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## Marcotte, Fielder win in Belleville

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

Voters in Belleville had five candidates for two open city council seats and chose to elect incumbents Jesse Marcotte and Tom Fielder for four-year terms.

The unofficial totals (and the absentee voters within those final numbers) are:

- **Jesse Marcotte -- 214** (103 absentee)
- **Tom Fielder -- 185** (120 absentee)
- Jeff Vernon -- 148 (80 absentee)
- Kelly Bates -- 145 (80 absentee)
- Gwen Hooks -- 94 (46 absentee)

The results of Tuesday's election, recorded by the city's new voting machines, were posted for the public shortly after the polls closed at 8 p.m. Belleville has 3,245 registered voters.

## VBT Planners recommend repealing marijuana ordinances

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

At the Oct. 25 meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission, the commission held a public hearing during which no public spoke on repealing medical marijuana cultivation facilities regulations.

Then the commission voted to repeal the regulations and send its recommendation to the township board for a final decision.

Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development, said the existing marijuana moratorium ends in December and there are no licensed facilities in the township.

He said the township's committee on the new medical marijuana provisions came

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Belleville High School students having roles in "The Matchmaker" are, from left, standing: Aaron Scott (as Cabman), Jacob Abercrombie (Malachi), Avery Heningburg (Joe Scanlon), Brooklynn Lemle (Rudolph), Jocelyn Smith (Gertrude), Jahnnavi Rambus (Chef Bernard), Zandalee Henderson (Ermengarde), and Jonathan Damon (Ambrose Kemper). Sitting, from left, are: Lauryn Cramer (as Irene Malloy), Lance Bagley (Cornelius Hackl), Kaitlyn Plummer (Dolly Levi), Evan Roll (Horace Vandergelder), and Taylor Duncan (as Flora Van Huysen). Not pictured are Tre'ondis Snodgrass (Barnaby Tucker), Devin Denson (August), and Hannah Costa (Minnie Fay).

## BHS Productions to present 'The Matchmaker' Nov. 16-18

Belleville High School theater students are in the final stages of rehearsing this year's fall play "The Matchmaker" by Thornton Wilder.

"The Matchmaker" will open at 7 p.m. at the BHS Auditorium on Thursday, Nov. 16, with another performance, at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17. It will close with a matinee performance at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. Tickets can be purchased at the BHS Auditorium box office beginning one hour

before show time. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students.

"The Matchmaker" was the inspiration for "Hello, Dolly!" and is an uproarious romp that reminds us to embrace the unexpected in our lives. Thornton Wilder's 1955 American classic was praised as "one of the sweetest and smartest romantic farces ever written" by *The Wall Street Journal*.

"This cast has been working daily since mid-September and has put together

a really exceptional interpretation of Wilder's farce," said Director Mike Gearn. "Also, we've taken a few liberties with the script and moved the setting out of the 1890s and into the 1940s to give it a different style and sound," said Gearn. "It should be quite fun for all."

For more information, call the high school at (734) 697-9133.

### Court Watching:

## Jury finds Nelson Po not guilty of disturbing work at Atchinson Ford

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

On Friday, a 34th District Court jury deliberated an hour before finding Nelson Po of Sumpter Township not guilty of the misdemeanor of molesting and disturbing a worker at Atchinson Ford two years ago.

"The trial was pure politics," said Po's attorney Ronald Ruark after the verdict. "Donald Swinson and Sumpter Township used the court to accomplish a political goal. Swinson's testimony confirmed this. Nelson now needs to decide whether to sue Donald Swinson for Abuse of Process."

Sumpter Township Trustee Don Swinson was the only witness brought to testify by Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Phebie Longnecker.

Swinson testified that on Oct. 29, 2015 he was at work as a salesman at his desk at Atchinson Ford car dealership, 9800

Belleville Road, Van Buren Township, where he has worked for 20 years.

He said he had known Nelson Po for years, since he lives next door to his parents.

Swinson testified that he was on the phone with a customer when Po came into the showroom and started pacing back and forth in front of his desk. When he got off the phone, Swinson said Po told him, "You tell your dad ... I'm going to sue him and burn his house down."

Swinson said he didn't know how to do the video on his phone, but he had his  
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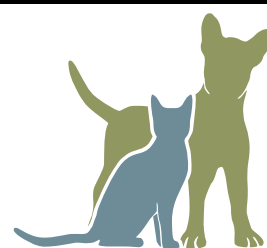
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Maybelle Hart, at left, won first place and her friends Ella June and Aprielle posed for a picture with her.



Madyson Barnes won a first-place prize.



Charli Gilbe won a first-place prize.



Candice and Lucy won a first-place prize.



Liberty Curylo

# Halloween in Belleville

*Independent* photos by Bob Mytych



# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### New resident praises city, criticizes those running for office

Wayne "Boomer" Buck, 1994-95 state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, sat quietly through a short Belleville City Council meeting on Monday and then spoke out under the citizen comments' part of the agenda.

He said he moved to Belle Villa Estates about a year ago and he likes the community very much. He said he was especially taken with Halloween downtown where the kids went from store to store to pick up treats in an orderly manner. He said in other places he's lived, it was wise to carry a gun on Halloween. He said people say hello to him here and talk to him and it's very friendly.

He thanked the city council for its support of veterans in advance of Veterans Day and he liked it that he didn't hear any arguments and everyone who had comments got to speak at the meeting.

Buck said he didn't know anything about the city council candidates and where to vote, so he was given the information. He said one candidate came to his house and talked to him, so he will definitely vote for that one.

He said he hasn't seen signs or gotten literature from the candidates, which is quite strange at election time. He said in this world not everyone has the right to vote and its a precious possession. It should be taken more seriously, he said.

Buck grew up in Detroit and moved back there twice, but decided he just couldn't live there. "It's an honor to live in this city," he said.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

My son Bill had his second knee replaced on Wednesday and so I was at Botsford Wayne (Annapolis) for the fun. Now, he'll be home for a couple of months before going back to work -- without limping.

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The Savage Road railroad crossing in the City of Belleville was closed longer than expected, with the barricades still up until Election Day morning on Tuesday. That was unfortunate because it may have cut off early Victoria Commons voters, who had to take a long detour to get to the polls.

Norfolk and Southern now moves on to the crossings on Hull and Elwell roads.

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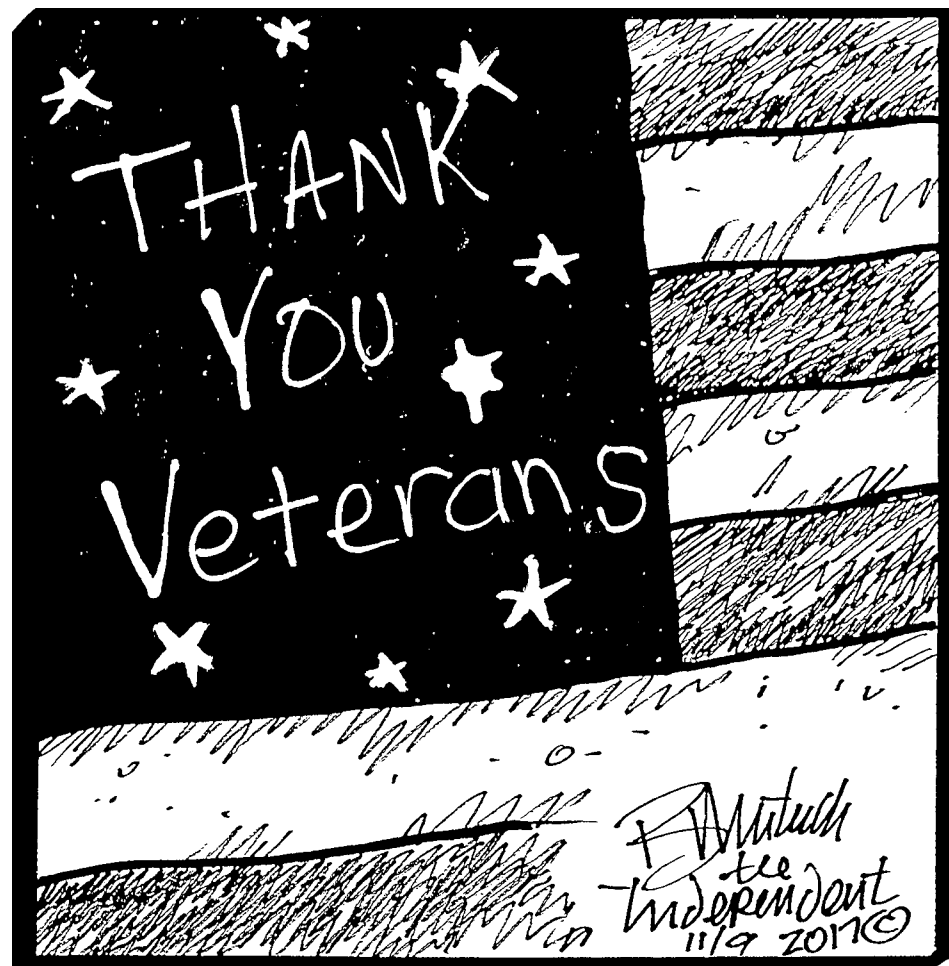
We understand that the "fight" noted at 8:16 p.m. Friday on the Belleville Police Department dispatch log was during half-time in the Belleville High School football game against Canton High School.

