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City faces tough budget cuts

By Jenny Johnson

It was a tough day. There was a full house to hear City Manager John Zech and the department heads present the 2009 - 2010 fiscal year budget to the City Council. The proposed budget will be reduced from \$22.2 million to \$18 million.

"Wayne is unique. No other city in the State of Michigan faces what we face," Zech said.

There has been a 14.75 percent drop in residential property tax. The value of Wayne, which means what it is worth, according to Wayne County, is \$581,860,294. This is down from last year's \$660,107,000 due to the decrease in residential property value and the idling of the Ford plant. This is an \$80 million drop in one year.

"None of us can control the housing market, interest rates, or the demands for vehicles," Zech said. "We are a one industry city. When Ford is good, we are good."

The idling of the Ford plant has reduced the tax base in Wayne by 25 percent in just one year. When Wixom lost their Ford plant, it accounted for 10 - 15 percent of their revenue, Zech said.

"Did Wayne do something wrong? No," said Zech. Wayne is six square miles and essentially built out.

"This is the biggest challenge that we have ever faced in the City of Wayne," he said.

Another hit to the City's budget is that the value of the City's pension portfolio has also declined. To meet the obligations to former retirees, the City has to put more money from the general fund into the retirement fund. There will also be a large group of employees who will soon join the retirement fund. If approved, the City will go from 157 full time employees to 111 full time employees. Several City employees will retire. They are: Kimberly Alexander - Director, Parks and Recreation; Ed Blanchard - Laborer II, Department Public Works; Juan Bradford - Foreman, Parks and Recreation; Robert English - Assistant City Manager; Ron Ford - Foreman, Department Public Works; Jack Garrett - Lieutenant, Police Department; Don Gotham - Lieutenant, Police Department;

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John Zech • City Manager

Chuck Guisgand - Foreman, Department Public Works; Steve Harper - Foreman, Department Public Works; Thomas MacDonald - Director, Department Public Works; Ron McClue - Laborer II, Department Public Works; Mike McKee - Deputy Fire Chief; Carolyn Parnell - Assistant Finance Director; Beverly Prough - Executive Assistant, Police Department; Beverly Simons - Controller, Finance Department; Jim Smith - Animal Control Officer; Susan Sweet-McMahan - Housing Rehabilitation Specialist, Community Development; Keith Thomas - Lieutenant, Police Department; and Nancy Wojewski-Noel - Senior Services Supervisor.

How does the City continue to serve the public over the next two years with 25 percent less revenue and a reduced staff? That is the question City staff has spent months trying to figure out.

"As unpleasant as a task that it is, it has to be done. This is the only time in my life I would rather not be unique," Zech said.

With proposed budget cuts the City's expenditures will still be \$1 million more than revenues. The City is proposing to use some of the fund balance or rainy day fund to offset these expenses. By law, the City must have a balanced budget. They cannot operate in a deficit. To add to the problem, every city in the State of Michigan will get less money in revenue sharing from the state. Governor Jennifer Granholm has signed an executive order reducing state revenue sharing by \$41 million.

The City currently has about a two percent fund balance. It has been hovering between two and four percent for the past several years, Zech said. At the end of Fiscal Year 2009 - 2010 the rainy day fund balance will be just over \$300,000.

Zech said the City has been

shrinking programs and seeking cost saving measures like going to a two tier health care and retirement system for new hires.

"We have been making adjustments and trying to economize," he said. They have joined with other cities to get better rates on health care coverage and purchasing items.

"Revenues haven't increased the same as expenditures. We have to bring down the cost of government," he said.

With a budget reduced to \$18 million "we can survive" said Zech. "It's reality and we have to face it." The City did not know until this fall that Ford was going to idle the Wayne plant.

Some of the proposed changes in the budget include:

The Wayne Public Library will decrease their budget by 21 percent. They will reduce their full time staff from five to two and the library will be closed on Sunday and Monday.

Many departments are looking at grants to help offset some of their costs. The Police Department has had five full time police positions eliminated over the last three years. They will still have a fully staffed patrol force and the department now has 38 officers. They are pursuing a grant to rehire three officers for three years. They are also pursuing grants to provide for one more 911 dispatcher and to purchase police vehicles. There will not be an animal control officer in the City. This service will have to be contracted out to other cities.

The Fire Department will decrease their training budget and try to do more in house training. The Deputy Fire Chief is retiring and will not be replaced and a full time administrative assistant is being reduced to part time.

At the Parks and Recreation Department eight of 14 full time positions will be reduced to part time. They will have reduced office hours beginning July 1. They will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Programs that are not in the 2009 - 2010 budget are: Winterfest, fireworks, Thursday night concerts in the park, the marshmallow drop, Daddy-Daughter date night, and the

pancake breakfasts except for Breakfast with Santa.

The Senior Activity Center will have reduced hours - 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

At the Public Works Department five full time employees will retire. All remaining full time Labor II positions will be reduced to part time. Winter maintenance like salting and plowing of local streets will be delayed or reduced. A reduced leaf program will also be in effect.

At the Building and Engineering Department the full time ordinance and inspector positions will be reduced to part time. City Engineer Ramzi El Gharib said this means it will take longer to get inspections scheduled.

The Community Development Department will have the housing rehabilitation specialist position eliminated and the administrative position reduced to part time. Programs that will be affected include the CDBG program, HUD \$1 homes and the updating of the available property list.

Zech said he doesn't feel the residents will see a reduction in police and fire services but they will notice it in other areas like parks and recreation, DPW and library.

Both Zech and the remaining department heads will voluntarily take a pay freeze for the 2009 - 2010 fiscal year. City Attorney Dick Clark said he will attend department head meetings at no charge to the City.

What can be done to prevent this from happening again?

Zech said the City has to diversify the tax base with the remaining industrial land available with something not related to the auto industry.

"We have to build up the downtown area commercially so it is not as dependant on the auto industry. We will lure businesses to town through abatements and to get Ford to fully utilize the property they own," he said.

It will be at least two years before the City will start to see a rebound, he said.

