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Belleville City Council votes to opt out of new state marijuana law

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

During a special city council meeting on Monday, Belleville city attorney Steve Hitchcock gave a lengthy presentation on the new state law that allows provisioning centers, growing licenses, secure transportation, and compliance facilities for medical marijuana.

Then the Belleville City Council voted unanimously to officially opt out of that law. It also directed City Manager Diana Kollmeyer to bring back the paperwork necessary to change the zoning ordinance that provides for medical marijuana establishments in Industrial zoning.

Belleville wants to be completely out of the medical marijuana business.

Hitchcock said Dec. 15 was the date set to start issuing permits under the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act, but first the state is doing background checks, which will take a while. He said those who pass the checks then will apply for the licenses, which probably won't be granted until spring.

He said unless the municipality passes ordinances for location of marijuana facilities, they wouldn't have them.

Hitchcock said some communities are opting out of this by doing nothing, but that leaves the municipal staff without something to tell the callers and they'll keep calling every week until you have

something definite to say.

The MMFLA provides for three levels of growers licenses, other forms of medical marijuana such as oils and edibles, provisionary centers (retail centers to sell marijuana to those with medical marijuana cards or caregivers), secure transportation licenses (to transport from the grower to processing to the provisioning centers) and compliance facilities to test the marijuana for THC and purity.

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Supt. Kudlak tells of boundary issue with Airport Schools

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One day a kindergartner came to register with the Van Buren Public Schools and they thought the child was their student. The child was within the VBPS border, according to paperwork it had.

But, according to paperwork the Airport Community Schools had in Carleton, Airport thought the child was its student.

This is how the boundary issue with the Airport school district began, said Van Buren Public Schools Supt. Pete Kudlak, who told the story at Monday's school board meeting.

The child lived in the Martinsville Road area, south of Wear Road in Sumpter Township.

Supt. Kudlak said neither paperwork was right.

He said Sumpter Township was taxing some houses as being in the Van Buren Public Schools and their students were going to Airport.

"Both districts thought they were their students," Kudlak said.

Officials rented microfiche to study the
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Belleville High School senior Gabe Brown has signed with Michigan State University to play basketball. Sitting with Gabe are his grandparents Amelia and Clinton Brown. Standing are his varsity coach Adam Trumpour, at left, and his brother Nick Brown.



Belleville High School senior Katelyn Sherwood signed to Wayne State University to play basketball. Katelyn is with her mother Genine Sherwood, father Richard Sherwood, and brother RJ Sherwood.

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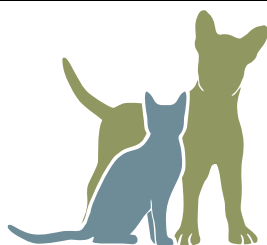
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Van Buren Planners delay OK of Ashley Capital project

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After a public hearing and long discussion, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission tabled a request for special land use approval and preliminary site plan approval for Ashley Capital's new distribution center on 158.5 acres just northwest of the Ecorse-Haggerty Road intersection.

The Ashley Capital property stretches all the way to Van Born Road.

Twenty years ago Ashley Capital built a warehouse on Ecorse just south of this location. The township ordinance states anything larger than 250,000 square feet is a "distribution center" and the new project will total 1,575,778 square feet of gross floor area in four buildings.

Michael Balow of Ashley Capital said the buildings will have precast construction and are being built speculatively, with no tenants, under the belief that if you build the buildings, "they will come."

He said they plan to break ground in the spring on the first two buildings and by the end of 2018 they hope to have tenants.

Sue Farr, 6960 Haggerty Road, who backs up to the Ashley Capital site, said Bowen does have the traffic study the township requested in 2015 and never received.

Farr pointed out the heavy traffic on deteriorated Haggerty Road. She said there were three overturned semis at Haggerty and I-275 just this summer. She said the potholes on Haggerty caused 23 flat tires in one night, with people coming to her door for help.

"Ashley does not want to pay to buy us out," she said, noting that at a rate of \$6 a square foot, Ashley makes \$9 million a month. She said she has 1.8 acres and a house and they offered her \$30,000.

"We've lost three very dear friends," she said. "One in 1999 was harrassed to death by Ashley Capital."

She urged the planning commission to require as part of its approval process that Ashley Capital buy out the few residents left along the east side of their property on Haggerty.

The son of 80-year-old Ralph Turner, who lives at 6598 Haggerty Road, said his father is surrounded by Ashley Capital. He said the semi traffic in front of him on Haggerty is horrible and now there will be traffic in his back yard, as well. He said he doesn't know what Ashley Capital will do with its property to the north of this project.

He said they received an offer of \$60,000 from Ashley Capital a long time ago for the house and 1.7 acres. He said they need enough money to move his aging parents into a retirement home and if they got a fair offer on the house, they'd probably take it.

"We've all been very concerned about houses on Haggerty Road and a couple on Ecorse," said township Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the planning commission. "This company should be fair with the neighbors."

"There are extreme issues already on those roads," said commission chairwoman Carol Thompson.

Balow said his company went through some site plan approval sessions and the planning commission asked them to meet with the residents. He said they made offers in 1998. They figured 2.5 times the State Equalized Value would generate a fair number, but those numbers were not met positively by the residents.

He said then they hired an appraiser and offered 10% over the appraised value. He said they offered that to all residents and they were rejected.

"We stopped offering," Balow said. "We stopped trying to convince them."

Farr said their appraiser walked around the outside of the houses and didn't go inside.

"We all know how that works," she said, adding if you hire the appraiser, he'll give you the numbers you want.

"I had a good offer from Taco Bell and KFC," Farr said, noting somebody on the commission worked in Canton and Taco Bell and KFC went to Canton to avoid the controversy in Van Buren Township.

"Haggerty Road is a death trap with all the cars and semis," Farr said. "They'll tell you if you let them do this, the trucks will go through Ecorse Road to I-275, but you know some will take Haggerty."

"In 1999, I could hear them clearing the trees," she said, noting this was without proper permission, with the cutting done at night. Now, with the trees removed, she has to run a fan 24/7 to cover the noise. She said they hear noise from the Ashley Capital on the south side of Ecorse "all the time."

"I've been in front of you before," Farr said to the commission. "I've got my whole life in there -- 44 years I worked and sometimes two jobs."

Ralph Turner's son said his dad turned 80 this year and was 60 when Ashley moved into that area 20 years ago. He said the family didn't know he was going to be "surrounded by traffic."

After the public hearing, Patrick Sloan of McKenna planning consultants gave a report on the special land use portion of the project.

He said the roads are a regional and local issue around industrial land. He said you can't make them improve something apart from their site.

He said there is no proposed drive to Haggerty Road and Wayne County will

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-- Sue Farr

Haggerty Road resident

require a traffic impact study, "and it is something we would want to see." The project will add more trucks to Ecorse and I-275 interchange and possible Haggerty Road. He said the bay sites are facing north and south, not facing the residential area.

Treasurer Budd said Webb Engineering's report said a traffic impact study was done. An engineer from Webb said it was done in 2016. The county wanted something for Ashley South and while they were with the county, they told them what they wanted them to do, he said. Webb was hired by Ashley Capital.

"We have not seen their traffic study," Thompson said.

"No offers since 1999?" asked Commissioner Medina Atchinson.

"I don't know the date," Balow said. "We have purchased a few homes." He said he could suggest the company consider new offers.

"Can we add that as a condition of approval?" Commissioner Atchinson asked.

Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development, said the township couldn't legally require that, but it could make a suggestion.

"If we had those properties [along the eastern border of their project] we would have to start over on the site plan," Balow said. "They are no value to us now."

Atchinson said they had "human value" and, "I still would like to see them considered."

"We did consider them," Balow said and Atchinson laughed. "More recently," she said.

"Does there have to be a change in the Master Plan?" Thompson asked and Sloan said it is already zoned Industrial.

Thompson asked if in that area is commercial and Akers said commercial can be developed under the ordinance in an Industrial zoning.

