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YOUR SOURCE FOR POSITIVE COMMUNITY NEWS

By Carolyn Marnon

Love stories...there are plenty of them out there, but sometimes they are hard to find. Luckily, 6 love stories have a Wayne connection.

Claudia and Harold Rediske

Claudia and Harold Rediske met in the early 1970s. Claudia worked for a dentist in Westland. The dentist happened to be friends with Harold Rediske. Harold would come into the office and soon, Claudia and Harold took a liking to each other. They went out for dinners, concerts, "normal stuff," as Claudia puts it. He was already a funeral director in the family business at Uht Funeral Home, which he now owns. He would take her to funeral director meetings for dates.

How did Harold propose? Claudia says they just went to look at diamond rings and decided it was time to get married. It was a small wedding at the First Congregational Church in Wayne on March 23, 1976. They went to the beach at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida the next day; Harold had meetings to attend. Next month, they will be celebrating their 40th anniversary.

The couple tries to get away several times a year to Florida. They like to go on cruises and have fun travelling. Harold has two children and they both share a dog. The secret to a long marriage? Claudia says it's important to give and take, be compassionate and understanding, and try not to get mad.

Jason and Kim Hood

Jason and Kim Hood met one week before Valentine's Day in 1991. He was a senior at John Glenn High School while she was a sophomore there. He was

weightlifting and she was in the gym. They would keep looking at each other, and finally they were introduced. Jason ended up proposing to her along the side of the road. Getting ready to celebrate 25 years together, they live in Wayne and have 7 children: Micheil, Kayla, Kendelle, McKinley, Kolby, Kamden and Keaton that range in age from 21 to 9. The oldest, Micheil, is currently serving in Iraq. Jason works at a steel mill in Dearborn while Kim is a stay-at-home mother. "She's got the hardest job in the world," says Jason. He thinks Kim is "everything and more." They've stuck together through the hardest of times.

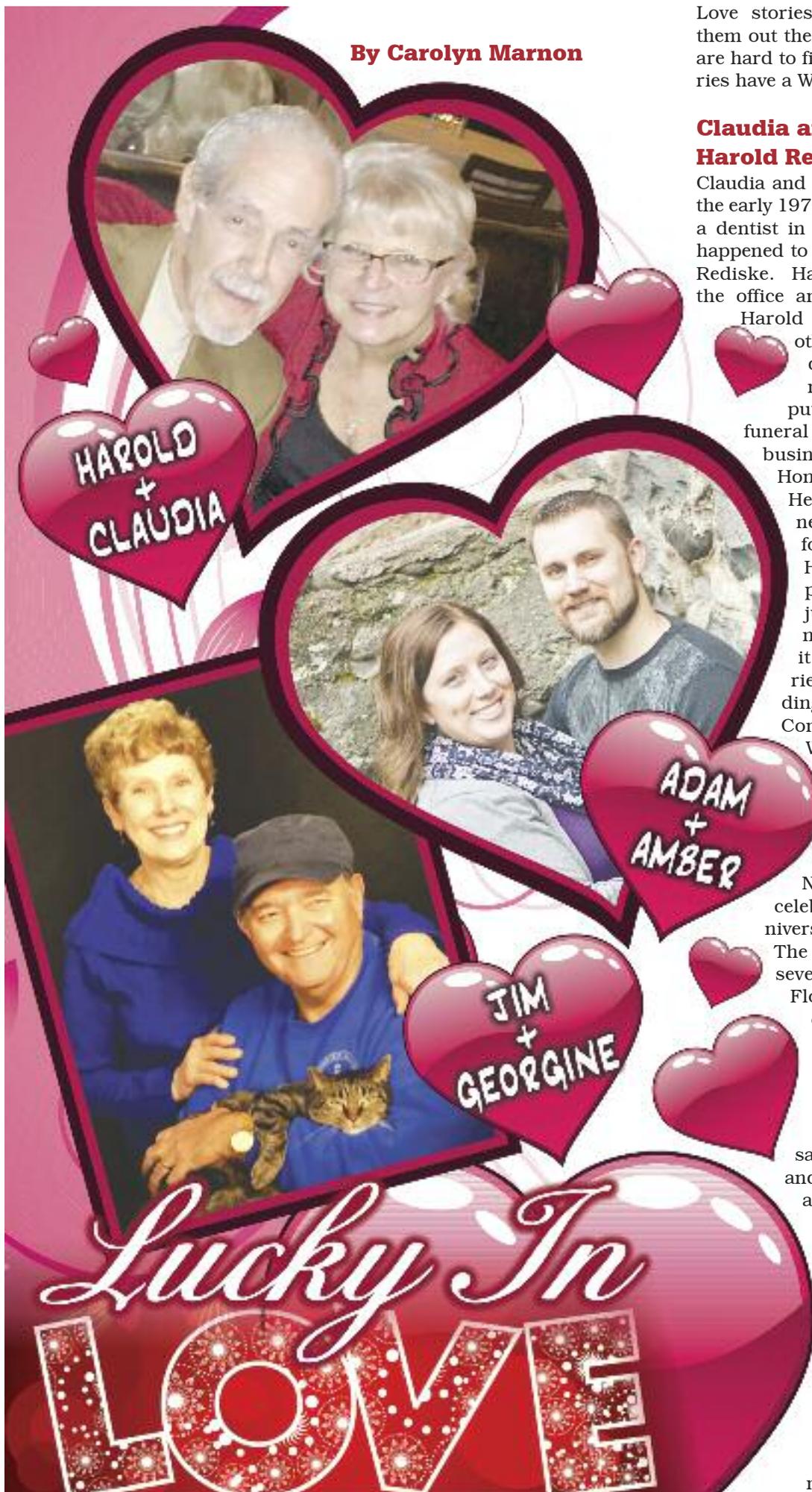
The secret to their marriage? Communicate and make time for each other.

