

FREE • CIRCULATION 10,000

THE WAYNE Dispatch

MAY 2009



The Rouge River

See how you can help save
Wayne's greatest natural resource



WWW.THEWAYNEDISPATCH.COM

DIRECT MAILED TO EVERY HOME IN WAYNE!

YOUR SOURCE FOR POSITIVE COMMUNITY NEWS

Wayne-Westland School Board Candidates

*Did not respond to questionnaire.

Voters in the Wayne-Westland Community School District have a choice to make. On May 5 they will elect three members to the school board. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The following candidates are running for one partial term seat that will expire June 30, 2010: Steven Becher, John Goci and Angela Hoops-Cossey.

The following candidates are running for two full term seats that will expire June 30, 2013: Gregory Maxwell*, Carol Middel, Lori Mireles-Smith, Brian Mulligan*, Mark Neal, Ed Turner* and Shawna Walker.



Steven Becher



Angela Hoops-Cossey



John Goci



Carol Middel



Lori Mireles-Smith



Mark Neal



Shawna Walker

HOW HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS?

I have been involved in WWCS for over 30 years. First as a parent of 2 children who attended WWCS from K through graduation from John Glenn. I have been employed as a teacher of elementary and middle school for 30 years. I also served a 3 year term as president of the WWEA. I have been elected twice to the WWCS Board of Education and have served as Treasurer of the board for the past 4 years. As a teacher, I served on almost every curriculum committee in the district.

I grew up attending Wayne-Westland Schools and have kept an interest in what has been going on in the district over the years. I was a substitute teacher in the schools for a while after I finished my bachelor degree and taught private instrumental lessons for a short time too.

I have 4 children, with 3 children in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. I am very involved as a parent. I volunteer at events being held at the school. Recently I volunteered to go as a chaperone on my youngest daughter's kindergarten field trip to the Detroit Science Center. I also participate in the PTA. I am also an active member of the Wayne Lions Club which has provided financial support to the Wayne-Westland School District, for several decades, regarding eye care expenses and scholarships.

I have lived in the community since my family moved here in 1959. I attended Cady Elementary, Edison Elementary, Marshall Junior High, and John Glenn High where I graduated in 1967. I became a substitute teacher for WWCS in 1971. I began contract teaching for the district in 1972 and continued until my retirement in 2008. I have substitute taught at all of the elementary and junior high schools. I have raised my daughters in the Wayne-Westland schools. As a parent I served as the PTO treasurer for many years.

I was the Chairperson of the Wayne County Head Start Policy Council when my sons were in pre-school and I have served on the PTA since they began school. I have been the Secretary, a Vice-President, and President. I have began active volunteer at the schools.

I helped to integrate the Fire Safety Training program in Wayne-Westland Schools. I helped build the Fire Safety House and implement the curriculum to educate our young students in the need to be fire safe and in methods of escape from fire.

I currently sit on the board and I'm very active in my children's education.

IF ELECTED, WHAT ARE YOUR TOP 3 PRIORITIES? HOW WILL YOU ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS?

The top 3 priorities, as I see it, are Educational Excellence, Fiscal Responsibility, and Community Partnerships.

Every year our district continues to improve. We must strive to continue this improvement. During my tenure on the board, we have not cut any academic programs or laid off any professional staff. Our test scores continue to rise. The state must be willing to ensure that equitable funding for all public schools is fair and stable.

The Governor's cut of special WW language; giving WW six million dollars per year MUST be restored. I have lobbied with our local legislators to restore this money and getting money adequate to fund our schools. Our fund equity is rapidly decreasing. If we continue to receive cuts by the legislature we will soon be in a deficit situation.

We must continue to seek community partnerships with individuals, and companies. The recent success of the Ford Vocational fuel cell car, built by partnerships with the community, shows what we can achieve when we all work together.

1. Management of the budget.
2. Keeping students in the district.
3. Class size.

The budget crisis affects all other areas of school management and I would take action on this issue by carefully monitoring our revenues and reviewing the amounts allocated to certain projects and categories. I would expect that, with hard economic times, we would need to keep our visionary goals in mind and make decisions for increased student achievement.

With regard to the loss of students, I would propose that we conduct an exit survey to determine the reasons families are leaving so we have some kind of data for analysis and decision making purposes. Class size is an expensive issue to discuss, but I do feel that smaller class sizes can be afforded through a strategic budget plan that sets it as a top priority, and there is substantial research that shows a relationship between class size and standardized test scores.

1. Active parental involvement is critical for children to succeed in school and achieve high academic standards.
2. As a business owner, I understand the importance of building partnerships in the community. Partnerships provide greater opportunities for students and greater resources for schools.
3. Funding, We need to make sure that teachers have adequate facilities, educational materials, and the necessary resources from the administration.

You can have all the money in the world but if you don't have parental involvement you have nothing. The School Board must take the lead to encourage active parental involvement in many ways and reach out to those parents who feel less connected. We need to build partnerships with our local community businesses and organizations. Funding is always an issue. I would work with the school administration and our elected state representatives to lobby Lansing and the Governor to make sure they fund our schools adequately. I will also be vigilant on the budget and make sure our money is spent appropriately.

The top issue that I feel needs to be addressed is a need to better communicate with the parents of our school district, the district's employees, and the general community. 2. Making the school district's dollars go farther. The board and the district need to prioritize, redirect, and use monies efficiently to reflect the needs of students, parents and employees. The board needs to work hard to ensure that additional dollars are found. 3. Continue to ensure course quality and learning for P-12+ programs. The school board needs to continue prioritizing funds that are made available to accomplish this goal.

If elected, I will make myself available to meet with parent, community, and employee groups. I am formulating a plan to instantly communicate with any parent, employee, or community member that is interested in what is going on in the school district. I will work with the other members of the school board to make sure that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely in our district. With the other school board members, I will communicate with our state legislators to assure that our district is receiving all that the district needs to ensure a quality education for all of our students.

I believe the top three issues facing our district are funding, enrollment, and the quality of education.

For funding, the district will have to carefully and constructively cut spending where possible while still providing the best educational environment for the children. I will work to help focus the cuts and pursue additional funding wherever possible. Enrollment is declining in our district due to the economy. I will focus on programs that positively promote our district which would encourage those in the surrounding areas to want to attend. WWCS should not be one step above poorer districts but instead be one step above every district. Finally, WWCS has done a great job with the "No Child Left Behind" program despite poor funding. Going forward, I believe we need more focus on the best and the brightest in our district and to give them the best opportunities to shine. When that happens, everyone around us will want to attend our schools.

When everyone else is making cuts to their programs, we should be making ours better. I will work diligently to improve the schools that are so vital to our future.

1. Learning Environment: As I go door-to-door, I have discovered that there is great concern over the social and learning environment in our Junior High Schools. My first priority is to determine what needs to be done to create a better learning environment. I have discussed some suggested programs with the Youth Assistance Program and would like to form a committee of interested parents, teachers, administrators and board members to develop a solution. 2. Declining enrollment: We are losing approximately 300 students per year. That is nearly equivalent to the population of one elementary school. I would work to ensure that our schools demonstrate the best educational and vocational programs and we do more to advertise the quality of our schools. 3. School district's revenue: The current method for funding schools is based largely on sales rather than property values. It appears that we could expect additional losses of revenue due to the stunted economy. I will work to ensure that our expenditures do not exceed our income. I will do everything in my power to reinvigorate the perception of our schools.

I want to continue to uphold the excellence of education the children of the district are accustomed to, because of the current economic situation in Michigan and the budget cuts we need to continue to be fiscally responsible and remember the kids come first. I also want to continue to work with the families in order to have a great partnership between the families of the community and the board. I also want to eventually work with the district to continue to set up policy's to keep our children safe.

I will continue to work with the board and the families as a team in order to try and reach these goals.



