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## Inkster swears in new police chief

William Riley III was sworn in Monday morning as the new Inkster Chief of Police.

Riley will take over from Joseph Thomas, the former Southfield Police Chief, who agreed to serve as interim chief in May after former Police Chief Vickie Yost resigned. Yost tendered her resignation April 22, just days after criminal charges were filed against Ofc. William Melendez as the result of the beating of a motorist in a January traffic stop.

Thomas said when he accepted the job that it would be temporary as he helped the city find a permanent chief.

Riley comes to the department from Selma, AL where he has served as chief of police since 2008. In that department, he managed 55 officers and 46 civilian employees, according

to his resume. He worked his way through the department starting as a patrolman in the Newport News Police Department where he had earned the rank of captain before accepting the job as chief in Selma seven years ago. He served in the U.S. Navy and Naval reserves from 1997 until 2003.

Riley earned his bachelor of arts degree in political science from St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, VA in 1984 and has completed various police management and tactics courses throughout his career. While chief in Selma, he reorganized the departments to include special units for narcotics, internal affairs, a K-9 unit, a bicycle patrol unit, a crime response team and a community relations unit, according to his

resume.

He was responsible for the administration of a \$4.3 million budget in Selma.

The videotaped beating of Floyd Dent by Inkster officers in January became an internet sensation and all charges against Dent were dropped by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy when the tape became public. Inkster 22nd District Court Judge Sabrina Johnson dismissed some of the charges when she initially viewed the tape.

Two other officers in the department were suspended as part of the case, Yost resigned and Melendez, seen on the tape beating Dent about the head with his closed fist while holding him down, is facing trial on assault charges in October. Melendez was immediately



William Riley III

fired from the police force in Inkster and during his arraignment on the charges, several officers from the department sat in the courtroom, demonstrating their support of him while others have criticized his conduct.

## Blues, Brews and Barbeque in Westland

Restaurants are lining up to participate in Blues, Brews and Barbeque the premier event in Westland planned for tomorrow and Saturday, Aug. 14 and 15.

Blues, Brews and Barbeque will feature several talented local Blues bands, All American barbeque cuisine from area restaurants and Michigan craft beers.

Joining crowd favorites like Famous Dave's and Texas Roadhouse are newcomers Hammon's Kitchen featuring organic, gluten free and raw food choices, Detroit Mini Donut and Heavenly Hot Dog. Restaurants scheduled to return also include Beaver Creek, Knox Catering, Max & Erma's, Biggby Coffee and Kona Ice. Always a hit with the crowd, Ashley's Beer & Grill will offer attendees a wide variety of Michigan crafted beers.

Once again headlining the two-day event is the Soul Men, a Blues Brothers tribute band. Soul Men drew raves last year from their steadfast following of fans and from those who heard them for the first time. The line-up features the Alligators, the Boa Constrictors, Broken Arrow, Dirty Basement Blues, the Front Street Blues Band and the Randy Brock Group.

"Blues, Brews and Barbeque will be better than ever," said Mayor William R. Wild. "In addition to being a



Soul Men

fun way to spend an August weekend, the goal of the event is the fundraising generated through food, beverage and swag sales that will benefit a number of Westland charities including the Goodfellows, the Salvation Army, the Westland Community Foundation and the Westland Historical Society. Other than covering expenses, all funds raised are given to charity to be put back into the community," Wild continued.

This year, there will be an All American Barbecue Throw Down scheduled to take place during the event. Hours this year, sponsored by the City of Westland and the Chamber of Commerce, are from 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14 and from noon until 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15.



Randy Brock Group

Prizes will be awarded to the best of each BBQ category; Chicken, Ribs, Pork and Brisket in the throw down. Cooks must enter in all four categories to qualify for the overall champion prize.

Entertainment at the event this year will include the Dirty Basement Blues from 6-7:30 p.m. Aug. 14. The Randy Brock Group will entertain

from 8-9:30 p.m. on Friday.

On Saturday, from noon until 1:30 p.m. The Front Street Blues Band will entertain and from 2-3:30 p.m. the Alligators will perform. Broken Arrow will take to the stage from 4-5:30 p.m. and from 6 until 7:30, Boa Constrictors will play.

From 8-9:30 p.m. the Soul Men will perform.

## Appeal filed in police whistleblower lawsuit

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The whistleblower lawsuit filed by former police officer Brian Schaefer against Plymouth Township and Police Chief Thomas Tiderington is not over, according Royal Oak attorney Mike Stefani who has filed an appeal of the summary judgment favoring the township.

Tiderington fired Sgt. Brian Schaefer in the midst of a departmental sex scandal and charged Schaefer with conduct unbecoming an officer, leaving his post while on duty, negligence, inattention to duty and insubordination. Schaefer subsequently was placed on admin-

istrative leave and twice told by Tiderington that his resignation would be accepted. Schaefer rejected both offers to resign his employment.

Schaefer was subsequently terminated in December of 2013 and claims in his legal filings that the conduct for which he was charged either did not violate departmental regulations or was behavior which

was openly accepted or regularly overlooked by the department.

