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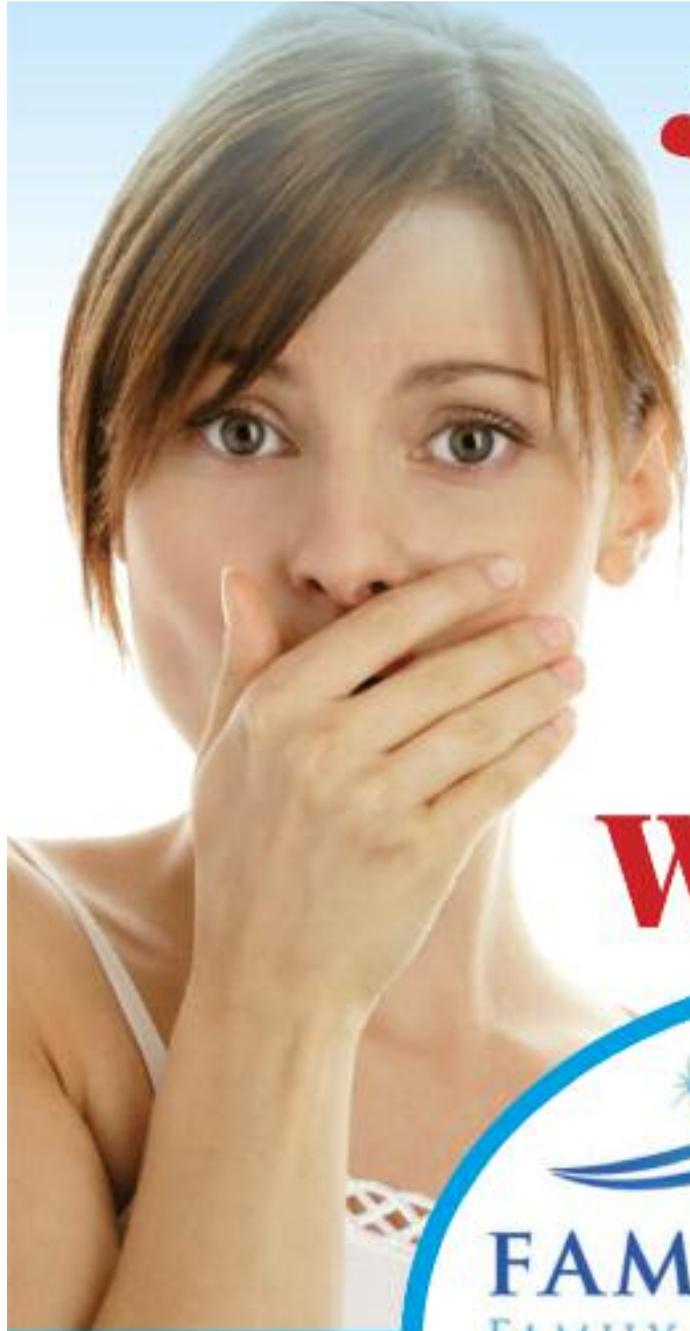
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Free legal presentation and assistance

A presentation by Elder Law and Advocacy Center of Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan on Wednesday, February 7, at 1:00 p.m. will focus on guardianship, conservatorship, wills, trusts, power of attorney, nursing homes, assisted living, senior housing and Medicare/Medicaid. Wayne Senior Services is offering the program at HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Rd, Wayne. Pre-registration is appreciated, but walk-ins will be welcomed. Must be 60 years or older and a Wayne County resident.



Making a Difference

Wayne Rotarian and Captain of the City of Wayne Fire Department, Billy Thomas, prints students' names in their dictionaries. The Wayne Rotary gave 274 dictionaries to Wayne third graders again this year. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

Must be signed in by 12:45 p.m. and attend the presentation to get further assistance from the attorney. Call Nancy at (734) 721-7460 to register or for more information.

Free Diabetes PATH workshop

Beginning on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, a 6-week workshop will be held from 6:00-8:30 p.m. and includes a bonus session on Wednesday, March 21. This workshop is designed to provide skills and tools to help people living with Type 2 diabetes and their support system, live a healthier life. It is a fun, interactive workshop led by certified leaders.

