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Ken and Kim Dahn, 86 Bedell, won the top award in the City of Belleville 2017 Holiday Decorating Contest in the "Balance of Belleville" category.



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The Morin family at 77 Carmell won the top award in the City of Belleville 2017 Holiday Decorating Contest in the mobile home parks category.



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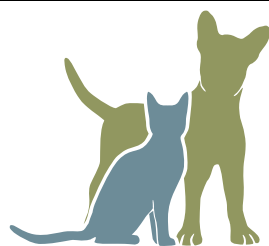
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT hero John Henderson dies Dec. 14 at age 52

John Thomas Henderson, Jr., age 52, a lifelong Belleville-area resident who earned a National Award of Valor for pulling a 2-year-old girl from a house fire, died of pneumonia at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital on Dec. 14.

A funeral service with military honors took place at David C. Brown Funeral Home on Monday. Then, he was cremated.

He was laid out in his favorite shirt, an Alice Cooper t-shirt from the last concert he attended with his cousin VBT Police Officer/Fire Fighter David Champagne, and a fire jacket.



Henderson

He was a Van Buren Township fire fighter for 15 years and earned the 2015 Firehouse Magazine Michael O. McNamee Award of Valor.

Henderson and other honorees were honored for displaying great bravery in the face of dangerous conditions.

The story of Henderson's bravery was described in the August 2016 issue of Firehouse Magazine:

"On Dec. 13, 2015, the Van Buren Fire Department was dispatched to a working house fire in a tri-level-style home. Lt. John Henderson arrived with his partner, Firefighter [Bronson] Campbell, and saw that the second floor of the home was well involved with fire. Henderson was alerted to the fact that a young child was still inside the home. He rushed to the front door

and directed his attention to the area where police officers had first observed a child; however, he could only see smoke and fire conditions. With the fire only about 12-18 inches off of the floor, he donned his SCBA, only to realize he had left his helmet on the truck. Sensing he only had a matter of seconds to attempt a rescue, he entered the front door and began crawling on his stomach. Moments later, he felt the soft clothing of a small toddler. Under intense heat, Henderson dragged her with him back to the front door. He was met there by Firefighter Campbell, who began providing medical care to the unresponsive girl. The 2-year-old was treated at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital after suffering burns to more than 50% of her body. She has since been released."

Henderson visited little Amariyana Wells, the fire victim, in the hospital regularly until she was released. Fourteen-year-old Savion Robinson died in the blaze at 47515 Denton Road.

The VBT Fire Department presented Henderson with its highest award, the Medal of Honor, and the Michigan State Firemen's Association gave Henderson its 2016 Hero Award.

Henderson also was in the U.S. Army for 13 years, serving in a chemical unit during the Gulf War.

He was a teacher of safety procedures in closed space rescues and for the last two years cleaned paint tanks and oil tanks.

See his complete obituary on page 8.

Belleville mayor says plan to shut down fire dept. is off the agenda

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the beginning of Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council, Mayor Kerreen Conley said the fire department is not on the agenda and, "We don't anticipate that it will come back on the agenda."

She referred to the proposal to dissolve the Belleville Fire Department and contract with Van Buren Township for fire and emergency medical service in the city starting the first of the year.

Mayor Conley said she didn't have her gavel at Monday's meeting because it was still out in her car. At the Dec. 4 meeting where the intergovernmental agreement was on the agenda for possible approval, the meeting had to be adjourned and moved to Belleville High School to continue where there was more room for the crowd, so she took her gavel along for that meeting.

On Monday, she said the number of people who attended that meeting and spoke convinced her to step back.

She said after the first of the year, a team will be put together from Van Buren Township and Belleville and they will work together to come up with something to best serve the community.

She said the process will begin in January and VBT has indicated it will cooperate and will set up a committee. The committee will include someone from the outside to look at the facts and take the emotion side out of it, she said.

Mayor Conley said this facilitator will have an outside perspective.

Raymond Akans

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer announced the loss of one of the city's dear employees, Ray Akans, who will be missed. She said he took good care of the

cemetery. "He owned it."

DPW Director Rick Rutherford said it is hard to get somebody with that kind of pride in his work.

"Unfortunately, we take people for granted," said Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria. "That cemetery was always in great shape. He will be missed."

Councilman Tom Fielder said most of his family is at Hillside Cemetery and it will be difficult to replace Ray. "It is difficult for Joy and the family, but it is also a great loss to the community."

Councilman Jesse Marcotte mourned the loss of Akans and also noted the community just lost another public servant in John Henderson of Van Buren Township. Councilman Marcotte said he attended the fire academy with Henderson, who had served in the Army and Reserves and "made one of the most high-profile rescues you can make" in the rescue of a 2-year-old girl from a house fire in VBT.

Mayor Conley asked those at the meeting to keep Akans in their thoughts during the Moment of Silence at the beginning of the meeting.

In other business in Monday's 23-minute meeting, the council:

- Presented awards to the families winning the Home Decorating Contest and to Barber Bob's for winning the business category in the contest;

- Approved setting a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 16, on the move to repeal the city's Medical Marijuana Dispensaries ordinance that authorized the establishment of dispensaries and facilities in the city. Mayor Conley said the council would take no action on the Michigan Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act, which means the city is not opting in;
- Approved setting a public hearing at 7:30

p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 16 to consider \$48,807 in 2018 federal Community Development Block Grant funds. Kollmeyer said that is down from \$57,000 this year;

- Approved the 2019 SMART Specialized Services Grant in the amount of \$3,651, the same as in the past;

- Approved the mayor's reappointments of: Randy Priest to the Board of Review with a term to expire Dec. 31, 2020; Rosemary Loria and Sabrina Richardson-Williams to the Downtown Development Authority with terms to expire Dec. 31, 2021; Henry Kurczewski, Matt Wagner, and Becky Hasen to the planning commission, with terms to expire Dec. 31, 2020; and the appointment of Laura Nichols to the Parks and Recreation Commission with a term to expire Dec. 31, 2019;

- Approved accounts payable of \$110,230.13 and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to Provident, \$4,935 for annual life and lost wages insurance from the General/Fire account; to Priority One, \$3,225.20 for uniforms from the General/Fire account; to Miss Dig, \$848.94 for membership/maintenance fee, from Water/Sewer fund; to Superior Auto & Truck, \$775.81 for repair of the city's only dump truck, from Major/Local Streets fund; and to Wise Technologies, \$582.07 for computer support from the General/Police fund;

- Noted the next regular meeting will be on a Wednesday: Jan. 3, at 7:30 p.m. The city offices will be closed Dec. 22 and 25 and Jan. 1 and 2;

- Heard Rutherford say when there are four inches of snow on the streets, the mayor will declare a snow emergency and people have to move their cars off the streets so the DPW can plow. He said they have had their first snow emergency and

had problems with cars in the street. He said he would prefer the cars be moved and not have to have police ticket the cars;

- Heard a veteran question why no dignitaries were at the Nov. 11 ceremony at the veterans' monument. Mayor Conley said city officials have never been asked to participate in that service, although they do take part in the Memorial Day service. Councilman Fielder said he has been working with the VFW to tell the stories of the lives of those whose names are on the monument on Memorial Day rather than having politicians speak; and

- Went into closed-door session to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations.

Drivers report suspicious incidents on rural roadways

On Tuesday, police departments from Sumpter and Huron townships reported to the public and the media that rural drivers being confronted with suspicious situations while on their roads.