Farr said in the past the owner of Ashley Capital flew in to a meeting at the township. It was in winter and he wore sandals and shorts and was tanned to the hilt, Farr said. She said he laughed at their questions and left.

Thompson said part of the approval of

special land use should be to have the traffic study and to ask Wayne County to come and talk to the township. Akers said he could ask the county to come. Sometimes they come and sometimes they don't.

Balow then walked up and placed a packet of papers on the commission table, noting, "Here's a copy of the traffic study."

Thompson said, "That's not going to cut it."

Commissioner Bryon Kelley make a motion to table the special land use request so this could be reviewed. Commissioner Vice Chairman Donald Boynton seconded the motion and the commission voted unanimously to table.

Then, the Ashley Capital site plan was discussed, with Balow pointing out that Sally Hodges of McKenna wanted the design of the building different than the South Ashley building, with bump outs and designs to keep it from being a flat-fronted building.

Akers pointed out the fire department is requiring two-way radio enhancements, as specified by the fire code.

Farr was concerned about the water in the project's retention pond. She did not want it flooding her yard, like it did when she claims they cut down 105 acres of trees in the middle of the night.

"I pumped for three months after they cut the trees," Farr said.

Thompson assured her the township does not let people drain their water onto someone else's property.

Engineer Dave Potter said he has requested a drainage breakup job and Farr may see him out with his boots on as he walks the site. They also will use aerial shots, he said.

Budd said, "I'm not ready to do anything on the preliminary site plan," and the commission voted to table it to coincide with the special land use request because answers are needed to several questions.

In other business at the Nov. 8 meeting, the commission:

- Approved the final site plan for the new Speedway station on two acres at the northeast corner of Belleville and Tyler roads, with the troublesome French drain at the sidewalk brought into the Speedway underground water retention system;

- Voted to recommend to the township board that it approve distribution of the Master Plan amendment and distribution of the proposed future land-use map, as part of the rezoning of the 75-acre Smith Farm in Denton village to light industrial use; and

- Approved the elevations presented by Gilbert Homes for eight new homes in Arlene Arbors. The homeowners association has provided a draft approval of the homes' designs. Each home will be 2,064 square feet in size.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Marijuana law still an unknown in Sumpter

On Monday, the Belleville City Council voted unanimously to opt out of the state's new Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act. No pot shops in Belleville.

Van Buren Township has indicated it will do the same shortly. Sumpter Township is an enigma.

Sumpter has announced meetings of a committee to look into the "facts" of MMFLA on the first Wednesday of every month, starting in November. It will meet again Dec. 6 and then again in January. Seems there is no hurry to decide.

Now we see Nelson Po has erected a sign on his Willis Road property where he said he plans to build four large marijuana growing facilities and a dispensary up by the roadway -- with a paved parking lot and landscaping. He said the site plan is being reviewed by the township planning consultant.

A circuit court judge had directed Sumpter Township to approve Po's growing operation in exchange for Po dropping his lawsuits against the township which are damaging its insurance coverage.

Are the committee meetings a charade? On Tuesday, township attorney Rob Young said that the committee will not make a recommendation to the board after all -- only present "facts."

When the committee was formed it was stated that VBT had a committee that studied the MMFLA and made a recommendation to the planning commission. That's what Sumpter was planning to do until now. What's going on?

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Because of Thanksgiving Day on Thursday next week, we will go to press at 8 a.m. Tuesday and distribute the *Independent* late Tuesday and throughout the day on Wednesday. We will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and then open on Friday, Nov. 24, as usual.

If you want a display advertisement in the Thanksgiving issue, we need it by 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 24. Classifieds we can take until noon on Monday, Nov. 27. Then at noon, we put the paper together so it can be published early Tuesday.

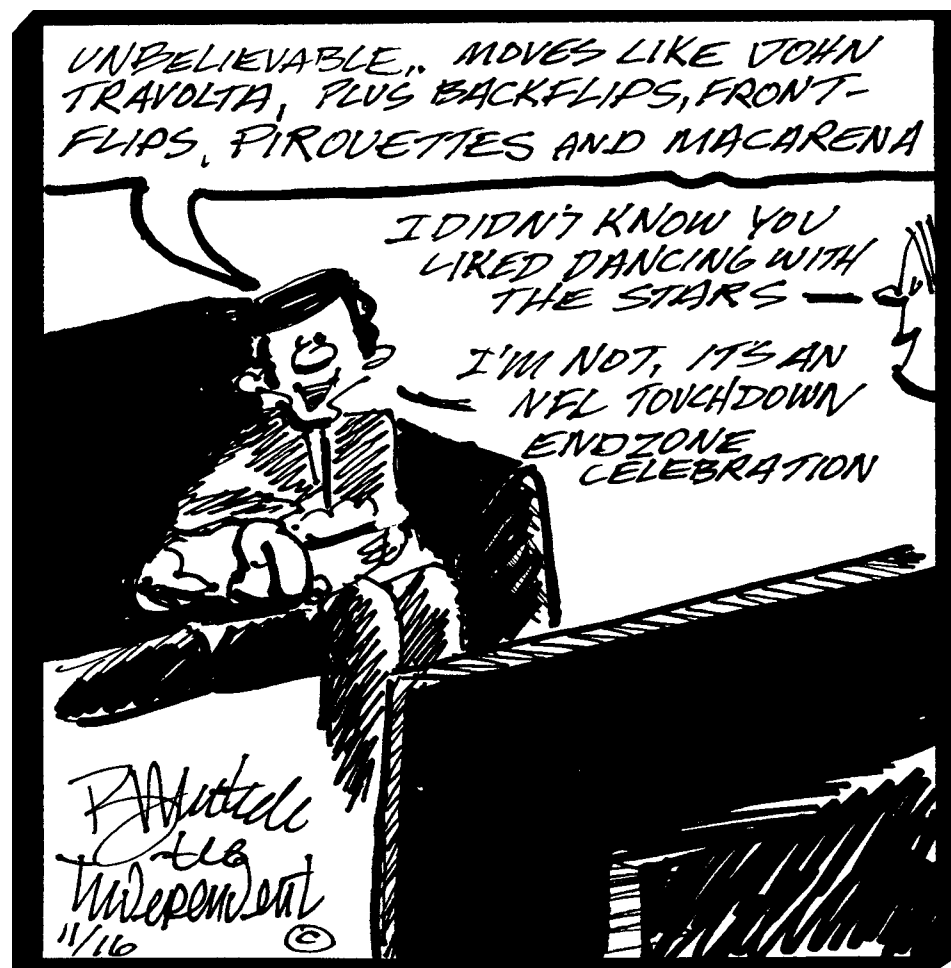
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Sumpter Township Police sent out a Nixel alert on Friday morning, informing residents of several overnight thefts from vehicles and a stolen vehicle, with another attempted stolen vehicle. This all was in the Dunn Road area and, they said, so far all the thefts from vehicles were from unlocked vehicles. Also, it's possible the stolen vehicle was left unlocked.

Police advised residents to remain vigilant by always locking their residences, outbuildings, and vehicles. Also, they said, adequate exterior light discourages criminal activity. Always report all suspicious activity immediately.

In the police logs we received Monday morning, there were five larcenies from autos recorded in the City of Belleville last week and 13 in Van Buren Township.

Vera Howell, a former resident of Victoria Commons who now lives in Southfield, sent an early Thanksgiving Day card to our



staff. She said she sent it early because she will be in Dubai for Thanksgiving.

Wayne County officials certified Belleville's Nov. 7 election. There were 427 people casting ballots of the 3,245 registered voters for a turnout of 13.19%. Precinct 1 had 120 voters, Precinct 2 had 75 voters and Absentee Voters for Precincts 1 and 2 totalled 232.

The candidates and their percentage of the votes are: Jesse Marcotte, 27.16%; Thomas Fielder, 23.48%; Jeff Vernon, 18.78%; Kelly Bates, 18.40%; and Gwen Hooks, 11.93%.

