm, and Friday & Saturday, 10 am – 6 pm).

Publish: June 9, 2022

Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **2:00 p.m. on June 21, 2022**, for the Tyler Elementary School AHU Replacement Project. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud via Microsoft Teams meeting immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held outside the main entrance to Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111, on **June 8, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.**

All Bids must be addressed to Van Buren Public Schools, 555 W. Columbia, Belleville, MI. 48111 Attention: Mr. James Williams, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Bid Security, Cashier's Check or Certified Check in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the School District. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must be included. A sworn and notarized criminal background check affidavit must be included and a sworn and notarized non-collusive affidavit must be included. Accepted bidders may be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:

<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=701a1df047cf43c58eafc62d1709006>

Documents will be available for viewing on **June 2, 2022**. Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki, Plante Moran Cresa, at rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com.

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Air Show crowds won't be able to park along Ecorse Rd. this year

By Rosemary K. Oztzman
Independent Editor

Those who like to watch the annual Thunder Over Michigan Air Show at Willow Run Airport while parked along Ecorse Road in Van Buren Township will have to find another place to watch the July 16 and 17 show this year.

Van Buren Township Police Lt. Charles Bazy said police will be shutting Ecorse Road down for the air show and no parking will be allowed there due to safety concerns.

He said they tried to allow parking, but last year he wouldn't have been able to get a patrol car or fire truck down Ecorse because of the way people parked. The decision has been made to just shut down the road completely.

He said people park and get out and run on an active roadway with traffic and it has been very dangerous, especially in the Ecorse/Beck/GM area.

Lt. Bazy said a map of the road closings is being prepared and will be released soon.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on **June 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room. The Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to receive comments from property owners notified of the need to repair or replace sidewalks adjacent to their property in the Van Buren Estates (Haggerty) subdivision, per Section 74-26(e) of the Van Buren Township Code of Ordinances. In advance of the hearing, interested persons may email publicservices@vanburen-mi.org or call **734.699.8913** with any questions or comments.

Participants may find the meeting agenda by going to www.vanburen-mi.org > Government > Board of Trustees. Members of the public may participate in the meeting electronically per guidance provided by the Wayne County Local Public Health Department for meetings of governmental bodies held under public act 228 of 2020, effective January 1, 2022. On the agenda for the meeting, a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access will be provided. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel which can be reached from the live meeting link located on the Van Buren Township website home page (www.vanburen-mi.org). Closed captioning will be available after YouTube fully renders meeting video. A complete **procedure for public comment by electronic means** is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website (www.vanburen-mi.org).

To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8900 extension 9205.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On June 22nd, 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.

2002	FORD	PU	1FTNF21L02EB02736	22-4988
2006	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WT58K569405248	22-4476
2004	FORD	VA	1FDXE45S84HA00980	22-4516
2019	KIA	SW	KNDPM3ACXK7610382	22-4606B
2009	FORD	SW	1FMCU03G99KA37040	22-4556A
2010	FORD	4D	3FAHP0HG3AR160381	22-4023
2006	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1AL55F667782111	22-3783

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.

2004	FORD	4D	1FAFP53294G149168	22-4254
2009	SATURN	SW	5GZER13DX9J103836	22-4224
2010	FORD	SW	1FMCU0D71AKA86901	22-2556
2002	HONDA	4D	1HGCG56642A049587	22-3969B
2006	DODGE	4D	2D4FV47V86H199682	22-4327
2004	TOYOTA	4D	4T1BE32K84U891224	22-4493
2003	MAZDA	SW	4F2CZ96173KM04963	22-4552
2007	BUICK	SW	5GADV33177D211046	22-3671

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: June 9th, 2022

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 266 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, May 29:
0008 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln.
0008 -- civil matter, Arcadia Ct.
0017 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
0036 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
0100 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
0301 – assist fire dept., Sheldon Rd.
0442 – assist other dept., Belleville Rest Area/W. I-94

0733 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0746 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0922 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0929 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0940 – animal complaint, Chatsworth Dr.
1116 – welfare check, Van Born
1133 – abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
1200 – animal complaint, Savage Rd./Arlene Ln.
1238 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd.
1309 – intrusion alarm, Alba Ct.
1405 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.

1434 – motorist assist, sand bar
1512 – animal complaint, Madison Dr.
1530 – juvenile complaint, Potter/Huron River Dr.
1551 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1559 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.