In a Nixle alert from Sumpter Township, a 11:02 p.m. Dec. 14 incident was reported. The father of a 22-year-old woman driver said his daughter was being followed by two vehicles who were boxing her in in the area of Clark and Judd roads. One vehicle pulled alongside her and a water bottle was thrown at the front passenger window of her car. She was able to escape. Two other similar incidents in Sumpter and Huron were reported. Call the Huron/Sumpter dispatch center with information on these incidents or to report other incidents: (734) 461-6898 or (734) 753-4400.

OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT Board OKs landfill amendment on 4-3 vote

After almost three hours of arguing Tuesday, the Van Buren Townships Board of Trustees voted 4-3 to approve the fifth amendment to the landfill host community agreement with Waste Management.

Voting yes were McNamara, Wright, Martin, and Budd. No votes came from Miller, Frazier, and White.

Supervisor McNamara, who recently single-handedly negotiated the final parts of the agreement after the township negotiating committee had finished with it last year, said the \$250 million the township gets over the next 40 years will make VBT financially as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar.

He said in August of 2016 the township was looking at going into receivership in 2019. He said the passage of the public safety millage buoyed up the township. Now, with the landfill money coming in, the township will be able to maintain its levels of services and there would be no reason to raise taxes for 40 years.

There were about 20 members of the crowd who got up to speak on the issue. Two police officers were in favor.

After the vote, members of the audience mumbled, "It was a done deal," referring to the 4-3 split on the board that gives McNamara the approvals he seeks.

People spoke of campaign contributions from Waste Management to McNamara, Budd, and Wright. There were rumblings of removing four board members by recall. The natives are restless.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Van Buren Township Police Sgt. Bart Devos' son, Bart, Jr., has been hired as a full-time police officer by the Sumpter Township Police Department. Bart, Jr. is a police officer in Roswell, New Mexico, and waited until the Sumpter board approved his hire on Dec. 12 before giving notice there.

At the board meeting, Sumpter Police Chief Eric Luke said, "Yes. He has seen a UFO."

At that same meeting, Elizabeth Blackburn, the 18-year-old daughter of Sumpter Fire Fighter Brian Blackburn, was hired as a fire fighter for Sumpter. She said she earned her EMT certification during her senior year at BHS.

Brian also is a fire fighter for Augusta Township. The family used to live in Belleville and he was a fire fighter and city councilman in Belleville.

It's nice to see young people following in their father's footsteps to serve their communities.

Karen from VBT left a message for me saying she got a call and her caller ID showed it was from DTE, with DTE's number. The message was that she owed money and if she didn't pay at once, they would turn off her power.

She said she knew it was a scam because she has automatic withdraw to pay DTE and she doesn't get behind.

She called DTE and they said they never call like that and it is a new scam trying to get people's money. Be alert.

I had trouble figuring out why Sumpter Township officials were acting so crazy about what the *Independent* prints. After taking some time to research everything I've written



about the Po case, I've come to the conclusion that it's the editorial opinion we printed on Nov. 16, in which I gave my opinion. All those claims of us printing lies as facts is bizarre.

This is the editorial -- my opinion -- that has brought such rage:

On Nov. 13, 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 Nov. 14, 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?

I'm not going to pursue this silliness, but I'd like my readers to know this was my opinion and it still is. I never said the judge said Sumpter had to opt in to MMFLA. I said the judge said Sumpter has to facilitate Po's growing operation. They have to get his permit for medical marijuana to him so he can get back to his growing as a caregiver.

I'm sure Po would like Sumpter to opt into MMFLA so he can grow and sell the marijuana from his new Willis Road buildings, but the committee is really moving slowly.

Belleville and VBT have opted out of MMFLA but Sumpter is keeping everyone guessing.

Merry Christmas. May all your dreams come true. And, may the new year bring you wonderful new opportunities.



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Letters

Sumpter Seniors thank all for Christmas Party

To the editor:

Sumpter Senior Center's annual Christmas Party held on Dec. 12, was a huge success! A very special thank you to: David C. Brown Funeral Home, Kellers Bakery, Township Attorney Rob Young, Martin & Son, Judge Dave Parrott, Pinter's Flowerland, Sumpter Collison, Huron Valley Ambulance, Red Rooster, Higginson & Neal Funeral Home, Benito's Pizza, Sumpter Police Chief Luke, Sumpter Quilters, Swift Trucking, Sumpter Parks and Recreation, Sumpter Township Board Supervisor John Morgan, Clerk Esther Hurst, Treasurer Peggy Morgan, Trustees Don Swinson, Matt Oddy, Don Laporte, Sheena Barnes, Wayne County Commissioner Hadius.

Your generous donation throughout the years never goes unnoticed. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Sumpter Seniors

Thanks for donating to party for children

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thanks to each of you that donated to the 2017 Sumpter Township Children's Christmas Party.

As always without the generosity of those that donated their time, energies, and/or their monetary contributions this event would not remain the success that it has become.

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To my Neighborhood Elves in Belleville

To the editor:

Here is a note to my Neighborhood Elves: Thank you for removing the snow from my sidewalks and driveway.

I don't always see which elves are at work, but, it never goes unnoticed and is deeply appreciated.

Thanks to Bill, Dave, Paul, Pete, &?

Merry Christmas and may God bless you and your families.

Elaine Stabnau
S. Biggs Street resident
Belleville

Greetings from Vera for Christmas, New Year

To the editor:

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all my friends in Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter.

The 14-hour ride to Dubai: We watched movies, ate, slept, slept, ate, and watched movies. A wonderful time.

1. Chief Taylor: Hats off to you!

2. Belleville and Van Buren: Great job to opt out. Sumpter: Wake up.
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What do you say we take one day this weekend and break away from our phones and the tv? Okay, a little music is fine. While you're at it, no one talks about work, Facebook, or politics. I'm trying to set the stage for sharing the simple gift of one another. Find something to talk about, reminisce, and pull out some old photo albums if you have to. Go ahead and embarrass someone. You're allowed, it's the holidays. I usually get to play Santa when it comes to crawling under the tree and passing stuff out in an orderly fashion. Being the creative one, I'm the guy in charge of the entertainment. Not that my family needs to be entertained, it's just I usually come up with something fun for us to do after dinner and gifts. This year I have something certain to be a hit. When my brother and I were getting my aunt's condo ready for sale last fall, we came across a cassette tape that my aunt had saved and on it was just about everybody. From my late grandpa and uncle to my Mom. We're sitting around some occasion telling stories and laughing, which typically happens every time our family gets together. On my way home that night, I listened to one side of the tape and it featured my mom, aunt and grandpa talking about their recent trip to Seattle as if it were yesterday. In youthful sounding tone they told stories on each other, like how Pa held himself from going to the bathroom on the plane because he didn't want to smell it up. So funny. My Mom sounded like she had the time of her life getting the chance to visit her brother. She kept talking about how you could see Mount Ranier through their kitchen window. I miss them all and am blessed to still have my aunt around and I can't wait to see her reaction when she hears the tape and how much she'll remember. I know it's going to be an amazing Christmas Eve at our house and I can't wait to listen to

Side B. So, if you hear what sounds like a bunch of unruly, out-of-control kids having fun coming out of south Sumpter, it's just us Mytychs acting up again. Disturb the peace, I say, but do it with laughter and love. Merry Christmas!