1976 Wayne Memorial graduate Pat Sheridan shares memories of his playing days with Wayne's 2009 Varsity Team. Photo by Natalie Mae Rhaesa of The Wayne Dispatch

World champion comes home

by Jenny Johnson

Not many teams get advice from a World Series champion before a game. But the varsity baseball team at Wayne Memorial High School was surprised and pleased with a recent visit from Pat Sheridan.

Sheridan visited with the players in the dugout before the game sharing words of wisdom. He told the team to wear the uniform proud. "Do the best you can. Play hard and do your best on the field and off," he said.

Sheridan is a 1976 graduate of Wayne Memorial, where he played varsity all three years. He is also a former Detroit Tiger and member of the 1985 World Series champions Kansas City Royals.

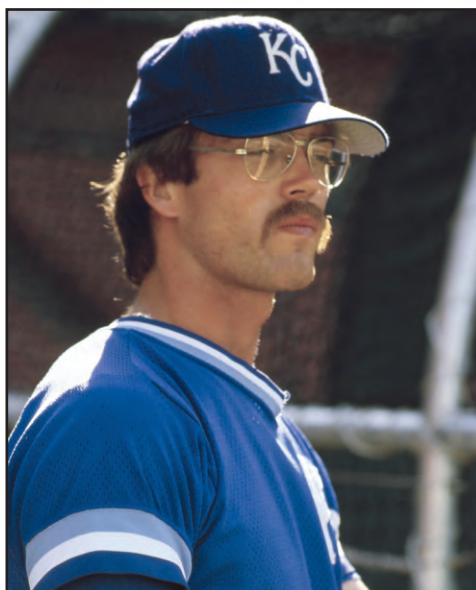
He showed the team his world series ring and said the Royals came from behind to win both the playoffs and the World Series in 1985. They weren't the best team, he said, but they worked hard. Sheridan said 1985 was the first year baseball switched to a best of seven Championship Series.

"We would have lost if not, but we never gave up. We were down 3-1 in the series," he said.

As the team finished batting practice he talked with varsity baseball coach Paul Cavanaugh. He reminisced about how the fields have changed since he played.

He admired the dugouts. There used to just be benches.

"The big open field was always a nice park. There weren't fences. You had to run everything out," Sheridan said. Players who hit homeruns were out of



Pat Sheridan Photo Courtesy of The Kansas City Royals

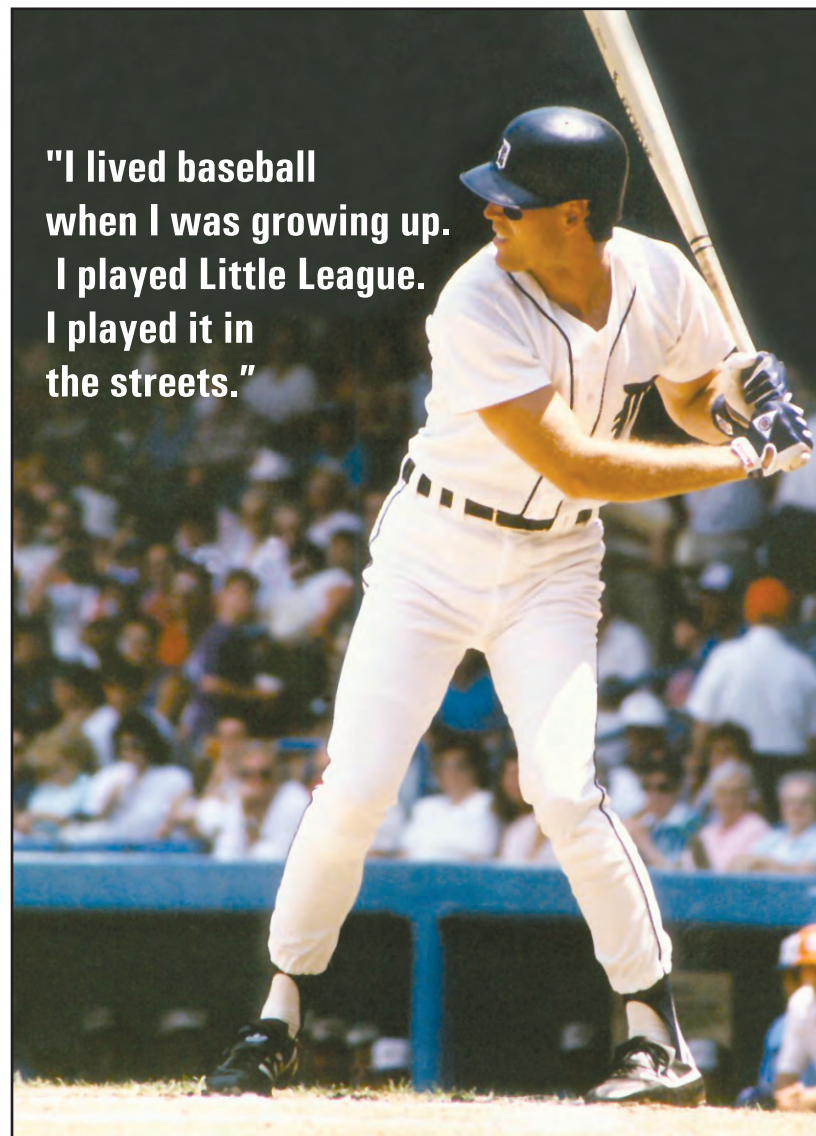
breath by the time they crossed home plate.

Pat Sheridan will always be a legend in Wayne. No other Wayne Memorial High School graduate has gone on to become a World Series champion.

"I was very fortunate," he said.

While at Wayne Memorial, Sheridan also played basketball and football but baseball was his passion. "I lived baseball when I was growing up. I played Little League. I played it in the streets," he said.

"I wanted to play baseball since I knew what baseball was," he said. Sheridan's dad was a minor league



"I lived baseball when I was growing up. I played Little League. I played it in the streets."

Pat Sheridan played for the Tigers from 1986-1989. Photo Courtesy of The Detroit Tigers

See **Champion**, page 4

Champion, continued from page 3

baseball player but never pushed Sheridan to play even though he was the only boy with three sisters.

He played Little League from the age of seven in Wayne while attending Taft Elementary School and Franklin Junior High. He played Little League at Walz Field.

"I loved Little League. It was one of the most fun times in my life," he said.

His mom still lives in Wayne and is a lunch lady at Taft-Galloway Elementary School. She spends her free time line dancing at the Senior Activity Center.

He was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in June 1979 where he played on their minor league team and also suffered from a tear in his hamstring. He made his major league debut on September 16, 1981.

"To get there from an injury, I was very fortunate," he said. He batted .283 his first season.

He looks back fondly on his time spent with the Royals. "There was great chemistry. I grew up in the organization and developed a bond that I will always remember," he said.

Sheridan's major league career spanned nine years and included time on the Kansas City Royals, Detroit Tigers, San Francisco

Giants and New York Yankees.

"I was fortunate to play with some great ball players," he said.

Today Sheridan spends time on the sidelines of a different field. Sheridan's oldest daughter, Paige, is a sophomore at dad's alma mater, Eastern Michigan University. She plays on the soccer team. Sheridan is in the Hall of Fame there and said that some people do recognize her name. Youngest daughter, Madison, is a freshman at Farmington High School. She has been involved in gymnastics and is now on the pom team.

Sheridan lives in Farmington Hills and sells property insurance. He still gets together with his Kansas City teammates every five years for a reunion. "Baseball gives you life long experiences you remember," he said.

As the varsity Zebras take the field and Sheridan turns his attention to the game, Bill Sexton approached him with his six-year-old grandson, Derek. They came to watch the high school baseball game but were surprised and thrilled to meet a former Detroit Tiger and World Series champion. With a big smile on his face, Derek shook Sheridan's hand and eagerly accepted the autographed photo offered to him. It's always nice to come home.