A witness tells us that two girls were fighting and rolling around on the ground until officials got one to the gate and police came. Police Chief Hal Berriman said there were a couple of fights, but nothing major.

Canton won 28-25 in an exciting game.

This means that Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara lost his bet over the game with Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams. Now, McNamara has to put on a Canton shirt and have his picture taken in front of a Canton Township sign.

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley said Monday that McNamara will wear the shirt and she has it in her office in Canton waiting for him. Mayor Conley is employed as Human Resources Director at Canton Township.



Supervisor Williams has agreed to buy McNamara, the loser, lunch at his favorite restaurant as a consolation prize. That would probably be Buffalo Wild Wings -- unless McNamara has changed his ways since he lost all that weight.

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We're told that Canton Center Road is open again from Michigan Avenue north to Geddes Road and beyond. While the road work was being done over the last month or so, a lot of people fretted at how to get around that blockage.

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At Monday's city council meeting, Building Official Rick Rutherford said that the vacant lakeside property between the condos on North Liberty Street will soon be filled with more condos. He said the new property owner had all the approved Planned Unit Development plans for the condos, which Rutherford has been unable to find at city hall. The PUD plans have no expiration date, so it's all ready to go, but with up-to-date materials.

A few months ago, Dr. Louis Leonore asked me to offer that property to the city for him. He said he had a buyer, but the city might want it for a park and he'd be willing to sell it to them. He said the city could float a bond to get the money to buy it and it would be good for his tax return to have the municipal bond money -- or something like that.

I sent on the information to the city and

it was received at city hall. Nothing was brought to city council publicly. No deal.

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After Monday's meeting, Rick Rutherford told me one of my old classmates (BHS class of 1954) was getting ready to celebrate his 60th wedding anniversary. I asked who that might be and he said it was Jerry Pawlowski. I haven't seen Jerry in 50 years or more. Rick said Jerry and his wife live in Brooklyn. Rick also said Jerry is his uncle. How about that? Sixty years is a long time and it's wonderful. Happy anniversary.

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My son, Jim, was listening to internet radio early Monday morning and heard a Harvard psychology professor on the effects of marijuana use and R.E.M. (rapid eye movement) sleep. He said people who use marijuana regularly have very little or no R.E.M. sleep which can affect judgment the next day, almost like being drunk. This can cause traffic accidents, poor job performance and just poor judgment, he said.

He also said it's near epidemic proportions in this country alone and could create a dumber society.



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## Letters

### Veterans Day looks different to me this year

To the editor:

This week is Veterans Day. I never gave it much thought.

Last summer I was talking to this gentleman I've known for three or four years. The conversation turned from the weather (hot or cold) to something he had never mentioned. As a young man in 1960 he had graduated from Ferris State R.O.T.C. program and had chosen the army to serve in.

He was sent to Fort Rucker, Alabama, and learned to fly a helicopter. Of course, he spent time in Vietnam during that awful war. He never talked details, but I can only imagine the memories he brought home with him and the awful things he has seen.

His story has really stayed in my mind and I think every day we pass a son or daughter, mom or dad at Walmart, the distinguished older gentleman at Denny's. They never talk about their service to our nation.

My uncle was laid to rest long ago after driving a Model T Ford ambulance during World War I. For some reason, Veterans Day looks different to me this year.

Mickey Widener  
 Van Buren Township

### First-annual Plane Pull helps Special Olympics

To the editor:

We would like to thank the 50+ Van Buren Township Public Safety employees who participated in the first-annual Active Aero Plane Pull. This was a fun-filled fundraiser that raised money for the Special Olympics.

Our Van Buren Township Police Officers, Fire Fighters, and Dispatchers comprised five, ten-person teams. The purpose of the fund raiser was to see what team would be able to pull a plane 20 feet in the fastest time.

Seventeen teams raised the money and competed for the charity. Van Buren Township teams raised a total in excess of \$7,000. Fire Fighter Chris Roy was the top individual fund raiser for the event, raising more than \$2,500.

A Van Buren Township team took first place in the all-male division (comprised of police officers and a dispatcher). Another Van Buren Township team took first place in the all-female division (comprised of female fire fighters, dispatchers, and clerical employees).

We would like to give a special thank



you to Van Buren Township Fire Chief Amy Brow who anchored the first-place, all-female division team. Her leadership was much appreciated by all union memberships.

It was nice to see her support for all the employees of Van Buren Township by cheering on all the teams and participating on her own team. All unions (MAFF, POLC, POLC Command, and AFSCME) believed it was an important cause and were able to gather 50+ members to compete.

Thank you very much. We are looking forward to defending our titles next year!

- Marc Abdilla, Van Buren Township Fire Union President  
 - Sgt. Louis Keele, Van Buren Township Police Union Member  
 - Lt. Mark Buckberry, Van Buren Township Police Command Union President

### Thank you for placing flags on veterans' graves

To the editor:

Thank you, volunteers, for placing new flags on the graves of veterans last month. Because of your efforts, I was able to collect all the old flags and throughout the next several months I will sort, clean, repair, repaint finials, and properly dispose of non-usable flags for future use.

Through previous efforts of volunteers, all reusable flags from earlier efforts have been refurbished and through a generous donation from Manns Lumber on Michigan Avenue. FREE FLAGS will be available this Veteran's Day (Nov. 11) and most upcoming patriotic holidays, in front of my home at 48 S. Biggs Street.

Let's honor our veterans by displaying a U.S. flag in front of your home this Veteran's Day.

Pete Pitzen, Belleville  
 Member VFW Post #4434

P.S. You may drop off any flags that need to be properly disposed and I will take care of them.

### New restaurant to open in tri-community

To the editor:

The tri-community needs a new place to eat. It is coming when McShanes opens where the Tin Pan used to be. McShanes is a tried and true restaurant with two successful establishments in Ypsilanti and across from old Tiger Stadium. Noted for great food, good prices, and attentive wait staff. Please welcome them into the area. You won't regret.

Pat Veerkamp

"Being powerful is like being a lady. If you have to tell people you ARE, you AREN'T."

-- Margaret Thatcher  
 British Prime Minister, 1925-2013

# Obituaries



Patricia (Jankowski)  
Kalasz

## PATRICIA (JANKOWSKI) KALASZ

(September 7, 1942 - November 4, 2017)

Patricia (Jankowski) Kalasz of Belleville MI, passed away in her home on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the age of 75.

Patricia was born in Manistee, MI, on September 7, 1942 to Walter and Mabel Jankowski.

Patricia is preceded in death by her first husband Alfred Kalasz and daughter Devonne Kalasz. Her second husband, Harry Fordham, passed away earlier this year.

