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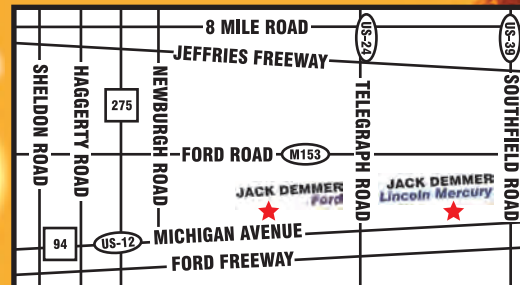
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The couple behind the good news paper

By Jenny Johnson · Editor

The good news paper has a good story behind it. Publishers John and Natalie Rhaesa have lived and worked in Wayne for more than 15 years. They care passionately about their community and want The Wayne Dispatch to be the voice of all good things happening in their town.

"I've always wanted to have my own newspaper," said John.

They knew from day one they wanted to have a newspaper that focused solely on positive news.

"The good stuff always gets pushed to the back page in other newspapers," said Natalie.

But not here. The Wayne Dispatch is a monthly publication that will celebrate businesses, churches, civic groups, schools, scouts, residents and any other uplifting stories.

"We want to be refreshing and something anyone can read," she said.

The Wayne Dispatch will have something for everyone and will be delivered to everyone. Each month the paper will be mailed to all homes in Wayne. No subscription necessary.

"We owe that to our advertisers and to the community. They both deserve our best," Natalie said.

There will also be several locations around town where visitors can get a copy of The Wayne Dispatch.

The Rhaesas are no strangers to the newspaper industry. John began his work at the local Wayne paper in 1987. The two met in 1994 when Natalie came to work in the graphics department. They were married in 1995.

Six years ago they launched their own business. JoNa Graphics is a full service graphic design company. Some of their services include logo design, brochures, banners, postcards, signs, business cards and invitations.

This will be the fourth year they have designed the City calendar. They also do the library newsletter, the Historical Society brochure and they just completed the Wayne Mural brochure.

Both have strong ties to Wayne. John is a 1987 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and Natalie attended Roosevelt McGrath Elementary and Franklin Middle School before graduating from Canton High School in 1990.

They enjoy living and working in Wayne and are proud to introduce The Wayne Dispatch.

"We are excited to take the opportunity to try and connect the community together in a way that hasn't been done in a long time," said John.

"With today's economy we need this more than ever. Not only are we showing positive things but we encourage people to shop locally to help strengthen our Wayne economy," he said.

"We want to create a vehicle for people to have a connection to their community," he said.

A community newspaper has something for everyone. It is beneficial and helps people in their everyday lives. It provides information, teaches you and gives you empowering positive stories. That is what you will find every month in The Wayne Dispatch.

"We are bringing change and we want to make a difference," John said.

The Rhaesas are excited to preview some of their upcoming stories. Next month they will feature a cover story on survivors. We will highlight two local

women who have suffered tragedies and are working hard to overcome obstacles. There will also be another history lesson with Matthew Miller's column Rearview Mirror and we will check in with some local businesses to see how they are preparing for the holiday season.



John and Natalie Rhaesa

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John Rhaesa

Guess who's coming to town?

Guess who's coming to town? Here is a hint. He wears a red suit, has a white beard and is always jolly. It's Santa Claus. In an exclusive interview with one of Santa's representatives, the Wayne Dispatch can confirm Santa will make an appearance at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 22nd, at the Wayne Rotary Christmas parade. So don't be late.

Come early so you can get a front row seat to see Santa as he rolls down Wayne Road toward the State Wayne Theater. You can even visit him after the parade inside the State Wayne Theater. The parade route will begin at Second and Sims and proceed north to Glenwood. They will go west on Glenwood and south on Wayne Road to east bound Michigan Avenue. The parade will end at the State Wayne Theater where Santa will greet the children and parade trophies will be given out.

All are welcome to join Santa in the parade. The Wayne Rotary is still looking for school groups, bands, scouts, churches, floats or anyone else who would like to participate. The parade theme is: I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas.