As you recall, incumbents Marcotte and Fielder were re-seated. The terms are four years. Pay is \$1,000 per year.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board, Library Director Mary Jo Suchy asked the board to approve some new hours she and her staff have worked out that they can manage within their current budget.

The board was happy to approve the plan. Starting in February the library will be open until 6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Now it closes at 5 p.m. on those days.

Now, Sunday hours would be nice. No one mentioned Sundays.

At the end of Tuesday's library board meeting, each board member was making comments and everybody was thanking

other board members for their work on this or that project. It was in the spirit of Thanksgiving, they all agreed.

As they went around the board table, near the end they got to Mary Jane Dawson, who seemed to sum it all up:

"Thank you to whoever you are for whatever you did whenever you did it!"

That brought lots of laughter and a good end to the meeting.


At Tuesday's meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Trustee Matthew Oddy interrupted the meeting to introduce the new owners of the old Tin Pan restaurant on Sumpter Road.

Bob Roberts and Ryan McShane had brought in free pizzas to share with those at the meeting to mark the opening of "Bobby McShane's," a family friendly sports club. It will be kind of a pub, with pizza because they have the equipment for pizza at the restaurant and know how to make good pizza.

They had to get back to their restaurant because they were getting it ready for opening the next day: Nov 15.

Bob said they will be good corporate members of the community and welcomed everybody to drop by and check them out.





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Letters

Don't let Sumpter become 'Skunkster'

To the editor:

I urge my fellow citizens of Sumpter Township to become aware of an upcoming vote by our township board as to whether they will vote to opt in or opt out of issuing licenses for marijuana grow farms. The City of Belleville and Van Buren Township boards have voted to opt out. Sumpter already has a medical marijuana use ordinance.

I understand several board members seem to be in favor of these marijuana grow operations because when a license would be granted there is a large sum of money paid to the township for this license. It seems that dollar signs are in their sight; they would sell their souls and sell us taxpayers out, property values would decrease, regular businesses or industry would not want to locate near the smell. Increased police and fire protection would be needed, also.

I have informed quite a few citizens when they have asked me why we have so many dead "skunks" around; I then tell them that the skunk smell occurs when the grow process reaches maturity and they harvest the marijuana. I have smelled it in many other towns as I travel.

As a nurse, there are serious health risks to all people when they use marijuana, as it is a gateway drug for other addictive substances. The THC chemical in marijuana deposits itself in our fat tissues like the liver, brain, and bone marrow over time.

Wake up, citizens, and see who on the township board is in favor of this. Remember there is a special election next year in November to choose the present two new board members or elect somebody else.

I am so glad that Rosemary mentioned something in the last paragraph of her "Extra Things I Know" column last week. Her son Jim had listened to a Harvard professor describe that R.E.M. (rapid eye movement) sleep is disrupted with marijuana use and can affect judgment the next day, almost like being drunk, which can cause traffic accidents, poor job performance, and just poor judgment. This professor said marijuana use is near epidemic proportions in our country alone and could create a "dumber society."

Please let our township board know you do not want them to opt in. We need to opt out, period. A special committee meeting is set for Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. to hear citizens' opposition.

Please don't let Sumpter become "Skunkster."

Mary Ban
 Sumpter Township resident

Thank you for helping with our Candy Loop

To the editor:

On behalf of Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department, I would like to thank the following local businesses, organizations, and individuals for their participation in our annual Halloween event, Candy Loop!

Special thanks to: AAA Willis Insurance Agency, Belleville Wrestling Club, Boy Scouts Troop 231, Coldwell Banker Professionals, Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue -- FMAR, Howard Hanna Property Management, Hungry Howie's of Van Buren Township, Jackie Davis State Farm Agency, Jitterbugs Elite Dance Inc., JP Morgan CHASE, Kiwanis of Belleville Area, Liberty Tax Service, Mae Ann Photography, Pryde Athletics, T-Rex Arms, TCF Bank, The Law Office of Amy Eversole, Transformational Choices Counseling and Therapy, US Ecology, Van Buren Community Soccer Association, Van Buren Township Fire Department, Van Buren Township Police Department, Van Buren Trustee Kevin Martin, Van Buren Clerk Leon Wright and Van Buren Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

Thank you for generously donating your time, candy and decorating talents to make this event a success! We are excited to say that approximately 1,000 trick-or-treaters and family were in attendance and had a great evening thanks to your participation!

Jennifer Zaenglein
 Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation
 Van Buren Township

BC Cab company gave wonderful service to me

To the editor:

I just cannot help but thank BC Cab company for their wonderful service to me. They were very courteous, opened doors in rain, and helped me immensely out of the cab.

They did not seem to be pushy and onto the next fare, as I have heard people say. I am sure they do not need any competition, since they really served me well.

I would recommend them to everyone to at least give them a try.

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— John F. Kennedy



Obituaries



James Elston Smith

JAMES ELSTON 'SMITTY' SMITH

(April 29, 1938 - November 9, 2017)

His Legacy... James Elston Smith, Age 79, of Cement City, passed away November 9, 2017. He was born on April 29, 1938 in Detroit, Michigan, to Garland and Helen (Miller) Smith. James married the love of his life, Doris Mae Hensley, on September 10, 1957, in Belleville, Michigan.

"Smitty," as he was affectionately known, worked as an auto mechanic in the Belleville area for over 40 years. He was a people person and would give the shirt off his back to those in need. He was an avid reader and loved bowling. He will be missed by all who knew him.

His Family... "Smitty" will be missed by his children, James (Margie) Smith, Lisa (Greg) King, Doyle (Kimberly) Smith, Dawn (Tony) Loechli and Joe (Amy) Smith; 17 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and two on the way. Two sisters, Kathleen (Jerry) Pawlowski and Shirley Vlaz and a brother Arnold (Pat) Smith. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Doris, two grandchildren Andy and Joseph Smith, and brother John Wesley.

His Farewell... James' family and friends gathered Sunday, November 12, 2017 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Braun Chapel, Brooklyn. His Farewell was held on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Brooklyn. Pastor Jeff Sheeks officiated. Memorial contributions are suggested to Henry Ford Allegiance Hospice. Please leave a message of comfort for James' family at 1-877-231-7900 or sign his guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.



Daniel Stuart Dingman

DANIEL STUART DINGMAN

(July 25, 1955 - November 11, 2017)

Age 62, died peacefully at Beaumont Annapolis Hospital of Wayne Saturday evening, November 11, 2017.

Daniel is the beloved son of Stuart (Virginia) Dingman of Belleville; cherished brother of Perry (Cathy) Crow of Belleville and Bonnie (the late Randy) Lancaster of Ypsilanti. Mr. Dingman is also survived by many loving family and friends.

A lifelong Belleville resident, Daniel was a 1974 graduate of Belleville High School. He was known as a good-hearted person who was loved by all who knew him.

In keeping with his wishes, a simple cremation has been arranged. A celebration of his life will be held in the future.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Nov. 20 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m., meeting is cancelled.
- Tuesday, Nov. 21 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 27 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular

meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons. Also, Belleville City Council holds special meeting at 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Nov. 28 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting at 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 4 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville

City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Dec. 5 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 6 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.

Sumpter Township marijuana committee meets from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at township hall to hear citizen input on whether to opt in or opt out of new state law.

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Obituaries



Mavis Edna Smith

MAVIS EDNA SMITH

(April 5, 1927 - November 7, 2017)

Mavis Edna Smith, 90, of Burnsville, Mississippi, passed away on November 7, 2017. Mavis was born April 5, 1927 in Kosciusko, Mississippi. She was the daughter of the late Reuben Boyette and O'Dessie (Steed) Boyette. Mavis enjoyed gardening and planting flowers. She especially loved spending time with her family.

To cherish her memory she leaves two daughters, Rebecca (Robert) White and Pamela S. Taepke; one sister Laris Rooker; seven grandchildren, Rachael, Emily, Natalie, Ryan, Nathan, Eric, and Andrea; and five great-grandchildren, Evelyn, Madelynn, Kolin, Thomas, and Kailani.