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Obituaries




Sylvia Carol Shippy

SYLVIA CAROL SHIPPY
 (December 16, 1949 - November 29, 2017)
 Sylvia Carol Shippy, 67, of Belleville passed away on November 29, 2017 at Beaumont Wayne Hospital. She was born on December 16, 1949 in Flint, Michigan, a daughter of Raymond and Margaret (Moody) Coron. Before her retirement in 2011, she had worked as a dispatcher for Federal Express. Sylvia is survived by her loving children: Robert (Jacqui) Shippy, Lisa (Steve) Bray and Lori (Larry) Weinberg. Adored grandmother of Steven (Jackie) Bray, Bryant (Amber) Bray, Ryan Cooper, Samantha (TJ) Mangione, Katie (Fred) Bray, Shelby Shippy, Sydney Shippy, Taylor Dyer, Skye Shippy, and Alex Weinberg. Great-grandmother of Bella, Lily, Brooklyn, Evie, and Izzy. She is also survived by her siblings: Roger (Tony) Coron and Sandy (Chris) Marsh. Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Ronald Coron. Visitation for Sylvia was held on Friday, December 1, 2017 at the Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville, 734-697-9400. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the funeral home. Burial followed at Hillside Cemetery.



Robin Hemphill

ROBIN HEMPHILL
 (November 15, 1974 - December 15, 2017)
 Age 43 of Milan, died peacefully with her beloved family at her side on Friday morning, December 15, 2017 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Superior Twp. Robin is the beloved wife of Jeffrey for twenty-one wonderful years; loving mother of Michaela and Arianna; cherished daughter of Edward (Ruth) Royal of Milan and Nora (the late Harold) Hemphill of Belleville. Robin is also survived by her cherished siblings, Brian Royal of Milan and Brent Royal of Dearborn Heights, and brother-in-law Rodney (Jennifer) Hemphill, also many loving extended family and friends. Born on November 15, 1974 in South Korea, Robin was adopted and brought to the United States at a young age. In her spare time, she enjoyed camping, sewing and reading. Mostly, she loved spending time with her family and friends. A funeral service honoring Robin's life will be held 4 PM, Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at Metro Baptist Church, 47100 I-94 N. Service Drive, Belleville. Robin's family will greet guests one hour prior to the service. Dr. John L. Vapreznan will officiate her service. Visiting hours were Monday from 4 until 8 PM at David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. (734) 697-4500. In lieu of customary tributes, please consider making a contribution to the education fund for Michaela and Arianna Hemphill.



Jerry Louis Housewright

JERRY LOUIS HOUSEWRIGHT
 (May 25, 1943 - December 15, 2017)
 Jerry Louis Housewright, age 74 of Pinckney, Michigan passed away on December 15, 2017 in his home surrounded by family. Jerry was born in Fisk, Missouri to Louie and Virginia Housewright, May 25, 1943. He went to high school at Belleville High, Belleville, MI and graduated in 1961. He was employed by Ford Motor Company, Rawsonville Plant for 32 years as a hydraulic journeyman. He was an avid Harley motorcycle rider and enjoyed fishing, hunting, baseball, softball, hockey, and football. He also enjoyed gun collecting and was a member of his local gun club. He belonged to the Masonic Temple, Myrtle Lodge No. 89 in Belleville, MI and was a 32nd-degree Mason. He also belonged to the Scottish Rite Shriner's and was part of their motorcycle patrol. Jerry is survived by his wife of fifty-four years, Patricia (Lauwers); his son Jerry Scott Housewright (Mary) of Wayne, MI; son James Housewright of Pinckney, MI; brother Robert Robertson (Nina) of Ypsilanti, MI; brother George Robertson (Peggy) of Jacksonville, FL; sister Marilyn Housewright Bara of Belleville, MI; grandchildren Jamie Housewright Hodder (Rob) of Ypsilanti, MI, Chelsea Housewright of Wayne, MI, nieces Joy Bara Leedy (John) of Belleville, MI, Codie Robertson of Ypsilanti, MI, Tracey Housewright of Las Vegas, NV, Elizabeth Housewright Seabolt (Mark) of Suwanee, GA; nephews Kevin Robertson of Brandon, SD, Chris Robertson (Jennifer) of Jackson, MI, Thomas Robertson (Kellie) of Jacksonville, FL and David Housewright (Evelyn) of Las Vegas, NV. Jerry is preceded in death by his father, Louie Housewright, mother, Virginia Robertson, stepfather, Chester Robertson, brother, Daryl L. Housewright, and beloved nephew, Michael Housewright. Jerry leaves behind many friends and loved ones who will miss him dearly. For those that knew him well, his kindness, keen sense of humor and love for his family will never be forgotten. On behalf of the family, we would like to thank Great Lakes Hospice of Ann Arbor, MI, for their ongoing support. In honor of Jerry, donations can be made to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014.

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Obituaries



Raymond Paul Akans

RAYMOND P. AKANS

(June 6, 1947 - December 15, 2017)

Raymond Paul Akans, age 70, life-long Van Buren Township resident, passed away Friday, December 15, 2017 at his home. He was born June 6, 1947 in Ypsilanti, MI, son of Donald & Florence Frances (Sears) Akans.

Ray is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Joy L. (King) Akans; seven daughters Lisa Ann Cabre, Laura Akans and Lorraine Armstrong, all of Florida, Debbie Peebles of Kentucky, Brenda (Norm) Johnson of Tecumseh, MI, Billie Little of Florida and Sherri Little of Ithaca, MI; 22 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson and two more great-greats on-the-way; one sister Marlene Akans of Monroe, MI, two black labs -- Ebony & Sampson; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Donald and Neil Akans, also a sister Rita Bellon.

Ray retired from General Motors after many years of loyal service. He continued to serve by Supervising Hillside Cemetery for the City of Belleville. He loved the outdoors. He enjoyed fishing and was an avid deer hunter. He loved driving his snow plow in the winter, decorating for Christmas, keeping Joy's flower garden beautiful and raising 100+ tomato plants. Ray also loved dogs. He had numerous Labrador Retrievers since 1980.

Visitation was 4-8 PM Monday and 10-11 AM Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 4811-2764 (734) 697-4500. Funeral service began at 11 AM with Rev. Robert White officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Baptist Church, and would be appreciated.

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Frank Thornsberry

FRANK THORNSBERRY

(January 1, 1966 - December 13, 2017)

Frank Thornsberry, age 51, of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at his home. He was born January 1, 1966 in Detroit, MI, son of Cecil W. & Dorothy Mae (Cornette) Thornsberry.

Frank is survived by his loving wife of 30+ years, Michelle (Combs) Thornsberry; two daughters Tabatha Thornsberry of Westland, MI and Tiffinni Thornsberry of Belleville, MI; three grandchildren Alexcia Smith, Gage Smith, and Gabrielle Runyon; his father Cecil Thornsberry of Harrison, MI; five siblings, Veronica Henzel, April Newton, Dawn Martins, Curt Morris and Heather Walerius; also numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother Dorothy, step-mother Vina Thornsberry, and his grandparents Frank & Verlin Thornsberry.

Frank loved cars, racing, and Ford Mustangs. Most of all, he loved his family and spending time with his grandchildren.

Visitation was 6-8 PM Friday and 10-11 AM Saturday, December 16, 2017 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 4811-2764 (734) 697-4500. Funeral service was at 11 AM Saturday with Mr. Valiant Bondie II officiating. Interment will be in Soop Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family.

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John Henderson



JOHN THOMAS HENDERSON, JR.