The parade committee is asking for non-perishable food donations to help the needy. All donations will be distributed through the John Bolde Food Depot. The need this year is greater than ever. Cash donations to the depot are acceptable and tax deductible. If you would like to be in the parade, just like Santa, you can get a parade entry form at Harry J. Will Funeral Home. Call Tom Lynch at 734-721-5600 for details.

Trophies will be awarded in six categories. They are: best band, best float, Santa's favorite, best theme, most creative, and Christmas spirit.

Santa will only have time to talk to children about their Christmas wish lists when he visits. But we have some burning questions about Santa. So we took to the streets of Wayne and didn't have a hard time finding Santa experts to help answer our questions.

What is Santa's favorite cookie?

Students at Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School were in agreement on this. Their consensus



Santa Claus comes to Wayne Nov. 22nd.

was chocolate chip cookies and milk were Santa's favorite snack. "One time he ate the whole gingerbread house we made," said Allie Rupert, 6.

How in the world does Santa eat all of the cookies and milk that are left for him on Christmas Eve?

"He skips dinner and doesn't eat for a long time," said Ally Cagle, 6.

How does Santa get to be everywhere at once?

"He has helpers at the malls to find out what the kids want for Christmas," Cagle said.

"Santa visited us at school once. He talked to me," said Darrell Fischer, 9.

He asked Santa if Mrs. Claus cooked dinner for him and if there was a lot of snow at the North Pole. Santa said yes to both.

"One time I saw him at my house giving presents," said Devyn Sweeting, 10.

How Does Santa know which homes to visit?

"We sprinkle reindeer food on the lawn so Santa can find us," said Essence Jones, 7. She said the food sparkles so the reindeer know just where to land.

How do you recognize Santa in a crowd?

"He wears a big red suit and pants, boots and a snowball hat," said Alex Finley, 8.

Once again Santa's representative tells us Santa is very busy at the North Pole, but he is very excited that he will get to visit with all of the boys and girls of Wayne on Nov. 22.

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Play 4 All

By Jenny Johnson



Students at Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School were among the first to try out the new Play 4 All playground. The ribbon cutting was attended by hundreds of well wishers. Among them were: Mark Hall, Regional Manager, CVS Michigan; Kevin McNamara, Wayne County Commissioner; Robert A. Ficano, Wayne County Executive; Mayor Abdul "Al" Haidous; Marc Corriveau, State Representative; and Amy Jaffe Barzach, Founder Boundless Playground. Photos by The Wayne Dispatch

Boundless Playground Offers Play 4 All Children

It takes a community to build a playground. The Play 4 All Boundless Playground is the newest addition to the City of Wayne and the first playground in Wayne County that is fully handicap accessible. Located at Soroptomist Park, this playground was built with the support of the business, residential and school communities.

A crowd of city, county and state officials, neighbors and excited students from Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School were proud to attend the official ribbon cutting celebration for the Play 4 All Boundless Playground.

After thanking all of the playground's benefactors and

“We have all made a difference for the children of this community.”

Kimberly Alexander
Parks and Recreation Director

supporters, Parks and Recreation Director Kimberly Alexander said, “We have all made a difference for the children of this community.”

From the beginning the Play 4 All playground had help. Elementary schools collected pop bottles. Local businesses donated money and

employee volunteers. Residents braved the rain and showed up to help erect the play structure during the three day build.

“The City of Wayne believes in their neighborhoods,” said Kevin McNamara, Wayne County Commissioner.

It took two years of planning and fundraising to raise over \$370,000 needed to build the Play 4 All playground. Funding came from a variety of sources including: \$150,000 from the Wayne County Commission; \$75,000 from the State of Michigan through the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund; the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan; \$38,000 from CVS Caremark Corporation; the Wayne Rotary Club; and the Association for Retarded Citizens for Western Wayne County.

“This is an investment for the kids in the community, but it is also an

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Mayor Abdul "Al" Haidous addresses the crowd at the Boundless Playground ribbon cutting.

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economic investment," said Robert Ficano, Wayne County Executive.

Ficano said this playground shows the City of Wayne cares about the quality of life of its residents.

"When times are tough, that's when people of a community come together," said Marc Corriveau, State Representative.

