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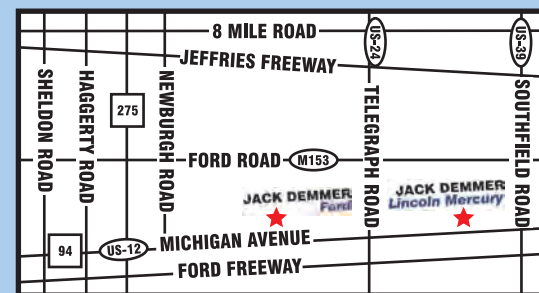
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Ford chooses Wayne for small vehicle production

By Jenny Johnson

Mayors from all over the United States who have an auto plant in their city made the trek to Washington D.C. the week of November 17. Their goal was to talk to as many senators and members of congress as possible to lobby for a bridge loan for the auto companies.

Michigan officials who traveled to Capitol Hill include: Adrian Mayor Gary McDowell, Auburn Hills City Manager Peter Auger, Bay City Mayor Charles Brunner, Flat Rock Mayor Richard Jones, Hamtramck Mayor Karen Majewski, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, Sterling Heights Mayor Richard Notte, Southfield Mayor Brenda Lawrence, City of Wayne Mayor Abdul Al Haidous, Wyoming Mayor Carol Sheets and Wixom Mayor Kevin W. Hinkley.

"We support a bridge loan not a bailout. The bridge loan will be paid back with interest," said Mayor Abdul Al Haidous. "As mayor of a city with the second largest Ford Motor facility in the United States, my duty was to go and give support to the auto industry," he said. Ford Motor Company is 50% of the tax base in Wayne, said Mayor Haidous.

Mayor Haidous said his delegation was well received by both republicans and democrats.

The results are yet to be determined. By December 2 Congress wants the auto companies to submit their plans of how they would use the \$25 billion bridge loan.

Locally for Wayne, the Michigan Truck plant is currently shut down for the next 16-20 months and will undergo a retooling. Ford Motor



Mayor Gary McDowell, President of the Michigan Association of Mayors, Mayor Abdul Al Haidous, and Harold Foster of the Lansing Labor News speak in Washington D.C.. Photo courtesy of City of Lansing

Company will invest \$75 million and convert the Michigan Truck Plant into a smaller car plant that will produce global C-car based vehicles. The plant will reopen in mid 2010.

"They will have to retool the plant to be able to add the flex line and be able to sell what the market demands," Mayor Haidous said.

"The C-class and fuel efficient cars are the thing of the future," said Anderson JR Robinson, President, Local 900 UAW.

When complete, the facility will be able to build up to eight different models. Louisville and Wayne will be the only two Ford facilities in the United States to build the C-class vehicles, Robinson said.

The plant has stopped production of the Ford Expedition and Lincoln Navigator and is in the

process of disassembling and transferring needed equipment to the Kentucky Truck Plant.

During the changeover, the 1,000 employees from the Michigan Truck Plant can choose to take a buyout, follow the unit to Louisville or transfer to the Wayne Assembly Plant where the Ford Focus is produced, Robinson said.

"It's a short term setback for long term success. We would rather see an 18 month shutdown than a pull out. The shutdown now for retooling gives us long term stability. Wayne will be the center of small car production in the United States," Haidous said. "The Wayne plant is one of Ford Motor Company's brightest stars," Robinson said.

Haidous said the City has a great partnership with Ford Motor and Local 900 UAW. "I appreciate the good relationship we have with Ford Motor Company and the UAW Local 900. We will continue to work together to serve this community," he said.

"We have the patience and determination as a community to get through this together. Sometimes you have to take a difficult step to get to a goal," he said.

The shutdown will have an effect on some of the tax base but not all of it. "There will be some loss of revenue," he said. But the City is preparing how to deal with it.

"The City Manager, Council and finance department are going to start study sessions to try and predict the best way to handle these changes. "Our goal is to not let the quality of services in the City be effected," Haidous said.

Familiar faces back at Jack Demmer Ford

By Jenny Johnson

They just couldn't stay away. Jack Demmer Ford is pleased to welcome back John Blevins, Service Manager, and Bob Faust, New Car Sales Manager. Whether you are looking to purchase a new vehicle or need service on your Ford vehicle, Jack Demmer Ford is the place to go. They are located at 37300 Michigan Avenue in Wayne.

John Blevins worked for Jack Demmer Ford for nine years before moving to northern Michigan for two

years. In October the opportunity to rejoin the Demmer family came up and Blevins was happy to accept it. "I was very excited to come back," Blevins said. "At Jack Demmer Ford we want you to experience the Demmer difference, come and visit us and join our family," he said.

Bob Faust worked for Jack Demmer from 1999 until May 2005. He returned in August and says there are deals on new cars. "The incentives are as good as I've ever seen them," Faust said.

Right now they have rebates on 2008 F-150 trucks and there are great lease options on the Fusion, Escape and Flex. While there may be some confusion about leasing and new car sales, Faust assures customers that Ford is still leasing. Ford Credit is still very aggressive and there is not a tightening of credit, he said.

Both say they chose to return to family owned Jack Demmer Ford because of the warm and friendly working environment. "It's great to be home," Faust said.



John Blevins and Bob Faust



Students compete for Can-ley Cup

And the winner is... the John C. Bolde Food Depot. They are the lucky recipients of 2,185 cans of food. The Wayne Memorial High School Student Senate sponsored a Canned Food Drive just before Thanksgiving. They wanted to reach out and help members of the community who need it this holiday season. Ms. Coccia's class brought in 500 food items and won the coveted Can-ley Cup and a breakfast made and served by Assistant Principal Andy Rosinski. Pictured here are members of the student senate Kirstin Baker, Marissa Hay, Hayden Derr, Kevin O'Brien, Assistant Principal Andy Rosinski, Cassie Johnson, Ashley Poleski, Stephanie Prosser, Billey Howard and Samantha LeBlanc. photo by The Wayne Dispatch

You can help give a child a Christmas

Every child deserves a Christmas. That is why the employees at the Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union have all 171 students at Jefferson-Barns Elementary School on their Christmas list.

