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Home Depot helps neighbor in need

It has been five years since Wayne resident Kathy Darfler has been in her backyard.

"I have had a lot of changes in my life. I had a real serious fall last September and shattered my knee and arm. I am in a electric wheelchair," she said. Then in January her husband, Jim died. "Things have been challenging," she said. Because of her condition she has been unable to get around very easily and hasn't been able to attend to any outside chores.

Then she contacted Home Depot. She has a niece and nephew who work for Home Depot and they told her about their community relations program.

The Home Depot team did outside clean up and will replace her front door. The team of four volunteers filled five lawn bags with weeds,

put up a rose trellis and spread mulch. They also put some vinyl based molding up in the kitchen.

"Home Depot has been absolutely fantastic," she said. "They take care of the community and they are a very caring store."

Jason Bunge, the captain of Team Depot at his store, said all of the community projects they do are off the clock and they do on their own time.

"The more people we can help, the better," he said. "It's a great way to spend a day off."

The volunteer work they offer is unskilled labor. Last year, from Sept. 11- Nov. 11, Home Depot donated \$9 million and 8000 employees volunteered their time to help veterans.

"We want to give back to the communities that give to us," he said.

"I feel so blessed," Darfler said.



(Top) Home Depot employees (l-r): Jason Bunge, Keri Lewis, Mike Ciatti and Teresa Sedlarik are all from the south Canton Home Depot on Michigan Avenue. They posed with Kathy Darfler in her backyard. Photo by Jenny Johnson

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By Jenny Johnson

The circus is coming! The one ring Kelly Miller Circus will perform two shows at 2 and 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 11 at Attwood Park. Tickets are on sale and are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children ages 2-11, if purchased prior to the show. Tickets are available at the Wayne Community Center, Wayne Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, Tim Horton's of Wayne on Michigan Avenue and Avenue Sports Grille on Elizabeth.

The idea for a circus coming to town came from a town hall meeting in the spring attended by city officials and residents. Funding for special events hosted by the city was discussed. It was decided to host a circus and have the proceeds from ticket purchases go toward the Special Events Fund in the city.

The circus experience is one not to be missed. But don't wait until show time to come see the show. The show begins bright and early on Circus Day. Around 7 a.m. when 35 trucks and 70 people arrive to start



(Top) The biggest stars in the show, the elephants not only amaze the crowd with their skills but they also provide the power needed to raise the big top before each show. (Above) Two year old zebra, Kenya, joins the Silk Road camels for the first time this year.

setting up. At 9 a.m., elephant power is used to help raise the big top and the public is welcome to watch. This free show is a great opportunity to see an old fashioned circus tradition. After the first of the four main poles that support the Big

Top are set in place, the public is invited to step into the tent and watch the elephants and their human helpers complete the job.

The three performing Asian elephants Viola, Libby and Nina weigh more than 23,000 lbs. combined.

There will also be guided tours and a chance to meet the animals before the show. A circus veteran will also be available to answer questions about circus life. Circus morning is full of excitement and anticipation for all.

From the early morning hours, to the very moment when the tent comes down at the end of the second show, the public is invited to come and be a part of the magic of Circus Day as it has been experienced for over 200 years.

One hour prior to show time children can ride the elephants and ponies and play in the moonwalk. Concessions will also be available.

Clown ushers will help you find seats under the big top before the ringmaster, John Moss, says, "Children of all ages." Some of the acts you will see are acrobatics by the Poema family; magic and fire manipulation by Brian LaPalme; juggling by Raul Olivares Guerrero of

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Guadalajara, Mexico. He is a fourth generation circus performer. Watch as he juggles five ping pong balls in his mouth.

Clowns are always a crowd pleaser and Kelly Miller has some of the best. Steve Copeland and Ryan Combs became a team while working for Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus. Their carefully crafted chaos is serious business for this dedicated duo. They look forward to spreading fun and laughter. Adding to the clown frenzy is Tony the Clown who works magic into his performance.

Fridman Torales is an astounding acrobatic phenom from Peru. He balances on a board on top of a rolling cylinder at the top of a crow's nest on a pirate ship.

There are aerial and trapeze acts and new this year to the Kelly Miller Circus is the Pirates of the Kellybean Aerial Ballet. The enchanting Miss Rebecca will perform aerial excitement on the trapeze. Direct from her appearance in the movie "Water for Elephants," she executes magnificent maneuvers in the dome of the big top.

Of course no circus is complete without animals. The Kelly Miller Circus has tigers, elephants, horses, camels, and dogs and two-year old Kenya, a zebra.

Ryan Holder is the world's youngest tiger trainer. His sleek striped jungle giants will present an awe inspiring display of their ability and agility.

The SS Dogpaddle will sail into the circus ring with a crew of Ye Olde Salty Dogs. These pirate pooches are full of canine cleverness and surprises.

They are members of the circus

family too. On their website it states, "We here at KELLY MILLER believe strongly in the ethical and humane treatment of all animals, especially our own. There are eight people employed here strictly for their care, comfort and oversight."