Mavis was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Horace W. Smith, two brothers Gladys Boyette and Doyle Boyette, and three sisters Lois Boyette, Jimmie Boyette and Johnnie Boyette.

There was a visitation on Saturday November 11, 2017 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church, located 164 Roys Street, Belleville, MI 48111. The funeral service was held at 12 p.m., with Pastor Robert White officiating.

Online guests may leave condolences, share a photo, or light a memorial candle by visiting www.cranefuneralhome.net.



Peggy Lynn Pedersen

PEGGY LYNN PEDERSEN

(July 2, 1955 - November 11, 2017)

Peggy Lynn Pedersen of Plymouth, passed away November 11, 2017 at the age of 62. She was born in Kalamazoo on July 2, 1955 to Robert and Dorothy (nee Stewart) Kridler.

Survived by her beloved husband of 41 years Carl Pedersen, her loving daughter Christina (John) Lieb, her stepsons Bill (Lori) Pedersen and Bob (Sherri) Pedersen, her daughter-in-law, Diane Pedersen, and her 8 precious grandchildren -- Chase, Dalton, Austin, Courtney, Dakota, Hailey, Linzy, and Autumn. Siblings -- Mary (Don) Popp, Evelyn (Jim) Green, Rick Ver Sluis.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents Robert and Dorothy; her brother, Kimothy; and her grandson, Jonathon.

Visitation was Wednesday, November 15, from 3-8 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth 48170. Funeral Service is Thursday, November 16, at 12 noon, at the funeral home. Family and friends may begin visiting the funeral home at 11 a.m. To leave a condolence and view full obituary, please visit schrader-howell.com.



Ellen Ann (McLenaghan)
Kruschlin

ELLEN ANN KRUSCHLIN

(March 24, 1938 - November 7, 2017)

Age 79, and long-time resident of Sumpter Township, passed away Tuesday evening, November 7, 2017.

Ellen Ann (McLenaghan) Kruschlin is the beloved wife of the late Ernest Krushlin (2008); loving mother to Maryann (Daniel) Watson, Marty (Melissa) Kruschlin, John (Tammy) Kruschlin, Thomas (Jamie) Kruschlin; dear sister to Mary Louise, Virginia "Ginny" Delaney, John (Joan) McLenaghan, Margaret, Dorothy McLenaghan, David (Joanne) McLenaghan, Patrick (Gale) McLenaghan, AnneMarie (Rudy) Rojas and Timothy; and sister-in-law Amy McLenaghan. She is also the proud grandmother of Maggie, Nick, Anna, Jason, Emily, Travis, Nicholas, Autumn, Violet, Joseph, Benjie, Rachel, Leah, Levi, Becky, and Sacco. She was a devoted aunt to 20+ nieces and nephews.

Sadly, she is preceded in death by her husband Ernest; both parents John David McLenaghan and Mary Louise (Collins) McLenaghan; daughter Karen Ann Kruschlin in 1962; and also by her siblings Eileen Grefka and Thomas McLenaghan. In Ellen's early years, she played basketball in school and coached her sisters basketball team. She and her sisters worked together at Jones Trucking Company. Later, Ellen joined the Sumpter Senior Center. She enjoyed cooking and gardening, but most of all taking care of her grandchildren.

Visitation was on Friday, November 10, 2017, from 1 to 8 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 East Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111, (734) 697-4500.

A funeral mass was on Saturday, November 11, 2017, at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave, Belleville, MI 48111, (734) 697-1211. The family will greet guests one hour prior to the mass.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Wayne County Meals on Wheels.

https://www.waynecounty.com/documents/seniorservices/Senior_Services.pdf



RICHARD R. 'RICK' PETROWSKI

(March 27, 1954 - November 9, 2017)

Age 63, Belleville-area resident. Served in U.S. Navy. Survived by children, Rachel, Stephanie, Randy; siblings Terry, Larry, Lesa, Patricia; 14 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

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**More Obituaries
on page 6**

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More Letters

We were blessed to grow up in Belleville area

To the editor:

One of your readers referred to Maybee as being like the boondocks. You must take a drive south on Palmer Road into the town any time of the year. Ditches, field crops, and homes are neat! People friendly. Like none other. So how about two E's? Ha.

I grew up in Belleville in the '40s and '50s when only a stop sign was at Willow Run Expressway and Belleville Road.

Last night when driving south from Leo's, WOW what a change. But the town is more beautiful. Back then it had the best schools, teachers, and kids.

We were blessed to grow up in the area.

Bob Lange
Maybee

Editor's Note: Robert Lange is a member of the Belleville High School class of 1954.



On Nov. 7, Van Buren Township Precinct #10 poll workers were Jeni Morse, Jodi Mills (chairperson), Tiarrah Judkins, Tori Long and Steve Bartlett.

Thank you from poll workers at Precinct #10

To the editor:

This is a special thank you to the Van Buren Township's Clerk's office: Leon Wright, Joanne Montgomery, and Brittany Beaudry.

Thank you for your leadership and continuous support in our community. On Nov. 7, we worked at Precinct #10 at the polls. Although a small and special election, Leon, your team always acknowledges the importance of the voting process.

Thank you for letting us represent our township.

One Team: Jodi Mills, chairperson; Tori Long, Jennifer Morse (Jeni); Tiarrah Judkins, and Steve Bartlett

Editor's Note: The only Van Buren Township precinct open on Nov. 7 was at Owen Intermediate School, where township residents in the Lincoln School District in Washtenaw County cast their ballots. There were 90 ballots cast.

Sumpter fire hydrants not in compliance

To the editor:

While attending a Sumpter, MI, Township Board meeting on Oct. 10, this writer asked Treasurer Peggy Morgan, liaison to the fire department, if all the fire hydrants, numbering in the hundreds, were inspected and up to State of Michigan safety codes and in compliance. She stated yes. She lied.

In 2016, I asked her when she was a trustee along with deceased Treasurer Allan Bates. Both stated all fire hydrants in Sumpter Township were compliant with State of Michigan Fire Marshal codes and guidelines. Both lied. Now we have this same issue before the good people of Sumpter Township again in 2017. Are we faced with more lies? Yes.

If the fire hydrants are up to State of Michigan Codes as mandated, then why are many of the fire hydrants marked only with a plain green strip of plastic with no explanation? This is not Easter. This is not compliant with State of Michigan Fire safety codes or procedures. There is no accountability with these blank green strips of plastic.

Good citizens and tax payers of Sumpter Township, you should be as outraged as I of this shoddy and unprofessional approach that must be rejected. Our lives and property are at risk. If anyone should experience a fire, death or injury, sickness or destruction of property because of this dereliction to protect the public of Sumpter Township, MI, I encourage you to complain vigorously to the State Fire Marshal's office in Lansing and MIOSHA. In addition, sue the township. There are plenty of lawyers that would be willing to take your case or cases *pro-bono*, meaning no money down.

An investigation by State of Michigan authorities is mandated to determine exactly what chemicals are being used by Sumpter Township, MI, officials and employees to kill the weeds and brush that surround township fire hydrants.

Are these chemicals environmentally safe and friendly to aquatic species, avian, humans, and animals? Most importantly, what pollution effect do these chemicals have on our ground water? This township's ground water levels are very high. Much of the water run off eventually travels to Lake Erie. Is a catastrophe in our future?

Again Treasurer Peggy Morgan lied to the residences and taxpayers of this township on multiple occasions before as



to the condition of our fire hydrants and chemicals used. She can't be trusted with our safety. Remember Flint, Michigan, officials, both elected and appointed, lied about the water safety. Many people have died, babies aborted, and thousands sickened.

All fire hydrants should have legible tags that shows date of inspection, name or names of who inspected them, were they flushed, operable and painted. Were they up to code? Did they need replacements?

Address to State of Michigan Fire Marshal's Bureau of Fire Services office, P.O. Box 30700 Lansing, Michigan. Phone 517-241-8847.

Address to State of Michigan Code Enforcement - MIOSHA. P.O. Box 30643, Lansing, MI. Phone (517) 284-7777.