1625 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1625 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1753 – intrusion alarm, Van Buren St.
1812 – shooting, Savage Rd./Arlene Ln.
1854 – family trouble, Barnwell Dr.
1902 – family trouble, Barnwell Dr.
1903 – welfare check, Amanda Dr./Lindsey Dr.
2018 – malicious destruction of property, Bayshore
2022 – harassment call, Harmony Ln.
2026 – noise complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
2042 – missing person, Lancaster Rd.
2108 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2150 – breaking & entering, Bentley Dr.
2150 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./Lake Villa
2210 – mental subject, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2212 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2216 – noise complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
2222 – fight, S. Timberview Dr.
2245 – noise complaint, Coolidge St./Wheeler St.
2313 – intrusion alarm, Holly Ln.
2322 – shooting, Savage Rd./Martinsville Rd.

Monday, May 30:
0553 – assist fire dept., Quirk Rd.
1127 – assist other dept., E. Main St.
1158 – welfare check, Jackson St.
1219 – breaking & entering, Belleville Rd.
1233 – threat, Outer Dr.
1318 – domestic, Capitol Dr.
1329 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1357 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
1406 – fraud, W. Archwood Dr.
1431 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Belleville Rd.

1526 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1538 – welfare check, Tyler Rd.
1559 – welfare offense, Lenmoore Ave.
1608 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1615 – domestic, Zachary St.
1712 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1734 – shooting, Brookside Dr.
1756 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1804 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1915 – intrusion alarm, Vista Dr.
1928 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1936 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2024 – welfare check, Country Ln.
2041 – domestic, Westlake Cir.
2147 – warrant arrest, W. Jefferson
2203 – domestic, Brandi
2230 – domestic, Rawsonville DNR
2243 – fireworks, Bog Rd.

Tuesday, May 31:
0359 – domestic, Haggerty Rd.
0804 – malicious destruction of property, Westlake Cir.
0858 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1011 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rawsonville Rd.

1046 – welfare check, Brandi Dr.
1046 – fraud, E. Archwood Dr.
1050 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./Riggs Rd.
1152 – traffic offense, Nautica Dr.
1247 – juvenile complaint, Savage Rd.
1307 – suspicious person/vehicle, Holly Ln.
1336 – larceny, Lake Pointe Pass
1401 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1618 – intrusion alarm, Vista Dr.
1626 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1627 – welfare check, Park Estates Dr.
1728 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1736 – vehicle lockout, S. Woodbury Dr.
1741 – PPO violation, Brandi Dr.
1840 – animal complaint, Westlake Cir.
1857 – animal complaint, Alden Ave.
1903 – shooting, Savage Rd./Arlene Ln.
1908 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lincoln St.
2151 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bog Rd.
2304 – animal complaint, S. Timberview Dr.
2322 – civil matter, Arcadia

Wednesday, June 1:
0025 – noise complaint, S. Timberview Dr.
0504 – hospice death, Hull Rd.
0702 – follow up by officer, Parkwood Dr.
0827 – welfare check, E. Sadie Ln.
0848 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0912 – domestic, Briarcliff Dr.
0918 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0958 – suspicious person/vehicle, Elwell Rd.
1132 – private property impound, Morton Taylor Rd./Van Born Rd.

1132 – larceny from auto, W. Archwood Dr.
1317 – intrusion alarm, Montague Ave.
1424 – traffic offense, Redwood
1457 – sexual assault, Beckley Rd.
1526 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edison Lk.
1541 – animal complaint, Sheldon Rd.
1706 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.
1824 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1835 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd./Coolidge
1926 – intrusion alarm, Harmony Ln.
1934 – fraud, Ecorse Rd.
1943 – larceny, Dewitt Rd.
2004 – civil matter, Lighthouse Dr.
2017 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2037 – welfare check, Jewell Ave.
2058 – juvenile complaint, Vernon St.
2136 – noise complaint, Dalton Dr.
2208 – parking complaint, Sawgrass Ct.
2340 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
2359 – animal complaint, Rogers Ave.

Thursday, June 2:
0104 – domestic, Richard Run Dr.
0141 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0313 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
0509 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kouza Ct.
0755 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0856 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1013 – assist other dept., Fourth
1029 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
1151 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1223 – noise complaint, Tyler
1242 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./W I-94 Belleville ramp

1322 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd.
1423 – suspicious person/vehicle, Togowtee Pass
1557 – assist fire dept., Vine St.
1618 – assist fire dept., Winchester St.
1628 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1636 – intrusion alarm, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1651 – assist other dept., Carmell
1751 – larceny from auto, Old Rawsonville
1907 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1910 – assault & battery, Holly Ln.
2037 – family trouble, Savage Rd.
2100 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.
2236 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belmont Dr.
2254 – overdose, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2308 – welfare check, Burtrig St.

Friday, June 3:
0142 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / Van Born Rd.
0442 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0710 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0810 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
0934 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
0954 – civil matter, Riggs Rd.
1023 – sexual assault, McBride
1041 – welfare check, Morton Taylor Rd./Tyler
1055 – weapons violation, Ecorse Rd.

