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Empty bowls don't always mean a full stomach

By Carolyn Marnon

If you had an empty ceramic bowl sitting on your coffee table or desk, do you think it would make you more aware of the many people suffering throughout the world from hunger? The Empty Bowls Project, a grassroots movement to help end hunger, started in 1990. John Hartom, a Michigan art teacher, wanted to organize a charitable event that gave art students and artists a way to make a personal difference. His students made ceramic bowls in their high school art classes and then the bowls were used as individual serving pieces for a fundraising meal of soup and bread. Guests then got to keep the empty bowl. That was 26 years ago.

This month, students in the Tinkham High School Ceramic program, along with the William D. Ford Culinary Arts program, will be hosting their 3rd annual Empty Bowls Luncheon on Friday, May 13, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the lobby of the William D. Ford Center, 36455 Marquette St. in Westland. You may come to lunch at any time during those hours. The suggested donation is \$10 and will include lunch and a handmade ceramic bowl to take home. Proceeds from the fundraiser will support the culinary and visual arts programs with a donation also going to the Wayne-Westland Family Resource Center.

Ceramics 1 and 2 students at Tinkham have been making bowls since the fall. The bowls begin to take shape by one of three methods: coil bowls, pinch pots or drape molds,

all techniques the students learn in class. Once formed, the bowls take a few days to a week to air dry. Dried bowls then go into the kiln to be fired for 12 hours. Another 12 hours passes before the kiln has cooled down enough to remove the bowls. Students then take the bowls and add glaze to "paint" the bowls. Each bowl requires three coats of glaze, drying between coats, before being fired in the kiln a second time. There is a chemical reaction between the glaze and kiln that changes the chalky-looking glaze into a brilliant shine. All bowls are food-safe according to Anne Chambers, the ceramics teacher at Tinkham.

The Empty Bowls Project began at Tinkham three years ago when a Social Studies teacher used it as a service-learning project. It spread school-wide and grew very quickly. The project gives students the opportunity to make a personal difference in the fight against hunger in the community. The empty bowl that attendees take home is a reminder that someone's bowl is always empty.

Thanks to the donation of a kiln and supplies from UAW Local 900, Doc Stevens and Lisa Washick, the ceramics program is able to continue. Anne is always looking for donations to help support the program. Although cash is always needed, other donations that would be acceptable include clay and supplies that are no longer being used by someone who did ceramics. Anne is also looking for people who would like to volunteer in the classroom helping to make bowls.



A Tinkham student paints a bowl for the Empty Bowls Project.

Wayne resident and ceramics student Leah Hawkins, a junior at Tinkham, is looking forward to the event. "It will be cool," she said. She's made at least five bowls for the fundraiser, including a coral and white bowl she was working on the day of my visit to the classroom. Leah said she was in the class because she was given ceramics as part of the credit recovery program she is in.

When you arrive at the event, you will give your donation and choose an empty bowl before you get your lunch. Plans are to have four different types of soup, bread and pastries, all made by the culinary arts students. There will be a vegetarian soup option available. The ceramic

arts students will be attending the fundraiser.

There will also be a raffle table highlighting local businesses including HYPE Recreation Center, The Avenue, Designer Wearhouse, Helium Studio, AirTime, Sports Venue, Ralph's, Christine-Bryant Cicirelli, Kroger, Mongolian BBQ, Wen Hair Products, Vizzy's Pizza, Designs by Betty, Dog Basket, Dairy Queen, Richard LeBlanc, Glenn Anderson, State Representative Robert Kozowski, and numerous gift certificates. Raffle tickets will be available: 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, 15 for \$10 and 30 for \$20.

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Debbie Cowell

Dana Cowell wrote, "My mom is the most inspirational, loving, kind, giving person I've ever met. I'm very blessed to have her as my mom and my best friend."

Dana's mom is Debbie Cowell. Debbie has lived in Wayne most of her life; there was a 6-7 year period spent in Canton. Debbie grew up as the oldest of 6 kids. In 1971, she was Miss Wayne. She is currently an RN in After Surgery Care at Beaumont Wayne and has been an RN for the last 20 years.

While Dana and her sisters (April and Lindsay) were growing up, "Our house was the safe house," says Dana. Kids knew they could come there to hang out. Although they are a small family, they are very close. Debbie spends time with her kids and grandkids when she isn't working. She takes her grandson's, Chase and Draven (who has a rare incurable disease called mastocytosis where the body creates too many mast cells), to movies and shopping.

In addition to her regular schedule at Beaumont, Debbie volunteers to work overtime 2-4 times a week. One of her former patients remembers Debbie as being the most kind and attentive nurse she had during her 3 day stay. After working her regular shift, Debbie was staying late to work someone else's shift. It was easy for Debbie because she lives



Helen Braun (sitting) with her family Megan Larrison, Elizabeth Honke, Dennis Jaworski, Barbara Braun-Jaworski, Susan Honke, Carol Larrison, Bob Braun, Marg Braun. (Back row) Chris Praedel, Courtnee Keener, Jon Fraser, Jim Costello, Courtney Speace, Matt Praedel, Rob Larrison, Rich Honke and Mike Larrison.

across the street from the hospital and can just walk home when she is done. She commented to her patient that she wants to make all her patients feel comfortable and to get them what they need without having to call someone else in. One of Debbie's daughters works at Beaumont as an RN also. Dana never entered the medical field because she doesn't like blood and needles.

Debbie's granddaughter, Heather, died when she was just 20 years old. Heather is Dana's only child. She tragically drowned in Wayne four years ago. Holidays and birthdays are hard for Dana, but Debbie is always there for her. Dana sees her mother at least 3-4 days a week.

Debbie has no plans to retire. In the summer, she likes to do yardwork and garden in her backyard. She has a special memorial garden for Heather that she created with pink flowers and an angel statue. She likes to read, especially books about heaven, inspirational stories and biographies. She attends Northridge Church in Plymouth. Says Dana, "She loves God and wishes she could spread his message of love and compassion to all she meets."

