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Believe in Wayne-Westland Community Schools

By Carolyn Marnon

Wayne Westland Community School District Superintendent Dr. Shelley Holt addressed those gathered in the auditorium at John Glenn High School on October 23 at the 2nd annual State of the District event. Those who came early were able to talk with school representatives and learn about some special projects in the district as they walked down the hallway to the auditorium.

Approximately one-third of the seats were filled with community dignitaries, school officials and concerned citizens. Signs expressing "Excellence is the Expectation," "We Believe, Students Achieve," and "I Believe in Wayne-Westland" were displayed throughout the area.

After stating that parts of Canton, Romulus and Inkster are within the school district, Dr. Holt asked "What do we do when people struggle?" She went on to stress that we need to know what the struggle "is" before we can tackle it.

She referenced "The Hulings Re-



Dr. Shelley Holt and her Executive Cabinet presented at State of the District.

port", a Climate and Culture Assessment report that reflects the voices of stakeholders within the WWCS D regarding strengths, challenges and solutions for the district. It can be found on the district's website at http://www.wwcsd.net/downloads/superintendents_page/hulings_report.pdf

This report stated that three dynamics currently make up a snap-

shot of the district: "1) Behavior in school buildings is perceived as a grave concern - frequently described as out of control. 2) The attrition of staff will pose an even greater challenge than it already is, if not addressed soon. 3) Limited communication and the pace of change is causing challenges within the district." Dr. Holt commented that the secretarial group within the

district has the longest longevity over any other group. Out of 79 secretaries, 51 have been with the district over 10 years.

Assistant Superintendent of Standards, Learning and Innovation Jennifer Curry spoke on a 5-year plan for excellence in learning. A scope and sequence curriculum guide has been developed for K-8 grades and one is now being worked on for grades 9-12. This guides what is taught in the schools. She also mentioned there are now instruction coaches in every building.

Andrae' Townsel, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Climate, Culture and Social Emotional Learning talked about teaching students self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision making so they can perform better academically. Effective August 1, 2017, there is a Michigan law regarding discipline that requires consideration of "restorative practices" as an alternate

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Dispatch celebrates 10 years in community

By Carolyn Marnon

"We want to create a vehicle for people to have a connection to their community," said John Rhaesa, Publisher, in the first issue of The Wayne Dispatch that appeared November 2008. The paper is celebrating its 10-year anniversary as a staple of the Wayne community. The first year of publication John was Publisher, small business owner and Wayne resident...10 years later he is still the Publisher of The Wayne Dispatch, small business owner, Rotarian, served seven years on the Wayne City Council, and was elected to be the next Mayor of Wayne.

Found at various locations throughout Wayne, including the Wayne Public Library, Wayne City Hall, Northside Hardware and Hype Athletics, the paper has tried to live up to its mission to be a source of positive community news. Several former Wayne residents choose to stay updated on the Wayne community by following the paper's website: thewaynedispatch.com. One item residents like to stay informed about is the "Concerts in Goudy Park" series. Beginning in 2013 our summers have been 'Rocking' with bands of all genres. This past summer two extra concerts were added, bringing our concert series to eight weeks. Not only did the music draw a crowd, several crafters, vendors and food trucks were available for our concert goers to enjoy as well.

"I can't believe it has been 10 years since The Wayne Dispatch began spreading positive community news," says former editor Jenny Johnson. "Working alongside John and Natalie Rhaesa to build something from the ground up was exciting, challenging and rewarding. We believed, and still do, in the mission to share the stories of the people and places in Wayne. So even when it was minutes until we had to go to press and we were still proofing pages, trying to come up with headlines and finalizing ads, we did not think of it as work. Each month we were fulfilling a promise we made to share positive community news."

A look back at that first issue shows how the community has changed. In 2015 "Holiday Night at the Museum" was created to make our Tree Lighting Ceremony an even



Wayne Dispatch owners John and Natalie Rhaesa

**"We're excited to celebrate the
10th anniversary of The Wayne Dispatch."**

Natalie Rhaesa

cozier family event. The residents enjoy hot cocoa, cookies, crafts for the kids, face painting, petting farm, photos with Santa inside our great Historical Museum, musical talent, fire pits and the good company of neighbors and friends. This event has been successfully attended each year.

