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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Red October Run registration

The 23rd Annual Red October Run, sponsored by Oakwood Healthcare System, will be Oct. 5 through the streets of Wayne.

The run is an all ages event designed to encourage family fitness. There are 5K and 10K certified runs, a 5K walk and a 1 Mile Jr. October for children.

The event will also include pre-race yoga warm up and "Octoberfest" refreshments after the race with hot dogs, cider, doughnuts, fruit, bagels and more.

Registration is now open to all at [www.oakwood.org/redoctoberrun](http://www.oakwood.org/redoctoberrun). Race day registration and pre-registered packet pick up will be from 8-9:40 a.m. on Oct. 5 on the Oakwood Annapolis Hospital front lawn.

### Rotary President

The Wayne Rotary Club has a new leader. Congratulations to Trish Hampton of Mark Chevrolet. She will serve as Rotary President until June 2012. The Wayne Rotary Club meets at 12:05 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Wayne Community Center. They are always looking for new members.

### Farmers Market

Have you been to the Farmers Market at Goudy Park yet this year? Every Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. vendors offer fresh locally grown produce, flowers, baked goods and crafts. They also have chair massages, entertainment and kids activities. Remember the Farmers Market now accepts EBT and Debit cards too.



### Heartfelt donation

Brooke Johnson, 10, of Wayne, has a big heart. The student, who just finished fourth grade at Schweitzer Elementary School, wanted to do something to help the family of fallen firefighter Brian Woehlke. She asked her principal if she could make a donation can and put it in the office.

After a week and a half, her fellow classmates had donated \$100.04. She walked to the Wayne-Westland Fire Station in Wayne and gave the donation to the firefighters.

"She was so thrilled to be able to help. The project was 100% done by her," said her mom Emily Johnson. "I am so proud of her caring and giving heart."

### Goodfellow Raffle

The Wayne Goodfellows "3 of Hearts" progressive raffle tickets are for sale at the Avenue Downtown Wayne and Henry's Service Center for \$1 each. Drawings are held every Monday night at 9 p.m. at the Avenue. Up to date jackpot totals can be found at [www.nfpgaming.com](http://www.nfpgaming.com). The Wayne Goodfellows thanks you for your support!

### Summer Lunch

Wayne County will provide their Summer Lunch Food Program from June 17- Aug. 16 in the back lobby of the Wayne Community Center. From 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Monday- Friday children under 18 can receive a free cold lunch.

### McDonalds update

According to the Building and Engineering department, McDonalds has submitted plans for building and site plan development permits. The McDonalds will be located at the former site of Rex's Restaurant on Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue. They have not yet submitted the permit application to demolish the old Rex's building.

### Reduced hours at Library

The Wayne Public Library is offering a summer full of exciting activities. They are just doing it in less time. The new hours as of July 1 are Tuesday and Wednesday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Thursday - Saturdays 12-5 p.m. They are closed on Sunday and Monday.

### CrossPointe Mission Trip

Sixteen high school students, from CrossPointe Community Church in Wayne, will head to Brooklyn, NY this month. They will work in the Flatbush neighborhood and help with VBS, tutoring, food distribution at a soup kitchen and other community projects.

The students are Garreth Wachtel, Justin Westra, Kelsey McGee, Karen Staples, Logan Staples, Adam Pugh, Kaitlynn Grone, Josh Farrand, James Smith, Hunter Belcher, Jennifer Swinney, Mike Westa, Grace Buiten, Daniel Rosales, Luke Staples and Hannah Staples.

Adult team leaders are Pastor Andy Pugh, Lisa Pugh, Paul Heffner and Nicole DiLernia.

CrossPointe Church has always encouraged students to serve their families, church and their community by offering opportunities throughout the year like sports programs, Gleaners Food bank, Family Fest, and senior citizen care.

### WMHS 30-year reunion

The WMHS Class of 1983 will have their 30-year class reunion on Sept. 28 at Sports Locker Bar and Grill, 30375 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Cost is \$25 per person (if purchased by July 15, 2013), dinner and memory materials included. Cash bar.

Checks may be made out to WMHS Class of 1983 Reunion, and mailed to 23771 Sherwood, Belleville, MI 48111-9322. To pay via pay-pal, or for questions, e-mail [WMHS1983Reunion@aol.com](mailto:WMHS1983Reunion@aol.com) or call 734-461-3308.

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# Summer fun in Wayne

By Jenny Johnson

There is no reason to be bored this summer. The cities of Wayne and Westland have something fun for everyone.

## Farmers Market

From 3-7 p.m. every Wednesday through October the Farmers Market will be at their new location- Goudy Park. In addition to locally grown fresh fruits and produce the market also offers local made arts and crafts, breads, jams, honey and even dog treats.

Every week there are kids activities, entertainment, chair massages and the playground for kids.

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. The market will accept EBT and debit cards.

If you can't visit the market on Wednesday the City of Westland has their Farmers Market from 3-7 p.m.

on Thursday next to Westland City Hall on Ford Road.

## Cool off at H<sup>2</sup>O Zone

The H<sup>2</sup>O Zone Water Spray Park, at Tattan Park in Westland is open from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. daily during the summer season, weather permitting. The park is located behind Westland City Hall and in addition to a free spray park with water cannons, a tumble-bucket and a helicopter that sprays water, there are two pavilions and a playground.