The Play 4 All playground is a Boundless Playground. Boundless Playgrounds are fully functional for all children. Children without disabilities can run, jump and play the same as on any other playground, but the children with disabilities have a rubber surface that allows wheelchairs and walkers to easily glide over. The swings and spring toys have back supports. It is these subtle differences that allows all children to play together. That's the goal of Boundless Playgrounds and was the driving force behind the City of Wayne wanting to put the Play 4 All Boundless Playground close to Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School.

Two classrooms from Roosevelt-McGrath recently visited the Play 4 All playground. Without barrier and access problems, Jonathan Blanchard was able to get to the top of the structure and challenge his teacher to a game of Tic-Tac-Toe.

Isaiah Leigh was able to roll right up to the bars and show visitors how fast he could spin them.

This playground gives all kids an equal chance at fun.

"The sign sums up everything" Amy Jaffe Barzach, Founder, Boundless Playgrounds.

She said if you ask a child with



The smile shows how happy kids were to play on this one of a kind playground.

disabilities what they want in a playground, they say to be able to play with the other kids.

At a Boundless Playground you will find children in wheelchairs who are able to get to the highest point of the play structure. The accessibility surpassed that of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Every child can be in the middle of the fun and not on the sidelines.

Boundless Playgrounds is a Connecticut-based nonprofit organization that helps communities build accessible playgrounds. They are dedicated to helping communities create playgrounds where children, with and without disabilities, can play together.

There are more than 100 Boundless Playgrounds in the United States and Canada. More than a dozen are in Michigan, but the Play 4 All playground is the first in Wayne. Soroptomist Park is located on the corner of John and Williams.



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Mural causes us to discover our rich and proud history

As I write this, muralists Joshua Winer and David Fichter are putting their finishing touches on the Wayne History Mural on the east side of the State Wayne Theatre. It has become very clear that they have touched the lives of many area residents, including me. I would frequently stop by each day on my way home from work to say hello and admire the latest addition to this bigger than life look into Wayne's past. I don't know which I enjoyed more, the muralist's witty banter back and forth like some old married couple while perched high upon the scaffolding, or watching the faces of theatre goers light up as they strolled past the work in progress on their way to the theatre entrance. Equally rewarding was hearing the patrons voice their approval, admiration and appreciation to both David and Joshua.

The concept of a mural was brought forth by the 2020 Committee, a spin off of the two task force meetings that were held back in 2003 in response to the "Cool Cities"



On the Bright Side

Hal Hultman

program created by the Governor's office. Although Wayne was unsuccessful in obtaining grant money from Lansing, the City recognized a need to pursue fresh and innovative ideas to breathe life back into the downtown area. Of course, the mural itself won't turn around the downtown, but it's a start. Public art, including murals, have been utilized by other communities as a vehicle for drawing people to the downtown area. Once there, people may want to visit a store or restaurant. They might also notice an empty storefront in which perhaps they could launch their first business venture or expand their existing business.

Another advantage of the mural is



Muralists Joshua Winer and David Fichter are putting their finishing touches on the Wayne History Mural. Photo by Art Carpenter

how it has caused people to discover the rich and proud history of the City of Wayne. Before we can move this City forward, we need to understand

its past. Please take some time to visit the mural and get to know your community. You might be surprised by what you learn.

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Wayne mural is bigger than life history lesson

By Jenny Johnson

Every stroke of their paintbrush tells a different story. For more than four months muralists David Fichter and Joshua Winer were busy creating a visual history of the City of Wayne. Their mural extends along the east wall of the State Wayne Theater and has become a favorite spot for residents and visitors to stop, watch their progress and visit.

"We have made lots of friends here. People are there to check on the progress and tell some of their favorite stories," Winer said.

It is not unusual to have groups of people stop by and watch them work. These strangers stand together looking at the mural and before long they are chatting like old neighbors about the good old days or upcoming events in the city. Sometimes they stop by just to shoot the breeze with Winer and Fichter.

Some of the friends have been surprised to see themselves in the mural. If you look hard enough you will recognize current City residents and students mixed in with the historical figures.

One resident, Melvin-Louise



David Fichter paints Mayor Pat Norton to complete the Wayne History Mural.

Photos by The Wayne Dispatch

Snipes watches the progress every day from her apartment in Newberry Square. A resident since 1944, she makes an appearance on the wall.