Learn how to manage everyday activities by making an action plan, avoid complications, learn to balance your blood sugar, and much more. To register for this workshop, call 313-586-5488 or visit beaumont.org/classes-events. The workshops will be held at HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Rd, Wayne and are brought to you by the Wayne Senior Services Office.

Pallet sign painting class

Jessica Ansley of Craft and Chill Painting Parties will be teaching a pallet sign painting class at the Wayne Historical Museum on Saturday, February 24, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each and include supplies for the sign as well as snacks and refreshments. Participants will have the option to pick one of two designs, "Michigan Home" or "Wayne Coordinates." Ages 12 and up are welcome. Funds raised help go to improving museum displays and community outreach. Tickets are available on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pallet-sign-painting-class-tickets-42120956916>

Former Sav-A-Lot building

The former Sav-A-Lot building on Michigan Avenue will soon have a new tenant. Planet Fitness will be coming to Wayne in the near future.

Swim night for women

HYPE Recreation Center is hosting Women's Only Swim Nights on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. Cost is \$6 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Girls and women must be age 13 or older. No children under 13 and no boys allowed. HYPE is located at 4635 Howe Rd. For more information, call 734-721-7400.

Snow reminder

The team at the Wayne Department of Public Works works hard to clear the snow and ice on our local roads. If the City has a snowfall of 4 in. or more, residents are asked not to park on public streets. You will be notified via the general media when the snow emergency is over and street parking is once again allowed. The DPW clears major roads first, then residential streets, dead-end streets and cul de sac areas. If you have any questions, please contact the Wayne Department of Public Works at 734-721-8600.

An evening with Barry Manilow

Frank M. Sternett is a premier Barry Manilow tribute artist who has performed in Las Vegas. He has had the privilege to open for The Four Tops, Tanya Tucker, Frankie Avalon, Rich Little and many more. He has also appeared on Regis & Kathie Lee, Geraldo, and has even come face to face with the man who "Writes the Songs," Mr. Barry Manilow! Come to Notre Dame Lounge, 3144 S. Wayne Rd. for dinner and the show on Saturday, February 24, at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.

History of amusement parks in America

Join us for the rise, fall and re-birth of amusement parks in America. Beginning with small trolley parks and picnic beaches and going up to the multi-billion dollar parks of today, the history of amusement parks is a real rollercoaster ride. Join the Wayne Historical Society at this special presentation about the rise, fall and rebirth of amusement parks in America. The talk will be given on Thursday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne Historical Museum.

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The 2018 dog and cat tags are available for sale in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall. All dogs and 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 28, 2018 will be at a lesser fee.

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*Dogs and 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.



ALL CATS MUST BE LICENSED IN THE CITY OF WAYNE

Loving a program that lets girls shine

By Carolyn Marnon

It's almost time for the annual Wayne-Westland Distinguished Young Women program where high school junior young ladies gather together to compete for scholarship money. The program will be at the Stottlemeyer Auditorium at Wayne Memorial High School on Friday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m.

The ladies who are competing are working hard right now on their physical fitness routines, practicing their individual talents, and learning interview skills. All high school junior females from Wayne-Westland had the opportunity to participate. Only a small number choose to get involved each year as they seek fun, friendship and money for college.

Hailey Dottor was the Distinguished Young Woman of Wayne-Westland 2014. "In my senior year of high school at Wayne Memorial, it was advertised in the school quite a bit, and I had multiple friends who competed in the previous years. I was really interested in the scholarship program but didn't really understand what it was all about. I talked with girls from previous years and they explained it as 'an opportunity for college scholarship money by showcasing your talents, academics, and passions.' I could not pass up an opportunity like that! I quickly contacted the directors and started with the group shortly after."

She goes on to say, "As a college senior nursing student, so many things from this program have helped me in life and academic life. Interview skills are one thing we learn in the program, since an interview is a sacred portion of the program. I have used these skills in a variety of interview settings such as college, externships, and even future nursing job interviews. This program enables us as young women to grow in our confidence and with that,



Hailey Dottor



Teresa Soleau

we are able to accomplish more than we believe we can! Since the program has ended, I have used this confidence to grow in my everyday life, my education and in dance, as I now dance for the Detroit Tigers."

