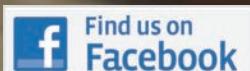


A color photograph of a man with a beard and sunglasses, wearing a green jacket, relaxing in a wooden boat on a river. He has his hands behind his head and is looking towards the camera.

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# Rouge River FACTS

The Rouge River is made up of four branches- the Main, Upper, Middle and Lower which total 126 miles. The City of Wayne is located in the lower branch and is one of 47 Rouge River communities. Native Americans were the first to use the Rouge for food, water, recreation and transportation. The first commercial uses of the river were trapping and lumbering. As new developments popped up along the Rouge, sewage and industrial waste was sent directly to the river. By 1913 sewer pipes were added to direct waste away from water intake points to protect human health but not water quality. With the paving of more land in the 1950s and 60s, increased storm water runoff caused the combined systems to be overwhelmed, dumping raw sewage in the river. By the 1960s the Rouge watershed became the most polluted in Michigan. In 1968 the Rouge flowed orange and was one of the Great Lakes tributaries to catch on fire. In 1970 Southfield hosted the first Rouge Clean Up. In 1980 much of the Rouge did not meet water quality standards and in 1985 the river is identified as an area of concern. Friends of the Rouge was created in 1986 and they held the first Rouge Rescue. The purpose of FOTR is to teach residents how to help improve water quality of the Rouge. Rouge Rescue is the annual clean up day on the first Saturday of June. Volunteers help break up logjams, clean up trash, remove invasive plants from the river corridor, install native plantings and stabilize stream banks to improve the health of the river. This year's Rouge Rescue is Saturday, June 1. Sign in begins at 9 a.m. at Goudy Park, located behind Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road. Bring your shovels and waders and help the Rouge River.

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# Mr. Rouge

## Paddling to the future

By Jenny Johnson

It is a view of Wayne many people don't get to see. The quiet peaceful canoe ride right through the heart of the city. It is a ride Wayne resident Kurt Kuban has seen many times.

He remembers his first time canoeing the river. He and a friend, Mike Gotts, decided to canoe from Beck Road to Wayne Road.

"Because of the dozens of logjams we encountered, the trip took us most of the day, close to 10 hours. We were both beat by the end, but we also realized there are some really cool areas to canoe through. Since that time, I've canoeed the Lower Rouge countless times," he said.

At different times Kuban has canoeed the river from Canton to the Detroit River.

Growing up in Westland, Kuban has always been familiar with the Rouge River. But it wasn't until he got a little older that he became aware of the pollution issues impacting the river.

"I guess my activism role came into play shortly after I moved to Wayne in the late 1990s. As a reporter, I covered the annual Rouge Rescue event in other communities, including Westland and Canton. I was surprised that Wayne didn't have an event at that point. I went to a City Council meeting, and asked why not. The council asked if I would coordinate the event, and the rest is history," said Kuban, an editor for the

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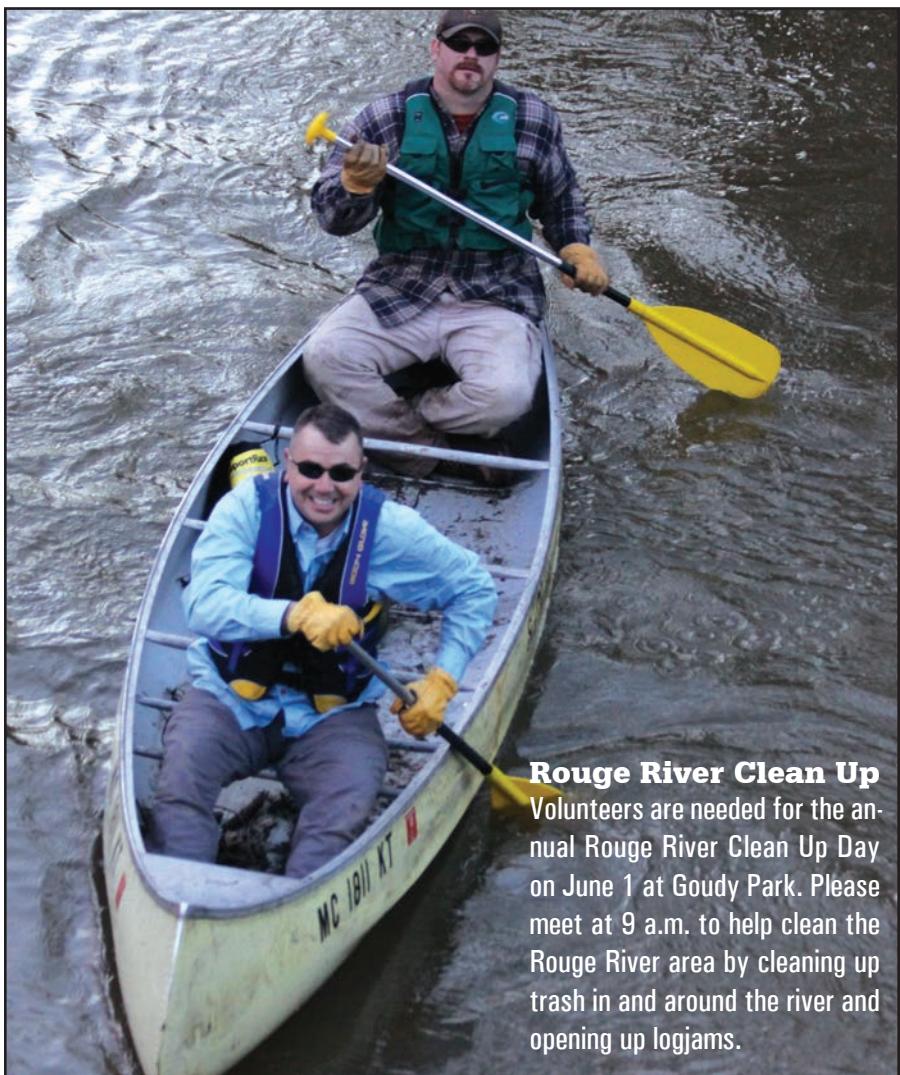
**Kurt Kuban**

Observer and Eccentric newspapers. He and his wife, Cheryl, have three children.

Today Kuban is an active member of the Friends of the Rouge.