The mural on the State Wayne Theater was being completed 10 years ago. The mural is an icon in the community today. Hal Hultman was quoted as saying in that first issue, "The concept of the mural was to draw people to the downtown and instill a sense of pride in the community." Over these past 10 years the State Wayne Theater was purchased by Phoenix Theater, who continue to give moviegoers that "hometown" feel while providing high quality sound, digital display, reclining seats (with heat) and the most delicious popcorn and concessions around. Not to mention two "Red Carpet" events that could rival the Hollywood scene.

Wayne City Clerk Matthew Miller, who was the City Planner 10 years ago, started writing a column for the paper called "Rearview Mirror" portraying some of the interesting history of Wayne. Following Mr. Miller, Darlene Hawley continues to educate

the community on the history of our fine city with her column "Memory Lane."

That first issue also made mention of a library event on the history of Eloise. Eloise is still a topic of discussion in the community with history talks given at regular intervals, the opening of the Eloise museum at the Westland Historic Village this past spring and the most recent tours of Eloise allowed by the new owner who acquired the property earlier this year.

Dee Ryan brought you "Footprints of Wayne" with her reflections on life in Wayne and on her street. Sadly, Dee passed in September at the age of 85. According to Jenny "Dee Ryan was a gem. Her column "Footprints of Wayne" was a monthly letter she wrote to the residents, her friends, in Wayne. She was our social reporter and loved to share the news of her beloved community. From the Literary Club to the Garden Club to the Biddle Street Bunch, Dee gave us the latest news on the social scene. I will always remember her friendly phone calls when she had her article done and wanted to make sure I received it."

Jenny reflected on her Dispatch experience. "During my six years

with the Dispatch, I was fortunate to cover the business, church and school communities, meet dozens of amazing and inspirational people and learn how hard the city officials, staff and civic organizations work to support Wayne. I learned something from every story I ever wrote and every person I met. However, one family and one little girl taught me the most.

"I will never forget Alissa Jennings and her amazingly strong family. They were going through the heartbreak of having a terminally ill child, and they were kind and brave enough to welcome us into their lives so we could tell her story. This sweet angel was full of life, love, and inspiration and captured the heart of everyone she met. We saw an entire community wrap their arms around the Jennings family. The school and business community worked together to throw a surprise party for Alissa and her sister, Brooke. The 2008 Miss Michigan, Ashlee Baracy, attended the event and formed an incredible bond with Alissa and her family.

"Civic organizations and local businesses found a way to have Alissa and her family not only attend a Jonas Brothers concert but to also meet the band.

"Though we lost Alissa, this story taught us that we are at our best when we work together and help each other."

"We're excited to celebrate the 10th anniversary of The Wayne Dispatch," said Natalie Rhaesa. "We've enjoyed attending many of the community events, getting to know a lot of our business owners and neighbors better. We want to thank all of our supporters and advertisers who've supported us over the years. We look forward to serving the community for many more years to come."

What will happen in the next 10 years? Only time will tell, but The Wayne Dispatch hopes to be there to record the news of the Wayne community. "Remember the vision of The Wayne Dispatch is still the same--spread positive community news," says Jenny. "Share and celebrate the accomplishments of others and support and help others who need it."

NEWS BRIEFS

Mayor and three council members elected

Seven year Councilman John Rhaesa will be the city's next mayor (4,116 votes) defeating write-in candidates Jacob Johnson (68 votes) and Christopher Sanders (55 votes).

Joining Mayor Rhaesa on the council will be Anthony Miller (ward 4), Kelly Skiff (ward 5) and Phillip Wagner (ward 6), Miller defeated Brian Ewanciw 1,632 to 1,158; Skiff defeated Eric Cleereman 1,972 to 737; and Wagner defeated Christopher Gietzen 1,577 to 1,156.