Survived by daughters Joyce Luna (Evaristo Luna), Stephanie Mull (Ted Mull), Michelle Beaudrie, and Jennifer Kalasz. She is also survived by three siblings: Jim Jankowski, Ray Jankowski, and Nancy Adamcyak. A beloved grandmother of eleven grandchildren and great-grandmother of eight great-grandchildren.

Patricia was known for her fiery spirit, her sharp wit, and her big laugh. She took pride in her garden, her fantastic cooking, loved to crochet, watch the Detroit Red Wings, and her biggest delight, was her daughters she referred to always as her "girls" and her "world". Even in her final years, Pat was always there with a compliment or some much-needed wisdom -- sometimes both, if the occasion called for it. She will be deeply missed by all whose lives she touched in her time with us.

There will be a service at St. Stephen's Church in New Boston, MI, at 12 p.m. on Friday, November 10, 2017, followed by a reception at 1 p.m.

## 'Tinsel and Tears' mini-workshop set on grieving during the holidays

Join Grief Counselors Patti and Jackie on three Tuesday evenings, 6-8 p.m., at Brown Family Center, 678 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville. Dates are: Nov. 14, Nov. 28, Dec. 5.

This is a spiritually based program in a group setting that can help those grieving during the holiday season.

This mini-workshop is free of cost. To register your intention to attend or to ask questions, call Jackie at (734) 697-5090.

## Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Nov. 9 – Keystone Academy Board of Education, 6 p.m., Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Nov. 13 – Special meeting of Belleville City Council at 6 p.m. to discuss medical marijuana with city attorney. Then council will go into closed-door session to

discuss legal opinion. Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons

• Tuesday, Nov. 14 – Van Buren Township Senior Center Endowment Committee at 11 a.m. Also, VBT Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville

Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Nov. 15 -- Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

• 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.

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# Obituaries



Marie Agnes (Loukiainen)  
Creps

## MARIE AGNES (LOUKIAINEN) CREPS

(September 26, 1930 - November 1, 2017)

Mrs. Marie Agnes (Loukiainen) Creps passed away on Wednesday, November 1, 2017. She was born September 26, 1930 in Calumet, Michigan to Charles Emil and Agnes Mary (Kovachich) Loukiainen. On October 14, 1950 she married the love of her life, Henry Edgar Creps. He preceded her in death on March 11, 2007.

Marie enjoyed crocheting, crafting, going on hunting trips with her husband – travelling and spending time on their farm up north where they planted lots of evergreen trees. She loved to polka dance and she and her husband enjoyed listening to polka music and also going to the Festival of the Pines in Lake City to listen to the polka music and watch the dancers. She also enjoyed being with her loving family.

Marie is survived by her loving children: Diana (Dennie) Fore of Horton, Henry (Diane) Creps of Ann Arbor, Denise (Ricky) Armatis and Paul (Millie) Creps, both of Ypsilanti. Precious grandchildren: Matthew, Travis (Sarah) Fore, Henry, Mark (Sonja) Creps, Ricky, David (Sarah) Armatis, Sarah (Dakota) Herzberg, Bradd (Gabrielle) Armatis, Stacey (David) Dyda and Paul Creps. Precious great-grandchildren: Skylar, Violet, Zachary and Flint Fore, Elizabeth Creps, Emily and Ricky Armatis, Robbie, Krissy Armatis, Jayce Herzberg and Haley and Abigail Dyda.

She is also survived by her sister Margaret Stokes and brother Charles (Yvonne) Loukiainen, both of Ypsilanti, Raymond (Katy) Creps of Haslett, Tom (Linda) Creps of Houston and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her step-father Robert Allen and extended family members Hank and Berth Stump, Lillian Harrington, Virgia and Charles Creps, Joseph and Joanne Creps, Jim and Monica Zimmerman and son-in-law Ricky Armatis.

Visitation for Mrs. Creps was held on Saturday, November 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 5 p.m. until the time of the service at 6 p.m. at the Higgeson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville, MI 734-697-9400.

A second visitation for Mrs. Creps was held on Monday, November 6, from 1 p.m. until the time of service at 3 p.m. at Burkholder Funeral Home, 211 N. Pine, McBain, MI. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery, also in McBain, where Marie was laid to rest beside her loving husband. A light luncheon was served at Burkholder Funeral Home following burial. [www.hnffh.com](http://www.hnffh.com)

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Stanley Lightfoot, Jr.

## STANLEY LIGHTFOOT, JR.

(June 1, 1922 - October 31, 2017)

Age 95, resident of Romulus, passed away in his home early Tuesday morning October 31, 2017, with his family at his side.

Stanley Lightfoot, Jr. is the beloved husband of Dorothy Jean (Jewell) Lightfoot; loving father to James Gary Lightfoot of Romulus, Donald Grant Lightfoot of Marina del-Rey, CA., Stanley III (Janet) Lightfoot of Colorado Springs, CO., Ruth Ann (Charles) Rodenberg of TN, and Lois Jean (Alan) Turner of MI. He is also the proud grandfather of thirteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Sadly, Stanley is preceded in death by his parents Stanley and Maude (Spencer) Lightfoot and his siblings Louise Hernden and Roger Lee Lightfoot.

Stanley was a man of deep religious faith, a pastor at several congregations, and devoted member at Bethany Bible Church. He was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans. Stanley enjoyed reading and was also an author; but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family.

A simple cremation has been arranged and a memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 2 p.m., at Bethany Bible Church, 810 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111, (734) 697-7456. Stanley's family will greet guests one hour prior to the service.



William Richard Love

## WILLIAM RICHARD LOVE

(September 29, 1952 - October 30, 2017)

Age 65 of Belleville, died peacefully at Oakwood - Annapolis Hospital of Wayne on Monday, October 30, 2017.

William is the beloved husband of Denise for thirty-eight wonderful years; loving father of Diane (Kris) Suvada of Roscommon and Julie (John Kapchus) Love of Florida; cherished grandfather of Scorpio (Lindsey) Suvada of Virginia, Laya Suvada of Plymouth, Hayley Love of Florida, Jarri Suvada of Roscommon and Meadow Love of Florida. William is also survived by his loving great-granddaughter, Emma; siblings, Susan (Joseph) Grahek of Cadillac and Harry Love, also of Cadillac, and his best friend, his dog, "Rex."

Born on September 29, 1952 in McKeesport, Pennsylvania to Freeman and Agnes Love, William was a minister with Heavenly Light Church. He enjoyed fish by maintaining an impressive aquarium and computer gaming. He was a champion euchre player and truly loved his family and friends.

In keeping with Mr. Love's wishes, a simple cremation has been arranged.

A memorial dinner will be held 5 until 8 p.m. on Friday, November 10, 2017 at Belleville Moose Lodge #934, 45476 Harris Rd., Sumpter Township. Those who wish to make a memorial tribute, may do so to the charity of their choice. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)



# Court watching Po

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audio down and he started recording the discussion. Swinson said Po pointed his finger at him and said, "You tell your dad. You tell your dad," an arm's length away at the other side of his desk.

"I asked if he was threatening me to get to my father," Swinson said. "I had no place to go. My back was against the wall."

He testified since this happened two years ago, he doesn't remember everything that was said, so Prosecutor Longnecker provided him with VBT Police Officer Mike Long's police report to refresh his memory.

Swinson said Po claimed his dad ruined his business.

"I called the Sumpter Township attorney. The first person I called. Then I called Van Buren Township police," Swinson said, referring to after Po left.

"I wanted to know what I should do," he said as the reason he called attorney Rob Young, noting he was a trustee on the township board.

Judge Tina Brooks Green, who was presiding at the trial, clarified Swinson's remarks, asking if because of his position in Sumpter Township and the conflict between Po and Sumpter Township, he called the township attorney, and Swinson said that was so.

"There was a bust at his place before this," Swinson said.

"And, your dad was a witness?" Judge Green asked.

"I believe so," Swinson replied.

When Po was done talking, he walked out the door, Swinson said.

"He was done with what he had to say ... including my father was ruining his business ... he was growing marijuana."