"I got involved because I'm a big believer that we must be stewards of this earth. The Rouge River is the heart of the Wayne community. If we can continue to clean it up, it will provide us with a wonderful recreational asset," he said.

He was just recognized for his commitment to the Rouge River by the City of Wayne and was awarded the James J. Poplin Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding contribution to the success of the Rouge Rescue in the city. Because of his leadership there have been positive changes to Dynamite Park including walking trails, trash clean up



### Rouge River Clean Up

Volunteers are needed for the annual Rouge River Clean Up Day on June 1 at Goudy Park. Please meet at 9 a.m. to help clean the Rouge River area by cleaning up trash in and around the river and opening up logjams.

Mathew Mulholland and Kurt Kuban paddle down the Rouge River. Photo by The Wayne Dispatch

in and out of the river, and native flower plantings. He leads paddling trips and nature walks along the Rouge. He was also one of the early advocates of the Wayne Road dam removal. The dam was opened in August and has opened the water route from west of Newburgh Road to just east of Venoy Road.

"I'm a little bit embarrassed by the attention. My involvement has always been a labor of love. I've always been optimistic that we can change things," he said upon receiving his award. "I am very proud of this award but I think a lot of people deserve credit."

Many people are working hard to improve the quality of the Rouge River.

"The biggest source of pollution impacting the river today is municipal pollution. The storm water runoff that goes down the storm drains on everyone's street carries with it all of the oil and fluids dripping from our vehicles, pet waste in

our yards, and fertilizer we use to nourish our lawns," he said.

Kuban offers simple solutions to these problems.

"If your car is leaking fluids, get it fixed, or at the very least clean it up before the rain dumps it into the river. Pick up your pet waste in a timely manner. And use river-friendly fertilizers. Just doing those things will make a huge difference," he said.

People can also help the river by planting native plants in their yards where drainage might be a problem and using rain barrels to collect rain from their roofs which can be used to water gardens or lawns.

People with homes and businesses along the Rouge can help the river by not dumping their trash in it.

"Too many people have treated the river and its corridor as a dumping ground. This has to stop," he



Opening up logjams is a constant battle.

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# Council starts millage plan process

In an effort to head off a possible budget deficit, city council agreed to start the process of placing a millage proposal on the November ballot. They unanimously voted to ask the city attorney to draw up language for up to 7 mills for 10 years either through a millage or a P.A. 345 plan, which requires a city charter amendment.

The 345 plan would allow the city to establish a separate fund for police and firefighter pensions and medical coverage for public safety retirees.

"It is up to seven mills. It's not

English told city council that up to \$3 million will have to be cut from the 2013-14 budget. Because property values were down 7.4% this year, the city will collect less in property taxes and thus have less money in the general budget.

At their budget meeting English and city council discussed possible solutions.

English said, "We have about two million dollars in bond payments per year. Existing employees pay 20% of their insurance. Even if everyone took a 20% pay reduction you wouldn't be able to cut your way

parable to what they paid five years ago, Haidous said.

"We are not asking you to pay more than what you used to pay," said Haidous.

In 2010 voters approved a police and fire millage. The one mil is being used for police and fire operations and has a five-year sunset clause.

In 2002 voters also approved 1 mil for 25 years to fund the police building.

The revenue generated from property tax has declined. The value of a mil used to be about \$710,000 and today is about \$380,000. While millage rates have remained the same, the amount of taxes being paid to the city has decreased.

In addition the city is getting less revenue sharing from the state.

"It's like a chain reaction," said Haidous. "When the state has a problem they cut from revenue sharing because it is not constitutional."

Wayne used to get \$3 million a year from the state in revenue sharing. Now they get less than \$1 mil-

**"Revenue is not growing and expenditure is still rising."**

**Mayor Abdul Haidous**

lion. There are also discussions in Lansing about doing away with personal property tax by 2016. About 13% of the city's budget comes from personal property tax, Haidous said.

"They need to have a replacement for personal property tax and the debate is going on in Lansing," Haidous said. "Revenue is not growing and expenditure is still rising."

"We are trying to protect what we have," Haidous said. "I think we are two years from the turnaround. I can see the light at the end of the tunnel."

"I think we can be successful. We all have to roll up our sleeves," said English.

**"We can not continue cutting our way through this.  
We have got to find some revenue."**

**City Manager Robert English**

guaranteed to be seven. It gives us the flexibility to see what we need," said Mayor Al Haidous. The city can collect less as the economy improves, he said.

The retirement cost for police and fire will be about \$2.7 million in 2013-14. If the millage passes, this would leave more money in the city's general fund for other operating expenses.

The city's budget was \$22 million about seven years ago. This year it will be about \$16 million.

"We cannot continue cutting our way through this. We have got to find some revenue," said City Manager Robert English during a recent budget meeting.

through this."

"I'm looking for some direction on if we are going to seek the revenue or if you want me to go back and cut the remainder of the money which would mean some serious reductions," he said.

City officials were hoping the assessment value of homes in Wayne would not decrease again this year.

"Many cities (property values) were flat. In Wayne if we were flat we could have copied last year's budget and been done," Haidous said. In the past five years property values have gone down about 25%. So property owners are paying less in taxes.

If voters approve the 7-mil increase, they still will be paying com-

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said. Besides clean up and improvements efforts along the Rouge, there are also a lot of opportunities to enjoy the Rouge.

"One of the great things about the Rouge River is all the public land that it runs through. Believe it or not, there is so much wildlife that lives in our community because of the wooded riparian corridor. It offers many recreational opportunities. Hiking and nature walks are a great way to get exercise and enjoy our river. As the Rouge River continues to improve, fishing will be a real possibility," Kuban said. There are a variety of fish in the river now—smallmouth bass, rockbass, panfish, pike and even salmon and steelhead.

"I love canoeing and kayaking. As the water quality improves, we have a real opportunity to have that right here in our community. Nobody even thought that was possible 25 years ago," he said.



An ARC employee holds a steelhead during a fish survey prior to the removal of the Wayne Road dam.

The past few years have seen great developments with the Rouge. The dam removal project, under Wayne Road was completed this fall.

It was paid for with a \$1 million federal grant.

"The clarity of the river has improved dramatically. More importantly, however, it opens up the river so fish can make their way from the Great Lakes all the way up to the headwaters region in Canton and beyond," Kuban said. It will also benefit canoeing and kayaking. "You no longer have to portage around it, and cross Wayne Road, a dangerous proposition when carrying a canoe."