Float-in-movie

HYPE Aquatics Center will be featuring "The Goonies" during their Float-in-Movie on Friday, November 16, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Bring your family and floaties, have fun and relax. Cost is \$7 per person. Call HYPE (734) 721-7400 for more information.

High school play being performed

The Wayne Memorial Theatrical Guild will be presenting their fall play "Noises Off!" November 8-10 at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium. The play begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$8 for adults.

A country evening

The Knights of Columbus #3021 are hosting the Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson and Garth Brooks Celebrity Tribute Variety Show on Saturday, November 17. Doors will open at



A special thank you to the Ford Fund, Jack Demmer Ford and DTE Energy for the combined generous donation to the City of Wayne Fire Department to purchase a brand new F-150.

6:00 p.m. with buffet-style dinner at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$25 per person. Notre Dame Lounge is at 3144 S. Wayne Rd.

Donations being sought

Wayne Main Street is seeking donations of Christmas gift wrap, ribbons/bows, tape, gift tags and boxes. WMS will be offering a free Christmas Gift Wrapping service as part of Small Business Saturday on November 24. Donations are due by November 17. Volunteers to wrap gifts during the event are also being sought. If you would like to volunteer or donate supplies, please contact Paul at (734) 748-3771.

Christmas hoodie drive

Every year the Knights of Colum-

bus help out with the Holy Cross Family Services Christmas hoodie drive, and this year is no exception. They are seeking donations of hoodie's and personal hygiene products.

Donations of "Bath Baskets" are being requested. Items can be purchased at the dollar store: shampoo, toothpaste and brush, body/hand lotion, emery board, conditioner, chapstick, deodorant, body wash/gel, hair gel or mousse and bath puff/loofa sponge. Please put just one of each item from this list in a plastic grocery bag. No trial items; full size items only.

Donations of hoodies are being requested in sizes XL, XXL and XXXL ONLY. Also, hoodies must have a sports team or college logo.

If you would like to donate, you can drop donations off at the Notre Dame Hall any Wednesday or Friday night after 6:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving dinner giveaway

HYPE Recreation Center-Wayne will be holding their annual Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway on Tuesday, November 20, from 1:00-6:00 p.m.. Each family meal will include turkey, corn, mashed potatoes/scallop potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans/vegetables, Jiffy cornbread/cake mix, and canned fruit. HYPE's goal is to provide 1000 families in need of a fulfilling meal for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Hundreds of children and their families will benefit from this wonderful event. Families who struggle financially will experience a free Thanksgiving dinner for the holiday. As well as the day after the holiday, HYPE and many volunteers will go out and feed homeless veterans and individuals at a Detroit Homeless shelter. For more information, contact HYPE at (734) 721-7400.

Harvest tea fundraiser

The Friends of the Wayne Public Library will be hosting a Harvest Tea Fundraiser on Saturday, November 10 at 1:00 p.m. Catered by Victoria's Tea Salon, the event will be held at the Wayne Public Library. Tickets are \$35 for an individual or \$210 for a table of 7. Tickets went on sale September 4 and will be available for purchase at the library's circulation

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Local 900 and Ford celebrate new Ford Ranger

When many of Michigan Assembly Plant's 3,000 workers gathered Monday, October 22, at the plant, they celebrated a rebirth in more ways than one.

The festivities marked a renaissance for a plant just outside of Detroit that has experienced the highs and lows of the American auto industry for the past six decades. The occasion also signals the rebirth of Ford Ranger, the mid-size pickup that will return to American roads early next year after an eight-year hiatus, fully modernized for today's truck buyer.

The special celebration to mark the kickoff of Ranger production included leaders from Ford and the United Auto Workers. Plant employees, media and others had a chance to ride in the Ranger on a custom-built, off-road course in the parking lot of the plant.