Defense attorney Ruark asked about the recording.

"I emailed the audio to Officer Long. I didn't alter it. I could barely turn it on," Swinson said.

VBT Police Officer Mark Buxton played about two minutes of audio to the jury, who all huddled around the laptop, trying to hear. Then, it was replayed for Swinson to refresh his memory. Judge Green and the audience did not hear the recording.

Swinson identified the audio and said Po spent less than five minutes there, maybe 10 minutes with all the pacing.

"He said he was going to sue my dad for \$10 million and to be prepared. I told him it was a township matter and I was going to call Rob Young. I wasn't involved in it, but knew about it," Swinson said. He said he was nervous and scared because nothing like that had happened to him before at work. "I called the attorney, police, and then my father."

Ruark cross-examined the witness and asked if Po brandished any weapons, threatened physical harm or threatened to harm his father physically, and Swinson said, "No." He asked if his father appeared to be threatened and Swinson said he didn't remember. No Personal Protection Order was filed against Po, Swinson said.

Swinson said when he regularly calls his father he always asks how things are going and they didn't dwell on Po's appearance at his job. He said one day his father told him he saw Po pointing at his father's fence.

"The same fence where your father pointed a gun at Mr. Po?" Ruark asked and Swinson said it was. "And, your father was prosecuted?" Ruark asked and Swinson agreed he had been. He agreed Po and his father had been friends.

Ruark said, according to the recording, Po said he planned to sue Swinson's father for \$10 million, get the house, and burn it down.

"He said he would sue first," Swinson agreed.

Ruark pointed out Po waited until he finished talking to a customer on the phone and Swinson never asked Po to leave or call a manager to get him to leave. No voices were raised during the conversation recorded.

Swinson agreed there was an ongoing dispute on marijuana with Po.

"Many township trustees oppose Mr. Po," Ruark said and Swinson replied, "They're just doing their job."

"The township has taken a lot of time to deal with Mr. Po and his operation?" Ruark asked and Swinson said that was so.

"Your first instinct was to call the attorney because this was more important to the township than your father," Ruark stated.

Swinson said Po wasn't going to go right over and burn the house.

Ruark said Po sued Swinson for filing a false police report and Swinson agreed, noting the suit was dropped. Ruark said Po sued Swinson's father and there is a continual dispute.

When Ruark asked about the effect on Swinson's day, Swinson said it had a mental effect on him and he doesn't remember if it altered his work performance.

Ruark asked if he ever talks about township business at work and Swinson said sometimes people from the township come in and they discuss an upcoming agenda item or meeting.

Ruark asked how long he knew about Po's grow operation and he said he didn't know, but on the day Po came into his workplace, he knew Po had a grow operation.

"Was it commercial?" asked Ruark and Swinson said he asked Po that question.

Swinson was excused from the stand and the prosecutor and defense attorney gave their closing arguments.

In his closing remarks, Ruark warned the jury that their decision could lead to the idea that anytime anyone issues a threat, that person should be prosecuted.

"Prosecutors are forever saying, 'You are the people. You have to decide.'" Ruark said. "Do we want to invite the government into our lives whenever someone feels uneasy? 'I'm going to kick your ass ... I'm going to report you to the union' ... those are all threats. If that's the kind of society you want to live in, find him guilty."

Ruark said basically Po said, "I'm going to sue your father." Burning his house down is not a credible threat, Ruark said, because who would throw away a couple hundred

thousand dollars?

"It was really township business at the root of all this," Ruark said. "There was no strong evidence he was really intimidated ... He was feeling uneasy."

Ruark said the ramifications were for Sumpter Township and they should send it back to the township to deal with it, not this court of law.

About half way through the hour-long jury deliberations, the jury asked to hear the audio recording again, so they returned to the courtroom and again crowded around the laptop as Officer Buxton played the sound.

After the not-guilty verdict was read by jury foreman Samantha Mall, who is a college student, two of the jurors took time to talk to the prosecutor and defense attorney about the decision.

Jurors Sherry Hester and Shirley Kennedy Miller pointed out that Po didn't threaten to burn the house, but to sue, buy the house, and then burn it down.

They also didn't like it that Swinson tried to get more information from Po for the township legal action.

Theresa Davenport, who was a member of the jury pool and chosen in the first draw to be on the jury, was excused for cause by Judge Green, who noted Davenport's statement that she knew Po because her family's company did work for him.

The seven-member jury that heard the case was reduced to six with a blind draw at the end of the testimony and Kim Capcun, a barista at the Belleville Road Starbucks, was excused.

This misdemeanor case was postponed at district court until after Wayne County

Circuit Court cases between Po and Sumpter Township were settled. On Oct. 17 the cases had a "global settlement" in Judge David J. Allen's courtroom, although the details are yet to be completely agreed upon, written down, and signed by everyone involved. Attorneys may have to go back to Judge Allen's courtroom to complete the settlement.

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## VBT Plan

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to the consensus to move forward with the opt-out provision. He said the township will pass a resolution to state VBT is opting out.

In other business at the Oct. 25 meeting, the commission:

- Held a public hearing during which no public spoke on amendments to the zoning ordinance regarding detention pond location and setbacks for off-street parking and loading areas, access drives, and paved surfaces accessory to a distribution center. Then, the commission voted to recommend those changes to the township board for a final decision. These changes were inspired by a site plan submittal by Ashley Capital North;
- Approved a site plan amendment for the approved Country Walk site plan for revised single family architectural elevations, with a stipulation of removing one of the elevations from the request. Upland Homes is constructing homes in the unfinished Country Walk subdivision, located on the east side of Martinsville Road, north of Savage Road;
- Approved preliminary site plan for the VBT Downtown Development Authority's Placemaking plan to construct an office building and a park on its property at 10151, 10065, 10085, and 10101 Belleville Road. Commissioners questioned the design, since it has enforced the DDA's plan to have red brick on new businesses along Belleville Road and this building

doesn't have red brick. "If there's a change, we should know," said Chairwoman Thompson. "The requirement came from the DDA." Commissioner Joan Franzoi said since it is not a commercial building, maybe it could get some leeway. Commission Vice Chairman Donald Boynton said he would like red brick since businesses would say, "We've been required to do such and such and the township doesn't have to follow its own rules." The DDA will take the design back to the architect to reconsider the design;

- Approved removing from the agenda a special land use request and final site plan approval for Parallel Infrastructure's 125-foot tall cell tower at 43430 Ecorse Road. Removal was at the applicant's request;

- Discussed the upcoming work on a new Master Plan and appointed Commissioners Medina Atchinson, Bryon Kelley, and Sharry Budd to serve on the Master Plan Subcommittee. Sloan said the Master Plan originally was adopted in 1989, and it has had amendments in 1999, Single Family Residential Plan; 2000, Ecorse-Haggerty Corridor Plan; 2001, Grace Lake Area Plan; 2007, South Side Master Plan; and 2010, Belleville Road District Plan. Everything will be in one plan with the new Master Plan; and

- Was informed of an open house put on by the VBT Board of Trustees for all commission and committee members on Thursday, Nov. 30, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express. The public also is invited.



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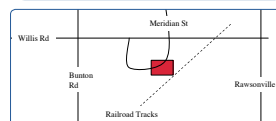


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## More Letters

### Armchair Travelers

To the editor:

Armchair Travelers: Come to the library tonight (Thursday, Nov. 9) at 7 p.m. to hear Dee Crowe talk about her trip to Greenland and Wild Labrador. It should be a great talk. Hope to see you there.

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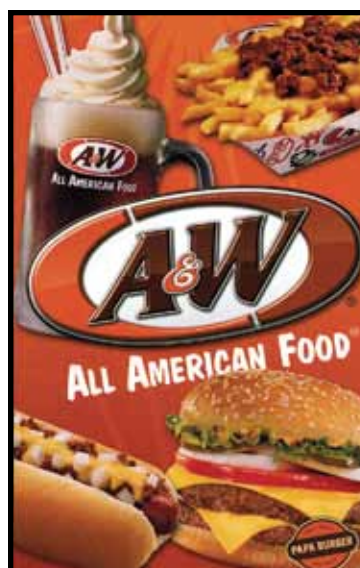
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Court Watching:

# Chapman bound over on charge of jumping in lake to evade police

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

After a preliminary exam during which Van Buren Township Police Officer David Champagne testified to the details of a 2016 felony charge against James Forrest Chapman, Judge Brian A. Oakley bound Chapman over to the higher court for trial.

