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Team work saves 5 year-old's finger

By Jenny Johnson

They thought the adventure had ended. After serving the past four years in Japan as a public health officer for the Air Force, Nicole Avci was looking forward to greeting her extended family and enjoying her husband Mehmet's first trip to the United States. With their two children, Kathleen, 5, and Jon, 2, and two dogs, the family cleared customs and was getting ready to head home to Okemos, near Lansing. When Kathleen sat next to her great-grandmother on a bench at the airport, no one expected what would come next.

Kathleen's left index finger got stuck in a 3/8 inch hole in the bench. Her family, airport security and EMS all tried to get the finger free without any luck. The finally had to cut a triangle shaped piece of the bench from around Kathleen's finger and transport her to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital.

When Kathleen arrived in the ER her finger was completely swollen, said Lori LaFleur, emergency room nurse. They tried icing and lubricating the finger and cutting the metal with all of the tools they had at their disposal. The stainless steel didn't budge.

"We tried but we were having a lot of difficulty," said LaFleur.

When the hospital realized they had exhausted all of their

resources, they were preparing to transfer Kathleen to the University of Michigan to have the metal surgically removed from around her finger.

Then a security guard at the hospital stopped the Westland Fire Department who had just made a run to the hospital and asked them if they had any tools that might help. They tried but didn't have anything that worked so they called the Wayne Fire Department. Captain Duane Reeves, Lt. Bill Thomas, Firefighter Kevin Kimmel, Firefighter Cullen McKee and Firefighter Jeremie Schneider responded to the call for help. They worked with the team from Westland and emergency room staff, Dr. Susan Horling, medical director of emergency department, Sheri Schmidt, paramedic and LaFleur. They used ring cutters, bolt cutters, hack saws, snippets and a dremmel tool. But it was a blade that Firefighter Jason Reeves had at home that did the trick. He was off duty at the time but lived nearby and was able to bring the tool that would finally cut through the metal to free Kathleen's finger.

"It was a lot of joint effort between the hospital and the Westland and Wayne fire departments," said Captain Reeves. "It's a great relationship we have with the hospital. It was a

great joint effort to get the job done."

"At the hospital we were really afraid she might have to have surgery. We were really happy the fire department kept persisting and got it off," Avci said.

"Her finger was in critical shape. She was in danger of losing her finger and we were able to save it" said Kathy Cronin, Chief Operating Officer, Oakwood Annapolis. She said this is part of Oakwood's commitment to the community.

"I was impressed with the cooperation and everyone trying to do best they can," Avci said. It was teamwork that saved Kathleen's finger. The finger was not broken or permanently damaged. After an X-ray and exam she was released from the ER with little more than pain and swelling.

"She did awesome," said LaFleur of how Kathleen held up during the ordeal. "This was an extraordinary situation with an amazing collaborative effort between the hospital and both fire departments."

The Avci family and staff from Annapolis Hospital will be at the Oct. 6 City Council meeting to commend the Fire Department on the rescue techniques they performed to save Kathleen's finger.



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Firefighter Dave Wylie, Captain Duane Reeves, Lt Shawn Bell, Firefighter Jeremy Tima and Sparkey the Fire Dog will all be on hand for the Pancake Breakfast at the fire station on Oct. 10.

Fire department shares fire safety lessons

By Jenny Johnson

The lesson could save your life. That's why the Wayne Fire Department has been dedicated to visiting each elementary school in Wayne and sharing their knowledge with students during Fire Prevention Month each October for more than 20 years. In the past, they have taught students lessons like Stop, Drop and Roll and how and when to dial 911.

"Being in front of them and having direct contact is more effective and helps to reinforce the lesson," said Lt. Shawn Bell, Wayne Fire Dept.

"I've been out on the road and kids have come up to me and said, 'I remember you fireman Shawn,'" Bell said. He hopes the 2,000 students he will talk to this month will remember the lessons too.

This year they will visit the schools with the fire trucks and explain to the kids how they use the trucks and equipment to help them in case of an emergency.

The Wayne Fire Department is hosting their 12th annual Pancake Breakfast from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Fire Station.

They will also challenge each of the schools. Each student will get a fire escape plan to take home and do with their family. They must sketch their house and show two ways to get out of every room and out of the house to a safe meeting place. The classroom with the most fire escape plans filled out from each school will win a pizza lunch with the firefighters.

In addition, one fifth grade student from each school will be chosen as the Firefighter of the Day and will get picked up at school and taken to the fire station to spend the day with the firefighters. They will get to spray the hoses, wash the trucks, cook lunch and even go up 143 feet in the aerial

truck.

While the firefighters are giving the students an opportunity to have fun, they hope at the end of the day it's the fire escape plan that they remember and practice.

"Building a fire escape route with mom and dad is homework that could save your life," Bell said.