## State Wayne Theater

The Phoenix Theaters State Wayne, 35310 Michigan Avenue is a great place to spend a hot or rainy day.

They will have midnight showings of the Rocky Horror Picture show every second Saturday of the month.

With Dolby surround 7.1 sound and new digital screens and even 3-D capabilities this is the place to catch all of the summer blockbusters.



Judy Shelton samples popcorn from Kettle Corn of Michigan Inc. at Wayne Farmers Market. Photo by Stan Shelton

Ticket prices are \$7 for general admission and \$4 for children 11 and under and seniors 60 and over. Matinee pricing (before 6 p.m.) is \$4.50 for general admission and \$4 for children and seniors.

For a list of current shows, call the Movie Info line at 734-384-1200 or visit [www.Phoenixtheaters.net](http://www.Phoenixtheaters.net).

## Wayne Public Library

Whether you are looking for a great free activity for the kids, want to keep up on summer reading or need to do some research, the Wayne Public Library can serve your needs. It is a quiet place to study, read and surf the web. Check out their website at [www.wayne.lib.mi.us](http://www.wayne.lib.mi.us).

## Sweet treat

Who serves the best soft serve in town? The Wayne Dairy Queen on Wayne Road. For more than 50 years they have been a favorite stop for a cool treat. Check out their new Orange Julius or their popular Blizzard of the Month flavor.

## Golf anyone?

The Westland Municipal Golf Course, 500 S. Merriman, is a public 9-hole course that is open 7 days a week from 7 a.m. until dusk. They have summer specials including Monday Madness Lunch & Golf from 12-5 every Monday. If includes a round of golf, cart, hot dog and pop for \$20 or \$15 for seniors.

Make a tee time today by calling 734-721-6660.

## It's a strike

Wayne Bowl, 36900 Michigan Avenue, wants you for Kids Klub 2013. Kids 18 years and under can bowl two free games per day until Aug. 31. There is a one-time \$5 registration

fee per child. You can sign up at [wayne-bowl.com](http://wayne-bowl.com). For more information, please call 734-721-7530.

## Swim time

The Wayne Community Center offers open swimming at the Aquatic Center from 6-8 p.m. on Monday-Wednesday-Friday. Open swim times on Sat. and Sunday are 12-2:30 p.m. and 3:30-6 p.m. Call 734-721-7400 for prices.

## Play time

There are 37 parks in Wayne and Westland that feature trails, athletic fields, and playgrounds. Attwood Park is located next to the Wayne Community Center. It has Planet Playscape, soccer fields, two pavilions, restrooms, tennis courts and the Skate/Bike Park. The Skate/Bike Park is open seven days a week from 3-7 p.m. It is the perfect place to pack a picnic lunch and spend the day.

## Circus

The Kelly Miller Circus is coming to town for two shows at 2 and 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 10 at Attwood Park. Tickets are now on sale at Wayne Westland Community Center, Mark Chevrolet, Jack Demmer Ford, Henry's Service Center, Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union and the Westland Municipal Golf Course. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under 12.

## Traffic free Hines Park

Hines Park from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive is closed to motor vehicle traffic every Saturday from 9 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. through Sept. 8. Visitors can run, walk, skate and cycle

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**Get Ready Tennis Camp** - 7/11-8/1  
**Youth Theater** - 7/22 - 8/4  
**Youth Football** - July 9-12  
**Elite Baseball** - July 9-12  
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**Westland Municipal Golf Course**  
Advance prices are \$10.00 for Adults and \$6.00 for Children (2-11)

Visit the  
**KELLY MILLER CIRCUS CLOWNS**  
**Thursday, July 25 at 12:30**  
and then enjoy OPEN SWIM at 1:00 pm at the Wayne/Westland Community Center!

# Deals galore at Sidewalk Sales and the first Cruisin' US-12

They may have a new date but the deals will be just as great. The 55th annual Wayne Sidewalk Sales will be July 11-13 and will coincide with the first US-12 Cruise on July 13. There will be lots of opportunities to stroll the streets of downtown Wayne.

Put on comfortable shoes to walk to all the deals and don't forget a chair to sit and watch all of the cars cruising Michigan Ave. Cruisin' US12 will start at noon. This is a free family event that has been coordinated by volunteers.

Local businesses will have the best deals of the year on display.

A favorite stop for deal seekers is always Northside Hardware located on the corner of Wayne Road and Glenwood. They have a tradition during Sidewalk Sales. They offer \$.25 hot dogs and pop to all hungry shoppers. Where else can you feed the whole family for \$2 or less? That's why Northside goes through up to 11,000 hot dogs in just three days.

Owner of Northside Hardware Phil Kaplan and his staff will also have a wide variety of items at special pricing to serve all of their customers' needs. You will find top quality merchandise at competitive pricing.

These are just some of the businesses offering Sidewalk Sales deals: Jus Shooz, Tried N True, AKA Sports, Kicks Tae Kwon Do, Harrison Appliance, Dairy Queen, Wayne Exchange, Designer Wearhouse, Finishing Touch and GI Surplus.

The Congregational Church will



have children's activities.