"Ford truck fans demanded a midsize pickup that's 'Built Ford Tough,' and we're delivering with our all-new Ranger that's specially designed and engineered for American



The new Ford Ranger built in Wayne at the Michigan Assembly Plant.

truck customers," said Joe Hinrichs, Ford's president of global operations. "At the same time, we're revitalizing our Michigan Assembly Plant and securing good-paying jobs for our hourly employees here in the U.S."

Ford has invested \$850 million to

build exciting new vehicles at Michigan Assembly Plant, including the all-new Ranger for North America and the highly anticipated new Ford Bronco, scheduled to begin production in 2020.

For Michigan Assembly, a sprawl-

ing 369-acre plant in Wayne which opened in 1957 building station wagons, the start of Ranger production marks a new era.

Beginning in 1966, the plant began a 30-year run of building Bronco, one of the original sport utility vehicles that gained popularity in post-War America. Michigan Assembly gained acclaim as being among the most important and profitable factories in the world when it made Ford Expeditions and Lincoln Navigators from 1996 to 2008.

Early this year, Michigan Assembly ended production of the Focus small car to make way for a massive retooling in preparation for the Ranger launch.

The factory is set to build two high-profile vehicles again in the Ranger and all-new Bronco as American appetite for pickups and SUVs continues to grow.

"The revitalization of the Michigan Assembly Plant and renewed production of the Ford Ranger is an-

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to, or in addition to, suspension, except when it comes to firearms. He said as the climate and culture improves in the schools, the academic achievement on standardized tests will improve. He noted that change is a process and that although fights will still happen, over time the number of fights will decrease overall. He also mentioned putting relevant information into the hands of our children via social media and shared a YouTube video he had made with the audience.

Assistant Superintendent of Employee, Community and Government Relations Jill Simmons spoke about human resources. The GEM award was created in March 2018 to recognize staff members for going above and beyond in their duties.

Her group is currently working on staff attraction and retention, including hosting a recent job affair that brought the district 47 viable candidates for jobs. Recruiting student teachers at colleges outside of Michigan is also in the works. Community efforts are increasing; these efforts include the 2nd State of the District address, coffee with the superintendent events, ministerial breakfasts and realtor luncheons, an enhanced website, community forums, bond presentations, This Week in Wayne Westland (a weekly email for staff) and the creation of a community team.

Stacy Witt, Assistant Superintendent of Business, Maintenance & Instructional Operations, spoke about two strategies being implemented:

zero-based budgeting (basing the budget on what is happening now, not on what happened last year) and academic return on investment (evaluating cost effectiveness of academic programs and strategies to get "the best bang for the buck." She also spoke of repairing spidering asphalt and replacing parking lot lighting with LED lights. Also mentioned was the new free lunch program for all students at no cost to the district.

Dr. Holt returned to the stage to speak briefly about the 2018 Bond proposal, saying schools have gone from using encyclopedias to google and using rotary phones to iPhones, but we still fund schools like we did 25 years ago. What can you do to support our schools? Learn how to respond when people struggle. Believe changes can be made. Support the journey to improvement. Pick up people when they fall. Celebrate successes.

"I am glad to be able to acknowledge the major strides towards district-wide academic excellence that WWCS has made since the April 2018 State of the District address. We have built a central office team structured around supports to sites, increased the competencies of our school-based staff through training and professional development, strengthened community engagement with new collaborative efforts and volunteer activities, and created a platform to celebrate district successes. We are moving forward with making our expectations of excellence a reality!" Dr. Shelley Holt, Superintendent, of Wayne-Westland Community Schools.



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Wayne Public Library thanks you for approving the additional 1 mil for library service on the August ballot!

We will begin receiving the additional money once the winter tax bills go out. We have already begun purchasing new books in anticipation. Once we know what the roof repair will cost we will develop a full budget with expanded services. By February 2019 we expect to offer greater operating hours, more programs and services, and of course, more new books, DVDs, Audiobooks, and magazines.

As we will never be able to offer EVERYTHING we (and you) would like, we have created a survey to receive input from our residents before we forge ahead. The **SURVEY** is below and also available on SurveyMonkey.com from the Wayne Public Library website www.wayne.lib.mi.us. You can also use the library's computers to fill it out. We will have additional paper copies available at the library and throughout town.

