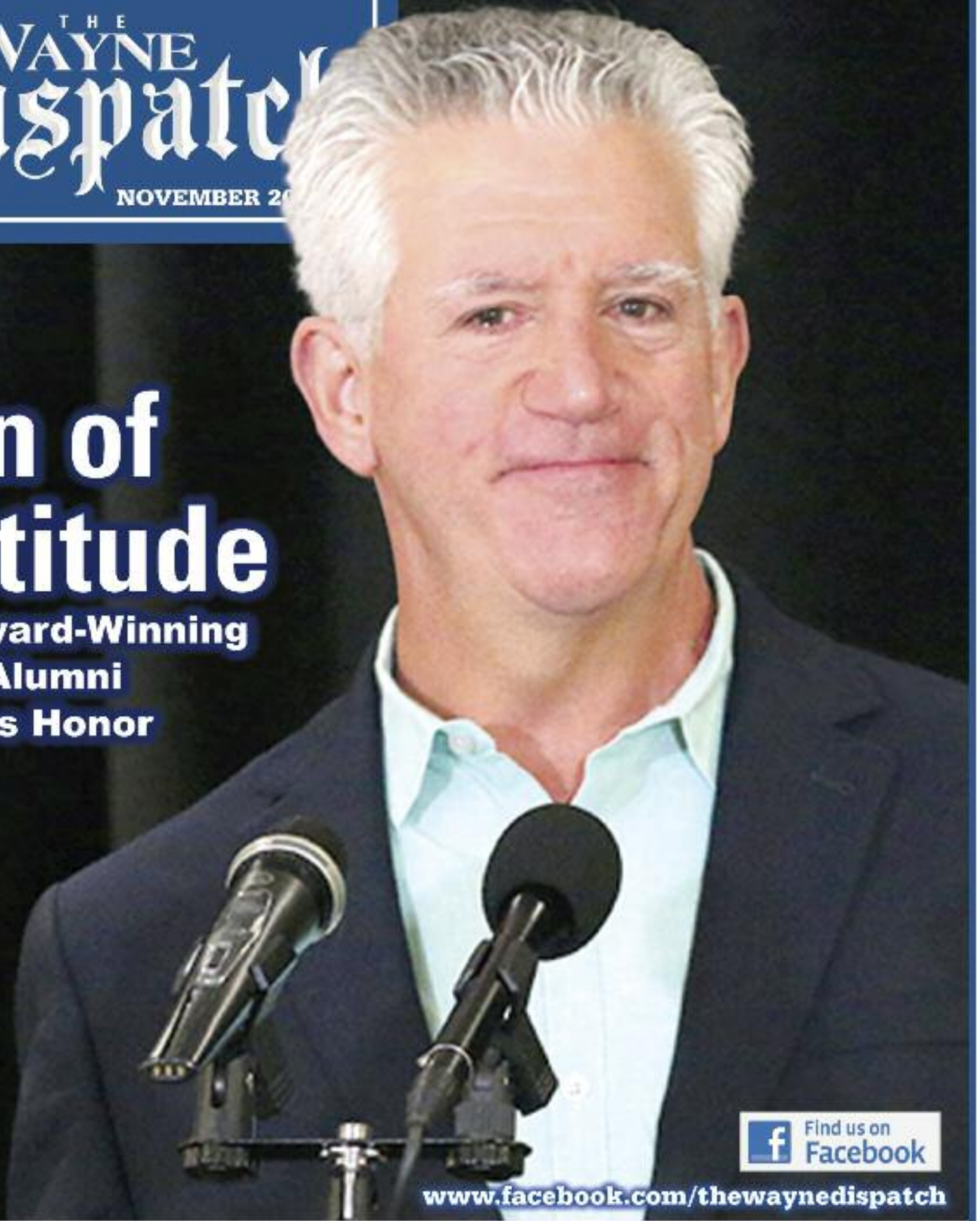


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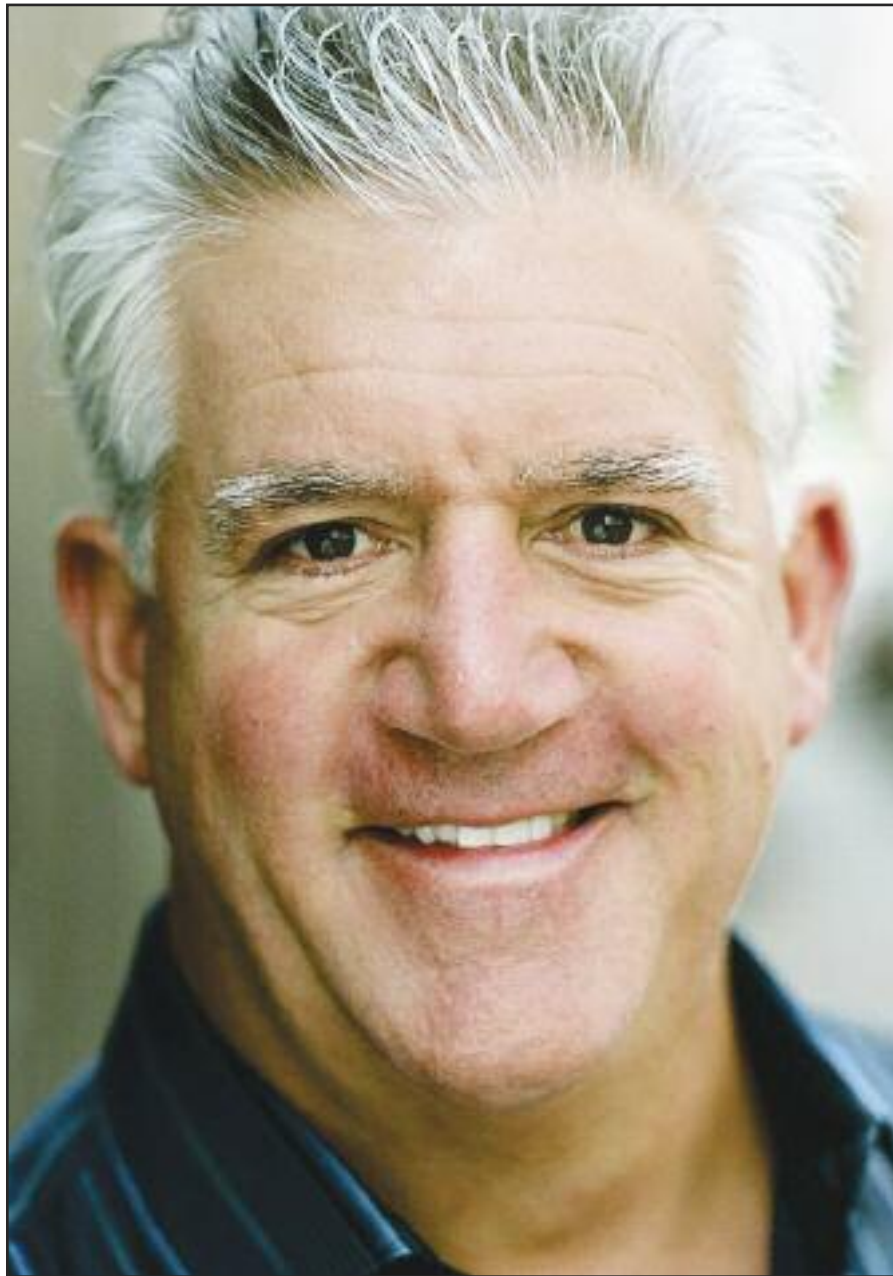
Wayne alumni thankful to all who have touched his life

By Carolyn Marnon

"I'm still reeling from the amazing weekend that I got," said Tony Award-winning actor and Westland native and Wayne Memorial High School alumni Gregory Jbara (Greg to his friends) after a whirlwind weekend Sept. 27-29 that had him flying into Detroit and attending a Wayne Memorial football game on Friday night, being honored at a sign unveiling ceremony at Westland City Hall, a luncheon, his 40th high school reunion on Saturday, and then a 4-hour luncheon with the Lebanese American Chamber of Commerce and a 3-hour lunch with Armando Delicato (former Media Specialist at WMHS) and his wife on Sunday before flying to New York Sunday, night so he'd be available for work Monday morning in his role as NYPD Deputy Commissioner of Public Information Garrett Moore on CBS's hit *Blue Bloods*, now in its 10th season. Greg said it was a love-filled weekend bouncing from event to event, and once back in New York, he was back to the regular grind again.