The Wayne Fire Department is hosting their 12th annual Pancake Breakfast from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Fire Station. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. In addition to a great breakfast, visitors will get a tour of the station and the fire trucks. The proceeds from this event will go toward the Fire Department's public education fund. This makes sure that each October the firefighters can continue to get out there and educate the students.

Don't forget to change the clock and change the batteries. Please remember to change the batteries in all smoke detectors this month.



Homecoming Court

Congratulations to the 2009 Wayne Memorial High School Homecoming Court. They are (l-r): Alicia Jacobs, Kelsey Osborne, Sarah Carney, Amber O'Rourke and Homecoming Queen Lalita Hayes.

NEWS BRIEFS

Wayne Dispatch Celebrates 1 year anniversary

The Wayne Dispatch will celebrate their one year anniversary next month with their November issue. Please come celebrate with us from 3-7 p.m. on Wed. Oct. 28 at the Wayne Farmers Market.

School district wins award

The Wayne Westland Community School District will receive the 2009 Michigan's Best Award by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) on Oct. 24 for their Freaky Friday program. This program was created to help sixth-grade students and their parents with the transition to middle school. Parents spend the day attending classes and lunch with their students. The program began in 2005 at Marshall Middle School and this year will be conducted at all four middle schools in the district. Freaky Friday won in the Community Relations category for its innovativeness and impact on student achievement.

Harvest Dinner

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne, 3 Town Square, across from the Wayne Post Office, is hosting their annual Harvest Dinner from 4:30-7:00 p.m. on Oct. 16 at the church. A complete turkey dinner including beverage and dessert is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 4-12. Carry outs are also available. There will also be a bake sale, crafts, silent auction for a quilt, Rada Cutlery, and 'That's My Pan.' This is a barrier free location. For more information, please call 734-721-4801.

Everyday essentials needed

Times are hard for many. State Representative Marc Corriveau and local volunteers are committed to helping neighbors in need. They have launched Everyday Essentials, a campaign to collect personal care and paper items. All donated items will be sent to food distribution centers and human services organizations. Items needed include large size diapers and baby wipes; toilet paper and facial tissue; hand soap; dish and laundry detergent; personal hygiene items and dental care items.

Drop off locations include the Wayne, Northville and Plymouth District libraries from Oct. 17-31. There will be a campaign kick off from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 17 at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. For more information, please contact Mary Ellen King at 734-416-0400 or maryellenking@comcast.net.



Jeff, Nicole, Brooke and Alissa

Thank You!

We would like to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers for our family during this difficult time. We are so grateful for so many great friends and family.

We are so blessed to have had 9 wonderful years with Alissa. We wanted many more but God had a special plan for her, and we will meet again one day! Until then we have so many wonderful memories that will forever live in our hearts!!

The Jennings Family




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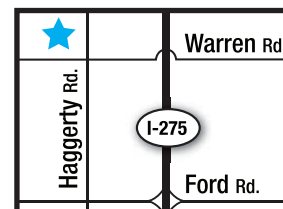
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WE MISS YOU ALISSA

An angel got her wings. Surrounded by her family, love and prayers 9-year-old Alissa Jennings lost her brave battle with brain cancer on Sept. 19. Alissa and her family were in the thoughts and prayers of many this past year.

Alissa was diagnosed with Atypical Teratoid Rhabdoid Tumor (AT/RT) on September 22, 2008. This is a highly malignant and aggressive brain tumor that grows at a rapid rate and is found primarily in children.

"When I look back at my year as Miss Michigan, my biggest blessing was meeting Alissa. From the moment I met her I knew that she was special. I will never forget her outgoing personality and loving friendship. She never let her disease define her and truly lit up a room the second she walked in. She could effortlessly put a smile on your face and subconsciously taught everyone how to be a better person. Because of Alissa, I have now learned what it really means to live life to its fullest. Her courage was like no other and she will forever hold a special place in my heart," Ashlee Baracy said.

Alissa and Ashlee became friends last December when they met at a surprise Christmas party for Alissa at her school, Hoover Elementary. The two continued to keep in touch.

Hoover Principal Jennifer Curry said, "We are very saddened and miss seeing her energetic smile. Her

teacher misses her dearly and also had her sister Brooke in her class for 3 years in a row. The family is in our thoughts."

The community has wrapped their arms around Alissa and her family as they fought this courageous fight. They cheered when Alissa was well enough to meet the Jonas Brothers, play outside with her friends, visit school or attend her numerous fundraisers. Her upbeat and positive spirit was contagious.

At her funeral her mom, Nicole, thanked the community for the kindness shown through their journey.

"All of the support warms our heart," said Nicole Jennings.

Alissa was a warrior and fighter throughout her entire illness. Nicole said, "She never complained one time. There was not one tear. She will forever be our hero." She said the family has so many happy memories with Alissa.

Alissa was born on Feb. 25, 2000 in Wayne and is survived by her Mom, Nicole, Dad, Jeff and sister, Brooke as well as grandparents, great grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Though she is gone, her spirit will continue to live on in all of them.