The Kelly Miller Circus travels over 10,000 miles and performs over 200 shows a year and has a long tradition of providing affordable family fun to audiences of all ages. In 1938 Obert Miller and his sons, Kelly and Dory, began their tented circus show. From 1884-2006 David Rawls, a third generation circus performer, directed the circus. In 2007 John Ringling North II took over the reins. His great-uncles were the famous Ringling Brothers. His mother was their sister. Family is a tradition not only for the circus goers but the performers and dedicated staff of the Kelly Miller Circus.

In a statement North said, "I intend to maintain the excellent standards established by David Rawls and his family, and add some new features to the show."

The circus is like a city on wheels. There are 72 people and 24 animals on the road with the circus. They travel together from March until October. The crew includes a cook, school teacher and even a mayor! David Rawls, president of Kelly Miller, was once the mayor of Hugo, Oklahoma where the circus is based.

So whether you have never seen a circus performance or it's a family tradition, make sure to get your tickets and come enjoy Circus Day on Aug. 11. Step back in time as the Kelly Miller Circus brings the history and tradition of the old fashioned circus to life in Wayne. Kelly Miller has gathered a galaxy of stars from many nations to entertain and excite their audience. Don't miss it.



Melissa Webber Children's Advocate for First Step receives circus tickets for all their residents from Assistant City Prosecutors, Melissa Cox and Breeda O'Leary-Holder. Photo by John P. Rhaesa of The Wayne Dispatch

City Attorneys send First Step to the Circus

Thanks to the donation of the City Attorneys, the law firm of Fausone Bohn, LLP and the suggestion of two Assistant City Prosecutors, Melissa Cox and Breeda O'Leary-Holder, all residents of First Step will be attending the Kelly Circus event on August 11, 2012.

First Step's mission is to reduce the incidence of domestic and sexual violence and to provide services to individuals affected by these crimes. Its ultimate goal is the prevention of these crimes through education, advocacy and appropriate intervention.

Fausone Bohn has been a long time supporter of First Step. The firm, in lieu of sending Christmas cards, has given its annual gift to First Step. "First Step does so much for the City of Wayne and its residents, we thought we needed to do something to show our support," said Paul Bohn, City Attorney and Partner of Fausone Bohn, LLP.

A number of the firm's staff, attorneys and their families will be attending the Circus. We hope everyone reading this article can join them.

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Wayne resident 'Wild' Bill Copland, Phil Kaplan of Northside Hardware and Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal Shawn Bell clown around with The Kelly Miller Circus clowns Carlee and Charlie as they promoted the circus at the Wayne Community Center August 11. Photos by John P. Rhaesa of The Wayne Dispatch

Clowns come to town

By Jenny Johnson

The Kelly Miller Circus sent some very special guests to town to spread the word that the circus is coming! Carlee and Charlie are award-winning clowns who are in their second season as advance clowns for Kelly Miller. They travel the country in advance of the show to let the communities know how great the circus experience is.

While in Wayne they performed for the day campers at the Wayne Community Center. They also visited a field trip at the pool, met City Manager Robert English and Councilman Jim Hawley and played Bingo with the Golden Hour Club. They shopped at the Sidewalk Sales and

spread good cheer and humor everywhere.

Carlee and Charlie, otherwise known as Sherri and David Shepard, have been clowning around since 1995. They are ambassadors for Clowns of America and Dave founded the non profit Circus City Clowns, an organization dedicated to fostering and preserving the art of clowning while providing low-cost entertainment to other non-profit agencies. Sherri has taught the art of clowning at many school and summer programs.

While Carlee and Charlie will not be at the circus on Aug. 11, there will be some spectacular clown antics. So make sure to buy your tickets today!



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The history of churches in Wayne

Wayne's first settler arrived in 1824 by way of a trail through unbroken wilderness of tall trees and tangled brush. His name was George M. Johnson and he built a log cabin about where the PNC Bank stands today on Michigan Avenue west bound. It was called Johnson's Tavern and soon became a landmark. Other pioneers began to arrive who helped settle and develop our town, build our schools, churches and roads, raise their families to carry on what they had begun and who now sleep in our old cemeteries which are the final archives of our community. These early settlers of our community who arrived to begin a new life were often New Yorkers and Easterners. Many were Irishmen who were brought out west to help build the Michigan Central Railroad and then stayed on to farm. The first buildings the settlers constructed in our community, as in every new settlement throughout the Midwest, were a store, a school house and a church. Since there were many faiths represented in the population, a number of churches sprung up over the early years. In those days, the church was the focal point of not only their faith where they were baptized, married and buried, but an important part of their social life as well. Even though their daily life was a constant struggle to produce food, clothing and shelter for their families, they made time to help their neighbors and enjoy the community through the church. Life in the mid 1800's in our quiet little village was centered on the community and the churches. Church suppers, box lunches, plays, programs and church services were attended by all. What a far cry from the high tech, fast paced, entertainment centered, 24/7 lives we lead today.