Six-year-old Derek Sexton and his grandpa, Bill Sexton who were thrilled to meet Pat Sheridan. Photo by Natalie Mae Rhaesa of The Wayne Dispatch

understanding your CREDIT SCORE

Range of Scores

- 730 – 830 = A+ or Platinum
- 680 – 729 = A
- 640 – 679 = B
- 600 – 639 = C
- 550 – 599 = D
- 549 & Below = E

What makes Up Your Credit Score?

- **35%** = based on payment history (i.e. on-time pays or delinquencies)
 - More weight on current pay history
- **30%** = Capacity (capacity is King)
- **15%** = Length of credit
- **10%** = Accumulation of debt in the last 12-18 months # of inquiries
- **10%** = Mix of Credit
 - Installment (can raise) vs. revolving (can lower)
 - Finance company loans – They can lower your score.

What Actions Will Hurt Your Score?

- Missing payments (Regardless of the \$ amounts, it can take 24 months to restore credit with one late payment)
- Credit cards at capacity (i.e. maxing out your credit cards)
- Shopping for credit excessively
- Opening up numerous trades in a short time frame
- Having more revolving debts in relation to installment debts
- Closing credit cards out (this could lower your available capacity)
- Borrowing from finance companies

How Can You Improve Your Score?

- Pay off or pay down your credit cards
- Do not close credit cards because capacity may decrease
- Move your revolving debt into installment debt
- Continue to make payments on time (older late pays will be less significant with time)
 - Slow down on opening new accounts
 - Acquire a solid credit history with years of experience

For more information, call our credit experts today!

500 S. Wayne Rd.
Westland, MI 48186
734.721.5700
www.wwfcu.org



Federally Insured by NCUA

© 2009 www.counmarketing.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Does your church, school, group or organization have an upcoming event? Do you want to let the public know about it? Please send the details at least one month in advance to calendar@thewaynedispatch.com or mail information to The Wayne Dispatch P.O. Box 156 Wayne, MI 48184.



Take a trip down the yellow brick road with Scott Joel Gizicki as Scarecrow, Mia Topalian as Dorothy, Lucas Snook as Toto, David Ross as Lion, and Sean Randolph as Tin Man. They are supported by a wonderful cast of characters, costumes and music to deliver a delightful experience for all ages. Photo by Natalie Mae Rhaesa of The Wayne Dispatch

The Wizard of Oz

May 1 & 2 - 8:00pm
May 2 & 3 - 2:00pm
State Wayne Theater
35310 W. Michigan Ave
Tickets: \$15 Adults;
\$13 Students / Seniors;
\$10 Kids 12 & Under
For more information
please call 734-721-7400

City Council Meeting

May 4
7:00 p.m.
City Hall,
3355 S. Wayne Road

Wayne Westland School Board Election

Polls open 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
May 5

Salad Luncheon

May 7
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
First Congregational Church
2 Town Square
\$7.00 adults/\$3.50 children

Sky Warning Class

May 7
7:00 p.m.
Wayne Fire Department
No cost but please call
734-722-1111
to reserve a spot
Sponsored by the National Weather Service this class assists individuals in preparing and predicting bad weather and tornado spotting, including how to identify cloud formations, which ones may be threatening and non-threatening.

Senior Law Day

8:00 a.m.
May 8
29th District Court
\$3 per person
Must pre-register at the Senior Activity Center by May 1
Call 734-721-7460
for more information

Day Camp Open House

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
May 16
Wayne Community Center
Drop-in and register,
meet staff and enter

to win prizes!
Register for one week
of camp and you will be
entered to win a free week!
For more information
please contact
Steve Winkelman at
734-721-7400 Ext. 1306.

Wayne Westland School Board Meeting

May 18 - 7:00 p.m.
Timothy J. Dyer Service
Center, 36745 Marquette,
Westland

City Council Meeting

8:00 p.m.
May 19
City Hall
3355 S. Wayne Road

Wayne-Westland 2009 College Fair

4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
May 20, 2009
Wayne Memorial High School
Media Center Open to public.
More than sixty
universities/colleges.

Farmer's Market

May 20 - 3:00 - 7 p.m.
State-Wayne Theater
35310 W. Michigan Avenue

Veteran's Day Parade

May 24
1:00 p.m.
From Wayne Ford Civic League
on Wayne Road to Westland
City Hall on
Ford Road

Farmers Market

May 27 - 3-7 p.m.
State-Wayne Theater
35310 W. Michigan Avenue

TOPS Take Off Pounds

Sensibly meetings
Thursdays Weigh in at
5:30 p.m.
Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
United Methodist Church,
Wayne For more information
www.tops.org

A JoNa Media LLC Publication
P.O. Box 156 • Wayne, MI 48184

734-641-6550

ads@thewaynedispatch.com

John P. Rhaesa Co-Publisher

john@thewaynedispatch.com

Natalie Rhaesa Co-Publisher

natalie@thewaynedispatch.com

Jenny Johnson Editor

jenny@thewaynedispatch.com

JoNa Graphics

Page Layout and Design

**Please support
our advertisers.**

**To advertise in our
next issue please call
734-641-6550.**

ads@thewaynedispatch.com

We Want to Hear From You

The Wayne Dispatch wants to know what you think. How are we doing? Tell us what you like and what you would like to see in the Wayne Dispatch.

Does your church, school, group or organization have an upcoming event? Do you want to let the public know about it? Please send the details at least one month in advance to jenny@thewaynedispatch.com.

Do you know a business that was not mentioned in the paper? Would they like to advertise in a positive news only publication? Have them contact John at 734-641-6550.

The Wayne Dispatch is a monthly publication distributing to the entire City of Wayne. The Wayne Dispatch is a non-partisan publication. The Wayne Dispatch does not include the endorsement of any political candidate or political view. The Wayne Dispatch will continue to be non-partisan and will include only advertisements paid for by candidates with a disclaimer by that candidate. There can be no exceptions.



Congratulations!

Wayne-Westland Community Schools continues to excel...

MASB 2009 Education Excellence Awards

Two educational programs in the District were selected by the Michigan Association of School Boards as exemplary programs for the State of Michigan.

William D. Ford Career-Technical Center

Designated as a Center of Science and Engineering Excellence. The IVD car received 3 first place honors at the Science and Technology competition at Cobo Hall.

ATHENA Award Winner

Wayne-Westland Social Worker Sue Wilk honored as recipient of the 2009 ATHENA Award by the Women of Westland.

Wayne RESA 2009 Elementary Teacher of the Year

District teacher Jane La Porte named Outstanding Elementary Teacher of the Year by the Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency.

Wayne Memorial JROTC National Honors

Wayne Memorial High School Zebra Battalion Raiders placed second in national competition.

District Business Department Recognized for 9th Year

Received financial reporting awards from the Association of School Business Officials and the Government Finance Officers Association of US & Canada.

Wayne Memorial Bowling

The Wayne Memorial High School Boys' Bowling Team earned State Runner Up honors.

wwcsd.net



Wayne-Westland
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Gregory J. Baracy, Ed. D., Superintendent

What is in a name?

We all drive on these roads everyday and I have often wondered where their names come from.

After a little research I found some interesting information.

The first thing I found was about Venoy Road. It was named after James Venoy who owned property along what is now Venoy Road going east quite a bit and south almost to Van Born Road. This was his second farmstead. He sold his original 40 acres to Glode Chubb, the subject of last month's article on the underground railroad. At the time the road was named, it was nothing more than a little lane that ended at the Venoy's farmhouse.

Howe Road was name after Philetus Howe. He was a farmer and lived in a house on Howe Road by the railroad tracks. His land was a long narrow 40 acre parcel and went all the way east to the Venoy property. Mr. Howe was born in 1814 in New York, he was married to Eliza, they came to Wayne in 1850 with their seven children. Two of the boys moved to town. Absalom Howe was a carpenter and lived on Brush Street. His brother John lived one street over on Norris Street and was a peddler.