Alissa's dream was to be a rock star someday. Now she gets to sing with angels. Farewell Alissa. You were loved by many. You will be missed by all.



Donate a book in memory of Alissa Jennings

In memory of Alissa Jennings, the Hoover Elementary PTO is collecting brand new books for their school library. Each book will have a dedication to Alissa on the inside cover and they will be available for all Hoover students to check out. Books can be dropped off in the office at Hoover Elementary School, 5400 Fourth Street, Wayne.

Show your Wayne Pride

By Jenny Johnson

Come one, come all to Wayne Pride Day from 5-8 p.m. on Oct. 17 at Wayne Memorial High School. The entire campus will be alive with activities, events and opportunities for the entire community.

This event is sponsored by Jack Demmer Ford who will offer DRIVE ONE 4 UR SCHOOL. Licensed drivers over 18 years of age can take a new Ford vehicle for a free test drive. For each test drive taken, Jack Demmer Ford and Ford Motor Company will donate \$20 to Wayne Memorial High School. The goal is to have 300 drivers help raise \$6,000.

But there's even more! Wayne

Memorial staff, clubs and sports teams will be hosting a variety of events on campus. Some of them include: job interviewing tips, fingerprinting, cake decorating demonstrations, scrapbooking, Wayne Pride trivia, family portraits with the Zebra, jewelry design, JROTC Drill exhibit, cooking class, Texas Hold 'Em, Euchre, golf chipping, home run derby, soccer shoot out, intro to tennis, 3 on 3 basketball and a STEP team workshop.

This free family fun night is a great way to experience Ford's new line-up and support Wayne Memorial.

For each test drive taken,

Jack Demmer Ford and Ford Motor Company will donate \$20 to Wayne Memorial High School.



Diamond of the Community Award winner, Phyllis Stein, was recognized by Mayor Al Haidous and the City Council at their last meeting.

Council honors Diamond of Community

The 15th annual Diamond of the Community Award winner, Phyllis Stein, was recognized by Mayor Al Haidous and the City Council at their last meeting. Stein and her husband, Bud, moved to Wayne shortly after they were married in 1950. She taught kindergarten for 21 years in the Wayne Westland Community School District and joined the family business, Stein's Florist in Canton. Her volunteer efforts include: Wayne Public Library, First Congregational Church, Wayne Garden Club and the Wayne Literary Club. She has three sons and four grandchildren and in her free time loves to travel. She has visited seven continents and 100 countries.

She said she was honored by the recognition. "I am so proud to be the Diamond of the Community winner for 2009. Thank you," Stein said. "I hope you continue to set an example for future generations," said Mayor Al Haidous.

The Diamond of the Community Award is hosted by the Commission on Aging and sponsored by Dairy Queen of Wayne.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM YOUR CREDIT UNION

Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union will undergo a data processing conversion this year. We want to give you advanced notice regarding the days the office will be closed and the limitations on all electronic services during this conversion. The following information will help you to plan for your financial needs while we are closed. We are looking forward to serving your financial needs with a secure and more efficient infrastructure. We do apologize for any inconvenience this may cause for you.

OFFICE CLOSED DATES:

Saturday October 31, 2009
Sunday November 1, 2009
Monday November 2, 2009

HOME BANKING: Our home banking site, the Credit Union Home Financial Network, will be out of service from Friday, October 30th at 6:00p.m. through Monday, November 2nd until 6:00p.m. Note: You will be prompted to change your password.

BILL PAY: Our home banking site will not be accessible, therefore, bill pay will not be available from Friday, October 30th at 6:00p.m. through Monday, November 2nd until 6:00p.m.

ATMs: You can utilize ATMs during this period. However, from Friday, October 30th at 6:00p.m. through Monday, November 2nd until 6:00p.m., your maximum allowed withdrawal will be \$100 total. If you anticipate that you will need more than \$100 during this entire duration, you should try to obtain that amount before 6:00p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2009.

MASTERCARD DEBIT: You can use your Mastercard Debit during this period. However, from Friday, October 30th at 6:00p.m. through Monday, November 2nd until 6:00p.m., the maximum signature based withdrawal for the entire period will be \$500 and when using your PIN number for the transaction, the maximum withdrawal for the entire period will be \$100.

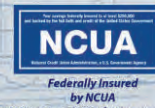
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PAL (Phone Access Line): The PAL System will be out of service from Friday, October 30th at 6:00p.m. through Monday, November 2nd until 6:00p.m.

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Wayne Historical Museum.



Historical Wayne Cemetery next to the State Wayne Theater.

This place matters

As a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation "www.preservationnation.org", I get the magazine *Preservation*. Earlier in the summer an article caught my attention. It was a photo contest called "This Place Matters" where you can register places, buildings or neighborhoods that matter to the community. It did not take me long to think of three places that matter and that help identify the City of Wayne; the Historical Museum, the Historic Cemetery and the State Wayne Theater. I presented my idea to the Historical Commission and they joined me on a beautiful summer day to document the three places that I think "matter".