The first organized church in the settlement of Wayne was the Methodist Church whose members first met in 1832. Since the congregation did not have a building, they held their meetings in the barn of a member of the congregation named Krieder and then in members' homes.

The Congregational Church was organized in 1848 and the members immediately purchased a piece of land and began building a place of

Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley



worship. The church was completed in 1849 and was the first church building in Wayne. In the early years it was also used by the Methodists and the Universalists. The Congregational Church was enlarged in the 1870's and had two more additions over the years. In 1970 the beautiful



This is what the old Wayne Methodist Church looked like from 1862-1929. Photo Courtesy of The Wayne Historical Museum

old church caught fire during some renovation work and burned beyond repair. The congregation, after much deliberation, voted to build a new and modern building rather than rebuild the church in the style of the 1800's. It sits today on the original property, which is now Wayne Road between East and West bound Michigan Avenues.

The Methodist Church eventually built a brick building facing the Public Square in 1862. In 1929 it was condemned and a new building was erected facing Newberry Street where it still stands today.

Many early settlers were catholic so there was a great need for a Catholic church. St. Mary Catholic

Church began in 1862 and dedicated a frame church building in 1873. In 1923 they broke ground to build the large brick building and school that exists today on Michigan Avenue near Second Street. Their congregation recently celebrated their 150th year.

St. John's Lutheran Church was dedicated August 20th, 1877. Their building was replaced with a stone church in 1919. This building sat on the west side of Elizabeth, just south of old Michigan Avenue. On February 12, 1967 the congregation built a new church which was relocated to Glenwood Road near Wayne

to move their church. In 1961 they broke ground on Glenwood west of the railroad tracks. They moved into their new building in 1962. Today the church is called Cross Pointe Community Church.

The Free Methodist Church at Main and Clark Streets was used from 1912 until 1958. It was then leased by the Reorganized Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints and razed in the summer of 1964.

The First Presbyterian Church of Wayne was built on the corner of Annapolis and Venoy in 1949. The building remains on that site today but is now called Integrity Christian Fellowship Church.

The Church of Christ was built on the corner of Sims and Fourth Streets in 1942 and Calvary Baptist was built on Van Born in 1957.

The First Church of Christ Scientist was built in the fifties and sits on the corner of Michigan Avenue West bound and Laura Street.

St. Joseph Catholic Church was first formed in 1888 and met in Westland until 1990 when they bought a church building in Wayne on Fourth Street.

All of these early churches speak to the need the settlers of our community had to have a place to worship in their own way. If you visit the History Mural on the side of the State Wayne Theater you will see Mildred Hanchett, long time Wayne historian who helped create Wayne's Historical Museum, looking at pictures of the early churches mentioned above.

Today we can boast that our town of Wayne has 20 some active churches that serve the needs of the people that live here and in surrounding communities. Some of the newer churches in Wayne are Christian Life Apostolic, Cornerstone City Church, Greater Than Dreams Church, Integrity Christian Fellowship Church, Lighthouse Ministry Church, New Beginnings Church, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, The International Church, Walking "N" The Light Church, Wayne Bible Missionary Church, and West Wayne Freewill Baptist Church. If you are looking for a church home, you should have no trouble finding one nearby. There is a place of worship that suits everyone.

Road and a school was added.

The Universalist Church, built in 1863, was first located at the northeast corner of Norris and Newberry and then moved on the lot to face Newberry. It was leased to the Episcopal Church Society and used as an Episcopal church after 1904.

The First Baptist Church of Wayne was organized in 1894. The congregation met in the Universalist Church in the early years. Their first building was erected in 1905 and an addition was put on in 1949. This building sat in downtown Wayne on Main and Monroe Streets. With their population growing in the late fifties and sixties and urban renewal threatening, the congregation found a need

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Police arrest homicide suspect

In Sept. 2009 Wayne police were called to the scene of a crime in the woods just north of Wayne Bowl on Michigan Avenue. The body of Joseph Kasproicz was discovered. In June 2012 Wayne police arrested Richard Scott Douglas for the murder of Kasproicz.

Sometime between Sept. 16 and 20, 2009 Kasproicz was killed by blunt force trauma, most likely a metal baseball bat. Kasproicz was the boyfriend of Douglas' wife. He lived with the couple for a short time in Wayne.

Police Chief Jason Wright said the department never closed the case and continued to work it through time. Sgt. Al Maciag, the lead detective on the case, analyzed evidence, questioned multiple witnesses and narrowed down information that made Douglas a good suspect.

Douglas was tracked down in



Richard Scott Douglas appears before Judge Laura Mack for the murder of Kasproicz.

Tennessee and extradited back to Michigan in June 2012. At his preliminary exam on July 23, Judge Laura Mack bound him over as charged. He was arraigned on first-degree premeditated murder on July 30 in Wayne County Circuit Court. He is being held in Wayne County Jail on no bond.