This was at an afternoon court session on Oct. 25 at 34th District Court. Chapman is ordered to be at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit at 9 a.m., Nov. 8 for his arraignment on the information.

Chapman's court-appointed attorney on the felony charge, Jeffrey Chilton, began the session by asking Judge Oakley to meet with him, Chapman's other attorney John Day, and the Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor in the judge's chambers, the way they did on Aug. 23, seeking a "global settlement."

Chapman has two misdemeanor charges against him, as well, for refusing to provide DNA samples on two felony arrests.

But Judge Oakley said he'd been on the bench since 9 a.m. and it was now almost 2 p.m. He wanted to get on with the case.

Chilton said he called Gary Bresnehan at the prosecutor's office who was supposed to tell the prosecutor on Chapman's cases, Phobie Longnecker, to settle, but it didn't happen.

Chilton pointed out that Chapman has filed a motion to dismiss and if that is granted there would be no need to conduct a preliminary examination.

Chilton said there is a felony charge from June 3, 2016 for assaulting / resisting / obstructing a police officer and a misdemeanor charge for refusing to give a DNA sample. There is also a second misdemeanor charge from Aug. 16, 2015 for refusing a DNA sample after a different felony arrest.

Actually, Chapman's motion to dismiss was on the DNA matters.

Chilton also had a motion to dismiss the felony, alleging Chapman was denied a speedy trial and "justice delayed is justice denied."

Chilton said the prosecutor refiled the

June 3, 2016 case and witness memories fade for preliminary exam testimony after that length of time. This does not provide a speedy trial, he said.

Prosecutor Longnecker said most of the delays were due to the defendant filing motions. She said it went to trial and there was a mistrial (after Van Buren Township Police Officer Champagne

went into the jury room at lunch time to help a juror having a health problem) and it went to trial again and the judge dismissed the charge when VBT officers didn't show up for court to testify. Then the prosecution refiled the case that is before them now.

Prosecutor Longnecker said there was a 14-month delay because of Chapman's motions and there were 17 adjournments attributed to him filing motions.

Judge Oakley said the prosecutor's office was not ready and the prosecutors kept changing. But there is no prejudice to Chapman because of the delays and the witness is present to testify.

"It's been a while," Judge Oakley said. "But, what's the damage?"

Chilton said the site where Chapman supposedly jumped in the lake has physically changed at the wharf area that broke when Chapman was on it. That was where he allegedly ran from police, he said.

Chapman cut in to say that he is supposed to have a speedy trial and this is "borderline malicious." He cited a Supreme Court decision noting over 18 months was not a speedy trial.

"We're not at 18 months," Judge Oakley said.

Chilton compared the treatment of Chapman to *Les Miserables*.

Judge Oakley said he has made his opinion very clear in opposing the way "this is being done." He said he doesn't think it rises to a speedy trial issue and he commended the officer for going into the jury room to help a juror in need, even



Chapman

though it caused a mistrial.

Judge Oakley then denied the motion to dismiss on the speedy trial issue.

Then, testimony began on the felony charge of assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer.

The only witness was VBT Officer David Champagne, who testified that on June 3, 2016 he was dispatched to Huron River Drive for an assault complaint. Officer Bettendorf also was sent and they were in separate scout cars.

He testified they met out front by Benny Smith's place, where Benny explained he was assaulted by Chapman and Chapman had left the location. Champagne ran north of the location to the corner of Alva and Martinsville and started to search for Chapman in a fence row. He said dispatch alerted him that it was on the phone with Chapman, attempting to get him to turn himself in.

It was about 8:30 p.m. and light out, he said. He said he had seen Chapman several times before and knew what he looked like.

Champagne testified that Chapman stepped out of the fence row.

"He saw me and turned around and ran," Champagne testified. "I yelled STOP. Stop or I'll taze you."

Champagne said Chapman ran north to the steps down to Belleville Lake. He said he saw Chapman look at him and then Chapman turned around and started to go down the steps and half way down he fell and landed at the edge of the lake.

"I said STOP and he turned around and went into the lake," Champagne said, adding he swam to the east and the officer started following him along the bank. Then, Chapman changed direction and started to swim to the west.

"I could see he was starting to struggle to swim," Champagne said, adding he started to weigh his options, considering taking off his heavy gun belt so he could jump in the lake and rescue him, calling to find out if the marine unit was nearby on the lake, or if Huron Valley Ambulance was nearby.

That's when Chapman swam back to shore, Champagne said.

He said he asked Chapman why he ran from him and Chapman replied that dispatch had lied to him and, "I have warrants for my arrest."

Champagne said he asked about the events that led up to the original 911 call and he said Chapman explained what happened. Champagne arrested him for outstanding warrants.

Under cross examination, Champagne said both Benny and Chapman called 911 on the phone and Chapman was on the phone with dispatch while Champagne was looking for him. Champagne said he did not see a phone in Chapman's hand when he fell down the stairs, but a phone was in his possession when he was arrested.

He said he remembers Chapman asking him to open it up and put the battery on a paper towel to dry out.

Champagne said there were no assault charges filed by Smith. Chilton asked if Chapman had a bike and Champagne said Chapman did and he dropped the bike when he started to run from him.

Chilton asked if Chapman said Smith stabbed him and showed a cut on his hand and Champagne said that is what Chapman said and did. There were no charges against Smith.

Judge Oakley found probable cause to bind Chapman over for trial.

Chapman asked for dismissal of the DNA charges, but that didn't happen. So, Chapman asked for a bench trial and he was scheduled before Judge Oakley on Dec. 6. His personal bond was continued.

Judge Oakley had dismissed the first DNA charge against Chapman and circuit court overturned his decision and reinstated the charges. Judge Oakley said the circuit court said Judge Oakley abused his discretion by his ruling on a new law.

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CO gas can come from several sources in your home: furnaces, hot water heaters, fireplaces and motor vehicles. There are several steps you can take to protect yourself and your family. Have a qualified professional check your furnace, hot water heater and chimney venting system at least once a year. Never use your oven to heat

your home and never use a gas-powered generator inside your home or garage during a power outage.

To protect you and your family from CO poisoning you should install at least one carbon monoxide alarm near the sleeping areas and outside individual bedrooms. Make sure the alarm is Underwriters Laboratory (UL) listed. Carbon monoxide alarms measure levels of CO over time and are designed to sound before an average, healthy adult would experience symptoms.

It is very possible that you may not be experiencing any symptoms when you hear the alarm. This does not mean that CO is not present. If your CO alarm goes off and no one is ill, you should silence the alarm, turn off all appliances and sources of combustion, and ventilate the house with fresh air by opening doors and windows.

You should call the gas company or a qualified heating and cooling company to investigate the possible source of CO build up. If the CO alarm goes off and people are feeling ill, you should evacuate the home immediately and call 911. Do not reenter the home once you're out until you are sure it is safe.

Should you have any further questions on any fire and life safety issues, please feel free to call the Fire Marshal's office at 734-699-8900 x 9416.

## VBT Fire Dept. places two CPR assistance devices on rescue trucks

The Van Buren Township Fire department, has placed two cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) assistance devices, on rescue trucks, that will improve the care provided to patients in cardiac arrest, said Fire Chief Amy Brow.

While not replacing the work of the firefighters or EMS providers, it will improve efficiency in the delivery of CPR, and allow the firefighters and EMS providers to focus on other critical EMS treatments, Chief Brow said.

The LUCAS™ Chest Compression System assists Fire and EMS professionals in saving cardiac arrest victims by providing continuous compressions, which

helps sustain blood flow to the brain and heart, she said.