The Historical Museum was originally built at the center of the village in 1878 as the first permanent Village Hall. Throughout its life, the building was the Police Station, with the jail in the basement. It was also the Fire Station, with the living quarters on the second floor and a brass pole to slide down to the awaiting fire truck. At one time the Junior Achievement Center and the Wayne Chamber of Commerce were located in the building. The most recent use for the building is the Historical Museum. In 1985 the building underwent a complete renovation and the wing additions were put on the building. Then in 1986, the building was registered as a Michigan Historic Site.

The State Wayne Theater is an icon in downtown Wayne. The wonderful art deco marquee, the big neon S-T-A-T-E letters and dancing

Rearview Mirror

Matt Miller



lights lend to the attractive facade. The building was built in 1949 by the Schafer Family and was a quality first-run movie house until the late 1980's. The City opened the theater in 1991 as a four screen movie theater with a live community theater stage. Most recently the Wayne History Mural was painted on the east wall and the parking lot is used on Wednesday afternoons for the Farmers Market. The building is truly the center of arts and culture in Wayne.

Next door to the theater is the Wayne Historic Cemetery. This is one of our most historic places. The first burial was that of Sally Derby, wife of Ezra Derby (one of our founding fathers), in 1834. The last burial was John Frank in 1916. There are many Civil War veterans buried in the cemetery. One of the most honored is William Houston, he died at the Battle of Gettysburg on July 1, 1863 and brought home by his family to be laid to rest. The cemetery was dedicated in 1971 as a Michigan Historic Site. There is wonderful guide available at the museum that gives a lot more information about the cemetery. I encourage you to get the guide and do a walking tour of the cemetery.



State Wayne Theater.

Without each of these places our town would not be unique. Two places honor history and one place brings Hollywood to Wayne via the movies. These places do matter to me and should to every person in town.

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 Gloria Rowland, President of the Wayne Historical Society, at (734) 729-1277 for more information.

You can also contact me at matt@thewaynedispatch.com.

Candidates run unopposed in upcoming election

On Nov. 3 voters in the City of Wayne will get to vote for three candidates for City Council. There are three candidates running. They are: Donna McEachern, Pam Dobrowolski and Jim Henley. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Donna M. McEachern

Donna M. McEachern has served on the Wayne City Council for 22 years. She is currently the Mayor Pro Tem. She is running for re-election in the Nov. 3 election.

McEachern and her husband, Barry, have been married for 49 years. They have two grown children and three grandchildren. She has been a resident of Wayne for 47 years.

"Being such a long time resident, I've been involved in many activities. Some were school related, like the Brownies and my involvement in the Metric Program; others through the church, like St. Mary's CCD program; and then there are all the different organizations I've been lucky to be a part of like Jaycees, Soroptimists, Wayne Business and Professional Women, Wayne Rotary, and the Wayne Garden Club. I've also enjoyed taking part in community projects like the Friends project, the Save the Wayne Post Office Committee, the Wayne Rotary Christmas Parades, the Wayne Rotary Park Picnics, the 2003 Wayne Fireworks Committee, and Co-Chair of the Kim Loveless Benefit," she said. She was also the director of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce for 28 years.

McEachern said the number one challenge facing Wayne is finances. "Financial stability must be



Donna M. McEachern

maintained. Those fewer and fewer available financial resources must be used correctly to maintain essential services for our citizens. This challenge impacts the entire mission of our City government," she said.

She said there are several ways for the City to attain and save money. "The City must explore and utilize further joint ventures with other municipalities such as HAZMAT, ownership sharing with Romulus of the joint brine dispensing vehicle, the joint insurance purchasing power being developed by Conference of Western Wayne and Downriver Community Conference, an idea initiated by Wayne's own Bob English," she said. The City should also continue to seek grants.

McEachern's list of priorities include continuing the work on the Master Plan, coming up with innovative ways to attract and retain commercial and industrial entities



Pam Dobrowolski

and adding money to the City's reserve fund.

Her short term vision for the City is "directly tied to financial stability."

"We must be fiscally responsible across the board to survive, and then later thrive. We need to continue the everyday maintenance that makes Wayne such a safe and healthy community. In addition, we need to proceed with the Master Plan in order to determine our City's future direction," she said.

In the long term, she said the Council needs to work toward creating a City that "truly fulfills the needs of its citizens."

"The number of services and available amenities will attract more residents. We should look at creating an area downtown that would be specific to Wayne such as an international shopping village, arts and crafts, hobbies, or information technology. While working on



Jim Henley

developing this, we will also make sure to support our wonderful current businesses. Our industrial base will be anchored by Ford but we will be working toward more diversification," she said.