"My advice for the girls this year would be to get past the thought of this being a competition with one winner. This is a time in my life I could go back on and relive again so enjoy your practices, enjoy your silly inside jokes with each other, enjoy all these amazing friendships and memories you will make. Most importantly, remember that we are simply picking a representative from a wonderful and amazing group of bright winners."

Teresa Soleau was Wayne-Westland Junior Miss 2001 and went on to become Michigan's Junior Miss 2001. Junior Miss was the name of the organization before it transformed into Distinguished Young Women. Teresa wanted to attend a private liberal arts college; she thought the program would be a great way to earn some money towards college. "Many other girls from my dance studio in Westland (Susie's Dance Pointe) had participated in the program, and so I'd gone to watch it many times and it seemed like fun."

"I met so many people from so many different communities and backgrounds - from other participants to host families and volun-

teers. When I competed at nationals in Mobile, Alabama there was one representative from each state. It was great to feel connected to 50 other young women from across the country, as I'd lived my whole life up to that point in Michigan. This program was a great way for me to be exposed to a variety of different viewpoints and in turn to build confidence in my own self. For the state and national programs you're spending 1-2 weeks with complete strangers, but by the end you've developed these lasting bonds. I'm still in touch with some of the people from my nationals program."

Teresa is involved with the program still today. She is a scholastic judge for the local programs in Michigan and for the state program. She also designs the program cover each year for Wayne-Westland's event.

After earning a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from Oberlin College in Ohio in 2005 and her Master Degree in Library and Information Studies from UCLA in 2009, Teresa

is currently employed in Los Angeles as the Head of Library Systems and Digital Services for the Getty Research Institute. Teresa advises girls to "enjoy your time in the program. Recognize that this is a unique experience that only a few of your fellow classmates will have the pleasure of being involved in. Use the interview to prepare for the job market. If you take it seriously, you will feel more confident when you have your first job interview after high school knowing that you've been through an interview before (and survived to tell the tale!)"

Please support this year's group of girls as they gather on Friday, March 9, to compete for scholarship money and entertain the audience.

If you know a girl in Wayne-Westland who is currently a high school sophomore, tell her about this program. She might like to attend this year's program to see what is involved which might prompt her to want to sign up for next year's program when she is a junior. Orientation will take place January 2019.

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Judge orders recall election for May 8th

By Carolyn Marnon

"I think the law is pretty clear that it's likely the plaintiff will prevail on the merits," said Chief Judge Robert J. Colombo, Jr. from his Third Judicial Circuit Court courtroom in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center on Friday morning, February 2, before ordering the Wayne County Clerk to issue a Call for Election "today."

The petitions at issue are to recall city councilman Christopher Sanders. Councilman Sanders made a last-minute challenge to the county clerk after the petitions were filed with the county saying the petitions were defective because they lacked a box for out-of-state circulators to mark. The Wayne County Clerk then determined she was without authority to issue a Call for Election because the petition did not comply with the latest version.

"Something about that guy...nine lives," said Bob Boertje earlier that morning before the hearing. Bob was the impetus behind filing the recall petitions with the county.

Bob grew nervous after Judge Colombo asked Mr. Boertje's attorney, Scott Ruark, whether he thought Councilman Sanders should have been notified about the emergency hearing being held. Mr. Ruark responded that the issue pertained solely with the County Clerk's office and the use of the incorrect form.

Attorney Ruark is also a Wayne resident. He stood before the judge in a crowded courtroom of black suits to request the clerk be ordered to issue a Call for Election.

"Democracy is at work with a recall," said Attorney Ruark.

In his decision, Judge Colombo spoke to those assembled. "The court must consider the following factors. The likelihood that the party seeking the injunction will prevail on the merits. I think the law is pretty clear that it's likely the plaintiff will prevail on the merits...I totally reject the argument that this court cannot provide a remedy if the county clerk doesn't comply with the law. That's what courts are for. We're still within the period of time that I can order the county clerk to call an election if I believe the county clerk has made an erroneous decision, and I do believe the county clerk has made an erroneous decision."