JR3's Beer Town, 4502 S. Wayne Road, will host their fifth annual Customer Appreciation Day from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Owners John and Christi Roehrig will have hamburgers, hot dogs and pizza, activities and fun for everyone in their parking lot. There will also be prizes to give away and everyone will get 10 free raffle tickets.

KITT the car from Knight Rider will also be there. Make sure to stop by.

There will be Hula Hoop performances; local artisans, vendors, bakers and businesses will have tents set up along Michigan Avenue. Dorsey Business School will host cruisers in their parking lot and will have an Open House.

US12 Bar & Grill will have live bands and has outdoor seating with great viewing of the cars cruising down Michigan Avenue. Stop in for lunch or dinner and stay to watch all of the classic cars cruising Michigan Avenue.

Icon Computer Solutions, 35858 W. Michigan Avenue, will host a Hearse Club and Zombie Party.

The Wayne Bar and Grill will have an art display, featuring local Wayne artist Bill Fahey's metal sculptures, like a Detroit Tigers emblem.

Wrap up the evening at State Wayne Theatre where they will show The Rocky Horror Picture Show, complete with audience participation, at 11:30 p.m.

For more information on the cruise visit [www.cruisinus12.com](http://www.cruisinus12.com).

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through the park for free. More information is available at [www.parks.waynecounty.com](http://www.parks.waynecounty.com).

## Fun this fall

The fun in Wayne and Westland doesn't end on Labor Day. There are plenty of fall activities to look forward to also.

## Fall baseball

Beginning in September, the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Dept. will offer an eight game fall baseball league at Anderson Park in Wayne and Jaycee Park in Westland.

Registration fee is \$250 and must be paid in full at time of registration. For more information, please call 734-721-7400.

## Family Hoedown

Bring the family for some square dancing, cider & donuts, hay rides and much more at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 8 in Attwood Park. Tickets go on sale in September at the Wayne-Westland Community Center and are \$6 each for residents or \$20 for a group of four or more and \$7 each for non-residents or \$25 for a group of four or more.

## Blues, Brews and BBQ

Westland will host their 3rd Annual Blues, Brews, & BBQ from 6-9 p.m. on Sept. 20 and 12-10 p.m. on Sept. 21 at Westland City Hall grounds, 36601 Ford Road. This is a family friendly event with great local food, micro-brewed beer and entertainment. For more information, visit [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) or on Facebook at All American Blues, Brews and BBQ.

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# Council approves DDA support of library and Main Street

In a 4-2 vote the city council approved reallocating \$20,000 from the Acquisition/Demolition portion of the 2013-14 DDA budget. Pending approval from the DDA board, \$10,000 will be used for the Wayne Public Library and \$10,000 toward a Main Street manager for the Main Street program. Mayor Pro Tem Pam Dobrowolski, Councilmen Jim Hawley, Skip Monit and John Rhaesa, who made the motion, voted for it. Councilman Jim Henley was absent from the meeting.

The 2013-14 DDA fund has captured \$1,194,039 from taxes paid by businesses located in the downtown area. At their meeting in May the DDA board approved the expenditures as presented to them. But when the budget was presented to city council the motion to approve the DDA budget failed in a 3-3 vote.

The Wayne Ripple Effect will be submitting the application this fall for the city to advance to the select level of the Main Street program. This means a five-year commitment to the Main Street program as they seek additional funding to pay the salary for a Main Street manager. The Wayne Rotary Club had indicated they would match \$10,000 if the city also supported the effort. The Wayne Ripple Effect has raised about \$10,000 so far.

## DDA budget

Each year the DDA budget is presented to the DACC and DDA committees. A public hearing was also held at the city council meeting.

Community Development Director Peter McInerney said the DACC reviewed the expenditures and supported it and the DDA had two meetings and also supported the proposed budget.

The city's general fund receives the largest portion of the DDA budget- \$459,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Pam Dobrowolski said, "Every time we get this it is all in lump sums. I would like to see it broke down into line items. How are we going to spend \$459,000 in the general fund?"

City Manager Robert English said the general fund money is used for police, DPW and engineering.

"It has to be spent in the DDA area," he said.

"But could you be specific as to where you are going to spend that money," Dobrowolski said.

There is \$405,617 proposed for public buildings/facilities. This includes the debt payment for the fire station.

Landscape maintenance is proposed at \$105,000. This includes the cost of putting the banners up, planting flowers, watering and cutting the grass in the downtown area.

Streets, roads and alleys are proposed at \$4000. This is a placeholder for unforeseen bills, McInerney said.

The \$8800 streetscape budget includes the maintenance of the green street lights.

Commercial revitalization receives \$4000 and MTT refunds get \$85,000. This is money tax payers can earn at the tax tribunal.

The tax appeal settlement budget should have been \$184,000 but the city negotiated deferring this year's payment to Ford Motor Company.

Before the additional \$10,000 was approved, it was proposed the library would receive \$24,622, which is less than half of what they usually receive from the DDA budget.

The \$20,000 for the land contract payment for ACE Radiator will be paid from the \$98,000 acquisition/demolition budget.

## Future of DDA

Councilman John Rhaesa said, "What is our plan for the DDA for the future of the downtown? The DDA is supposed to have a plan of where they are supposed to go."