Why has she continued to make Wayne her home for more than 40 years? "I enjoy the entire Wayne community, from the location itself or the amenities or people. Most important, though, are the people. They are what truly stands out about Wayne," she said.

The job of a City Council person is not always easy. McEachern said the hardest part lately has been dealing with diminished revenue and the strain it puts on the ability of the City to manage and provide services. "It is neither pleasant nor easy being part of the process that decides the employment of people," she said.

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"The most rewarding part of this position is a job well done and realizing that you got it right by the smile on a child's face at the library or the Boundless Playground. On a snowy day, the DPW people have made the streets navigable. People are enjoying themselves at the Farmer's Market, socializing and buying fresh produce. Those are the moments that make it worthwhile for me, helping to make Wayne a great place to live, work, and play," she said.

As McEachern asks the voters to support her in her re-election bid she said, "I've been involved in our community for a long time. It is an integral part of my being. I've seen and been a part of progress being made. I want to continue to be part of the forward movement for Wayne."

Pam Dobrowolski

Pam Dobrowolski is a familiar face to many in Wayne. She has served on the City Council for the past 15 years. She is running for re-election to the City Council on Nov. 3.

She and her husband, Tom, have been married for 40 years and have five daughters and 10 grandchildren. Dobrowolski attended St. Agatha High School and Schoolcraft College.

She recently retired after working for Wayne County for 22 years. She is presently working contractually for Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb as a Legislative Aide.

Some of Dobrowolski's community involvement includes being chairwoman of the Nankin Transit Authority. She has also served as chairwoman of the Wayne Festival Commission and is a Biddle Street Activist. She is the Vice Chairwoman of the 11th District Democratic Organization and currently serves on the Save the Wayne Post Office Committee.

"I have been on council for 15 years and continue to run to maintain experience on council with the present budget crisis facing the City," she said.

One of the biggest issues facing the City, Dobrowolski said, is the budget "due to the closing of the Ford Plant." Like other

municipalities the City is also facing a downturn in the economy, decline in home sales and a cut in revenue sharing from the State. These are all challenges Dobrowolski wants to help the City overcome.

Dobrowolski said her top priorities are promoting Wayne to attract new business. She said "Marketing Wayne beyond our borders" is important.

She also wants to continue to offer quality services for Wayne residents by, "Updating our present recycling program to curbside and continuing to promote family and senior activities," she said.

Another priority is maintaining public safety and supporting the staffing at the police, fire and public works departments.

Dobrowolski would like to see a curbside recycling program in the City in the near future. She also thinks it is important to encourage the young residents of Wayne to get involved at City Council meetings. She will also continue to work to keep the Wayne Post Office open.

In the long term, Dobrowolski wants to see the City move forward with the Master Plan to help improve the downtown area.

She also wants to "Maintain the quality of life for our Wayne residents."

Dobrowolski asks for your vote in the Nov. 3 election. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Jim Henley

Jim Henley is a first time City Council candidate. He is married to his high school sweetheart, April, and they have two children. Henley is a 1994 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and is currently the manager of the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Redford. He graduated from the Wayne State Mortuary Science program in 2002 and is a licensed funeral director. Henley has been active in the City for years.

"In 2004 I was the youngest Worshipful Master of Wayne Masonic Lodge. I also began to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals in Wayne in 2004. I have helped with the Citizens to Acquire a New Nativity which raised \$32,000 for the beautiful nativity set in Wayne. I was one of the tri-chairmen of the

Soap box derby anyone?

It happened to me again while enjoying the company of good friends at the annual Biddle Bunch Block Party. It seems that for the past few years, I am often approached by people who ask me why the Soap Box Derby is no longer a part of the Wayne Wheelfest. My answer has always been that we reached a point where it appeared that the parents of the young drivers either did not want to build the cars or did not have the ability to build the cars. And then an interesting point was made by a young mother. She suggested that perhaps the decline was due to the fact that many of the younger parents haven't a clue as to what a Soap Box Derby is, where it originated or what does it have to do with soap?

I must admit that I had never even considered that option. But it makes sense. After all, I also have co-workers that have never listened to the Beatles, used an 8 track tape, carbon paper, hot air popcorn popper or a roller skate key. So in the interest of bridging a generation gap or two, let me briefly explain what a Soap Box Derby is. Essentially it is an elimination race between gravity powered coaster cars. The concept for the official ALL AMERICAN SOAP BOX DERBY was conceived in the '30's by Myron Scott, a photographer for the Dayton Daily News. Mr. Scott observed

On the Bright Side

Hal Hultman



some young boys racing their home made contraptions down a hill. The cars were fabricated from the wooden crates that were used to ship soap products to supermarkets and were usually discarded after stocking the store shelves. The wheels were usually scavenged from wagons, baby carriages and sometimes roller skates. Brakes were optional.