September 28 was Greg's 58th birthday. He spent it amidst family and friends at Westland City Hall where he was honored with the unveiling of a sign bearing his name and Westland as his hometown that will be placed, at his request, at northbound Merriman Rd. at the border of Westland and Romulus. Greg told organizers of the sign event the location was a no brainer. "Growing up, that drive down Merriman to Detroit Metro always represented the excitement of seeing the world. Now when the world comes to Michigan, I get to show off the hometown to which I owe all my success in life. An unimaginable honor. "Another sign will be placed by Westland City Hall. Before the ceremony, Greg stood at the entrance to City Hall and greeted each guest who came through the doors, spending time with them and posing for photographs. He did not want to leave the event until he had a chance to talk to every person who wanted to talk to him.

Back in New York in his hotel room Greg talked about the horrible case of laryngitis he developed over the weekend. He said he'd been non-stop talking since his plane landed in Detroit at 2pm the previous Fri-



Tony Award-winning actor and Wayne Memorial High School alumni Gregory Jbara.

day. He spent seven hours at the class reunion catching up with everyone on Saturday night. It isn't hard to believe because Greg likes to talk. He said he had two scenes to shoot on Monday where he had to speak eloquently, and he was so grateful that his voice had recovered by then.

When asked for an overview of what his day was like when shooting *Blue Bloods*, Greg harkened back to Sunday evening. His plane landed at LaGuardia at 8:00 p.m. He used the Uber app for the first time. The fast drive "home" is to the Marriott-owned New York EDITION where CBS provides him with accommodations as part of his contract when he is filming. "It's a standard of living I

could never afford for myself," he says. Research shows that a standard room starts at over \$600 per night.

His ritual is an organic salad, quinoa sushi and a Fuji water before getting 8 hours of sleep before the next day's call time. An hour before he is picked up by a studio car, he gets up and puts on his Great Lakes Brewery work-shirt that he uses as his makeup shirt. The driver, Damon, will pick up Robert Clohessy who plays Lt. Sid Gormley before picking up Greg. They are taken to the soundstage in Greenpoint, a neighborhood of Brooklyn where they hop into the hair and makeup chairs where they are transformed

"into pinnacles of police television." Abigail Hawke, who plays Det. Abigail Baker, arrives before Greg and Bob, but they all arrive before the show's star with whom they have most of their scenes, Tom Selleck.

Once Tom arrives, they all step onto the sound stage to rehearse with all the actors in the scene, the director, several executive producers and the script supervisor. Greg says "There's no point in memorizing any of my lines" because over the five previous days, he's already been given 3 different scripts and once on set, he receives "sides" that are pages that include scenes that are being shot that day that are already different than the script he got 24 hours earlier.

Greg says Tom has a legal pad of notes and is always writing because he is working non-stop filming the scenes that include the family dinner, the commissioner's office as well as clandestine conversations. "He's not sitting around; his time is efficiently managed." Greg says the first 30 minutes of rehearsal will be spent discussing the words on the "sides." The cast members will share additional ideas for the scene. They will then run the scene 2-3 times to do camera blocking while department heads (costume, lighting, etc) look on. Tape marking will be done to mark their spots as they move through the scene. Once they are done and go to put on their costumes, stand-ins will take their places on set so the lighting and camera moves can be worked out.

Memorizing 5 pages of dialogue in 30 minutes while putting on his suit in his dressing room is no problem for Greg. He says a different part of the brain is used for TV vs. doing a show on stage. All he needs is his short-term memory and "gratefully I've got my senility," he laughs.