The AHA/ERC guidelines from 2005 emphasize uninterrupted chest compressions before defibrillation. LUCAS provides chest compressions without rescuer fatigue or variations in quality.

The equipment was provided by a grant with matching funds over several local fire departments. Chief Brow and the staff at VBFD would like to extend many thanks to the citizens of Van Buren for their support in the department's effort to provide the best quality care possible in any emergency.

## Michigan Clerks elect VBT Clerk Wright as IIMC Region V Director

In September, the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks held an election to select the candidate who will represent Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee and Kentucky as the Region V Director for the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Three candidates competed for the position and after all the votes were counted Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright came out the winner.

As the IIMC Region V Director he will serve on the governing board. He will be called upon to shape policies that effect election processes and accessibility and

develop strategies to enhance the Clerk profession, service and education, on a global scale.

Clerk Wright will officially take the oath of office in May 2018 and will serve a three-year term.

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## Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



The Fourth-Annual November Nostalgia Sale will take place this Saturday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport. The free event will feature vintage aircraft and aviation-related collectibles and items no longer needed by the museum, such as books, lithographs, manuals, desktop and die-cast aircraft models, patches, magazines, figurines, clothing, uniforms, and much more. For info, call Christina at (734) 483-4030 ext. 239 and visit [www.yankeeairmuseum.org](http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org).

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A Dine to Donate fundraiser to benefit Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter will take place Sunday, Nov. 19, at Haab's restaurant in Downtown Ypsilanti. Ten percent of sales will go to the no-kill shelter. For more info, call (734) 483-8200.

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Johnny's on the Lake Bar & Grill is holding a pig roast this Saturday and will be offering pork specials, Amish Chicken, ribs, and more. In honor of Veteran's Day, vets can get 50% off their food bill all day long. Call (734) 699-1777.

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A spaghetti dinner to honor veterans will also take place this Saturday, Nov. 11, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Belleville Moose Family Center on Sumpter Road. Tickets are \$10 per person and \$5 for children and veterans. The event will also kick off the Toys for Tots campaign, as the Moose will be a drop-off location. Call (734) 325-7799.

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It's Fall Car Care Days at Belleville Auto Supply and Romulus Auto Supply, both Auto Value Parts Stores offering good prices for the do-it-yourself mechanics. They carry nearly all brands of oil, fluids, coolants, hoses, windshield wiper blades, and everything you'll need to get ready for winter. They offer great customer service and will even fill your online order and have it ready when you arrive. See their ad in today's paper and call Belleville at (734) 697-3151 and Romulus at (734) 941-1727.

## Belleville OKs expired DDA agreement, 2017/18 DDA budget

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The former maintenance agreement between the City of Belleville and the Belleville Downtown Development Authority expired more than two years ago and a new agreement was needed.

At Monday's regular meeting of the city council, City Manager Diana Kollmeyer explained that she and DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson worked together to craft a new agreement. She said they talked about the amount of time it takes the city's DPW to do the work required by the DDA and that's how the \$60,000 flat annual fee was determined.

"This makes the city whole," City Manager Kollmeyer said.

Thompson said a lot of time was spent researching and putting the numbers together.

After a lengthy discussion, the council unanimously approved the agreement.

Mike Renaud, who retired from the financial department at Ford Motor Co., asked the only tough questions on the agreement.

"I don't see anything with economics," he said of the agreement. "\$60,000 for the DPW -- flat for 10 years.

"I don't know anyone who would sign an agreement like that," Renaud said. "It just doesn't make sense."

He said the agreement spells out that if the city spends less, "We give it back to them."

"It's \$60,000 per year, irrespective of taxes, increases to the department. We can't automatically charge them more if it costs us more," Renaud said.

Thompson said, they talked about this and for additional services there was a clause on additional payments. She said if it snowed four inches every day in January, "We would expect the city to come and ask for more money" for snow removal.

Renaud said the \$32,000 relief for police and fire is another problem. He said the \$32,000 credited for Columbia Court pays for just half a police officer.

"I know you worked hard on this, but it doesn't mean it's a good agreement," Renaud said.

Mayor Conley said the city is made whole by that \$32,000, which is what the city would have captured in taxes without the agreement.

"That was the trade-off years ago," Kollmeyer said.

"You don't think the DDA should pay more for police and fire?" Renaud asked.

Thompson said under the new state laws the DDA can't just write checks.

"So the DDA doesn't have to pay for police and fire?" Renaud asked.

Kollmeyer referred to legislation.

"Is everyone on the council satisfied with no increase for 10 years?" he asked.

Councilman Jesse Marcotte said it's a five-year agreement, with automatic approval for another five years if either side doesn't ask for a change.

"When have we had trash agreements for 10 years with no economic increase? ... We're providing a service in the DPW department... They keep getting service at 2017 rates ... What if there are raises or we need to buy a new street sweeper?" Renaud asked.

Mayor Conley said it is her understanding that the city can go back to the DDA and say, "We didn't count on this and we need to change ... It's taken a long time to get to this point."

Mayor Conley asked Thompson to close her ears and then said, "Maybe our cost today is only \$40,000 and we're getting \$60,000..."

"I'm not saying \$60,000 isn't OK today," Renaud said.

"The parties determined this is fair ... It's for five years," Mayor Conley said.

"With no economic increase," said an

exasperated Renaud. "I'm done. It won't change."

"Carol and I worked hard to determine what is fair for both sides," Kollmeyer said.

"Do we have to wait five years?" asked Jeff Vernon from the audience.

"We don't have to wait five years," Mayor Conley said. "If something happens, we can go back."

"I do believe that's correct," said Kollmeyer.

"I do believe that's correct," Thompson echoed.

Councilman Tom Fielder said he has been in favor of the DDA from the beginning, but new laws take away some of the capture and what it can be spent for.

"Mike, I appreciate your concerns," Councilman Fielder said, addressing Renaud. "But, they have to pay off the bonds."

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

- Approved the 2017/18 DDA budget as presented. Thompson said the budget was held at the old figures until the maintenance agreement was approved and "The DDA is returning more to the city than we capture from the city"; and

- Approved the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce fireworks display by Great Lakes Fireworks on Dec. 2, but heard Paul Henning say if they don't get \$2,800 more in donations they won't be able to afford it and it will be cancelled. They have \$500 in donations, so far, he said.

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— Dr. Seuss



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## Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Nov 9** - Dee Crowe will present her travelogue, "Greenland and Wild Labrador," 7 p.m. at the Belleville

Area District Library. As part of the Homegrown Knowledge Series, Crowe will be sharing her latest adventure. Refreshments will be served.

• **Friday, Nov. 10** – State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, will hold a coffee hour beginning at 10 a.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. His Sixth

District includes Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter. He also invites veterans to his third-annual free Veterans Day movie at 1 p.m. in cooperation with MJR Westland Grand Cinema 16 and John Glenn High School ROTC. The cinema is at 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Information: (517) 373-7800 or email [senhhopgood@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senhhopgood@senate.michigan.gov).

## Public Notice

### Public Notice of Availability: FAA Cleveland-Detroit Metroplex Draft Environmental Assessment Release.

**Summary:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq., and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, 40 C.F.R. parts 1500-1508, the FAA issues this notice that it has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Cleveland-Detroit Metroplex (CLE-DTW Metroplex) Project and has made it available for public review and comment. The Draft EA considers the potential environmental impacts of the implementation of the Project. The Project's Proposed Action would improve the efficiency of airspace in the Cleveland and Detroit Metroplex by optimizing aircraft arrival and departure routes at the EA Study Airports, including Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport and Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport and 10 satellite airports throughout the Cleveland and Detroit area. A complete list of Study Airports is provided in the Draft EA.

The Project involves changes to aircraft flight routes and altitudes in certain areas. The Proposed Action does not increase the number of aircraft operations within the Metroplex, nor result in ground disturbance.

Potential environmental impacts discussed in the EA were analyzed in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*.