The cities of Wayne, Canton, Dearborn, Wayne County and Friends of the Rouge have applied for another federal grant, which will designate the Lower Rouge River from Canton to the Detroit River as an "urban water trail."

If the grant is approved it will provide funds to construct canoe launches. In Wayne the most likely places would be Goudy Park and Venoy-Dorsey Park just east of Venoy road.

"Getting the "urban water trail"

designation would be huge. Not only will it provide our residents with a great recreational asset, it will bring other people here as well. I have no doubt that people will canoe on the river if we get it opened up. Hopefully that will mean some spin off economic activity for other businesses in town," Kuban said.

He is also in the early planning stages of an annual festival this fall that would revolve around river activities like canoe races, a group canoe trip, duck races, vendors, live music, food, and environmental displays.

The future of the Rouge River is bright. Since the first settlers came to Wayne, the river has always played an important role in the community.

Kuban said, "We haven't always treated it so well. I think a revived Rouge River will mean a great deal to us. In fact, along with our downtown, I think the river could play a vital role in a renaissance for our community."

## VIP Pet Care to be offered at Goody's Pet Food

Goody's Pet Food Store on Michigan Ave. W. has been host to VIP Pet Care. VIP is performing non-emergency veterinarian care at the store. The first one was April 7 and they'll also have one on May 5 and again on June 2. Each clinic will run between 10 and 11:30 in the morning. There is no office charge so the only thing you pay for is whatever service your pet is given. They offer a full range of care—vaccinations, flea and tick control, heartworm prevention and also micro-chipping.

While I was there, Connie Adair brought in her two adorable Maltese dogs; both were very frisky for 13 year olds. JoAnne Miller had a month-old Pug and Matt Whittaker was there with his Beagle mix dog.

A young lady named Amber brought her Shiatsu, and Pat McClure brought his 3 year old black Lab.

All were being served by a veterinarian and 4 or 5 members of his staff. VIP will also keep records of your dog or cat's shots etc., and will contact you when it's time for a repeat.

Goody's was originally Goodlow's, and was one of the first tenants in the Michigan Ave. strip mall.

Tom Swain and Tim Ursen were in charge of Goody's 'oh so clean and neat store' on the Sunday that I vis-

### Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan

ited, and were happy they could offer VIP's services to our community.

O'Reilly's Auto Care has celebrated their one year anniversary. According to Ken Kobe and Mohammed Abusbeih, they moved in on April 14, 2012. Wow—seems like only yesterday doesn't it?

An overflow crowd at our Wayne Library enjoyed Michael Hauser's lecture last month. His subject?

"The Detroit Theaters"

The downtown theater district started on Monroe St. (the National was one of the first) and then moved to Grand Circus Park. It became home to the Adams, Madison and the Palms State.

Elegant was the word for the Fox and Michigan theaters and dressing up was in order.

Before TV, the Telenews Theater showed the news of the day. It was also the place where Ty Tyson and Harry Heilman broadcast Tiger

'away' games, complete with sound effects, such as the ball hitting the bat. Vergie Mack told of seeing "Major Bowes Amateur Hour" at a downtown theater. Bowes Amateur Hour was the "American Idol" of its day, and that's where Mrs. Mack saw Frank Sinatra for the very first time.

Big Bands were often showcased along with the movies—the Redford Theater had Organ concerts, and along with the Michigan in Ann Arbor, still does.

"Detroit Theaters" was a fascinating and fun way to remember the days when a quarter bought you a double feature, a newsreel, a cartoon, and a preview of coming attractions. Ah—those were the days.

If you would like to be informed of upcoming programs at the Wayne Library, just stop by the front desk and leave your e-mail address with the circulation clerk. The dates and times of new programs will then be sent to you.

In March, our family celebrated three birthdays—my daughter Julie's, great-granddaughter Payton's who was one, and mine which had a big 0 on the end. Family came from Wisconsin, Chicago and North Carolina—it was truly wonderful. My daughter, Maureen, arranged for an old school friend to bake three cakes

for us—the birthday girls. Julie's was chocolate, Payton's was white, and mine was a carrot cake. Each was beautifully frosted and decorated. Each was delicious. The cake baker is the most talented Sheila Keister. I'm sure many of you know her. Some of her schoolmates from Monroe School through Franklin and Wayne Memorial are Susie Wootton Hammons, Jacquie Shurlow, and Darcy Baggson. Sheila baked cakes at the Cakery Bake Shop, on Wayne Road for about 20 years, until illness forced her to leave that job. Now she bakes at home for friends and family.

Sheila's Mom, the late Patricia Keister, was well known in the Monroe School vicinity for her years of work with the Brownie and Girl Scout troops. When not herding her troops of girls, Mrs. Keister dedicated much of her time to the Spring Hill Presbyterian Church. Sheila followed in her Mother's footsteps offering her time to the Worship Warriors of Christ in Wyandotte. She also dedicated her time to the Cornerstone Church's Youth Department.

I just want to tell Sheila how delicious her cakes were. All three of them were enjoyed and they added just another level of happiness to a wonderful birthday weekend.

Thanks so much, Sheila.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Community Garage Sale

There are great deals to be had at the Community Garage Sale from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on June 22 at the Wayne Community Center. Admission is free. If you would like to rent a table, contact Nathan Adams at nadams-@ci.wayne.mi.us.

### Circus comes back to town

The Kelly Miller Circus will be back in Wayne on Aug. 10 with two shows at 2 and 5:30 p.m. at Attwood Park. Tickets are on sale at the Wayne Community Center.

### New business

Kurt's Caps is the newest business to open on Michigan Avenue. Located at the corner of Michigan Avenue West and Williams Street, Kurt's Caps will offer caps for truck beds. Wayne residents own the business.

"It's good to see local (people) from the City of Wayne come out and open a new business in the City of Wayne," said Mayor Al Haidous.

### Zebra Pride

Thirty cadets from Wayne Memorial High School JROTC Raider, drill, academic and leadership teams were honored at the State Capital in Lansing. They were presented with a special tribute signed by Governor Rick Snyder, Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood, and Representative Robert Kosowski. Cadet Battalion Commander Dionte Burton also was given the opportunity to address the Senate.