A five-page scene takes about 2 ½-3 hours to shoot because of all the camera angles. Imagine putting 40 crew members and 3 cameras around the cast while the walls slide out.

Having started at 8:50 a.m., Greg is wrapping up one scene in the commissioner's office and one scene of a press conference in the conference room at 3:15 p.m. Greg says the di-

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rector on this particular episode. Dave Barrett, likes to try new things and that day it was a boom crane-a telescoping crane device a camera sits on to allow it to go from the ground to flying 30 feet in the air. Greg says he thinks it got some good shots of the press conference as it flew over the heads of everyone in the room.

Greg travels with about 10 pounds of dry goods and supplements in his suitcase that he brings with him to New York from his home in Los Angeles. These "vital" dietary supplements have helped him with his weight loss this past year. Having said that, Greg says his driver will drop him off at Whole Foods so he can buy fresh foods. He brings his own meals to the set since he is doing "clean" eating with organic food. He has many different teas that he uses inside a water bottle. He also praises Dr. Smood restaurants, "the best prepared to-go organic food store" with ten locations all over Manhattan. One is near his hotel where he enjoys vegetarian chili, a tuna wrap and roasted dandelion



Westland Mayor William R. Wild (right) honors Wayne Memorial High School alumni Gregory Jbara and Westland native with a street sign. Photo by WLND

root tea.

Because Tom likes shooting early in the day and most of Greg's scenes are with Tom, he is grateful he is back in his hotel well before 5:00

p.m. He has time to eat, watch movies and Facetime with his wife and sons back in LA before getting a good night's sleep.

By choice, Greg is not given top

billing with the other regular cast members. Under the AFTRA union contract, if you are a series regular, you must make yourself a resident of the production's home-base. Greg keeps his residency in California.

Each episode of Blue Bloods takes 8 working days, Monday-Friday. Greg says Tom will shoot for 8 straight days over a span of two episodes: working the last 4 days of an episode and then the first 4 days of the next episode, before he heads back to LA for a break.

The Blue Bloods role is the third job Tom Selleck has given Greg. They met 22 years ago shooting the 1997 film "In & Out." Greg says they were around each other enough that at the end, Tom told him he was funny and talented and promised him they'd be working together again. "Magnum PI just told me I was a good actor and wanted to work with me!" says Greg. The second job was a guest appearance on an episode of the 1998 comedy series The Closer that starred Tom.

Time passed as Greg was in the Broadway play, Billy Elliot the Musi-

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Wayne Memorial High School student athletes of the month



Victoria Ley



Nicolas Figueroa

Victoria Ley is captain of the Varsity Volleyball team and was first libero, a defensive specialist position, this season. Victoria comes to practice every day ready to work with a positive mindset. As a supportive team captain, she is always rooting on her teammates and helping them out both on and off the court. A positive role model as a captain, she leads practice with a positive attitude and is always ready to work.

Nicolas Figueroa was the third runner throughout September for the Boys Cross Country team. A leader by example, he has a 4.0 GPA, is involved in Student Senate, and is praised as a great student-athlete to have representing Boys Cross Country and Wayne Memorial High School.

Christmas boutique open on Sundays

The United Methodist Women from First United Methodist Church of Wayne will open their Annual Christmas Boutique on the following Sundays: November 17 and 24, December 1, 8 and 15. The boutique will be open from 11:00 a.m. to Noon. There will be a Silent Quilt Auction throughout the sale. The winning bid will be determined on December 15 at Noon. The church is located at 3 Towne Square, across from the Wayne Post Office. Please use the south entrance doors, and use the second door on the right to

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Holiday market

The Knights of Columbus #3021 are hosting a Holiday Pop-up Market on Saturday, November 16, from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., at the Notre Dame Council, 3144 S. Wayne Rd. Come anytime to shop the small market which will offer one-of-a-kind gifts and then have lunch or dinner with family and friends.