Editor's note: The 2009 - 2010 Budget had not been approved as of press time. All proposed cuts are subject to change.

Electrified! New hope for City of Wayne

By Jenny Johnson

Governor Jennifer Granholm, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Bill Ford, Chairman of Ford Motor Company, and Alan Mulally, President and CEO of Ford Motor Company, were all on hand at the Michigan Assembly Plant for the announcement of Ford's \$500 million reinvestment in Wayne.

The retooling of the Michigan Assembly plant will make it possible for Ford to launch the new Focus in 2010 and the first battery-electric version of the Focus in 2011. The zero-emission battery-electric vehicle features a high-voltage electric motor powered by a high capacity Lithium Ion battery pack and is charged by plugging into a 110-volt or 220-volt outlet.

"This is the first Ford all electric vehicle being built in Michigan. Thank you for choosing Michigan," said Governor Jennifer Granholm.

The redesigned Focus will keep more than 3000 jobs at the Wayne plant. Both the State of Michigan and the City of Wayne are giving Ford tax credits to make this venture possible.

"We are asking the City to do something we understand is hard in this economy. We will bring investment to Wayne. This is a global flagship vehicle that will be made for the first time in the US and is a key piece in our fleet," said Kathleen McIntyre, Ford Motor Company Government Relations. "We want Wayne, Michigan to be the hub for the C-Car of making small vehicles that they intend to sell worldwide," she said.

The City Council approved two applications from Ford Motor Company for a total of \$230 million in tax abatements. Part one is \$184 million for industrial development. Ford was granted a 50% tax abatement for 12 years. This is the same that Ford asked for and received in the 1980s when they renovated the Wayne plant from the Grenada to the Escort and later the Ford Focus. Part two is the implementation of the \$46 million Plant Rehabilitation District. The City granted 100% abatement for seven years on the renovations needed in the former Truck plant.

Ford Motor Company will still



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pay \$12.6 million in taxes and \$6.4 million of that will directly come to Wayne. Work will be done in the plants this year but because most of the property has been removed, there will not be much taxable value. There should be a taxable investment for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, said Peter McInerney, Community Development Director.

"The transformation of Michigan Assembly Plant embodies the larger transformation under way at Ford," said Alan Mulally, Ford President and CEO. "This is about investing in modern, efficient and flexible American manufacturing. It is about fuel economy and the

electrification of vehicles. It is about leveraging our expertise and vehicle platforms around the world and partnering with the UAW to deliver best-in-class global small cars. It is about skilled and motivated teams working together in new ways to create the future of automobile manufacturing in the United States."

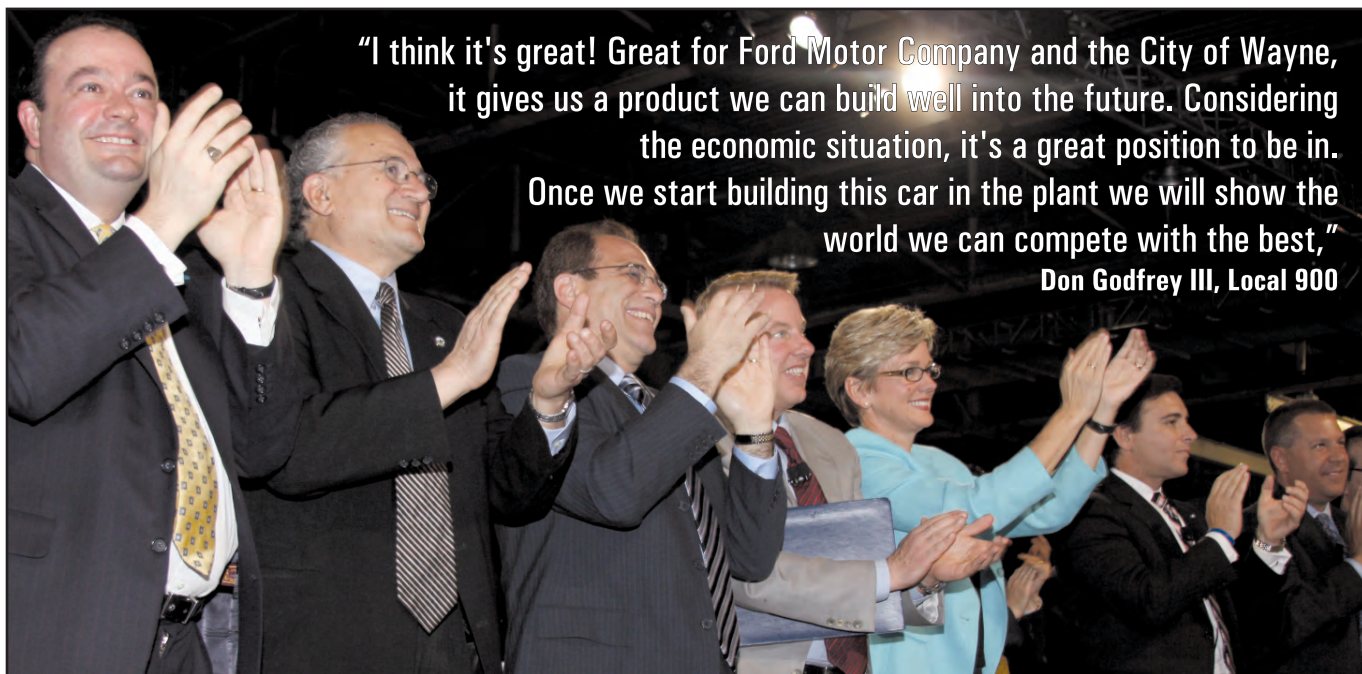
What do Ford Motor employees think about the electric car being built in Wayne?

"I think it's great! Great for Ford Motor Company and the City of Wayne, it gives us a product we can build well into the future. Considering the economic

situation, it's a great position to be in. Once we start building this car in the plant we will show the world we can compete with the best," said Don Godfrey III, Local 900.

The Michigan Assembly Plant sits on 140 acres along Michigan Avenue and is 2,866,000 square feet.