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"The Jefferson-Barns students and staff look forward to Santa's visit every year and appreciate the generous presents that add so much joy to the holiday season in our community," said Laura Beckman, Principal of Jefferson-Barns Elementary School.

Every year the Credit Union collects funds to help support the school with supplies, resources, games and toys for the students. You can be part of the generous giving too. They are asking members and the public to make a donation to the Jefferson-Barns Fund. The Credit Union is accepting returnable bottles and cans. They can be dropped off at the Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Wayne Road. Cash donations are also accepted.

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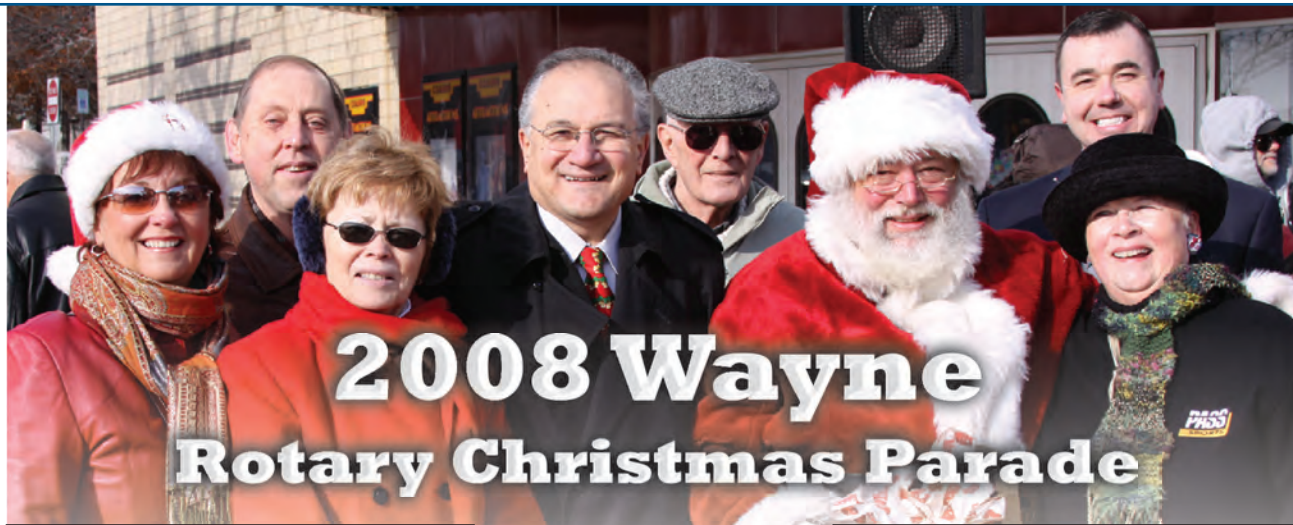
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Thank you to the Wayne DPW, Parks and Recreation, Police and Fire for the work they did.

Thank you to the Wayne Rotarians who helped out on parade day.

Thank you to all the individuals and groups who participated in this year's parade.

Santa received a very warm welcome from all of you that day.

Tom Lynch and Donna McEachern



Merry Christmas, Wayne!



Boys and their toys

Wayne Rotarians Barry McEachern, Art Quintal, Milton L. Mack, Jr. and John VanStipdonk have set up their trains at the Wayne Historical Museum this holiday season. The Wayne Historical Museum is open to visitors from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Friday and Saturday and by appointment Monday through Thursday. For more information call 734-722-0113.

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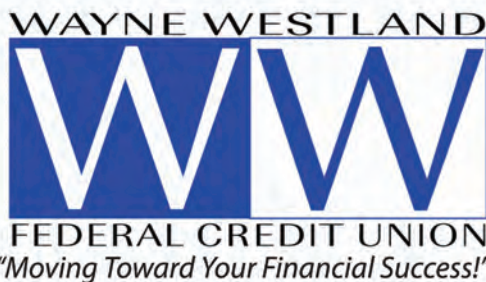
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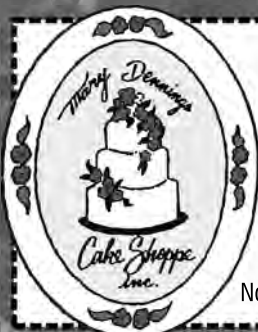


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Money from heaven

I grew up in Downers Grove, a small town 18 miles west of Chicago. As a child, mowing grass and shoveling snow were my main source of income. I can clearly recall gazing out my elementary school window, watching the snow fall and seeing nothing but dollar signs. When the final bell rang, it was like the starting gate at Northville Downs. The school doors flung open and I raced home from school to get out of my school clothes and into my play clothes. Now when I say school clothes, I don't mean a uniform. It's just that we had clothes for church, clothes for school and clothes for play. And then, with shovel in hand, I hit the neighborhood running, all the while fantasizing about what toy my earnings would buy from Art's Hobby Shop down on Main Street.

However, when it came to snow removal, my parents had this brilliant idea that before my brother or I could charge for our services, we first had to shovel the snow for the elderly folks in our neighborhood for free, although Mrs. Bunning always paid us handsomely in home baked chocolate chip cookies.

On the Bright Side

Hal Hultman



After completing our community service obligation, we then went door to door and worked until the wee hours, or so it seemed since it was dark at 5 o'clock. Around 8 o'clock we would come home soaking wet and pull out all of the coins and occasional dollar bills from our pockets and smile like a sailor who just found a hidden treasure chest. And then, just to assimilate my brother and I to the future that lie ahead, we learned about payroll deductions. You see, my parents insisted that we bank half of all our earnings. Unlike the government however, these funds were returned to us, with interest, when we were older.

I had a great childhood, and sometimes it's fun to go back and visit it.

Hal@TheWayneDispatch.com

Step Back In Time Visit Wayne Mural

Not even the cold could stop Wayne residents, business owners, and dignitaries from celebrating a project two years in the making. The dedication ceremony for the Wayne Mural was an opportunity for all to see the larger than life visual history of Wayne. The eight panels on the east wall of the State Wayne Theater depict four different categories: People, Pride and Progress; Industrial Growth; Community Life; and A Road Runs Through It. From the days of the first settlers like Ezra Derby to current images of elementary students Andre Brown and Julia Bryant, dozens of familiar faces and places are on the mural.