Stefani, in an exclusive interview with The Eagle, said he was reasonably confident the lower court ruling would be reversed and expects the case to be heard within a year.

"It was dismissed on a motion for summary judgment...We feel the judge made

a pretty grievous error," said Stefani referring to the May 8, ruling of Circuit Court Judge Daniel Ryan who dismissed Schaefer's claims against the township and Tiderington during a motion call.

"In our opinion the evidence existed that Schaefer was terminated from his employment because he gave a township attorney answers in another lawsuit that negatively affected the police chief. They believed his testimony would not be good for the township," Stefani said. Stefani, adamant about the rul-

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# Plymouth

## Suit

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ing, said Schaefer was ordered to answer questions during an Aug. 8, 2013 meeting with attorneys representing the township in a wrongful termination lawsuit. During that meeting, Schaefer candidly responded to questions and stated that Tiderington's decision to extend the probationary period of Ofc. Brittany DeFrain was contrary to established Field Training Officer procedures. Schaefer was DeFrain's Field Training Officer and she reported to him. DeFrain resigned from the department rather than accept the extended probation, and claimed in a discrimination lawsuit that the extended probation was based solely on her admitted sexual relationship with another married officer in the department.

Schaefer was never formally deposed in the DeFrain case, and according to court filings, did not receive any direction from Tiderington or the township attorneys regarding anything he should or should not do in connection with the lawsuit in which DeFrain alleged that sexual liaisons within the department were commonplace and accepted by supervisors and that no male officers involved in such relations were disciplined. Township attorneys reached a reported \$50,000 out-of-court cash settlement with DeFrain in

her suit.

Stefani, in a legal brief which contains salacious details of multiple sexual liaisons and claims of police officers sleeping, reading, going home or doing errands while on duty, is critical of what is described as, "the relaxed culture of the police department under Tiderington."

Calling the investigation of Schaefer's conduct a "witch-hunt" in light of the widespread and accepted violations of departmental rules, the brief claims Schaefer's termination was not due to misconduct and neglect of duty as the township alleges, but because of the conversation he had with attorneys representing the township in the DeFrain case. It reads, "Despite the frequent, and sometimes blatant, rules violations occurring under his command, Tiderington rarely investigated or disciplined officers."

"The Chief's treatment of Schaefer became immediately accusatory and hostile after he was advised about Schaefer's comments (regarding extending DeFrain's probation)."

"Schaefer, who was in charge of the field training program, was asked whether her (DeFrain's) probation should have been extended and he said 'No,'" Stefani said.

"He was asked whether other members of the department had been involved in romantic relationships and he named three others, all who were not disciplined.... One couple who were

named by Schaefer are now married to each other," Stefani added.

Laura Amtsbuechler of Johnson Rosati Schultz and Joppich was the attorney representing the township in the DeFrain case. In her deposition in the Schaefer case, she said she "can't remember" where she was, which "phone she was on" or anything else about her conversation with Tiderington after talking to Schaefer but can distinctly and positively remember she didn't tell him what Schaefer said.

Stefani remarked that he thought the statements in the township court filings for a summary disposition describing Schaefer's conversation with Amtsbuechler as "a brief, insignificant conversation," was "pure bull."

Township attorneys cited numerous instances of Schaefer's leaving duty to go to his Livonia home or to his fitness center to work while on duty. They claimed in their filings that he had repeatedly admitted multiple violations of departmental rules during his deposition and that the township was, therefore, within the law to terminate his employment.

"Yes, Schaefer violated some department rules to care for his sick wife but his termination didn't fit the violations cited," Stefani said.

"Tiderington was in a retirement mode, he overlooked a lot of things."

## Newcomer leads vote totals in city election

Voters in the City of Plymouth reduced the field of candidates for city commission from nine to eight last week during the primary election.

In her first bid for elected office, Suzanne Deal received the top number of votes in the Aug. 4 balloting. Deal's 524 votes will ensure her spot on the Nov. 3 general election ballot when voters in will choose four members of the city commission from the top candidates voters selected.

Incumbent commissioners took the second, third and fourth highest vote totals. The second highest vote total of 476 was received by incumbent Commissioner Mike Wright who is seeking his third term. Incumbent Commissioner Colleen Pobur, who was appointed last year to fill a vacancy on the commission and who also previously served two elected terms, garnered a total of 461

votes and incumbent Daniel Dalton collected 397 votes.

Challengers took the remaining four spots on the ballot. Ed Krol received 235 votes, Robert Jablonski received 228 votes, Charlie Gabearl received 212 votes and Jack Wilson collected 196 votes which will place their names before City of Plymouth voters in November.

Eliminated from contention by only three votes was Thomas Guina who received a total of 193 votes.

The top three vote getters in November will serve 4-year terms and the candidate with the fourth highest total will be elected to a 2-year term. They will serve alongside current Commissioners Dan Dwyer, Diane Bogenrieder and Oliver Wolcott who won election to 4-year terms in 2013.

Only 860, or 11.5 percent, of the 7,481 registered voters in the city cast ballots last week.