The plant opened in 1957 and has made station wagon bodies for the Wayne Assembly Plant, the Ford Bronco, Ford F-Series, Ford Expedition and Lincoln Navigator. The Wayne plant was one of the world's most profitable auto plants in the late 1990s when they produced SUVs.



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Last month, Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1959 celebrated their 50th class reunion at the Wayne Tree Manor. Pictured above are some of the Class of 1959 attendees. Graduates from 1930 thru 1981 were in attendance at the event. Photo by The Wayne Dispatch

City Council Meeting
 June 2 8:00 p.m. City Hall
 3355 S. Wayne Road

WMHS Commencements
 June 6 Eastern Michigan
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City Council Meeting
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 June 22 - 26
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Welcome to the neighborhood

It takes a family to make a home. Tiana Beavers and her three children are part of the Habitat for Humanity family and are proud to soon call Wayne home. The house on Glover Street will be the first Habitat for Humanity home built in the City. City officials, Habitat for Humanity staff, and representatives from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans joined Tiana and her family for a groundbreaking ceremony.

The 1200 sq. ft. four bedroom ranch will have one and a half bathrooms, a basement and a garage. It will be move-in ready by September. It is sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and will be built by volunteers. Through this alliance, called Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, Thrivent Financial has pledged \$125 million over a 4 year period to help fund over 1,300 Habitat homes nationwide and provide decent, affordable homes to these new homeowners. To qualify for the home, Tiana has to volunteer 250 hours of sweat equity. She has already completed 75 hours.

"I am very thankful for everything Habitat has done and will do for us. We are looking forward to being good neighbors," she said. She and her three children, Terrell, 13; De'trell, 11; and Kiana, 8, will make it a happy home.

Many neighbors came to the groundbreaking to meet the family and welcome them to the

neighborhood.

"It's a quiet neighborhood. Everyone helps each other," said neighbor Sue Walters.

"I am excited to witness the enthusiasm and overwhelming support from the City of Wayne municipal officials. We are committed to eradicating poverty housing one house at a time," said Alice Dent, Habitat Executive Director. "This partnership is significant for Habitat for Humanity, the families we serve, the volunteers and the community. We are happy to provide meaningful volunteer opportunities for retirees as well as others that will frequent the site to volunteer. One of our most faithful and respected volunteers is Burton Shurlow, a longtime resident of the City of Wayne."

Habitat homeowners contribute sweat equity and pay a down payment for their own homes. Partner families are offered 20 year, zero percent mortgages. Mortgage payments are recycled to build additional homes. Habitat is a hand up, not a hand out.

"Being able to help provide a family with a home means so much to Thrivent members," said Greg Ulmer, Thrivent Financial Thrivent Builds Specialist. "Volunteering is important to them, and this gives them a great way to personally support our community by helping families achieve financial security."

Habitat for Humanity is a non-



City officials, Habitat for Humanity staff, and representatives from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans joined Tiana and her family for a groundbreaking ceremony. Photo by Natalie M. Rhaesa The Wayne Dispatch

profit housing organization that has built more than 300,000 houses, sheltering more than 1.5 million people in more than 3,000 communities around the world. Habitat for Humanity Western Wayne County has built homes for 25 families since 1995. A recent study of Habitat homeowners nationally found that 35% saw improvement in children's grades, 68% saw improvement in the financial situation of the family, 23% saw improvement in the health of the family, 58% reported there was less family conflict, and 40% reported a change in the educational goals of the family.

If you would like to volunteer for the Wayne build please visit the

website at habitatwwc.org and click on the volunteer tab or call 734-459-7744. Volunteers should be at least 18 years old.

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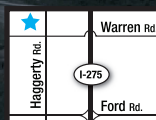
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The Wayne Farmers Market. Located next to the State Wayne Theater.

Off to a good start

By Jenny Johnson

Where can you go to find locally grown fresh produce, baked goods, flowers and plants? The Wayne Farmers Market. Located next to the State Wayne Theater, the market will be open every Wednesday from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. through October.

After a successful first week, vendors and buyers can't wait to come back.

"We sold out in 45 minutes," said Michael Pytlowany from Traffic Jam and Snug. He and Chris Sullivan brought about four dozen loaves of fresh baked bread. They said they will bring more next time. "We will be here all season with more quantity and variety," Sullivan said. All 19 vendors had a steady flow of traffic and sold flowers, plants, roasted nuts, baked goods and an assortment of arts and crafts.

"It's really busy," said Angela Talo, Wayne resident.

A strolling balloon artist and music by Ziggy made for a family

friendly atmosphere.

Hal Hultman, Chairman of the 2020 Committee, the group that helped bring the Farmers Market to town, said he was pleasantly surprised by the turn out. "It looks great," he said.

Market Manager Sandy McClure said the vendors were pleased with the turnout. Many have committed to returning for the whole season. She said vendors will start bringing more fresh fruit and vegetables as they become ready to harvest. There will also be a community tent each week. Upcoming participants include the 4-H Club, the Wayne Rotary Club and yoga demonstrations.

Dinner is also available. Fresh squeezed lemonade, grilled corn on the cob, hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken all fresh off the grill made a great compliment to the market.

For more information about the Farmers Market contact Sandy McClure at 734-516-0202 or at smcclure@ci.wayne.mi.us.

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A house from Sears? Yes - really!

One of my many interests is architecture and more specifically house architecture. Because there are so many different houses in America there is always something new to see. Even with tract housing eventually someone makes a change to put their own personal stamp on their home. I really like to look at early 20th century American houses built from 1900 to 1940.

During that time you could order an entire house from the Sears & Roebuck Catalog. Yes, the entire house. Sears was capitalizing on the development of American cities and the inner ring suburbs. By having the Modern Homes Department, they devoted a lot of resources to get houses built across America. "The kit was ordered by mail and sent by rail. The kit houses were meant to fill the need for sturdy, inexpensive and modern homes with such conveniences as indoor plumbing and electricity" (Houses by Mail, Stevenson & Jandl, page 19).