The General Study Area includes 11 Study Airports in Cuyahoga, Lucas, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Summit and Wayne Counties; and one located within Canada (Windsor Airport). The boundary extends approximately 50-80 miles north, 75-85 miles west, and 91-111 miles south of Detroit, MI; and 138-148 miles west, 60 miles east and 88-92 miles south of Cleveland, OH.

**Availability:** Electronic copies of the Draft EA and supporting materials are available at the following locations: 1) Online at:

[http://www.metroplexenvironmental.com/cle\\_dtw\\_metroplex/cle\\_dtw\\_introduction.html](http://www.metroplexenvironmental.com/cle_dtw_metroplex/cle_dtw_introduction.html)

2) Electronic versions of the Draft EA have been sent to 69 libraries in the General Study Area. A complete list of libraries with electronic copies of the Draft EA is available online at

[http://www.metroplexenvironmental.com/cle\\_dtw\\_metroplex/cle\\_dtw\\_introduction.html](http://www.metroplexenvironmental.com/cle_dtw_metroplex/cle_dtw_introduction.html)

**Public Workshops:** The FAA invites the public to attend informational workshops for the Draft EA at the times and locations listed below. Representatives from the FAA will be available to answer questions about the Project. Written comments will be accepted at the public workshops.

**Detroit Area Workshops:** November 28, 2017, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Ford Community and Performing Arts Center (Hubbard Ballroom), 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI, 48126; November 29, 2017, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Dozier Recreation Complex (Meeting Lounge), 2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster, MI, 48141; November 30, 2017, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Sumpter Township Community Center (Gymnasium), 23501 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI, 48111.

**Cleveland Area Workshops:** December 5, 2017, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Don Umerley Civic Center (Memorial Hall), 21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, OH, 44116; December 6, 2017, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Gunning Park Recreation Center (Gymnasium), 16700 Puritas Avenue, Cleveland, OH, 44135; December 7, 2017, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Baldwin Wallace University, Student Union/Strosacker Hall (Sandstone 3), 120 East Grand St., Berea, OH 44017.

Attendees with special communication or accommodation needs may contact Bill Keller of ATAC Corp. at (408) 736-2822 at least 2 days prior to the workshop. Every reasonable effort to accommodate special needs will be made.

**Comments:** The public comment period will commence on November 10, 2017 and will close on December 11, 2017. The FAA encourages interested parties to review the Draft EA, and provide written comments during the public comment period. Written comments will be accepted by the FAA until December 11, 2017. The public is invited to submit comments at the workshops, by mail, or via email. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Email comments to:

9-ASW-CLE-DTWOAPM-Comment@faa.gov. Comments can be submitted by regular mail to:

CLE-DTW Metroplex EA, Federal Aviation Administration Central Service Center - Operations Support Group, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy, 4th Floor South, Fort Worth, TX 76177.

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• **Saturday, Nov. 11** -- Special, short Veterans of Foreign Wars ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park, Belleville, to mark Veterans Day.

• **Saturday, Nov. 11** – Spaghetti Dinner at the Belleville Moose Lodge to benefit the VFW and PLAV and repairs to the Veterans Monument. Cost is \$10 plate or \$5 a plate for veterans and children. Serving from 6-8 p.m. Also, quilt being raffled off to earn money for the "Bring Our Boys Home" project at the Monument. 50/50 raffle and Chinese auction.

• **Saturday, Nov. 11** – You are invited to visit the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Otisville Room at Van Buren Township Hall. All levels of sewers are welcome and there are lots of different projects.

• **Saturday, Nov. 11** – Santa will be at T-Rex, 44800 N. I-94 Service Drive, from noon to 3 p.m. Santa's visit is sponsored by Michigan Open Carry, Inc. and T-Rex Arms. Give Santa your Christmas list. Parents can take photos with Santa, too.

• **Saturday, Nov. 11** – Santa will be at Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, 51299 Arkona Road, Sumpter Township, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pet pictures with Santa for a donation. Info: (734) 461-9458

• **Saturday, Nov. 11** – Community United Methodist Church, 11160 Olive St., Romulus, is holding another Roast Beef Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Donation is \$10 for adults, \$4 for ages 6-12, and free for ages 5 and under. For carry out, call (734) 941-0736. [www.romuluscumc.net](http://www.romuluscumc.net)

• **Sunday, Nov. 12** – Entertainment with live music by "Kentucky Travelers" 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, Nov. 14** – Belleville National Strawberry Festival meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Victory Station at Five Points has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 14** – "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. Sessions also set for Nov. 28 and Dec. 5.

• **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.



## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*Out of the 473 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.*

### Sunday, Oct. 29:

0002 -- family trouble, Outer Dr.  
0031 -- shooting, McKinley St.  
0057 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
0058 -- noise complaint, Riggs Rd.  
0550 -- breaking & entering, Haggerty Rd.  
1222 -- neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1249 -- private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1251 -- noise complaint, Endicott Ave./Chatsworth  
1403 -- family trouble, Outer Dr.  
1512 -- larceny, Rawsonville  
1920 -- noise complaint, Martinsville Rd.

### Monday, Oct. 30:

0142 -- private property impound, Belleville Rd.  
0515 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Amanda  
0607 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.  
0921 -- abandoned auto, Water's Edge Ln.  
0941 -- domestic, N. Timberview Dr.  
1159 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. Purple Sage Ct. / Sage Cir.  
1206 -- larceny, Tyler Rd.  
1254 -- fraud, Colony Ln.  
1309 -- hold-up alarm, Bemis Rd.  
1335 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1620 -- breaking & entering, W. Archwood Dr.  
1626 -- fraud, Roosevelt  
1714 -- property damage accident, Elwell Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.

1816 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, EB I-94/Belleville

1900 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville  
2046 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sadie Ln. / Ecorse Rd.

2054 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Locust Dr.  
2226 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Dartmoor

### Tuesday, Oct. 31:

0024 -- malicious destruction of property, Ash Dr.  
0038 -- family trouble, Van Burenm Ln.  
0042 -- malicious destruction of property, Robson  
0418 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. Cumberland Dr. / Hanover Dr.  
0821 -- domestic, Robson Rd.  
0936 -- 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1036 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Briarwood Ct.  
1046 -- lost property/child, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1136 -- trespassing, Village Green Ln.  
1147 -- property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1419 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd. / Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1455 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1506 -- fraud, Lake Point Blvd.  
1951 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Lancaster / Andover

2011 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Kennedy St.  
2116 -- harassment call, Cherry Ln.  
2145 -- assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.  
2208 -- disorderly, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
2240 -- malicious destruction of property, Denton  
2245 -- domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.

### Wednesday, Nov. 1:

0116 -- domestic, Wayne Co. Fairgrounds  
0209 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.  
0454 -- property damage accident, Ecorse/Beck  
0751 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.  
1057 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.  
1428 -- operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville  
1438 -- ordinance violation, Quirk Rd.  
1607 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.  
2001 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / Savage Rd.

2136 -- threat, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
2153 -- domestic, Ivy Dr.  
2220 -- harassment call, Maple Dr.

### Thursday, Nov. 2:

0745 -- shooting, Rawsonville/Belleville Lake  
0746 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.  
0845 -- property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275  
0912 -- harassment call, Belleville  
1037 -- assist other dept., Holly Ln.  
1037 -- sexual assault, Tyler Rd.  
1040 -- disorderly, Belleville Rd.

1056 -- threat, Belleville Rd.  
1322 -- domestic, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.  
1646 -- private property impound, Lake Point Blvd  
1907 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Alba Ct.  
1958 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.  
2005 -- assist other dept., WB I-94/Haggerty  
2011 -- family trouble, Maple Dr.

### Friday, Nov. 3:

0341 -- 911 welfare check, Rickman Dr.  
0522 -- found property/child, Hannan Rd./Tyler Rd  
0732 -- property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.  
0732 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
0934 -- larceny from auto, E. Sadie Ln.  
1214 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1352 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1404 -- lost property/child, DNR Boat Launch  
1438 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
1608 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.  
1633 -- larceny, Tyler Rd.  
1638 -- family trouble, Birch Dr.  
1733 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

/ Grove St.  
1815 -- larceny from auto, Tyler Rd.  
1823 -- larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1835 -- property damage accident, Healthy Paws  
1902 -- personal injury accident, Savage Rd. / Country Walk Blvd.  
2006 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Packard Ct.  
2012 -- retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.  
2016 -- assist other dept., W. Columbia  
2016 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Ashbury  
2105 -- family trouble, Florence Ln.  
2139 -- domestic, Maurice Dr.