Helen Braun

"I have an extraordinary mother. My dad travelled for work when we were children and she raised four of us. Mom was at every event that we had and was a constant taxi service. All our friends came to our house. When my grandmother died, Mom drove to Buffalo one weekend a month to help care for my grandfather. She did this for 6 years," says Barbara Braun-Jaworski.

Helen and her husband raised

their children (Barbara, Susan, Bob and Carol) in Buffalo before coming to Wayne. All the kids swam and were involved in sporting events. Susan was involved in gymnastics. Helen drove everyone wherever they needed to go. The Braun house was the one to go to for kool aid and where friends hung out. Helen helped the friends of her children who had problems and spent time with them. "We lucked out when it came to a mom," said Barbara. "She was mom and dad for all of us for 30 years."

When Susan was three, she had open heart surgery. When Bob was 18, he had cancer. Helen was there for her children, taking care of them while her husband was away working.

In 1981 the family moved to Wayne. The move was hard for Helen. She found work as an administrative assistant to one of the vice presidents of Comerica Bank. She retired ten years ago.

Barbara says, "My mother has never met a stranger." She says Helen has a bazillion friends. She could get on a plane with someone she didn't know and by the end of the flight, she would know everything

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Debbie Cowell (in grey sweater) is surrounded by her children Lindsay Cowell, Dana Cowell and April Cowell.

NEWS BRIEFS

Beginner Tai Chi

"This gentle form of exercise can help maintain strength, flexibility and balance and could be the perfect activity for the rest of your life" says an excerpt from Harvard Women's Health Watch. No special equipment is needed.

Call Nancy Wojewski-Noel, City of Wayne Senior Services Director, to see if space is still available for this 8-week class that begins Tuesday, May 3. It meets at HYPE Recreation Center at 10:00 a.m every Tuesday until June 21. Cost is \$52 for the 8-week class.

AARP Smart Drivers Course

Refresh your driving skills with this course. Learn defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies, and much more. There are no tests to pass. Upon completion of the class, you will receive a certificate. Some insurance companies offer multi-year discounts with completion of this course. Check with your insurance company. Class meets Wednesday, May 4, and Thursday, May 5, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for AARP members; \$20 for all others. Class will be held at HYPE Recreation Center.

Clean up/green up

Do you enjoy Wayne Parks? Here's an opportunity to help spruce up Wayne parks, have some food, some fun, and a warm feeling. Come join the fun on Saturday, May 7th.

Bring your family, friends, co-workers, school groups, church groups, sports team, and club members. Help spread the word. People are needed to pick up litter, paint, spread some topsoil or whatever else needs to be done. Meet at Goudy Park at 8:30 a.m. The event will go on rain or shine and is planned to last until noon. Please dress appropriately and bring your own gloves, if needed. Also, although not required, it would be helpful if volunteers can bring rakes, brooms, etc. If you need more information, please contact Len Fisher at (734) 751-7057 or check out the Friends of Wayne Parks Facebook page.



Scoreless

Wayne Memorial junior, Devin Puckett, pitched two shut outs as the Zebras notched their first two victories of the season last month.

Diabetes Path Course

A fun, free, interactive workshop that will help you feel better and improve your health! Diabetes PATH workshops provide the skills and tools needed to improve health and manage and prevent symptoms of diabetes. There must be a minimum of 15 participants to offer the workshop. Pre-register by calling Nancy, Senior Services Director, at 734-721-7460 by Wednesday, May 11th. The workshop is free.

Wayne Historical Museum

Join the Wayne Historical Museum as Carolyn Marnon, Historian of the Wayne Garden Club, speaks about the history of the Wayne Garden Club as they celebrate their 100th anniversary in 2016. The event is Thursday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the museum.

Empty bowls fundraiser

Tinkham Educational Center High School in Westland will be having their annual Empty Bowls luncheon event on Friday, May 13. The Empty Bowls program is designed to bring awareness to the hunger crisis throughout the world, is a combined fundraiser for programs (culinary and art) and is a fundraiser for a local organization that services the students at Tinkham. There will be

a raffle table comprised of local business donations. Call Tinkham for more information (734) 419-2425.

All class reunion banquet

The Wayne Memorial High School All Class Reunion Banquet will be held on Friday, May 13, at the Wayne Tree Manor on Van Born in Wayne. They will be honoring and launching the Class of 1966 Reunion celebration. Make your reservations at www.waynehighalumni.com

Class of 1966 50th reunion

Join other classmates from the Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1966 on Saturday, May 14, for the 50th reunion celebration. The reunion will take place at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Rd, Westland from 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$45.

To make reservations, please go to www.waynehighalumni.com and click on Additional Reunions. If you are interested in attending a Golf Outing on Saturday, May 14, please contact Don Farmer at 734-968-4466.

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Rouge Rescue

Get in on the effort to help our river continue its comeback

By Kurt Kuban

On a cool and rainy Thursday morning in late April, a bus full of middle schoolers from Birmingham pulled into the parking lot at Goudy Park. Led by their teacher, Jennifer Gabrys, the students walked down to the banks of the Rouge River, where a half dozen buckets were waiting for them. Inside those buckets swimming around nervously were about 250 fingerling Chinook salmon.

The students had raised the fish from the time they hatched inside their classroom at Country Day Middle School. With the school year nearing its end, it was time to release the fish so they could finish out their lifecycle in the natural world. The students had come to Wayne because our section of the Rouge, the lower branch, is no longer impacted by dams. The fish would be unimpeded in their dash to the Detroit River and Great Lakes, where they will grow and – if they survive – return to Wayne to spawn in 3-5 years.