Mayor Al Haidous said, "The situation in Wayne is more difficult. The city worked on buying old buildings and demolishing them. The city makes a way for development by having available land and have the process easy and fast."

Haidous cited American Jetway and Russo Corp. who both submitted site plans to city council for expansion at their locations.

English said the Veterans Plaza and fountain and the Goudy Park amphitheater need to be repaired and those repairs could be in excess of \$400,000.

"I would think the DDA would have a plan and give it to us," Rhaesa said. "It doesn't make sense to me

why we are putting money into the general fund and not into development."

"We went through this at DDA meeting," Haidous said. "The 20/20, Ripple Effect, DDA have been working on downtown. The problem at the present time is we have a very tight budget and we are going to try to save vital services in the city."

## DDA Board

Councilman Jim Hawley said, "Are there limitations on how DDA money can be used?" He asked city attorney Paul Bohn to clarify the uses.

Bohn said, "A DDA is pretty broad. Generally a plan is adopted to utilize DDA funds and use within the DDA district."

Some council members showed concern because there is not a breakdown of how the DDA funds are used and the DDA board does not approve specific purchases just the proposed budget.

Hawley questioned whether the DDA would approve the city's intention to purchase foreclosed properties and demolish them.

"It's been approved in the past by city council but not by DDA," English said.

"They need a little bit more involvement of how their money is being spent," Hawley said.

DDA board meets once or twice a year. The DDA plan was last amended in 2000.

## Making changes

Haidous said, "My position is prepare for worst and hope for best for next year's budget. This year's budget didn't leave any cushion. They city is going to ask the residents for the millage to be approved and if that passes we have to sit down and may have a two year budget after that because we can predict. I'm not against the idea."

Councilman Al Damitio said, "It has been suggested some of the money spent in the past has not been spent in the DDA district. I want to assure the citizens it was sent properly. We have had audits in the city each year and there have been no questions from the auditors. We want to make sure everyone is aware of that."

Hawley said the library has a major concern for maintenance of their building.

"I hear what others are saying in watching and controlling the budget. Buying more property, we have a lot of property and it costs us a lot of money. The library needs \$10,000 and we would be remiss if didn't give to them."

Haidous said, "My problem with this is, I disagree with Jim on acquisition of property because if the city doesn't have room for development then development won't come."

"The Main Street program is not very popular. Trenton dropped out of it. Out of 280 communities (in Michigan) on 25 are doing it," Haidous said.

Wayne Ripple Effect member Cindy Schofield said the reason only 26 communities are doing Main Street "is you have to have a downtown and you have to be chosen. Many cities apply and they have to be chosen."

"If we took \$10,000 out of DDA and spent it we could expect to see \$600,000 annually in reinvestment in our community in private investment," she said.

"If Wayne advances to the select level they are eligible for over \$200,000 in services like design services, branding, commercial retail, develop training and much more," she said.

Schofield told the council that taking money from the acquisition/demolition fund would not affect any general fund functions.

"We are repeating the same mistakes from the 1960s that destroyed this beautiful downtown," she said.

She said, "Don't miss this opportunity like we have with others. We don't grab a hold of opportunities as they are presented to us. You have the opportunity to change Wayne's future."

"We need to invite development, acquire land," Haidous said.

Schofield said, "You missed a point mayor. There is money available if you chose to use the money that way. We don't need more vacant lots. We haven't had developers take a hold of current lots we have. We need to take a different focus of how we are developing our downtown."

## Golden Hour celebrates diamond anniversary

The Wayne Golden Hour Club celebrated their 60th anniversary last month with a catered lunch and the installation of their new officers.

The 2013/2014 officers are President Sharon Piper, Vice-President Edythe Stephens and Secretary Alice Herbst. Nancy Wojewski-Noel, Senior Services Supervisor, issued oaths.

Special recognition was given to Ellen Snell and Martha Franz for being the longest serving members with 34 years.

It was 60 years ago when Peg Huband suggested to the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department that they sponsor a program with people of other communities who had reached retirement age. The first meeting was held on Sept. 3, 1953 with assistance from the Soroptomist Club. The Club met the first Thursday of the month at noon and the third Thursday in the evening.

If you would like to learn more about the Wayne Golden Hour Club, please call the Senior Services Office at 734-721-7460.

Since its inception, the Golden Hour has changed locations three times and worked with four senior directors. The Club currently meets every Thursday at the Wayne Community Center at 11:15am for a potluck luncheon and business meeting.

On the second and fourth Thursday of the month they host Bingo at 1 p.m. This is open to the public and is their main fundraiser.

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# Wayne Car Club celebrates 50th reunion

By Jenny Johnson

It was their passion for cars that brought them together. And 50 years later that same passion and camaraderie brought them back to Wayne.

In 1963 Power Inc. Car Club was born. Young men from Wayne and the surrounding area met weekly to work on, talk about and race their cars. It didn't matter what kind of car you had. It was the passion that you had. Their logo was "A car club dedicated to organized racing and safety."

The goal of the club was to get drag racing off of the public streets and take it to the racetracks.

Their logo was a Chrysler Hemi because it was considered the biggest and most powerful motor at that time. Paul Richardson, Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1961, designed and created the logo for the club jackets and other memorabilia.