Merriman Road was name after Zachariah Merriman. The Merrimans owned 75 acres on the west side of the road for a ½ mile north and south of the Chicago Road. They were quite a family and one of their favorite past times was baseball. They had their own baseball field on the farm and

Rearview Mirror

Matt Miller



neighbors and relatives made up the team roster. In 1879, there was a much anticipated game between the Merrimans and the Wayne Bruisers. The game was well attended and people came from as far as Dearborn to see the game.

While most roads are named after the person owning land nearby, I think this is quite self serving. But Elizabeth Street is different. It was named after Elizabeth Swift Chase, wife of Andrew L. Chase who platted a subdivision right nearby. Until 1922 Elizabeth Street stopped one house north of Michigan Avenue. At that time, Wayne Highlands subdivision was being built and it was decided to build the bridge over the river so the new residents on Elm and Chestnut Streets could easily get into town.



The intersection of Elizabeth and Norris Streets. Photos courtesy of the Wayne Historical Museum.

One of the most interesting names for a street is Harroun Parkway/Street. It is named after Ray Harroun, who was a race car driver and won the first Indianapolis 500. Not only was he the driver but also the president and creator of Harroun Motor Car. Harroun built more than 3,000 cars in Wayne from 1915 to 1922 at his plant on Michigan Avenue and the railroad

(next to Kroger's). It was envisioned that Harroun Park Subdivision would be a factory subdivision and house the workers from the plant. He purchased the property and began to subdivide the parcels to create more housing for his workers.

No matter the street or road, remember that the name is derived from someone and their important stature in the community resulted in their name living forever. As with all of my articles, you can learn more about Wayne's history by visiting the Wayne Historical Museum 734-722-0113. The museum is open each Friday and Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

You can also contact me at matt@thewaynedispatch.com with any questions or comments.



North Harroun Street between Chamberlin and Second Street, 1967.

Colleges, universities, and trade schools come to Wayne

By: Erica Perdue

On May 20th at Wayne Memorial High School Media Center, there will be representatives from approximately sixty colleges, universities, and trade schools to share information with future college students.

The College Fair is an excellent way for students, or those who are not currently students, to learn about colleges from all over without having to travel anywhere. From 12 noon – 2:00 p.m. and from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., the media center will be full of colleges, universities, and trade

schools of all sorts. All interested students, parents, and every one in the community can attend the college fair. There will be admissions representatives available to explain the requirements, assist in making the application process easier, and answer any questions. Financial aid assistance will also be available on site, which is a great help considering that finances are the most difficult part of college education. Those attending will also have access to find out how Michigan Works can help pay for education.

There will also be information

about adult education programs. This is a great opportunity for adults as well as students. The entire community is invited to attend and learn about how they can incorporate college into their future!

The importance of a college education is increasing as the demand for a degree from workplaces increases. For high school students, it is a big decision to decide where to attend college. There are so many factors to consider. Commuting, living on campus, community college, trade school, university, scholarships, and

especially financial aid, are all essentials in the choice.

Wayne Memorial has put together an outstanding program with this college fair. It is so helpful that there will be sixty different schools to learn about. Choosing a school to attend is one of the biggest decisions high school students make. It requires a lot of research and comparing. It takes up a lot of time to figure out which schools meet a person's needs. The college fair is a wonderful chance for every one to learn about which school fits them best. Every one is invited to plan college in their future!

Rescue efforts have provided natural touch to city park

Guest Column by
Kurt Kuban

Long before Ezra Derby built a tavern and essentially founded what is now the City of Wayne, Fox and Sauk Indians traveled along a trail through this area's thick forests of green and prairie meadows filled with colorful wildflowers.

Their trail, which eventually led them from their home in current-day Chicago to trade with the French at Detroit, is now Michigan Avenue. They knew a very different Wayne than we know today.

In those days, they drew their water from the Rouge River and its tributaries. Towering high above the river banks stood enormous cottonwood trees. Elms and oaks so large they blocked the sun light from reaching the forest floor. Wildlife was abundant, as the land provided the perfect habitat for many species to thrive.

With the auto plants and highways dominating the city's landscape today, it seems almost impossible to imagine what this area must have looked like in those days.

You might be surprised to learn that you don't have to leave it up to your imagination. Believe it or not, there is still an area of Wayne where you can catch a small glimpse of what our area looked like before settlers carved it up. I'm referring to Dynamite Park -- a wooded tract of land between Mill Trail Park and Venoy Road.

The park is part of the Wayne County-owned Lower Rouge Parkway, and is a great place to walk along the banks of the Lower Rouge River, which has always been this town's greatest natural resource. The river runs the entire length of Dynamite Park. If you are wondering, the park got its name because the county road commission used the park to store dynamite (the foundation of the building is still visible).

For a number of years now, the park has been the site of the city's annual Rouge Rescue event, which I coordinate with city officials. With the support of the City Council,

This year, our
Rouge Rescue
event will again
take place at
Dynamite Park.

The event takes place
June 6, with sign-up
beginning at 9 a.m.

we have been restoring the park's natural features. First of all, we no longer mow large sections of the park, which not only has allowed native meadows and wetlands to regenerate, but has also saved money on labor and energy costs.

Volunteers have cleaned up all the trash that once plagued the park and river (you'd be amazed at how many shopping carts found their way into the Rouge), and also built a number of nature trails (using wood chips from dead ash trees). Along some of the trails we have re-established native plants and wildflowers, which are pretty to look at, but also help filter storm water before it gets into the Rouge River. And they are beneficial to wildlife. Since we began planting these beds nearly ten years ago, they have become a haven for butterflies, dragonflies, colorful songbirds, as well as frogs and toads.

If you enjoy seeing wildlife, there are plenty of opportunities at Dynamite Park. If you are very quiet, you might surprise a great blue heron, kingfisher or wood duck along the river. Coyote and fox also call the park home, as well as a herd of white-tail deer.

The work at Dynamite Park has truly been a collaborative effort. Service clubs in the community, most notably the Wayne Rotary Club, have offered generous monetary support to pay for things like native plants and the supplies to build bird and wood duck boxes. The Wayne Civitans have also contributed in the past.

Our endeavor has also been aided by Ford Motor Company, which for several years has provided volunteers and financial support during the company's annual employee volunteer day. Many of the same employees have signed up year after year to come out and specifically to work at this site. They have witnessed firsthand how the park has been transformed over the years.

A group called Friends of the Rouge has also jumped on board, and has promoted canoeing through this section of the Rouge River. In fact, last fall the organization led a group canoe trip through the park and posted a video on YouTube www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLtSFLcZeqQ. Northville author Doc Fletcher, who went on that trip, included the Lower Rouge in his book about canoeing Michigan rivers.

The city has also been very supportive. The Recreation Advisory Board, for example, has recognized the value of Dynamite Park and the fact it offers a unique recreational opportunity in our city. They created a master plan for the park that focuses on its natural features, and their hope is that it could one day offer educational opportunities for students.

This year, our Rouge Rescue event will again take place at Dynamite Park. The event takes place June 6, with sign-up beginning at 9 a.m. Volunteers will do a number of activities, including performing maintenance on the trails, putting up bird boxes, cleaning up the native plant beds, working on some logjams in the river, and picking up litter. I'm also working with city officials in hopes of improving access to the park.

If you're interested in helping out, come out and volunteer. You will receive a free T-shirt, as well as gloves. Some refreshments will also be served.

And if you want to catch a glimpse of what this area was like when Native Americans called it home, pick a day to visit the park. I think you will be surprised by what you find. Discover a wilder side of Wayne. It offers a unique recreational experience not really found in a lot of other communities in this area.

Wayne resident Kurt Kuban has been organizing the city's Rouge Rescue/River Day efforts for nearly a decade. He welcomes your feedback at kkuban3240@aol.com or call (734) 716-0783.