(August 3, 1965 - December 14, 2017)

John Thomas Henderson, Jr., age 52, a lifelong Belleville-area resident, died peacefully at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Superior Twp. on Thursday evening, December 14, 2017.

John is the beloved son of Marcella Henderson of Van Buren Twp.; loving brother of Faye (Dan) Cloud of Alaska, Helen Graham of Ypsilanti, and William Henderson of Ypsilanti. John is also survived by many loving extended family and friends. Sadly, he is preceded in death by his father, John Sr. (d.1995) and his sister, Elaine (d.2016).

Born on August 3, 1965 in Ypsilanti, John attended the Belleville-area schools. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Gulf War. Following his service to his country, he was a Firefighter with Van Buren Township. He enjoyed the outdoors, boating on Belleville Lake, and spending time with his family.

A funeral ceremony with military honors rendered took place at 11 AM, Monday, December 18, 2017 in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. (734)-697-4500. The Reverend Gordon Moore officiated the service.

Visiting hours were noon until 4 PM, Sunday and one hour prior to the funeral ceremony. In lieu of customary tributes, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society or the Huron Valley Humane Society.

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Upcoming Meetings

• Wednesday, Jan. 3 – Sumpter Township fact-finding committee on the new Michigan Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act meets at 6:30 p.m. Time for public input. Also, Belleville City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Jan. 8 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m.

• Tuesday, Jan. 9 – Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Jan. 10 – Sumpter Township fact-finding committee on the new Michigan Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act meets at 6:30 p.m. Time for public input.

• Thursday, Jan. 11 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Tuesday, Jan. 16 – Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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VBT DDA hires twp. attorney, engineer for Placemaking project

In a six-minute, special meeting Dec. 14, the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority unanimously passed a motion to hire the township attorney and engineer to help with Belleville Road Placemaking project easements at a cost of about \$13,000.

DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland explained that there are seven easements involved with the Placemaking project and she talked with engineer Dave Potter of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber who proposed engineering work in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 and an additional \$3,000 for legal fees.

Ireland said Potter talked to the township's attorney Patrick McCauley on the legal cost.

Ireland said the proposal includes title

verification, exhibits and descriptions based on the CAD (computer-aided design) drawings for the project, and coordination with legal counsel to provide appropriate documents, negotiation of terms, and recording.

She said once the structures are removed from the DDA parcels and the lots combined, they will be able to complete the cross-access parking easement with the Remerica property.

The DDA members were provided with a color-coded CAD map showing sewer, water main, and sidewalk easements required, including one sidewalk between the DDA project and Aldi's.

The Placemaking project, estimated at \$2 million in cost, is at 10101 and 10151 Belleville Road and includes the site of the former home and woodshop of the late Albert "Grandpa" Harris.



Brady Jean Taylor

Janet Taylor and Michael Nutter of Belleville announce the birth of their daughter Brady Jean Taylor at 11:10 a.m. Nov. 14, 2017 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 18.5 inches long. Her brother is Jalen Michael Taylor, 5. Grandparents are Pamela Taylor and William Taylor of Belleville.



Raven Moon Pokerwinski

Richard (Rick) and Jessica Pokerwinski of Phoenix, AZ, announce the birth of their first child Raven Moon Pokerwinski at 2:05 p.m., Nov. 17, at Honor Health Scottsdale Shea Medical Center, Scottsdale, AZ. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 21 inches long. Grandparents are Richard and Sharon Pokerwinski of Belleville and Paul and Ginger Knight of Scottsdale, AZ.



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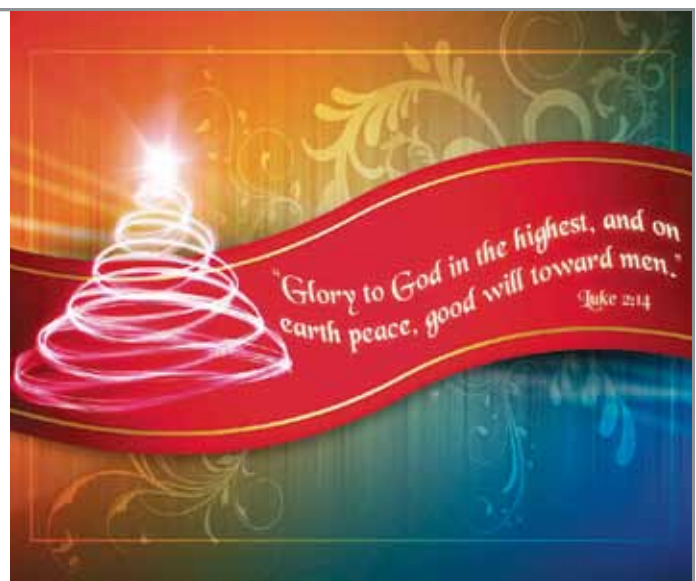
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Elizabeth Blackburn was hired as a new Sumpter Township paid-per-call fire fighter at the Dec. 12 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees. Her father Brian Blackburn was on hand for the special moment. Brian, a Ford engineer, is a Sumpter fire fighter, as well as an Augusta Township fire fighter. He had been a Belleville fire fighter before they moved to Sumpter.

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More Letters

Goodfellows helped 62 families with 164 kids

To the editor:

On Saturday, Dec 16, the Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows had the pleasure of distributing boxes of food, half hams, warm children's winter coats and jackets, mittens, hats, scarfs and plenty of very special Christmas toys to 62 families with a total of 164 children.

The Goodfellows would like to give a huge "THANK YOU" to local schools: Tyler Elementary, Edgemont Elementary, McBride Middle School, Belleville High School and Keystone Academy for their very successful Goodfellows food drives. And "THANK YOU" to:

- September Days Senior Center for their donation of food, hats, scarfs and mittens.
- Leo's Coney Island for allowing us to place a collection box in their establishment.
- Belleville Lions Club, local area businesses, organizations and community residents for their very generous monetary and food donations and some very special residents who donated beautiful hand-knitted and crocheted blankets and scarfs.
- Van Buren Township for the use of old fire station #2 that served as our headquarters.
- Also, the City of Belleville Police

Department and Van Buren Township Fire Department personnel for standing in the cold collecting donations and passing out candy canes.

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Sumpter attorney Rob Young gives glowing report on Nelson Po case

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township attorney Rob Young gave a glowing report to the township board and the public at the Dec. 12 board meeting concerning how Sumpter fared in the Nelson Po cases.

Young said he doesn't usually comment, but with the recent resolution of the Po case, he had a lot to say. He claimed things were printed as fact in the *Independent* that weren't true.

Since August 2016, when they got information on the Po matter, "I was confident what the results would be."

He said he is not happy when a criminal case is pending or when the township is sued.

He said a preliminary exam was held Oct. 12, 2016 on a charge against Nelson Po before Judge Brian Oakley at 34th District Court and there are 50 pages of transcript of that exam. He said the judge found that Po may have committed the crime, and bound him over to circuit court.

The case was assigned to Judge Boykin

and the defense charged entrapment and outrageous conduct, but on Feb. 17 the judge rendered an opinion, denying all the defense's motions.

"The township acted properly," Young said, adding the judge said he couldn't believe the case would go to trial.

Then, there was a lawsuit by Po against Sumpter Township, Supervisor Morgan, and Detective Toth. He said Judge Columbo dismissed Sumpter Township and Morgan as defendants, citing immunity, but continued with Toth because he was said to have "acted with malice."

He said there was talk about a law suit and, "I had to keep quiet," but ultimately the township was served with the lawsuit and he continued with the defense.