"It was an honor to speak with the cadets and to be able to spend time with these impressive young adults," Kosowski said. "I am filled with hope when seeing young adults participate in character-building activities like the JROTC that prepare them for public service and leadership roles. These students are truly the leaders of tomorrow."

### Goodfellows Raffle

Want to help a child have a Christmas? The Wayne Goodfellows is having a "3 of Hearts" progressive raffle

at the Avenue -Downtown Wayne, 3632 Elizabeth. The drawings will be held every Monday night at 9 p.m. Jennifer Gietzen, Goodfellow president, invites everyone to support Goodfellows and buy a ticket.

Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased at the Avenue or Henry's Service Center on Wayne Road.

The estimated jackpot is \$500 and increases every week the jackpot is not won. The raffle will run until May 19, 2014.

### Woman falls from Wayne Towers balcony

A 60-year-old woman fell from the seventh floor of Wayne Towers on Sims Street around 4 p.m. on April 29. She was taken to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital but died from her injuries. Police are still investigating the circumstances of her fall.

### Annapolis Road construction

There will be a major road project on Annapolis from Elizabeth to Venoy this spring and summer. The project includes repairing and conditioning the existing concrete pavement and capping it with a 2.5 inches asphalt surface. Also, all deficient sidewalks will be replaced and new ADA ramps will be installed.

All work shall be completed by mid August under normal conditions, said Ramzi El-Gharib, city engineer.

School buses and emergency vehicles will have access to their destinations at all times during construction.

This is a MDOT project and most of the \$900,000 of funding is through federal and state grants.

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# Farmers Market moves to Goudy Park

Spring is in the air and in Wayne that means the return of the Farmers Market. This will be the fifth year the Farmers Market will offer fresh produce and flowers, entertainment and local made products. The market has moved to a new location this year--Goudy Park.

The Farmers Market will be open every Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. at Goudy Park, behind Wayne City Hall. It will be open through Oct. 30 and will feature the freshest and locally grown produce and flowers.

The Farmers Market, along with the Westland Market will be managed by Growing Hope, an Ypsilanti-based non-profit with a mission of empowering local communities to grow and eat healthy food for the past 10 years.

Councilman Skip Monit said, "Nothing is better than to have this operation done by a group who knows what they are doing."

Amanda Evans, executive director, said Growing Hope wants to increase access to healthy food and help bring more activities downtown.

"I am very optimistic that we are going to make this a premiere market in our community."

**Councilman  
John Rhaesa**

The market will accept EBT and debit cards.

City Manager Robert English said when the Farmers Market began five years ago it was under the management of the city. Two years ago, because of budget constraints, the Chamber of Commerce took over the market.

This year the city and the chamber will work together to fund the market. It costs \$15,000 per year to run the Wayne market. Oakwood Hospital has donated \$5000 and Mayor Al Haidous has secured a \$1000 donation. The city's grant



The Wayne Farmers Market started May 1st in Goudy Park. Photo by Dayna Sperntall

writers are going to try to get grants to make the farmers market self-sufficient.

"It's good we are moving in the right direction to not lose the family event with the economic difficulties we have," said Mayor Al Haidous.

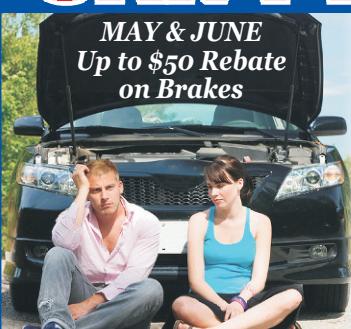
This relieves the chamber of a large responsibility of trying to operate a farmers market and puts it in the hands of an organization," said

Stan Shelton, chamber president.

Westland received a grant for their farmers market and will advertise for both cities. Westland's market will be on Thursdays from 3-7 p.m. by Westland City Hall on Ford Road.

"I am very optimistic that we are going to make this a premiere market in our community," said Councilman John Rhaesa.

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# Pro Fireworks opens in Wayne

The newest business to open their doors in Wayne is Pro Fireworks, 38910 Michigan Avenue. The year-round consumer fireworks store is located between Hannan and John Hix.

This is the second store in metro Detroit licensed to sell the expanded class of consumer fireworks legalized in Michigan last year under Public Acts 256 and 257 of 2011.

Owned and operated by James Stajos the store will employ nearly 15 full and part-time employees.

"We are excited to open our second area store in the City of Wayne and serve a larger part of the metro Detroit community," said Stajos, president of Black Diamond Fireworks, the parent company of Pro Fireworks.

"As a Michigan-based small business owner, I am excited to be able to meet the in-state demand for con-



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sumer fireworks. Our neighboring states have long capitalized on the fact that most fireworks were illegal in Michigan. Michigan residents will no longer need to make the drive to Indiana or Ohio to get their fireworks fix."

Pro Fireworks operates four other stores in Michigan, two in the Grand Rapids area, one in Traverse City and one in Sterling Heights.



Pro Fireworks is now open year round at 38910 Michigan Avenue on west bound Michigan Avenue across from the Michigan Assembly Plant.

Stores in Roseville, Taylor, Allen Park and Jackson are set to open later this month.

Each Pro Fireworks store offers more than 300 different types of aerial and ground fireworks which were previously illegal to sell and possess

in the state.

Pro Fireworks invested more than \$70,000 renovating the building, which was formerly a restaurant.

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# 90th birthday of World War II vet

Henry Vincent was first featured in The Wayne Dispatch in 1942. At that time he and three of his brothers all served in World War II at the same time.

John and Mary Vincent had nine children. Four sons, Edward, George, John and Henry all served in the war. Robert and Alex did not serve in the war because they were married with families. Henry is the last surviving son but has three sisters Helen, Mary Ann and Lillian still living.

Edward was a captain and joined the Army months before Pearl Harbor. He earned five battle stars and the Purple Heart after being wounded in Africa. George was inducted in April 1941 and was a Lieutenant. John was the youngest of the Vincent brothers, just 20 years old when he took his Army oath. He was stationed in the Philippines and Okinawa.

Henry joined the Army and was a battlefield mechanic stationed in Germany. He won the Bronze Star medal for his technical skills and willingness to work long hours.