I have discussed the idea of bringing the Soap Box Derby back to the Wheelfest with my fellow Commissioners. All agree that it is a worthy event that brings people to the festival and provide great family entertainment. The two questions that remain to be answered are as follows: (1) Who would be willing to participate in a Wayne Soap Box Derby next year? (2) Who would be willing to organize and run the event?

Please e-mail me at hal@thewaynedispatch.com and let me know your thoughts. If there is enough interest, this could become a reality.

Senior Center expands opportunities

Senior residents will soon have more social and recreational opportunities available in Wayne when the Senior Activity Center administrative offices move to the Wayne Community Center.

"We will be offering programs and services at both the Community Center and at the existing Senior Activity Center building with the intention to involve the Senior market in both areas," said Nathan Adams, parks and recreation director.

All current programs will still be run out of the Senior Activity Center. The City hopes by moving the administrative offices and adding a lounge for seniors at the Wayne Community Center, they can utilize amenities and resources and offer longer hours to better serve seniors. There are currently more than 700 members of the Wayne Community Center who are age 55 and up.

The Senior Activity Center offers more than 30 programs for seniors age 50 and up. The goal is not to close the Center but to expand senior services at the Community Center. By coordinating and offering programs at both buildings the City will ultimately be better able to serve its mature adult population. The proposal is to take two rooms at the Community Center- the former ticket booth and the conference room and transform them into a lounge and an office area for senior activity services. The estimated cost of the project will be \$10,047 and will be paid for from the parks and recreation building and grounds budget.

NEWS BRIEFS

Leaf Collection begins

Residents can rake their leaves into paved City maintained streets from Oct. 12 to Nov. 22. The City of Wayne Department of Public Works will collect the leaves twice during this time. Anyone who rakes their leaves into the streets before or after these designated times will be subject to a citation.

REC new hours

The aquatic and REC area at the Wayne Community Center have expanded their weekday hours. The REC will now be open from 5:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and the aquatic area will be open from 5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Weekend hours will remain the same. They are: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday and 12-6 p.m. on Sunday for the aquatic area and 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday for the REC.

New police cars

The City Council approved the purchase of three new Crown Victoria patrol cars for the police department from Jack Demmer Ford. The total cost is \$66,797.04 and \$55,568 will be paid from the 2009 Justice Assistance Grant and the remaining \$11,229.04 will be paid from the capital outlay budget.

Master Plan update

City Planner Matt Miller gave the City Council an update on the work being done on the Master Plan. The Planning Commission has been working with LSL Planning for a year and will have a draft of the document this month. The next step is a 45 day public comment period and then a public hearing. City Council will likely schedule a public hearing to finalize the plan in December.

Dueling Piano Halloween Show

Tickets are now on sale for the Halloween Dueling Piano Show from 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Wayne Community Center. There will also be a Halloween Costume Contest. Cash prizes awarded for funniest, scariest and best look alike costumes. Tickets are \$15 each or \$120 for a table of 10. Tickets and registrations for the costume contest are available at the Wayne Community Center and the Chamber of Commerce or from members of the Wayne Rotary Club.

Community Living Services Celebrates

It has been 25 years since the effort to close institutions for people with developmental disabilities started. In September the very last institution in Michigan, in Mt. Pleasant, was shut down.

"We are very pleased to have been a part of closing down the Mt. Pleasant facility," said Community Living Services CEO/President Jim Dehem. "This historic day also dovetails perfectly into CLS celebrating its 25th anniversary of closing down Michigan institutions; Mt. Pleasant was the very last one to close." The effort began when parents suspected abuse and neglect of their children who lived in the institutions.

Community Living Services of Wayne celebrated this milestone along with 800 other people at Laurel Manor in Livonia on Sept. 17. Community Living Services is a non-profit organization that provides services and support to over 3,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities. CLS has two offices located in Wayne and Oakland counties.

New coffee shop

It must be Karma. Coming soon to Wayne is Karma Coffee Shop. You might have seen them recently at the Wayne Farmers Market. Their permanent location will be on Wayne Road next to the Dairy Queen in the spot recently occupied by The Acorn Shop.

Touch a Truck

"Get in, poke around and beep the horn," said Nathan Adams, parks and recreation director. That's what kids will get to do from 12-5 p.m. on Oct. 10 at the Wayne Community Center in the Touch-a-Truck program. For just \$1 kids will get a chance to touch a variety of different trucks like fire, garbage and tow trucks. Proceeds will benefit the After School Recreation program.

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Save Our Streets Campaign for the millage proposal for roads and sidewalks. My family and I are also members of the First Congregational Church of Wayne, where I previously served on the board of Deacons," he said.

Henley said the biggest challenges facing the City are economics, redevelopment of the downtown area and maintaining City services. One way to help the City is having Ford reopen the Michigan Assembly plant "but I do not believe it will get us out of the woods," he said. "The City will need to continue to be vigilant in watching their spending. I know we have many wonderful buildings to maintain, capital improvements prioritize what must be done compared to what we would like to have done. We will need to continue to explore ways of partnering with other communities to enhance our bargaining power with major purchases. We also need to make sure all departments are researching and applying for grants. The City has a great history of receiving grants which we need to capitalize on and make sure all departments and City sponsored organizations are sharing the talents they have applying for these grants." Henley adding that adopting the Downtown Master Plan is the first step to the City's revitalization. Then the focus needs to be on rezoning and marketing the area.