## Red Shield race planned

Get out your hogs, put on your helmets and get ready to ride in The Salvation Army "Ride for the Red Shield" motorcycle fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 22 starting at The Salvation Army of Plymouth, 9451 South Main St. in Plymouth.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast for all riders and their passengers.

Registered riders will depart from Plymouth at 11 a.m. escorted by the Wayne County Sheriff Motorcycle Unit.

Attendees will take a break at the Dearborn Public Schools Career Center in Dearborn Heights before continuing the ride to Wyandotte. A barbeque lunch will be provided in Exchange Park.

The event is \$25 for motorcyclists and \$15 for passengers. Each rider and passenger will receive an event t-shirt. "Ride for the Red Shield"

For more information, or to register, contact Sandy Kollinger at (734) 453-5464 ext. 24 or Janice Quick at (734) 282-0930 ext. 100.

## Plymouth Community United Way offers Elder Law series

A four-week elder law series presented by attorney Gary Allen is being offered by the Plymouth Community United Way and the Plymouth Community Council on Aging. The four part series

includes: Tuesday, Sept. 1, Estate Planning; Tuesday, Sept. 8, Outliving your Assets; Tuesday, Sept. 22, Retirement Accounts (IRA, 401k, 403b, etc.) and Tuesday, Sept. 29, Taxes

Each topic will be presented at 10:30 a.m. until noon and from 6:30-8 p.m. at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road.

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6:00 p.m. - Soul Constructors  
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# CANTON

## Canton resident stars at Croswell Theater

You've probably never heard of him, but Dewey Phillips changed the face of rock 'n' roll - and America.

He played rock 'n' roll before it even had a name. He was the first radio DJ to play Elvis Presley. And in strictly-segregated 1950s Memphis, Phillips saw no difference between black and white.

Phillips serves as the inspiration for Huey Calhoun, the central character of the Tony Award-winning musical "Memphis." And in the Croswell Opera House's upcoming production of that show, Huey is played by Dan Clair of Canton Township.

Clair first saw "Memphis" when the first national tour came through Detroit. "I fell in love with the music and then with the storyline itself," he said.

Huey Calhoun starts out as an aimless and uneducated white boy - "who made it almost all the way through to the ninth grade at South Side High," in his own

words - who's spent most of his short life being fired from a series of odds-and-ends jobs. But Huey loves music, and more than anything, he loves the rhythm and blues he hears being played in the nightclubs of Beale Street, the heart of Memphis' black community.

In one such club, he falls in love with Felicia Farrell, a talented young black singer. And that's where the story of "Memphis" really begins.

"It's a piece of iconic history showing what music has done for American society when it comes to racial segregation, and the impact that music has had," Clair said.

Huey Calhoun is eccentric, quirky, and a bit of a loudmouth, but he's also a character with heart, and his passion makes him likeable.

"Even though he can be big and obnoxious, there's always an opportunity in the script to pull him back to the love story or to

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**Dan Clair**

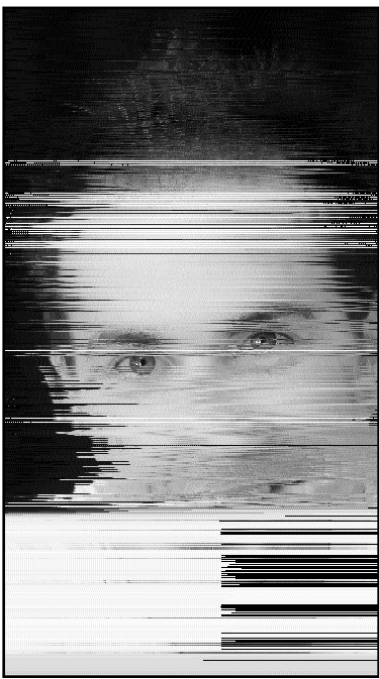
the things he's passionate about," Clair said.

Although "Memphis" is Clair's first show at the Croswell, he will be a familiar face for many fans of the southeast Michigan theater scene. His credits include Clyde in Ann Arbor Civic Theatre's "Bonnie and Clyde," the title role in Monroe Community Players' "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Claude in "Hair" at St. Dunstan's Theatre in Bloomfield Hills, and Bobby Strong in "Urinetown" with the Avon Players in Rochester Hills.

An engineer by trade, he also owns a dance studio, Lighthouse Dance Co. in Luna Pier, with his wife, Delle.

"Memphis" at the Croswell also features Toledo-born singer-songwriter Tatiana Owens as Felicia; Derrick Jordan of Toledo as Felicia's brother, Delray; and Lydia Schafer of Toledo as Huey's mother, Gladys. The director is Deb Calabrese.