Many famous faces from the mural attended the dedication. Pat Sheridan is a Wayne Memorial High School alumni and former Detroit Tiger. He is shown on the mural in his Detroit Tigers uniform. "I can't believe he came," said Cathy Smith.

Donna McEachern is the Mayor Pro-Tem and a member of the Business and Professional Women. She has been on the City Council for 22 years and was the Chamber of Commerce Director for 28 years. "It's dynamite. We enjoy seeing one of our sister BPW ladies -- Donna McEachern," said Kimberly Loveless.

Bill Hawley is a former teacher and athletic director at Wayne Memorial High School. He is also related to Cornelia Hawley who was one of the first teachers in Wayne.

Lee Carpenter was there to represent his family. His great

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Holiday Tree Lighting

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 2
behind City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road
Cookies and hot chocolate afterwards at Senior Activity Center
Photos with Santa \$2.00

City Council Meeting

8:00 p.m. December 2
City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road

Wednesday Dinner Buffet

4:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Café Marquette
(inside William D. Ford Career Technical Center)
December 3 - Caribbean Nights
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School Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. December 8
Timothy J. Dyer Service Center
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Holiday Band Concert

7:00 p.m. December 10
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Wayne Memorial High School Band Concert

Holiday Orchestra Concert

7:00 p.m. December 11
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9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. December 13
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City Council Meeting

8:00 p.m. December 16
City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road

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grandfather, Irving Carpenter, developed Carpenter's Lake Tourist Camp. It was a resort with cabins, picnic grounds and a lake. "It was located between Hannan and Hix and Michigan Avenue and Glenwood. The farmland was a popular place for people to have summer picnics," Carpenter said.

City Planner Matt Miller took the crowd on a trip down memory lane with vivid depictions of each of the four new panels. "It's good to see that putting so much effort into something really pays off. People stood in the cold and listened to Matt Miller. It was great to see these moments come to life. There were lots of people," said Scott Goci. "Looking at the mural warms you. It's good to see a good turnout when the City does something," said Patrick Currier.

Community Development Director Peter McInerney read a statement from muralists Josh Winer and David Fichter. They wrote how much they enjoyed their time in Wayne meeting many friends and discovering Wayne's rich history and community spirit.



Wayne's baseball stars Detroit Tiger and World Series Champion Pat Sheridan and Michael Gouin pose in front of the mural.

The residents were impressed by the muralists accurate portrayal of the City. "It's a great representation of the history of the City," said Tim Perdue.

The Wayne Mural is located on the east wall of the State Wayne Theater on Michigan Avenue. Stop by and see for yourself how great it was and is to live in Wayne!

OBITUARY

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Charlie Callegari - November 22, 2008, of Wayne

Beloved husband of Martha. Loving father of: Kathryn Lamontagne (Philip), Robert (Wanda Roussell) and Theresa (John Reed). Brother of Louie (Gertrude). Grandfather of Kaitlin, Colin, Coleman, Ava and Ethan. Uncle of Ronald, Michael and Larry.

Memorial Services were held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne. Arrangements through the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the DAV.

By Jenny Johnson

You are not alone. The past year has reaffirmed that for Donna McEachern and Kimberly Loveless. Both women have fought hard battles for their survival and they both have done it with family, friends and faith by their side.

It was December 11, 2007 and Kimberly Loveless was closing up The Acorn Shop for the night. Her day started the same as many others. She visited with customers and was preparing for a fundraiser at a local elementary school. It's what happened at closing time that changed everything.



Surviving to thriving with faith and family

“I used to call it an accident but a friend told me it was a deliberate act, not an accident, so now I refer to it as an incident,”

Kimberly Loveless

As she stepped outside an assailant was waiting in the dark. He pushed her back inside the store and attacked her with a box cutter. “At first I thought it was a taser and he was going to take me somewhere. My first prayer was to not be taken from the store,” Loveless said.

Loveless said she immediately knew she wasn't alone in her suffering. She felt wings of comfort over her and heard a shushing in her ear. “A voice told me to be quiet and I was,” she said, until she felt the assailant start to touch her face. Then she struggled with the knife. “I think when he cut my hand he thought he cut my throat,” said Loveless. Again, Loveless heard a voice. It said, “I have said unto you play dead now.” “God told me to play dead,” she said. So she did. She laid still and quiet until he left.

Then Loveless knew she had to get to the phone and call for help, but the left side of her body would not move. Just like a drill sergeant would yell at his soldiers, Loveless

again heard a voice. It said, “Bend your right leg and stretch your right arm.” “God gave me directions to help me get to the phone,” she said. When she reached the phone, there was no dial tone. Loveless said she called out, “Oh God it's not working,” and then there was a dial tone. Loveless was able to call 911 and her husband, Brad.

Loveless spent 10 days in the hospital recovering from the incident. “I used to call it an accident but a friend told me it was a deliberate act, not an accident, so now I refer to it as an incident,” she said.

There was a deep gash in her hand and one of the cuts partially severed her spinal cord on the fourth vertebra. She spent weeks in therapy trying to strengthen her left side. It wasn't until just before Easter that she got ready to reopen the store.

It was Easter Sunday when she

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and Brad first visited church. They went to Life Church of Canton and Loveless said, "It was home. We needed it for centering and they welcomed us with open arms."

The Move that Made the Difference

It was the weekend of March 1, 2008, and Donna McEachern was at The Acorn Shop helping Loveless get it ready for their grand reopening. She helped move the counter from the front of the store to the back.

"I was sore that night and it kept hurting that weekend so I went to the doctor on Monday. I was sent to the hospital and had surgery on Tuesday. The doctors removed a cancerous mass that was attached to my abdominal wall," McEachern said. After surgery, McEachern began six rounds of chemotherapy and the fight of her life.

The doctors asked if there had been a traumatic event that had happened to her body. McEachern mentioned moving the counter at The Acorn Shop. Prior to that she had no other symptoms. "It's a miracle. If I hadn't helped push that counter, I never would have discovered the cancer," McEachern said. "I think God had a hand in it," she said.