Since Wayne had two rail lines, we were no different than any other American city. There are Sears

Rearview Mirror

Matt Miller



houses in town. Today, these houses are coveted, because they are unique and really well built. Most of the Sears houses are concentrated on the tree streets of Ash, Elm and Chestnut. The development of those streets fits perfectly with Sears & Roebuck's push to buy a home from the catalog.

On Ash Street is a great bungalow style home called the "Westly" (ibid, page 123). This Westly was built on fired clay bricks, sided with beveled clear cypress, leaded glass front windows and a very unique second story balcony. This house was built in 1930 by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace. Their daughter Joann Johnson lives down the street in her own fine home.

The "Columbine" (ibid, page 74)

on Elm Street has a great presence on this corner lot. It is a unique creation of American architecture and has always received praise. The porch roof is supported by colonial columns. The dentils in the porch gables give it a final touch of elegance and good taste. Don't overlook the triple windows on either side of the porch, the massive brick chimney on the left and the special divided lights in the upper sash of the windows. Unfortunately, when the porch was rebuilt, the pergolas were removed, but again changes happen throughout a house's life. The house was built in 1928 and for many years was the home of Bill and Ellen Johnson. Ellen grew up in the house. More than ten years ago, I was in the house. Ellen proudly showed off the beautiful woodwork and shutters which she refinished herself. Sadly both Ellen and Bill have passed away and the house was sold. I did meet the new owners and they are enjoying their fine home!

The most charming home on Chestnut Street is the "Hathaway" (ibid, page 303) model. It looks like

an English cottage with its original shingled siding. The floor plan built in Wayne in 1926 was the larger three bedroom model. One of the most interesting details are the porch trellises; they look exactly the same as the day they were built.

Every house is different but these Sears catalog homes are really treasures. The fact that these fine homes are in Wayne makes them have significant historic value and they should be preserved and cherished.

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 join the Wayne Historical Society. The Historical Society has interesting programs about history. Contact Ken Reiman, President of the Wayne Historical Society at 734-722-9497 for more information. You can also contact me at with any questions or comments.

14 Good Kids Good Citizens named

Wayne has some good kids. Fourteen of them were recognized at the annual Good Kids Good Citizens Award ceremony. This award is sponsored by the Wayne Public Library and the Wayne Civitans and honors students who have either served as positive role models or made a significant contribution to the community.

To qualify for the award, students must be in grades four through twelve and live or attend school in the City of Wayne. More than 80 people were on hand to acknowledge the

following individuals who have made our community a better place through their good deeds and fine example: Trinity Akins, Tunde Alawode, Jamica Boyles, Dennis Dean, Essence Grant, Sam Herber, Danny Lees, Megan Macek, Diddy Martinez, Jennyfer Murray, Meghan Petre, Renaldo Powell, Devon-Marie Rustoni, and Ty Weatherwax. Congratulations to each of you.

Two additional students received the Wayne Civitan Scholarship Award: Krystle Crandall and Crystal Hughes. Congratulations to all.



NOT YOUR TYPICAL SUMMER JOB

By Jenny Johnson • Photos by John P. Rhaesa

It's not a typical job for a teenager. Like most kids his age Tim Pugh, 18, of Wayne wears a uniform, has to clean his workplace and must be polite to his co-workers. The difference is his uniform has an old English D, his workplace is a major league baseball park and his co-workers are the Detroit Tigers coaches and players. Pugh is one of six bat boys for the Tigers.

Before you think he has a dream job know this, during each home game, bat boys work 10 - 12 hours whether it is a school night or weekend. It's the eighth game of a nine game home stand and Pugh has arrived at 2 p.m. for a 7:05 p.m. game. Bat boys have a long list of chores to complete before, during and after the game. His first task is to fold the clean laundry and make sure the clubhouse is cleaned and ready for the players.

The other bat boys are busy filling the Gatorade thermoses and rolling them out to the dugout. They put out the bats and helmets, clean the shoes "one of the most important jobs," Pugh said, and then the gum and sunflower seeds will be set out. These are just some of the pre-game duties. Pugh and the rest of the bat boys will clean the catcher's equipment and stock the bull pen. During the game, Pugh is assigned to the Tigers clubhouse. He will vacuum, empty the trash, clean the bathroom and restock the refrigerator while the players are on the field. By the way, he doesn't do nearly as many chores at home.

Other bat boys will shag foul balls and set out and pick up bats for each of the batters during the game. He may not see the game live but he will watch it on a live feed and he can still hear the roar of the crowd. It may sound glamorous but this is not an easy job.

Pugh said in his three years with the Tigers, "I have learned a lot about work ethic and self motivation."

That's not to say there aren't great parts of the job. How many teenagers would love to be on a first name basis with professional athletes and coaches? "They are all nice guys," he said.

"I have learned a lot about work ethic and self motivation."

Tim Pugh

What does he like best about his job? "Being here in the atmosphere with a professional sports team. To personally say you know the guys and they know you," he said.

"They do a lot of things that need to be done to play the game," said Detroit Tigers third baseman Brandon Inge of the bat boys. "When we are on deck we are focusing on batting and they get things out and ready on time," said Inge. "We don't want to have to look around for the rosin, pine tar and weights. They do a good job. This is one of the best clubhouses in baseball."

"He's a good kid. He works hard," said Detroit Tiger left fielder Marcus Thames. "He reminds me of my former teammate, Jason Karnuth. You didn't know who that was did you?" he asks Pugh. "No I had to look it up," laughs Pugh. Karnuth was a pitcher for the Detroit Tigers in 2005.

"It's hard work. They help get our clothes ready and I have a lot of stuff for him to get ready," Thames said with a smile.

Of course, both players insist that Pugh is their favorite bat boy.

After the game it takes about two hours to clean up and if the team is leaving for an away trip, bat boys have to make sure all of the equipment - helmets, hats, bats and backup clothes - is packed and loaded on the trucks to go to the airport.

"During home games it's pretty much school, work and sleep. But you get through it," Pugh said. "I have a lot of free time when they are on the road."