ACADEMY TRAINING FACILITY

- Law Enforcement
- General Obedience
- Private Detection Work

3441 Filbert • Wayne, MI 48184 • (734) 641-9507

www.k9atf.com

EQ - THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMPANY



- Recycling
- Remediation
- Transportation
- Waste Disposal
- Waste Treatment
- Technical Services
- Industrial Cleaning
- Wastewater Treatment
- Emergency Response
- Total Waste Management



EQ Is The ANSWER

36255 Michigan Avenue • Wayne, Michigan 48184
(800) 592-5489 • www.EQonline.com

Sadie, soda and storm watching

You might remember her as Sadie Mardarosian. You might remember her as Sadie Metzgian. Or you might just remember her as Sadie...the owner and charmer of Sadie's Salon. It was my good fortune to catch up with Sadie in Ann Arbor where she's lived for 30 some years. But her history and that of her family goes way back in Wayne.

It was during the Depression that Sadie's family came to Wayne. Her parents, Armenians who emigrated from Turkey, moved here from Detroit when her father got a job as a cook at Eloise. He, a short man, brought the kids to the Eloise kitchens and showed them how he stood on a stool to stir the huge pots.

Sadie graduated from Wayne High in 1944. She had saved enough money by working at the Shafer's Wayne Theater to pay for beauty school. Two years later, after working in another salon, she says "As long as I was working like a slave for someone else I decided to open my own shop".

Several years after that Sadie met and married the love of her life, Dick Metzgian. Dick encouraged Sadie to keep on learning. She took more classes, specialized in hair coloring, and together they turned the shop into a high styling salon.

Sadie had one brother, John, and has two sisters...Lucia, who once climbed out of a window at Wayne High to get doughnuts across the street at Chumms. Note: She was caught by a gym teacher. Mary Oakley, another sister, is the wife of the former Mayor of Romulus. Sadie: is the mother of three children; Marty, who was a hairdresser, Michael, a cook in Ft. Lauderdale and Michelle who has her own salon in New York City.

Of course Sadie's Salon has become J J's Styling Station, still at 3131 Wayne Road and owned by Colleen Scott, who once worked for Sadie and Dick. Colleen's long time stylist, Janet Verdi started her career at Sadie's and credits her "with teaching me everything I know about hair color." Two other gals you'll find at J J's are Faye Poremba and Doris Freeman. Appointments can be made at 734-721-2312. Walk-ins are also welcome at the unisex salon.

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



Carmen Yurich graduated from Wayne Memorial in 1978. He was one of the brilliant high school actors coached by drama teacher, Adrienne Klemme. His mom and dad, Joe and Donna, live here in Wayne. Many of you will remember Donna who was a salesperson at Mullholland's for years.

Recently Carmen wrote: "It's a nice surprise to receive your email in regard to my career since I left Wayne and headed for the Big Apple, after graduating from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree, with emphasis on acting and directing."

Carmen reflects on his years in show-biz which is still going strong. He's managed to carve out a very important niche for himself, from Broadway to Las Vegas, as a dance captain and as a swing; sometimes covering 6 male ensemble roles as well as featured roles.

He was an original cast member of the Broadway Musical "Jekyll and Hyde" and toured the US and Canada in "Cats", "Kiss Me Kate", "Music of the Night", "La Cage aux Folles" and in Europe with "Evita".

For the last 3 years Carmen was part of the Las Vegas cast of "Spamalot" starring John O'Hurley. They played the Wynn Casino Resort, working with the original Monty Python creative team.

On the heels of "Spamalot", he remained in Las Vegas and then conceived and directed a new musical based on Bram Stoker's "Dracula". Carmen's interests have broadened into wearing a director and writers cap. At this time he's writing a one man show. He plans to move back to the center of the Broadway Musical...New York City.

Spring is here and The Women's Fellowship of the Congregational Church is having its 40th Salad

Luncheon. This should be named "Salads and More", because as you who have tasted these in the past know...they are delicacies, put together with loving care.

Date: May 7. Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$7.00. The women of the Fellowship, will donate their time and the proceeds will fund many charitable causes.

The Wayne Business and Professional Women invite you to join them on Thursday, May 14, at 6:00 p.m. The place is the Wayne Community Center. You'll enjoy a buffet dinner, chances at many raffle baskets, and the joy of shopping the wares of interesting vendors. The cost is \$25.00 or \$20.00 for students and seniors. Money raised will fund a scholarship for a high school student and provide monetary aid for a woman returning to the workforce.

Paulette Medvecky, Bev Blankertz, Mary Ann Ellis, Donna McEachern or any of the BPW women would love to sell you a ticket. For further information contact Pat Nielsen at 248-305-8264 or patnielsen@comcast.net.

"Vernor's Ginger Ale: the History

of Detroit's Sassy Soda". That's the program on tap at the Library. Keith Wunderlich, the author of the book and founder of Vernor's Ginger Ale Collectors' Club will tell us about the Detroit drink through historical photos and memorabilia. And here's the kicker...Vernor's ice cream floats will be served. Call the Library and reserve a seat for May 20 at 7:00 p.m. 734-721 7832.

'Look to the Skies'...Richard Story, Team Leader of CERT, when he's not managing the Wayne Historical Museum, invites you to attend a National Weather Service Sky Warn Class. Sponsored by The Wayne Fire Department and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), the class will teach you how to spot severe weather. The class will last about one and a half hours. To reserve a seat call Lt. Shawn Bell at 734-722-1111. The session, at the Wayne Fire Station Training Room will start at 6:30 p.m. Although the Fire Department is at 3300 Wayne Road, please enter through doors on Ash Street.

P.S....Sadie sends her love to all her dear friends in Wayne.

dee @thewaynedispatch.com



Salads and More

Left to right: Bev Wensko, Barb Galbraith, Louise Steinhauer and Miriam Shurlow of The Women's Fellowship of First Congregational Church start preparations for their upcoming Salad Luncheon. The luncheon will offer a wide variety of salads with the proceeds going to charity. Photo by The Wayne Dispatch



By Jenny Johnson

All are welcome at Lifechurch

"At lifechurch our dress is casual, our music is awesome, and our coffee and donuts are free! Just come as you are, sit back, and relax."

Sunday morning church service is a routine practiced for hundreds of years. While some services are rich in tradition and structure, other churches have realized they need to update the way they reach their congregation. Lifechurch of Canton is one of these churches.

Step inside the worship hall at their new location on the corner of Warren Road and Haggerty in Canton and you can feel the difference. Sermons are given from a stage with a live six piece band. Lyrics to songs are projected on two giant flat screens on either side of the stage. The sound and light system is concert worthy.

"We are using mediums of our culture today to speak to and communicate with our people. The message always stays the same but the methods always change to adapt to the culture. With the music and media, we use whatever it takes to reach people," said Pastor Alex Rahill.

Lifechurch gives a fresh look at God's message. Associate Pastor Mike Rice delivered a passionate and compelling message. With phrases like "Jesus kicked butt" he told the story of Peter in a way that today's teens and young adults could relate to.

Lifechurch of Canton understands the struggles and hectic lives their congregation faces. That's why they have turned to some of the latest technology to help bring their message of God's love with an upbeat, quick and easily accessible way. They also use tools like their website and weekly e-mails to easily stay in touch with church members.

The music has been updated too. The Eastfield Collective Band is made up of a group of 25-30 musicians who take turns performing at the two Sunday services. They have also released a CD of their music. Guitarist and singer Brion Riborn sat on a stool in the middle of the darkened stage with his guitar and a simple message from God, "Follow me." He told his personal story of finding his way to God.

"It's a journey not a one day decision," he said.

He sang an original song he wrote called "Wanting." He and his wife and their six children all enjoy being a part of Lifechurch. They have been members of the church since its inception in the summer of 2002.

"It's different than what you think of church. We are all real and we all make mistakes and help each other through it," he said. "The goal is to help people know Jesus," said Rahill. "Lifechurch meets people where they are at. Our worship is incredibly engaging our messages are always relevant and our kids ministries are excellent."