McEachern is now done with her chemotherapy regime and trying to resume her full and busy schedule which includes serving as Mayor Pro Tem for the City Council. She is also a member of the Wayne Business and Professional Women, Wayne Rotary, Wayne 100, and the Garden Clubs.

McEachern tried to stay active as she fought the cancer. "I made the BPW fashion show. I didn't model but I attended. I also made the Rotary auction. In fact, I sold the most tickets," she said.

Most important, McEachern said she considers herself a member of the Tough Old Broads Club. With an immediate attitude of "I'll be damned if this is going to beat me," McEachern is able to see the future as bright. Every day she is feeling a little better.

"The chemo really wipes you out," said McEachern, "but I believe the surgeon when he said he got it all."

Through her illness she said she was surprised to see how many people cared about her well being. Both McEachern and Loveless say the outpouring of support from the

community has been amazing and heart warming.

McEachern said her family has been her anchor through these stormy waters. She and her husband, Barry, have been married for 48 years. They have two children and three grandchildren. "Barry is there when I need him. He is quiet but strong. He takes me and stays with me at the many medical appointments. Probably in part to be sure that I'm not sugar coating the situation," she said with a laugh. Her son shaved his head in unity when she had to undergo chemotherapy



Donna and Barry McEachern

and realized she would lose her own hair.

McEachern also had great medical support. "Oakwood Annapolis Hospital did a great job. The girls in the Infusion Department were the best," she said.

Everything Happens for a Reason

She would never want it to happen again, but Loveless said she is not sorry her incident happened. "I believe this happened for a reason," Loveless said. "Because of Donna's story evolving out of this, I truly believe all things are connected. God was there for both of us and protected us," she said.

Two beautiful things happened from the incident, Loveless said. "Brad and I found church. We were welcomed to the Life Church of Canton and Donna's cancer was caught in time," she said.

McEachern agrees. "It makes you cherish what you have. We don't

always focus on that," said McEachern.

Now Loveless is focusing on The Acorn Shop. "I never felt like I wouldn't come back here," Loveless said.

After hearing about the fundraiser the community organized for her last December, "I felt comforted and safe," she said. She too couldn't believe the outpouring of support from the community. The fundraiser was coordinated by the Wayne Business and Professional Women and the Wayne Chamber of Commerce. It generated more than

We Will Survive

If you look into both of these women's eyes you see their strength and determination. You know they are survivors. What is a survivor? "Someone who doesn't let challenges that life presents rule your life in a negative manner. Always look for the positives," said Loveless.

McEachern's definition of a survivor includes "Faith, hope, obstinance, and caring concern for the people who care about you." To someone else struggling she suggests, "Hold on to your faith. Believe things will get better, maybe not immediately, but it will. There is a light at the end of the tunnel. I do believe that if you accept the challenge and do your best, you will be able to handle the challenge," McEachern said.

Plans for future

With their faith and their family, McEachern and Loveless are both recovering and have high hopes for the future. "Getting my strength back and seeing what exciting interesting things are in the future," McEachern said, of her immediate plans. "This year has been an interesting journey. It has given me an awakening to my own mortality and reminds me to cherish what you have," she said.

Loveless hopes she and her husband of 18 years are able to continue to grow their business. "To get to a point where The Acorn Shop has outgrown itself and we have to create a new development in Wayne would be wonderful," she said.

What has she learned from this experience that might help others who are fighting for survival? "The number one thing is to connect yourself with God and realize everything is connected and there is a reason for everything," Loveless said. She references a sign in her store that has one of her favorite sayings "Faith makes things possible but not easy."

Both of these women have faith that, even though the past year has not been easy, they will not only survive, but thrive.

\$20,000 for Loveless and set up a reward fund for information leading to the arrest and conviction of her attacker. The reward is currently \$5,000.

"The past year we have kept going on faith. Even with what the wonderful people have done and continue to do, it's still tough," she said. Many people have volunteered to help her in the store. "I'm not the best at accepting help though," she said. One of the most wonderful changes is that a lot of customers have to have a hug from Loveless every time they come in. "Someday that will stop and I will miss it," she said.

Loveless said people in Wayne care deeply about their neighbors. "Wayne is a great hometown. We are really protective of each other and I think my fundraiser was proof of that," she said. The reason The Acorn Shop is still open today is because of local support and Loveless appreciates that.

(Editor's note: Kimberly Loveless' assailant has not been captured yet. If you have any information, please contact the Wayne Police Department at 734-721-1414.)

Striving for survival Alissa Jennings needs your help



You have probably seen the posters in stores all over town. They are for Alissa Jennings, an eight year old Wayne resident, who has been diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor. Alissa is in the midst of aggressive chemotherapy and radiation treatments at the University of Michigan C. S. Mott Children's Hospital.

While her family is doing everything to help her fight her battle, friends and family have two ways you can help so Alissa's parents can stay with her throughout her treatments.

The friends of Alissa Jennings have

organized a benefit dinner. The proceeds will help the family with any treatments not covered by insurance. The benefit will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 7, at UAW Region 1A, 9650 Telegraph Road, Taylor. Dinner is \$10.00 for adults and children age 13 and under are free. There will be an auction, bake sale, pictures with Santa, and more.

A foundation has also been set up at the Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Wayne Road, Westland. **Please help Alissa on her road to becoming a survivor.**



Survivor's Celebration on December 11

Inside the friendly quaint Acorn Shop you feel warmth and love among the candles, jewelry, home decor and collectibles. Owner Kimberly Loveless, who has been in business for four years, has a message for the community. "Thank you -- those words are overused, but I don't know what else to say about everyone who has supported me this past year," Loveless said.

"As kind as people are, I can only encourage them to think of the Acorn Shop and other local Wayne businesses because we are an awesome community to be a part of and I think we should all continue to support one another," Loveless said. "With the holiday season upon us, it is a great time to support your local businesses," she said. At her store, you can stop in and buy many gifts including jewelry, home decor, candles, books, purses, cards and keepsakes.

There will be a **Survivor's Celebration at the Acorn Shop on December 11**. Loveless wants to do something positive and uplifting on the one year anniversary of her attack. Loveless would love everyone to stop by and say "Hi". She will be accepting hugs all day long. There will be a blessing of the store at 7:20 p.m. All are welcome.