Thanksgiving giveaway

HYPE is making a difference by sponsoring families in need for the Thanksgiving holiday. HYPE will be holding the 9th Annual Thanksgiving Giveaway on Tuesday, November 26, between 1:00-6:00 p.m. HYPE is looking for those willing to sponsor a family in need with a \$50 contribution. The \$50 will provide a meal for a family of 6. HYPE is hoping to feed

1000 families in the Wayne and Dearborn areas. HYPE is also working with the Wayne Westland School District Family Resource Center to identify 200 families in need. HYPE is also sponsoring a food drive and accepting donations of unexpired, non-perishable foods. Donations can be dropped off at HYPE. If you know someone in need, please contact the Family Resource Center.

Santa's workshop

Kids of all ages will enjoy this free family-friendly event being held on Saturday, November 30, from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus #3021, Notre Dame Council, 3144 S. Wayne Rd. Once you complete your masterpiece it is yours to take home. Free gift-wrapping will be offered, so you can wrap up your creation and give it as a gift. You never know, Santa may just drop in to see how you're doing. \$3 Lunch Specials will be offered.

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cal, for which he won a Tony Award for Best Featured Actor in 2009. He heard about a hot new cop drama coming to New York starring Tom Selleck. Greg auditioned for three different characters without Tom in the room. He says he thought the magic was gone. At the end of the first season of Blue Bloods, Greg's agent called him to say Tom wanted him for a recurring role. "I'm hearing choirs of angels, and I'm thinking 'He still loves me.'" He is grateful for the opportunity to ride the coattails of the international star power of Tom Selleck.



Blue Bloods stars, Greg Jbara and Tom Selleck.

The new signs had been sitting at City Hall for several years prior to the ceremony. Greg's schedule (he's contractually obligated to Blue Bloods from July 4-early April) had made it hard to coordinate anything with the City. Because of the 40th high school reunion he was attending, they were able to get the event to take place that same weekend.

Greg says he just wanted to be one of the gang on that Saturday. "I wanted to be Greg Jbara from Wayne Memorial High School and talk about the good old days. What I do for a living happens to be on international television on Friday night. People have cured illnesses, saved lives, designed some amazing technologies we all take for granted today, lived selflessly helping the infirm, battled and survived cancer on their own, showed up (to the reunion) knowing they might not be there for the next one.

These are all the people who really must be celebrated for being he-

ros raised in Westland, Michigan. I just happen to be publicly known for doing this thing I have loved doing my entire life. I feel it's unfair and wrong. I wanted to share that day with everyone in the city.

Greg is quick to praise those in his life who helped his career trajectory at a young age. Armando Delicato was a media specialist at WMHS. Also instrumental were Richard Alder, Greg's 10th grade music instrumental director who was then followed by Larry Pye. Other "powerful, beautiful role models" were Adrienne Meyer (WMHS drama teacher who would come to productions at

Marshall Middle School to see the kids who were coming up in the drama system), Barb Eberling and Dottie Schuler (WMHS vocal music teacher). "You cannot put into words all the influence these people have had in my life." He also mentioned the history teacher who would jump on the desks and made him excited about history, and Mr. Brooks who "was the voice of Wayne Memorial High School. He had the greatest voice." As Greg was speaking, he got a text ping from Paul J. Brown. Paul is the real DCPI in the NYPD, the character Greg plays in Blue Bloods. He showed Greg around the NYPD and how the role really is. "That is kooky, the timing of that" says Greg about the ping. No list of influencers would be complete without Terry Duncan, Greg's childhood friend. "We were Mutt and Jeff. We were Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin. We were Laurel and Hardy. My youth coincides with Terry's. There but for the grace of Terry Duncan go I."

As the interview concludes, Greg enthuses, "I'm spoiled on this job. Truly spoiled. I could talk about myself and the world forever."



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The day will begin with a kick-off event held at Karma Coffee & Kitchen (35634 W. Michigan Avenue, Wayne, MI 48184) from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Participants will be able to pick up a free Shop Small tote and other Small Business Saturday swag. Organizers will also be giving away \$1,000 in gift cards to local businesses that attendees will have the chance to win. The event is free to attend, and the first 100 people will receive a free small coffee from Karma Coffee.