Ronald Barrington Robinson
Sumpter Township resident

Women do have the right to speak

To the editor:

This past week, Detroit held a conference for women from all walks of life attended by Maxine Waters of California and Debbie Dingell, Democrat Senator of Michigan.

Kevin McNamara should have attended this conference. Why?

In last week's *Independent* the article quoted him as telling Sherry Frazier, "I'm not putting up with that," and, quote, refused to let her keep speaking, saying he (McNamara) would close down the meeting if she continued to talk.

In this time of dispute and division we feel McNamara owes an apology in print to women. Freedom of speech applies to all genders. We thank the *Independent* for its non-biased reporting.

Again, Kevin McNamara, we are waiting for your reply. Instead of spending monies frivolously, pay attention to women who manage households, work, and, believe it, can handle expenditures.

Disappointments from:

Mrs. Joy M., Ms. LaNoya H., Mrs. Nora A., and Ms. Cora D.

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Jim Piper, left, secretary of the Belleville Masonic Lodge, presents a check for \$3,000 to the Belleville Police Department and Herkimer Radio for radios for police reserve officers. Police Chief Hal Berriman accepts the check at the Nov. 6 meeting of the Belleville City Council. Piper said the Masons had a fund raiser with the help of reserve officers and raised \$1,500. The Grand Lodge of Michigan matched that amount. Piper and his wife also deliver food every month from city hall for those in need in the city as part of an ongoing CFDP U.S. Commodity Foods program.

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Nelson Po, left, and his friend John Resi pose before the new sign erected on Po's property on Willis Road in Sumpter Township. Po said this will be the site of his four new marijuana growing facilities and a dispensary. His site plan is being reviewed by the township.

American Legion offers Blue Star, Gold Star banners without charge

The American Legion Westland Post 251 is offering Blue Star and Gold Star banners to Belleville-area families to display without charge.

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"The American Legion Westland Post 251 is honored to have the banners to present to families that have members currently serving in the Armed Forces," said Post Commander Bill Acton. "God bless them all."

The Belleville American Legion post has closed its doors and Belleville no longer has a post. The Westland post is attempting to assist the Belleville area, as well as Wayne and Canton and will possibly also serve Inkster, Acton said.

Birthdays

Nov. 18 -- Richard Estermyer
Nov. 20 -- Karina Herring
Nov. 24 -- Mary Bennett
Nov. 28 -- Jaqueline Copeland, Justine Kimbler

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VBT Environmental Commission discusses changes at US Ecology

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Two changes being sought from the Department of Environmental Quality by US Ecology were explained to the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission during its meeting on Oct. 18.

Two public notices on the requests were published in the Oct. 12 issue of the *Independent* concerning US Ecology.

Matthew Best, deputy director of VBT Planning and Economic Development, explained that one is a site-specific variance petition. They are cleaning up a site in Kalamazoo and the boots, gloves, bottles, tie-backs and some soils, not

heavy-duty contaminants, are involved. He said it was what workers had on when they cleaned the site and the soil over where they changed out of the gear.

Best said they are only allowed so much dioxin, period, and each dioxin has a waste code. US Ecology has a list of waste codes it can take, including PCP, dioxins, and purins. They want to use a treatment process with a waste code that is not currently in their permit.

He said what is being cleaned up is a former wood treatment solutions plant that operated in the early 1900s. The wood treating solutions got into the ground water and Strebtor, current owner, got in trouble.

They are cleaning it up and need places to put it.

He said besides the other items, they will be bringing structural pieces of tile from the site. They want to truck it here instead of to Montana, Nevada, or Idaho, Best said.

The other request by US Ecology is an "operating license major modification." Best said like the changes requested only for Strebtor, they want to do it for the landfill. There are new processes created and they have to have them in their license. They want to add waste codes to the facility.

Best said there is a 2 p.m., Oct. 30 meeting at Wayne County Community College Western Campus if people don't want to send a letter and wish to comment on this request.

"No different material will be coming, but it will be from different sites," Best said, adding other than the codes, there are no other changes.

In other business at the one-hour- and 21-minute meeting on Oct. 18, the commission:

- Unanimously reelected David Brownlee as commission chairman and Norm DeBuck as vice-chair for the next year;

- Heard Best report that more than 250 cars came to US Ecology for the recent household hazardous waste dropoff program at the landfill. He said there was some confusion because some people went to the main entrance instead of the east entrance because the facility failed to put up directional signs;

- Discussed algae blooms on Belleville Lake on Oct. 1 and on Lake Erie, where about a third of Lake Erie was covered, as seen by satellite. Commissioner Jeff Jahr said he took a picture of the algae on Belleville Lake next to his home and it looked as green as the Chicago River on St. Patrick's Day. Chairman Brownlee said the group studying algae on Belleville Lake has finished its grant-funded work and he will see if he can get a report to share;

- Discussed coal tar asphalt paving and enforcement of the township's anti-coal-tar ordinance. Brownlee complained that the informational pamphlets have yet to be distributed to the township residents.

Best said there has been a disconnect with the Huron River Watershed Council where he was planning to get the pamphlets free. He said Grosse Ile took a copy of VBT's ordinance in order to base its new ordinance on it and then called back to ask about enforcement. Brownlee asked if the cable department couldn't put a program on concerning coal tar and Best said that department had been busy with doing VBT advertisement, but might be able to in January;

- Heard a report from Best on a well-attended Septic System Maintenance Workshop at the township hall on Sept. 14 and the planting of 30 trees by the water tower in a workshop to show how to plant trees properly. He said in 10-12 years they will have a really nice tree line of London Plane, Tulip, and Ginkgo trees;

- Was informed that Town Place Suites by Marriott has pulled a demolition permit for the big red barn on Quirk Road that used to be a boot shop. "They are getting ready to go," Best said of construction on the new hotel at the corner of Quirk and the North I-94 Service Drive; and

- Heard Best say the American Center for Mobility, now under construction at Willow Run, is expected to be open for tests in December. Best said the automatic cars are great, but he is more intrigued with the individual transport robots. They are working on ways to have personal robots deliver goods and services by taking personal orders for purchases and then traveling down the sidewalks to a store and back. And then there are the "awesome drones," he said.

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Belleville Council honors Pioneer Landscaping for work at Angel of Hope

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting Nov. 6, the Belleville City Council approved a resolution honoring Pioneer Landscaping.

The company donated its services to remove overgrown shrubs and plants at the Angel of Hope in Hillside Cemetery and to plant dozens of new perennials and mulch the plant beds to beautify this special children's section of the cemetery.

In other business at the Nov. 6 meeting, the council:

- Removed from the agenda a request to hold the Jingle Bell 5K Fun Run/Walk on Dec. 2, starting at 9:45 a.m. at the gazebo in Horizon Park on High Street. No one from the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation was present, so it was placed on the Nov. 27 meeting agenda (and later moved to the Nov. 13 special meeting agenda);

- Approved the GELC employee holiday schedule change that provides during Christmas week workers will get Monday and Friday off instead of Monday and Tuesday;

- Approved a special meeting for 6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 13, to discuss medical

marijuana with the city attorney and the public and then to go into closed-door session to discuss a legal opinion with the attorney;

- Agreed to cancel the regular council meeting on Nov. 20 and schedule a special meeting for Nov. 27. Mayor Conley explained there was a schedule conflict that might have caused the council not to have a quorum;

- Approved the 2018 city council meeting dates, most on the first and third Mondays at 7:30 p.m., with exceptions in January and February and November for holidays;

- Approved \$127,968.11 in accounts payable and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to RJ Perry Construction, \$1,495 for garage door repair, to MDEQ, \$1,291.55 for water supply annual fee; to Wise Technologies, \$810 for computer / phone support, to Osborne Concrete Co., \$655 for cemetery foundations; and to Online Stores, \$531.25 for flag ceremony at cemetery; and

- Learned the scarecrow awards would be at the Nov. 27 meeting, as would bid openings for work on the seawall at Doane's Landing.