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To receive trauma center verification a hospital must meet specific criteria established by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and passing a site review by the Verification Review Committee.

"This is a big win for our entire team, including our EMS partners in care," he said. "For our patients and the communities we serve, this accomplishment confirms our commitment that the best possible care will be provided to injured patients."

A Level III trauma center has the resources for emergency resuscitation, surgery, and intensive care of most trauma patients.

John Cargill, trauma and emergency management coordinator, Oak-

wood Annapolis said,

"OAH has been a community-based general emergency department providing care within our capacity and transferring patients out for specialty care as necessary."

"The pursuit of Level III verification represents commitment toward quality patient care and alignment with the emerging statewide trauma system," he said. While this accomplishment may reduce the number of trauma patients who need to be transferred Cargill said, patients who require specialty care are identified and efficiently transferred to a facility able to provide that care.

A \$4 million renovation and expansion of the emergency department is currently under way at the hospital that is designed to increase bed capacity and significantly improve efficiency, patient privacy, geriatric and bariatric care safety and provide a greater capacity for isolation and decontamination services.

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New Management company for State Wayne

Progressive Cinema Solutions has taken over management of the State Wayne Theater. City council approved a temporary agreement at their July 17 meeting. The completed professional services contract with Progressive Cinema will be presented to council at their Aug. 6 meeting.

Progressive is now in charge of running the day-to-day operations at the State Wayne Theater. Employees will become Progressive employees but the city will still own the theater.

Mathew Mulholland, personnel director, economic development specialist said, "The State Wayne has it's own budget, all expenses and revenues are posted to this account. Phoenix Theaters- Wayne LLC, the management division of Progressive Cinemas that will manage the day to day operations, will have a management contract and collect a fee for that service."

When the theater starts to show a profit, Phoenix will get 15% of the net profits, he said.

This new agreement will make it possible for some updates at the theater. This includes converting from 35mm film to digital cinema and related equipment, new



Cory A. Jacobson, President, and John P. Scanlan, Vice President, of Operations of Phoenix Theatres are in the process of making big changes at The State Wayne Theater. Photo by John P. Rhaesa of The Wayne Dispatch

screens in each of the four theaters, upgrading to Dolby 7.1 surround sound, painting portions of the lobby and some common areas, replacing some carpet, putting new counters and fixtures in the concession stand and implementing a point of sale system for ticket sales combined with concession sales.

Initially the city will assume the cost for these upgrades. But since it is cheaper for movie studios to provide movies in digital formats the city will be eligible for a rebate.

"We are working a lease agreement that will pay back approximately 70% of the money invested into the digital upgrade that is paid by the movie studios as an incentive for performing the upgrade," Mulholland said. Phoenix Theaters currently operates theaters in Laurel Park Place in Livonia and in Monroe.

Mulholland said the goal is to keep the ticket prices as affordable as they are now. There will be a thorough analysis of ticketing prices to determine what the final pricing will be.

"We know what our market is and we want to keep and grow that market," said City Manager Robert English.

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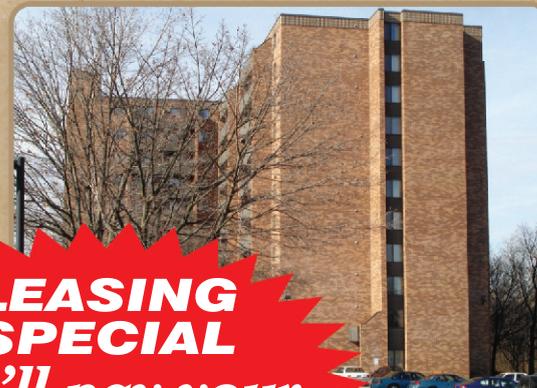
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Ekklesia Pastor Chris Lambert will face off against US-12 owner and Wayne-Westland Community School Vice President John Goci to raise money for Life Remodeled.

Pastor fights for Norwayne

By Jenny Johnson

It's worth the fight. At 7 p.m. on Sept. 8 Ekklesia Pastor Chris Lambert will face off against US-12 owner and Wayne-Westland Community School Vice President John Goci in the boxing ring. The two will box three two minute rounds.

"I will do whatever I can to help anyone out in the community. And if me taking a few lumps helps. . . ." Goci said.

The Boxing Exhibition Fund-raiser will be at Dynamic Boxing Club, 28212 Warren Road, Westland. Tickets for the 10 fight exhibition are \$20 and will be available at the door. The proceeds will go to Life Remodeled and will help a family in the Norwayne area this fall, Lambert said.

Goci is a member of the Family Selection committee who chose a single mom and her 7 year old son as the recipient of a complete home renovation. The work will begin on Sept. 16 and be complete by Nov. 30.

The house already has new shingles, siding, and windows. It needs HVAC, drywall, flooring (carpet, tile, and hardwood), kitchen and bathroom updates, appliances, paint and trim.