For many retailers in Wayne, Small Business Saturday (SBS) has a significant impact to their bottom line. Juan Bradford, President of Wayne Main Street comments "There are a lot of local businesses in Wayne that have great gift ideas for yourself and your loved ones as we get closer to the holiday season. Shopping in Downtown Wayne supports our local businesses and establishments."

Following the kick-off event, participants are



Kids under the age of 12 will have a chance to visit with Santa, including a free photo, from Noon to 2:00 p.m. at the State Wayne Theater during SBS. Photo by John Rhaesa

invited to visit the participating stores in downtown Wayne. More information, including a link to register for the kick-off event, can be found at downtownwayne.org/smallbizsaturday.

Wayne Main Street has also partnered with the State Wayne Theater (35310 W Michigan Ave, Wayne, MI 48184) to bring a special visitor to Wayne: Saint Nick. Kids under the age of 12 will have a chance to visit with Santa, including a free photo, from Noon to 2:00 p.m. at the State Wayne Theater during SBS.

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About Small Business Saturday

Started in 2010 by American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Small Business Saturday is a nationwide shopping event aimed at supporting small businesses and traditional downtown retail districts such as downtown Wayne by encouraging people to shop local. Small Business Saturday complements some of the other shopping events that take place throughout the holiday season, including Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

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Paul and Ginger Cook with the dollhouse Paul built after Ginger's mother gave up on building it herself. The dollhouse takes up residence in the bay window of their home in Wayne.

Residents complete what mom started

By Carolyn Marnon

"My mother was very imaginative and creative and crafty," says Wayne resident Ginger Cook. It was a great surprise that when her mother bought a dollhouse 40 years ago, she wasn't able to put it together.

When Ginger was staying with her mom in Florida in 1980, the dollhouse lay unassembled with 100s of pieces in disarray. Ginger's husband, Paul, took it upon himself to build the dollhouse that was purchased as a kit.

It took some time, but Paul was able to build the dollhouse, get the rooms divided, glue on the shingles tediously one by one, and then add a porch. By the time he finished, the young Cook family was moving to

Germany, and the dollhouse came along with their household goods.

While in Germany for five years, the little house got painted, had wallpaper installed, and then the hard part, the furniture, was tackled. The majority of the furniture in this tiny residence was handmade by Paul in one-inch scale where an item is measured in feet and then reduce to that size in inches. Paul made beds, tables, a Queen Anne cabinet and a baby's cradle that rocks. One of the most interesting pieces of furniture, says Ginger, is the 1950's-style refrigerator in the kitchen.

An antique coat rack in the living room was duplicated from one in

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Paul's grandmother's house. Ginger made the cushions for the kitchen chairs that Paul made along with the kitchen table. Toothpicks from Cracker Barrel were used for the chair spindles, while spindles that appear on the bed were turned on Paul's small lathe. His first piece of furniture is also his favorite piece, a Lear table.

The 1940's era decorated dollhouse takes up permanent space in a side window of the Cook home after it's years of travel to and from Germany (twice in fact). It has adorned the bay window of an antiques store in Glendale, Kentucky where Paul made full-size furniture to order. It also was proudly on display at the Wayne Public Library about three years ago.

Ginger compares the dollhouse to a Pandora bracelet, always adding to it and keeping it. Although they love dollhouses, none of their four children, the youngest being 49, have had dollhouses. Ginger had a metal one when she was small.

As if one dollhouse could not keep them busy enough, they found



Ginger Cook holds a photo of her mother, the original dollhouse kit owner, while Paul stands with her.

a wrecked dollhouse in someone's trash along the street that is being fixed up for a little girl at their church. They also found another dollhouse kit in a box on the shelf at Value World that they have slowly been tackling.

Paul crafts the furniture while



Paul made the baby cradle so it would rock. It resides in the master bedroom of the tiny home.