"Friends come and spend time at the wall. They cheer us up. They have left us lunch, dinner and even home

made cookies. Some have invited us to their home," Winer said.

"Everyone has been really incredibly supportive," Fichter said.

Hal Hultman is a frequent visitor to the mural. He is the chairperson of the Wayne 2020 Committee, where

the idea for a mural began.

"The concept of the mural was to draw people to the downtown and instill a sense of pride in the community. The mural itself will not revitalize the downtown, but it is the first step in a long journey towards a thriving downtown," Hultman said.

Hultman has enjoyed spending time at the wall with Fichter and Winer and getting the chance to visit with other residents.

"People are amazed by the process of creating a big project like this. Sometimes they just stand and watch," Winer said.

"We are creating things while people are watching. This is community art. People can talk to us. They even give us color and design ideas," said Fichter.

Fichter and Winer both started as studio painters, but when they began painting murals, they were sold. They have both been painting murals for more than 15 years and enjoy being able to make art on site.

"I really like the connection with the people," said Fichter.

They see themselves and the mural as a connector to the people.

"Art, no matter what kind it is,

tends to be good for people," said Winer.

They are happy they have been able to give the people of Wayne this unique opportunity.

Do the distractions of all the company make it hard to get the job done?

"We can generally work and talk at the same time," said Fichter.

Making Their Own History

They are not only painting the history of Wayne. They are becoming part of history too and while in town they have created one of their own traditions. Sitting in a back corner table of Brownie's Diner the pair enjoy their quaint surroundings. They eat lunch there everyday. Brownie's has long been a landmark in Wayne. The cozy diner offers great food at a reasonable price.

"It's a good place to get a good bite to eat, read the paper and watch the news," said Fichter.

They cited the omelettes and American fries as among their favorite items on the menu.

The entire mural process has been more than two years in the making. It started with an idea from the "Cool Cities" initiative in 2003. The Wayne 2020 Committee was created and they focused on creating public art.

"The mural is not only a history lesson but also has a lot of visual interest. This is public art that can enhance the downtown and help attract visitors to our community," said Matt Miller, City Planner.

In The Beginning

There are several phases to go through before a mural can be put on a wall.

It all started when the 2020 committee contacted Fichter and Winer and asked them to send their portfolio. A video interview followed.

After the initial request, the muralists talked to city officials and members of the 2020 Committee about their goals for the project.

The next phase was the planning and research phase. Fichter and Winer spent a week exploring the town, taking photos, talking to residents, passing out surveys and researching the history of Wayne at the historical museum. They asked residents about their town and what they value. They also had to find the perfect spot for the artistic



City Manager John Zech, Councilwoman Susan Rowe and Mayor Al Haidous pose with the artists after the council meeting. Photos by The Wayne Dispatch

centerpiece.

"We noticed the wall of the theater really early on," said Fichter.

"It was architecturally interesting and more open for people to drive by and also walk around and explore," said Winer.

Once they had the location and a storyboard, they were ready to begin painting.

"It's important to have a plan but also to incorporate the experiences we have had along the way," said Fichter.

That's why so many visitors have found themselves a part of the mural.

Fichter has mainly done the larger portraits and Winer has concentrated on the architecture and landscape.

"There is a logic to the design," said Winer.

Each panel has its own identity. They include: People, Pride and Progress, Industrial Growth, Community Life and a Road Runs Through It.

"Early on we knew this was going to be a historical piece, but we also wanted to include contemporary images," said Fichter.

"We wanted something for the

kids to identify with but to also connect it with the past," he said.

Take the image of the two high school graduates side by side. One is Lillie Empson the Wayne High School valedictorian for the Class of 1886. She is standing next to Jasmen Sheffield-Sadler the Wayne Memorial High School valedictorian for the Class of 2007.

There is also the portrait of a teacher from the late 1800s, along with a portrait of two current students.

Mural fans of all ages enjoyed watching the stories unfold. "I like that it shows the town's history and it makes the town more attractive. My favorite part is Pat Sheridan. He played at Wayne High and was a Detroit Tiger," said 8-year-old Michael Beckert.

There are so many multi-generational families in Wayne with such rich history and ties to the City. Fichter and Winer have enjoyed getting to meet them.