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Small Business Saturday is coming up on Nov. 25 and the Belleville DDA would like everyone to remember to shop and dine local. Some businesses will be offering special deals and savings on that day. To learn more, visit www.buyitinbelleville.com and check out the official Facebook page at [jinglebelleville](https://www.facebook.com/jinglebelleville).

A unique craft event and walkabout venture through various stops in nearby New Boston and Huron Township is set for Nov. 18-19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Visit a chicken coop art studio, a mum farm, country store, and other places to find some one-of-a-kind gifts. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased on that day. Trixie's Diner will offer a special brunch when you present your ticket. Contact Doreen at

mclainbell@yahoo.com for info.

The Bake Shoppe on Savage Road near Bemis is now taking orders for Thanksgiving through Monday, Nov. 20. The Bake Shoppe offers a huge selection of pies, breads, pastries, fancy cookies, cheese-cakes, cakes on hand and much more. They'll be open until 2 p.m. the day before Thanksgiving and reopening on Saturday, Nov. 25. See their ad in today's paper and call (734) 699-2236.

The St. Joseph Holiday Craft Show is also this Saturday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church's Holy Family Center at 9425 Whittaker Road in Ypsilanti. There will be lots of crafts, bake sale, luncheon, and door prizes awarded every half hour. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for photographs from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Belleville Area Museum's 22nd Annual Holiday of Trees exhibit gets under way Nov. 17-Dec. 22. Hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 3 to 7 p.m., and Thursdays and Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2. Call (734) 697-1944.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Sunday, Nov. 19** – Fourth-Annual Thanksgiving Service at 6 p.m. at Lighthouse Church, 16650 Sumpter Road. All are welcome. Refreshments following service.

• **Sunday, Nov. 19** – "Jay Frandsen & Saxophone" entertains with live music from 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben, (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan, (734) 699-8918

• **Sunday, Nov. 19** – Dine at Haab's at 18 W. Michigan Avenue in Ypsilanti today and earn money for the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue. Ten percent of

all sales will be donated to FMAR to help care for the unwanted animals. Info: (734) 483-8200.

• **Monday, Nov. 20** – Annual Tree of Remembrance ceremony, 6:30 p.m. at Brown Family Center, 678 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. All families welcome. Information: (734) 697-5090.

• **Monday, Nov. 20** – Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. At 5:30 p.m., bring your dinner and enjoy conversations with other members; 6:15 p.m. the round-table discussion will be led by Steve Schwartz on census research; 7:30 p.m., "DNA Results -- What Comes Next?" with Dr. James Sims. Open to the public. Info: www.wwcgs.org.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 21** – Belle Noelle Bonfire and Museum Stroll, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Belleville Area Museum.

• **Thursday, Nov. 23** – Free Thanksgiving Dinner at the Sumpter Community Center Gym, 23501 Sumpter Road. Dinner served from noon to 3 p.m. Sponsored by two women who want to make sure no one is alone on Thanksgiving: Karen Mickens and Lettie Sanders, who will do the cooking. No need to sign up. Just come.

• **Thursday, Nov. 23** – Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at Willow United Methodist Church and God Works Family Soup Kitchen, 36925 E. Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. www.willowchurch.org

• **Saturday, Nov. 25** – Red Cross Blood Drive at Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Road, from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

• **Sunday, Nov. 26** – No afternoon music at September Days because of Thanksgiving.

• **Monday, Nov. 27** – State Rep. Joe Bellino of Monroe, Sumpter Township's

representative in Lansing, will host office hours today to meet with constituents: 9-10 a.m. at Biggby, 26614 Telegraph Rd. in Flat Rock; 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Tim Hortons, 404 S. Monroe St. in Monroe; and noon-1 p.m. at Carleton Branch Library, 1444 Kent St., Carleton. Info: (517) 373-1530.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 28** – Second session of "Tinsel and Tears" mini-workshop on grieving during the holidays. Free at Brown Family Center, 678 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. 6-8 p.m. Another session also set for Dec. 5.

• **Friday, Dec. 1** – Southwestern Wayne (County) Democrats will hold their annual holiday dinner party, starting with social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner served at 7 p.m. Admission price includes dinner, beer, wine, set-ups, door prize raffle ticket, and evening of fun and fellowship. UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Rd., Ypsilanti. Tickets: (313) 791-5027; (734) 634-3569.

• **Saturday, Dec. 2** – Winterfest Parade at 6 p.m. brings Santa to town, followed by City Tree-lighting Ceremony on the museum lawn. Also, Soup Crawl.

• **Sunday, Dec. 3** – Join Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville for a brief ceremony to honor past and present members of the military. Stand to pledge the flag and hear "Taps" played.

• **Sunday, Dec. 3** – Entertainment with live music by "Southern Echo" from 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben, (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan, (734) 699-8918

• **Tuesday, Dec. 5** – Third session of "Tinsel and Tears" mini-workshop on grieving during the holidays. Free at Brown Family Center, 678 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. 6-8 p.m.



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City Council

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Hitchcock said all licenses have to be in Industrial zoned areas.

He said people are saying they will lose out if they don't opt in by Dec. 15 and that isn't true. But, if you wait two years, the communities could be saturated and it may be too late.

Hitchcock said according to 2016 figures there are 208,000 licensed care givers and patients in the state and 15,000 in Wayne County. He said there is a 3% tax that will be placed on gross sales of provisioning centers and of that 25% goes to the community hosting.

"I'm not sure how that's going to be calculated," Hitchcock said. "The state hasn't said."

He said nobody is questioning that small communities will not get rich on this.

Hitchcock said in Colorado it was estimated that each patient has \$347 to spend a year and that brought in \$700 million to the state.

"I worked it out and I never got any huge numbers for Belleville. Maybe you'd get \$20,000 per facility. It's speculative what each community will get," he said.

He said a community can charge fees, such as \$500 per facility for the aggravation of having it in town, plus an application fee up front to deal with site plans and other details. Then simple ordinances

could be passed on security, smell, hours of operation, and inspection by police department.

Then, he said, a community has to determine how to choose who gets licenses. Some do a Request for Proposals, use a first-come-first-served procedure, or put the applicants' names in a pot and draw five out, or however many facilities are approved for that area.

Councilman Tom Fielder said the city has had the zoning ordinance in place since about two years ago when someone wanted to put a dispensary in commercial zoning. The only place allowed is in Industrial zoning, across the railroad tracks, he said. At most there was one place available and those interested couldn't afford to go to that one place, he said.

Councilman Fielder said he estimates there are 50 to 100 people in Belleville with medical marijuana cards, which could bring in \$3,450 with a single provisioning center, or up to \$10,000 a year, if that.

"There will be a battle next year when it's on the ballot," he said, referring to recreational marijuana.

He said the Michigan State Police said there is enough marijuana grown in Michigan to allow each medical marijuana card holder to have 500 doses a day.

"We're talking about money we're going to make," Fielder said. "That shouldn't be the consideration... I'm in favor of opting out."

Hitchcock said there could be policing issues.

Fielder said if the city doesn't have medical marijuana in its one-and-a-half square-mile area, people won't be deprived. They can go to nearby communities to get it.

Hitchcock said recreational marijuana will be on the ballot next year and people are getting in place to be ready because there is so much more money to make when it's recreational.

Hitchcock said, if the citizens approve recreational marijuana, it would be up to the legislature to decide if it needed additional rules and regulations. Most states adopt the maximum amount you can buy over a period of time.

The state could make Belleville go back to the drawing board, he said.

Mike Renaud said from the audience: "I strongly urge the council ... to bow out of this particular business... This is going to expand. We're a small town. Ypsilanti has it and Sumpter Township will probably be adopting it. This would just be one more shop we don't have in Belleville. It's a slippery slope coming down the pipe."

Fielder said the council will have to repeal the present zoning ordinance and vote to opt out.

He then made that motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria, and the council unanimously passed the motion.

Hitchcock said if recreational marijuana is voted in, the legislature may say it's like any other business and it can locate wherever it wants to. Or, it could come up with some other rules.