He said the Wayne County Forfeiture Office got involved and took steps.

Then, a second law suit was filed, this one by Clarita Po, and, "I had to keep it quiet," Young said, conceding he did reply to those asking if the township could survive a million-dollar law suit by replying, "Bring it on!"

The files were full of information on the case, Young said, but he didn't want to try the case in public.

There was a third lawsuit challenging the township's marijuana ordinance and that matter was adjourned, he said.

Young said Judge M. Callahan took over the criminal case, since Judge Boykin had a murder trial he was handling.

Nelson Po pled guilty to attempt to manufacture marijuana and the plea was accepted by the court. Po was "sentenced to a short period of time." It was a *high misdemeanor* and he could continue with being a caregiver, Young said.

As to the lawsuits, there was a summary disposition of the cases before Judge Allen on Oct. 17 where the parties put their settlement on the record.

Young said of the \$460,000, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office got half and half was returned to Mr. Poe. He pointed out Po lost \$230,000.

Po's personal property was returned plus other miscellaneous grow items, he said. Mr. Po agreed to grow on Harris Road for a period of time not to exceed nine months and then move to Willis Road, Young said.

And, \$30,000 goes into escrow to guarantee that he moves.

"The township agreed to the settlement of the dismissals of three cases, with prejudice," Young said.

It releases all Sumpter Township employees from any and all liability. The township agreed it would process Mr. Po's license for the Willis Road property.

He reiterated the felony charge was reduced to a *high misdemeanor* and Po can continue his growing.

"We drafted a settlement agreement and it was signed Saturday," Young continued, saying the license process for Po will be for the caregiving license and he will cease his marijuana activity on Harris Road within 12 months.

Young said there was a glitch on the payment of the settlement money and so he has 12 months on Harris before he has to go to Willis. He said they agree to meet within 10 days to work that out.

The insurance company agreed to pay \$15,000, Young said.

"The township was asked to kick in extra money, but I said the township would not pay one cent to Po and Judge Allen did not push it," Young said.

He said the liens were taken off the Medicare.

"If I read every word of the transcript," Young continued, "... nothing in it says the township is required to opt into MMFLA (Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act) ... people read the garbage that was put out there ... the transcript just deals with the township ordinance for MMA (Medical Marijuana Act) not MMFLA ..."

He said the township is still reviewing the MMFLA.

He said John Toth was called a liar, the police department was disparaged, and the board was disparaged.

He said without John Toth they wouldn't have been able to complete the whole thing successfully and this all has caused Toth anxiety.

He said you are not allowed to report on what is said in closed session, but he is going to do it anyway. He said 18 months ago he told the board in closed session that the case will go nowhere and the forfeiture case will end up with a substantial amount and the township will get 85% of it.

Trustee Matthew Oddy said the police department did a fantastic job.

And, the township paid zero," Young said.

"Thanks, Rob, for the endless, endless hours you put into this," said Treasurer Peggy Morgan. "I'm surprised you have any hair left. We are very proud of our police department. We have the best police department in the State of Michigan."

"Some people try to destroy the good things people do," said Supervisor John Morgan.

Trustee Don LaPorte thanked the attorney, adding, he is happy that it's over. He noted the board was getting the facts in closed session right along and couldn't talk about it.

Editor's Note: Attorney Young failed to mention that, according to the transcript, the complete cost of towing and storage of the two pickup trucks taken from Po

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Rob Young

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and being returned would be paid for by Sumpter. "We'll take care of that and how we'd work that out would be up to us," Young said in court. The vehicles had been held at Insurance Auto Auction on Rawsonville Road since they were confiscated by Sumpter police on Aug. 16, 2016. They had piled up \$20,000 in storage fees since then. The broad waiver signed by the Po's was, among other things, "to make sure that Sumpter Township doesn't get sued if the feds get involved or something like that," according to the transcript. As to the medical marijuana permit applied for by Po on July 28, "... we'll get the license issued to Mr. Po based upon the township ordinance," Young told the judge. Po will be able to grow marijuana at his Harris Road location for 9 (now 12) months after the township "planning commission completes its review for site plan approval on the new building to be constructed on Willis Road," according to the transcript.

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Sumpter attorney says he made a mistake with storm water resolution

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the beginning of the Dec. 12 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, township attorney Rob Young asked the board to reconsider a resolution he asked them to make at its Nov. 28 meeting.

And, the motion to reconsider had to be

made before the official minutes of the meeting were approved, he said, so the agenda was rearranged.

In the Nov. 28 motion, the board unanimously approved a resolution in which the township accepted the storm water management and maintenance of the storm water management system on the Fox Auto property at 8111 Rawsonville Road.

"The county had requested from the township a maintenance permit," Young began, then paused. "Let me back up."

He explained whenever any upgrades are made to a storm water system, an arrangement is made going forward "so we don't have water building up on someone else's property."

He said the township enters into a management agreement with the business for them to file with the register of deeds.

"When this was sent to the clerk, I thought

the stormwater management system was complete," he explained. "But changes to the system are still under negotiation ... We would reconsider once he finishes negotiation ... once it's complete."

He said it was premature in one way. He said the permit indicated it was done, but they were still negotiating. It should be complete in about a year and a half, in 2019.

He said he talked to the county and Mr. Fox and they are OK with the reconsideration motion.

"When the minutes are approved, that becomes the official action of the board," Young said. "If you reconsider before the minutes are approved, it's as if it never happened."

When the reconsideration motion was passed, attorney Young said, "Let the minutes reflect that subject is tabled until information is received." A motion was made to that effect and passed.

For several years, the Wayne County rules on Storm Water Management have been a source of contention with the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees which has considered suing the county over the requirement. Wayne County is the only county in the state that requires local municipalities to take responsibility for maintenance of a business' storm water management if the business doesn't do it.

In other business at the Dec. 12 meeting, the board:

- Approved the recommendation of the Finance Director to opt out of Act 152 for the next 12-month period. The state's cap on employee contributions for medical expenses is 20% and currently Sumpter employees contribute 10%. "We're under the cap and nothing changes," said attorney Young, noting, "You have to comply";

- Approved the placement of one new street light on an existing wood pole at the corner of Elwell Road and Executive Drive at a cost of \$893.51. The light is on public property and will help the fire department find sites in a dark area, said Trustee Don LaPorte;

- Approved a resolution to amend the Sumpter Township employees' retirement and trust agreement. "This is important,"

Young said, noting they are changing the names, removing people who aren't here. He said Clarence Hoffman and Maria Beaudrie were names still on the non-MERS agreement. New names are John Morgan, Karen Armatis, and Esther Hurst, who are members of the group;

- Approved the supervisor's re-appointment of Ken Bednark to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with a term to expire Dec. 17, 2020;

- Approved the recommendation by Hennessey Engineers to award the demolition of 42855 Willow Road, 18367 Savage Road, and 43936 Willow Road to Jack Bush Contracting at the total bid cost of \$45,600, using federal Community Development Block Grant funds;

- Approved hiring Elizabeth Blackburn, 18, as a fire fighter on the Sumpter Township Fire Department, pending a physical. She said she earned her EMT during her senior year in high school. It was pointed out that takes 367 hours of work;

- Approved hiring Barton Wade Devos, Jr., as a full-time police officer, contingent upon his successful completion of the required physical and psychological examinations and drug screenings. Devos is a police officer in the Roswell, New Mexico, police department and he will give notice there. He is a graduate of Belleville High School, Eastern Michigan University, and the Wayne County Police Academy, said Police Chief Eric Luke. He said Devos' mother and brother live in the community and his father is a sergeant on the Van Buren Township Police Department;