The Acorn Shop is located at 3015 S. Wayne Road, next to the Dairy Queen. Their hours are: Monday 12:00 -5:00 p.m. and Tuesday - Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The phone number is 734-721-1716.

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(Pictured from left to right) Lieutenant Fred Gilstorff, Fire Chief Mel Moore, Firefighters Wael Gharbic, Rob Caccia and Jason Reeves. Photo by The Wayne Dispatch

Fire Department wins Life Safety Award

For the third year the Wayne Fire Department has been recognized by the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the Residential Fire Safety Institute for their outstanding fire safety statistics. They had zero fire deaths in structures during 2007.

"The Wayne Fire Department receiving the Life Safety Award on behalf of the community, shows the commitment and dedication the firefighters have for the City of Wayne residents and surrounding communities," said Mel Moore, Fire Chief.

Their proactive measures in improving the fire/life safety records in Wayne can be contributed to their fire prevention programs and public education.

The Wayne Fire Department has a comprehensive fire safety program. They have been in the

elementary schools during fire prevention week in October and have conducted fire safety programs to over 2,000 students. They also offer fire extinguisher classes and assist businesses in fire safety drills and evacuation plans.

They don't do it all alone. The building and fire departments work together conducting apartment inspections every three years, which help to keep the buildings up to code.

The building department's single family residential inspection program helps bring homes up to code and makes sure they all have working smoke detectors.

"Our goal is to educate and prevent fires through education and inspections to help save lives and keep residents in their homes and businesses open and operating," said Moore.

Ordinance amended to include cats

The City Council has approved an amendment to an ordinance that will require cats in the City to be licensed. The ordinance previously just included dogs.

Council decided to amend the ordinance to include cats due to the large number of stray cats in the City. If cats are licensed, it will be easier to return them to their owners. This can also help control any diseases the strays may carry.

Now all animals need a valid certificate of rabies vaccination and must wear a license tag at all times. Additionally, no animal may be

allowed to run at large, be unleashed in an unfenced area, or allowed to wander unrestrained on any street, alley, park, or public place within the City.

Residents are allowed to have two cats, but provisions have been made for people who currently have more than two cats. The license fee is \$5.00 for spayed/neutered animals and \$10.00 if not. After February 27, 2009, the fee will be \$20.00. Registrations can be purchased at City Hall or by mail. A form can be downloaded from the website at www.ci.wayne.mi.us.

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Let's go shopping!

Since the holiday season is upon us I thought this article should be about shopping. A reflection of yesterday and today's shopping patterns is vastly different. Now many people shop at the mall, but the trend is changing where many shop online and through catalogs. It is much easier to sit at home and shop and not even have to go to the mall. I consider 1957 to be the heyday of downtown shopping in Wayne and across the nation. This is before malls and before chain stores. In 1957, there were many options for shopping in Wayne at locally owned stores.

Since I am nostalgic and this column is about history -- I thought it would be fun to walk uptown and do a little shopping. Notice I wrote walk, not drive. People would walk much farther than today to get a few items for Christmas. Let's say I walked from a house on Winslow Street. The path I would take goes by a lot of things. First I would head straight up Second Street, walk along the park, over the railroad tracks, and head into town.

Once at Michigan and Second Street, the sidewalks are filled with people. I recognize a lot of them and



Rearview Mirror

Matt Miller

hope no one wants to talk too much, as there is a lot of shopping to do today. Let's start by browsing through the Wayne Surplus Army Store located at the southeast corner of Michigan and Second. I am looking for new sleeping bags and a lantern, yes they have them -- just looking right now. After that, I cross over Michigan Avenue and begin to head west. First stop is Lee Adam's Menswear, a good selection and yes new pajamas for everyone, first items bought and wrapped too -- what a nice service! Next is Leo's Gift Center, a great selection and such quality merchandise. This block also has King's Boot Shop, Faber's Men's Ware, the Youth Apparel Shop, Juliet of Wayne, my favorite store Kresge's, and Cunningham's. I have bought quite a lot at these stores but have to move on to the next block.

As I cross Wayne Road, I window shop at Shifrin Jewelry, a lot of nice things in the beautiful Christmas window display. Money is tight this year so looking will have to do. The next stop is NBD Bank where I withdraw some money from my Christmas savings account, this account is the best way to go. Don't have to use lay-away or store credit, just save all year for Christmas. During these years, for the most part, people did not use credit cards



Ted McKinney, Milt Humphries, Walter Arvin and his sons, Dave Higgs, Jack O'Brien and Santa (Ted Thetford) pose for a photo in front of Humphries Meanswear. Photos courtesy of The Wayne Historical Museum - Wayne, MI.



or even have them. Everyone was more fiscally conscious about spending and over-spending. Well, I will move on with my new found money and go to another favorite store, the Wayne 5 Cents to 5 Dollars Store. They have many nice gifts at good prices. Four more nice stores to go, the Linda Lee Dress Shop, Stuart's Apparel Shop, Richard's Boys and Girls Wear, and Milt Humphrie's Menswear.

After going through these fine stores uptown, there is the sound of holiday music coming from the Wayne Music Center. This is a nice attraction, many people are standing

around listening to the concert on the organ, what great advertising too! Matter of fact, I think I will browse through the sheet music selection and get something new to play on the piano.

Now my arms are full and remember I have to walk back home. Tomorrow I will hit the stores on Monroe Avenue such as Mulholland's, Lazar's, Gladstone's Shoes, Young Hardware, and the Betsy Gift Shop. Right now I want to stop in at Johnson's Bakery and get a couple of cookies for Santa and perhaps a couple for me -- I need strength to walk home.



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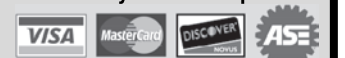
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Wayne... full of friendly people and places

Dueling Pianos at the Community Center had many of us dressed for Halloween. One person stood out and also won for having the best or ugliest costume. Even though she sat at our table, we didn't know who was underneath that wrinkled old crone mask. When she finally divested herself of her disguise, we saw sweet-faced Nancy Lambert. Nice going, pretty Nancy! Congratulations for winning and fooling us all.