Adam Schindler and Amber Berish

It all started with okcupid, a free online dating site. Adam was born and raised in Wayne. Amber had just moved to the area. They met online and chatted for a bit before meeting. Their first date was at Ruby Tuesday in Canton on July 11th. There was a 7-Eleven across the street, so he jokingly said they should go get free slurpees. She agreed, and he knew she was the one for him.

It's the proposal that stands out in their relationship. Adam has enjoyed disc golf for the past 12-13 years. Disc golf is where you throw a specially made disc (similar to a Frisbee) into a wire basket. He was looking for a special way to propose to Amber. As he was going through his social media accounts, he came upon an advertisement for custom made discs. He could get one that said "Will you marry me?" and use it to play sometime. He researched proposal ideas for disc golf, but all he came across were proposals to build disc golf courses. He figured this would be a unique way to propose.

With the help of his 2 daughters, they set up a plan. On September 5, 2015 they took Amber disc golfing at the Old Airport Disc Golf Course in Au Gres, Michigan. They were staying nearby for the weekend. To Amber, it was just another outing. Adam does videography. He had his daughter taking pictures and filming video, so this was nothing unusual to Amber. Because it was so hot out



and they didn't want to get too sweaty, they decided to skip the first half of the 18-hole course. They were on Hole 13 when Adam told Amber to hold on; he had a better disc he wanted her to try. He dug into his bag, took out a disc and handed it to her. It asked her to marry him. The video of this moment is on YouTube and has had almost 6000 views. You can view it by searching on YouTube.com for Disc Golf Proposal. Why propose on Hole 13? 13 is Amber's lucky number. She was born on Friday, the 13th. Her sister got married on the 13th. Her parents got married on the 13th. It's just been lucky 13 for her. When Adam was trying to decide how to do the proposal while disc golfing, it was his daughter who said "Daddy, do it on hole 13 because that's her lucky number."

The couple plan to get married on October 14, 2016. Mini disc golf items will certainly be part of the décor.



Georgine and her first husband Leo Favazza.

Georgine and Jim Jeziorowski

In 1959, Georgine married Leo Favazza, a musician barber. They lived in a 1-bedroom flat in Detroit. Leo saw some ads for homes in Wayne for \$5 down. In 1962, they moved into a \$9999 home. They did things with their neighbors. They had 5 children and then moved to a house on Harroun. They had more children. In 1993, Leo got sick with liver cancer; within 7 weeks he was dead. Their youngest child was 13 at the time; the other children were older and out of the house. Georgine became sad. She knew someone who was a clown

named Holly Lula. Holly Lula encouraged Georgine to enter a contest the Wayne library was having for clowns. It required a written 25 word essay about why Georgine wanted to be a clown. She won and had her first clown experience at the 1996 Wheelfest in Wayne. Her professional career as Jeanie Beanie began. She was hired for lots of appearances. In 1997, she went to Italy with a group from St. Mary's church choir. While she was at the Trevi Fountain in Rome, she threw some



Bev and Jim Campbell

coins over her shoulder, wishing to meet a mate.

Shortly after that, Georgine was at a training session at Angela Hospice where she wanted to be a clown. She noticed a gentleman while having coffee. This man was Jim Jeziorowski. Jim lived in Mt. Clemens and was at the training session because he wanted to work at the hospice. They went on a date; it lasted 12 hours. They went to Toledo, saw the baseball hall of fame, went to the movie "Liar, Liar", The Lord's Barn in Monroe and talked and talked.

On June 30, 2001, they married. Jim jokes that when Georgine made her wish at the Trevi Fountain, she used rusty coins and that's why she

got him. Georgine laughs. "My whole life has changed because of her," he says.

Their secret to a good relationship? He says it's because she is non-judgmental and always has a positive outlook. She doesn't raise her voice. They can talk about anything. They'll celebrate their 15th anniversary in June. "It's a true partnership that no one's above anyone else," Jim says. "I'm her ears, and she's my brain." Georgine laughs. They've never been happier.

Bev and Jim Campbell

Bev and Jim Campbell went to Wayne Memorial High School together. They met up at parties that mutual friends were having. "I was an oddball person and so was he," says Bev. She was a freshman; he was a senior.

Bev tells a story about one of their dates. They went on a double-date to the Wayne Drive-in with another couple who happened to smoke. The coats were in the backseat of the car with the other couple. They kept smelling something and discovered that Bev's coat was smoldering. Jim's dad's new 1957 Pontiac now had a hole in it. Jim survived. Bev's mom had to fix Bev's coat because in those days, you didn't just go out and buy a new one. Bev recalls they "had a smokin' hot date." Afterward, they still went to the movies a lot but used Jim's 1939 Ford with no heater in it. They had to use lots of blankets to stay warm.

After Bev graduated in 1960 (Jim had graduated in 1957), they got engaged. How did Jim propose? "He just asked me," says Bev. They bought a ring at Shiffirin Willins which is where Wayne Family Dental now stands at Wayne Rd and Michigan Ave. They married in 1961 at the old First Congregational Church. They started out in a little apartment in Wayne and eventually bought a brand new house in Wayne where they got to pick the colors. They've lived in Wayne all 54 years they've been married.