The Wayne Dispatch newsboy in the mural is Roger Cullen. The Cullen family has met the artists and visited the mural.

"People have been impacted. This has brought people together. We sometimes see ourselves as mural therapists. We bring people together and it has a surprising effect," Fichter said.

While this is the first collaboration Fichter and Winer have done, it won't be the last. They have another one scheduled along with another friend at an art center closer to their home in the Boston area. It will be a 60 x 60 mural with a mosaic portion.

How do they sum up their time here in Wayne?

"It's been a great experience for us," said Fichter.

"I've been impressed with the real genuine level of sincere interest there is in the citizens to better their town. There is a great level of volunteerism here in Wayne," Fichter said.

He cited the playscape, new Boundless Playground and all of the charitable contributions the Rotary does.

"This is a strong, good community and people are willing to give of themselves to make this a great place to live. The spirit is still there and everyone really wants to bring it back," Winer said.

Getting to know Ezra

This will be a reoccurring column portraying some of the interesting history in the City of Wayne. Part of community life is knowing about our past and this knowledge can be passed down to today's children so they can appreciate their community. Here is your first history lesson.

Ezra Derby Jr. was one of the earliest settlers in the area. He was born on December 24, 1802 and died on June 30, 1877. He was the first of nine children born to Ezra Derby and Ruth Puffer Derby in Westminister, Massachusetts. He came to Detroit in 1825 by way of the Erie Canal. After the canal opened in 1818, the west was open for expansion and this must have stirred a young Ezra to begin the adventure and go west.

Upon arrival, he went to the Land Office in Detroit and bought 80 acres in Ypsilanti Township. This land is now part of the GM Hydramatic Plant at Willow Run. This was really the wild frontier and it required much effort to begin to clear the land and establish a farm. While he was in Ypsilanti, he was a respected farmer and was elected "overseer of highways" which was an important position in the frontier. The job also came with the duties of fence viewer. During this time Ezra learned to survey.

On his way to Ypsilanti, Ezra had to have come through Wayne which was then known as Johnson's Tavern. The small tavern was only founded the year before and Wayne was nothing more than a stop to seek rest and shelter. Records first indicate that Ezra came to town in 1831 and bought the Simmons property. Stephen Simmons was

Rearview Mirror

Matt Miller



condemned to death by hanging in Detroit in 1830 for killing his wife. Ezra must have known Simmons and the unfortunate situation as he bought the property from his heirs.

At this time, the village was nothing more than a couple of families living in log cabins trying to make an existence. He immediately began making improvements to his property by creating a blacksmith's shop and establishing a school. The school was first held in the loft of the blacksmith's shop. It must have been hot and noisy above that shop. The school opened in 1833 with Corneila Hawley as the teacher.

Ezra was busy. He built a sawmill, a store and a frame house. This house was built in 1834 and was the first frame house built in the township. This little burg was all on Michigan Avenue at Wayne Road then known as Schwartzburg Road. He created the first subdivision of land in the village in 1835. The land was divided on the north side of Michigan Avenue from Elizabeth Street east to roughly where Second Street is now. The Register of Deeds Office called the town Derby's Corners. This was the first attempt to subdivide the town and for this reason Ezra Derby is considered the founder of the village and perhaps the first City Planner.

You can learn more about Wayne's



Ezra Derby lived in this house at the south east corner of Norris and Third in the 1870's. Photo courtesy of The Wayne Historical Museum.

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Matt Miller



Ezra Derby 1803-1877

history by visiting the Wayne Historical Museum, One Town Square or calling 722-0113. Hours are Fridays and Saturdays 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Yes, it is true that there is no Applebee's or Art Van. But did you know that the chef at U.S. 12 Bar & Grill is in the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest commercial hamburger or that Frank's Furniture has been family owned and run for over 43 years? Wayne may not have the chain stores that you may be used to, but the commitment to community and to this City is overwhelming. Did you know that people drive from

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Jill Gaudet



Romulus, Pinckney and Ypsilanti to shop at Northside Hardware and Leo's Jewelry to find that one special item?