### Saturday, Nov. 4:

0136 -- larceny from auto, Country Walk Ct.  
0136 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Cir.  
0154 -- larceny from auto, Pebblebrook Dr.  
0748 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Wildbrook Dr.

0804 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Greenbriar Dr.  
0847 -- larceny from auto, Greenbriar Dr.  
0900 -- larceny from auto, Pebblebrook Dr.  
0943 -- ordinance violation, Savage/Country Pond  
0948 -- larceny from auto, Stoneybrook Ct.  
0957 -- fraud, Haggerty Rd.  
1001 -- fraud, Haggerty Rd.  
1002 -- fraud, Haggerty Rd.  
1005 -- fraud, Haggerty Rd.  
1029 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville

1042 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / I-94  
1047 -- larceny from auto, Wildbrook Dr.  
1100 -- fraud, Denton Rd.  
1136 -- larceny from auto, Pebblebrook Dr.  
1203 -- larceny from auto, Brookside Dr.  
1209 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Pebblebrook Dr.

1309 -- larceny from auto, Pebblebrook Dr.  
1314 -- larceny from auto, Amanda Dr.  
1500 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Fay Dr.  
1522 -- larceny from auto, Harbour Pointe Ct.  
1522 -- larceny from auto, Sondra Dr.  
1534 -- assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr. / W. Archwood Dr.

1858 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Denton Rd./Michigan Ave.

1859 -- property damage accident, S. Haggerty Rd. / Van Born Rd.  
1938 -- overdose, Belleville Rd.  
2204 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2210 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Walmart  
2210 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Victoria St.  
2239 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Richard Run Dr.  
2246 -- hospiice death, Pebblebrook Dr.  
2339 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Elwell Rd.

Also on this week's log are 134 traffic stops, with 18 of them being on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

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### Sunday, Oct. 29:

1436 -- intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
1929 -- civil matter, Main St.  
2041 -- assist fire dept., Carmell St.  
2124 -- suspicious person/vehicle, High St.

### Monday, Oct. 30:

0228 -- assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.  
0800 -- assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.  
1327 -- disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.  
1404 -- disorderly, Owen  
1441 -- 911 welfare check, W. Davis St.  
1649 -- intrusion alarm, Church St.  
1647 -- domestic, Menlo Park Dr.  
1947 -- family trouble, Menlo Park Dr.  
2239 -- assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.

### Tuesday, Oct. 31:

0829 -- suicidal person, Sumpter Rd.  
1043 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Hull Rd.  
1125 -- threat, Loza Ln.  
1430 -- miscellaneous complaint, Main St.  
1440 -- malicious destruction of property, Victorian Ln.  
2229 -- parking complaint, Carmell St.

### Wednesday, Nov. 1:

0017 -- vehicle lockout, Church St.  
0731 -- civil matter, Second St.  
0907 -- assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.  
1313 -- assist fire dept., Edison Ave.  
1525 -- vehicle lockout, Main St.  
1706 -- assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.  
1754 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.

### Thursday, Nov. 2:

1027 -- trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.  
1103 -- disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.  
1123 -- intrusion alarm, Bedell St.  
1708 -- traffic offense, Main St./High St.  
1725 -- operating while intoxicated, Main St. / E. Huron River Dr.

### Friday, Nov. 3:

0317 -- parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
0635 -- assist fire dept., Robbe St.  
0808 -- assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.  
1146 -- trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.  
1547 -- traffic offense, Main St./High St.  
1901 -- parking complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.  
2016 -- fight, W. Columbia Ave.  
2213 -- vehicle lock out, W. Columbia Ave.  
2232 -- motorist assist, Third St./N. Liberty St.

### Saturday, Nov. 4:

0205 -- assist other dept., E. Michigan  
0702 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa / Sumpter Rd.  
0812 -- intrusion alarm, Main St.  
1124 -- intrusion alarm, Owen St.  
1259 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1342 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1354 -- warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.  
1638 -- motorist assist, Main St./N. Liberty St.  
2124 -- malicious destruction of property, Loza Ln.

Also on this week's log are 89 traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Oct. 29:

0243 -- assist other agency, out of township  
0358 -- suspicious person, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0958 -- civil dispute, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1050 -- citizen assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1302 -- neighbor dispute, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
1346 -- fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.  
1359 -- ordinance violation, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1447 -- suspicious incident, Mulberry  
1535 -- property damage accident, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1602 -- civil dispute, Edgewood  
1715 -- alarm, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.

### Monday, Oct. 30:

0107 -- suspicious vehicle, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0847 -- fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1005 -- animal complaint, 48000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1156 -- civil dispute, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1234 -- civil dispute, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1309 -- 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
1325 -- fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1413 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1509 -- well-being check, Judd/Martinsville  
1521 -- animal complaint, 48000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1710 -- animal complaint, 48000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1734 -- civil dispute, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.  
2126 -- juvenile complaint, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2241 -- mental health commitment, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.

### Tuesday, Oct. 31:

0725 -- traffic hazard, Sumpter/Willow  
0826 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1007 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1203 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1243 -- larceny, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1431 -- disorderly person, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1527 -- well-being check, 10000 bl. Rawsonville.  
1648 -- family trouble, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1820 -- suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Sherwood  
1842 -- citizen assist, 4800 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

### Wednesday, Nov. 1:

0211 -- fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0233 -- fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
0440 -- fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0618 -- suspicious vehicle, Lohr/Harris  
0716 -- larceny, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.  
0744 -- alarm, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
0905 -- alarm, 21000 bl. Meri Dr.  
0924 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0935 -- juvenile complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0946 -- civil dispute, Nevada  
1013 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1055 -- civil dispute, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1109 -- fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1136 -- civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1211 -- assist other agency, 5500 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

1237 -- traffic hazard, Oakville Waltz/Clark  
1459 -- alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1513 -- suspicious incident, Hampshire  
1531 -- fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Ray Ln.  
1710 -- identity theft complaint, 45000 bl. Harris  
1802 -- ordinance violation, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1820 -- 911 hang up, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1840 -- traffic hazard, 51000 bl. Willow Rd.  
2303 -- fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville

### Thursday, Nov. 2:

0010 -- fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0015 -- fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0212 -- suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood  
0919 -- breaking & entering, 9600 bl. Rawsonville  
1051 -- alarm, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1150 -- larceny, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1338 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1503 -- fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.  
1700 -- fire dept. assist, Utah  
1820 -- civil dispute, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1821 -- fire dept. assist, Arizona  
1847 -- juvenile complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1929 -- civil dispute, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.  
2130 -- fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
2130 -- property damage accident, Fenster / Bontekoe

2250 -- juvenile complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

### Friday, Nov. 3:

0411 -- noise complaint, Karr/Judd  
0655 -- 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.  
0835 -- fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.  
0950 -- larceny, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1108 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1235 -- suspicious vehicle, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1312 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1327 -- civil dispute, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.  
1535 -- neighbor dispute, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1848 -- suspiciou incident, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2019 -- fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
2354 -- suspicious incident, 13000 bl. Rawsonville

### Saturday, Nov. 4:

0036 -- fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1024 -- alarm, 39000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1200 -- suspicious vehicle, Rawsonville/Judd  
1759 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Willis/Rawsonville  
1808 -- fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Fenster  
1918 -- fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.  
2058 -- suspicious vehicle, Arkona/Clark  
2111 -- operating while intoxicated arrest, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2319 -- family trouble, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
Also on this week's log are 11 follow-up investigations, 24 miscellaneous details, 137 patrol checks, and 32 traffic stops.

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