The couple has 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. They've travelled to Hawaii. They have a camper and enjoy camping in Howell every summer. In the winter, they play euchre every Saturday night.

The secret to their long marriage? He lets her do what she wants. Since

he's retired and likes to keep busy, he also does cleaning and laundry.

Raymond and Jackie Gagnon

In the late 1950s, early 1960s, Raymond Gagnon worked at the family gas station on the corner of Wayne Rd and Warren Rd where CarTunes now stands. Jackie worked at a restaurant, Max's, across the street. Ray came in for a tuna sandwich, thought Jackie was cute, and asked her out. Six weeks later, they were married.

They got engaged around Thanksgiving. She was waiting on customers when he walked in. He said he



Raymond and Jackie Gagnon

wanted to see her in the kitchen. He had her close her eyes and gave her the ring. At the time, she had a boyfriend who was also named Ray. She wrote him a "Dear Ray" letter and has been with Ray Gagnon ever since.

The couple got married on New Year's Eve. Ray had a buddy who was home from the Army and that was the only time they could have him at the wedding. Jackie was able to find a dress in Dearborn in a week's time.

Although they've had some ups and downs, they've had a good life together. Ray has been retired from Ford for 21 years. They go on casino trips, to the movies, out to dinner and meet with friends every Thursday for dinner. They lost their great-granddaughter, Alissa Jennings, in 2009 to cancer; she would have been 15 now.

Their secret to 59 years of marriage? Pray a lot and give 50/50. Although "Ray spoils me," says Jackie.

NEWS BRIEFS

Dairy Queen is opening

Dairy Queen plans to open February 2 with hours during the month of 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Daily 50% off specials are planned throughout the upcoming season: Monday (Blizzards), Tuesday (Milk Shakes and Ice Cream Cakes), Wednesday (Peanut Buster), Thursday (Sundaes), Friday (Fruit Smoothies), Saturday (Orange Julius) and Sunday (Cones).

Learn to crochet

Wayne Public Library librarian Adrienne will be teaching basic crochet techniques on Tuesday, February 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Wayne Public Library. Hooks and yarn will be provided. Register for this program by calling the Adult Reference Desk at 734-721-7832 ext. 630.

Daddy-daughter dance

Girls can put on their fancy dresses and dads can come out dressed in their best for the annual Daddy-Daughter Dance at HYPE Recreation Center-Western Wayne on Thursday, February 11, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. All ages are welcome. If dad is not available, bring grandpa, an uncle, an older brother or any other father figure. Tickets are \$15 per couple; each additional daughter is \$5 and includes refreshments and a flower corsage. Pictures will be available for an extra fee. Tickets can be purchased at HYPE's front desk or at the door the night of the event.

Valentine's dinner at White Castle

Wayne's White Castle is promoting their annual Valentine's Day dinner on Sunday, February 14. There will be tablecloths, flowers on the table and hosts serving at the tables that night. You must make reservations to participate. Call 248-477-1450 ext. 10 on Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to make your reservations now.

Community block grant program

There will be two public hearings for the 2016-17 Community Development Block Grant Program on Tues-



Stepping up

The staff at Wayne Memorial High School "stepped up" for their students. Staff members offered to wear tutus for a day if students and other staff members made donations to the Zebra Step Team. This effort raised over \$250. The proceeds will be used to help purchase new uniforms for the Step Team. Step Team members made the tutus for the staff members to wear.

day, February 2, at 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, February 16, at 8:00 p.m.

Spaghetti dinner

Support the Wayne Memorial High School JROTC program by attending their spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Friday, February 19, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at Wayne Masonic Temple, 37137 Palmer Rd, Westland. Six dollars will get you all you can eat salad, spaghetti, rolls and dessert. Proceeds will help send the JROTC drill team to the U.S. Army National Guard Drill Championship in Louisville, KY in April.

Wayne music fest

If music is your thing, attend the Wayne Music Fest Up and Coming Artist Showcase on Friday, February 19, being held at HYPE Recreation Center-Western Wayne 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. There will be multiple acts and multiple genres of music. Tickets are \$15; only 400 are available. Pizza slices and soft drinks will also be available for \$1 each. Come support local artists.

Play indoor mini golf

The Friends of the Library are holding their annual indoor mini golf fundraiser on February 20, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. There will be a gift

basket raffle. Lunch will be available for purchase at the 19th hole. All proceeds will be used to purchase children's books and audio visual materials. Tickets are \$5 for adults (ages 18 and up), \$3 for students (ages 6-18), \$15 for a family ticket (up to 6 people) and children under age 5 are free. Tickets are available for purchase at the Wayne Public Library.

Upward Bound fundraisers

Upward Bound students from Wayne Memorial High School are holding a few fundraisers to help defray costs of transportation for upcoming trips as part of their program. Eat at Buffalo Wild Wings on February 24 and Texas Roadhouse on March 23 and a portion of sales will go to the program. You must mention you are supporting Upward Bound when you go. There will also be a bowling fundraiser at Town and Country Bowl on March 4.

2015 free tax services

If your annual household income is less than \$54,000, you may be able to get your taxes done free through the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency. Services will be available at the Wayne Public Library on Wednesday, March 16 and March 23, 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Walk-ins are accepted, but an appointment would be preferable. Call 734-284-6999 or 313-388-9799 for more information or to make an appointment. You must bring social security cards for yourself and all claimed dependents and a valid picture ID. Call to get the full list of additional items you will need to bring.