You may be asking yourself what role does the Chamber of Commerce play within the City of Wayne and more importantly what is the Chamber of Commerce? The Wayne Chamber of Commerce consists of a dedicated group of business owners, entrepreneurs and city officials who take pride in helping one another succeed in a competitive market. Through business promotions, a monthly newsletter, networking, a membership directory, monthly Chamber luncheons and our website, the Wayne Chamber of Commerce is committed to



maintaining the quality of service that has existed in the Wayne business community for many years. The Wayne Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization that is operated independently of the City of Wayne. This means that the Chamber receives no funding from the City and must raise funding on its own.

The funding to keep the Chamber running comes from membership dues, sponsorships, and fundraising. The Chamber provides an opportunity for businesses to network with one another to help generate business and acts as a liason between the businesses and the City.

Take the challenge of rediscovering Wayne for a week. Eat at your local restaurant, visit the

community center, stop at Northside Hardware, Leo's Jewelry, The Acorn Shop or Jus' Shooz for that last minute gift, new school shoes or supplies for fall clean up. The Wayne business community consists of families that have been in the area for years that are dedicated to the City of Wayne, shouldn't you be too? Visit your local businesses and make it so that everyone in Wayne knows your name!

Editor's note: Jillianne Gaudet has been the Executive Director of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce since April 2007. She holds degrees in both Anthropology and Advertising/Public Relations. She enjoys hockey, reading and being outdoors. She can be reached at the Chamber Office at 734.721.0100.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Lead Singer Contest at U.S. 12 Monday nights starting at 11 p.m..

Brian Schnarr sings in the in U.S. 12 House Band Competition. Photo The Wayne Dispatch

November 2

Classic Movie Day at State Wayne Theater
35310 Michigan Avenue West
North By Northwest- a 1959 Alfred Hitchcock film starring Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint.
Showtimes: 1:00, 3:35 & 6:10 p.m.

November 3

City Council Meeting 8:00 p.m.
City Hall 3355 S. Wayne Road

November 3- December 11

Elementary After School Rec Co-ed Floor Hockey League. If you are in grades 3rd through 5th and attending Schweitzer, Roosevelt, Hoover, Taft, and Vandenberg Elementary Schools or a Wayne resident, you can register now at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road. Games will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Franklin Middle School. Cost is \$15/ resident and \$20/ non-resident. For more information, please call the Wayne Community Center at 721-7400.

November 4

Vote Today! Polls open 7 a.m.- 8 p.m.

November 8

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
8 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Westland DPS, 37137 Marquette (between Wayne Road and Newburgh)

Items accepted include: household paints, floor care products, nail polish, glue, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers,

solvents, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries, dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, mercury thermometers, thermostats, computers, cell phones, fax machines, copiers and televisions.

November 8

Family Movie Wayne Public Library
3737 South Wayne Road
2:00-3:00 p.m.
Native Americans:
Before the First Thanksgiving
There is no charge for this family event, but please pre-register by October 25 at the front desk of the library.

November 11

Veteran's Day

November 12

The History of Eloise Wayne Public Library
3737 South Wayne Road
7:00 p.m.
What was life like at Eloise? Get a first hand account of what life was like on the 1,000 acre 78 building complex on the corner on Michigan Avenue and Merriman. No charge, but please call 721-7832 to reserve your spot.

November 12

Café Marquette Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet
4:45- 6:15 p.m.
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November 13

Ladies Night Out at Chamber of Commerce
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November 13

Bingo at the Senior Activity Center
35000 Sims 1:00 p.m.

November 14

Legal Advice Wayne Senior Activity Center,
3500 Sims

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November 14

7:00 p.m. Junior Miss Scholarship Program
Wayne Memorial High School
Stockmeyer Auditorium

November 17

School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Check website for location www.wvcsd.net

November 18

City Council Meeting 8:00 p.m.
City Hall 3355 S. Wayne Road

November 19

Café Marquette Wild Game Dinner Buffet
4:45- 6:15 p.m.
36455 Marquette
(inside William D. Ford
Career Technical Center)
All you can eat for \$10 per person.

November 20

Thanksgiving Luncheon
Wayne Senior Activity Center
35000 Sims
12 p.m. Tickets are \$9.50 and
must be purchased by November 13.