Brad and Kimberly Loveless, owners of the Acorn Shop in Wayne attend Lifechurch. Brad said, "I like that there seems to be no 'Jones'." We're all there on the same level. Just as it should be, especially in church."

"Brad and I have just celebrated our year together attending Life Church, and the thing I believe that keeps us coming back is the great inspiring messages that we hear there. I always leave wanting to achieve my best for the Lord. What better feeling can one have," said Kimberly.

Rahill said the kids get their best energy and its important to have them feel like they can make a difference too. Now that Lifechurch has set down roots in their new location, they can focus on helping the community. Once a month they have Compassion Sunday. The youth group makes sandwiches and delivers them to the homeless in Detroit. The teen group visited the Salvation Army and served at a Domestic Violence Awareness breakfast.

This gives the kids a chance to "see and feel God's love." Lifechurch is about life change. "Some churches are passive and that's not Lifechurch. Jesus was always reaching people by sharing and meeting people's practical needs. We want our kids to know they don't have to be adults to make a difference," Rahill said.

After years of meeting in backyards and renting space at schools, Lifechurch was able to celebrate their first

service in their new home on Easter Sunday. Both the 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. services were at full capacity. In addition to the worship center, the building has a Lifekids zone with several classrooms for babies up to elementary aged kids. There is a café with tables and chairs that serves as a place to gather for coffee and donuts after service.

"It's a great place for families to grow together," Rahill said.

Paul and DeAnna Chisholm are both teachers in Wayne. They have been attending Lifechurch for almost a year with their daughter, Ginger, 2.

The Chisholms were looking for a church that was family friendly. They got a postcard in the mail and then DeAnna looked it up online. They decided to give Lifechurch a try.

"It's different than a structured regimented church. You are allowed to worship in the way you want. It's an open and friendly place," Paul said.

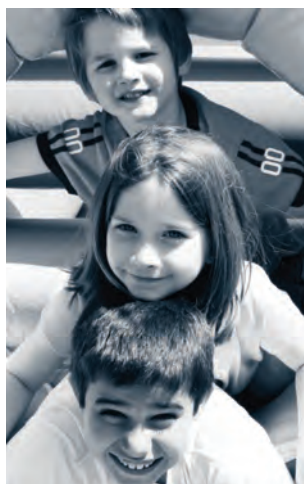
They are so happy at Lifechurch that they have brought guests with them several times. "In today's dark time we are the light and a source of hope in a time of hopelessness," Rahill said. "We are fun. We have people laugh at every service. This is a spiritual place. God is joy and we try to have fun."

"At lifechurch our dress is casual, our music is awesome, and our coffee and donuts are free! Just come as you are, sit back, and relax."

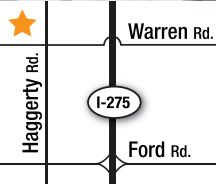
As a recent Sunday service concludes, the song "I am Free" pulses through the worship hall. As the congregation files out, the lights go down on a great service.

There are all different ways to practice religion and spirituality. Lifechurch is an evangelical covenant church that focuses on real people, real God and real life.

If you are looking for something new give Lifechurch of Canton a try. For more information please call 734-927-1175.



7001 Haggerty Road
Canton MI, 48187
734.927.1175
info@lifechurchcanton.org



:: great music :: casual dress
:: relevant messages :: nursery care
:: quality kids program
:: Sunday Services @ 9:15 & 11am



You're invited to

lifechurch

Real people.
Real God.
Real life.

www.lifechurchcanton.org
An Evangelical Covenant Church

Smack cancer out of the ballpark

Batter up! Relay for Life season is in full swing and it's time to step up to the plate and smack cancer out of the ballpark. Today, more than ever in history, we have a plethora of cancer-causing agents in our food supply, environment, and in the way we live. Thomas Edison once stated, "The doctor of the future will give no medicine. But will interest his patients in the care of the human frame, in diet and the cause and prevention of disease." Oh, how Mr. Edison was on top of his game! Following Thomas Edison's belief in taking care of oneself will elicit positive benefits in the prevention and treatment of cancer.

Many oncologists (cancer doctors) know that the longer you live the more likely you are to get cancer because the diseases that are classified as cancer are all opportunists. Right now, while you are reading these words, the battle is raging against cancerous cells. But what if there was one prescription from your doctor that could cut the risk of getting many types of cancer by half? Would you take it? I hope so! That medication is moving (see last month's issue 'Let's Go!' for definition on moving). Along with eating fruit and vegetables (5+ servings daily), not smoking, drinking in moderation (less than two drinks daily), and sun safety, you can tip the odds of conquering cancer.

Now there is amazing medical care in the United States to successfully treat us in our battle against cancer. You can choose that path of "fix me up Doc;" eat whatever you want, exercise only if you really want to, and if you do have some pain have the doctor fix you up with a pill or diagnostic tool. Or simply change your behavior and lead by example for children to improve their chances of avoiding cancer. By

Don't let the well dry up

Nathan Adams



moving, individuals can control their weight, influence the immune system, and regulate hormone levels that could cause breast and prostate cancer. In addition, exercise speeds the digestive process, shortening exposure of the bowel lining to harmful substances that could cause colon cancer.

And moving can be a part of the treatment plan for cancer! For a long time, the recommendation was rest for patients with fatigue undergoing cancer treatment. There is mounting evidence now that states exercise (moving) will help reduce fatigue if people begin an exercise program before treatment or early on in their treatments. Research also indicates increases in quality of life (e.g., improved sleep, lowered blood pressure), improvements in mood (e.g., reduced stress), strength, and endurance to allow patients to enjoy their hobbies (e.g., gardening, shopping).

So the American Cancer Society needs you in the lineup today to beat cancer! Teams from Wayne including Wayne Rec-n-Crew (Captain: Nathan Adams) and the Wayne Chamber of Commerce (Captain: Jill Gaudet) need your help, donations, and support leading up to the May 30th American Cancer Society Relay for Life at Jaycee Park in Westland. Please go to www.relayforlife.org/westlandmi or contact Nathan at 734-721-7400 ext. 1311 or Jill at 734-721-0100 for information on smacking cancer out of the ballpark.



American Cancer Society Relay for Life at Jaycee Park in Westland.

**The Wayne Dispatch
is looking for an outgoing,
professional sales person
to join our team.**

The position is commission based and allows for a flexible schedule. Please respond via e-mail to john@thewaynedispatch.com or by mail to:

The Wayne Dispatch
P.O. Box 156
Wayne, MI. 48184

WE NEED JUNK CARS



**BROOME
AUTO PARTS**

36597 Annapolis • Wayne
West of Wayne Road over Railroad Tracks

**734-722-5900
OR 734-721-4006**

Towing Available

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



-New Bumpers, Headlights, Taillights, Fenders-
-The Area's Most Popular Salvage Yard-
-Recycling Junk Cars For Over 50 Years-



Join a Wayne Team!