Kindergarten round-up

Kindergarten Round-Up for Wayne Westland Community Schools will be March 22. For more information, call 734-419-2083.

Marshmallow drop

Wayne's annual Marshmallow Drop will be on Friday, March 25, and is free. There will be three drops: 10:00 a.m. for children up to age 4; 10:15 a.m. for ages 5-7; 10:30 a.m. for ages 8-10. The drop will be at Anderson Field in Attwood Park. There will also be a Bunny Brunch at HYPE after the drop for a fee. Call HYPE for more information. The drop is partially sponsored by Cross-Pointe Community Church.

Help of veterans needed

Several veterans who are graduates of Wayne Memorial High School want to have a Veteran's display at the Wayne Historical Museum. They are inviting veterans to loan an artifact from their service years and a short story about themselves. Contact Ann Zimmerman at the museum if you can help.

NHS tutors wanted

HYPE is looking for students in the National Honor Society to tutor. In exchange for 12 hours a month of community service, the student would receive a one month membership to HYPE.

Community development director hired

Lori Fodale has been hired as Wayne's Community Development Director and liaison to the Downtown Development Authority. Lori was Westland's Economic Development Director and prior to that, Westland's Chamber of Commerce Director. Her \$70,000 salary will be split between the City and the DDA.

Wayne Drive-In sign: where is it now?

By Carolyn Marnon

The Wayne Drive-In movie theater opened May 19, 1949 as a single-screen facility with an 850 vehicle capacity. In the 1970s, a second screen was added. Movie goers enjoyed the drive-in for many years. One memory posted online from "Work at Ford Truck Plant" reads: "We worked at the Truck Plant next to the drive-in and loved it. There was a break room on the second floor that had windows that faced the screen. The electricians snuck in one day and ran wires for sound before it went to radio broadcast. Many people were late coming back from a break watching the movie. It was a sad day to see it go." And go the theater did; the drive-in theater was closed and demolished in August 1990 to make room for a Ford parking lot. By the time it closed, it had been showing movies on four screens.

The last features listed in the newspaper, according to an online poster, were Die Hard 2 with Night Breed, Days of Thunder with Another 48 Hours, Dick Tracy with Gremlins II, and Robocop 2 with Total Recall.

Twenty-five years later, the Wayne Drive-in sign made an appearance at the Whitworth Estate Auction on September 12, 2015 in New Boston, MI. Listed for sale were "many items from Wayne Drive-In including the large sign (22 feet long x 7 feet high



Standing in front of the Wayne Drive-In sign are Wayne Carini (second from left), Nathan Lippe (third from left) and two friends.

and 18 inch thick with legs folded in."

Nathan Lippe, AdvertisingCollector.com, saw the sign and bid on it. He collects and sells advertising signs as his hobby. His winning bid was just under \$2800. He says he had to use a crane to get the sign off of the Whitworth property. As he says on his website, "It's all about the pursuit of the rare, unusual, and the valuable." After winning the Wayne Drive-In sign, he had to decide what to do with it. He thought of famous Wayne's that might possibly want the Wayne sign and tried to contact them: Wayne Newton, John Wayne's birthplace, and even Tim Allen who is from the Detroit area. He also thought of the star of Velocity's TV show "Chasing Classic Cars," Wayne Carini.

"Chasing Classic Cars," a TV show that follows the master car restorer as he takes viewers on his per-

sonal mission to uncover the world's most rare and exotic cars. Wayne takes viewers along as he tries to locate high-end automobiles stashed in homes, garages and barns in the U.S. and abroad. Wayne got interested in cars when he was 9 years old. His dad restored cars for a living. They went on vacation to the Adirondacks and a man in a neighboring cabin hooked Wayne up for a ride in a Ferrari. Wayne was indeed hooked. "Now we restore them for people all over the country."

Wayne says Nathan emailed him about the sign and whether he might want to buy it. Wayne had purchased another sign from Nathan previously. Wayne doesn't usually buy auto-related signs, but he was interested in this one. Nathan drove the sign from the Chicago area to meet with Wayne in the parking lot of the Antique Automobile Club of America Museum in Hershey, PA. When he first saw the sign, Wayne was "very happily surprised. Then I said what am I going to do with this? Where am I going to put it? and she's (his wife) going to kill me." He agreed to purchase the sign. In

order to keep the character of the sign intact, he asked Nathan to restore the neon to working order, but to leave the rest of the sign as it was.

Nathan drove the sign back home to the Chicago area, restored the neon, then drove it back to Wayne's home in Connecticut. That's a lot of travel for a 22 x 7 x 1.5 foot sign. Nathan says the costs to fix the sign and transport it were over \$4,000. Wayne had recently purchased a farm and happened to have room for such a large sign. It now sits just outside the Carini barn. Wayne plans to put it on a hill in between some trees. He wants to grow ivy over it to make it look like it's been there over 100 years. He'll need a crane to get it up on the hill, so he plans to wait until springtime to do that. People driving by won't be able to see the sign.

Right now, he turns it on when friends come over. Wayne says it's a cool sign, but it won't be lit much. Wayne also has a sign from The Pines restaurant that says "Char-broiled steak" that is 5 feet by 8 feet. It's going in the cookout area by the swimming pool. Wayne also now possesses old rolls of tickets in different colors that say Wayne Drive-In on them. After the show aired in which Nathan presented Wayne with the drive in sign, lots of people reached out to Wayne to tell him about their experiences at the drive in. According to Wayne, the sign is "unique and sort of fun. That's what this is all about is having fun."