The students lined up and then scooped up one salmon after another from the buckets, releasing them one or two at a time into the swift currents of the Rouge River. The smiling sixth graders waved good-bye as the fish swam away into the unknown. It was a successful conclusion to the school's Salmon in the Classroom project, which Gabrys coordinated with the Michigan DNR.

In fact, Country Day M.S. was one of a couple different schools in the



Rouge Rescue

When: 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sign-up begins at 9 a.m.

Where: Dynamite Park

Who: Volunteers needed to clear trails in the park, open logjams in the river for canoeing, clean up trash, and spruce up native flower beds. Dress appropriately. Rouge Rescue T-shirts and gloves will be provided.

More info: Call Kurt Kuban at (734) 716-0783 or visit www.therouge.org.

region participating in the program to release their salmon at Goudy

Park this spring. I can't tell you how wonderful it was for me and Matt Mulholland, who helps coordinate many river clean-ups in our community, to see kids taking such an interest in the river. Several of the adults commented how nice Goudy Park and the river looked. It made me think about all the hard work so many local volunteers have put in over the years to turn around the Rouge's fortunes.

This will be my 15th year involved with Rouge Rescue in Wayne. When I first started, the volunteers were pulling countless bikes, shopping carts, tires and just about anything else you can imagine from the Rouge. After a couple years, with much of the trash removed from the river, our Rouge Rescue events began focusing on building trails and planting beneficial native vegetation along the Rouge between Goudy and Dynamite parks. Our goal has been not only to clean up the river, but to create access and re-introduce people to the Rouge.

Overall, this will be the 30th anniversary of Rouge Rescue, an effort spearheaded by an organization called Friends of the Rouge. FOTR has seen a tremendous turnaround in the Rouge since the first clean-up back in 1986, when not many people were giving the river much of a chance after years of industrial and municipal pollution. But through a variety of efforts over the last three decades, the Rouge River is much healthier today. Fish and wildlife populations are returning – including beaver for the first time in over a century. Water quality has improved dramatically in some places in the watershed, including here in Wayne.

Rouge Rescue has been a big part of the turnaround.

"Rouge Rescue began as a simple river cleanup event. Volunteers did a great job of cleaning up large dump sites and removing a lot of trash from the river. This made a huge difference for the river," said Cyndi Ross, FOTR's River Restoration Program Manager. "People's perception of the river changed as its appearance improved. People came to

Rouge Rescue events to care for the river and at the end of the day developed a sense of ownership of the natural resource flowing through their community.

"After 29 years of engaging the public in caring for the river through Rouge Rescue, less trash is being dumped along the river," Ross continued. "Today volunteer work goes beyond cleaning up trash and engages people in activities that will help to restore the Rouge River. Work sites are planting rain gardens and bioswales to reduce sediments and polluted run-off. Volunteers are also working to control invasive plants that reduce the quality of the ecosystem and degrade wildlife habitat. These projects will help improve water quality and ensure the Rouge River is a thriving resource for future generations to enjoy."

This year, Rouge Rescue in Wayne will take place on Saturday, May 21, at Dynamite Park, one of the best places in our community to enjoy the Rouge. The park is home to a trail system that traverses a variety of wetland and forested habitats along the Rouge. It's a great place to see wildlife and find some solitude. Volunteers are needed to clear trails, open logjams in the river for canoeing, clean up trash, and spruce up native flower beds. There's something to do for all ages.

Personally, I have seen a change in the way people look at the Rouge here in Wayne. We are starting to see the river as a recreational asset, not something to stay away from. That's what the Rouge-A-Palooza event has been all about the last three years. And the City of Wayne, which received a grant from Wayne County, will construct a much-anticipated canoe/kayak launch in Goudy Park this summer.

It's an exciting time for the Rouge. The one thing I have learned, however, is that it takes an ongoing effort to keep the river clean and open. That's where Rouge Rescue comes in. So come on out and help us keep up this great momentum restoring our river. I'm very optimistic about its future.



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Police community meeting update

By Carolyn Marnon

At the recent police community meeting held at the Wayne Police Department on April 28, Chief Maciag started by letting attendees know the status of staffing at the department. Twenty-two officers are currently in the 2016-17 budget. Two officers are in field training right now. Field training typically lasts 4-5 months. One of those officers will be done in about 1 1/2 weeks while the other still has some time to put in. There are 18 officers in the department that can do road duty. The chief is also working on updating the police vehicles. Ideally, he'd like to see a 50/50 fleet of Explorers and Tauruses. He is working on that through grants.

Wayne crime statistics for the period March 29-April 27 include 20 traffic crashes, 3 residential burglaries, 0 other burglaries, 14 larcenies, 7 motor vehicle thefts, 3 robberies, 9 damage to property, 0 arsons and 37 assaults. Assaults include fights and domestic violence. Year to date in 2016, all crimes have decreased over this same period last year except for damage to property, arson and assault.

Fifty-eight cases have been handled by online reporting this year. You are encouraged to use online reporting for such things as harassing phone calls with no known suspects, identity theft with no known suspects, larceny with no known suspects, lost property, damaged property/vandalism and private property traffic crash (parked unat-

tended and returned to find vehicle had been struck).

On March 30, the 7-Eleven on Annapolis was robbed at gunpoint at 4:02 a.m. Vehicle thefts are happening during the hours of darkness.

Chief Maciag encouraged residents who have children with iPhones, to make sure the phones are secured and that kids don't flash their cell phones around. Kids need to be smart with their phones. iPhones are expensive and are a popular item to steal. Help prevent your kids from being a target of crime.

If you see something going on in Wayne that is not a life or death situation or a crime in progress, you can call the police at (734) 721-1414 and hit 7. This might be a good number to save in your phone contacts.

There has been recent talk about events in Wayne and whether they will be able to happen due to low police staffing levels. Chief Maciag is meeting with City Manager Lisa Nocerini to discuss this issue.