November 22

Wayne Rotary Christmas Parade 10 a.m. Line up on Second Street behind Wayne City Hall. Parade will proceed north on Second Street, west on Glenwood to Wayne Road and south on Wayne Road to westbound Michigan Avenue. The parade will end at State Wayne Theater. Santa will visit with children.

November 23

Curbside leaf collection ends Residents can rake leaves into the street for collection on City maintained paved streets. Please do not park on or near leaf piles or place trash containers near leaf piles. Regular yard waste collection will continue until December 19. Yard waste should be placed in brown paper bags or in standard 20-30 gallon containers. All containers must have handles and a lid.

November 27

Thanksgiving

Kids Corner Bowling Club

After School Bowling Club for third, fourth and fifth graders and Middle School Bowling every Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Wayne Bowl (Must provide own transportation). The cost is \$5.00 each week and includes two games, shoes, 3 bowlers per team and weekly snack bar specials. Registration is held at the Wayne Bowl and Wayne Community Center. If you have any questions, please call Wayne Bowl 721-7530 or the Wayne Community Center at 721-7400.

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Election 2008 Make your vote count on Tuesday November 4th

November 4th is a big day. Voters in the City of Wayne will have a chance to vote for the next President of the United States. What else is on the ballot? A lot. There are 19 races, two statewide proposals and one millage renewal for voters to consider.

The following items will be on the ballot on November 4th:

- President and Vice-President of the United States
- United States Senator
- Representative in Congress 11th District
- Representative in State Legislature 20th District
- Member of the State Board of Education
- Regent of the University of Michigan
- Trustee of Michigan State University
- Governor of Wayne State University
- Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney
- Wayne County Sheriff
- Wayne County Clerk
- Wayne County Treasurer
- Wayne County Register of Deeds
- Wayne County Commissioner 11th District
- Justice of Supreme Court
- Wayne County Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District
- Wayne County Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit
- Wayne County Judge of Probate Court
- Wayne County Community College Board of Trustees Member Wayne County Community College 9th District

There will also be two statewide proposals on the ballot.

Proposal 1

A legislative initiative to permit the use and cultivation of marijuana for specified medical conditions.

The proposed law would:

Permit physician approved use of marijuana by registered patients with debilitating medical conditions including cancer, glaucoma, HIV, AIDS, hepatitis C, MS and other conditions as may be approved by the Department of Community Health.

Permit registered individuals to grow limited amounts of marijuana

for qualifying patients in an enclosed, locked facility.

Require Department of Community Health to establish an identification card system for patients qualified to use marijuana and individuals qualified to grow marijuana.

Permit registered and unregistered patients and primary caregivers to assert medical reasons for using marijuana as a defense to any prosecution involving marijuana.

Proponents of this proposal say:

Terminally and seriously ill patients battling diseases like cancer and HIV/AIDS should be allowed to use medical marijuana with doctor's approval to relieve their pain and suffering.

Registry identification cards will allow law enforcement officials to regulate medical marijuana use and ensure it is only being used by seriously ill patients who have permission from their doctors. It also established penalties for false statements and fraudulent cards.

Common-sense restrictions will regulate the use of medical marijuana, including prohibiting its use in public places and driving under the influence of marijuana.

Only people who are seriously ill or dying will legally have access to medical marijuana, not people who will turn around and sell drugs.

Opponents of this proposal say:

Legalizing marijuana will open the door to increased drug abuse, crime and the denigration of society.

Legalizing medical marijuana is the first step toward complete legalization of marijuana, and eventually other drugs.

Since there is no way for law enforcement officials to regulate or measure the intake of marijuana, registered users who decide to drive under the influence would be a threat to public safety.

Proposal 2

A proposal to amend the state constitution to address human embryo and human embryonic stem cell research in Michigan.

The proposed constitutional

amendment would:

Expand use of human embryos for any research permitted under federal law subject to the following limits: the embryos are created for fertility treatment purposes; are not suitable for implantation or are in excess of clinical needs; would be discarded unless used for research where donated by the person seeking fertility treatment.

Provide that stem cells cannot be taken from human embryos more than 14 days after cell division begins.

Prohibit any person from selling or purchasing human embryos for stem cell research.

Prohibit state and local laws that prevent, restrict or discourage stem cell research, future therapies and cures.