Carrier has donated the HVAC labor and materials and Greg Bloom of Allied is donating the drywall. The William D. Ford Career Technical students will be hanging the drywall and Rick Gowan from Westland will be leading a team to mud the drywall.

They are still looking for all plumbing and electrical fixtures, hardwood, tile, paint, trim, and appliances.

The project also needs a plumber,

electrician and carpet installer.

Life Remodeled does more than give a new home to a family. They give them life skills. Life Remodeled provides each family with financial training, counseling, and spiritual guidance, all free of charge. Last spring Life Remodeled built their first brand new home in Westland. Since then brand new homes have been and will continue to be built in Detroit, Farmington Hills, Hazel Park, Pontiac, and Redford.

Some cities and private individuals are donating existing homes that will be remodeled and given away in Detroit, Oak Park, and Westland. They are also planning to build another brand new house in Westland in May 2013 and Life Remodeled is partnering with a church in Romania building a home that is almost finished.

The families are not the only ones who benefit from Life Remodeled. Volunteers also do beautification projects like general clean up and landscaping in the neighborhood.

"Life Remodeled is invested in every neighborhood we build in," he said.

On Nov. 4 Life Remodeled will have a neighborhood leaf clean up on Cascade Court in Westland. Volunteers are welcome.

"It's a movement," said Lambert. "By the grace of God, we have already experienced tremendous success and we plan to remodel the lives of many more families and neighborhoods for years to come."

For more information or to get involved in Life Remodeled, contact 734.744.7272 or action@lifeRemodeled.com.



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Dare to Dream

Wayne resident and Biggest Loser contestant Buddy Shuh addressed a full house at the Wayne Public Library. He told the audience about his experience on the show The Biggest Loser and shared some helpful tips for conquering any challenge in life. His three tips were: follow your dream, accountability and resilience.

"If you are going to dare to dream big and follow your dreams, follow your heart," he said. "So if you want to write a book, own a business or run for office, if it is there and has been there for awhile, don't quit."

Shuh said accountability was a big factor on The Biggest Loser. He bonded with other contestants and they encouraged each other.

"Take your shirt off in front of America and that will motivate you too," he said.

Reaching a goal is not always an easy road. That's where resiliency comes in.

"It's going to cost you something," he said. "It was the hardest thing I've ever done."

Being gone for five months, the workout, no days off, the challenges and being sore every day for five months was hard, he said.

"You need to know why you are doing it because it's going to get tough and there will be pain," he said. Shuh's motivation was a photo of his daughters.

Shuh's uplifting message encouraged the audience to follow their heart and not give up on the things in their life that have been on the shelf.

"Don't quit on your dreams keep going for it," he said.

Friends Program

Friends 2012 will be Sept. 8. This is a volunteer driven program that gives a little help to a neighbor in need. Volunteers will help a senior Wayne resident with exterior fix ups like planting, painting and general clean up. If you would like to help, please meet at the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center (corner of Sims and Wayne Rd.) at 8:30 a.m. For more information, please call 734-722-2002.

Red October Run

Are you ready to race through the streets of Wayne? The Oakwood Healthcare System is gearing up for their annual Red October Run on Oct. 6 at Annapolis Hospital. There is a 5K and 10K run, a 5K walk and a 1 Mile Jr. October which is geared toward children. Registration is now open to all at www.oakwood.org/re-doctoberrun.

Farmers Market

The Wayne Farmers Market is in full swing. Stop by between 3-7 p.m. every Wednesday at the State Wayne Theater parking lot for fresh produce, flowers, vegetables, baked goods and much more. Enjoy the entertainment, children's activities, refreshments and shopping.

Michigan's Longest Garage Sale

If you are a bargain shopper then don't miss Michigan's Longest Garage Sale on Aug. 11. All along Michigan Avenue and straight through downtown Wayne there will be hidden treasures and great bargains. This is part of the US-12 Heritage Route. People are able to rent outdoor space along Michigan Avenue. For more information on the event, please visit www.us12heritage-trail.org or call the Wayne Chamber of Commerce at 734-721-0100.

Tomblin pleads guilty

On July 12 former Wayne-Westland Community School District teacher Brandon Tomblin pled guilty as charged to three counts each of third-degree criminal sexual conduct (CSC), three counts each of fourth-degree CSC and two counts each of child sexually abusive activity, using a computer to commit a crime and distributing sexually explicit material to children.

At the preliminary exam three students from Wayne Memorial High School testified they had sexual contact with Tomblin in 2011 while he was a teacher at Wayne Memorial. The incidents occurred in Garden City, Romulus and Wayne.

He will be sentenced on Aug. 9.

Park It

Park It will be back at Goudy Park at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 21. There will be a concert by The George Brothers followed by a viewing of the movie Rango on an outdoor movie screen. This family friendly event is free.