Chief Maciag has spent his entire 18 year career with the Wayne Police Department. He said his job as chief is to keep citizens safe. "I'll be the one on Fox 2," he said, if something were to happen to someone in Wayne.

The next community meeting will be held Thursday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the Wayne Police Department. All are encouraged to attend. These meetings are usually held the last Thursday of the month.



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Extended Care: \$5/hour: 8:00 am - 9:00 am and/or 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Where: HYPE Recreation Center Of Western Wayne

Fee: (weekly) \$125/member; \$150/non-member
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Camp Dates & Themes

Jun. 20 - 24	Session 1	All About Me! Week
Jun. 27 - Jul 1	Session 2	Pirate Week
Jul. 5 - 8	Session 3	Animal Week
Jul. 11 - 15	Session 4	Holiday Week
Jul. 18 - 22	Session 5	Weird & Wacky Week
Jul. 25 - 29	Session 6	Sports Week
Aug. 1 - 5	Session 7	Hometown Heroes Week
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about them.

Helen lives with Barbara and her husband, Dennis. Helen's husband got sick and died May 5, 2001. They had been married for 45 years. "They were best friends," says Barbara.

Helen continued to work until she was almost 70. After she retired, she needed something to do. Barbara and Susan decided their mom needed a job. Now Helen volunteers at St. Mary's office. She also reads at Roosevelt Elementary as part of the Literacy Program. She's been on the Commission on Aging in Wayne for about 6 years.

If that's not enough, she also works out every day, except Sunday, and works with a trainer once per week.

Three years ago, Helen was diagnosed with breast cancer. She has occasional bouts with skin cancer. She has scoliosis. She was asked if she wanted a cane to use. "For what?" she replied.

Susan's daughter, Elizabeth, said that Grandma Helen always has cookies. "Grandma is my best friend. I love her." Helen supports her grandchildren. She picks up her granddaughters daily from Wayne Memorial. She makes lunch for Barbara's husband every day. She enjoys playing Show Me the Money on Friday nights at the Wayne Moose. She is also an avid sports fan, especially for Notre Dame. She goes to Tigers and Lions games 4-5 times a year and watches anything sports-related on TV.

This tiny lady, 4 feet 10 inches, is also known for her love of babies and children. Her son-in-law, Richard Honke, claims "She's a food pusher." Her family all have only good things to say about their mother. They are lucky indeed.

Kathleen Horne

"I would love to do a story on how amazing my mom is. She is also going through radiation right now for breast cancer," wrote Ashley Beaubien. Ashley's mother, Kathleen Horne, lives in Wayne and has always been on the go. She's been married over 30 years to Jim and has raised three children: Stephanie Horne (age 29), Ashley (age 27) and Matt Horne (age 21).



Kathleen Horne, seated, with her children Ashley Beaubien, Matt Horne and Stephanie Horne



Ruth Webb front with her son Robert, granddaughter Amanda Webb and great granddaughters Kelsey and Kaylee Shanklin

Kathleen works at a daycare from 4:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. She then goes home to take care of her 87 year old mother who has alzheimer's and de-

mentia and lives with her. She also takes care of Abbi (age 4) and Axel (newborn), her grandchildren. Stephanie lives a couple blocks away

while Ashley and Matt live with their mom.

January 28, 2016, Kathleen was diagnosed with breast cancer. She has been undergoing radiation since then and just recently had her last treatment. During treatment, she took no days off work; she just kept on working.

"Spending time with her kids and grandkids is all she needs," said Ashley. Kathleen loves being outside with Abbi and Axel. They call her meemaw.

For Mother's Day, the family plans to have a BBQ and spend time together at Kathleen's house with her.

Ruth M Webb

Robert Webb will be spending his first Mother's Day without his dear mother, Ruth Webb. Ruth was a long-time resident, over 70 years, of Wayne who passed away March 29. She would have been 96 years old this July.

Ruth was one of the first and probably the longest survivor of the radium treatments used at the University of Michigan hospital to cure cancer. Her name appears on the university's wall of cancer survivors.

Ruth was a World War 2 Rosie the Riveter, working on B-24's at Willow Run Bomber Assembly Plant as a riveter, a riveter inspector and she instructed many new hires on how to work in a production plant. She worked there before they started production and stayed until the last B-24 flew away. She stayed on when the plant was purchased by the Kaiser-Frazer Corporation and worked building the Henry J auto by installing the right side.

Ruth was also a 5 generation grandmother. She was very involved with her great-granddaughters and encouraged them to go to school. Kaylee Shanklin is a high school senior in Wixom who is taking college credits. Kelsey Shanklin, a high school sophomore in Wixom is also taking college courses.

Ruth had seven children: Cletis, Brenda, Robert (lives in Wayne), Ronald (lives in Wayne), Valerie, Diane and Jean. She was a member and supporter of the Methodist Church. She was also a life-time member of the American Rosie the Riveter Association. "She told great stories about the depression and WW2 and how things have changed so much since she was a young girl,"

A day to remember

By Carolyn Marnon

Since the late 1950s, 1200 soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery on the Thursday before Memorial Day. These soldiers then patrol the cemetery 24 hours a day throughout the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing. Jeff Connole, Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1981, was once one of those soldiers. He served at Arlington as a Supply Sergeant from 1983-1986.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. "We know that we sacrificed our yesterdays for American's tomorrows," said Jeff. He says that ever since the draft ended in 1975, veterans since then have taken that sacrifice willingly. They don't do it for the pat on the back. It's their job.

Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor the dead. According to www.usmemorialday.org it was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

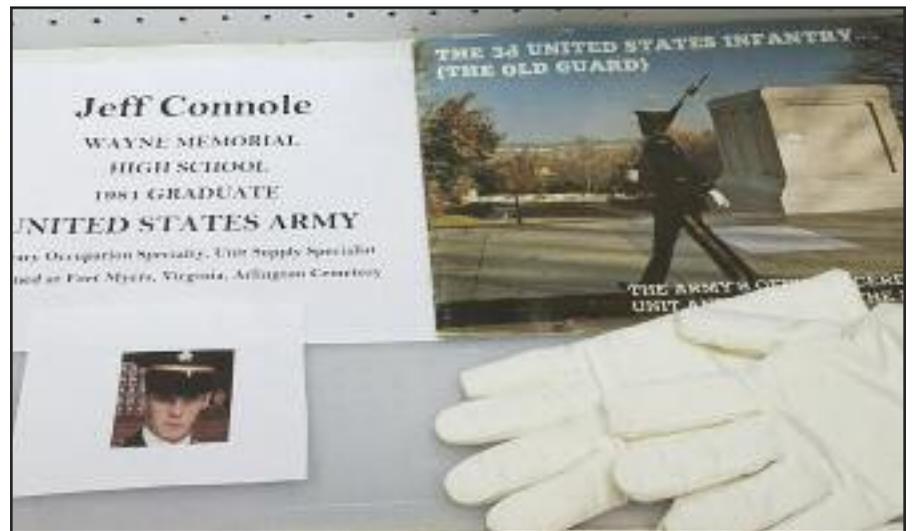
On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery. 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

Jeff says he didn't see much combat during his enlistment. He only has a weekend on his military record. However, car alarms and balloons popping are bothersome. Jeff says military members are "trained and conditioned to a particular lifestyle." He also says "You can never train to be good in combat. You can only be lucky." A person can be trained well and hard and go into a fight, "but you count on your lucky stars" to survive.

What is one of the hardest things about being in the military? Former Army Sgt. Connole thinks that homesickness is one of the hardest things to get through in the service. You're not attending barbecues with family and friends. You serve with other people from other states that become your battle partners. You're away from home, so you share cookies and whatever else you have.

Memorial Day is now celebrated on the last Monday of the month. This year that will be May 30. The Wayne/Westland Memorial Day Parade will be on Sunday, May 29 at 1:00 p.m. It will start at the Wayne Ford Civic League in Westland and end at the Veteran's Memorial behind the library in Westland.

Jeff seeks ways to educate youth about veterans. He would love to see the younger generation being drawn to the Wayne Historical Museum. By beginning and championing a Wayne Veteran's Display at the museum, he



Jeff Connole has some of his military items in the display case from when he was a Supply Sergeant in the 1980s at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Wayne Historical Museum.

is hoping that others, especially our youth, will learn more about veterans. He also would love to get other veterans from Wayne involved in the display. Currently, Jeff has some of his military items in the display case from when he was a Supply Sergeant in the 1980s at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is at Arlington

underneath which are the remains of an unidentified American soldier from World War I.

If you are a veteran, consider sharing your military keepsakes in the display at the museum. The museum will not keep your items; they will only be displayed for a short time. For more information, contact Ann Zimmerman at the museum.

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There's a new little library in downtown

By Carolyn Marnon

There's a new Little Free Library in Wayne, and it's waiting for you to visit. Located at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, the latest addition to the collection of little libraries around town was conceived of by Linda Maylone, a member of the United Methodist Women. Linda loves reading and was inspired by the little libraries that the Wayne Rotary had done. She was inspired to have one made for the church.

Enter Paul Cook, a longtime member of First United Methodist. He made a rough sketch of what the little church should look like and then "I just built it," he says, using items he had sitting around in his garage. The door is a stained glass butterfly he brought here from Kentucky. The butterfly is known as a symbol of resurrection and change in the Christian religion. The church sits on a post made of 4 x 4 pieces. Those pieces were the only supplies that had to be purchased. The church even has a steeple with the



Ginger Cook, Linda Maylone, and Paul Cook show off the inside of their Little Free Library.

cross and flame symbol of the Methodist church. You will notice the little church library is larger than the other ones around Wayne.

The newest library was installed about a month ago. Linda, Paul and Ginger Cook, Paul's wife, envision flowers set on the bare part of the post with a sign hanging down. They would like to eventually see a bench

nearby under a tree where residents can sit and read what they've taken from the little library. Linda is researching information on getting the library registered with littlefreelibrary.org.

The library is stocked with two shelves of books. It is hoped that this will be the little free library to come to when you feel the need to

read an inspirational or religious book. The concept of the little library is simple. Open the door and find a book that interests you. Take the book with you and read it. You can keep the book, but it is hoped that you will return the book to one of the little libraries along with donating any of your used books there also. You don't have to donate to take. You can donate and not take. The choice is yours.

The United Methodist Women have a reading plan where they read books on social issues, leadership, and nurturing the community. They plan to put these books in the library when they are done with them. They also want to see fun books in the library.

Perhaps Wayne will one day have a walking map of little free libraries you can visit on a sunny afternoon. Perhaps other groups and organizations will build little free libraries and have them placed around town. What a wonderful way to exercise and promote literacy at the same time.

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Wayne Farmers Market has a new market manager

By Carolyn Marnon

The Wayne Farmers Market season kicks off on Wednesday, May 4, with a Cinco de Mayo theme, kid's activities and music. A new face you will see at the market is that of Jean Smith, the new Market Manager.

Jean is a mother of six and a full-time student finishing her business degree. She is also the Market Manager for the Sterling Heights Dodge Park Farmers Market. She recently left her farm, where she was an organic farmer for over 15 years. Her family used to sell at the local farmers market. She writes on farmers markets and organic-related gardening topics and is soon to return to being a garden blogger for The Detroit News, The Good Life. She's been a speaker at Michigan Farmers Market Association and has had several articles published in magazines, including Farmers Market Today.

"I am a Certified Market Manager and also currently manage The Dodge Park farmers market in Sterling Heights," said Jean. "I started the Winter Farmers Market in downtown Farmington eight years ago. I have also been a vendor for over ten years. As a vendor, I feel this gives me an upper hand with understanding what vendors need and what makes a market successful."