Attorney Scott Ruark lays out the mistakes made by Wayne County Clerk's Office to Judge Colombo on the recall of Councilman Christopher Sanders.



Bob Boertje reacts to Judge Colombo's decision.

"The next factor is the danger that the party seeking the injunction will suffer irreparable injury if the injunction is not issued. I think irreparable injury will occur. What we're talking about is someone whose gone out and gotten over 1200 signatures for a recall petition against a city councilperson, Mr. Sanders. If I don't grant this relief, this matter will not be on the ballot. The electorate will be deprived of an opportunity to vote on the recall. If the electorate wanted to recall Mr. Sanders in May, and I don't enter an order, it allows him to continue in his office until the next election that can be held which would probably be the August primary."

"The next factor is the risk that the party seeking the injunction would be harmed more by the absence of an injunction than the opposing party would be by the granting of the relief. I do think the plaintiff would be more harmed in this case because of going out and getting these signatures. What we're



Judge Colombo gives his decision in favor of Boertje.

talking about, and this is true of just about any elected official except judges, they all can be subject to recall. It's something that goes with holding elective office in this state. Unfortunately, I think it happens too often. I'm not a big fan of recall elections. I think they are disruptive, but if someone has a valid basis and sets forth the reasons and the election commission approves it and then goes out and gets the signatures, it seems to me that balancing that harm-the harm is greater to the plaintiff than it is to Mr. Sanders. And I don't see any damage to the county clerk because the county clerk is required just as I am required to follow the law."

"The harm to the public interest if the injunction is issued...There's been an issued raised with respect to a vote allegedly made by Mr. Sanders to extend his term. This is the basis for the recall petition. I think that the harm is greater to the public who would not be given the opportunity to vote on this matter if,

in fact, I do not grant the relief."

"Finally, this is a pure ministerial act of the county clerk, and I believe that the county clerk should have performed the ministerial act of calling the election. Because it didn't comply with the requirement, the county clerk did not comply with the requirement that the form should be reviewed seven days within the filing of the petition. It's my position it was waived and that could not be the basis for denying the call, the recall election. So I will enter an order today ordering the county clerk, today, to call for an election on this recall petition," stated Judge Colombo after nearly an hour.

Earlier in the proceedings, Wayne County Attorney Janet Anderson-Davis had argued that election law says that Mr. Boertje could redo the petition and thus would not be suffering irreparable harm by doing so. Councilman Sanders' attorney Michael P. Hindelang said "no one is asking the votes to be disregarded." Anderson-Davis also argued that Mr. Boertje could have looked at the Michigan statute to make sure he had the correct form. "Why didn't the county clerk do that?" roared Judge Colombo.

"My client has done everything he was asked to do by the city clerk," said Attorney Ruark.

A plaque hanging outside the courtroom reads: "The court provides accessible and equal justice with timely dispute resolution."

When asked how he felt about the judge's decision, Mr. Boertje replied "Relief. Relief." What makes this even more of a victory for Bob is that he has been dealing with non-small cell lung cancer that has spread to other parts of his body. He has had radiation, chemotherapy and is now in a University of Michigan drug study that he says is "keeping me alive. I didn't want to let the people of the recall down, so I would walk as much as I could for the recall. It wasn't just about me. It was about what was right. You think you're doing what is right and then Wayne County makes all these mistakes."

"As a citizen of Wayne, I want to thank Bob Boertje because Friday's ruling wouldn't have happened without him," said Mr. Ruark. "It was a

Local couples talk about love and marriage

By Carolyn Marnon

Look around you and I am sure you will find many couples who have been happily married for a number of years. Here are just a couple stories from around the community.

Dwayne and Shawna Walker

They've been together through thick and thin for 18 years. Shawna and Dwayne Walker met when they both worked at the Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne back in November 1999.

"When I first met Dwayne, I knew. I called my mom and told her 'I met my husband today,'" Shawna recalls with a smile. Dwayne sits beside her; he's smiling too.

Shawna worked on the line hanging wires. Dwayne was the Union Rep. He was always walking around. Eventually he sauntered up to her and started talking to her. They began talking more as the days went by and found that they had many things in common. One of the biggest commonalities was that they both felt giving back to the community was important. She says church and family were also important to her and he agreed. "We were cool—hanging out as friends. No pressure," Dwayne says.