- Heard Police Chief Luke report that a motor vehicle stolen on Dunn Road was found around the corner on Martinsville Road, behind a building. He believed it was taken by young adults. It was put on a Nixle alert, but the situation was contained within three residences. Trustee Don LaPorte said he wants people to know how to sign up for Nixle alerts. Chief Luke said crime maps are also good. People can sign up with an address and be alerted to crimes around that location;

- Heard Supervisor John Morgan ask Fire Chief Joe Januszyk if his department

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Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes November 28, 2017

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, and Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Barnes. Excused absence: Trustee Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hadyniak and approximately 30 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Agenda with the following amendment: Table - Q. Consider recommendation by auditors to increase rubbish pick up to \$27.00 per quarter. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No comments.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2017.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by P. Morgan to accept the Planning Commission Minutes of August 10, 2017.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by P. Morgan to accept the Planning Commission Minutes of September 14, 2017. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Warrants totaling \$97,079.60. Roll call vote: Yes: Oddy, LaPorte, Barnes, P. Morgan, J. Morgan and Hurst. Nay: None. Excused absence: Trustee Swinson. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to Receive and File Parks & Recreation/Chamber report. Motion carried.

8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Hurst to approve the Planning/Zoning report. Motion carried.

9. Senior Report-Hurst: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Senior report. Motion carried.

10. Attorney Report-Young: No report.

11. Board Response:

A. Trustee LaPorte advised the residents ticket #174072 was filed with Wayne County concerning the tree limbs hanging over Willis Rd between Elwell and Sumpter Rd.

B. Trustee Barnes addressed the residents in response to the letter in the Independent. Advised the residents that she has been doing her research and taking classes to better understand the medical marijuana law.

C. Treasurer P. Morgan addressed the residents concerning rumors within the Township regarding medical marijuana and the error in the Independent on whether or not the Township has to opt into the new law. Treasurer P. Morgan wanted to assure the residents of Sumpter Township that all letters relating to the medical marijuana are being read.

D. Trustee Oddy stated there has only been one "Fact Finding" committee meeting regarding medical marijuana. Trustee Oddy expressed his disappointment about how the local paper wrote about Township employees.

E. Ken Kunka, Supervisor for the Department of Public Works, informed the residents that all fire hydrants get inspected yearly. Mr. Kunka requested an inspection by the State of Michigan to review the process and substance used to winterize the hydrants are compliant with the State.

F. Supervisor Morgan expressed his gratitude to Karen Mickens and Lettie Sanders for hosting Thanksgiving meal at the Community Center on November 23, 2017.

12. New Business:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Sumpter Township Workshop & Board meeting schedule for 2018. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Barnes, supported by Oddy to approve the Sumpter Township Planning Commission meeting schedule for 2018. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Barnes, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Township hall to be closed during the

Holiday season from December 25, 2017 until January 1, 2018. PTO or vacation time will be used for December 27 & 28, 2017. Township Hall will re-open on January 2, 2018. Treasurer P Morgan stated that Sumpter Township will be open on December 29, 2017 from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm to accept water bill payment. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve bid amount of \$25,501.00 for Township owned parcel number 81-079-99-0012-000 located on Karr Rd. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to approve bid amount of \$3,600.00 for Township owned parcel number 81-086-99-0008-709 located on Dunn Rd. Trustee Oddy abstained from voting. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve bid amount of \$10,000.00 for Township owned parcel number 81-088-01-0022-000 located on Martinsville Rd. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve bid amount of \$10,000.00 for Township owned parcel number 81-114-99-0007-000 located on Karr Rd. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve bid amount of \$8,500.00 for Township owned parcel number 81-135-99-0022-700 located on Oakville-Waltz. Motion carried.

I. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve bid amount of \$6,000.00 for Township owned parcel number 81-130-99-0010-709 located on Executive. Motion carried.

J. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve bid amount of \$5,000.00 for Township owned parcel number 81-130-99-0003-000 located on Arkona Rd. Motion carried.

K. Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to approve bid amount of \$2,001.00 for Township owned parcel number 81-129-99-0003-000 located on Sumpter Rd. Trustee Oddy abstained from voting. Motion carried.

L. Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to approve bid amount of \$10,000.00 for Township owned parcel number 81-127-99-0008-000 located on Karr Rd. Trustee Oddy abstained from voting. Motion carried.

M. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve bid amount of \$6,001.00 for Township owned parcel number 81-125-99-0006-000 located on Elwell Rd. Motion carried.

N. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve bid amount of \$5,102.00 for Township owned parcel number 81-108-99-0004-700 located on Martinsville Rd. Motion carried.

O. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve appointment of Dawn Sliwa for the Board of Review to replace Jennifer Massel, term to expire January 2018. Motion carried.

~~P. Motion by Barnes, supported by Oddy to approve resolution 2017-09 to accept the storm water management and maintenance for Fox Auto Parts. Wayne County permit no. M-49842. Motion carried.~~

13. Announcements: No comments

14. Open Floor:

15. Adjournment: Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Esther Hurst, Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Township of Sumpter Board of Trustees on November 28, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Esther Hurst, Clerk

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is having trouble responding to medical runs and Chief Januszyk replied, "We're a little short, slowing building back up. A couple have family issues. It takes it toll." He said he expects to bring on three more



City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, December 4, 2017

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations

Judge Green administered the oath of office to the newly elected officials: Tom Fielder and Jesse Marcotte.

Citizen Comments None

4. RECESS/RECONVENE

Seeing that citizens present outnumbered the seats available in Council Chambers at City Hall, Mayor Conley called for a motion to recess and reconvene the meeting.

Motion by Smith, second by Loria to recess the meeting at City Hall at 7:32 and reconvene at the Belleville High School Commons at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Now seated in the BHS Commons, Mayor Conley called for a motion to reconvene.

Motion by Smith, second by Marcotte to reconvene the meeting at the Belleville High School Commons at 7:47 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Marcotte, second by Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of November 27th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS None

8. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection and First Responder Services

Also present at the meeting was Belleville Fire Chief Brian Loranger, City Attorney Steve Hitchcock, a representative from the Belleville Paid-on-Call Firefighters Association, and Michael Ossy, an attorney retained by the City's Firefighters.

Mayor Conley led a detailed discussion on the (draft) intergovernmental agreement between the City of Belleville and Van Buren Township by addressing each section of the agreement separately.

Mayor Conley, the City Attorney, and Council Members responded to numerous questions and comments from the audience.

10. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 17-098 for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 for a total of \$73,424.88.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. CITIZEN COMMENTS

(see above, General Business)

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to adjourn meeting at 9:40 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: December 18, 2017

Published: December 21, 2017

fire fighters in January, but Supervisor Morgan said that doesn't help now;

- Heard Supervisor Morgan honor Colin Lynch for 14 years on the fire department, as part of his ongoing effort to honor township employees;

- Heard Mary Ban tell about the sparsely attended FAA public hearing at the Sumpter Township Community Center to tell about Metro Airport - Cleveland air space. She asked when the handicap door would be installed at the township hall and was told it's back-ordered. She asked about the proposed garbage rate increase and was told the attorney had to reschedule a meeting on the subject and then the auditor will review it. Ban also reported she talked to County Commissioner Haidous and he said the New Boston bridge is going out for bids in January and is expected to be back in use by Nov 1;

- Heard Jay Bardell say three to four seniors called him asking about who is going to plow their snow. Supervisor Morgan said when it's 3" the water department will plow. Bardell told Morgan he should have called him to say he didn't want him to be Santa Claus for the Supervisor's Children's Party this year. Bardell has been Santa for six of the last seven years. "A decision was made by another person to let another resident who wanted to give a service to the community," Morgan said. "I almost got run over by your deputy supervisor," Bardell said, noting in the past he could always just sit down and talk to Morgan in

private. "We have a policy in my office to have another person there to back up what is said," Morgan said. "Things evolve. It's nothing to do with you." Bardell said since he no longer is Santa Claus, is he going to be reappointed to the planning commission? Morgan said he doesn't know yet and Bardell said his term is up in 2018. Bardell said he believes this is political and

he is being punished for running against Morgan for supervisor in the last election; and

- Held a two-minute public hearing at 6 p.m. on the Community Development Block Grant program and voted to transfer \$20,000 in 2016 program funds from Housing Rehabilitation to Senior Services.

Sumpter planners OK solar farm, portable storage containers language

Proposed text amendments to the township zoning ordinance to include language for Large Energy Solar Systems and Portable Storage Units were approved by the Sumpter Township Planning Commission at its regular meeting Dec. 14.

The amendments were sent on to the township board for final action on the commission's recommendations.

There was a bit of confusion when Zoning Administrator Christopher Atkin, of Carlisle/Wortman in Ann Arbor, found that he had inadvertently sent commission members earlier versions of the amendments, which were the wrong versions.

He advised members of the commission to "talk among yourselves" for a while, so he could power up his laptop and search out the completed documents he had intended to send them.

After friendly banter among commissioners about the holidays and the recent snowstorm, Atkin found the documents and Deputy Clerk Dawn Hadyniak, who is the commission's recording secretary, went to make copies for commission members so they could properly discuss the agenda items.

The six-page amendment for Large Energy Solar Farms laid out requirements for the siting, installation, operation, repair, decommissioning and removal of such systems within the AG, Agricultural District, as a Special Land Use. The site needs to be at least 10 acres in size.

The commission has been considering language since it heard about a big solar farm approved in Augusta Township next door and questions were asked of Sumpter Township about a similar land use.



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Township of Sumpter
Esther Hurst, Township Clerk

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 452 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Dec. 10:
0237 -- family trouble, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0242 -- noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0845 -- assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0926 -- fraud, Amanda Dr.
1116 -- sex offender registration, Dellor St.
1121 -- sex offender registration, Park Estates Dr.
1131 -- sex offender registration, Sylvia Dr.
1138 -- sex offender registration, Maurice Dr.
1141 -- sex offender registration, Outer Dr.
1148 -- sex offender registration, Outer Dr.
1152 -- narcotics crime, Belleville Rd.
1152 -- sex offender registration, Outer Dr.
1154 -- sex offender registration, Parkside Dr.
1155 -- family trouble, Ash Dr.
1309 -- fraud, E. Sadie Ln.
1530 -- trespassing, Morton Taylor/Van Born
1812 -- breaking & entering, E. Archwood Dr.
1909 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Rawsonville Rd.
1914 -- breaking & entering, Haggerty Rd.
2132 -- narcotics crime, S. Bellridge Dr.
2148 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Bellridge Dr.
2353 -- noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.

Monday, Dec. 11:
0044 -- holdup alarm, Belleville Rd.
0542 -- assist other dept., Owen
0849 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Davis St.
0915 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
0919 -- property damage accident, Bemis Rd./Lohr
1026 -- 911 welfare check, Hamilton St.
1057 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Dellor St.
1106 -- property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.
1110 -- juvenile complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1220 -- property damage accident, Haggerty/Van Born
1307 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
1440 -- property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1443 -- threat, E. Huron River Dr.
1456 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Sunrise Ln.
1503 -- property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1540 -- larceny, Winding Pond Dr.
1544 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave.
1558 -- property damage accident, S. I-94 Dr. / Old Haggerty Rd.
1620 -- property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1653 -- domestic, Maple Dr.
1726 -- property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1734 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
1736 -- property damage accident, Quirk/Belleville
1736 -- property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1740 -- noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
1756 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Hancock Ave.
2111 -- assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
2117 -- retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
2125 -- property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
2140 -- property damage accident, Tyler Rd.
2150 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Cir.
2241 -- narcotics crime, Denton Rd.
2312 -- suicidal person, Maple Dr.

Tuesday, Dec. 12:
0031 -- property damage accident, Martz Rd.
0230 -- abandoned auto, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
0531 -- personal injury accident, Michigan Ave. / Rawsonville Rd.
0613 -- narcotics crime, S. Bellridge Dr.
0736 -- property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
0824 -- abandoned auto, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0914 -- property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Burger King
0953 -- property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1042 -- personal injury accident, SB I-275/Ecorse
1118 -- fraud, Beck Rd.
1220 -- fraud, Linda Vista Ct.
1232 -- domestic, Parkwood Dr.

1235 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1250 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1512 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / The Hot Spot
1532 -- leaving the scene of the property damage accident, Laguna Dr.
1612 -- property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1636 -- domestic, Hamilton Ct.
1658 -- property damage accident, Belleville / Applebee's
1702 -- breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1723 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
1752 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Chloe Ct.
1845 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
1846 -- domestic, S. Purple Sage Ct.
1919 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
2131 -- 911 welfare check, Paloma Dr.
2137 -- assist other dept., Haggerty Rd.
2150 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty / EB I-94
2217-- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, Dec. 13:
0523 -- property damage accident, Savage/Country Walk Blvd.
0659 -- noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
0716 -- property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
0904 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Daisy Blvd.
1313 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1433 -- harassment call, Wildflower Ct.
1441 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
1546 -- property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1547 -- property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1603 -- property damage accident, Belleville
1613 -- fraud, Lake Villa Dr.
1640 -- civil matter, Oak Ln.
1727 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1823 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1854 -- sex offender registration, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1908 -- property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
1924 -- road hazard, Ecorse/Haggerty
2002 -- sex offender registration, E. Huron River
2003 -- found property/child, E. Archwood Dr.
2024 -- breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2047 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren St.
2053 -- sex offender registration, Haggerty Rd.
2100 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse/Belleville Rd.
2149 -- sex offender registration, Freeport Ct.
2206 -- sex offender registration, N. Cumberland
2230 -- sex offender registration, Sheldon Rd.

Thursday, Dec. 14:
0056 -- noise complaint, Hampton Dr./Revere Dr.
0327 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Spencer Ave.
0740 -- breaking & entering, Andover Dr.
0829 -- assault & battery, Ecorse Rd.
1141 -- assist other dept., Daisy Blvd.
1141 -- assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
1247 -- assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
1253 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1356 -- assist other dept., Daisy Blvd.
1537 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1620 -- property damage accident, Mission Pointe / Huron River Dr.
1745 -- trespassing, Ecorse Rd.
1918 -- retail fraud, Ecorse Rd.
2013 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2134 -- assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2305 -- harassment call, Outer Dr.