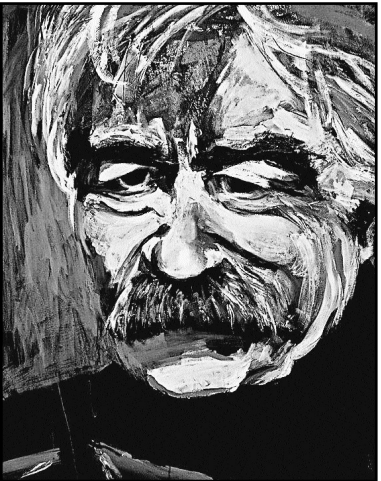
"Memphis" opens Aug. 14 and runs for two weekends, with 8 p.m. shows Friday and Saturday shows and 2:30 p.m. shows on Sunday.



Dan Clair

The Croswell is at 129 E. Maumee St. in downtown Adrian. Tickets range from \$15 to \$35 and can be purchased online at [Croswell.org](http://Croswell.org) or by calling (517) 264-7469.

## Entries being accepted for annual art exhibit



2014 Best of Show - "ManfriendofaKind" by Jan Brown

Entries for the 23rd Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition will only be accepted through Aug. 24.

The annual exhibit will take place from Oct. 2 through 31 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Michigan artists can enter their work online at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org). Interested artists may also request an entry form by calling (734) 394-5300 ext. 8.

All media is accepted for this exhibition. Only digital image files on CDs will be accepted for review and no slides will be accepted for consideration. Paintings and hangings should

not exceed 5-feet wide or 6-feet high, 40 pounds in weight and must be properly and appropriately framed and prepared for hanging. Sculpture dimensions must not exceed 5 feet by 5 feet by 6 feet and can be no more than 200 pounds in weight. Original works of art must have been completed in the last three years. A non-refundable entry fee of \$15 for each submitted piece is required.

This year the competition will award \$1,950 in cash prizes including the \$750 best of show prize, a second place award of \$500, a third place prize of \$300,

two \$100 honorable mention prizes and four merit awards of \$50 each.

Juried result notification will be mailed to submitting artists by Sept. 10.

This year, the juror will be Nancy Coumoundouros, who served as the Cultural Arts Supervisor for Farmington Hills and Farmington until her retirement in 2014. In that role, Coumoundouros created and developed the Cultural Arts Division, beginning with writing the first Cultural Master Plan for both cities.

A reception is planned for the

selected artists at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 1 with a special program starting at 7:30 p.m. The Village Theater has exhibition hours throughout the year (except for major holidays), from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, by appointment and during all public performances.

The exhibition is free and open to the public.

The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

For additional information about the 23rd Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition, visit [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org) or call (734) 394-5300.

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# Westland

## Former legislator, incumbents win voters' favor

Former Michigan State Rep. and Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc won 75 percent of the votes during the primary election for the office of city clerk last week. LeBlanc also previously served on the Westland City Council for two terms and was a member of the Wayne Westland Community Schools Board of Education.

LeBlanc will now face Jody Rice-White, who received 14 percent or 617 votes, on the Nov. 3 ballot for the 4-year term as Westland City Clerk.

Following LeBlanc and Rice-White at the polls were Christopher Cox who receive 6 percent or 290 votes and Zivka Wojtowicz who garnered 5 percent or 220 votes. Both Cox and

According to Wayne County records, only about 8 percent of the 60,233 registered voters in the city cast ballots in the primary election.

Wojtowicz were eliminated from the ballot.

In the 12 candidate field for the four available seats on the Westland City Council, voters favored the incumbents, with one exception. Current Council President James Godbout garnered 13 percent or 2,146 votes as the top vote getter while incumbent Bill Johnson followed in second place with 12 percent of the vote at 2,018. Voters' third choice was former city council-

man and ex-mayor Charles Pickering who received 11 percent or 1,817 votes.

In fourth place was incumbent Dewey Reeves with 1,689 votes or 10 percent of the total followed closely by challenger Peter Herzberg with 1,613 votes. Judy McKinney received 1,503 votes or 9 percent of the total and William Campbell garnered 1,328 voters or 8 percent of the total.

Incumbent Adam Hammons

will complete the field of candidates vying for three, 4-year and one 2-year term on the council. Hammons received 1,303 or 8 percent of the votes cast.

The top four vote getters in November will take the three available 4-year terms while the next highest voter getter will serve the 2-year term.

Eliminated from the November ballot were candidates Dennis LeMaitre who collected 941 votes or 6 percent of the total ballots, Steve Boron who received 798 votes or 5 percent of the total, Kevin Miller who received 782 votes or 5 percent of the total and Chris Coldren who received a total of 445 votes.

According to Wayne County



Richard LeBlanc

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## Brownfield Authority accepting citizen applications

The City of Westland is seeking qualified individuals interested in serving on the Brownfield Authority Board.

The Brownfield Authority Board comprises 11 members appointed by the mayor and subject to confirmation by members of city council. The board is a requirement for compliance with state and federal regulations governing sites designated as "brownfields," typically prop-

erty where expansion, redevelopment or reuse may be complicated due to the presence or potential presence of hazardous pollutants or contaminants. Brownfields may qualify for certain tax credits or other economic assistance to ensure the property is cleaned up and a reinvestment made that protects the environment, reduces blight and reduces the demand for using other greenspaces or undevel-

oped land.