Stay tuned to "Chasing Classic Cars" as Nathan says the sign will be making another appearance in the future.

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Wayne resident Riana Hardyniec won The Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan 2016 last month in Saline.

Hardyniec named the Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan 2016

By Carolyn Marnon

The 58th Annual Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program was held at Saline High School on January 23rd. The Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan 2016 is Riana Hardyniec from Wayne. Riana received \$1,250.00 in cash scholarships and was named as a top Physical Fitness and Interview winner. She attends Wayne Memorial High School.

Riana will represent Michigan at the Distinguished Young Woman of America Scholarship Program in Mobile, Alabama. A fully paid two week trip to Mobile, Alabama is provided by the Distinguished Young Women of America organization. She is also eligible for many full ride scholarships at various colleges around the country through the national program along with additional scholarship money. "This was an incredibly smart and talented group of young women and we are so excited to have two new Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan. Both will be excellent representatives at state wide functions throughout the year and also at the nationals in Mobile Alabama." said State Director Angela Bobo. The 2017 Distinguished

Young Woman is Alexis Warchock from Napoleon.

Twenty contestants from around the State of Michigan competed and were awarded a total of \$7,000.00 in college scholarships. Kelsie Wysong, also of Wayne, was Third Runner Up.

The Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program awards college scholarships to young women who have distinguished themselves at school and in their communities.

Contestants are high school juniors and seniors from around the State of Michigan who compete in areas of scholastics, physical fitness, performing arts talent, private interview and on stage question.

It is part of the Distinguished Young Women of America, which is the largest and oldest scholarship program for high school seniors in the country.

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School program takes students to new heights

By Carolyn Marnon

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has the only high school in the United States that administers the Upward Bound program. All other programs happen to be administered by colleges and universities. Although applications have been made for both Wayne Memorial High School and John Glenn High School for this program for years, Wayne has been the only high school to be awarded the Upward Bound grant that is federally funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The program is designed to assist, encourage, and motivate students who have the potential and desire to continue their education beyond high school. It also gives them opportunities and experiences they wouldn't have otherwise.

The federal Upward Bound program has been in existence for 50 years. There are areas of the United States where education isn't equitable. Students from at-risk families don't know how to break out of the cycle that has kept their family down. Upward Bound shows them how to do things. Financial literacy is part of the Wayne program. It's important to show students that they have talents and the ability to go to college and make a better life for themselves.

To be eligible for the program, a student must be a first generation college student (meaning neither parent has a four-year degree) and/or be from a family of financial need. At Wayne Memorial, they must have completed 9th grade at Wayne and have the potential for success in an accelerated curriculum.



Upward Bound students work on their team building skills. Photos by Kathy Hansen

On Friday, January 29, only 20 students were accepted into the program from an initial interest of 120 students. Heather Brescol, Executive Director of Wayne's Upward Bound, had 120 9th grade students indicate they were interested in the program. Of those, only 100 came to the informational meeting that was held. The next step was to write an essay; 85 essays were turned in. Next came the application; only 50 were turned in. From here, personal interviews were held with those 50 students. A selection committee

made up of counselors, teachers, board office members and the Upward Bound staff, go over everything: the essays, student goals, grades, attendance and behavior, to determine who they want to invite to the program.

The grant given to Wayne Memorial limits the program to 85 kids. How many get in each year depends on how many seniors graduate. Although students in grades 9, 10 and 11 can apply, preference is given to the freshmen who will be sophomores.

This is Heather's 2nd year as director of the program. Before this, she was an alternative high school counselor. She applied to be director because she had experience with at-risk youth.

The Upward Bound program began at Wayne Memorial in the 1980s. It has continued every year since. Each grant received covers 5 years. To continue with the grant, a program must show it has been successful. When the grant started, the success standard was sending 95% of the program members to college. Now to be considered a success, a student must graduate from college within 6 years of graduating high school. Heather is required to keep track of students for seven years after they leave Wayne Memorial. The current grant expires in 2017. Heather will be applying for and hoping they will get another 5 year grant at that time.

Students in the program do different things, based on what year they are in. The rising sophomores focus on natural sciences. They learn teamwork through a ropes course. Upward Bound has a partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Students go to the DNR conference center in Roscommon and learn fish shocking, archery, animal tracking and take a canoe trip. Rising juniors research colleges to apply to and write admission essays. They also do job-shadowing. Heather says it's a great way for students to learn more about what happens at a job. This can be helpful because many times, a stu-

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dent may not know what a job really entails and can find out that maybe what they wanted to do is not what they thought. To “know what they don’t want to do is better,” says Heather. Rising seniors learn about careers, take college classes and apply to colleges.

Eight college visits are planned each year. It is good for the students to set foot on college campuses and get a feel for the college. This is much better than coming in as a college freshman never having been to the college. All students must attend a 6-week mandatory enrichment program in the summer. They then go on one trip a month during the school year. These trips are planned by the students to teach them there is more to going on a trip than just hopping on a plane or in a car.