After his discharge from WWII in 1947, Henry and his brothers built an auto repair shop on Ford Rd at Radcliff next to Cadillac Memorial Cemetery in Westland. The Vincent brothers built it block by block from scratch. Shortly after it was opened, Texaco came in and installed gas pumps.

The building is still there today and operates as a quickie oil change place.

Henry was a brick mason for more than 50 years. His work can be seen at many now historic buildings



Henry in his Army uniform. He and three of his brothers served in WWII.

in and throughout Wayne County.

Henry was married after the war but lost his wife. In 1945 he married Florence Tucker. They were married more than 50 years until Flo passed away in 2010. Today Henry lives in Westland.

Henry is still very active today. He doesn't shy away from helping others with their projects and can frequently be seen toting a shovel and he is not at all afraid to use it.

In 2012, he helped the Sons of AMVETS install a sidewalk at their facility on Merriman Rd. so the members would be able to come and go without the risk of injury from crossing the lawn from the parking lot.

Henry also loves gardening. He rents several lots at the old Eloise



Henry has a Model T that he loves to drive in local parades.

grounds and plants everything by hand. He plants at least 400 tomato plants, cabbage, carrots, cucumbers, onions, peppers and more. He gives most of his bounty away to friends and fellow veterans.

When he is not helping others or working in the garden, he likes to fish and attend car shows. He works on his tractors, boats and frequently is called upon for mechanical advice

or assistance. It is also not uncommon to see Henry dancing anytime there is music.

"He really loves to live life to the fullest and is a very wise and logical man," said his nephew Gary Nickson.

Henry will turn 90 on May 26. His family will have a 90th birthday party for Henry on May 18 at the Kentuckians of Michigan Hall.

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# Firefighters build training course

**By Jenny Johnson**

It's harder than it looks. The obstacles made out of wood aren't just a kid's jungle gym. The SCBA confidence course, constructed by the Wayne-Westland Firefighters, was made to help build confidence in case of an emergency and to enhance firefighting skills.

In full gear and with their face-masks covered to simulate a smoke filled area firefighters have to move through nine obstacles that are confining and difficult. They follow a fire hose to simulate searching for a downed firefighter or following the fire hose out to safety.

"This represents the most difficult scenarios," said Lt. Fred Gilstorff. "The key is to not rush and not to panic." The first obstacle represents exiting a room with no exit or an exit that has been cut off due to fire or collapse. Firefighters would have to breech a wall and pass through a 16-inch wide opening. That is the space between wall studs.

Then there is a tunnel with a 90-degree turn, a collapsed ceiling with hanging wires, exiting through a sec-

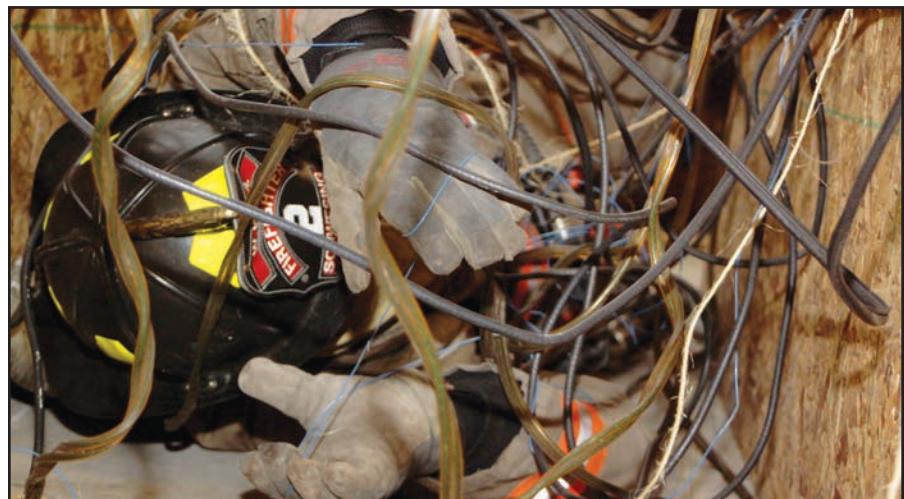


Firefighters practice going through the obstacle course blind.

ond story window, crawling over rafters and under a roof joist.

Some obstacles require removing their air pack like the 6-foot long 20-inch wide pipe they have to crawl through using their fingers and toes.

The last obstacle is moving up a stairways and then falling through a floor. Once a firefighter falls he practices a MAYDAY call and gives a LUNAR report. LUNAR is L- location U- Unit N- Name A- Air supply left R- Resources needed for rescue.



The course is teaching firefighters "how to maneuver through whatever challenges are before you," said Deputy Chief John Adams.

"Every time you train you learn one more tool to utilize," said Capt. Ken Chapman.

There is a training course like this in Northville but the fire dept. decided to build an in-house training course. It is located in the basement of Station 5 in Wayne and all firefighters in the Wayne-Westland Dept. will

have the opportunity to use it.

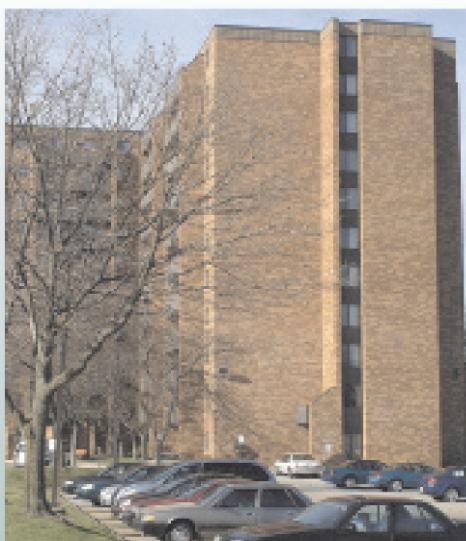
"It is important to practice. They practice to become comfortable with it," Adams said.

"It's all about building confidence and remaining calm," Gilstorff said.

The obstacle course was built by Wayne-Westland firefighters over four days at a cost of \$350. Wimsatt Lumber donated a majority of the lumber and the C-Gap grant from the state provided the remaining funds.