They each already had families, so when they got married 3 years later, they became a blended family. In 2013, they renewed their vows. They saw it as a celebration of new life. "We'll spend the rest of our days out spending our kids' inheritance,"



Dwayne and Shawna Walker

jokes Dwayne. Or maybe he is serious. He and Shawna love to take spontaneous trips together. One day, they drove all along US12 to the Indiana border where they had lunch and then drove back home.

Dwayne is the President of Local 900 UAW and on the Zoning Board of Appeals for Westland. Shawna is the Director of Crossing Bridges, a 501©3 non-profit organization located in Wayne and the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board President. They support each other by going to each others' meetings. "It's a friendly face to look at," says Shawna. They watch football games together, both on TV and in person.

Dwayne thinks it's still important for them to give time to themselves and their relationship.

At the conclusion of his life, Dwayne quips that he wants it to be known, "he tried to do it all."

Mike and Mona Gocaj

They've been married for 51 years. The marriage of Mike and Mona Gocaj was arranged by their families who were friends back in Yugoslavia (now Kosovo). After spending 12 years in Croatia where they had two children, John and Skender, (Skender died in a car accident in 2003), they returned to Kosovo for 3-4 years during which two more children were born, Scott and Cindy.

In 1979, they moved to the United States to join an uncle who had been living here since the 1960s. They worked together in the restaurant business. The family owns US12 Bar and Grill on Michigan Avenue.

Asked what the secret is to their long marriage, Mike says they had to make it work for the family and the

children. They had to stay together for the children. They had four children to raise and support. He also joked that he couldn't have any more girlfriends; he's been very loyal since he met Mona. Mona interjects, "He works twelve hours a day; he has no time for girls."

Mike and Mona both come from big families. Mona has twelve sisters spread throughout the world; there are no brothers.

What are their plans for Valentine's Day this year? Mike says he will be making a party for Mona. He says he is 84 and still loves his wife. John Goci, their son, says "My mom's a saint for putting up with him all these years!"

Although it is still a little early to be thinking about St. Patrick's Day, let it be known that Mona cooks all the corned beef and cabbage herself that US12 serves that day.

And in case you are wondering about the last names-Gocaj and Goci—they are both pronounced "Go-chee." One is modernized and one is as it was in the old country.



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Johnson announces campaign for State House seat

By Carolyn Marnon

Westland city councilman Bill Johnson recently announced his campaign to fill the 16th State House seat that is being vacated by Rep. Robert Kosowski due to term limits.

Mr. Johnson spoke of the double desks in the House of Representatives chambers. He said the democrats sit on one side of the room and the republicans sit on the other side. His goal is to get the double desks to be shared by a democrat and a republican. "That will force them to talk to each other," he said.

What does he know of Wayne's financial troubles? "I know they're in dire straits. Things are real tough over in Wayne now," said Mr. Johnson. The 16th District covers all of Wayne and part of Westland. He figures Wayne has probably lost about \$700,000-800,000 per year in revenue sharing. Revenue sharing is one of the issues he wants to address as a Representative.

Another issue of importance is public safety. He stated that the po-



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lice and fire departments in Wayne are down to the bare minimum. Either more money needs to be gener-

ated from revenue sharing or more budget cuts would need to be made to better fund the departments.

He would like to find ways to help small businesses. His cousin owns Dillon's Jewelers in Westland. He would like to gather about 15 small business owners together and listen to them talk about the issues they face. He thinks the big box stores harmed the small local stores, like Northside. "Now the internet is killing the big box stores," he said. Michigan is not taxing items sold on Amazon currently, although there is a bill being discussed in the House.

Veterans are important to Mr. Johnson. He says many veterans get out of the service and aren't aware of all the benefits they are entitled to. He feels there should be some type of training or class offered to these veterans to go over all those benefits. He went to an event that had about 150 veterans, and he said about half of them had no clue to the benefits they are entitled to. He said there is so much red tape that if they do

know of the benefits, they get frustrated and give up. "We don't take care of our veterans, and that's a shame," he said.