The Brownfield Authority Board members meet following the submission of a Brownfield Redevelopment Plan by a business or property owner in the city. The authority facilitates these individuals in redeveloping designated Brownfield sites throughout Westland.

In the past, the Brownfield board members have approved projects such as the MJR

Theatre, a \$15 million project, and the new Tim Horton's at the corner of Ford and Wayne. Interested individuals with a background in land use, environmental sciences or economic development or similar experience are preferred although any resident with an interest in the well-being of the City of Westland is encouraged to apply, according to a statement from the office of Mayor William Wild.

Interested individuals are asked to submit a resume and letter of interest to Mayor William R. Wild, City of Westland, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185.

Members serve without remuneration with the Brownfield Authority Board meeting on an as-needed basis. Appointments are for varying terms of up to three years in duration.

## City to host community gathering, movie at park

The second Community Gathering in Westland will take place beginning at 6 p.m. Aug. 25.

Prior to the movie, George Brothers Band will provide live music. Refreshments will be available for purchase from

Chicken Shack, a local food vendor, and the park concession stand. Free popcorn will be provided by Mayor William Wild and city representatives will have information on hand about various programs, services and upcoming events. City

officials will be in attendance to answer questions or offer assistance.

The Disney computer animated movie Big Hero 6 will be shown at about 8:30 p.m. on a large inflatable screen.

Park It Movie Night will take

place at Central City Park, 1901 N. Carlson.

"Our first Community Gathering at Corrado Park was a huge success, with over 700 in attendance," commented Wild. "Events like these give my administration and the

Westland City Council an opportunity to meet residents informally, hear their thoughts and ideas about improving the community and allow our families a chance to enjoy fun and free activities at Westland's beautiful parks."

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# BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

## School district to ask voters for .5 mill

Voters in the Van Buren Public Schools will be asked to approve a sinking fund millage of one-half a mill on the Nov. 3 ballot.

The half mill is a reduction from the 1.13 mills currently being paid by property owners in the district. A renewal of that sinking fund amount was rejected by voters in a May election. If

approved, the one-half mill would be in effect for seven years, ending in 2022.

Members of the board of education unanimously approved the new request amount at a regular meeting earlier this month. A survey of voters indicated that voters rejected the May request as they felt taxes are too high, regardless of the purpose, and

that members of the community believe school facilities are in good condition and the money is not needed.

Superintendent of Schools Michael Van Tassel compiled a 54-page report regarding the survey which he shared with the board members.

Van Tassel recommended putting the half mill on the bal-

lot or not to go for a ballot question at all.

Without a millage from voters, the district would be forced to use \$500,000 a year for three to five years for maintenance of district buildings. With a half mill, as proposed, the district would realize about \$753,255 annually in sinking fund tax revenue.

Van Tassel said that with the proposed 6.5 public safety millage question on the ballot from Van Buren Township would draw negative voters to the polls.

The district will now form a committee to help provide information to the public regarding the new millage request that will be on the ballot, according to Van Tassel.

## New DTE solar panel project now under way

It will take until the end of the year to complete the installation of 2,700 solar panels at a new DTE project on Citrin Drive in Romulus.

The new project, near Metro Airport, is on a parcel of land owned by Morton Terminal Land Holdings near I-94 and Middlebelt Road. The solar panels, when installed, will generate

enough energy, about 750 kilowatts, to power 125 homes, according to a prepared statement from DTE. The solar project will be maintained and operated by DTE for 20 years according to the statement.

"DTE Energy continues to explore large-scale solar energy projects as a cost-effective way to add solar energy to Michigan's

generation mix," said Irene Dimitry, vice-president of business and development at DTE. She added that the solar power will help the company provide; cleaner, affordable energy to the customers we serve."

Currently, less than 1 percent of renewable energy from DTE is produced by solar panels, but Dimitry said the company hopes

to increase that amount. About 95 percent of the renewable energy DTE produces comes from wind turbines. The company is required by a 2008 state law to generate 10 percent of all power from renewable sources.

In Michigan, half the power produced comes from coal, a statistic state officials are attempting to reduce due to the signifi-

cant greenhouse gas emissions from coal-fueled power plants.

DTE has announced plans to retire a third of its coal produced energy by 2025. The company did not reveal the cost of the new Romulus solar project. DTE has installed solar energy at 22 sites including projects at Ford Motor Co. headquarters in Dearborn and Monroe Community College.

## Utility company warns of scam

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce joined DTE in issuing a warning about a phone scam attempt in the area.

A chamber spokesperson noted that a local business owner nearly fell prey to the new telephone scam and wanted to warn others in the community. According to DTE, imposters are phoning utility customers, usually small to medium-sized businesses, and threatening to shut off the power unless the business owner obtains and immediately pays the service bill. The callers demand to be paid using a Green Dot or other prepaid debit card.