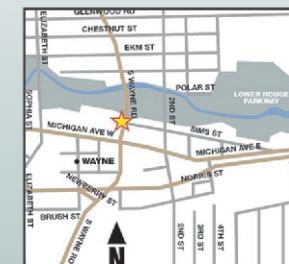


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## Student wins essay contest

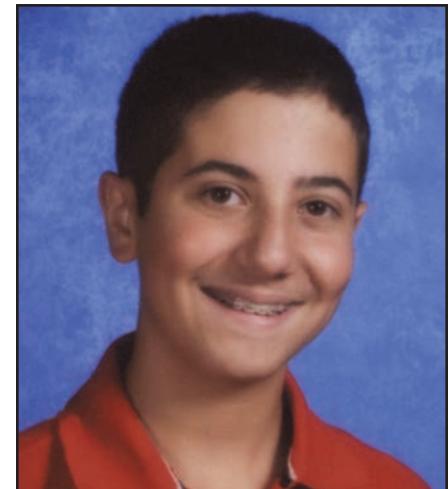
Karim Gharib is a seventh grader at Franklin Middle School. He was selected as one of the winners of an essay contest sponsored by the VFW.

## What I would tell America's founding fathers

By Karim Gharib

An inhumane nation with a lack of three basic rights, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. A nation that is to be considered third-world and is no longer a human's dream country. Why is this not the case in the United States of America? Because our Founding Fathers believed that this country could become something amazing. Their beliefs are what made this country what it is today.

The seven key people I speak of would be John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and George Washington. These seven, along with hundreds of other outstandingly intelligent men are the reason our country is what it is today. The three documents they created, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights continue to drive this nation through thin and thick. These three documents gave us our unalienable rights and freedom. It also gave the people of our country a voice and say in how we do things in the United States of America. The Constitution gave us the right to live as an independent people not as just a percentage. It allowed you to be counted as one whole person. We can thank all of this to our seven



Karim Gharib

Founding Fathers.

On July 4th, 1776, our countrymen began their quest to become a great nation; A nation of independence, a nation that it is free. If only our Founding Fathers could see how their accomplishments bloomed and how our nation became such a monument for the rest of the world. Our nation, our accomplishments, our freedom, are the result of seven intelligent people. Their dreams and thirst for freedom is what gave our nation its' life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

If I could say one thing to our Founding Fathers, it would be thank you.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### **College Fair**

Wayne Memorial High School is hosting 2013 Wayne Westland Community Schools College and Career Fair from 7:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. on May 7 at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth Street, Wayne.

Students from Wayne Memorial and John Glenn High Schools, along with their parents, are invited to attend and visit with more than 20 colleges and universities.

### **Early Literacy Night**

The Wayne Public Library will host an Early Literacy Night from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on May 9. Parents and Children are welcome to attend this workshop which will focus on the importance of literacy in a child's first 1000 days of life. Attendees will receive a free book. This is a free program but please call 734-721-7832 to register.

### **Mom 2 Mom Sale**

Find some great bargains at the Mom 2 Mom sale from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. on May 11 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road. Admission is free. Umbrella strollers only please.

### **Dollhouse collection at library**

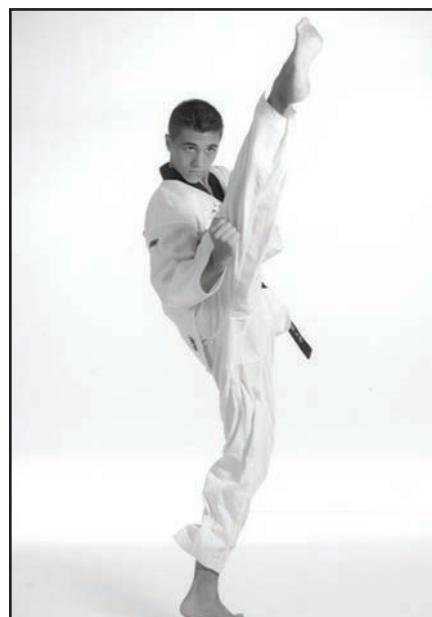
Turner Town will be on display at the Wayne Public Library during the month of May.

The traveling exhibit features a collection of miniature doll houses and individual storyboards depicting the challenges of a girl with Turner Syndrome and nonverbal learning disabilities from birth through her late teenage years.

Also, from June 17-July 8 the library will host a Civil War exhibit.

### **Casino Trip**

The Wayne Rotary Club is hosting a Motor City Casino trip from 3-9 p.m. on June 15. Cost is \$30 and you receive \$30 in slot play plus round trip transportation. The bus departs from the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center at Wayne Road and Sims. Must be 21 years of age with I.D. For more info, call Trish at 734-890-6934.



Eric Rose Memorial Championship is on May 18.

### **Council and Mayor election**

The City of Wayne will hold an election on Nov. 5, 2013. The mayor and three city council seats will be on the ballot. If a Wayne resident is interested in running they must file a nominating petition and Affidavit of Identity with the City Clerk. Also, candidates for office may not be in monetary arrears to the city. Nominating petitions must have a minimum of 25 and no more than 50 signatures of registered Wayne voters.

Petitions must be filed by no later than 4 p.m. on May 14, 2013. If more than two people file for mayor or more than six for city council, a primary election will be held on Aug. 6.

For more information contact the City Clerk's office.

### **Movie Night**

Emmy nominated documentary director Brian Kruger will screen and discuss the movie Black and Blue - the story of Gerald Ford, Willis Ward and the 1934 Michigan-Georgia Tech football Game from 6:30-9 p.m. on May 14 at the Wayne Public Library.

This program is made possible by the generous donation of a former resident and Wayne Memorial High School graduate, Richard Helppie, and his wife, Leslie.

### **Eric Rose Memorial Championship**

The public is invited to the Eric Rose Memorial Championship at 10 a.m. on May 18 at Taylor Sports Plex, 13333 Telegraph, Taylor. The cost is \$7. The event will feature Tae Kwon Do martial arts competition from competitors from all over the world. Competitors will be using electronic chest protectors for sparring competition. There will be breaking, weapons, forms, and sparring divisions.

### **Nature Walk**

Join Rouge River advocate Kurt Kuban for a Dynamite Park Nature Walk at 10 a.m. on May 18. This is a free event and open to the public. For more information, contact waynerippleeffect@gmail.com.

### **Coffee Hours**

State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood is inviting members of the community to join him for coffee hour from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on May 17 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church - 33640 Michigan Avenue, Wayne. Coffee hour provides opportunities for the public to discuss state and local issues directly with the Senator.