There isn't much for seniors to do and "they paved the way for everyone," said Mr. Johnson. He and his wife like to go out to dinner on Friday or Saturday night. When they do, they always find a few seniors who are also dining and pay for their dinners with the waitress.

Rep. Kosowski told Mr. Johnson that there is approximately 31 billion dollars in the fund that about \$200 of your auto insurance goes into for catastrophic injury claims. He says the insurance companies manage the fund, and there is no transparency. He thinks if the 31 billion dollars was invested properly, it could be self-funding.

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Now open in Wayne

By Carolyn Marnon

Powers Woodcrafts, a specialty woodworking and crafts store, has just recently opened its doors to the public.

Powers Woodcrafts is locally owned by husband and wife team, Mary and Jeff Powers. They wanted to share their love of art and wood crafting with the community. The Powers family moved to Wayne in 2007. All four of their children attended Wayne-Westland schools. Mary was actively involved with the Wayne-Westland Community School District. In 2015, she decided to expand her volunteering efforts to benefit her hometown by volunteering with Wayne Main Street where she eventually became a member of the Board of Directors. Jeff has been a wood-crafting enthusiast for many years. It was this enthusiasm which inspired the couple to start their new venture. "With locally sourced art, as well as crafting materials growing in demand, this new member of our family of businesses will be a great addition to our City," says Pat Rice, Board Member of Wayne Main Street



Jeff and Mary Powers and Chair of the Business Empowerment Committee.

Powers Woodcrafts is located at 35065 Glenwood Rd at the intersection of Wayne and Glenwood. The building is positioned between Trendsetters Boutique and The Alano Club.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for Powers Woodcrafts will take place February 14 at 4:00 p.m. and is open to the public. The store is open Tuesday and Thursday 3:00-9:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The store is open only by appointment on Sunday and Monday.

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Former City of Wayne firefighter remembered

By Carolyn Marnon

Retired Lieutenant of the Wayne Fire Division Owen McGill died last month; he was 90 years old.

Born in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada in 1927, Owen McGill moved to Wayne, Michigan in October 1942 where he attended Fordson High School in Dearborn and Wayne High School in Wayne. He enlisted in the US Navy in January 1945 where he served on a minesweeper in the Pacific Theater. After he was discharged, he worked with his father in the family trucking business until 1949 when he became employed by the Cadillac Motor Car Company. While he was working there, he took the examinations for both the City of Wayne Police and Fire departments which he successfully passed.



Owen McGill

Fire Chief Henry Goudy interviewed Owen. Owen started working for the fire department in 1951, was promoted to Sergeant and later to Lieutenant, the rank which he held until his retirement in 1982. During his 30 years with the department, he served under three Fire Chiefs, three City Managers and one Public Safety Director. To stay informed of the

changing environment of fire service, Lt. McGill attended the various schools and seminars offered. He was also a state-licensed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

Lt. McGill stayed busy. He served two terms on the City's retirement board as a Fire and Police representative, was a member of the International Association of Firefighters Local 1620 (as well as a past President) and was a past President of the Wayne Memorial High School Sports Booster Club. He served as an assistant scoutmaster for Boys Scouts of America Troop 1746 and served on the P.T.A. board at Washington Elementary School. He was a member of Wayne #112 and Lincoln Park #539 Masons.

Joe Kadlec hired into the Wayne Fire Department in January 1970 under Lt. McGill. He said Owen was a very well-liked man, a mentor to many and was mentally sharp up to the end of his life. At the firehouse, Lt. McGill was even-tempered and had a sense of humor. He taught the men under him how to approach issues sensibly. He was willing to teach his men and help them get through their careers as fire fighters. He displayed exemplary conduct and professionalism. Joe remembers him as "the Walter Brennan of the fire department."



Wayne Firefighter Owen McGill during a drill in 1957.

Where can I take my valentine?

Elvis sighting in Wayne!

Yes, you too can see Elvis is still alive! He will be appearing live and in concert on Saturday, February 10, at the Knights of Columbus, Notre Dame Lounge, 3144 S. Wayne Rd. Tickets for the show and dinner are \$15 per person. A cash bar will be available. For more information, contact Paul at (734) 748-3771. You can get tickets on Wednesday and Friday nights at 6pm when the lounge is open to the public.