The club had by-laws. All members must become a member of the NHRA or National Hot Rod Association. They had to purchase a club jacket for \$20, attend weekly meetings and pay \$5 monthly dues. Power Inc. had about 20-30 members at any given time. It functioned until 1967.

"It was well organized," said Mike "Chico" Stewart one of the club's original members.

The first officers were Pete Eglinton – President, Carrol "Bird" Johnson – Vice President,

Tom Davidson – Secretary, Jerry McCormick – Treasurer, and Verlan Jones – Sgt. at Arms.

The club encouraged safe racing and camaraderie. If a member got caught drag racing they were suspended for three months. Most of their racing took place at the Milan Dragway and Detroit Dragway.

## Great memories

The club sponsored hayrides, poker runs and raffles. They also rented halls and had parties to help raise money. They also had a bowling league with six teams at Town & Country Lanes in Westland. This is also where they would hold their club meetings. After, they would cruise through Daly's and A&W, both on Wayne Road.

Members of the club would attend the NHRA Nationals in Indi-



The members of 1963 Power Inc. Car Club celebrated their 50 year reunion. Kneeling- Dan Gorney (black shirt), Bud Brock (white shirt), Bird Johnson. Sitting- Verlan Jones and Gerald McCormack. Standing L-R: Mike McDonnough, Mike Burgess, Tom Rollin, Chico Stewart, Dana Foy and Franky Suggs. Below Power Inc. Club in 1963 L - R front row, kneeling Glen Williams, Danny Gorney, Buddy Brock, Perry Waugh (deceased), Rich Quillen. L - R second row, Verlan Jones, Jerry McCormack, Pete Eglinton (deceased), Carrol "Bird" Johnson, Tom Davidson. L - R back row standing, Ron Lowrie, Mike McDonnough, Eddie Fowler (deceased), Mike Burgess, Ken Macomber, Tom Rollin, Mike "Chico" Stewart, Ron McBee (deceased) and Frank Suggs.



anapolis. They would rent trailers for sleeping and camping. In 1966, several members went to the NHRA Spring nationals in Bristol, Tennessee. Club members also participated in various parades and Autorama car shows. Travel expenses and trailers/hotel rooms were paid out of the Power Inc.

The club had a couple of cars that would compete at NHRA National events. Club members Damon Shields and Dan Gorney were consistent invitees. Another club member Tom Rollins participated at Bristol, Tennessee.

The reunion began with a BBQ lunch and small car show at Jerry

Stewart's shop. His dad, Mike "Chico" Stewart, was a founding member. Former club members and their families spent the afternoon. There were 10 original club members who attended.

The Power Inc. Car Club was a club for racing and safety. It encouraged teens and young adults to take racing to the track and keep it off the streets. They met every Sunday night.

Bird Johnson, who graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in 1961, was one of the original members of the club. Today he lives in Tulsa but he brought his '63 Impala Super Sport on a trailer. It is like the one he owned during the club days.

Chico is a 1962 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. He said he doesn't race cars anymore because it is too expensive to replace parts.

His wife, Yvonne, remembers, "waxing people's cars before dates" she also said there were lots of weekend parties. They married in 1964.

Most of the members are still involved in cars. "It was a bunch of buddies and we had a lot of fun and still do," Bird said.

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## Clownin' around town

The Kelly Miller Circus is sending a very special VIP to Wayne this month. You won't want to miss Phineas Ballyhoo when he is here on July 25. During his one-day visit, he will visit numerous people and places and perform a 30-minute show.

At 12:30 on July 25 he will perform at the Wayne Community Center. His show consists of circus skills, humor, audience participation, balloon sculpture and music. Great show for all ages.

John Sayre (aka J. Phineas Ballyhoo) took his first oversize-shoed steps toward being a clown when he was nine years old and saw the Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey circus with his family.

"I have two clear memories of that day," he said. "Getting a stomach ache from eating too much cotton candy and watching Lou Jacobs climb out of an impossibly small car to a standing ovation."

After that day, he became obsessed with clowns. He borrowed every book about clowns and circuses from the library, raided his fa-

ther's closet for costume pieces, and even made his own oversized clown shoes out of spare foam carpet padding from the basement. He wanted nothing more than to go to clown college after high school and get a job with the circus.

At some point, his interest in clowning waned but not his interest in performing. He toured as a professional musician for eight years.

Then one Halloween, "I decided to dress as a clown for a costume party and while searching the internet for makeup and costume ideas, it happened," he said. "My interest/passion/obsession with clowning came back full force."

In addition to teaching himself skills such as juggling, balloon sculpture, and general buffoonery, John's first formal training came courtesy of a clown convention, followed later that year with one-on-one advance training from Steve Copeland and Ryan Combs, the featured clowns with the Kelly Miller Circus.

The Kelly Miller Circus will perform two shows on Aug. 10 at 2 and 5:30 p.m. at Attwood Park in Wayne.



John Sayre (aka J. Phineas Ballyhoo)

Tickets are now on sale and are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. Tickets are available at the Wayne Community Center, Henry's

Service Center, Jack Demmer Ford, Mark Chevrolet, Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union and the Westland Municipal Golf Course.