DTE said a number of their customers have been victimized by the scam which has often targeted restaurants. Once the business owner provides the number on

the debit card to the caller; the electronic funds are transferred to other debit cards, all of which are untraceable. The spokesperson said that all customers should be aware that DTE does not: endorse or require a prepaid debit card for payment; impose unrealistic deadlines for payment nor threaten to shut-off power within a period of hours; collect payment at customers' homes or businesses or ask for Social Security numbers, bank account or credit card information by phone

Customers uncertain about a person calling claiming to be from DTE should call (800) 477-4747 to confirm the status of their account. Anyone suspecting fraud should contact your local police immediately.

The Polish Muslims will bring their talent to the Belleville Area Council for the Arts Music Lakeside's second to last concert at 7 tonight.

The Polish Muslims play a combination of favorite styles of music; alternative, garage rock, polka, 60s pop, all with a tongue in cheek sense of humor.

Their original release "That's Why God Invented the Polka" launched the band into national cult stardom as they played to sold out concerts and outdoor shows, as well as live television and radio broadcasts. The Polish Muslims have been widely recognized by fans and critics alike and have been awarded the Detroit Music Award distin-

guished Lifetime Achievement Award.

Audiences need to bring a lawn chair or blanket to Horizon Park in Belleville for the concert tonight. Organizers suggest arriving early to find a good spot.

The Twisted Rooster will be on hand with dinner choices and Time 2 Chill will have gelato for sale.

All concerts take place rain or shine. In case of rain, concerts are moved to The Belleville United Methodist Church across from the park on Roys Street at Charles.

For more information about the Music Lakeside series or any of the other Belleville Area Council for the Arts upcoming events, visit [bacaart.org](http://bacaart.org).

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# NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

## Man charged with 12 counts of child pornography

Don Howard  
Staff Writer

James Anthony Ciccarelli, 53, a 30-year resident of Northville Township, was arraigned Tuesday in 35th District Court on 12 felony counts of child pornography.

Ciccarelli, married for more than 30 years, has two grown children, according to police investigators and led two different lives

until 3 months ago when the Michigan State Police (ICAC) Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force armed with a search warrant confiscated his computer and cell phone.

Ciccarelli was arrested at his Northville home at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday and was arraigned before Judge James Plakas. He entered a not-guilty plea to all 12 charges including three counts each of distributing or promoting

child sexually abusive activity, possession of child sexually abusive material, using the internet to communicate with another to commit a crime and using a computer to commit a crime.

Northville Township Police Detective John Huerta told the court the crime force investigation during a 3-month period revealed Ciccarelli had volumes of images and videos of child sexually abusive material and lewd

photographs of women taken in stores and malls that he had captured on his cell phone.

Southfield attorney Neil Rockind, representing Ciccarelli, requested bond of \$10,000 or 10 percent noting that Ciccarelli had no criminal history or police record, no history of drug or alcohol abuse and was in therapy.

“Ciccarelli could have fled during the period of the investigation, he could have destroyed evi-

dence. Everything about his life exudes stability,” Rockind argued.

Plakas set bond at \$100,000 or 10 percent and Ciccarelli was ordered not to have any contact with minors, no internet usage, no cameras, no video recorder and limited telephone use between him and his attorney.

Rockind said, “There’s a temptation to rush to judgment. Jim’s been an upstanding member of the community for 30 years.”

## Northville voters reject proposed road millage

Voters in the City of Northville soundly rejected a millage proposal to fund road repairs in the community last week.

Voters cast 753 no votes to 367 yes votes on the proposal to add

2.25 mills to the tax rolls for the next 15 years to fund road repairs and maintenance in the city. The proposal, had it been approved by voters, would have generated an additional \$750,000 annually to

be used for road repairs, the amount recommended by an engineering study which determined the city needed to spend about \$1.1 million each year on road repairs. The current mill-

age of 1.75 mills generates about \$350,000 each year toward roadwork.

The millage was defeated by more than twice the negative votes to those in favor of the new

tax, 67.23 percent said no while only 32.77 percent voted yes. Only 1,122 of the 4,873 registered voters in the City of Northville turned out for the election. Of those, 517 chose to vote by absentee ballot.

## Taxpayer accuses treasurer of dereliction, lies

Don Howard  
Staff Writer

A Plymouth Township business owner has written to members of the township board of trustees demanding immediate action regarding an overdue tax refund.

Francisco Viola started his Plymouth business, VersaTrans, in 2008 with the help of the Wayne County Land Bank-TURBO Program. The land bank was established by former County Executive Bob Ficano as a real estate pass-through entity to offer tax breaks and encourage economic development during some lean economic times. TURBO provides cash reimbursements to property owners making significant real estate investments in the county. The

program gives qualified owners in the county who meet certain requirements a 50-percent rebate on real property taxes for five years.

Viola, through his business consultant Jared Rodriquez, said he’s upset after meeting all of the TURBO requirements, investing \$150,000 to qualify and bringing his building up to code only to have his final rebate arbitrarily withheld by Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards.

Rodriquez, spokesperson for Viola Holdings, said Friday, “Now it’s not a matter of money. If the tables were turned and Viola didn’t pay his taxes he’d be treated like a criminal.”