### **Wayne Westland Memorial Day Parade**

This year's Memorial Day Parade will be at 1 p.m. on May 26. Line up will begin at 11 a.m. at Wayne Ford Civic League, 1645 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

The parade will proceed north on Wayne Road to Ford Road and west on Ford Road to Westland City Hall.

If you are interested in being a part of the parade, please contact our parade coordinator, Heather Robertson-Mitchell @ 313-576-7268 or at Hrobertson70@aol.com.

### **Wayne Garden Walk**

Want to see some beautiful gardens? Join the Wayne Garden Club walk from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. on June 22, rain or shine. The Wayne Garden Club will present a tour of eight private gardens. Tickets are \$8 pre-sale and \$10 on tour day. Tickets are available at the Wayne Public Library.

### **Good Kids Awards**

The Wayne Civitans will recognize the following Good Kids award recipients at 6:30 p.m. on May 16 at the Wayne Public Library:

Hannah Boyd- Adams Upper Elementary School, Saleaha Davis-Wayne Memorial, Taylor Festerman-Wayne Memorial, Sarah Hayes- St. Mary's Catholic School, Marcus Jordan-Wayne Memorial, Yasmin Lopez-Taft-Galloway Elementary, Megan Macek- Wayne Memorial, Kiera Matiska- Franklin Middle School, Mirian Mendoza-Taft-Galloway Elementary, Kushi Patel-Taft-Galloway Elementary, Tammy Spadacini-Adams Upper Elementary, Dymon Taylor-Wayne Memorial, Samantha Tillman- Franklin Middle School, Frank Toarmina- Franklin Middle School, Judy Ward- Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary, Matthew Wedlake-Franklin Middle School and She-marr Wesley- Taft-Galloway.

### **WMHS All Class Reunion**

Wayne High Schools Alumni Association 29th Annual All Class Reunion Banquet will be from 5-7 p.m. on May 17 (dinner at 6pm) at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born Rd, Wayne. We will honor the class of 1963. For more info, please contact Sharon Scott at 722-4651 or ss-scott1@wcccd.edu. Visit waynehigh-alumni.com for updates.

### **High School student awarded summer trip to Germany**

Wayne resident Luke Holmes, a junior at Plymouth Christian Academy in Canton, has been awarded an all expense paid summer study trip to Germany.

Luke was selected as a national winner after scoring in the 90th percentile or above on the Level 3 2013 National German Exam for High School Students sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German.

He is one of 44 students selected from across the US to receive the award which includes round trip air transportation, a home stay in a host family, and excursions to places of cultural and historical significance.

# Wayne's first industry

As Wayne grew as a farming community in the mid 1800's, it wasn't long before business began to develop to serve the people of the area. Dry goods stores, blacksmith shops, flour mills, feed and grain stores, livery stables, shoe shops, drug stores, restaurants and hotels were some of the early businesses to build in Wayne. Industry came next. The first industry to locate in Wayne was Prouty & Glass Carriage Company. It was organized in Detroit in 1881 and moved to Wayne in 1888. By the spring of 1889 the company was employing 50 men and had a weekly payroll of \$500. In a few years the company was enlarged and operations expanded until 150 men were employed and the payroll reached \$1500. The Prouty and Glass Company manufactured buggies but was also one of the largest manufacturers of sleighs in the United States. It was the most important business in Wayne. It was also an important part of the social life of the town. The company had a coronet band and in the summer they gave concerts in the park for the community. They also organized excursions to Bob-Lo which the whole town participated in.

Bob-Lo was an island in the Detroit River near Amherstburg, Ontario. It opened in 1898 and was a popular destination for people in the area for many years. An amusement park, huge dance pavilion and picnic grounds were the main attractions. Travel to the park was via the ferry boats S.S. St. Clair and S.S. Columbia docked at Detroit. It was an 18 mile trip to the island and the ferries

## Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley

served food and played music for the entertainment of the 2500 passengers they carried. Bob-Lo closed in 1993.

Sugar Island was another destination excursion organized by Prouty and Glass for their workers and townspeople. Sugar Island was located in the Detroit River between Grosse Isle and Bob-Lo Island and popular between 1900 and 1940. Travel to the island was by steam boat. It was recently designated a wild life preserve.

During the winter months the company planned an annual Carriage Makers Ball that most of the community attended as it was an important event. There are still people in Wayne today whose ancestors worked for this first industry in Wayne. My husband's grandfather, Rollin Hawley, worked for the company painting wheels when he was a young man. It was a good company and very civic minded. The Prouty and Glass Carriage Company closed its doors in 1916 when it could not compete with the horseless carriage that began to take over the nation's transportation needs.

Many other industries followed the Prouty and Glass Company in making their home in Wayne. Some were large and some were small.



Prouty & Glass employees, about 1900. Photo Courtesy of The Wayne Historical Museum



Prouty & Glass factory. Photo Courtesy of The Wayne Historical Museum

Some were here a short time and some for many years. To mention a few, there was the Harroun Car Company, the Enot Foundry, the Wire Cloth Company, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing and Garwood Industries. Two of the largest that have made their home in Wayne for years and continue to operate today are

Unistrut and Ford Motor Company. All of the industries that came to Wayne over the years have made an impact on our community and are an important part of our history.

(Information for this article was taken from the Wayne Michigan Centennial Book printed in 1969.)

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# Winning isn't everything

"...Winning isn't everything... it's the only thing..." said Henry Russell "Red" Sanders in 1950. This phrase has been immortalized by some, quoted by others, and needs to be examined more deeply to see if it holds any merit. For this quotation to hold true, the word "winning" must be defined. I will take some liberty here and attempt to define this word in a way that will bring justice to this saying.

One does NOT win by merely finishing in first place. Do you recall a certain sprinter that won an Olympic gold medal, only to have it stripped later because of illegal drug usage? Or similarly, a person who finished first more than anyone ever in cycling, only to hang his head in shame later as all his titles were taken back? I argue that these people did not win, even though at the time they finished first.

One does NOT win by having the most money, fame, or toys. I recall a television show called Beyond the Glory that interviewed Deion Sanders about his life. Deion had been a professional athlete in TWO sports, a rapper, and a millionaire. A winner, right? He didn't think so. He felt that he was missing something so big that he tried to end his life by driving off a bridge.