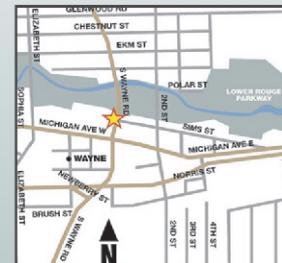


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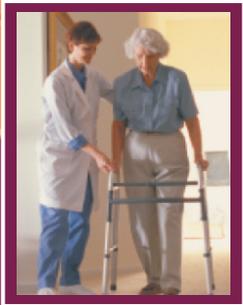


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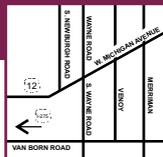
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**Family Fest 2013**

It's a day full of family fun. Join the 8th Annual Family Fest from 12-5 p.m. on Aug. 24 at CrossPointe Community Church, 36125 Glenwood. The community is invited for a free day of games, rides, music, hot foods, cold foods, drinks, and a classic car show.

They are cooking for 5,000 people this year so bring your kids, neighbors, family, and friends. This is the largest single day event in Wayne and it is all generously offered for free.

If you have a classic car, please plan to join the fun. There is no registration fee. The first 500 cars will have spots on the field. For more information on Family Fest visit [www.crosspointecommunitychurch.org](http://www.crosspointecommunitychurch.org) or go to Facebook.com/CrossPointeCommunityChurch.

**Soccer fields open**

The Wayne-Westland Soccer League has a new home. Five soccer fields at the Thomas H. Brown Central City Park in Westland are now complete and being used. Last month Westland city officials and the Wayne-Westland Soccer Association celebrated the grand opening. The park had been closed for several years because of soil contamination.

Future plans for the park located behind Westland City Hall include building a concession area with bathrooms, pavilions and a walking path to connect all of the features.

**Friends needed**

The annual Friends: People Helping People will take place Sept. 14 at a yet to be selected home in Wayne. Since 1998 the program has helped a homeowner who doesn't have the ability to keep up with the outside maintenance of their home. The Friends volunteers will help with lawn clean up and painting the house.

Volunteers are needed from 8:30 a.m. until about 1 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The program is also looking for donations. A \$50 donation will get your name on the Friends t-shirts. If you would like to volunteer or make a donation, please call the Community Development Department at 734-722-2002.

**Don't miss Wow Jam at Goudy Park**

Cornerstone City Church is hosting Wow Jam from 4-8 p.m. on July 19 at Goudy Park. This is a family friendly event. Cornerstone Community Church wants to transform the lives of people by hosting this free event. It will include all of the following for free- hot meals, games for kids, prize giveaways, groceries, haircuts and manicures, family photos and bike repair. There will also be a singing contest with a \$100 prize for first place.

There will be music including a performance by Stephen and Linda Tavani (formerly "Peaches" of Peaches and Herb). Pastor Rob Parish said, "We want to show people love, hope and a sense of faith, as well as put a smile on their faces."

Last year the event was located in the church's parking lot and 2000 attended. This year they are hoping to offer a day of service and fun to up to 5000 people.

Volunteers and donations of bikes and prizes are still needed. For more information please contact [info@cornerstonecitychurch.us](mailto:info@cornerstonecitychurch.us) or visit [www.facebook.com/pages/Cornerstone-City-Church](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Cornerstone-City-Church) or [www.cornerstonecitychurch.us](http://www.cornerstonecitychurch.us).

**Senior Olympians needed**

Calling all who seek a gold medal. The ninth annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics is looking for participants. If you are a Wayne County resident 50 years or older please consider registering to participate in an event. This year's Olympics will be Aug. 12-16 and is sponsored by Belleville, Sumpster and Van Buren Township.

There is an event for every skill including billiards, bowling, euchre, golf, biking, baking, volleyball, trivia, bocce ball, pinochle, swimming, creative writing and much more.

Registration is \$5 plus a small fee for each event. Registration, payment, waiver and medical information forms must be submitted to the Wayne Community Center by July 3. No on-site registration will be accepted. If you want to cheer on the Olympians, please visit [www.WWCSO.org](http://www.WWCSO.org) for a complete list of event times and locations.

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# Hole in one for library

This year the Wayne Library is doing something different. Instead of the annual 'Wine and Cheese' evening, the library's annual fundraiser will focus on the whole family.

On Saturday August 17, the library will be closed for the usual 'library' business.

Instead it will be transformed into an 18-hole mini golf course. Your ticket will purchase one golf ball and one putter, and then you'll play the game of golf throughout the library. The golf will start at 11:00 AM and end at 4:00 PM.

There'll be hot dogs, chips, pop and candy for sale at the 19th hole, plus many gift baskets to be raffled.

All proceeds will be used to purchase Children's books and audio visual materials.

Student tickets (ages 6-18) are \$3.00. Adult tickets (ages 18+) are \$5.00 and a family ticket (up to 6 people) is \$15.00. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

If you're interested in being a sponsor for this event, your company or family's name will be prominently displayed on score cards and promotional items.

For more information, please call Library Director, Paulette Medvecky, at 734-641-4627 or 734-721 7832.

Please help our wonderful library raise funds for children's books. Come and play golf (unleash your inner Tiger Woods or Phil Mickelson) at the Wayne Library.

Ed McMurray tells us that he's gearing up for the 15th annual Friends Project. That's when he and his 'friends' will paint or otherwise rehab a house in Wayne.