We all know "**Wild Bill**" Copland, and we all remember when he had the party store on Wayne Road. It's now the Wayne Liquor and Lotto store. Did you know that a potato chip factory was once located at that store? The Gates family, better known for their furniture store, once owned the store and made potato chips in the back of what was their small beer store. It must have been in the 40's, because Bill was in Junior High and his after school activity was to help make the potato chips. "Really good potato chips", Bill remembers, "made with the freshest new potatoes of the season." Bill has had so many jobs in Wayne: waiting on us in his store, renting us movies, selling us our bikes and mopeds, shoveling our snow and cutting our grass. And who can forget those delicious elephant ears. Wouldn't it be nice if we could find room on the State Wayne History Mural for his smiling face?

As noted in the State Wayne Mural brochure, the **Ladies Literary Club** is the oldest social club in Wayne and is still going strong. Our October meeting featured Cathy LaBash, who owns the Chocolate Gallery Café in Warren. She not only spoke on the delights of chocolate, but also how healthy it is. Did you know that chocolate is at the top of the list of antioxidant foods? Blueberries are number five and brussel sprouts list at number twelve. So Cathy's advice? "Life's uncertain, eat dessert first." Caroline Reynolds hosted the evening and Wendy Bostwick, Sue Damitio, Bev Woodard and Shelby Szukaitis were in charge of the splendid desserts.

You can buy a lot of shoes in Wayne ... and all at one store. **Puffer Red's Jus' Shooz**, on Michigan Avenue, Manager Brett White took time on a very busy Saturday to tell me about the business. They have an amazing one thousand pairs of shoes in their inventory. The featured makes are Nikes and Adidas, with styles made famous by Kobe Bryant, Michael Jordan and Carmelo Anthony. They also carry Rockports and Timberland boots. Brett says the sizes run from crib sizes to infinity. The children's shoes and boots range from sturdy to very colorful. Women's fashion boots complete the

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



selection. Eric and Tandra Williams are the owners and also have a store in Ypsilanti, which this year will be celebrating a thirty year anniversary. The Wayne store also employs three sales personnel: Antoine, Leonard and Charde. They'll be kept busy because Jus' Shooz plans to have sales every weekend during the holiday season. Oh yes, the name "Puffer Red" is a nickname given to owner Eric Williams as a child and he's kept it ever since. Thanks for telling me all about the store Mr. White.

In the "I can't wait to tell you this department" - January 27, 2009, 7:00 p.m., at the Wayne Library, local author and former news reporter, **Tom Mooradian**, will detail his experiences as one of 151 American Armenians repatriated to Armenia after World War II. Discover how he lived by his wits and survived a living nightmare. His basketball skills allowed him to travel and see the truth about Soviet life. He has detailed his memories in a book, which will be on sale that evening. We all remember Tom from the Wayne Eagle where he wrote and edited the sports pages for so many years. Many good memories there. Mr. Mooradian's book is "Repatriate: Love, Basketball and the KGB". Isn't that a great title?

Wayne Garden Club gals turned out November 12 to decorate the Historical Museum. We ornamented, swagged, draped and hung Christmas items. Let me list the names of all the willing workers: Mary Quintal, Kay and Tina Butler, Christine Blinn, Carolyn Reynolds, Pat Fisher, Carol Weyand, Carol and Barb Cockrum, JoAnne Biondi, Helen and Claire Maloney, Emily Brock, Lynn Higgs, Judy Howton, Cheryl McPartlin, Kathy Koveleski, Shirley Schultz, Phyllis Stein, Bev Woodard, Helen Esper, Lois and John VanStipdonk. John was setting up an electric train, complete with sound effects and flashing lights, under the Christmas tree. Santa will be at the Museum between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., Saturday, December 6. So Mom, spiffy up the kids and get their pictures taken with the Big Guy.

Thanks to Joy, Tom, Jason and everyone at **Burton's Plumbing** for rehabilitating our bathroom. Of course we

knew it would be a job well done ... after all it's Burton's.

The southwest corner of Annapolis and Wayne Road has been home to **K&S Auto specialists** since 1987. Now, with a newly renovated exterior and fresh paint both inside and out, Ray and Jim Kull's building really stands out. K&S is an authorized NAPA auto care center. They also install Jasper Engines. The brothers, together with certified mechanics William Crawford and Jack Siders, have been our auto gurus for years. Ray remembers working on our girls' Volkswagens back in the day. He feels every kid should learn to drive on a stick shift, but admits his daughter passed on his advice. Ray became devoted to drag racing during his last year at Wayne Memorial. Knowing nothing about racing, he drove a friend's car at the High School Nationals drag racing event at Milan. He won the whole thing, and the rest as they say is history. April to September weekends you'll find him, along with Jim and Will, at the Milan Raceway. We'll catch up with them again in spring.

Jakes Again on Thursday, December 4, is the place to be for the 22nd Annual **Goodfellows night**. The slogan "No Child Without a Christmas" is always the aim, but

there will be more need this year. So get yourself to Jakes between 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. for a night that will feature auctions, raffles and gift baskets from generous merchants. Jake tells me he has four Red Wing tickets and some autographed items for auction and is working on getting more. Always the perfect innkeeper, he'll also provide pub grub for City of Wayne employees and all their friends.

On Friday, December 12, **Unistrut** and the **Ironworkers Local #831** will add even more to the **Goodfellows** fund when they meet at the Village Bar from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This year the duo in charge of all this partying with a purpose, are President of the Goodfellows, Mike McKee, and Treasurer, Cathy Lutkenhoff, both good fellows from our Wayne Fire Department.

And a final note on life and chocolate. Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, martini in the other, thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOOHOO what a ride!"

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By Jenny Johnson



Break a sweat at remodeled REC

It's a great place for people of all ages to break a sweat. The transformation at the Wayne Community Center is noticeable as soon as you pull into the parking lot. The sign out front has been changed to a new electronic message board. When you walk down the hall on your way to the Racquet and Exercise Club (REC), you follow the new tile past the freshly painted hallway right to the brand new reception area. Scan your membership card and you enter into an oasis of cardiovascular and weight wonderment.