All answers are anonymous and we ask the personal questions to better understand and thus better serve our residents.

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1. Do you have a library card? Yes No
2. Do you use library services without a library card? Yes No
(Such as computers, copy machine, wireless, meeting rooms, programs, etc.)
3. How often, on average, do you visit a library?

	Weekly	Monthly	Less than once monthly	Never
A. Wayne Public Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Canton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Westland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D. Which other libraries do you visit? _____

4. If you have not visited the Wayne Public Library in the past year, tell us why: (check all that apply)

- A. I don't have time
- B. The library hours are not convenient
- C. Not enough new books, etc.
- D. I buy my books, magazines, DVDs, etc.
- E. I get all the information I need elsewhere
- F. The library is only for children
- G. I don't know where the library is
- H. It's too difficult for me to get to the library
- I. I've experienced bad service at the library
- J. I don't need a library
- K. I regularly use another library.
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5. Race/Ethnicity – Check all that apply A. American Indian or Alaska Native B. Asian C. Black or African American D. Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander E. White F. Hispanic or Latino
6. How old are you? A. Under 17 B. 18-24 C. 25-34 D. 35-59 E. 60-74 F. 75+

7. How would you rate each of the following library resources and services currently in the Wayne Library?

- A. Customer service (speed, accuracy, friendliness)
- B. Books
- C. Magazines and newspapers
- D. Media collections (DVDs, music, audio books)
- E. Online services (website, catalog, databases, ebooks, downloadable audio books)
- F. Computers and copiers/printers
- G. Internet and wireless access
- H. Youth programs and services (educational enrichment, storytimes, reading incentives, etc.)
- I. Teen programs and services (educational enrichment, leadership opportunities, book clubs, etc.)
- J. Adult programs and services (book clubs, computer classes, cultural enrichment, etc.)
- K. Hours of operation
- L. Feel free to comment on any of your answers above

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know/ Not Applicable
A. Customer service (speed, accuracy, friendliness)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Magazines and newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Media collections (DVDs, music, audio books)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Online services (website, catalog, databases, ebooks, downloadable audio books)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Computers and copiers/printers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. Internet and wireless access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. Youth programs and services (educational enrichment, storytimes, reading incentives, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I. Teen programs and services (educational enrichment, leadership opportunities, book clubs, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J. Adult programs and services (book clubs, computer classes, cultural enrichment, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K. Hours of operation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
L. Feel free to comment on any of your answers above	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. How important do you feel INCREASED HOURS are?

- A. Open at 10:00 a.m.
- B. Open more evenings
- C. Open Mondays

	Very Important	Important	Slightly Important	Not Important	Don't Know/ Not Applicable
A. Open at 10:00 a.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Open more evenings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Open Mondays	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. How important do you feel increased RESOURCES are?

- A. More books
- B. More children's books
- C. More newspapers and magazines
- D. More media collections (DVD's, music, and audio books)
- E. More eBooks and downloadable audio books
- F. Other _____

	Very Important	Important	Slightly Important	Not Important	Don't Know/ Not Applicable
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E. More eBooks and downloadable audio books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. How important do you feel increased SERVICES are?

- A. Increased online services (website, catalog, research databases, ebooks, ezines, etc.)
- B. More computers, additional copiers/printers
- C. Increased internet speed, convenient outlets for wireless/personal laptop use
- D. More youth programs and services (educational, storytimes, incentives, etc.)
- E. More teen programs and services (educational enrichment, leadership opportunities, book clubs, etc.)
- F. More adult programs and services (book clubs, computer classes, cultural enrichment, etc.)
- G. Other _____

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F. More adult programs and services (book clubs, computer classes, cultural enrichment, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Wayne officials praise Ford Ranger

By Carolyn Marnon

Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini attended the celebration to kick off Ford's production of the Ranger at the Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne. "This announcement, while a tremendous asset to the City of Wayne's growing, diverse economic base, in my opinion, was about the hard-working men and women at the Michigan Assembly Plant and the members of the United Auto Workers Local 900. For decades, Wayne, Ford and UAW Local 900 have shared a deep connection. This announcement only makes the relationship stronger. We are proud that global leaders, like Ford Motor Company, continue to invest in our people and in our community. It was an incredible honor to have an opportunity to share this day with everyone who made it possible."

Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe commented after attending the celebra-

tion, "Today was an exciting day for FMC (Ford Motor Company), MAP (Michigan Assembly Plant) and the City of Wayne. The Ford Ranger coming back home for its new production will be a boost to those Wayne residents who work at the MAP."

City Councilman Tom Porter said, "Monday, October 22, was a fantastic day at Ford Michigan Assembly Plant as they rolled out the Ford Ranger for everyone to see and take a ride in. Knowing the outstanding UAW and Ford team at the plant, I see fantastic things in the future for the great looking Ford Ranger mid-size pickup."

President of UAW Local 900 Dwayne Walker says the future looks bright. "Producing the Ford Ranger in Wayne is a commitment and gives UAW members a future. It says a lot for Ford to make a commitment to the community. We went through times when the future was uncertain. This product makes the future look bright."



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desk. This event is expected to sell out, so don't wait to get your ticket to this must attend event!

Book sale

The Friends of the Wayne Public Library will be holding a \$1 bag event for used books at the Wayne Public Library on Saturday, November 24, as part of Wayne's Small Business Saturday events.

Christmas holiday event

Come out for Wayne's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Wayne Historical Museum (1 Towne Square) on Saturday, December 1, from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

See the marching band in the parade that brings Santa to Wayne, witness the tree lighting, meet Santa and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate. There will also be a petting farm, carriage rides and a Christmas Market for those last-minute gifts.

No child without a Christmas

The Wayne Goodfellows invite you to their 32nd Annual Fundraiser Event "No Child Without a Christmas" on Saturday, December 8. The event will be held at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Rd, West-

land from 6:00-11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and include dinner, desserts and an open bar. There will be raffles, auctions, sports memorabilia and the Spin to Win Wheel. There is no dress code. Ugly sweaters, holiday attire or everyday wear is acceptable. Tickets are on sale at Henry's Service Center and Icon Computer Solutions. It is also possible to have tickets delivered to you. Please contact Jennifer Gietzen at jengietzen@gmail.com or Jen Bowers at jenw_627@yahoo.com

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To support the Library in developing its services and facilities for the community.

Some members support the Friends simply by paying their annual dues, while others become more involved by donating their time. Every dollar raised by the Friends is funneled directly back to the Wayne Public Library. The

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Santa's workshop

The Knights of Columbus, 3144 S. Wayne Rd, will be hosting Santa's Workshop on Saturday, November 24, from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. during Wayne's Small Business Saturday events. Kids will be able to drop in and make free crafts to give as Christmas gifts.

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The all-new Ford Ranger

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other exciting chapter in our state's comeback story," Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder said.

"This is also an opportunity to look toward its promising future with production of the all-new Ford Bronco on the horizon. I thank our partners at Ford for investing in Michigan and contributing to the Motor City's legacy as the automotive capital of the world."

Ford is transforming its product lineup, building on truck, SUV and commercial vehicle strengths. Ranger is one of the first in an onslaught of all-new vehicles that will see Ford aim to replace more than 75 percent of its current North American portfolio by 2020.

"UAW-Ford members take pride in relaunching the all-new Ranger right here in Michigan," said UAW-Ford Vice President Rory Gamble. "Our UAW brothers and sisters take great care in the quality and craftsmanship customers will discover when they experience the relaunch of this iconic nameplate."

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Wayne Marching band wins competitions

By Carolyn Marnon

The Wayne Memorial High School Zebra Marching Band was awarded first place in Class A at the Gibraltar Invitational in late September with the top score for all 8 competing bands. The band also received recognition for Outstanding Musical Performance.