Ginger adds the tiny homemade touches that make a house a home—curtains, bedspreads, chair cushions, and rugs made from tapestry fabric. She says her mom did do one thing for the dollhouse: she crocheted pillows. The Cook's don't seem to rest. They have a butterfly garden in their backyard and Ginger also raises butterflies from butterfly eggs left on the plants. Paul has a dulcimer that he built. They attend

to a pond with a fairy garden nearby. Paul has a Model A and a Boat Tail Speedster on a 1931 frame he is building. They recently showed the Model A at a Greenfield Village car festival. The very creative Cooks keep moving and making while Ginger's mother looks on from heaven. Perhaps her spirit roams the miniature house made with love by Ginger and Paul that she was able to see completed before her death.



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Holiday night at the museum

Join the Wayne Historical Society and local businesses in the celebration of Wayne's annual Christmas Tree Lighting. There will be free cookies and hot chocolate, Santa in the museum for the kids, firepit warming stations, a petting zoo, carriage rides and more. Come on out to the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Towne Square, for a great time in Downtown Wayne on Saturday, December 7, from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

No Child Without a Christmas

The City of Wayne Goodfellows 33rd Annual Fundraiser for No Child Without a Christmas will be Saturday, December 7, from 6:00-11:00 p.m. at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Rd, Westland. Help the Wayne Goodfellows raise

money to make sure no child in Wayne goes without a Christmas. There will be raffles, auctions, dancing and lots of fun. Tickets include dinner, dessert, an open bar and a chance to win a door prize. Ticket prices are \$40 per person or a table of 10 for \$350. Tickets will be available at Henry's Service Center and other locations to be announced.

The Wayne Goodfellows are accepting applications from low-income families who need help at Christmas.

Applicants must live in Wayne and have young children living with them. Applications can be picked up at Wayne City Hall, HYPE and the Fire Department. Proof of income and residency will be required. Completed applications can be dropped off at HYPE, 4635 Howe Rd. on November 6 and 9, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Applicants who are notified they are approved will need to pick up donations on November 20 and 23, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00

p.m., at HYPE. If you have questions, please call (734) 722-9319.

Food and restaurants of Wayne

Learn about the kinds of food pioneers ate when they first came to Wayne, the rise of hotel-restaurants, social changes and restaurants you may remember from back when. The Wayne Historical Society will be hosting "The History of Food and Restaurants in Wayne" on Thursday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m., at the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Towne Square. The program is free; refreshments will be served.

New Year's Eve party

Notre Dame Hall, 3144 S. Wayne Rd, will be hosting a New Year's Eve Party on Tuesday, December 31. There will be live entertainment featuring the sounds of Mario. Mario's variety show includes Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Paul Anka, Dion DiMucci and Elvis along with swing,

R&B, country and 50s. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is served at 7:00 p.m. Entertainment lasts all evening along with 50/50s, a raffle, hors d'oeuvres and champagne. Tickets are \$30 for members for Knights of Columbus & Notre Dame Social Club and \$35 for nonmembers. They can be obtained at www.notredamelounge.eventbrite.com or at the lounge bar on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday starting at 6:00 p.m.

Attention Wayne seniors!

Are you interested in a paid membership to the Dyer Center or Friendship Center? Both offer a number of wonderful opportunities tailored for individuals 50 years and older. The City of Wayne will pay the annual membership for you to join ONE of the centers. All you have to do is sign up at one of the locations; they will bill the City of Wayne.

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London lands a super nova award

By Carolyn Marnon

She is the second girl in Michigan and the first girl in her Cub Scout Pack 247 to win the Dr. Luis W. Alvarez Super Nova award. Lilly London received this award, given to honor scouts for exceptional STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) achievement through research and experiments, at a recent Pack 247 meeting held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne.

Pack 247 is the first pack in Wayne to accept girls in Scouting and forms the first family pack in Wayne.

Lilly joined Pack 247 in the summer of 2018. Lilly is also a Girl Scout, but her older brother has been involved in the boy version of scouting and she has been exposed to the many activities that boys do in scouting. According to Lilly, the girls in scouting do more sleepovers, while the boys do more challenging activities. She's been an honorary cub scout since she was 3-4 years old. She says she didn't think twice

when girls were allowed to join the boy scouting organization in 2018.

When Lilly was asked why math and science are important, she replied "Because STEM is a very important thing in life."