"We cannot sit back and wait for businesses to come to us. The City must be assertive in going after the business and make them realize Wayne is a great place to be," he said. In the short term, Henley said he would like to see the City get out of their current economic situation.

"I'd like to see us getting employees back to the regular scheduled hours, people moving back into neighborhoods and businesses coming back to the area," he said.

Looking toward the future, he "would like to see the City be more active in preserving our rainy day fund." He would also like to see significant progress in the Master Plan development.

"If the plan is a 20 year plan, at 10 years we should have some noticeable advances. The City of Detroit has a plan comparable to recommendations we are receiving, mostly on Woodward Avenue, in the Wayne State area. I have seen significant improvements since attending school there in 2001/2002. Seeing improvements in Wayne will help build momentum and we can build upon that momentum," he said.

Henley is proud to be a Wayne resident. "The people of Wayne make Wayne the best. I love the way Wayne people come together to do the right thing. The people in Wayne are very generous with their time and money and that is a great thing. We are such a close knit community, it's wonderful, he said.

He decided to run for City Council because, "I like to be involved and enjoy serving people. When I started to get involved with the ZBA and the Save Our Streets campaign I really enjoyed it and felt I was making a difference and thought the best way to continue to contribute would be through City Council," he said. If elected he said "Seeing all of the plans and hard work come together and having the personal satisfaction of knowing what I did helped impact the City and the citizens of Wayne will be a great reward."

Halloween humor and fun

By Erica Perdue

Brand new to Wayne this October is the Halloween Play! This play is an event for the whole family and is a musical comedy revue that will excite all ages in the audience.

Colleen Meyer, director of the play, said that she wanted to, "breathe new life" into the Halloween season. "I wanted to try something new that other areas didn't offer," she continued.

The cast will range from children 8 years of age to adults of all ages. The play will be 30-40 minutes of humor, ghosts, and music! Some songs that will be included are Ghost Busters, Monster Mash, and the Adams Family.

This will be a play that will have everyone laughing, singing and howling at the same time. New events are always exciting, and Meyer and her cast are sure to bring us immense pleasure with this show.

This event will be held on October 20th and 21st at the State Wayne Theatre. There are two time slots per day, at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for children and \$4.50 for adults. Children 4 and under are free. Tickets will be on sale on October 1st at the Wayne Community Center.

An evening of entertainment

It will be a night not to be missed. The St. Mary Musical Variety Show on Sat. Nov. 7 at the St. Mary Activity Center, 34530 Michigan Avenue, will feature the Stars of St. Mary performing musical numbers and scenes from Broadway favorites. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner, provided by Marvaso's Italian Grille, will be served at 7:00 p.m. There will be a beer and wine cash bar. The show will be from 8-10:30 p.m.

The show is for ages 21 and up only. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at the St. Mary Parish Office, school office or from Helen Glandon, 734-748-2817. Proceeds from the evening will go toward St. Mary church and school.



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Stay fit while trick or treating

Trick or treating is a custom for children in a costume to proceed from house to house, asking for treats or sometimes money. The "trick" is to perform mischief on the home owners if no treat is given. Unfortunately, many common health and fitness "tricks" exist that influence people's behavior towards exercise. The following are some scary trick customs that I will dispel with treats.

Trick: No time to exercise.

Treat: In a 24 hour day you can sleep 7 hours, work 10, prepare meals and eat for 4, run some errands 1.5 hours and still have 1.5 hours to get dressed, exercise, and shower.

Trick: There is an easy way to lose weight.

Treat: There is no magic fix! It's called work. That person in the ad didn't get that body in 20 minutes a day, three days a week.

Trick: Soreness after a workout signifies a good workout.

Treat: "No Pain, No Gain, No Brain." Though feeling sore a day or two after a new workout can be fairly normal, you should never hurt beyond 4 - 6 days.

Trick: Stretching before a workout prevents injury.

Treat: Stretching after a workout can be beneficial, but stretching before a workout actually isn't always recommended. In fact some

Don't let the well dry up

Nathan Adams



studies suggest that stretching can impair strength and power performance, making them less prepared for activity such as weight lifting or basketball. Instead do a warm up which gets your blood pumping and brain prepared for the activity.

Trick: Weight lifting is not for women.

Treat: Since weight lifting promotes increased metabolism, it is helpful in controlling weight. According to research, "the average women who strength trains 2-3 times a week for eight weeks gains 1.5 pounds of lean weight and loses 3.5 pounds of fat." Also, any loss of muscle puts women at a greater risk of disability (e.g., osteoporosis) as they age.