Each year, the senior students plan a trip to DisneyWorld. However, not all of them end up getting to go. There are qualifications to meet. The senior must have completed 4 hours of community service every month, gotten good grades and have not missed school more than the school board policy for attendance states. The trip is 4 days, 3 nights. As airfare has risen over the past five years, the students now have to do some fundraising to make up the gap in funding. Upcoming fundraisers include a night at Buffalo Wild Wings on February 24 (dine and mention you are with Upward Bound and a percentage of sales goes to the program), a bowling night at Town and Country Bowling on March 4 and a night at Texas Roadhouse on March 23. The 85 students who are part of Upward Bound are “my students,” says Heather. She is responsible for these 85. She compares this to the 330 students a counselor is responsible for and the 180 students a teacher is responsible for. She has continuity each year and gets to see her students grow. They are a team. Also part of that team are Kathy Hansen, Program Assistant and Dan Cobello, Teacher.

February 27 is a day of service for Upward Bound programs. The students from Wayne Memorial will be having a contest with students from other local programs to see who can collect the most water as part of a water drive benefitting the citizens of Flint. You can donate water at Sam’s Club in Canton on that day to help.

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Health expo at hype

HYPE Recreation Center-Western Wayne is looking for vendors for their upcoming Healthy You Health Expo on April 2. They are looking for anything health-related that relates to wellness-physical, social, occupational, environmental, intellectual, emotional or spiritual. Vendors may sell items, but they also must have something to give away for free to attendees. The public is invited to attend the Health Expo for free. For further information, contact Irene at HYPE 734-721-7400.

Police statistics for January 2016 and year of 2015

Police Chief Al Maciag reported the following statistics for January: 9 traffic crashes, 1 residential burglary, 1 other burglary, 9 larcenies, 4 motor vehicle thefts, 0 robberies, 9 damage to property calls, 0 arsons and 29 assaults. Seven people used the online reporting system. Recent crime trends include malicious de-

struction of property. Three subjects were arrested for causing auto damage in the parking structure.

For those who wonder what trouble might lurk in the parking structure, here are the statistics: The police patrolled the garage 238 times in 2015. They found 2 juveniles causing trouble, 1 malicious destruction of property, 1 trespass/disorderly conduct and 1 narcotics incident.

Strategic planning meeting for schools

John Silveri, MI Leadership Institute, led a group of community members in strategic planning exercises to help the Wayne Westland Community School District with their long-range strategic plan. Superintendent Michelle Harmala has not appeared at the meetings (there have also been meetings geared directly to students, teachers and parents) because they want to receive honest feedback from people. Attendees were told to

envision their perfect school-buildings, teachers, etc. with no thought to cost. John also noted, with the audience's help, what were considered barriers and what were considered boosters in the current school district. An ad hoc steering committee will be formed with about 20-25 representatives from the community, students and staff that will start meeting in March.

Community financial task force

A new Community Financial Task Force was formed and 9 citizens were appointed to the committee. They will meet for 2 or 3 evenings to address the fiscal state of the City. They will then come up with recommendations for the City.

Open House

St. Michael Lutheran School (Preschool-8th Grade) is hosting an open house to current and prospective students, Saturday, February 20th, between 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Take a guided tour of the school, meet with teachers and learn more about how a Christian education can help your child build a successful fu-

ture! St. Michael is a fully accredited (MANS & NLSA) parochial school celebrating its 33rd school year instilling Christian values, confidence and academic achievement in each student by offering challenging academics, small class sizes (average 15 students per class) with personal attention, technology enhanced classrooms and a wide variety of extra curricula activities in a Christian environment. The school offers AM & PM licensed latchkey and also bus service for residents of Wayne- Westland Community Schools. St. Michael is conveniently located just 2 miles east of I275 and 1 mile north of Michigan Avenue at 3003 Hannan Road in Wayne. For more information contact the school at (734) 728-3315 or visit www.stmichaellutheran.org

Police commendations

Retired Lt. Patrick Lindberg and Sgt. Andrew McKay were presented with Certificates of Commendation at the January 19 City Council meeting for their actions taken when a child went missing in February, 2014. They were able to recover the child in less than 13 hours and prevented the child from becoming a victim of human trafficking.

Domestic violence legislation passes

On February 2nd, State Representative Robert Kosowski (D-Westland) saw his legislation pass the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously and make it one step further in the legislative process.

House Bill 4478 would add companion animals to personal protection orders. "Often, in domestic violence situations, the perpetrator of the abuse will use a family pet as a way to control their human victims," Kosowski said. "In essence, my legislation would add a check box so that a domestic violence victim can include his or her pet while obtaining a personal protection order."

Currently, twenty-eight other states have similar provisions in place. One of these states, Minnesota, has been keeping track of how many personal protection orders have included companion animals since 2010. In 2010, the number of personal protection or-

ders including pets was 167. In 2013, that number skyrocketed to 1067. "Statistics such as these show that once domestic violence victims became aware they could include companion animals in personal protection orders, they overwhelmingly chose to do so," said Kosowski.

"This legislation is more than just including a check box on a form," Kosowski said. "Right now, domestic violence victims are not leaving their dangerous situations because their abuser is using the family pet as a pawn. Ensuring victims are aware they can include their companion animals in a personal protection order not only can save the animal from further abuse, it can save the human victims, both adults and children, from being controlled and forced back into violent situations. I am happy to see that the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee agree with me that this is important legislation."

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What's everybody reading in town

City Clerk, Matt Miller writes "I am almost finished with "Once in a Great City---A Detroit Story" by David Mariniss. A wonderful history of the City with a look at all walks of life, from poor South West Detroit kids to Motown greats, to the Ford Family. It harkens back to the glory days of the City and the formation of the society today. It also is a sad reminder of what was left as the city declines.