"We wanted to have a facility that people are proud of and want to be a member of," said Kimberly Alexander, Director of Wayne Parks and Recreation. The updates include:

- A larger and universally accessible wellness area where the former racquetball courts were located. Weight training on machines and with free weights can now accommodate all special needs.
- Remodeling the upper level into two exercise rooms. This is where Jazzercise and other classes will be held.
- An expanded cardio-vascular area which includes more machines,



easier accessibility and a Cardio Theater. Remote controls are available on each machine for the

four large screen televisions. Headphones are available for purchase at the receptionist area.

- Updating and expanding the men's locker room and updating the women's locker room.
- Dividing and renovating the former women's work out area into a massage therapy room and a health and wellness consultation office.
- Moving and updating the entrance of the Recreation and Exercise Club (REC).
- Updating the lobby with wireless internet service.

"One of the biggest reasons for the updates was that we were not universally accessible. The wellness and weight area was located upstairs. Now we are totally accessible," Alexander said. Plus with the facility being 30 years old it needed to be freshened up, she said.

More than 1,000 members visit the Wayne Community Center each week. Right now there are great deals for new and current members. In honor of their 30 year anniversary they are offering new member registration and membership renewals at a 30 percent discount until December 30, 2008, Alexander said.

"It's a great deal. Because the REC



Jazzercise classes are available at Wayne Recreation Center.

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is 30 years old, this is our way to give people an incentive to come and see all the center has to offer," she said. "With the price and what we can offer, we are definitely worth every penny. With a membership, people are getting a great value for their dollar," Alexander said.

A membership includes the indoor pool, indoor track, Cardio Theater Area, wellness area, dry and wet saunas, and whirlpools. The facilities offer workout opportunities for everyone from students to seniors. There is special pricing for businesses in Wayne too.

Potential members can also register for a free one week pass to get the feel of the facility and the amenities. There are also free wellness orientations available each week throughout the year for those needing a brief presentation on how to use fitness equipment. If it's too cold to walk outside, the REC offers a Winter Walker's Pass. This is good for 30 visits for the indoor track. The cost is \$30 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. "We really are a health facility for all ages. We strive to accommodate everyone," she said.

Need a break from working out? No problem. Relax with a massage. Massages are \$10 off until December 20 with a limit of three. "They would make a great gift," Alexander said.

The Parks and Recreation staff would like everyone to come and see the new facilities. They are having an invitation only dedication on December 5. The REC will be dedicated in honor of Patrick J. Norton, the former mayor of Wayne. On December 6 and 7, they are hosting an Open House for the public

during regular hours. You can tour the site, ask questions and sign up for memberships, exercise classes, massages, personal training sessions and much more.

The REC reopened on November 19 to great reviews. "People seem to be really pleased. That feels good. They seem really excited about the new equipment, color scheme and space," she said.

The \$1.8 million project was financed through building authority bonds and was completed on time and with a minimum of inconvenience to members. "We kept as many areas open as possible. The members were such good sports," Alexander said.

In the spring, there will be one more renovation. Universally accessible doors that automatically slide open will be installed at the front entrance of the building.

"Our commitment is to welcoming people to a happy, healthy facility. We want to be the best part of their day," she said.

The Wayne Community Center is located at 4635 Howe Road. Hours are: 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday, and 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Sunday.



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Wayne-Westland Community Schools Points of Pride



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- Prestigious Golden Apple recipients Edison, Elliott, PD Graham, Hamilton, Hicks, Hoover, Jefferson-Barns, Patchin, Roosevelt-McGrath, Schweitzer, Taft-Galloway, Vandenberg, and Walker-Winter as well as Adams Middle School have all received the Golden Apple Award for "most improved school" for MEAP scores.
- The class of 2008 was awarded in excess of \$4 million in scholarship monies from universities and colleges, local scholarships, merit, and competitive awards.
- Elliott, Hicks, Jefferson-Barns, Patchin, and Taft-Galloway are recipients of the US Department of Education Reading Grant. The schools receive \$2.4 million over a three-year period to enhance reading instruction and assessments in grades K-3.
- The Wm. D. Ford Career-Technical Center was named a "Center of Science and Engineering Excellence" by the Convergence Foundation, one of only seven schools in the Midwest to receive this honor.
- WayneRESA (Regional Educational Service Agency) produced a video highlighting the successes of Adams Middle School in their transitioning to a Professional Learning Community.
- MEAP scores continue to rise in Wayne-Westland. Reading and math scores exceed county and/or state averages in multiple grades at the elementary and middle school level. Every elementary and middle school in the district met the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) threshold in 2007-2008 under "No Child Left Behind".
- Two delegates from Wayne Memorial High School were selected by the Conferences Institute of Wayne State University to spend three weeks in China this summer following up on the Chinese Language Curriculum taught on-line during the school year.
- The students and staff of the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center received three 1st place awards and three 2nd place awards at the SAE Convergence 2008 Transportation Electronic Conference in Detroit for their fuel cell plug-in hybrid vehicle – the Hydro Volt.
- Over 2,000 students, parents, and community members attended "College Night" hosted by Wayne Memorial High School, with 60 colleges providing representatives to meet with families.
- Lawrence Technological University's Robofest contest was hosted by the Wm. D. Ford Career-Technical Center. Ford students took first place in the Senior Games.
- The District hosted summer opportunities for elementary, middle and high school students to enhance reading and math skills and to promote credit recovery. Over six hundred students attended these opportunities at no cost or at a very nominal fee.
- The Wayne Memorial High School JROTC Zebra Battalion Raider team finished 2nd in the nation at the 2008 National Raider competition in Molena, Georgia.

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Personal touch is key to success of local business

There are many businesses within Wayne that can be considered survivors. These are the businesses that have stood the test of time, overcome hardships, and still have successful businesses today. Many of these businesses have changed names and looks, but the people behind the scenes have stayed the same. Their commitment to this community and to their longevity within the City of Wayne is evident.