In order to earn the award, Lilly had to complete numerous activities and science experiments. These were done at home, at meetings and at STEM events. One of the activities she did was take pictures of buildings to learn more about geometry. Lilly had to be mentored by someone other than a family member. Jill Shork mentored her along with a Chrysler engineer who taught her about different careers.

A letter from Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer reads "You have proven exceptional diligence and passion that stood out among the other scouts. I have no doubt you will continue to make strides in your field of interest and serve as an inspirational example to other scouts who desire to follow your path."

9-year-old Lilly is a Bear Cub in the scouting hierarchy. She would like to be a vet when she grows up and realizes that she needs STEM learning to reach that goal.

Born in 1911 in San Francisco, Luis W. Alvarez loved to tinker as a child. Physics eventually became his main field of study where he eventually received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1968. He patented many inventions that revolved around optics.

As Lilly received her award at the pack meeting, another little girl sat in the audience with her mouth wide open when she heard that Lilly had done the work needed to earn the award outside of the regular pack activities. The letter from Gov. Whitmer was read and Lilly presented a special pin to her mentor, Jill Shork.

Lilly has goals for the future. Her short-term goal is to work on another Super Nova award. Her long-term goal is to attend a scout camp in Alaska. She's watched movies on Alaska and says, "I've always wanted



Lilly London and her mentor Jill Shork after Lilly was awarded the Dr. Luis W. Alvarez award in cub scouting. Lilly is only the 2nd girl in Michigan to be awarded the honor.

to see a husky race."

There's no doubt that her achievements in scouting will be many if she continues on her current trajectory, and we will one day be reading about her Eagle Scout pursuits.

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iors have signed up for a membership at the Friendship Center joining over 100 of their friends and neighbors who were already members.

The Friendship Center is located at 1119 Newburgh in Westland. The Dyer Center is located at 36745 Marquette, also in Westland.

Both centers offer a variety of programs including but not limited to:

- Daily congregate meals; travel programs; blood pressure and diabetes screening; health screenings; flu shots; massages; legal aid; educational seminars; access to tax consultation; alterations; Zumba; Tai Chi; movie days; chorus and choir; game night; shopping and casino excursions; quilting; line dancing... and much, much more.

Unfortunately, the City of Wayne cannot cover memberships for both centers, but the City is pleased to

offer one to you.

If you are already a member of the Dyer Center or Friendship Center and paid your dues for the year, you cannot be reimbursed. However, the City will cover your new membership for 2020 using the same process above.

The Romulus Senior Center is also offering FREE memberships to Wayne Seniors. This center is located at 3625 Bibbins Street in Romulus. If you have any questions, please call (734) 722-2002.

City hall hours change

Effective, Friday, November 8, 2019, The City of Wayne is going to test opening City Hall on Friday's from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Unfortunately City Hall cannot remain open for an entire day due to the constraints the City has with federal requirements and 28 hour work limits with regards to part-time employees

and budgetary challenges. However, City Hall wants to see if these hours work for the public and if they do not, the city will revisit other options. The staff has adjusted their schedules for this change. The City realizes there will be differing opinions regarding operational hours. It has been nearly a decade since City Hall was open on Fridays. Please be patient as City Hall goes through this testing process.

Community event for local seniors requests help

The organizers of the 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Wayne Towers are requesting help from community members. The dinner will be on Saturday, November 23, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Organizers are needing turkeys, hams, green bean casseroles, mashed potatoes, stuffing, corn, candied yams, gravy, rolls, desserts, plastic ware, napkins and drinks.

Help is also needed to set up for the event, help during the event and clean up afterwards. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Christi Powell at (734) 502-5603.

Police department receives grant

The Wayne Police Department was recently informed they will be the recipients of a \$76,539 grant offered through the Michigan State Police BYRNE Justice program. The grant will be used to purchase laptops for inside patrol cars; a traffic crash investigation system; electronic sign to monitor speeds in neighborhoods; and an electronic system to monitor training for new officers.

This grant does not allow the funding to be used to hire or pay for police personnel. It is a technology grant.



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