Proponents of this amendment say:

Stem cells hold great promise for researchers who are searching for effective treatments for people who are suffering from life-altering and debilitating diseases and injuries, such as Parkinson's disease, juvenile diabetes, spinal cord injuries, Alzheimer's disease and cancer.

Using donated embryos that go unused in fertility treatments will allow doctors and researchers to find cures for serious diseases and debilitating injuries, including paralysis.

Unused embryos from fertility treatments will be used only with the donors' consent to find life-saving cures, rather than being discarded as medical waste.

This proposal will strictly prohibit the sale of human embryos for stem cell research and would leave in place Michigan's current ban on human cloning.

Opponents of this amendment say:

Since human embryonic stem cell research is already legal in Michigan and is funded with private money, this proposal is really about allowing the use of state taxpayers' money to fund this research.

Federal law currently has no restrictions on human embryonic research. By allowing any research

on human embryos that is permitted under federal law, the proposal would allow unregulated and unrestricted research in Michigan.

Amending the constitution to allow unrestricted research on human embryos would remove the Legislature's ability to regulate stem cell research.

Human life must be protected.

Wayne County Community College District Millage Renewal and Reduction

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Community College District be renewed at a rate of 1.25 mills (\$1.25 per \$1,000 of Taxable Valuation) for a period of ten (10) years, 2011 to 2020, inclusive, as a reduction of the prior millage authorization previously approved by the electors (as reduced by operation of the Headlee Amendment) which shall expire with the 2010 levy, to provide funds for all community college purposes authorized by law? It is estimated that 1.25 mills would raise approximately \$41,778,457 when first levied in 2011.

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day Polling locations are:

Precinct 1 & 2

Wayne Senior Activity Center
35000 Sims Avenue

Precinct 4 & 5

Taft Galloway
Elementary School
4035 Gloria

Precinct 6 & 7

Hoover Elementary School
5400 Fourth Street

Precinct 8

Roosevelt-McGrath
Elementary School
36075 Currier

Note: Precinct 3 has been consolidated with Precinct 2.

Great events happening all around town

Hello and welcome. This is the first issue of a very old and respected name in Wayne Newspapers: The Wayne Dispatch. We hope you will enjoy our monthly news gathering. Many people are making good things happen in Wayne. If you're interested, we will try to tell you all about them.



Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan

At 6:00 p.m. on October 28th, City officials will dedicate Phase 2 of the Wayne History Mural at the State Wayne Theater. Panel 1 is Rural life and includes Irving Carpenter. Panel 2 is Schools, Education and Military and includes athletes Pat Sheridan and Bill Hawley. The last panels have long time historian Mildred Hanchett, photographer Suzie Doolittle and the first Village President, William Corlett. Thanks to Peter McInerney, Community Development Director, for all the information about the mural.

View the mural closely and you will see many friends. There's the Newberry-Biddle Bunch and the Wayne Marching Band, shopkeepers

Bill Mulholland and Leo Zuckerman. Roger Cullen, father of our former City Manager, has a most prominent spot delivering . . . what's that? Why it's THE WAYNE DISPATCH.

Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union is having a blood drive from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on November 21. Although they will have room for walk-ins, you may also set up an appointment by calling 721-5700.

The History of Eloise: At 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21st, at the Wayne Public Library Jo Johnson will present details of the institution. Betty Zimmerman will give a first-hand account of life at Eloise.

Bill Mulholland remembers that on warm summer nights, here in Wayne, one could hear men singing. Folks would say it's the POGIES -- The poor old guys in Eloise.

Kathy Koveleski and The Wayne Garden Club will do their annual decoration of the Wayne Historical Museum on November 12th.

Some friendly Santa helpers from the Rotary Club are setting up an electric train display at the Wayne Historical Museum. Rotarians Barry McEachern, Art Quintal, John Van Stipdonk and the Honorable Milt Mack are in charge of making those trains run on time. There will be a special Santa train under the Christmas tree and three other trains running throughout the museum. On December 6th, Santa will sit in his special Santa chair. Kids can have their picture taken with our own Wayne Kris Kringle.

The annual Christmas parade is also sponsored by Wayne Rotary and

will be at 10:00 a.m. on November 22.

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