Friday, Dec. 15:
0432 -- assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0710 -- juvenile complaint, Zachary St.
0906 -- property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Quirk
1006 -- larceny, Bellridge
1145 -- fraud, Harmony Ln.
1209 -- disorderly, Lake Villa Dr.
1255 -- property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Old Rawsonville Rd.
1343 -- property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Rd. / Beck Rd.
1552 -- property damage accident, Haggerty/Riggs
1618 -- property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Quirk Rd.
1632 -- property damage accident, Belleville/N. I-94 Service Dr.
1710 -- personal injury accident, Bemis/Renton
1735 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

1743 -- property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Beck Rd.
1751 -- malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1832 -- property damage accident, Denton Rd.
1838 -- domestic, Lincoln St.
2101 -- 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2107 -- abandoned auto, Haggerty/Savage
2153 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Burlwood Ln. / Cobblestone Cir.
2301 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Beck Ballfield
2329 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 16:
0350 -- disorderly, Hoeft Rd.
0529 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0605 -- traffic offense, EB I-94/Rawsonville Rd.
0902 -- abandoned auto, Robson/Morton Taylor
1049 -- mental subject, Haggerty Rd.
1159 -- abandoned auto, Belle Pointe Dr./Lindsey
1328 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1419 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Hamilton St.
1621 -- mental subject, Robson Rd.
1722 -- assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1755 -- personal injury accident, Belleville Rd.
1825 -- disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1836 -- missing person, North Shore Dr.
1929 -- property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
1934 -- 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2052 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rolan Meadows
2239 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rdd.

Also on this week's log are 49 traffic stops, 17 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 10:
0653 -- Pbt, Main St.
1130 -- intrusion alarm, Victorian Ln.
1218 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1336 -- assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
1558 -- suspicious person/vehicle, W. Davis St.
1925 -- miscellaneous complaint, Victorian Ln. / E. Thornhill Ct.
1944 -- assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
2128 -- 911 welfare check, Fourth St.
2210 -- suspicious person/vehicle, W. Davis St.

Monday, Dec. 11:
0044 -- assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
0046 -- parking complaint, Henry St.
0153 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0536 -- intrusion alarm, Owen
1434 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1927 -- civil matter, Clarence St.

Tuesday, Dec. 12:
0048 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0153 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln. / Oxford Ct.
0439 -- assist other dept., Henry St.
0716 -- assist fire dept., Fourth St.
0844 -- domestic, Carmell St.
1454 -- fraud, Main St.
1721 -- assist fire dept., Henry St.
1736 -- traffic offense, Loza Ln./Potter Dr.
2002 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2106 -- assist fire dept., Light Tower Ct.
2156 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
2317 -- intrusion alarm, Main St.

Wednesday, Dec. 13:
0858 -- hospice death, E. Huron River Dr.
1200 -- assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
1208 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln.
1246 -- miscellaneous complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1453 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Owen
1532 -- miscellaneous complaint, Edgemont School
1643 -- background investigation, Main St.
1818 -- intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
2006 -- welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
2041 -- welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.

Thursday, Dec. 14:
0243 -- parking complaint, Church St./Second St.
0249 -- road hazard, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon
0846 -- traffic offense, Main/High
1552 -- welfare check, Hillside Cemetery
1725 -- mental subject, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2037 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

Friday, Dec. 15:
0306 -- intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
0909 -- harassment call, S. Industrial Park Dr.
0938 -- disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.

1323 -- juvenile complaint, McBride Rd.
1645 -- disorderly, Secretary of State
1735 -- 911 welfare check, High St.
1809 -- found property/child, E. Columbia Ave.
2247 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 16:
0400 -- property damage accident, N. Liberty St./Main St.
0836 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0902 -- found property/child, Main St.
1411 -- assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
1601 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1619 -- vehicle lockout, S. Liberty St.

Also on this week's log are 31 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 10:
0458 -- alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0859 -- assist other agency, 20000 bl. Sherwood
0941 -- suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
1306 -- animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville
1333 -- assist other agency, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1715 -- fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1836 -- suspicious incident, Nevada
1943 -- missing recovered, Mulberry

Monday, Dec. 11:
0702 -- fire dept. assist, New Mexico
0815 -- ordinance violation, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
0844 -- civil dispute, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0925 -- warrant arrest pick up, 42000 bl. Bemis
0929 -- property damage accident, Bemis/Lohr
1017 -- recovered property, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1135 -- disorderly person, Rustic Ln.
1258 -- larceny, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1321 -- 911 hang up, Wyoming
1457 -- missing person, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1611 -- citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1656 -- assist other agency, Rawsonville/Judd
1715 -- parking complaint, Knollwood
1730 -- civil dispute, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1924 -- fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2202 -- fire dept. assist, Wayside

Tuesday, Dec. 12:
0646 -- assist other agency, out of township
0739 -- animal complaint, Sherwood/Judd
1411 -- alarm, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1422 -- civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1501 -- civil dispute, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1551 -- identity theft, 46000 bl. Traskos
1826 -- civil dispute, Edgewood
1830 -- warrant arrest pick up, Sumpter/Willow
1933 -- fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.

Wednesday, Dec. 13:
0202 -- property damage accident, 46000 bl. Willis
0345 -- property damage accident, Judd/Fenster
0533 -- 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
0541 -- fire dept. assist, 9400 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0651 -- death investigation, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1030 -- 911 hang up, Sumpter/Judd
1116 -- fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1126 -- identity theft, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1719 -- subpoena service, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1736 -- fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
1746 -- subpoena service, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1851 -- suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1922 -- fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1953 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1955 -- fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville
2006 -- personal injury accident, 48000 bl. Willis
2149 -- property damage accident, Sumpter/Harris
2220 -- fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
2222 -- suspicious vehicle, Carriage Ln.

Thursday, Dec. 14:
0013 -- civil dispute, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0205 -- suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0831 -- property damage accident, Rustic Ln.
0926 -- suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
1254 -- missing recovered, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1430 -- suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1524 -- 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1600 -- suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Martinsville
1602 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1624 -- fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1653 -- fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1755 -- assist other agency, out of township
2003 -- suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.

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2011 -- abandoned vehicle, Judd/Haggerty
2028 -- fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2153 -- reckless driver, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
2225 -- well-being check, Wyoming
2302 -- suspicious incident, Clark/Judd

Friday, Dec. 15:
0408 -- well-being check, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
0725 -- disorderly person, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
0731 -- property damage accident, S. Huron/Clark
1132 -- fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1324 -- fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1325 -- civil dispute, Carriage Ln.
1527 -- alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1623 -- fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1724 -- personal injury accident, Bemis/Renton
1726 -- suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2304 -- fraud complaint, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 16:
1831 -- fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2340 -- assist other agency, Savage/Clark

Also on this week's log are nine follow-up investigations, 50 miscellaneous details, 178 patrol checks, and 21 traffic stops.

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Correction: Lt. Bazzy never worked for Detroit

On page 23 in the Dec. 14 edition of the *Independent*, it was reported that Van Buren Township Police Lt. Charles Bazzy worked at VBT PD for 27 years and for six years in Detroit before that.

But, Lt. Bazzy said he has been at VBT PD since 1990, but he never worked at Detroit PD. I checked my notes of the court trial where Lt. Bazzy was testifying and I wrote down the bit about him being in Detroit because that's what I thought he said. Guess not. Lt. Bazzy knows where he's been better than I do. I apologize for the error.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

Birthdays

Dec. 22 -- Candace Myshock
Dec. 23 -- Kevin Lee
Dec. 24 -- Susan Richardson
Dec. 25 -- Constance Genevieve Riggs
Dec. 29 -- Vicki White

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