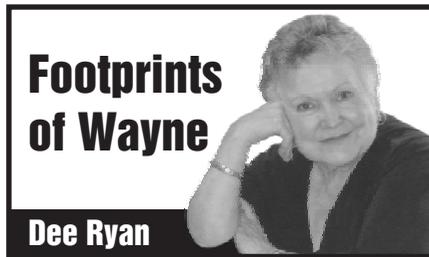
He also writes, I just got "The Danish Girl by David Ebershoff and broke my hard and fast rule of starting one book and not finishing the other. I read the first few chapters. It is just laying the groundwork now.

Matt also read the book "Rosemary-the Hidden Kennedy Daughter" by Kate Larson. "Was also very good. It gives many details about her and her life. It explained the surgery she had and how awful and terrifying it would have been for her. It failed so terribly, and Rose Kennedy didn't handle the tragedy well. It was the practice of the day to hide away the child, but after the surgery, Rosemary really was hidden away.

Matt asks if I will do a movie review..."Absolutely." And this is what he has to say about "Brooklyn." "The movie is one of the most wonderful movies I have ever seen. It is a story of a young woman who comes over from Ireland in 1952 and ends up in Brooklyn. It is a modern day story about coming to America." "I give it two thumbs up!"

The Ladies' Literary Club is reading "Station Eleven." The author is Emily St. John Mandel.

Kirsten Raymonde will never forget the night Arthur Leander, the famous Hollywood actor, had a heart



Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan

attack on stage during a production of "King Lear." That was the night when a devastating flu pandemic arrived in the city and civilization as we knew it came to an end.

Twenty years later, Kirsten moves between the settlements of the altered world and they have dedicated themselves to keep the remnants of art and humanity alive. But when they arrive in St. Deborah by the Water, they encounter a violent prophet who threatens the tiny bands existence. The story moves back and forth, depicting life before and after the pandemic and the strange twist of fate that connects them all.

Mary Lindsay has been reading "Still Life". A Chief Inspector Gamache novel by Louise Penny. This murder mystery is set in the small town of Three Pines, near Quebec; a fictional place you'll want to visit or move to after reading about it. Our former City Manager, John Zech recently read "The Road to Character" by David Brooks. He's now reading "The Orchardist" by first time author, Amanda Coplin. Next on his 'to read' list is "The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto" by Mitch Albom. Frankie Presto, according to the reviews, is Mr. Albom's most unforgettable character.

From Steve McGladdery, Co-Di-



Adrienne Schinkau and Leigh-Ann Hensley invite you to join the Friends of the Library for their annual mini golf fundraiser on February 20th. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

rector of the Wayne Library..."Never too busy to regale someone with my latest reads. I actually just finished a good one called "The Art of Language Invention." It's all about the process that goes into creating an original language for the purposes of fiction, and traces the history of the craft from its early days with things like "Lord of the Rings" and Star Trek's "Klingon" (all complete speakable languages) to modern day superhero movies and popular TV shows. The author has created languages for "Game of Thrones" and "Thor: The Dark World."

Lois Van Stipdonk praises 4 books she enjoyed. "2 AM at the Cat's Pajamas" by Marie Helene

Bertino. She calls it a delightful flight of fancy. "Dreaming Spies" by Laurie King and "The Signature of all Things" by Elizabeth Gilbert. She is

also the author of "Eat, Pray and Love." Lois also liked "Dry Bones" by Craig Johnson.

Did you play Mini Golf at the Library last year? Well, back by popular demand Mini Golf will again be at the Library.

It will be on Saturday, February 20th. The hours are from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. The library will be closed for normal operations that day.

Ticket prices: Students (age 6-18) \$3.00; Adults (18 and over) \$5.00. A family ticket (up to 6 people) \$15.00. Under 5—free.

At the 19th hole there'll be food. A hot dog, chips and pop are \$3.00. Chips are .50 and a hot dog is \$2.00. Rounding an afternoon of fun will be the "hole-in-one" contest.

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2016 DOG & CAT LICENSES

The 2016 dog & cat tags are available for sale in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall. All dogs & cats four months of age or older must be licensed (certificate of rabies vaccination required) and wear a collar with current tag attached. Tags obtained by February 29, 2016, will be at a lesser fee.

Fees during annual licensing period ending February 29, 2016	
Regular license	\$10.00*
License for spayed or neutered animals	\$5.00*
Fees from March 1 thru December 30, 2016	
Regular/spayed or neutered animals	\$20.00
Replacement license (all year)	\$1.00

*Dogs & cats under four months of age or owned for less than 10 days qualify for these rates at any time of the year. Any questions please contact the Clerk's Office at 722-2204.