His bosses, Jim Schmakiel, Club House Manager, and Tyson Steele, Assistant Club House Manager, stress how important education is. Is it tough to balance school and a demanding job? "Sometimes, Jim and Tyson will tell you education comes first," Pugh said. If there is a school project that needs to be done or a test to be studied for, that takes priority.

"You have to be motivated and organized and have your priorities straight," he said.

Pugh will graduate from Henry Ford Academy in June. He is on his school's baseball team and plays third base. In the fall he will attend Grand Valley State University to pursue a degree in finance. He hopes to still be able to continue his job with the Tigers.

During the off season Pugh plays basketball, but he says he always looks forward to April and the beginning of the season. "I like to make money and don't like sitting around," he said.

How did he get this job? "When I was about 12 I saw a bat boy on TV and wondered how to get that job," he said. When Pugh was 14 or 15 he wrote a letter to Jim Schmakiel, and was brought in for an interview. He's been working every home game ever since.

It's midnight when Pugh and the rest of the bat boys finish for the day. Tomorrow is a day game and they will have to be back in just over eight hours to fold the laundry, set out the helmets and bats, and clean the shoes. By the way, Scrubbing Bubbles is the key to getting helmets and shoes clean and shiny.

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Closing doors

Unless you have been living under a rock, it's hard to deny that the economy is in a downward spiral. Who would have ever imagined that General Motors and Chrysler could be bankrupt? But then again, the thought of an American automobile manufacturer ceasing to exist is not really that unusual after all. There have been hundreds of car manufacturers in the United States that have come and gone. Sadly, as these companies disappeared, so did the jobs that they created. But then again, when Henry Ford made cars affordable to the masses, the people that made carriages and buggy whips saw their industry falter as well. It's an endless cycle that we call change. Change is inevitable and many people need to accept the fact that they will never be returning to their former jobs. Once they have faced this truth, they can begin to reinvent themselves and pursue a different direction for their life.

It reminds me of a 3rd century Chinese General named Xiang Yu who led his troops across the Yangtze River and deep into the enemy's territory. Immediately after arriving upon the shore, he burned their ships and destroyed their cooking pots. He believed that by eliminating any options for retreat,

On the Bright Side

Hal Hultman



that his troops would be even more determined to move forward. History and social research has vindicated Xiang Yu and shown that when we close doors behind us and remove some options, we are more focused than ever to succeed.

Now is a great time for many people to assess their talents and pursue a job doing something they love, not something that they are familiar with because they have done it for years. Tonight I met a man who started his own business grilling hot dogs, chicken sandwiches and corn on the cob. He loves his job, loves to meet people and doesn't seem to have any problem finding work. I really doubt that when he completed school that his goal was to cook food on a trailer, but the key to the story is that he is happy, making a living and enjoying life. What more do you need? Life is short, enjoy the ride.....

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Wayne's newest Alumni

By Erica Perdue

On June 6th, at 2:00 p.m., the Wayne Memorial High School graduates of 2009 will walk the stage at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center to receive their diplomas. Approximately 360 students are expected to graduate. One hundred seventeen of these students will be graduating with honors status. There are eight valedictorians, earning a 4.0 or better grade point average. The top valedictorian is Steven Ogg, who has received a \$40,000 scholarship to the University of Toledo. Also receiving this scholarship were Kyle Maier and Krystle Crandall. Matthew Mills received a \$40,000 scholarship to Kalamazoo College. The largest scholarship for this class was given to Kelsey Blevins, \$80,000 to the College of Creative Studies. Robert Woodson won a \$10,000 basketball scholarship from Sienna Heights. The Wayne Memorial Class of 2009 has gathered an approximate grand total of \$1,838,000 in scholarship money. Congratulations to the graduates!

NEWS BRIEFS

Friends need help

Help wanted. The annual Friends - People Helping People project will take place on Saturday, September 19. This project helps a senior resident of Wayne with exterior home improvements and relies on donations and volunteers. Chairman Ed McMurray said a donation of \$50 will get your name on this year's shirt. If you would like to help, please contact City Hall at 722-2000.

Airport uses city sewer

The City Council approved a 50 year contract with the Wayne County Airport Authority to allow the airport to tap into a City sanitary sewer to carry diluted de-icing fluid to the Wayne County Sewer System on Michigan Avenue. The system will run north on Venoy to Forest and tie into the existing system on its way to the county interceptor. The City will not be billed for the additional flow. The system will be metered so the airport will pay the county directly for their usage. The agreement would pay the City a one time tapping fee of \$300,000. The airport will also make about \$10,000 in improvements to the City's existing sewer chamber on Michigan Avenue at Venoy where the City sewer taps into the county interceptor.

Teacher of the year

Wayne resident Steve Julin was awarded the Educator of the Year Award, Digital Arts, Film & Television Educator of the Year, at Western Michigan University. He is the Director of Curriculum Development Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts. His book "Avid Express Pro: Power" was published in 2004 by Muska and Lipman. He was nominated for an Emmy in 2001 and received a Golden Eagle Award for documentary editing in 2000. He has edited and provided training for such companies as Ford Motor Company, Kmart, Comcast, The Discovery Channel, CBS, PBS, and NBC.



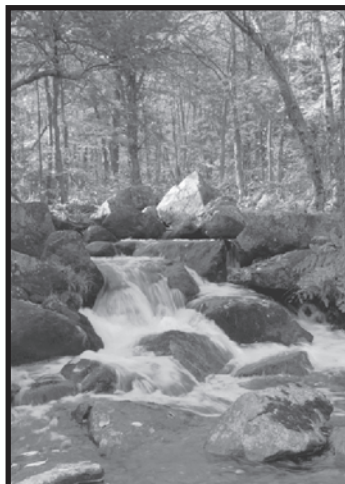
New businesses

The City Council has approved plans for two new businesses to open in Wayne. Hope Clinic is currently operating out of Lighthouse Ministry on Wayne Road. They will open their own walk-in health clinic at 35080 Chestnut just east of Wayne Road. They will provide medical care for uninsured adults.