"Coming in as a new Market Manager of an existing market always poses some challenges. When I was hired, I explained I'd love to be able to give the market a new face by re-doing the market footprint, incorporating several fun events, and a kids corner. I feel that the market is an experience that the community can benefit from and vice versa. My goal is make the Wayne Farmers Market a destination that families look forward to attending every week!"

Jean says they will have 15-19 vendors at the market every week with room to grow. There will be a great variety of vendors from fresh fruits and vegetables, plants, personal care products, baked good, coffee and tea, jewelry, lemonade, donuts, breads, chips and salsa, great food concessions and more. There will be a Market Basket each week where vendors donate an item into the basket. Market goes fill out



New Wayne Farmers Market Manager Jean Smith.

a ticket with their name and phone number. A name will be drawn at 6:30 and then the winner gets all the contents of the basket. They do not need to be present to win.

A vendor table is only \$20 per market day. There is a discount for vendors who prepay for the season. Vendors are responsible for their own tent, table, table décor and chairs. There is space allotted for local businesses and non-profits free of charge unless they are selling something.

There will be live entertainment weekly. The third Wednesday of the month will be an open mic night emceed by a local musician. Jean says the City will be having their concerts in the park during the month of August as well.

Special events planned include Safety Day (May 18), Ice Cream Social (June 15), Auto History Day (June 29), Kids Game Day (July 20), Health Fair Day (August 17), Pet Parade (September 21), Pie Contest (October 19) and Trick or Treat Day-Kids Costume Contest (October 26). All events are put on by the Wayne Chamber of Commerce.

To find out what's going on at the market, you can check out the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/waynefarmersmarket/>.

If you are interested in finding out more on becoming a vendor, contact Jean at towfmmanager@gmail.com or call (248) 872-5734.

There will also be a crafter/artisan orientation at Helium Studio on May 24 at 6:00 p.m. where Jean will give a presentation on becoming a vendor and what is expected.

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How a Façade in Wayne has improved

By Carolyn Marnon

The face of a building, especially the principal front that looks onto a street or open space, is called a façade. Last month, Wayne Main Street held an Open House at 3023 S. Wayne Rd, a currently vacant space in Wayne owned by Paul Visinardi of Vizzy's Pizza fame. The purpose of the Open House was to present Paul with a check for \$9,957.50 as the first recipient of the Wayne Main Street Façade Grant Incentive Program.

Wayne Main Street volunteers, Mayor Susan Rowe, several city council members, Adam Reid (Thomas Duke Co. realtor for the property), and other guests attended the Open House. Lindsey Wooten, Executive Director of WMS, thanked everyone for coming. She thanked Paul for making a \$20,000 investment in his property and the community.

Paul bought the building in 2002. He had new windows and a door installed. In 2014, he applied for and received Design Services, another program available through Wayne Main Street, that involves an architect coming out to view the building, talking to the owner about the owner's vision for the space, and then preparing drawings on things the owner can do to improve the façade while still maintaining its historical integrity. WMS can award these Design Services to up to three properties each year. The design Paul received suggested he put in new(er) windows and a door that would make the façade more historically accurate. If he had not received the Façade Grant, Paul says



Wayne Main Street Board Members: Treasurer Cynthia Schofield, Pat Rice, secretary and design committee chair Carolyn Marnon, executive director Lindsey Wooten, president Cindee McClure and Theodora Brooks present property owner Paul Visinardi a check for \$9,957.50 as the first recipient of the Wayne Main Street Façade Grant Incentive Program.

he would not have made the changes. The 50% reimbursement is what convinced Paul he could make the changes.

The 1800 square foot building with its new facade is currently available for lease. Paul is willing to work with potential tenants to help them get into the space. Adam, Paul's realtor, commented, "We want to find a stable long term tenant. There are a number of ways we can help that include possible free rent and introductory rates...I think the space is best suited for retail, but is versatile enough to be used as an office as well. The community and city have both voiced that they would like to see a retail use go in the space, so that is where we started our marketing."

The building has been painted,

has new windows, a new door, new outdoor lights and looks much better than it did. Inside the space are murals of the beach and the Mackinac Bridge. Suggestions by attendees of the Open House included making the space a destination spot where people from outside Wayne could come to shop or dine, thus getting outsiders to also see what else Wayne has to offer.

The façade grant program was created to encourage private investment in historic facades in downtown Wayne by providing financial incentives. Historically sensitive rehabilitation and dramatic improvement of facades will encourage good design that will serve as quality examples to preserve the architectural character that is distinctive to Wayne. By improving the appearance of the

building facades, the program helps to improve the economic viability of the downtown. 2015 was the first year the grant was offered.

The WMS Design Committee conceived of the grant program and researched different ways the grant could be implemented. \$10,000 was budgeted for the 2015 grant. Wayne Main Street presents a workshop each year informing business and property owners in the WMS district what is available and how to go about applying for the grant.

The number of projects receiving grants in a fiscal year is based on the program budget, with a new funding cycle beginning January 1 of each year. Grants are awarded on a first-approved, first-funded basis. In 2016, \$20,000 is available for distribution.

Only projects that are located within the Wayne Main Street district are eligible. This program is a 50% reimbursement grant with a \$10,000 maximum per project.

Wayne Main Street Façade Incentive Grant Guidelines and applications are available at the Wayne Main Street office (1 Town Square) or can be downloaded from the website: <https://downtownwayne.org/business/grant/>.

If you would like further information, contact Wayne Main Street Executive Director Lindsey Wooten at 734-629-6822 or visit during open office hours on Wednesdays from 12-3 p.m. and Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. at the Wayne Historical Museum.

If you would like further information about leasing the space, contact Adam Reid at 248-476-3700 or areid@thomasduke.com

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Rummage Sale

The Wayne First United Methodist Church will be holding their annual Rummage Sale May 19-21.