1253 – neighbor trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1320 – overdose, Belmont Dr.
1406 – property damage accident, Lakeview Dr.
1410 – threat, Holly Ln.
1512 – malicious destruction of property, Vernon
1532 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan / Michigan Ave.
1550 – malicious destruction of property, Michigan Ave. / Dellor St.
1623 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd.
1628 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.
1720 – civil matter, Brookview Dr.
1820 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1905 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1908 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1915 – intrusion alarm, Stamford Rd.
1914 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1937 – overdose, McKinley St.
1940 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1952 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
2143 – traffic offense, Quirk Rd.
2232 – intrusion alarm, Hannan Rd.
2237 – suspicious person/vehicle, Southport Apts.
2309 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, June 4:
0033 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
0355 – intrusion alarm, Hannan Rd.
0417 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0743 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0756 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1128 – animal complaint, Haggerty/Independence
1141 – parking complaint, North Shore Dr.
1202 – assist other dept., Richard Run Dr.
1205 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1206 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1235 – civil matter, Ormond Dr.
1248 – family trouble, Holly Ln.
1338 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1352 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1357 – private property impound, Parkwood Dr.
1402 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1426 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.
1452 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1612 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1707 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1743 – parking complaint, Chatsworth Dr.
1842 – suspicious person/vehicle, Winchester St.
1844 – fight, Quirk Rd.
1948 – abandoned auto, N. Woodbury Dr.
2003 – fight, Quirk Rd.
2008 – abandoned auto, S. Woodbury Dr.
2036 – assist fire dept., Holly Ln.
2158 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
2210 – welfare check, Bayshore Dr.
2210 – noise complaint, Hamilton St.
2218 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2230 – noise complaint, Bog Rd.
2251 – intrusion alarm, Timberview Ct.
2344 – threat, Quirk Rd.

Also on this week's log are 32 traffic stops, five of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 29:
0712 – animal complaint, E. Columbia Ave.
1530 – juvenile complaint, Potter Dr./E. Huron River Dr.
1543 – assist other dept., Henry St.
1952 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Clarence
2054 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia
2321 – shooting, Greylock St.

Monday, May 30:
0828 – weapons violation, W. Columbia Ave.
0929 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1005 – traffic offense, Church St./High St.
1124 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1615 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.

Tuesday, May 31:
0935 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
1009 – traffic stop, Main St.
1011 – assault & battery, W. Columbia Ave.
1053 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
1320 – family trouble, Loza Ln.
1351 – traffic stop, E. Columbia/tracks
1351 – traffic stop, E. Columbia/RR tracks
1608 – traffic stop, Oxford Ct./Victorian Ln.

1629 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
1651 – traffic stop, Savage/tracks
1720 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
1820 – traffic stop, Madelon/E. Columbia Ave.
2344 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, June 1:
0317 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
1134 – ordinance violation, Roland St.
2024 – intrusion alarm, Church St.
2047 – motorist assist, W. Huron River Dr. / Harbour Pointe Dr.

Thursday, June 2:
0119 – follow up by officer, Main St.
0132 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
0830 – larceny from auto, E. Huron River Dr.
0942 – suicidal person, Fourth St.
1135 – disorderly, E. Columbia Ave.
1408 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1641 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
2036 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Wexford

Friday, June 3:
0039 – traffic stop, Victorian Ln./Savage Rd.
0156 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.

0821 – property damage accident, South St.
1102 – private property impound, S. Industrial Pk.
1335 – harassment call, E. Columbia Ave.
1357 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.
2105 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
2133 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2156 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
2336 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.

Saturday, June 4:
0228 – traffic stop, Fifth St./Main St.
1151 – traffic stop, Denton Rd./Belleville Rd.
1226 – traffic stop, Village Park
1243 – traffic stop, Victorian Ln./Savage Rd.
1442 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Edison
1524 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
1558 – traffic offense, Huron River Dr./W. Columbia Ave.

1626 – traffic stop, Sheldon Rd./Savage Rd.
1635 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1638 – property damage accident, Main St.
1655 – larceny, High St.
1913 – disorderly, High St.
2019 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./S. Edgemont Ave.

2023 – assist other dept., Quirk Rd.
2120 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
2150 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Park
2154 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./South St.
2345 – domestic, Main St.

There are 29 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 29:
0029 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
0558 – 911 hang up, Birch Dr.
0724 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1035 – animal complaint, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1310 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln.
1328 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1534 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1554 – traffic complaint/hazard, 26000 bl. Sumpter
1730 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1742 – neighbor dispute, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1839 – shots fired, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
1903 – juvenile complaint, Rustic Ln.
2030 – juvenile complaint, Hampshire Dr.
2109 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
2126 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
2147 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.