Gem Jewelry & Exchange will open at 4330 S. Wayne Road in the Seven Star Plaza. They will sell jewelry and also buy gold.

Bowl-a-thon

Wayne Bowl is hosting it's 2nd Annual Adult/Youth Bowling Tournament on June 28, 2009. All proceeds benefit the Western Wayne County Youth Scholarship Fund. You can help support our youth by advertising your business during the tournament. There are two ways you can help. For a \$25.00 donation, your business will be featured on a sign attached to the scoring monitor on a lane. For a \$50.00 donation, we will produce a 2 foot by 4 foot sign with your business information that will hang in our center for all to see.



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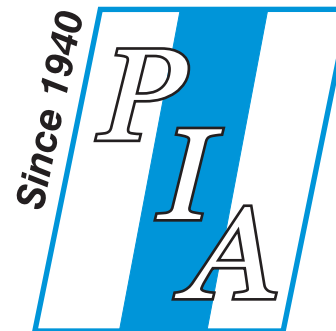
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All in the family at Professional Insurance

By Jill Gaudet

Wayne is home to many family run businesses. Professional Insurance Associates agency began when Lawrence Steinhauer joined the firm of Hawthron and Maben Insurance and Real Estate in Wayne. Steinhauer bought the firm in 1943 and changed the name to Steinhauer Insurance and Real Estate. Gerald Steinhauer joined his fathers firm in 1961. The Steinhauer Insurance agency merged with Westside Associates agency in 1976 under the present name of Professional Insurance Associates. Pooling their specialized talents and experience the new agency expanded to serve Wayne, Washtenaw, and Oakland counties and communities in Southeast Michigan. Over the years Gerald Steinhauer was joined by his three sons; Philip, David and Matthew. Philip, David and Matt were born and raised in Wayne which is why they call their Wayne office home. In the mid 70's the Steinhauer family moved to Chelsea which became the site of their second location in 1998. This new office serves customers located throughout Jackson, Livingston, Lenawee and Western Washtenaw counties.

Professional Insurance Associates expanded yet again in 2008 by acquiring The Brady Insurance Agency Located near Rochester Hills. The acquisition has given Professional Insurance Associates three locations across Southeast Michigan and access to even more quality insurance carriers. This allows customers the ability to receive multiple quotes through one convenient source.

The ownership is now in the hands of the third generation of Steinhauer's; Philip, David and Matt. They specialize in Workers Compensations, Liability, Property, Health, Personal, Directors and Officers, Employment Practices and much more. Professional Insurance Associates is a local, independent broker which means they have the ability to broker to many insurance companies to help serve your needs. The agency is proud to say that their customer list spans the spectrum; charter schools, aircraft parts manufacturers, contractors, City of



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Wayne, churches, software consultants, non-profits, web designers, cider mills, real estate developers, painters, collectors, day cares, retail shops, the list goes on and on. There is rarely a risk that they cannot insure.

"The diverse group of businesses that we represent makes the job fun. I really enjoy talking with a hair salon owner one day and someone about insuring aircraft parts the next. Each day is always different and the personal relationships we are able to build because of the type of business we have is great," said Matt Steinhauer.

Each brother has a focus within the business. David handles all the personal insurance which includes home, auto, motorcycles, RV's, etc. Matt focuses on commercial insurance which includes everything you need for your business including workers compensation and property insurance. Phil also works with commercial insurance but his main focus is on health insurance.

The Steinhauer's believe that the key to their longevity is their staff. Professional Insurance Associates employs 14 individuals who have been the glue that has held the practice together for 66 years. Many of the staff members have a history with the company. Hazel, the office bookkeeper, has worked for the company for 23 years. Regina, a member of the 'front line' started her career with Professional Insurance as a co-op in 1972. She returned to

work for Professional Insurance after her co-op years and has been with the practice for over 13 years. The staff member that has the fewest years of employment has been with Professional Insurance Associates for 6 years. The years of services shows how dedicated and committed the staff of Professional Insurance Associates is to the company and the strength of the working relationship.

"We are like one big family. I believe the success of our company leads back to the staff that has

been here for 15, 20, 30 years. We would not be where we are today, a third generation family owned company, without the employees we have and their dedication. They are the front line of our business and have allowed for us to be what we are today," said Matt Steinhauer.

The personal aspect of their business is something Professional Insurance Associates and the Steinhauer family pride themselves on. When you call their office you will not be directed to a computer operated system but an actual person who can help answer your questions or guide you to someone that can. One half of their business is focused on personal insurance which is why personal relationships are so important to them.

"When you come to talk to us about your insurance needs you will be sitting down with the same person each time that will help you make the best choice. Face to face business and the personal touch have helped to make our company as successful as we are today and have allowed us to be in Wayne for 76 years," said Matt Steinhauer. The success of Professional Insurance Associates is underwritten by its reputation for attentive service, problem solving and continued involvement to insure the health of your business.



The first day after the merger with Steinhauer Insurance Agency and Westside Associates on March 1, 1976 to form Professional Insurance Agency, Jerry Steinhauer, Tom Coleman and Dale Weston.

Family and friends remember Bill Mulholland Jr.

He used to love to walk around downtown Wayne. It only seemed fitting that he take one last trip before being laid to rest. Bill Mulholland Jr. took his final ride through Wayne on May 29 before being laid to rest at St. Mary Cemetery.

William Roger Mulholland Jr. was born on August 23, 1925 and died on May 26, 2009. He was born in Ypsilanti but he grew up in Wayne in the house where St. Mary rectory is today. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School and was a senior at Wayne High in 1943. He served in World War II from 1943 - 1946. When he came home, he attended the University of Detroit.



William Roger Mulholland Jr.

In addition to his wife, Phyllis, Mulholland is survived by his children Mary, Bill, Bridget, Karen, Kathleen, Leo, Teresa and Matthew,



Mulholland's Grand Opening at Metro Mall pictures left to right, Kevin Woodruff (cousin), Billy, Bridget, Mary, Pat Norton, Phyllis, Bill, Jim and Vie Collins (manager), Michael, Mathew, Teresa, Stephan, Kathleen and Karen. Photos Courtesy of The Wayne Historical Museum



Phyllis and Bill Mulholland Jr. on their wedding day with Father Duffy.

nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Sons Michael and Steven preceded him in death.