Inspire Theatre

You are invited to "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)" to be performed at Inspire Theater, 33455 Warren Rd, Westland May 27-29, June 3-5 and June 10-12.

According to the Inspire website: "All 37 plays in 97 minutes? Impossible! Improbable! Outrageous! "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)" is an irreverent, fast-paced romp through all the Bard of Avon's plays. The actors will attempt a feat believed to be unprecedented in the history of civilization. To capture, in a single theatrical experience, the magic, genius, and male pattern baldness of that maestro of the English stage: William Shakespeare."

Len Fisher, a Wayne resident, is the Artistic Director at Inspire Theatre. For more information on this

and other upcoming plays, visit the website at www.inspiretheatre.com. Please note this particular show will feature adult humor and will not be suitable for children or anyone that might be offended by such.

Memorial Day Parade

The 20th annual Wayne/Westland Memorial Day Parade will be held Sunday, May 29, in Westland. The Westland firefighter's charity will be holding a pancake breakfast before the parade which starts at the Wayne Ford Civic League. The parade will start at 1:00 p.m. and go north on Wayne Rd, west on Ford Rd, north on Central City Parkway and end at the Westland Veteran's Memorial. "We hope that as proud Americans, that the people of Wayne and Westland will take time out of there busy schedules to come out to support our past, present, and future Veterans! We look forward to a big turn out," commented Heather Robertson-Mitchell, Parade Coordinator.

Casino trip

Join the Wayne Rotary for their next casino trip to Motor City Casino on June 4. Bus leaves Wayne District Court on Sims St. at 2:00 p.m. Bus will depart Motor City at 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$35; you will get back \$30 in slot play. Space is limited. Contact Trish Hampton for further information at (734) 890-6934.

Classic Car Show

On June 11, the Wayne Masonic Lodge will be holding a Classic Car Show at 37137 Palmer Rd in Westland. The hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will also be raffles, prizes and a food court. All proceeds from the show will go to benefit Rainbow Girls and Demolays. July 9 is the alternate rain date.

Wayne Golden Hour Club

The Wayne Golden Hour Club is a social group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Senior Services office at HYPE Recreation Center. There is a potluck luncheon at 11:00 a.m. followed by cards, games and socializing. Anyone 50 years and older is welcome.

Garden club cookbook available

The Wayne Public Library now has one of the Wayne Garden Club cookbooks in circulation. If you like what you see in the cookbook, you can still purchase a cookbook. Call Alicia Marnon at (734) 595-4217 to get one. They are only \$10 each. The Wayne Garden Club is celebrating their 100th year in 2016. Be a part of their celebration.

Public announcement from the Wayne police

The lobby of the police department is now designated as a "Safe Exchange Zone" where citizens can meet to buy or sell items from the Craigslist web site. The lobby is open 24/7. If you have any questions, please contact the Wayne Police Department at 734-721-1414.

TEARS Foundation adding names to monument

The TEARS Foundation erected a monument outside Harry J. Will Funeral Home last October dedicated to families who have had a miscar-

riage, still-birth or pregnancy loss. The Foundation will be adding names each year of baby's lost. The Foundation asks for a one-time cost of \$250 or \$20 per month for a year. If you know someone who is interested in having a name added to the monument, contact Buddy Shuh at buddyshuh@me.com or call TEARS National at (253) 200-0944.

Also, if you know of a company that does monument engraving that would be interested in doing the work for TEARS, contact Buddy.

Prom season

It's prom season and the Wayne First United Methodist Church can provide a dress at minimal cost. The church runs the Prom Closet and has over 600 dresses in sizes 0-30 available. If you are looking for a prom dress or know someone who is, call Tonia for a confidential appointment at (734) 564-9791.

Cereal Drive

Emma Socia and Empower Kindness are teaming up with Destiny Worship Center in Northville to collect boxes or bags of cereal for DMC Children's Hospital of Detroit food pantry. A donation box has been placed in the lobby of the Wayne Police Department. Residents are asked to donate bags or boxes of cereal to help beat last year's collection of 45,000 servings. Empower Kindness will be going along with Destiny Worship Center to deliver the cereal to the kids at the hospital. This is the 7th year for the drive.

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Program helps students feel accepted at school

By Carolyn Marnon

Project Unify is bringing together students from Roosevelt Elementary School and Gerard J. McGrath Special Education Center (commonly known as Roosevelt-McGrath) to create an educational environment where respect and acceptance are the norm and all students feel included and engaged. Prior to Project Unify, the general education students did not acknowledge the special education students. Now, they interact with each other, acknowledge each other and play together.

Project Unify is a grant through Special Olympics. The team at Roosevelt-McGrath includes school social worker Jennifer Bush, dual diagnosis teacher Amanda Thomas and adapted PE teacher Erica Hope. They work together to oversee the Youth Activation Committee (YAC) of ten student volunteers from Roosevelt. They set up opportunities for YAC while the kids meet once a week to run the program. YAC includes two student representatives from each third and fourth grade classroom. Those representatives then share information with their respective classes. These students are not forced to be representatives; they want to be there.

In the 1970s, Gerard McGrath was a parent and board member who had a special needs child. His child, who was deaf, had to be bussed all the way to Flint to get an education. Mr. McGrath was instrumental in bringing special education to this area.

Before Project Unify was implemented, students at Roosevelt were scared of the special education stu-



Project Unify students standing: Phaedra Mills, Aiyana Nelson, Andrea Sumlin and Madelyn Taylor. Seated: Calvin Patton, Kaydence Williams and Roxi Johnson.

dents down the hall at McGrath. Now, they know things about each other, including names. Roosevelt students push McGrath wheelchairs. They say hello. There's a partnership mentality that wasn't there before. Students are now at ease with each other and having more fun.