Although, the actual work doesn't begin until August it's not too early to nominate a house needing help.

## Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



The only qualification is the home must be owner occupied. If you know of a house that needs the 'Friend's' help, please call Community Development Director Pete McInerney at 722-2002 or Mr. McMurray at 727-1735.

More information on the times, date, and meeting place next month.

Get your Cruisin' self on board. Saturday, July 13th is Cruisin' US12 day, so put a shine on that Classic or Muscle car. Bring your Hot Rods or Rat Rods. Low riders and foreign cars will be welcomed. There'll be a band at US12 Bar and Grill. Northside Hardware will feature a hot dog plus coke for 25 cents, there'll be sidewalk sales all over town; the Congregational Church will have children's activities, and it all ends with "Rocky Horror Picture Show"—11:30 p.m. at the State Wayne Theater.

We spotted an early 'cruiser' in June on Michigan Avenue. From West Dearborn to our town, we were delighted to be riding next to a beautifully restored 1959 Ford Galaxie, hard top convertible. Painted a gleaming bronze and black with a continental kit, it seemed that this car was half a mile long. It was pure joy just being beside that gorgeous car. Look for it at Cruisin' US12.

Get well, Wild Bill--the whole city (county) loves you.



Students in pre K- 8th grade walked around the property of St. Michael Church and School to raise money for new technology.

## Kids Trek for Technology funds

More than 100 students at St. Michael Lutheran School in Wayne walked 655 miles in a Trek for Tech fundraiser to raise funds for classroom technology upgrades.

Preschool, elementary and middle school students walked a one-mile course around the grounds of St. Michael Church and School. One fifth grade student walked 12 miles in two hours. The kindergarten class completed seven miles as a group and the preschool class walked a mile.

Students sought pledges for the amount of miles they walked during the event. The 655-mile trek raised over \$6200 which will be used to purchase laptop computers and Smartboards for their classrooms.

"The Trek was a fun way to promote school spirit and physical fitness while raising funds for needed equipment. It's likely to be an annual event," said Dina Matasovsky, Kindergarten teacher.

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# Wayne's oldest club

When our country was founded over 200 years ago our forefathers drew up a constitution that promised our citizens freedoms that were unheard of around the world. A democratic nation was born that offered ordinary people the opportunity to make choices about their country, how it was to be governed and by whom. It also gave individuals the opportunity to get involved personally. This became true at the national, state and local level. At the same time, this "freedom to join" and be a part of a group that makes a difference began to develop in cities and small towns across our country. Today, clubs, organizations, committees and boards founded long ago, offer individuals the opportunity to join with others to solve a problem, help others, make changes, learn something new, socialize, make new friends, trumpet a cause and make a difference. These organizations are critical to the life of our communities and enhance all the lives of our residents. The people who become involved in these organizations do a service to all of us but often find that they get more in return than they give. I could write about the history and good works of many of these service clubs and organizations (such as Wayne Rotary, Civitans, Business and Professional Women, Lions Club, Arche Club, Garden Club, Friend's of the Library, the Wayne Masons\* and many more), but I would like to write about Ladies' Literary Club, the oldest woman's club in Wayne that is still active in our community.

In early Wayne, most women did not work outside the home and most did not further their education beyond high school. On October 16, 1896 Mrs. Mae Innes Curtis and Mrs. William C. Prouty invited a group of women to Mrs. Prouty's home to discuss the organization of a women's "society" with the purpose of studying and educating themselves about the world around them, politics, history, geography, art and music. They elected officers and planned to meet weekly in the afternoon in various homes. There were 12 charter members. A constitution (or what we would call a Mission Statement today) was drawn up and it read:

## Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley



"We, the undersigned, feeling that home and society demand of the women of today the broadest culture, and being well assured that our usefulness and enjoyment will be increased by such culture, believing also that the interchange of thought and unity of purpose will stimulate our mental growth, do, hereby unite ourselves as a Woman's Club for the sole purpose of study and mental improvement."

They named their organization The Wayne Woman's Club but later changed it to The Wayne Ladies' Literary Club. Their early programs included study sessions where written papers about foreign countries and history were read aloud at meetings and discussed. Politics was a popular topic and every member was expected to state their political views and why they held them. Poetry and poets were topics of discussion as were authors and their books. Debates were held concerning topics such as "Man's Position in the Household" (1906) and "Is the Cartoonist an Injury to the Rising Generation?" (1910). Following their study sessions and business meetings, a member read a poem, sang a song or played a piece on the piano. They also planned social functions such as the "Publics" which were New Years parties. These were evening outings and members were allowed to bring a guest or two. They were important social events in early Wayne. Wayne had a Palace Opera House at this time and the "Publics" may have been held there. Over the years the Literary Club brought many well known speakers and entertainers to Wayne and presented many wonderful musical and dramatic programs for the community. The club eventually began to raise funds to offer scholarships to local young women to further their education.

A black leather notebook that is kept in the archives of our Wayne



The Literary Club from years past.

Historical Museum includes members, an outline of club programs, the by-laws, a list of officers and committees, and other pertinent information. Throughout the years, as the club celebrated their years of existence, program books, meeting minutes, newspaper articles and pictures were donated to our museum for posterity.