Monday, May 30:
1125 – alarm, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1423 – 911 hang up, Utah St.
1508 – assault, Rustic Ln.
1709 – welfare check, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1812 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1829 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1921 – ORV complaint, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Tuesday, May 31:
0247 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0504 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1056 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1127 – alarm, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.

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APPLICATIONS DUE: JUNE 14
 INTERVIEWS: JUNE 18-20



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Carnival at Wayne County Fairgrounds shut down for fights

On Saturday night the Wayne County Fairgrounds shut down the carnival that was operating to welcome summer because of the juveniles who were fighting.

Van Buren Township Police Lt. Charles Bazzy said the fairgrounds was required to hire private security before the township allowed it to have a carnival, given the problem with fights in the past.

But, he said, a bunch of juveniles from other jurisdictions were fighting and the private security couldn't handle it. He said they called Van Buren Township Police to handle it.

The police dispatch log for Saturday shows calls to Van Buren Police at 6:44

p.m. and 8:03 p.m.

On Sunday, the fairgrounds required those under the age of 18 to be accompanied by an adult in order to be admitted to the carnival. Lt. Bazzy said police did not get another call for help.

Court Watching

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was no search of the vehicle.

Under cross-examination by defense attorney Tyrone Bickerdt, Officer Hayes testified that at the speeding stop, he issued a citation but didn't ask anybody to step out and there was no interaction with the defendant, no threats. He testified when he saw the video 30 minutes after the stop, he recalled the stop. He stated twice that he never saw a weapon.

The second witness was Officer Short, who has been with the Van Buren Township police for eight years. He testified he accompanied Hayes to Washtenaw County where they collected evidence from a deputy which included Odumodu's cell phone. He had no contact with the defendant, he said. The four men had all been arrested and taken to the station.

Washtenaw County Deputy Brian Ward, the final witness, said they detained all four at the Nottingham Dr./Devon St. stop and saw the video of the passenger pointing a firearm at officers. He said a black pistol was recovered from the rear seat of the driver's side. It was loaded and someone ran the weapon through LEIN (law enforcement information network).

Judge Green said she found it was an issue of fact and found probable cause to bind him over to circuit court. She said pretrial services was satisfied with his bond, but his attorney can make an argument for reduced bond at circuit court.

Wyman Jerome Taylor

Wyman Jerome Taylor, 66, of Van Buren Township, was video arraigned from Van Buren Township Police Department on June 3 by Judge Martin. He is charged with domestic violence on June 1 in Van Buren Township. His personal bond was set at \$5,000 and he is to have no contact with the victim or an address on Briarcliff. His remote pretrial was set for June 14.

Robert Tyrone Riley-Harrison

Robert Tyrone Riley-Harrison, 29, of Garden City was arraigned May 31 by Judge Green on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, malicious destruction of personal property more than \$200 and domestic violence on May 31 in Van Buren Township. His personal bond was set at \$5,000 and he cannot return to an address on Haggerty Road or contact the victim. His probable cause conference was set for June 8.

"Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death."

— Albert Einstein

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1453 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.
 1511 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1558 – property damage accident, 41000 bl. Bemis
 1616 – follow-up investigation, Carriage Ln.
 1740 – welfare check, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1837 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
 1843 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
 2123 – juvenile complaint Second St.

Wednesday, June 1:

0518 – civil matter, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1328 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Claxton
 1421 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 1508 – death investigation, 20000 bl. Griffin Ct.
 1711 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1712 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1821 – mental health call, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
 2150 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
 2309 – juvenile complaint, Carriage Ln.

Thursday, June 2:

0046 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
 1038 – neighbor dispute, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
 1112 – property damage accident, Birch Dr.
 1525 – malicious destruction of property, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.

1757 – welfare check, Knollwood Dr.
 2245 – fire dept. assist, Delaware St.
 2248 – neighbor dispute, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

Friday, June 3:

0051 – family trouble, Brookview Dr.
 0458 – suspicious person, Rawsonville Rd./Judd
 0528 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
 0738 – death investigation, 22000 bl. Fenster Dr.
 0851 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
 0955 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.
 1229 – mental health call, Creekside Dr.
 1337 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Collyer Ct.
 1513 – civil matter, Birch Dr.
 1517 – suspicious circumstance, Wilnot/Kozma
 1538 – 911 hang up, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
 1557 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1812 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 2009 – alarm, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 2047 – death investigation, 21000 bl. Meri Dr.
 2223 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
 2336 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, June 4:

1043 – welfare check, Creekside Dr.
 1324 – harassment complaint, 39000 bl. Wear Rd.
 1418 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1501 – welfare check, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1633 – mental health call, Greenmeadow Dr.
 1808 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
 2023 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
 2250 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville/Rustic Ln.
 2314 – property damage accident, Willis/Sumpter
 Also on this week's log are 138 patrol checks, 64 traffic stops, and 13 misc. details.

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