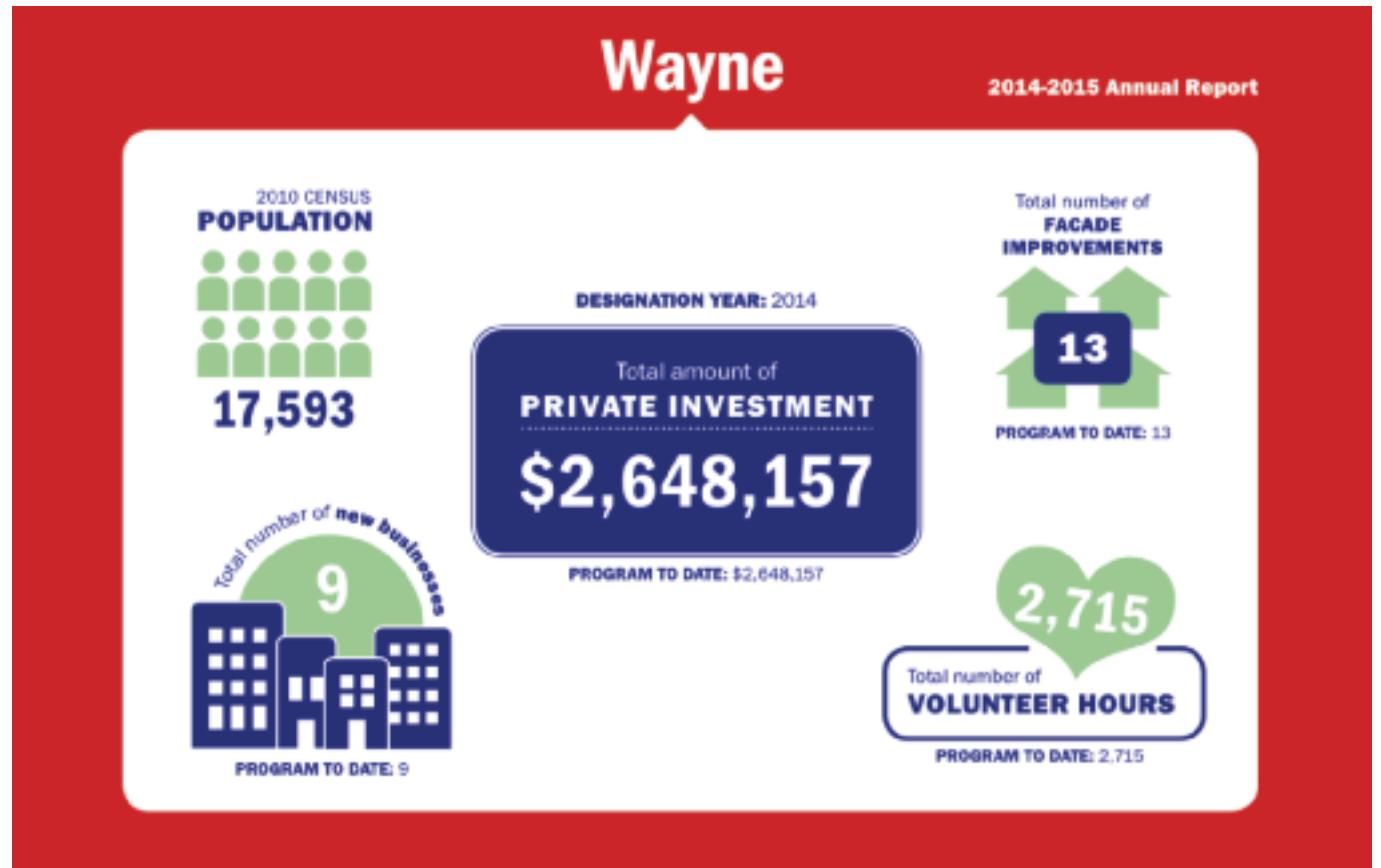
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Wayne Main Street publishes first annual report

Wayne Main Street and the City of Wayne has seen incredible progress during our first year of being a Select Level Michigan Main Street community and we are confident that our second year will be even more exciting. Overall, our program has brought in over \$90,000 worth of resources to aid in the revitalization of our downtown thanks to our relationship with the Michigan Main Street Center and our dedicated volunteer base. Our collective actions are creating a ripple effect with far reaching impacts to touch the lives of all who have a stake in downtown Wayne today, and for generations to come.

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Social Media Marketing Workshop - RESCHEDULED

This workshop has been rescheduled to be a part of our National Small Business Week Celebration. Please stay tuned about more details about things that will be happening that week.

Monday, May 2nd, 6:00 p.m.

Presenter: Kristi Trevarrow from Downtown Rochester & Main Street Nation

How are you leveraging social media platforms to help drive traffic to your business? There are a lot of social media options, and you need to choose carefully where to invest your time and dollars. Through this session, you'll learn about small business marketing trends and tips, and how to incorporate the best social media practices for your business into an overall marketing strategy. \$25 each - Register for the workshop by visiting www.downtownwayne.org/events/calendar/workshop. Refreshments included.

Please bring your laptop computer to get the most out of this



workshop! Interested in a one-on-one consultation IN your business? Only TWO available! Call (734) 629-6822 for information.

Historical Museum to open gift shop on March 10th

The Wayne Historical Society has been busy preparing a brand-new gift shop that will open on Thursday, March 10th, to kick off their spring speaker series. The gift shop will sell museum t-shirts, Wayne history books, cross-stitch patterns, and more! Be sure to stop in on Thursday, March 10th, between the hours of 4-7 p.m. to check it out and stick around for the first program of the season starting at 7:30 p.m. For more information about the Wayne Historical Museum please call (734) 722-0113 or visit us on Wednesdays from 12-3 p.m. and Thursdays from 4-7 p.m.!

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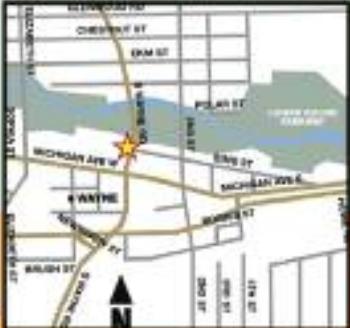
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