Primary Election

Voters in the City of Wayne will have the opportunity to visit the polls on Aug. 7 and vote in the Primary Election. Polls are open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. On the ballot are candidates for: U.S. senator and 13th district congressional representative. At the state level voters will choose candidates for state representative in the 16th district. At the county level there is prosecuting attorney, sheriff, clerk, treasurer, register of deeds, county commissioner and 3rd Circuit Court judge candidates. There will also be two proposals on the ballot. One is the Wayne County Art Institute Authority Millage and Proposal J, a jail millage renewal.



Wayne police catch bank robber

William Miller Jr., 46, was arrested and charged with one count of bank robbery and as a habitual offender in connection with a robbery at Chase Bank on West Michigan Avenue on June 13. According to Sgt. Alan Maciag, Miller entered the bank and handed the teller a note that he had a weapon and demanded money. The suspect was unsuccessful in obtaining money from the bank and fled the location on foot.

Officer Skyler Verhelle located the suspect walking northbound on Wayne Road and arrested Miller. His bond was set at \$100,000/10%. If convicted he faces a life sentence.

New Fire Administration housed in Wayne

The Wayne and Westland Fire Administration is all under one roof. Westland has moved their offices to the Wayne Fire Department. The Westland offices were previously located on Marquette in Westland. The offices on Wayne Road in Wayne will now be the Wayne-Westland Fire Administration Building.

Parks and Rec launches program assistance fund

The Parks and Recreation Department, along with community sponsors, has initiated a program assistance fund to help offer recreational opportunities for children who couldn't otherwise afford to participate in these programs.

Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams said funds are being raised now and the program will be made available in early 2013.

The program will offer children age 18 and under the opportunity to participate in one recreational program per season for free or reduced fee based on their family's income. Discounts on the following programs are included: youth theater, learn to skate, birthday party, summer day camp or take a break days, health and wellness membership, aquatic/land fitness classes, personal training, massage therapy and learn to swim.

If you would like to make a donation to the program, please contact Adams at 734-721-7400.

Special Election

There will be a special election on Sept. 5. The special primary election will be held to fill the vacancy in the 11th Congressional District that was left vacant by the resignation of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter in the U.S House of Representatives.

Youth Theater

The Stage IV Youth Theater will present Disney's "Aladdin Kids" at 8 p.m. on Aug. 10 and 2 and 8 p.m. on Aug. 11 at the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center, Sims and Wayne Road. Tickets are \$8 for kids and \$10 for adults and will be available at the door.

It's good to be king!

Every once in awhile I think how nice it would be to be King. Notice that I didn't say President. I want to be King so that I could change a few things that have been annoying me for some time now without having to work through some committee and endless hearings. The following edicts are in no particular order of importance but rather a random list of changes that I wish to make.

1. All ATM receipts would be the same size as paper currency.

2. All TVs in restaurants, bars, bowling alleys etc. that have the volume turned off would have the Closed Captioning enabled. I'm not very good at reading lips.

3. All manufacturers of hot dogs and hot dog buns would have to agree on whether the package will contain 8 or 10 products. Such a dilemma.

4. When major construction is taking place on a prominent roadway, i.e. I-275, the next major parallel roadway will NOT be under construction, i.e. Newburgh Rd., for obvious reasons. Don't these two entities talk to one another?

5. Cell phone manufacturers would standardize charging cords.

6. Clothing sizes would be consistent among all manufacturers.

7. Women's pants would be measured by waist and inseam.

8. In retail stores, the folded shirts and slacks for larger people would be in the upper shelves, not at floor level where it's difficult to reach. Let the skinny people bend down to floor level. They won't need help getting back up.

9. All pre-paid postage envelopes provided to return invoices, statements and surveys would actu-

On the Bright Side

Hal Hultman



ally be large enough to accommodate the actual documents without having to take a class in origami first.

10. All manufacturers of cars and trucks sold in the United States will have to agree upon which side of the car to place the fuel filler door.

While these proposed changes are rather simple in nature, I do believe that they have merit. I kind of like being King. Too bad that this is only fantasy and that now I must return to my reality.

I hope all of you are enjoying the beautiful weather and taking advantage of all that there is to do around South East Michigan, as well as other places.

Have a great summer.

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4. **Have a Spending Plan** — Create a realistic spending plan (budget) and stick to it. Monitor expenditures to reduce spending that does not fit into your personal and family goals and budget. Strive to live under your means.
5. **Use Financial Products Wisely** — Develop a relationship with a reputable financial institution. The Reality is that a credit union provides financial education and can save you money. Learn how to use checking accounts and ATM's wisely. Avoid overdraft fees, check cashing stores and payday lenders.
6. **Look at Your Statements or E-statements and Review Your Bills as soon as You Receive Them** — For errors and fraud. Look at your statements and your bills as soon as you receive them. Keep track of your balances, your limits and due dates to avoid overdraft fees, over limit fees and late fees.
7. **Be a Smart Consumer** — Plan, save, research and comparison shop for large purchases. Include maintenance costs in your budget. Resist impulse buying and advertising hooks; use coupons and wait for specials.
8. **Buy a REAListic Car** — Research and shop around for a quality vehicle that fits your budget. Don't buy on emotion. Be sure to budget for insurance and repairs. Recently, Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union has partnered with AutoSmart to create an easy to use website, with great information and resources designed to make your shopping experience simple, convenient, and fast. With just a few clicks of your mouse, you can: research new and used vehicles, estimate the value of your trade-in, search the inventory at local dealerships, order a vehicle history report, and much more!
9. **Save for Retirement** — In safe investments for your future. Small amounts invested early and often will grow substantially. Ask about all costs and compare fees for investment accounts.
10. **Set Financial Goals** — Set and stick to realistic financial goals. Include short term and long-term goals to guide your spending and saving. Evaluate and adjust goals periodically to keep them realistic.