VersaTrans is a manufacturer of custom-printed heat transfers; a product that is often used in the clothing industry for tag-less

labels.

Rodriquez said first check was cut in 2010.

“Plymouth Township cuts a check to Wayne County Land Bank and the county reimburses Viola. The amount is tied to the property assessments,” Rodriquez said.

In a strong email dated Aug. 6 sent to township officials and obtained by The Eagle, Rodriquez says, “Our goal in this communication is to gain clarity, answers and ultimately receive the funds owed to Viola Holdings which were due in 2014.”

“Simply put, this whole process is completely unacceptable and points to significant financial mismanagement, deceit and lack of performance by Plymouth Township officials.”

The letter states, “We

received a call from Treasurer Edwards’ office with information that was proven intentionally false. At the direction of Treasurer Edwards, we were told by his assistant that “a check had been sent/released to the Wayne County Land Bank”. Upon further follow up with the Land Bank, no funds had ever been received. Attempts to seek an explanation and truthful answers have gone unanswered.”

Rodriquez says the company is now in the process of conducting an internal audit regarding property values.

“We’re not sure we’ve received everything we should have, considering property values are now on the upswing. We want to make sure the funds we received were correct.”

Rodriquez said he’s been involved since 2014 and had but one “face-to-face” meeting with Edwards.

“Several voicemails to the Supervisor (Shannon Price) have gone unanswered with an exception being a returned call from his assistant, (Nancy Williams),” the letter reads.

“We’ve taken the word of the Treasurer...we thought he was treating us honestly. “It’s a dereliction of duty when it comes to Mr. Edwards.

“When they say they’ve done everything they can do-it’s in the hands of Wayne County...It’s a lie,” Rodriquez said. “It’s all about upholding a government commitment.”


Rodriquez said the last payment Viola received in 2013 was less than \$10,000.

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Obituaries



**Shirley D. Knight**  
Shirley D. Knight died July 28, 2015.

A graduate of Inkster High School she attended Madonna University and earned her Masters Degree from Central Michigan University. She was employed at Ford Motor Co. for more than 35 years

Among her survivors are her siblings, John (Boo), Dorothy (Dot), Betty and Evelyn; nieces and nephews, LaTanya, Toni, Ivory, Allison, Elaine, Diane, Clifford, Ricky, Keith and Milton; grand-nieces and grand-nephews; aunts; uncles and cousins, and many friends. She will also be mourned by her extended families at Card Board City, Inkster Public Schools, First Missionary Baptist Church, Middlebelt Baptist Church, New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Sunday School, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Noon Bible Class, book club, exercise class and co-workers at Ford Motor Co.

Funeral services took place at Middlebelt Baptist Church in Inkster with Pastor Roscoe Belton officiating.

Interment was at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth.

Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.

**Walter Earl McVey**  
Walter Earl McVey, 74, of Roscommon, formerly of Wayne, died Aug. 9, 2015 at Hilltop Manor Health Care Center in Roscommon.

Mr. McVey was born Feb. 14, 1941 in Dixon, ILL to Walter Irvin and Irene (Phillips) McVey. He served in the U.S. Army from Aug. 26, 1959 to Aug. 24, 1962 and achieved the rank of SP4. He married Regina Marie Rushlow in Wayne on Sept. 9, 1961.

Mr. McVey worked at the Ford Truck plant in Wayne for 33 years, retiring in 1998. He enjoyed all outdoor activities and shared his knowledge and skills for many years by being active with the Boy Scouts. He was very pro-labor and stayed involved in the activities of UAW Local 900. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

In 1998 he and his wife moved to Roscommon. Among his survivors are his three sons, Walter McVey, Jr. of Taylorsville, KY, Michael McVey of Mosheim, TN and Joseph (Deborah) McVey of Newport; eight grandchildren, Michelle, Brittney, Jessica, Travis, Tristen, Tiffany, Corey and Cessli; six great-grandchildren, Landyn, Levi, Aiden, Noah, Parker and Melody, and his sister, Lois (Jim) Bale of Delavan, IL.

Mr. McVey was preceded in death by his wife, Regina who died Feb. 23, 2005; a grandson, Joshua and his parents.

Funeral services with full military honors for Mr. McVey took place Aug. 12, at Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon, officiated by the Rev. Randy Brokaw. Burial services followed at Pioneer Cemetery also in Roscommon. Memorials in Walter's memory may be

made to Hospice Advantage, 401 Center Ave., Ste A, Bay City, Michigan 48707-5939.

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School supplies sought

Northville Civic Concern, The Northville Community Foundation and the Main Street League have joined forces to help provide backpacks and schools supplies to less fortunate students in the community.

Donations of backpacks and school supplies such as folders, notebooks, pencils, crayons and other supplies are desperately needed, according to Jessica Stiegle of the Northville Community Foundation.

“We can use supplies for all ages and class levels,” she said. “The need covers all ages and grades.”