He met his wife, Phyllis, in 1953. They were set up on a blind date by Father Duffy of St. Mary's Catholic Church. The two were married on July 31, 1954 at St. Mary Catholic Church. Mulholland had all of his sacraments at St. Mary Church and all 10 of their children were baptized there.

Most remember Mulholland as the owner of Mulholland's store which first opened in Wayne in 1919. Bill Jr. took over in 1959 after his father, Bill, died. The family owned business sold clothing, bedding, and towels and was the place to get Boy Scout supplies. Their first location was on Monroe Street between Michigan and Main. They later moved to a location inside Metro Mall in 1971. They operated there until the store closed in 1986.

The family remembers all

pitching in during sidewalk sales. There were great crowds downtown and family and friends were recruited to help during the weekend that often fell on Bill and Phyllis' anniversary.

Mulholland was also a very active member of the community. He was a part of the Wayne Merchants Association, Wayne Rotary, past president of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, Knights of Columbus, past commander of American Legion, St. Mary Men's Club and Parish Council. After his retirement he and Phyllis got more involved in their church and enjoyed spending time with the family.

His family remembers him as a great role model and family man. They have fond memories of fishing

with their Dad on Portage Lake in the summer. They would also fly kites in front of their house.

"Someone would jump on their bike and ride to Sunshine Party Store for more string. We'd fly it until the kite broke off," said daughter Mary.

She also remembers buying her first brand new car which was a manual that she couldn't drive until her Dad taught her how.

His kids all spent time working at the store and remember working Christmas Eve with the employees and then having Christmas Eve at home after with family. Daughter Kathy has wonderful memories of Christmas.

"Walking into the living room filled with presents and Christmas stockings. When we were all together you could just feel the love," she said.

Some of the best advice they ever got from their Dad includes, "If you can't say it out loud, don't say it at all," said Matthew.

Family friend John Remick said when visiting the Mulholland's home "I was always welcome with open arms and sincere generosity."

**"When we were
all together you
could just feel the love."
Kathy Mulholland**



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Ooooooh, I can hear you now. "But they are not just exercising their thumbs. Our children are a new generation of active gaming kids - the Wii Fit and Dance Dance Revolution." It is an upgrade for this new generation of active gamers! But let's not kid ourselves. It doesn't compare to the level and intensity kids would get from outside climbing a tree, reacting to a soccer ball and sprinting 20 yards to retrieve it, or hanging from the monkey bars (well, of course, that's if you don't have a jungle gym in your house).

There's nothing like watching kids playing at the playground. All that running, jumping, and socializing constitutes crucial mental and physical exercise. It may not look like it, but the fun they are having while they play can also help them be smarter.

Playing has been shown to improve blood flow to the brain, imperative for the healthy emotional and academic growth of a child. Children need physical activity, including recess and unstructured play, to help them to learn. Children take play seriously; while fun, the best play is absorbing, challenging and gives the child a sense of accomplishment. Think about it! Every child can play and succeed at it! Now that's cool!

Kids are being deprived of the very thing that makes them a kid. Give them their freedom and let them climb, fidget, run, jump, bounce, shout, or run after a butterfly. And, as a parent or

Don't let the well dry up

Nathan Adams



grandparent, it's time for you to venture outside and exhibit some healthy habits. Gather up the family and wander out to the 19 parks and playgrounds the City of Wayne has to offer, including Attwood Park with its Civitan Fitness Trail or Soroptomist Park with its boundless playground. Below are exercises you can do while you are at the park with your child. Just be sure to keep an eye on your form.....and on your kid!

Walking lunges: They can be done literally anywhere! As an added bonus, carry one of your children with you. Need to go to the swings? Lunge your child there!

Monkey bar pull-ups: You can at least try to do them, right? Most people aren't able to pull themselves up, but make an attempt and hang there! Hold the pull up position and count backwards (slowly) from 10! Repeat this at least three times.

Decline push-ups: Toes on the edge of the slide and hands on the ground. Count them out loud and let everyone know how much fun you are having! Do two sets of ten.

Step ups on the bench or any platform: Do 20 step-ups on the right leg and then switch to the left leg. Your leg muscles are having a party at this point!

Tricep dips: Same bench or platform, different exercise. Do three sets of 15. Breathe in that fresh air!

Abdominal Crunches/Sit-ups: Perform on a platform. Doesn't have to be flat! Lay with your head facing either direction on a slide and perform up to 25 reps. Just make sure no one is coming down!

Jogging: Either in place or do laps around the playground. Have your kids chase you....or you chase them!

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Let's go garden walking in Wayne

... and start with two people who live on Ash St. We'll begin with Mary (Marge) Tamala. This will be her second time on the Garden Walk. Her house is one of the "river houses" the deer love. She has an extensive perennial garden with shrubs, vines and trees. There are many interesting textures and shapes and a large variety of annuals in containers decorating her property. What makes this garden special? The theme in this garden is all one color. This is a white garden. A fountain and small pond along with the white blooms make it a peaceful setting.

Our next gardener on Ash is City Planner, Matt Miller. Matt has lived on Ash for 15 years. This is his second house on the street and has been home for nine years. Behind the house he's creating an arboretum; the trees include ginkgo, poplar, Korean tulip, and a maple tree grown from seed. You'll find Cleveland pear and serviceberry, plus eastern redbuds planted and named for his two grandmothers, Isabella and Leonella.

Matt and Michael Edwards are working hard on a project begun last year ... clearing brush along the Rouge River bank where they've started a new perennial garden. Problem is everything they plant is in danger of being eaten by the deer.

Over on Elm: Our Garden Club President, Christine Blinn, lives in a charming 1920's Arts and Crafts house. When they bought the house, it was in a complete state of disrepair. She and her husband, Dave, a schoolteacher, worked on the house for a year before they could move in. Even now Christine says "old houses are always a work in progress."