Relay for Life at Gagnon/Jaycee Park in Westland

May 30, 2009

Contact Nathan at 734-721-7400 ext. 1311 or Jill at 734-721-0100

"Gathered in Faith - United in Christ"

ST. MICHAEL
Lutheran
WAYNE, MI

An LCMS Congregation &
Pre-K through 8th Grade
Day School

**NOW ENROLLING
for the 2009-2010
School Year!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 15-19, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Rev. Andrew D. Gruenhagen, Pastor
Dr. Harv Schmit, School Principal
Mrs. Shirley Schweske, Preschool Director

Sunday Morning Worship
8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
& Bible Study

**Wednesday Evening
Traditional Worship** 7:00 p.m.

CALL 734-728-3315 OR 734-728-1950

Find Out More! Visit - www.stmichaellutheranchurchandschool.org



Uht
Funeral Home

DIRECTORS:
Harold L. Rediske, Jr.
Harold L. Rediske, II • Robert J. Gilbert

35400 Glenwood Road | Westland, MI
(734) 721-8555 | Fax: (734) 721-8999
www.uhtfuneralhome.com



We'll Care For You!
Preserving your quality of life...at Home

SmartCare™
The Leaders of In-Home Care

COMPANION CARE

- ♥ Medication reminders
- ♥ Light housekeeping
- ♥ Bill paying
- ♥ Errands / appointments
- ♥ Food prep / meal planning
- ♥ Transportation

PERSONAL CARE

- ♥ Feeding
- ♥ Bathing / showering
- ♥ Grooming
- ♥ Dressing
- ♥ Assist with walking
- ♥ Toileting

SPECIALIZED SERVICES

- ♥ Recuperative care
- ♥ Respite care
- ♥ Alzheimer's / Dementia
- ♥ Cancer

SmartCare™
The Leaders of In-Home Care

**Our caregivers are the best of the best
Screened / Bonded / Insured**

734-467-7500
www.smartcarenow.com

**Short term or long term ♥ Available 24/7 including holidays
Available at home, hospital, rehab centers and more**

Wayne Civitan Club serving the community for 50 years

By Jenny Johnson

The Wayne Civitan Club is a service organization that has made a difference in the community since 1959. They will celebrate their 50th anniversary at 12 p.m. on May 30 with a picnic lunch at the Wayne Senior Center and Goudy Park.

President Elect Marsha Sienko said the Civitans are every day citizens who reach out to help improve the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities. The Wayne Civitan Club also focuses on literacy and good citizenship. Their three principle goals are fellowship with one another, knowledge about community and service to humanity.

The Civitans meet at 7:00 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Wayne Library. The monthly meetings offer members an opportunity to hear from community, business and government leaders on issues that affect Civitans the most. The Wayne Civitans are also involved in a variety of fund-raising and service projects.

The Civitans make a difference in the lives of many. Some of the projects they support include the Good Kids, Good Citizens, Good Community program which will take place at 7:00 p.m. on May 6 at the Wayne Library. This is the 10th year

the Civitans have joined with the library to salute the youth in Wayne.

The premise of this program is that good kids will ultimately become good citizens and help to strengthen the character of the community, Sienko said. The Civitans will recognize elementary, middle and high school students who have shown excellent citizenship and have made a difference in their home, school, club or community. Each recipient will have a book donated to the library in their name provided by the Civitans. They will also award two high school students with scholarships.

On June 10 they will visit the Ronald McDonald house located at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. They will serve dinner to parents with sick children at the hospital.

The Civitans will host a community picnic on July 15 at Civitan Park on Glenwood just east of Newburgh.

They will provide activities for the children including a clown and face painting. They will serve hot dogs, chips, pop and dessert. All are welcome.

For questions on how you can become a Civitan member, please contact Rachel Lessard at 734-722-0160.

Farmers Market grand opening at the State Wayne, May 20th

Home grown is on the way. The Wayne Farmers Market will have their grand opening from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. on May 20 at the State Wayne Theater parking lot. This growers-only market will feature locally grown flowers, fruits and vegetables. There will also be handmade arts and craft vendors. Come for the fresh grown delights and stay for dinner and entertainment. The grand opening of the Farmers Market is open to the public and will also feature a food vendor and musical entertainment.

The purpose of the market is to promote healthy eating and provide quality, fresh and wholesome food while creating positive activity in the downtown area. The Farmers Market will be open, rain or shine, from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday from May 20 - October 28 at the State Wayne Theater parking lot.

Vendors are still needed. For more information please contact Matt Miller at 734-722-2000 or visit www.ci.wayne.mi.us and click on the Farmers Market tab for a vendor's packet.

2008 Police Officer of the year

It was a sea of blue at the City Council meeting when Police Chief John Williams presented the 2008 Police Officer of the Year. Jason Emerick was unanimously chosen by the Wayne Police citation board. Many of Emerick's colleagues attended the award ceremony.

Chief Williams said Emerick was chosen because of his leadership, keen investigative skills and strong work ethic. His initiative and well-rounded enforcement efforts have helped to reduce crime in Wayne which has improved the quality of life for residents.

Because of his strong communication skills and street savvy, Officer Emerick was able to gather vital investigative leads that have helped detectives with cases that might otherwise go unsolved.

Emerick made 24 felony arrests in 2008 and sent a strong message to the criminals that the Wayne Police is on the job, Williams said.

"This is a proud moment when you find out our servicemen and women are well connected to the



Mayor Al Haidous presents award to Police Officer of the year Jason Emerick.

community. We do appreciate you," said Mayor Al Haidous.

Officer Kevin Schmidtke was presented with a Lifesaving Award for outstanding and distinguished service. He contributed to saving the life of a one-day-old infant when he responded to a "baby not breathing" call. Officer Schmidtke was the first to arrive on the scene and immediately began administering CPR until the fire department arrived.

"He greatly contributed to this infant's survival," Williams said.

Fire Chief reveals Firefighter of the year

Under a sign that read "It's not a job it's a life," Wayne Fire Chief Mel Moore proudly announced the 2008 Firefighter of the year.

The honor went to Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal Mike McKee who has been a member of the Wayne Fire Department for 18 years. He was promoted to lieutenant in 2005 and to deputy chief last year.

Moore said, McKee has taken on several leadership roles in the building/rental inspection process, fire prevention endeavors, and the Salamander Project which is an accountability program initiated by Wayne County. He has also "been diligent in the pursuit of cost cutting options for the department," Moore said.

"It's a humbling honor to get this. I would never get this without you all," McKee said referring to the room full of colleagues. Not only is he a firefighter-paramedic and suppression officer but McKee, a Wayne resident, is also very active in the community. He is a member of the Wayne Goodfellows which provides "No Child Without a Christmas" in the City of Wayne.



2008 Firefighter of the year, Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal Mike McKee.

Holding his award McKee said, "This will look great in the man cave."

With just over 80 days to go before his retirement he had some parting words for his fellow firefighters. "Be safe and keep an eye on each other," he said.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hello, I grew up in Wayne and graduated in 1979. I now live in the Dallas, Texas area and moved totally out of Wayne in the early 90's. Some of my family still lives in Wayne and the surrounding cities. My mom told me about this newspaper that her sister gave her, who still lives in Wayne. My mom, who now lives in Inkster, wanted to mail it to me because of the good stories about how Wayne used to be and what is going on now. When my mom mentioned the Wayne Dispatch, I thought I would look to see if there was any information about this on the web, and I was pleasantly surprised to see a listing for it. When I got to the site and saw that I could actually see the paper as it was given to my mother, and talk to her about the stories she was seeing at the same time, I said I had to let you know how special that was. The way you have just put the actual paper online like that is just great. I can see ads for the local stores, and not just some things that an online paper decided to pick from their print paper to put online. It is so simple and yet so perfect!!!! Keep up the good work.

Thanks, Rhonda

Editor's note: Check out our current and past issues in their entirety online at www.waynedispatch.com

Compassionate Pricing for Difficult Times

*Excludes Permit Fees • No Deletions or Substitutions.

<h2>\$3,995*</h2> <p>COMPLETE FUNERAL INCLUDING CASKET</p>	<h2>\$895*</h2> <p>COMPLETE DIRECT CREMATION</p>
---	---

PRE-ARRANGEMENT GUARANTEES APPLY... OFFERING PROTECTION FOR THE FUTURE.



Jim Henley

HARRY J. WILL

Serving the community for over 30 years

FUNERAL HOMES

Your Life... Your Memories... Our Priority.

34567 Michigan Ave. • (734) 721-5600

www.HarryJWillFuneralHome.com



Tom Lynch

Friendly Environment Where Learning is Fun!