Parents purchasing supplies are urged to buy extra supplies and a backpack to donate. Items can be dropped off from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Foundation office, 18600 Northville Road, Suite 275 in Northville or at Maybury Farm, 50165 Eight Mile Road, about 1/2 mile past the Maybury State Farm entrance, in Northville. Items can be dropped of from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

For more information, call (248) 374-0200.

Safe exchange site offered

The Canton Police Department is now offering township residents a safe place to conduct exchanges of items bought and sold over the Internet.

The police department lobby will have space where buyers and sellers on sites like Craigslist and eBay can conduct the exchange of payment and goods.

“It is always advisable when conducting a business transaction with strangers that it be done in a public area,” police officials said.

“The Canton Police Department is committed to providing the highest level of service and safety to our residents,” a spokesman added.

The Canton Police Department lobby is open and video monitored 24 hours a day.

Invasive Species on stage

Invasive Species, by Joseph Zettelmaier is the latest offering at Tipping Point Theater in Northville.

The story centers on Earl Hobbs, a man who doesn't like people. He likes fish and has been fishing Michigan lakes all his life. Alone with his secrets, he continues this tradition in a little private fishing hole by his house, until one summer night



Cabaret continues

The second weekend performances of the cabaret dinner theater at the new Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC), located in the former Central Middle School, by Forever After Productions are planned for tomorrow and Saturday. The dinner theater features a cast of performers from 14-25 singing Broadway favorites. Dinner will be provided by Main Street Catering and tickets, available online at [www.ihearforeverafter.com](http://www.ihearforeverafter.com) or by calling (734) 547-5156 are \$35 per person. Forever After Productions is now a resident at The PARC where the group has leased just under 10,000 square feet now called the Playhouse at the PARC where upcoming musical productions of The Jungle Book, Music Man Jr., Into The Woods and A Christmas Carol will be staged.

he reels in something that leaves him speechless. He researches what this mysterious creature in his fish tank may be, catching the attention of DNR agent, Eden Selkirk.

Invasive Species will continue through Aug. 23. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. A special 3 p.m. matinee performance has been added on Wednesday, Aug. 12.

The theater is located at 361. E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are \$29 to \$32 for adults and \$27 to \$30 for students and senior citizens and are available now by calling the box office at (248) 347-0003.

Jazz concerts are Sunday

The Jazz in the Park Summer Concert Series will continue through Aug. 30 in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Admission to the concerts is free and three different jazz acts will perform each week. Acts appearing include; Alex Colista Quartet, Chris Rose Trio, Trio Re Enactment, Nathan Haddock Trio, Cory Allen Trio, Ellie Epstein Latin Trio, Gene-Tonic with special guest; Nicole New, Imari Jendayi and In The Tradition, Isis Damil and Zion Yisreal, Gary Greenfelder Trio, Melanie Rutherford, Systematic,

Modtie Etiquette, Swingin' Chopin, Eric Movement, Brazil and Beyond and All Directions Band.

Audiences should bring lawn chairs. More information is available from Michael Malott, (718) 502-9926.

Supervisor hosts park meeting

Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price will host office hours at Plymouth Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail, at McClumpha in the new four-season pavilion from 5-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17.

Price said residents can view park projects including a new and improved pad on the Sprayscape water feature; new foot bridges to increase access around the pond and the new pavilion which is nearing completion.

Shakespeare visits village

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is teaming up with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival to bring several special performances to Canton this summer. Through Aug. 16, the Michigan Shakespeare Festival will present its 2015 Season lineup at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Performances will include: William

Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream and Henry IV, along with Richard Brinsley Sheridan's The Rivals.

The cast features respected and professional Equity Actors.

Tickets are available at [www.cantonvil-lagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvil-lagetheater.org) or call (734) 394-5300 for more information.

Ford Field Festival set

The Ford Field Festival, formerly the Food Truck Festival, is planned for 5-10 p.m. Aug. 21 and from 2-10 p.m. Aug. 22 at Ford Field in Northville.

The event is sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and will include the various food trucks, live bands and a beer tent.

Tino's Farm picnic planned

The Constantino Del Signore Foundation (CDS) will host the annual fundraising picnic to help fund operations at Tino's Farm from noon until 7 p.m. Aug. 23.

The \$15 admission ticket includes a barbeque chicken dinner, many other menu items and entertainment from bands including Second Wind and the Ticket.

There will also be games and raffles. The funds will all be used to help operate the addiction recovery residence.

The farm is located at 55880 Eight Mile Road in South Lyon, about a quarter mile past the Northville border. The picnic is open to the public.

Beer tasting brewing

Friends of the Wayne Public Library are planning a Beer Tasting Fundraiser at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21.

Liberty Street Brewing will host the event including three featured specialty beers, Starkweather Stout, Steamy Windows IPA and Red Glare Ale along with snacks.

Advance tickets are \$15 per person and are available at the Circulation Desk of the library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne.

Teen pizza and movie set

The Romulus Library will host a pizza party and movie beginning at 1 p.m. Aug. 22 for those 12 and older. The movie will be Insurgent, rated PG-13.

The event is free and 12-year-olds will need a signed permission slip available at the library front desk.

For more information, call the library at (734) 942-7589.



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