One DOES win when he/she dares to live fully! A winner is someone who displays character, who doesn't forget the worth of those around them, who forgives themselves of their past failures and gives it their all today while pressing toward tomorrow! Theodore Roosevelt said, "...who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high



## There's More to the Story

Buddy Shuh

achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat." THIS IS WINNING!

With that definition, I saw A LOT of winners in the Buddy Up program! Last Saturday the program concluded with a choice of two races: one that was a mile long, and the other that was 3.1 miles long. I'd like to tell you about a young man who finished last in the 3.1 mile race. Not a winner, right? Well, hold on a second until you've heard the whole story.

On the first day of Buddy Up, this young man had a hard time even walking into the building to get to his chair. He was ashen and sweaty from the exertion because of his weight. Later in the program, he took a big step by joining a gym and working out there. He had gotten on the treadmill and walked 2/3 of a mile in 40 minutes. That was an incredible workout for him. I texted him before our race and encouraged him to try to come out and finish the one mile version.

After 75 minutes, the races had concluded. The participants had gathered to celebrate and receive their awards. But the race wasn't over. Someone came and told me that there was a young man who had



Buddy congratulates Jordan on finishing the race.

just passed mile 2, and was bound and determined to finish the whole race! Incredible! Inspiring! A group of about 40 people were left and so they decided to go back and finish the race again, walking side by side with this young man. As he rounded the last turn, he was gasping for air.

But he wasn't done. He started jogging until he crossed the finish line! It took an hour and 50 minutes to finish 3.1 miles, and he didn't finish in front of anyone, but I tell you that he is a winner! And it is everything! That's all for now, but next month, there'll be more to the story...



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# Wayne welcomes Relay for Life

By Jenny Johnson

This year's Westland-Wayne Relay for Life will be from 10 a.m. on June 8 until 10 a.m. on June 9 at Attwood Park, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne. This will be the first time Wayne has hosted the 24-hour event.

"It is an excellent effort and is always good to see a positive thing. Especially when you see two communities come together," said Mayor Al Haidous. "I encourage everyone to give their support to a great cause."

The relay has 21 teams registered and has already raised over \$13,000. The goal is to top last year's total of \$60,000 said Meriem Kadi, chairwoman, Westland-Wayne Relay for Life.

"We are so excited to have Wayne on board," Kadi said. "Mayor Wild and Westland has been involved for years. We are excited about getting Wayne started. Mayor Haidous has been so gracious."

Kadi has been involved in Relay for Life for the past 12 years. This is her first year chairing the event.

Her dad passed away from colon cancer in 1999 and her mom is a 14-year breast cancer survivor. She just turned 80 and she comes to the Relay every year and stays all day.

In addition to chairing the event, Kadi has her own team Family and Friends for Life.

She chose this name not just for her parents but also, "for anyone else who joined along the way. It is just about giving back. It's so personal to all of us that get involved. We want to do whatever we can to eliminate cancer from our vocabulary," she said.



This year's Westland-Wayne Relay for Life will be from 10 a.m. on June 8 until 10 a.m. on June 9 at Attwood Park, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

On her team page, Kadi said, "My Reason to Relay is to join people around the world in celebrating those who have survived cancer, remembering the people we've lost, and supporting the lifesaving mission of the American Cancer Society."

This year's Relay for Life theme is 100 Years in the Making to honor the American Cancer Society's 100th anniversary. Teams can choose a specific decade or positive event over the past 100 years as the theme for their campsite.

## How you can help

There are lots of opportunities for the public to get involved in Relay for Life.

Several Westland businesses in-

cluding Bigby Coffee and Marvasso's Restaurant are accepting donations. Just stop by to donate.

You can also donate online at [www.relayforlife.org/westlandmi](http://www.relayforlife.org/westlandmi). Your generous donation can go to a specific team or even team member.

It's not too late to join a team either. There is information available online or you can call Abby Stonerook at 248-663-3404 or email [Abigail.stonerook@cancer.org](mailto:Abigail.stonerook@cancer.org).

Last but not least, come out on June 8 and 9 and walk a lap, shop at the team tents or at the silent auction. The opening ceremony will be at 10 a.m.

Kadi said the opening ceremony has, "energy and anticipation. Everyone gets excited and takes that first lap together."

There will be a variety of special activities throughout the day including the luminaria lap and the survivor's celebration.

Kadi encourages everyone to come to the luminaria lap. It is done at dusk. Luminaria bags can be purchased online, from team members or at the event. They can be decorated in honor of or in memory of someone who has battled cancer. They are \$10 each.

Candles are placed in the luminaria bags and relay participants walk a silent lap.

"Once you've been to a luminaria it will be in your brain forever. You will never forget it," she said. "It is very touching."

There will also be entertainment on the stage most of the day, food and baked goods for sale at the tents and games and fun activities for the kids.

"We try to keep everybody entertained," Kadi said.

## Looking for survivors

The Westland-Wayne Relay for Life is looking for survivors and their caregivers for the Survivor Celebration, which celebrates more birthdays. Survivors and their caregiver will be treated to a lunch and invited to walk a Survivors Lap. Cancer survivors are the guests of honor at Relay. Survivors do not have to be from Wayne or Westland. If you are or know a survivor and would like to participate in the Survivors Celebration, please contact Abby Stonerook at [Abigail.stonerook@cancer.org](mailto:Abigail.stonerook@cancer.org) or Meriem Kadi at [merkadi131@yahoo.com](mailto:merkadi131@yahoo.com).

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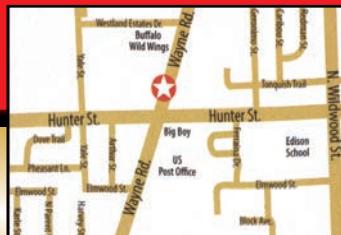
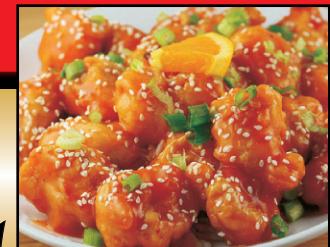
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Adult      \$7.25  
Kids 7-10    \$4.59  
Kids 3-6    \$3.99  
*Under 3 Eats FREE!*

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