- ★ Great Start Readiness Program • 734-419-2640
- ★ Head Start • 734-419-2630
- Sparkey Preschool • 734-419-2640
- ★ Special Education • 734-419-2645
- (★ free programs if you qualify)

Preschool Programs
WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Stottlemeyer
Early Childhood Center

State of the Art High Tech Equipment

34801 Marquette • Westland, MI 48185 734-419-2630

www.usrestorationusa.com

U.S. RESTORATION

CERTIFIED PROPERTY REPAIRS

MOLD ★ FIRE WIND

WATER ★ SMOKE

888-877-3786

MOLD TEST SPECIAL - 3 SAMPLES for \$245 REG. \$285

MasterCard VISA

Fun things for teens to do in Wayne

The city of Wayne is home to thousands of teenagers. The six beautiful schools (four elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school) occupy quite a bit of time for these teenagers, but Wayne has much more to offer. The six square miles of land provide an abundant supply of activities for pre-teenagers, teenagers, and young adults.

Michigan brings great spring and summer weather for outdoor fun. To utilize this weather Wayne has 17 amazing, well-maintained parks. The multiple parks have various attributes, making it easy for every teen to find something they are fond of.

The Soroptimist Park, Play 4 All Boundless Playground, was just finished at the end of summer 2008. It is a universally accessible playground. It is a wonderful park for everyone to enjoy.

Goudy Park, located behind Wayne City Hall, has a remarkable

A Fresh New Look

Erica Perdue



setting on Thursday nights throughout the summer. Every Thursday night there is a live concert at the amphitheater in Goudy Park. There are often tribute bands playing, and the show is free. Almost every teen wants to see a live concert, and having that opportunity in your own city, for free, is simply amazing.

Another popular event in Goudy Park that attracts everyone from kids to seniors is Wheelfest. Wheelfest is a festival that takes place every year in late August. It typically runs Thursday through Sunday. There are all sorts of events, like carnival rides and car shows. Concerts take place every night and there are

vendors set up all throughout the park. It is a great and fun way for teenagers to spend their last days of summer vacation with their friends.

Although there are many fascinating things for teens to do outdoors in Wayne, the Wayne Community Center on Howe Road offers some intriguing activities indoors. There is a recreation facility that was just renovated in the early winter of 2008. The Recreation and Exercise Club offers a healthy way of passing time. There is a cardio room, weight room, sauna, steam room, whirlpool and indoor track. Parents and teens can spend time together working out, the perfect bonding opportunity.

Also in the Community Center is an indoor, heated pool. The pool starts at zero depth and gets as deep as seven feet. There is a kid slide and built in pool toys to entertain smaller children while the teenagers can enjoy The Lava Loop, a larger slide.

When swimming and exercising don't sound appealing, there is another option, ice skating. The indoor ice skating rink is a big hit amongst teenagers. It is a great place to hang out with friends or take someone out on a date.

Another popular place to spend time with friends or go on a date is the State Wayne Theatre. Every Thursday through Sunday there are movies playing at inexpensive rates. On Thursdays it is ninety-nine cent for everyone, an affordable rate for a teen. The Wayne Bowling Alley is also a well-known place to teenagers. Whether on a league or just bowling with friends and family for the night, it is a great place to hang out.

Wayne is a great city for teenagers to live or visit. There are intriguing activities constantly available for everyone to participate. From parks to an ice arena, concerts to exercising, and movies to bowling, Wayne is always a magnificent place for teens to be.

NEW BRIEFS

Post office sponsors canned food drive

Remember to put your canned foods and non-perishable items out on Saturday, May 9th. The mail carriers of Wayne will be out collecting them for the Annual Food Drive sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers. Last year our six square mile city collected 6,395 pounds of donated food. That's 1,377 pounds more than we gathered in 2007! All of the food collected is donated back to programs within the city including Veteran's Haven and the John Bolde Memorial Food Depot in the St. Mary's Community Outreach Center. Coordinators for this event are letter carriers at the Wayne Post Office, Michele Manley and Walt McGregory, who will be out collecting on May 9th.

Recycling contest

They are recycling their way to a pizza party. Students at Hoover, Roosevelt-McGrath, Taft-Galloway and Vandenberg Elementary schools are collecting plastic bottles to recycle as part of a contest that is a cooperative effort between the City of Wayne, Wayne Westland Community Schools and Republic Waste Services to encourage recycling by students. The school who collects the most recyclable bottles by May 4 will earn a pizza party and Republic Waste will also donate a bench made of recycled materials.

AT&T U-verse show City Council meetings

Wayne residents who subscribe to AT&T U-verse can now watch local programming including City Council meetings on Channel 99. They can choose the City of Wayne from a list of southeastern communities and school districts.



Tree planting

The City of Wayne and Wayne-Westland Community School District celebrated Arbor Day by planting trees with fourth grade students at Hoover Elementary School. This project was part of the City's school outreach effort. The trees were provided by a 2009 DTE Foundation Tree Planting grant.

Wayne updates on Twitter

It's not just for celebs. The City of Wayne now has a Twitter account in an effort to have additional opportunities to give the public up to date information about the City of Wayne. Assistant City Manager Robert English said it can be used to let residents know of snow emergencies or water main breaks. The information can be sent to residents cell phones in a quick and economical manner, English said.

City wins financial award

The City of Wayne Finance Department has something to celebrate. They earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. This is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. This is the 20th consecutive year the City of Wayne has received this award.

Sign ordinance update

The City Council passed a motion to amend a section of the Zoning Ordinance regarding temporary signs. The proposed changes would give businesses the opportunity to have their temporary signage up for longer periods of time. The change would still allow businesses to apply for three permits for temporary signage during the year. But the signs would be allowed to stay up for four weeks instead of the current two weeks.

The length of time for banners for grand openings would be extended from four to seven weeks. The changes were approved by the Planning Commission.



City of
Wayne
FARMERS MARKET

Every Wednesday
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
May 20th through October 28th

Next to State Wayne Theater
35310 Michigan Avenue West
Wayne, Michigan

For Information
Contact Matt Miller
(734) 722-2000
mmiller@ci.wayne.mi.us

THE WAYNE Dispatch

P.O. Box 156 · Wayne, MI 48184

Postal Customer
PRST STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
MICHIGAN WEB PRESS
Permit #181
Pontiac, MI 48343
10450 ENTERPRISE Dr.
Davisburg, MI 48350
ECRWSS

K & S AUTO SERVICE, INC.



- **COMPLETE CAR CARE**
- **CERTIFIED MECHANICS**
- **TOWING**

4614 S. Wayne Road
Wayne, MI 48184
(Wayne & Annapolis)

Ray F. Kull
Owner / Wayne Memorial
High School Graduate

734-595-1550
WE DO IT ALL! Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

NAPA AUTOCARE CENTER

Since 1984

**We have “No Problem”
saving you money.**

When you insure both your
car and home with us, through

Auto-Owners Insurance Company,
we'll save you money! Stop in, or
call us today for a “No Problem”
insurance check-up.



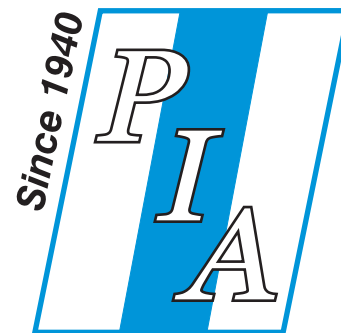
+



=



Auto-Owners Insurance
Life Home Car Business
The “No Problem” People®



**PROFESSIONAL
INSURANCE
ASSOCIATES**

3028 S. WAYNE RD · WAYNE
734-722-3500

SPECIAL RATES FOR: SENIORS • MEA TEACHERS • CONTRACTORS

Dave Steinhauer • Matt Steinhauer • Phil Steinhauer

AUTO • HOME • LIFE • HEALTH • BUSINESS

READ THE WAYNE DISPATCH ON THE WEB AT WWW.WAYNEDISPATCH.COM