Competitions are open to any high school marching band that would like to participate. Bands sign up to attend. The groups are classified by the size of the school. Wayne Memorial is a larger school, so they are in Class A.

At each competition, there are four main judges for music and marching/visual, whose combined scores equal a total score. That total score is what determines placement at the competitions. The Zebra Marching Band's total score was a narrow .2 ahead of Wyandotte Roosevelt's marching band at the Gibraltar Invitational.

The band has a competition and halftime show titled "Inside the Web." According to Matt Diroff, the band director, "it is based on the beginning



of Spider-Man - the bite that turns him into the character, the struggle he faces with becoming Spider-Man, and his role in the city as a crime fighter." The music is arranged in four parts by Frank Sullivan and Andy Broekhuizen and includes "Poison" by Alice Cooper, "Spider-Man: Homecoming" from Michael Giacchino and "Wallflower" by Peter Gabriel.

When competing, the band is required to march and play for a majority of the time. They are given credit for the physical demands of being able to play well while moving about the field, sometimes at very quick speeds. Judges look at two things: Performance (the quality of each aspect of music and marching performance) and Effect (the overall effectiveness of the music and visual

program). Matt notes that "the Effect categories look more at the 'total package' that each group presents and how well everything works together. The judges base their points given on those elements of Performance and Effect. There are also separate categories for Color Guard (sometimes recognized as Flag Corps) and Percussion (which includes the drumline). Those categories are given separate awards, but their scores do not count toward the overall band score."

Since winning in Gibraltar, the Zebra Marching Band (ZMB) has performed at the Downriver Fanfare, placing third out of 15 bands and scoring second in Overall Music Performance. They have also performed at DeWitt High School, Brandon High School and Plymouth-Canton

High School. They recently gave a special community performance, "Friday Night Lights," at Wayne Memorial HS.

"Every year with the group is special," says Matt, "and this year's group is already accomplishing great things and having fun performing this show. The only competition we talk about is with ourselves and getting better with every repetition of the material the kids are learning. We're excited as we approach the remainder of the season because we're finishing learning the last choreography and music and are adding spider web props to the field that will help create a better effect for the show. We're thankful for the school district and community support we've received in putting this season together." The band program continues to accept donations for their 'Friends of the Zebra Marching Band' program to help support meals for the ZMB students for camp and competition days. Please contact Mr. Diroff at (734) 419-2681 if you're interested in becoming a 'Friend of the ZMB'.



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Wayne businessman takes charge to change law

By Carolyn Marnon

When Brian Ewanciw, owner of Icon Computers and Wayne Bicycle Shop, started the Wayne Neighborhood Watch Patrol several years ago, it was based on Garden City's patrol group. Garden City's neighborhood patrol group had been using flashing yellow lights for years.

When it was brought up to Wayne's police chief, Brian said, the chief denied the use of the amber lights in the City of Wayne. "That sent me looking for a way to change the law, not just for Wayne, but the state of Michigan" says Brian. "Councilman Rhaesa helped put me in touch with State Rep. Robert Kosowski. I proposed an amendment to the law, and he (Kosowski) said he would look into it. He messaged me back and let me know he thought it was a good idea and would submit a bill. It passed the house unanimously and moved on to committee and then Senate."

Brian joined State Rep Robert Kosowski in Lansing recently, along with Wayne residents and WNWP members Vern Amos, Kathy Rock-



Pictured left to right: Vern Amos, Rep. Robert Kosowski, Brian Ewanciw, Kathy Rockwell, Chris Miller, Marina Carabellese (staff), and Renee Hermanowski (staff). Seated: Governor Rick Snyder.

well and Chris Miller. They had pictures taken with Governor Rick Snyder while he signed House Bill 4176.

"With the use of the amber flashing light, I believe it will help identify us to residents when we are out pa-

trolling, but it will also let would-be criminals know we are out there, we are watching and we are the eyes and ears for the Wayne PD. It really is a win-win for the residents of not just Wayne but the State of Michigan," says Brian.

The law now reads in the Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL) for Section 257.698(5)(l):

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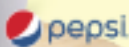
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