"This is in place in Belleville until that happens," said Councilman Tom Smith of the opt-out decision.

In other business at the 30-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved the Jingle Bell 1K Run and 5K Run/Walk at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, starting and ending at Horizon Park. This is sponsored by the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation; and

- Went into closed-door session with Hitchcock to consider a communication from him under attorney-client privilege.

School Board

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records. The whole thing started in 1968 when the Sumpter School District split up.

"Sumpter Township was correct," Kudlak said. "They had the original documents."

"Our district just got a little bigger," he said, noting everything is being corrected.

He said neither district was fighting over students, but just wanted to find out what was right.

Kudlak said very few students are involved and the correction will be coordinated with Airport. First, the people who live there will all be contacted.

He said if students are presently attending Airport and belong in Van Buren, they could continue at Airport as Schools of Choice students. That's if they are happy at Airport, he added.

In other business at Monday's 42-minute meeting, the board:

- Heard Financial Director Shareen Barker tell of a problem playing itself out in the courts that may impact the Van Buren Schools 2017-18 budget. In 2010-12, school employees in the state were paying 3% more to the state than they should have been. Nobody in Wayne County was paying the FICA tax on that 3%. She said the employees will have to be paid back from the state and the district may have to pay its share of the FICA. They will have to locate all the employees affected. Supt. Kudlak said probably somebody will create guidelines on how to do this, "but we have to pay the taxes";

- Came back into open session, after a closed-door session at the end of the meeting, to reinstate a student for the 2017-18 school year. The student was expelled during the 2016-17 school year and came

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City of Belleville Public Notice

Belleville Zoning Board of Appeals NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



Notice is hereby given that the Belleville Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Belleville Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111 for the purpose of

CONSIDERING A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE OF CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5.8, FENCES & WALLS

Section 5.8 4.a.i. Residential Zoned Districts Height and Location – In a rear yard behind the rear line of the building a fence or wall shall not exceed six (6) feet in height. In a side yard behind the front line of the building, a fence or wall shall not exceed four (4) feet in height. No fence other than a decorative fence shall occupy a front yard.

Location: 17 Bedell Street ID # 31-087-040131-006

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Comments may be given in person, or submitted in writing prior to the hearing. If you have any comments, please call Belleville City Hall at 734-697-9323.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 492 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Nov. 5:

0027 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Elwell/Hull
0121 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0155 -- larceny from auto, Amanda Dr.
0245 -- suspicious person, Country Walk/Colonial
0325 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Revere Dr.
0840 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Old Michigan Rd.
0948 -- larceny from auto, Spencer Ave.
0955 -- threat, Denton Rd.
1043 -- threat, Denton Rd.
1058 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.

1245 -- 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1305 -- harassment call, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1405 -- assist other dept., Van Born
1500 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1525 -- juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1553 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1609 -- domestic, Oak Ln.
1837 -- 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
1931 -- larceny from auto, Ashbury
2134 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Wildbrook Sub.

Monday, Nov. 6:

0024 -- assist other dept., Beck/Tyler
0253 -- noise complaint, Holly Ln.
0745 -- traffic offense, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
0756 -- disorderly, S. I-94 Service DR.
0811 -- trespassing, Beck/Tyler
0851 -- lost property/child, Sawgrass Ct.
0857 -- larceny from auto, Bradley Dr.
0912 -- private property/property damage accident, Oak Ln.
1219 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1226 -- fraud, Ventura Dr.
1304 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1609 -- 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1706 -- property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Coolidge St.
1840 -- property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1854 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Cedar/Denton
1912 -- larceny, W. Archwood Dr.
1922 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
2222 -- larceny from auto, Harbour Pointe Ct.

Tuesday, Nov. 7:

0504 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0739 -- larceny from auto, S. Sadie Ln.
0752 -- larceny from auto, Lancaster Dr.
0802 -- lost property/child, Haggerty
0817 -- larceny from auto, Rolan Meadows Dr.
0835 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Filmore St.
0857 -- found property/child, Tavistock
0902 -- larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0915 -- property damage accident, Van Born / I-275
1008 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Venetian Ave.
1043 -- fraud, Fret Rd.
1304 -- trespassing, Kouza Ct.
1353 -- fraud, Sondra Dr.
1356 -- property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1402 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1434 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Elwell Rd.
1526 -- road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1558 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Eagle Dr. / Dorchester Dr.
1613 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
1749 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1801 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Old Michigan Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
1930 -- larceny from auto, Anna Dr.
1932 -- assist other dept., Richard Run Dr.
1952 -- harassment call, E. Huron River Dr.
2018 -- 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2148 -- suspicious person/vehicle, America
2205 -- road hazard, Rawsonville Rd./S. Grove St.

Wednesday, Nov. 8:

0005 -- assist other dept., Hannan Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0245 -- overdose, Outer Dr.

0650 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0712 -- property damage accident, N. Sadie Ln.
0800 -- malicious destruction of property, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0905 -- 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1055 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1214 -- trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1327 -- property damage accident, Beck Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1427 -- fraud, Hanover Dr.
1510 -- property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1700 -- threat, Rawsonville Rd.
1718 -- larceny from auto, Turnberry Ct.
1749 -- personal injury accident, Bog Rd.
1909 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1945 -- property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
2004 -- domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2218 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Mission Pointe
2227 -- abandoned auto, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, Nov. 9:

0313 -- disorderly, Sylvia Dr.
0525 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis Rd.
0724 -- larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
0735 -- 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
0854 -- neighbor trouble, Meadows Ln.
1048 -- larceny from auto, Greenbriar Dr.
1154 -- larceny, Rawsonville Rd.
1213 -- ordinance violation, Elwell Rd.
1213 -- ordinance violation, Burtrig St.
1214 -- ordinance violation, Cobblestone Court
1215 -- ordinance violation, Denton Rd.
1307 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Point Blvd.
1414 -- private property impound, Wetlake
1426 -- mental subject, Chloe Ct.
1446 -- private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1506 -- narcotics crime, Tyler Rd.
1537 -- private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1632 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1834 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1844 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter/Hull
1915 -- property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1946 -- narcotics crime, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
2000 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

Friday, Nov. 10:

0231 -- fight, Denton Rd.
0640 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
0858 -- mental subject, Oak Ln.
0915 -- larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0916 -- disorderly, Kahla Dr.
0949 -- malicious destruction of property, Maple
1134 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Truman
1242 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Sheldon Rd.
1251 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / I-94 N. Service Dr..
1459 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren St.
1533 -- dumping complaint, Morton Taylor Rd. / Van Born Rd..
1537 -- fraud, Haggerty Rd.
1617 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1643 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
1651 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1706 -- larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1740 -- harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1919 -- private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2043 -- abandoned auto, Ecorse/Kirkridge Park Dr.
2139 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Elwell/Martz
2230 -- road hazard, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.

Saturday, Nov. 11:

0015 -- suspicious activity report, Belle Pointe Dr.
0049 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0114 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson St.
0342 -- juvenile complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
0409 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0452 -- juvenile complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
0851 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln
0936 -- abandoned auto, Buchanan St.
1014 -- malicious destruction of property, Michigan Ave.
1029 -- property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1102 -- threat, Parkside Dr.
1126 -- assist other dept., Westlake Cir.
1129 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Monterey Dr.

1217 -- fraud, Arlene Ln.
1234 -- disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
1234 -- assist other dept., W. Huron River Dr. / Harbour Pointe Dr.
1538 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Woodbury Dr.
1746 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2100 -- juvenile complaint, Richmond Dr.
2338 -- larceny, Belleville Rd.
Also on this week's log are 145 traffic stops, 19 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 5:

1136 -- assist fire dept., S. Liberty St.
1221 -- welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
1249 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd
1427 -- found property/child, Main St.
1437 -- welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
1636 -- family trouble, Church St.
2046 -- warrant arrest, Michigan/I-275

Monday, Nov. 6:

1038 -- larceny, S. Aberdeen Ct.
1220 -- fraud, Main St.
1415 -- operating while intoxicated, Main/Denton
1710 -- intrusion alarm, Church St.
1743 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Menlo Park Dr.
2232 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Harbour Pointe Dr.