Valentine's Tea with Mary Todd Lincoln

Mary Todd Lincoln will be celebrating Valentine's Day and Abraham Lincoln's 209th birthday on Saturday, February 10, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Westland Historic Village Park. Victoria's Tea Salon will be providing food and tea while Mary talks about her relationship with Abe. Tickets are available at Eventbrite.

Tickets are \$40 per person and include tea, four different kinds of sandwiches, one scone and three desserts. Westland Historic Village Park is located at 857 N. Wayne Rd in Westland.

Valentine's dinner at Karma

Karma Coffee and Kitchen is hosting their 2nd Annual Valentine's Dinner on Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. Come enjoy a four-course dinner consisting of puffy pastry filled with brie cheese, brown sugar, walnuts and dried cranberries, salad, dessert to share and a choice of chicken marsala, steak burgundy or stuffed portabella mushroom cap. Sides include redskin potatoes and green bean almondine.

Seating is limited. Reservations are required. Please call 734-589-0304 before February 10 to reserve your seats. Tickets are \$80 per couple. Karma Coffee and Kitchen is located at 35634 Michigan Avenue.

Daddy-daughter dance at Hype

Attend the Daddy-Daughter Dance at HYPE on Friday, February 9, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Dinner and refreshments will be served. Pictures are an additional cost. Tickets are limited to the first 225 people and are \$25 per couple and \$7 for each additional child. All ages are wel-

come. Call 734-721-7400 for tickets.

Tableside service at White Castle

White Castle is now accepting reservations for its 27th annual Valentine's Day dinner on Wednesday, February 14, from 4:00-9:00 p.m. at most Castles. For the first time, diners can now book reservations online through OpenTable.com, or the OpenTable app, the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations. You can also call (248) 477-1450 ext. 0 to make reservations at our local White Castle located at 32925 Michigan Ave in Wayne.

Cravers can share their love of White Castle and make this dinner a memorable moment by inviting family and friends to join them, but reservations are limited so book your reservation early.

This renowned and celebrated experience has been a yearly tradition for more than a quarter century, complete with hostess seating, table-side service and a flavorful line-up including The Original Slider®, the Veggie Slider and all other Craver favorites. Cravers can skip the stan-

dard box of chocolates and treat their friends or family to a limited-time Chocolate-Covered Strawberry Smoothie, made with a creamy blend of real strawberries and vanilla yogurt, and topped with a decadent layer of rich Ghirardelli premium chocolate sauce.

"Every year, reservations fill up quickly at most of our Castles," Richardson said. "We encourage Cravers everywhere to book their reservations through OpenTable as soon as possible to ensure they are able to join in on the celebration. This is the ultimate way to celebrate with your favorite Craver on Valentine's Day - and we want fans everywhere to have the chance to experience this memorable night for themselves."

We all scream for Dairy Queen!

Wayne Dairy Queen, 3007 S. Wayne Rd. will be opening on Friday, February 9. They will be open from 2:00-8:00 p.m. during the month of February.

A Cupid Cake, a small heart-shaped "cake" that serves 2-4 people will be available for just \$9.99.

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privilege to represent someone who refused to be pushed around by the government. I'm thrilled for Bob and the 1,281 residents of Wayne who had their voices collectively ignored by the Wayne County Clerk's Office. This matter is too critical to the future of Wayne to allow Councilman Sanders to avoid the will of the peo-

ple. This doesn't mean Councilman Sanders will be recalled. Friday's ruling only means there will be a special election held in May and the residents of Wayne will decide whether or not Sanders will continue as a councilman. Sanders' decision to file an objection at the last minute, hoping to avoid the will of the people he swore to serve, is concerning. A councilperson should be able to

stand by their record and the work they've done when facing a recall election. There is no integrity in fighting tooth and nail to get off on an alleged technicality."

There will be a Special Recall Election in Wayne on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at which time candidates for City Council Ward 1-partial term ending November 9, 2020 will be voted upon for the purpose of

recall/filling the remaining term of Wayne City Councilman Christopher Sanders. The deadline for candidates to file a nonpartisan nominating petition containing at least 10% of the required number of signatures for the electoral district OR a \$100 filing fee is February 12 at 4:00 p.m.