This is the 2nd year of Project Unify at Roosevelt-McGrath. The first year, they were learning how the program would work for them. It is primarily third and fourth graders who interact with the kids with special needs. They did a kick-off assembly and had kids sign a pledge that they would not use the "R" word. "Kids with special needs" is how they

are taught to refer to the McGrath kids. New this school year was bringing in the kindergarten through 2nd grade classrooms as a whole to interact with the kids and get to know them.

Tierra Dunn, a fourth grade YAC, said that when she was in 2nd grade, she thought the McGrath play area was an extra storage room; it was. In 3rd grade, she learned it was actually a room. Now as a fourth grader, she can recognize everything that is in the room.

"All kids are special and different," said Phaedra Mills, a third grade YAC. She likes playing with all the kids at McGrath. "My friend, Thomas, likes to play Batman with me." Batman is like tag between Batman and the villain. Thomas says he is "happy" when Phaedra plays with him. "I'll see you at the Batman cave," he says as he leaves the area.

Briana Johanson, a fourth grade YAC, likes to play tag also. "I love it," she replies when asked how she likes being part of Project Unify. "All the kids are adorable." She also comments that people just overreact on how the kids with special needs look and act.

Every Wednesday, Ethan O'Kelley, a third grade YAC, comes to McGrath to play. "Kids can be different,

but they're always still fun." Another third grade YAC, Robert Thomason, has fun with the kids and helps them out. He likes to play hide and seek with them.

These YACs are going back to their classrooms and sharing how students of all abilities have the power to positively impact their school communities by promoting social inclusion. The YACs eat lunch with the McGrath kids every other Wednesday.

Project Unify is trying to raise money to get equipment that the general education and special education students can play with together, such as soft play environment pieces. They were awarded a \$5000 Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant that will be used to place safety gates that don't look like baby gates around the open play area inside McGrath to help define the space and ensure that the kids are not able to exit. They also plan to use the grant to plant a flower and vegetable garden that is wheelchair accessible.

There are two fundraisers being held. Roosevelt-McGrath is participating in the Insane Inflatable 5K being held July 23 at David Shepherd Park in Oak Park, MI. The course is 3.1 miles with 10 inflatable obstacles to overcome. You don't even have to tackle all the obstacles, just the ones you want to. If you sign up, a portion of your registration will go back to Roosevelt-McGrath as long as you sign up under "Team Roosevelt McGrath" and use the promo code "RME". Sign up at insaneinflatable5k.com. The team password is [projectunify](http://projectunify.com).

If you don't want to run/walk in the 5K, you can donate by going to www.gofundme.com/navku9ks where you will find Roosevelt-McGrath Project UNIFY. \$100 of the \$10,000 goal has been raised so far.

The funds from these fundraisers will go towards building a fence around the outside playground. It is estimated that the fence will cost \$5,000-\$8,000.

On Friday, June 10, Roosevelt-McGrath will be holding their annual Field Day. Activities are designed to include all the students and will include seated volleyball and a version of Hungry Hippos done with scooters and balls.

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Relay for Life is an organized, overnight community fundraising event. Teams of people camp out around a track and members of each team take turns walking around the track. Cancer never sleeps is the impetus behind always having one team member walking. This is a family friendly environment for the whole community.

There will be an opening ceremony at 11:00 a.m. that celebrates those who have battled cancer. At 11:45 a.m. is the survivors and caregivers first lap around the track to celebrate their victory over cancer. In the evening, the luminaria ceremony begins at 10:00 p.m. The candlelit luminarias remember loved ones lost to cancer, support those who currently have cancer, and honor those who have fought cancer in the past. The event ends with the closing ceremony at 7:00 p.m. the next morning where attendees remember those lost and commit to continue the fight against cancer.

All are welcome to come to the event and support the walkers and enjoy available activities.

May is National Historic Preservation Month

May is Preservation Month, and this year we're celebrating with three words that say it all: This. Place. Matters.

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At Wayne Main Street, we believe that Preservation Month is an excellent opportunity to shine a spotlight on all the special places that are important to you. To help you celebrate, we're hosting a city-wide architectural term scavenger hunt throughout the month of May. It's a fun activity for the whole family to partake in.

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Wayne Civitans hosted dance for Special Olympics

The Wayne Civitan Club had its annual dance for the Wayne-Westland Special Olympians on April 13th. This year they had a "Spring Fling" dance that was at Stevenson Middle School in Westland. Tyrone Hamilton was the DJ; he created a music mix to keep the athletes dancing. A local company, Rock the Booth, came out with their photo booth for the athletes to take their pictures for a nice memory of the night. When the athletes were not dancing or getting their pictures taken, they enjoyed refreshments of pizza, cookies and beverages.

In the past, the dance has been held in January and called a "Sno-Ball." The room would be decorated with snowmen and other wintery items. The athletes look forward to the dance every year and really have a great time.

The Wayne Civitan Club has been in Wayne for 57 years and has been involved with Special Olympics at the local, county and state level. For a

number of years the club hosted the State Special Olympic Softball Tournament at the Canton Sports Complex.

The club is involved with the park they adopted (Civitan Park), literacy projects with the Wayne Library and the Wayne-Westland Schools and the local community.

Good Kids Good Citizens Good Community

The Wayne Civitans and the Wayne Public Library will be honoring the 18 nominees of the Good Kids Good Citizens Good Community project on May 11 at 7:00 p.m. The nominations come from parents, police officers, teachers and principals in the Wayne-Westland area for good deeds they have performed that deserve recognition.

Winners are awarded with a certificate and a book donated in their name to the library. The Wayne Civitans will also award their high



Special Olympians have a great time at the "Spring Fling" dance that was at Stevenson Middle School sponsored by The Wayne Civitans.

school scholarship winner Hannah Hamilton from Wayne Memorial, that night. She will also have a book

donated to the library in her name. There will be refreshments after the awards.



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