One true example of a survivor within the business community is Designer Warehouse. Designer Warehouse is a clothing store carrying some of the hottest styles out of Los Angeles and New York, including designer labels, denim collections and casual wear. They are located on the northwest corner of Wayne Road and West Michigan Avenue and have been in business for 25 years this January. Designer Warehouse has overcome many challenges over the years, including the most recent construction project on Michigan Avenue. One key to their success during these difficult times is their ability to adapt to the changing times.

Designer Warehouse first opened as a mini department store carrying a variety of styles including kids, women's, men's, suits, and dresses. This proved to be a challenge and was not as successful as they had originally hoped. They then decided to change their focus to a younger crowd and to denim, a specialty that had yet to find a home in Wayne. Becoming a specialty store has proved to be one of the best decisions made; it allowed Designer Warehouse to differentiate

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themselves from other corporate type box stores and to focus on a specific type of customer rather than a broad range. This specification has allowed the staff at Designer Warehouse to focus their concentration on customer service which has helped them to develop a loyal customer base and to develop loyalty reward programs. The loyalty program is free and rewards the customer for each dollar spent within the store and also tracks their purchase so there is no need to hold on to a receipt. Designer Warehouse also offers a layaway option to their customers, which is very helpful during these economic times.

Designer Warehouse has taken an alternative personal approach to advertising. Instead of sending out coupons or direct mail pieces to their customers, they personally call customers to inform them of new products that have arrived, sales, or just to say hello. They feel this adds a personal element to their customer service that truly makes a difference. The goal of this approach is to have customers feel like they are going to visit an old friend rather than just stopping in a store to pick up a few things.

The loyal customer base that has been created over the past 24 years, due to the focus on customer service,



Zana Clark owner of Designer Warehouse on Michigan Avenue West and Wayne Road.

has allowed Designer Warehouse to remodel the inside of their store to better reflect their consumer's likes. Thus, showing their customers that they are listening to their likes and dislikes with the hopes to make the best shopping environment possible.

Overall Designer Warehouse credits their longevity to their ability to adapt to the changing times, a strong emphasis on customer service, loyal employees and acknowledging that alternative methods can be effective.

There are many businesses within the Wayne community that have proven themselves true survivors like Designer Warehouse

and we are truly grateful for their perseverance and dedication to the community of Wayne. With economic times being what they are, I feel it is important to know that local businesses are still committing themselves to our community and have a vested interest in the City. This holiday season is a wonderful opportunity to thank these local businesses for their dedication and hard work to keep providing you the utmost in customer service and products through the ups and downs that we all experience every day. Doing your holiday shopping at local stores says to them thank you for believing in our City.

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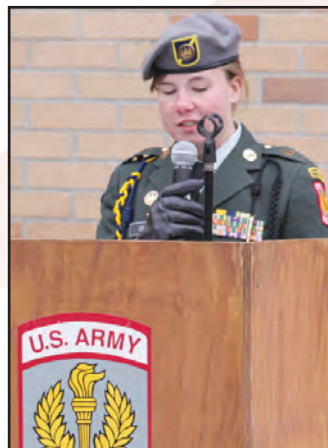
by Jessica Denny

Raiders Place Second at National Competition

The Wayne Memorial Zebra Battalion Raiders won second place overall in the United States in the National Raider Competition held in Molena, Georgia. The Raiders place first and set a course record in the Cross Country Rescue. They place fourth in the 5-Mile team run and the Gauntlet which is a grueling uphill team event. They also competed in the one-rope bridge and the fitness challenge which included push ups and sit ups.



The Raiders are shown here at the JROTC Veterans Day ceremony at Wayne Memorial High School. L to R: Wayne Memorial High School Principal Valerie Orr, Members of the Raiders Michael Bailey, Joshua Fletcher, Briann Rice, Tad Lloyd, Heather Copeland, John Rogers, Roger Tanner, Josh Lettelier, Amber Hauk, Jeremy Flores, Cassandra Hardy, Janie Mitchell, Mariela Flores, Dr. Greg Baracy and Shawna Walker, School Board Trustee.



A hero is, as Webster's dictionary states: a person admired for achievements and qualities. What would you define as a hero? Someone who fought in a war to defend ungrateful civilizations? Somebody who fights for the people that don't appreciate them? What about someone who sacrifices things like relationships or their very own life while defending yours? If you believe a hero is any of these things, then Veterans Day should be on your calendar.

Americans today live in the here and now. We are born selfish, and are that way now more than ever. Ask anybody, “What significance does November eleventh have on our lives?” and they would give you a dirty look and get back to their vanilla frappuccino. November eleventh is very important. It reminds us that just because many people do not care, some still do. The day gives us hope for a better tomorrow. As long as there are people like the soldiers of the past wars, and the war against terrorism going on now, the future will be bright. Veterans Day honors the veterans that allow us to be as selfish as we are today. If we didn't have veterans, we might be slaves of our society or slaves across sea. Our country may even be run by a dictator. If it wasn't for our heroes, we wouldn't be living our lives as we know them today.

Veterans don't ask to be respected and honored, but they didn't ask to be shipped to deadly war zones either. Veterans have helped and touched our lives in so many ways. They gave us free will and the right to own property; they even gave us the right to live our lives the way we want to. Without veterans, I have no idea how I would be forced to live, but I know someone else would be making my choices for me.

A veteran once said, “Heroes don't come home, survivors return home. I'm no hero.” Heroes are modest, kind, and loving. If anyone deserves to be recognized as heroes, our veterans do.

Veterans went over to places they knew were dangerous, and they helped people who they knew hated them. Veterans gave up relationships, time, their bodies, and minds, to defend the freedom of you and me. The blood, spit, sweat, and last moments of some soldiers' lives were spent saving the lives of people they have never even met. Veterans risked everything for us. While we appreciate our quiet beds, the veterans that we have forgotten about lie in graves somewhere because, unlike us, they cared about our lives above their own.

I think heroes deserve honoring; people like General George Patton, Sergeant Audie Murphy, and Private Jacob Parrott, the first Medal of Honor recipient. If you aren't familiar with these great men, then you can find them under Great American War Heroes or Great Men in Time. And then there are the men who you will not find in the history books, the common foot soldier who risked or gave their lives and are unknown to most of us. These are the heroes that have constructed this free society we have today. These heroes are veterans, and these veterans are heroes.



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