As of press time Councilman Jeremiah Webster had filed to run against Councilman Sanders in May.

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Anointed Fish House featured on channel 4

By Carolyn Marnon

With the Lenten season soon upon us, many will be looking for a place to get their meal on Fish Friday. Look no further than Anointed Fish House here in Wayne. Located at 4310 Wayne Rd where Nemo's used to be, Tameca Stringer can set you up for a delicious dinner.

Recently highlighted on Local 4 News' Tasty Tuesday feature, Anointed Fish House provided the newscasters with fried okra, catfish, whiting, cod, salmon, fried shrimp and lemon poundcake. The delight was evident as each tried their favorites. As part of the Tasty Tuesday feature, it was announced that fish would be 50% off that day and thus the lines began.

Owner Tameca says the line went out the door. So many people came to try the fish. So many people were not able to take advantage of the sale that day that they came back on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. She honored the special those additional days if they mentioned at the time that they had already tried to get in. People came from Sterling Heights, Detroit and Farmington to sample her fish dishes. She says "the phone was ringing like a telethon."

Anointed Fish House opened in December 2016. Since 2007, Tameca Stringer would drive by the lot and think what a great place it would be for her fish house. She would come into the parking lot and pray about what to do. She liked how well-lit the area was.

She recalls a moment with her father who later died in 2008. Growing up, she never liked fish. She would go to the market with her dad and



Anointed Fish House is open Monday-Wednesday 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Saturday Noon-5:00 p.m. They are closed on Sunday. For more information, please call (734) 230-7973.

watch what others were buying. She decided she would open her own business one day. "I want a fish house," the young girl told her dad, "because people love fish."

At a church service in 2010, Tameca was praying at the altar. She says something had her rooted in place and she couldn't move. She felt she was being told to give up meat and to just eat fish. When she got home, she told her mom about the experience and that she was surrendering to eating fish. Since she didn't like fish, she had to find a way to make it more palatable. That's when she started experimenting with different batters and the different ways that fish could be cooked.

While at a women's conference in 2013, she heard another whisper in her heart-start a business and start it out of your house. At the time, she worked as a hi-lo driver at the Wayne Assembly Plant. Her intuition or

whatever you want to call it, told her to start selling her fish at the plant. During this time, she also had a Fish Fry at a park in Wayne which she tried to let everyone know about with fliers. It was held from noon-5pm; she made \$700.

Tameca was divorced and had three kids. Her mother had cancer. At church one day, the preacher told Tameca it was time to start her business. She went to Community Choice Credit Union and applied for a \$10,000 loan. She figured if she was approved for the loan, she would start her restaurant.

About this time, Nemo's closed its doors and Tameca was able to get the spot she had been watching for the last ten years. She had a lot of work to do to make the space work for her, including cleaning up all that Nemo's had left behind.

It was slow going that first year. Tameca had bills to pay and a family

to support. Around Thanksgiving 2017, Tameca went on a 40-day water fast. This meant for 40 days she had nothing to eat or drink except water. It was a difficult time for her, but her spirit felt that God had her even though she felt too weak to do anything. It was during this time that she ran into someone she knew who happened to work for Channel 4. He told her about the Tasty Tuesday promotion they did and would see if he could get her on the show. Everything lined up for Tameca and before she knew it, her fish was on the show and customers were lining up outside her door.

One recent Saturday afternoon, she had a revolving door of customers entering. One lady placing an order said she had come from Ypsilanti to try it because her friend told her about it. A young man picking up an order said he has been there before; "It's great," he said. Two gentlemen who dined in loved the fish. One said he preferred to dine at the local mom-and-pop places and give them his business. Before walking out the door, they said they would be back.

"God anointed me and prepared me. I needed to be anointed to do this," she says. That's how her business got its name Anointed Fish House. Before she died last year, Tameca's mother told her, "You finally did it!" Although many customers call ahead to place an order and then pick it up, there are some who come in and wait and others who dine in.

There is a lunch counter and several tables with chairs. It's not a big space, but it seems to be enough right now.

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