Tuesday, Nov. 7:

0518 -- assist other dept., High St.
0948 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Third St.
1038 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1207 -- welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
1516 -- property damage accident, High/Charles
1714 -- property damage accident, Main/N. Liberty
1828 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Aberdeen Ct.
2009 -- assist fire dept., Belle Villa
2246 -- assist fire dept., Estrada
2306 -- intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, Nov. 8:

0759 -- larceny from auto, E. Waterbury Ct.
0826 -- assist fire dept., Owen St.
0830 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0856 -- assist fire dept., South St.
1219 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Henry
1326 -- 911 welfare check, Main/High
1509 -- suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia
1601 -- larceny from auto, W. Waterbury Ct.
1602 -- larceny from auto, Oxford Ct.
1602 -- larceny from auto, W. Thornhill Ct.
1603 -- larceny from auto, Victorian Ln.
1610 -- property damage accident, Main/Third
1623 -- family trouble, Carmell St.
1625 -- larceny from auto, Victorian Ln.
1832 -- found property/child, Main St.
1845 -- 911 welfare check, E. Columbia Ave.

1853 -- property damage accident, Third St. / N. Liberty St.

1928 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln.
2027 -- private property/property damage accident, South St.

Thursday, Nov. 9:

0013 -- warrant arrest, Washtenaw County Jail
0105 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Oxford Ct.
0727 -- assist fire dept., Henry St.
0918 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Village Park
0929 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St.
1005 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1022 -- warrant arrest, S. Wayne Rd.
1156 -- fraud, W. Waterbury Ct.
1343 -- welfare check, Loza Ln.
1353 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1831 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1852 -- property check, Victoria Commons
2001 -- assist other dept., Main St.
2111 -- intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
2226 -- assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
2320 -- noise complaint, Carmell St.

Friday, Nov. 10:

0108 -- intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0305 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Oxford Ct. / Victorian Ln.
0426 -- assist citizen, Santa Clara St.
0915 -- traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Denton Rd.
0937 -- assist fire dept., Bedell St.
1051 -- traffic offense, Main/High
1058 -- traffic offense, Main/High
1113 -- traffic offense, Main/High

1204 -- larceny, Light Tower Ct.
1227 -- traffic offense, W. Columbia/High
1335 -- traffic offense, W. Columbia/High
1401 -- traffic offense, Main/High
1641 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Edison Ave.
1723 -- civil matter, Loza Ln.
1853 -- road hazard, Savage/Village Park
Saturday, Nov. 11:
0526 -- parking complaint, Madelon St.
1031 -- domestic, San Carlos St.
1324 -- parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1712 -- abandoned auto, Main St.
Also on this week's log are 93 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 5:

0008 -- shots fired, Willis/Rawsonville
0118 -- mental health commitment, 44000 bl. Wear
0140 -- operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Judd
0205 -- suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0356 -- suspicious vehicle, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0811 -- traffic hazard, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0832 -- fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1136 -- fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1222 -- fire dept. assist, Timberlane
1346 -- fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1516 -- animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1659 -- suspicious incident, 8600 Rawsonville Rd.

Monday, Nov. 6:

1104 -- civil dispute, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1128 -- well-being check, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1247 -- citizen assist, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1528 -- fraud, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1603 -- civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1606 -- assist other agency, out of township
1710 -- animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1909 -- alarm, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Tuesday, Nov 7:

0040 -- assist other agency, out of township
0821 -- citizen a ssist, Rustic Ln.
0937 -- animal complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1102 -- family trouble, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1104 -- family trouble, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1137 -- citizen a ssist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1144 -- citizen assist, 48000 bl. Timberpark
1156 -- 911 hangup, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1205 -- breaking & entering, Arizona
1238 -- civil dispute, 29000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1712 -- warrant arrest pick up, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1924 -- civil dispute, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1939 -- well-being check, 44000 bl. Weara Rd.
2038 -- family trouble, Rustic Ln.
2352 -- 911 hang up, Wyoming

Wednesday, Nov. 8:

0236 -- alarm, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
0505 -- fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0707 -- property damage accident, 46000 bl. Willis
0919 -- fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1010 -- civil dispute, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1243 -- fire dept. assist, Brookview
1421 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1540 -- animal complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1629 -- property damage accident, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1649 -- well-being check, Rustic Ln.

1759 -- 911 hang up, Birch

2042 -- property damage accident, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Thursday, Nov. 9:

0224 -- family trouble, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1411 -- fraud, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
1424 -- threats complaint, Rustic Ln.
1438 -- alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1441 -- fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1453 -- breaking & entering, Wayside
1553 -- suspicious person, 27000 bl. Sherwood
1609 -- animal complaint, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1949 -- death investigation, Colorad
2037 -- family trouble, 7300 bl. Oakville Waltz
Friday, Nov. 10:
0703 -- suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
0754 -- 911 hang up, Wyoming
0822 -- larceny, 45000 bl Dunn Rd.
0850 -- alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0901 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.

1116 -- suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1147 -- larceny, 23000 bl Martinsville Rd.

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1208 -- citizen assist, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1313 -- larceny, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1320 -- property damage accident, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1340 -- larceny, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1415 -- 911 hang up, Birch/Butternut
1606 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1608 -- animal complaint, 5800 bl. Oakville Waltz
1635 -- suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1704 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1841 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Bemis/Lohr
1852 -- civil dispute, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1857 -- larceny, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1926 -- property damage accident, Sumpter/Wear
2123 -- civil dispute, Carriage Ln.

Saturday, Nov. 11:

0922 -- animal complaint, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1007 -- mental health commitment, Wyoming
1029 -- civil dispute, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1117 -- suspicious incident, Willow/Karr
1158 -- breaking & entering, Nevada
1324 -- property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1514 -- fire dept. assist, Birch
1615 -- suspicious incident, Texas
1714 -- malicious destruction of property, 5800 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1724 -- citizen assist, 18000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1724 -- suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Haggerty
1745 -- suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Haggerty
1802 -- ordinance violation, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
1916 -- threats complaint, Willis/Rawsonville
1954 -- runaway juvenile, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
2001 -- disorderly person, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
2304 -- suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2313 -- suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
Also on this week's log are 11 follow-up investigations, 24 miscellaneous details, 148 patrol checks, and 36 traffic stops.



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Joe Lambert, at left, with his mother Maria Lambert, both of Romulus, joined Barbara Rogalle Miller of Belleville at recent special reception for community leaders at the Detroit Institute of Arts. After the reception, there was a preview of the new Monet and Church exhibits that were to open to the public.

School Board

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before the Reinstatement Committee for consideration after the expiration of the expulsion period. The committee gave a recommendation to the school board for consideration;

- Approved the resignations of Evelyn Charles and DeShawn Walls from the Transportation Department after one year of service;

- Approved the hiring of non-instructional employees Deborah Siedlaczek as a GSRP paraprofessional at Haggerty, Sarah Klepadlo as paraprofessional at Owen; and Bretton Blodgett as student support specialist at Owen;

- Heard a presentation on instructional changes at Tyler Elementary School by Principal Aleisa Pitt and Instructional

Coach Jolynn Debuysscher. They talked about the Panther Den for students and the Professional Playground collaboration of teachers;

- Was informed Chandler Bradley was the winner of a competition to design the logo for the T-shirts for this year's Jingle Bell Run. There were eight designs submitted and the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation voted to select the winner;

- Learned six Belleville High School students were in Grand Rapids last week for the DECA leadership conference. Four of those were in the top 20; and

- Learned Kylie Potter and Ellie Russell wrote the top winning essays on "America's Gift to My Generation" in the contest put on by the Veterans of Foreign Wars at McBride Middle School.

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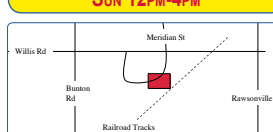


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