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Volunteers needed to open logjams on Rouge River

If you have driven by City Hall or the fire station in the last couple weeks, you've probably noticed a lot of activity around the Rouge River bridge. Construction crews have moved in, and are just starting the process of removing the dam underneath Wayne Road. The project, being paid for with a \$1 million federal grant, will remove the outdated impediment and improve the river for fish and other aquatic life. The dam removal will also make it easier for canoeists to navigate the river, without having to make a dangerous portage around the dam and across Wayne Road.

A local group of volunteers has been working for several years to open the river to canoeing. Much of the river is open from Wayne Road downstream past Venoy Road. The volunteers have been working this year to open the river west of Wayne Road. So far, they have opened

the river from John Hix past Newburgh. The goal is to open the river all the way from Hannan Road to Merriman Road. The group is hoping to accomplish this by the time the dam removal project is completed later this summer and into the early fall.

The group has scheduled a work day on Saturday, Aug. 25, and is hoping to attract more volunteers to help with the work, and make the Rouge River a recreational resource for our city. The group will meet at 10 a.m. at Goudy Park. Bring chainsaws, ropes, waders and be prepared to get dirty. Please note, opening logjams is difficult, strenuous work. Volunteers don't need chainsaws, however, as some volunteers are needed on the riverbanks to help move debris from logjams.

Anyone interested can contact Kurt Kuban at (734) 716-0783 for more information, or just show up on the morning of Aug. 25.

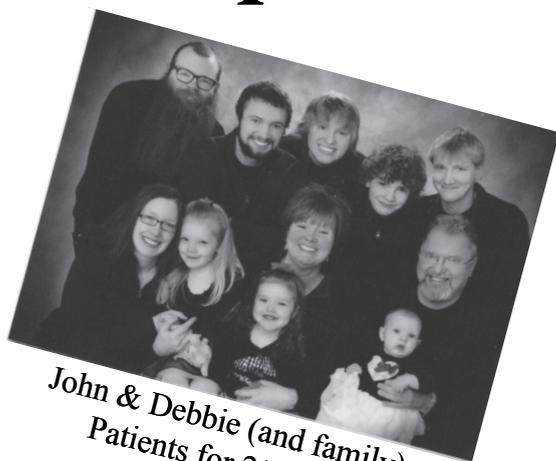


Local residents complete opening a logjam in the Rouge River west of Newburgh Road earlier this summer. Photo by Sally Petrella Friends of the Rouge

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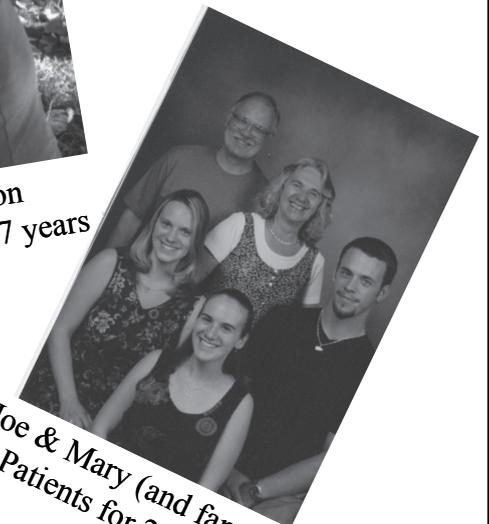
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Cruisin' through town

Did you take your souped up street rod out for Cruisin' Michigan Avenue? How about your lovingly restored Chevy Bel Air? So many cars--so little time. Wayne was the place to see the cars on July 14th. We drove Michigan Ave. all the way to Dearborn, and Wayne was where it was happening. Some of the special cars were the Ghost Buster Car; a really old Woody, and the Toy Story Car--that had to be a labor of love, with toys implanted all over the car. There was a collection of 1920 cars in front of the Community Garden and cruisin' down Michigan Avenue, a 1928 Ford 'convertible'. Along with the impressive collection of street rods from US12 to the Designer Warehouse, was a Prowler, one of the few ever built. We saw a Corvette Pace Car and one of my favorites---a black and silver choptop Buick with Cadillac fins. A 50's DeSoto was cruisin'---and when is the last time you saw a DeSoto?