By the fifties and sixties the club membership included 100 members, 20 associate members and 25 honorary members. By this time they were meeting monthly in the evening in local homes, churches and schools. In the early years meetings were quite formal and this trend continued. Members dressed in heels and often wore hats and gloves to meetings. Refreshments were served on beautifully set tables with hostesses pouring tea and coffee from silver tea sets. Programs consisted of speakers, book reviews, music, lectures, plays, and informational discussions.

Today, Literary Club meets monthly (the third Tuesday) and has a membership of fifty active women. The programs consist of book reviews, speakers, dinner meetings, crafts, educational programs and

trips to the theatre. The Literary Club continues to offer college scholarships to local young women who are graduates of Wayne Memorial and John Glenn High schools. They also assist with the Red Wagon Summer Reading Program for children in our area. As the Ladies' Literary Club prepares for the opening of their 118th year this fall, they realize not only how much the world has changed in 117 years but also how the club women of today have many of the same goals, interests, curiosity about the world around them, desire to learn something new and the determination to help others get an education as the club members of 1896.

(\*Note: The Masons were founded in 1859 in Wayne and housed their Masonic Lodge in the old Steers building in downtown Wayne. When that was condemned in 1914, they built a new building for their lodge at Park and Monroe Streets. They moved to Westland in 1965 when they built a new Masonic Lodge on Palmer Rd. The Odd Fellows organization was founded in 1890)

Thanks to Richard Story, Museum Manager, for assistance with material for this article.



## NEWS BRIEFS

### Council Updates Relay a success

The Westland-Wayne Relay for Life raised just over \$62,000, event organizer and Westland City Councilwoman Meriem Kadi announced at last month's city council meeting in Wayne.

"We were really proud to have Wayne host it at Attwood Park. It was a good site for campsites. A lot of people said they loved the site," she said.

If you missed your chance to support the relay, it's not too late. They are hoping to raise an additional \$6,000 by Aug. 31 to meet their goal. You can make a donation online at [relayforlife.org/westlandmi](http://relayforlife.org/westlandmi).

### Police department awards scholarship

Stephanie Rainey, a 2013 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, was awarded a \$1000 scholarship from the Wayne Police Dept. Scholarship Fund. She plans to pursue a degree in criminal justice to become an FBI agent.

"She is one of our finest," said Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright. "She was very involved in the school and very well liked."

She graduated with a 3.8 GPA and was in the JROTC and on the drill and raider team and a member of the color guard. She was also on student council and a school mentor.

"The money is well invested in our future generation," said Mayor Al Haidous.

Wayne Industries and American Jetway plan for expansion.

Russo Properties Corp., which



### Wayne resident competes for national title

Ariana Haven Majzoub, 7, of Wayne will compete as a state finalist in the National American Miss Michigan Pageant this month. She will participate in the Princess age division. Ariana likes school, gymnastics, Girl Scouts and swimming.

owns Wayne Industries, has requested a zoning change for a portion of the property they own on Michigan Avenue eastbound. The property currently houses a shopping center with Kroger.

They plan to rezone the western portion of the parking lot to heavy industrial. They are also planning to construct a 46,000 sq. ft. building with 100 parking spaces to continue the steel warehousing use on the site.

They will also change the operation of the traffic flow in and out of their facility.

Councilman Al Damitio asked about the future of the Kroger site.

Paul Russo said he has had two meetings with Kroger and "they do plan on staying." They have two more years left on their lease with a

three-year renewal.

"We don't know if they will renew the second part of their lease," Russo said.

In addition American Jetway Corporation on Howe Road is in the process of purchasing the business to the east of their location and expanding their operations. They will clean up the property and install a lot of energy efficiency improvements like windows and insulation, painting and landscaping. They will also construct a 100 sq. ft. gashouse. They also have plans for updates at their Venoy Road property.

"It is a lot of work for them but they are still planning to go forward with all improvements," said City Clerk/Planner Matthew Miller.

### Rotary Picnic

The Wayne Rotary Club is sponsoring two community picnics this month at 6 p.m. on July 17 at Rotary I Park, on Hunt Street, and on July 24 at Rotary II Park, on Chamberlain Street. There will be free hot dogs, chips and pop for families.

There will also be a drawing for a 4 pack of tickets to the Kelly Miller Circus on Aug. 10.

### Youth Theater Summer Camp

Summer Youth Theater for ages 8-18 will run from July 22- Aug. 4. They will present "Seussical Jr." on Aug. 2-4 at St. Mary's of Wayne School. Registration has begun at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road. Cost is \$125 for residents and \$135 for non-residents. Class is limited to 35 students. For more information, call 734-721-7400 ext. 1309.

### Wayne County Fun Fest

Wayne County will host a Health and Safety Fun Fest from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. on Aug. 22 at the Wayne County Department of Public Health, 33030 Van Born Rd. There will be free dental screening, hearing and vision screenings, adult and childhood immunizations, lead testing and a book bag and supplies to the first 300 kids. There will also be entertainment and health and safety information.

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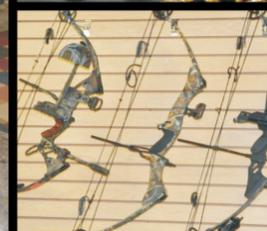


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