Out in the garden are a series of niches. Peek around the garage and you'll find an intimate sitting place. Perfect for cool afternoon tea or "if the sun is over the yardarm ..." The unique vegetable garden is what you want to see. Seems that Elm, although it has no deer, has very hungry rabbits.

Dave and Chris devised this method of outsmarting the critters. With 6 ft. wood deck railing nailed to upright 4 x 4's they created a platform. Atop this are 15 large

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



pots. These they planted with the veggies of their choice. They'll have lettuce, beans, carrots, peas, peppers, onions and tomatoes. The hungry rabbits will have to go elsewhere.

Paula and Mike (Bo) McCahill moved to their new home on Elm in February 1999. Knowing she couldn't move favorite plants in winter, she had it written into her contract to come back to their house on Harroun and dig up those plants in spring. Those blooms were Rose of Sharon, tulips and daisies that had belonged to her mom and dad. Paula, who works for Remax in Belleville, constantly moves and divides her perennials ... honeysuckle, black-eyed susans, coneflowers and dianthus. There's a peony bush, brought from England and given to Paula when she worked at the Henry Ford Estate.

The McCahill's house belonged to Miles and Rita Dietrich. About two years after moving in, a strange lady showed up after church one day, walked into their backyard, looked around and said "Rita wouldn't have liked this." The lady and her comments remain a mystery.

Still on Elm but on the west side of Elizabeth: We're at JoAnn Hanson's home. JoAnn moved from New York City two years ago. She claims to be one of the longest working TWA flight attendants; retiring after 40 years on the job. How did she come to live at the end of Clark St.? Her sister, Nancy, who lives in Westland, took a wrong turn one Sunday on the way home from church. The house was for sale and it was love at first sight.

Let's talk about her roses. JoAnn and her next door neighbor have a joint gardening plan ... to cover their mutual fence with roses. Between them they have about 30 rose bushes, all of which should be in full bloom when you walk to their gardens. The roses bloomed into

November last year. Although most of the bushes are climbers there are also Knockout roses and tea roses.

Tadgh O'Flaherty (pronounced Tighe but you may call him Tim) is the other half of the Hanson - O'Flaherty gardening duo. At first envious of JoAnn's roses, he soon became a partner in their scheme of hiding their fence in roses. Together they became interested in organic gardening and Tim describes all the ingredients that go into their compost ... banana peels, coffee grounds, and shredded oak leaves. Another key ingredient used on their roses is Epsom salts. His yard also has lilac bushes which shade the "bistro" area of JoAnn's yard.

Jean and Tim Gorrington moved to Chestnut in 1988. This will be their second Garden Walk. Featured are flowers you might have seen in your grandmother's yard - peonies, hollyhock, black-eyed susans and dogwood. In fact many of the blooms you'll see did come from family members. Whenever Jean sees a plant being thrown away she carries it home ... she calls it her "flower rescue." In the backyard they have a certified Natural Wildlife Habitat that attracts birds, butterflies, toads and dragonflies at its water edge.

Jean designs outdoor art; birdbaths, birdfeeders and gazing balls, all made with recycled materials. Many of her items are on sale at the Acorn Shop.

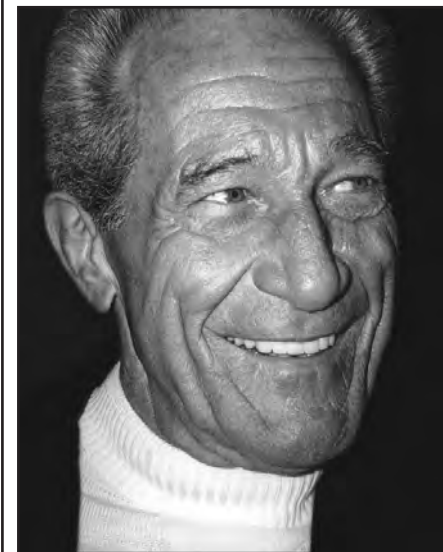
When Carol Darin moved to her house on Chestnut 19 years ago there was not a bit of landscaping, except for one pine tree. Where there had been a dog's pen, she built a pond and installed feeder goldfish. A large rock waterfall feeds the pond and the fish stay alive during the winter. Carol says she once priced Koi and is glad she passed on the high priced fish after a heron was spotted one morning on her fence, probably thinking about a delicious breakfast. She regards gardening as 'fun' and loves buying plants. She'll have many perennials and an assortment of annuals for their instant color.

Lynn Higgs is Carol Darin's next door neighbor. She and Gerry also have lived on Chestnut for 19 years. She has a shade garden in the backyard and a sun garden in front

of her house. The shady one has pachysandra, sweet woodruff, and varieties of hosta. Lynn's son Dennis built her a "salad table" high enough off the ground to discourage those rabbits and divided into three parts to grow lettuce and such. The sun garden in front is in two tiers and filled with perennials.

Lynn, along with Maryann Daily, is in charge of planning this year's Garden Walk. It will be held in memory of Lynn Higgs' sister Barbara Stuart who was our Garden Club President at the time of her death last year.

This will be a true Garden Walk. In past years the gardens have been spread over parts of Wayne, Westland and Canton. This year you'll walk along the tree streets ... Ash, Elm and Chestnut, but just on the west side of Wayne Road. It will be held on Saturday, June 27, from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Start at Goudy Park where you can get your tickets and all the addresses of the garden homes. Tickets are at the Wayne Library and City Hall and are \$7.00 in advance or \$10.00 at Goudy Park.



Long time tavern owner, Robert (Bob) Stockdale, will be missed by his many friends. His two taverns, "Stockdale's on the Avenue" and "Stockdale's", have been a presence in Wayne for years. Mr. Stockdale died on April 23 and a memorial to him was held at the bar on May 16. His manager, Paula, tells me that he was more than just her boss ... he was a dear friend. In addition to being a tavern owner, Mr. Stockdale retired from Ford Motor Company.



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