Over at Metro Mall was a beauty--a '72 black Caprice Classic Convertible---all shiny black lacquer with a blindingly white interior, "Oh Daddy, buy me that car."

The bands at Mark Chevrolet and US12 added to the joy of a day filled with happy people, and all those beautiful cars.

Here's some additional info about Friends Helping Friends. The project to refurbish a home will meet on September 8 (rain date September 15) at the old Senior Center (Banquet Center) on Sims at 8:30 for a continental breakfast--yes 'Wild' Bill will be bringing the donuts as usual. John and Anna from Dairy Queen will provide dessert. There'll also be

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



a pizza lunch.

You'll leave for the site at 9:15, but if you can't make the breakfast, there'll be a note on the door, telling you where the work will be done.

All tools, brushes, ladders paint etc. will be furnished. All you have to bring is a willing spirit and lots of energy.

The Wayne Historical Museum has had a busy July. On the afternoon of the Michigan Cruise, the Historical Society held their Ice Cream Social. Wayne's own Papa Romano's donated all the ice cream. The following Tuesday saw an overflow crowd at the Museum to celebrate the new Museum windows. Mayor 'Al' Haidous presented a plaque to Museum Manager, Richard Story. It was in recognition of all the hard work and fund raising that brought the 'windows project' to fruition. The windows were expensive---\$20,000 --raised by the Historical Commission, and private donors. Commission members are: Art Carpenter; Lois VanStipdonk; Sharon Arthur; Darlene Hawley; Joan Dittmar; Ed McMurray; and Louise Steinhauer. The Corporate donors were: Burton's Plumbing; DTE; Foxx Beauty Supply; Hydro Spot; Lower Huron Supply; Maple Manor; Oakwood Hospital; ORTEM Assoc.; Rork Plumbing; Uht Funeral Home;



A favorite of kids and adults alike the Toy Story Car had hundreds of toys attached and was very popular. (Below) Old Betsy made an appearance at the Michigan Avenue Cruise this year.



United PVF; Civitans; Garden Club and Rotary Club. Expensive, yes, but as Louise Steinhauer says "You can't just order antique windows from Wallside Windows."

Our sympathy goes out to Ray and Jimmie Kull of K & S Auto on the loss of their Mom, Margaret.

Mrs. Kull was a mentor to Donna McEachern when Donna was just a new member of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce.

Ray and Jimmie also have two sisters---Judy Sanders and Sandra Pyle, and all of us at the Dispatch send condolences to the whole family.

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Skate Park opens

There is a new place for roller bladders and skateboarders to practice their skills. A new skate/bike park opened in July at Attwood Park. It is located next to the tennis courts. It is open daily from 12-7 p.m. and has staff supervision. The cost is \$40 for a season pass. Helmets must be worn.

There is also a skate park in Westland. The Concrete Jungle is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily and is located behind Westland City Hall next to Central City Park.

Photos by Jenny Johnson of The Wayne Dispatch



Fresh produce at Market

Fresh grown produce? Check. Local made bread? Check. Family friendly entertainment and kids activities? Check. You can find all of this and more at the Wayne Farmers Market each Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. at the State Wayne Theater parking lot.

There are many returning vendors from last year including Farmington Soap Works, Stoneworks by Linda, Strength & Spirit and Candletopia. Farmers returning are DeWulf Farms and Gardenland Greenhouse and also Garden Fantasy and Kathy's flowers.

Traffic Jam will also be returning. They were featured on Guy Fieri's Diners, Drive-ins and Dives on the Food Network Channel.

New vendors are Perkins Pickles, Pasta e Pasta, Sweet Delights, Captain Johns Smokehouse, Classiques Gifts and Bakes, and Good People Popcorn Company.

The Farmers Market is run by the Wayne Chamber of Commerce and operated by Market Manager Christine Easley. Hours are 3-7 p.m. through Sept. and 3-6 from Oct. 3-24.

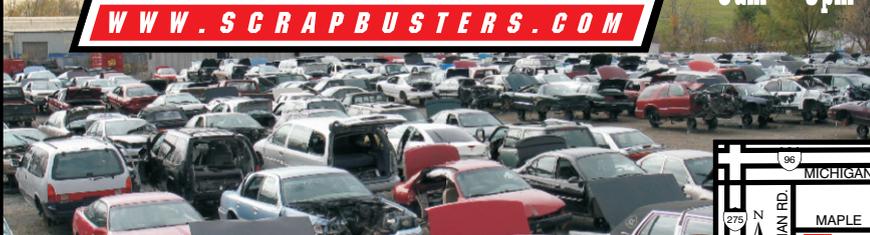
So take the time to stop by and enjoy the freshest of fruits, vegetables, flowers and baked goods; one-of-a-kind artisan works, and great music.

The Farmers Market is always looking for volunteers to help with setting up and tearing down each week. If you want to help, call the Wayne Chamber of Commerce at 734-721-0100.

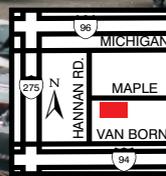
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