Trick: A hot bath will prevent muscle soreness.

Treat: A cold shower or bath is better. When you exercise, your blood vessels open wider and stay that way for at least an hour afterward. Soreness occurs when waste products like lactic acid settle in your muscles through these dilated vessels. Colder temps

constrict vessels, limiting the amount of waste product that accumulates.

Trick: Holding weights on my arms or legs will boost my exercise benefit.

Treat: You'll expend more energy if you increase the weight you carry, but the excessive and uncontrolled movement can damage the joints, cause muscle injury, and aids in poor posture.

Trick: Doing countless crunches will get rid of my belly fat.

Treat: The fat will continue to expand unless you reduce your overall body fat with a balance of cardio, strength training, and proper nutrition.

Trick: Holding on tight or leaning on a machine will allow me to go faster!

Treat: Do you hold onto handles or lean on a tree when walking or playing golf outside? I doubt it. Stay off the machine and set it at a pace or level that you can handle! Leaning or holding on for dear life aids in poor posture or faltered body mechanics, giving you a greater chance of injury. The quality (up to 50% less calories burned) of the workout may decrease when you lean on the machine.

Trick: The fat button burns fat.

Treat: The faster you walk, run, step the more calories you use per minute which means more fat stores burned versus what the fat button has you working at.

CALENDAR

Seussical open auditions

7 p.m. Oct. 5 and 6
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Auditions for adults and kids ages 8 and up. Bring a headshot or recent photo. If you do not have a photo, one will be taken for \$1.00. To request audition materials in advance, please contact Colleen Meyer at 734-721-7400.

City Council Meeting

8:00 p.m. October 6
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Paige Bryant Vance and Phillip Lloyd Beckert, Jr. announce their engagement. Paige is the daughter of Joanne Vance of Roseville and Teddy K. Vance of Palm Bay, Florida. She is a graduate of Baker College and is employed at Ikon Office Solutions in Farmington Hills. Phillip is the son of Catherine and Richard Berger of Idaho Springs, Colorado and Phillip L. and Maryann Beckert of Wayne. Phillip attended St. Mary School in Wayne and graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in 1999. He is a graduate of Wayne State University and LMU Munich and is employed at Robert Bosch, LLC in Farmington Hills. Plans for a 2010 wedding in Las Vegas or some other exotic locale are currently underway.



NEW ARRIVALS

Sage Garrison Adams

Nathan Adams, parks and recreation director, and his wife, Julie, welcomed a new addition to their family. Sage Garrison Adams was born at 8:01 a.m. on September 11. He weighed 7 lbs 5 oz and was 20 inches long. He joins big sister Abby and big brother Chase. Congratulations!



October Run

The 19th annual Red October Run sponsored by Oakwood Annapolis Hospital raced through the streets of Wayne on Oct. 3. Hundreds of participants ran or walked 5K, 10K or the 1 mile Kids Fun Run.

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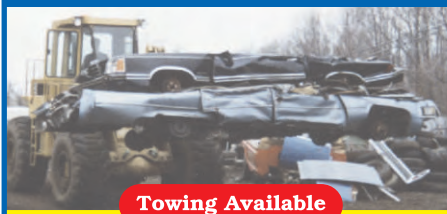
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Community comes together to help a neighbor

Phyllis was awarded 3 plaques for her contributions to our City...one from State Representative, Marc Corriveau, another from County Commissioner, Kevin McNamara, and the final one extolling her volunteerism, engraved by Jack's Sport Shop. She was then honored by a City Resolution at that evening's Council Meeting.

Thirty-Eight Garden Club members came to the first club program of the season. Especially nice to see Mary Anne Daily up and walking about on her brand new knee.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 14. The program will be "East meets West", an Eastern style tea demonstration by Lucy Sanford. Lucy, of course, is the hard working and oh so organized gal at the Senior Center. If you would like to attend, just give me a call at 729-1203.

A large group gathered for the September 10th Wayne Historical Society meeting. Among others were: Caryn Parm and her Dad Foster Crow. Sandy and Dennis Putnam, Burt Shurlow. Helen Esper, Dottie Le Seur, Matt Miller, Kathy Koveleski, and Louise Steinhauer. Ron Morgan, the Historical Committee Treasurer, thanked everyone responsible for this summer's very successful Ice Cream Social. Special thanks went to the greeters and the Fire Department who put up all the tables. He estimated that between 136 and 140 folks enjoyed the ice cream treats. Concluding his Treasurer's report, he went on to say that while money is important, "the life of the Historical

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



Society is with its members." Gloria Rowland introduced the speaker, Darrel Bailey, who told us about the history of Nankin Township. Interesting fact...During the Civil War, Wayne had a group of Copperheads - Southern sympathizers who met in a building where Comcast is now located. They didn't do much more than march around town, but they did ignite an anti-copperhead group in Nankin

Township, who also marched in their area.

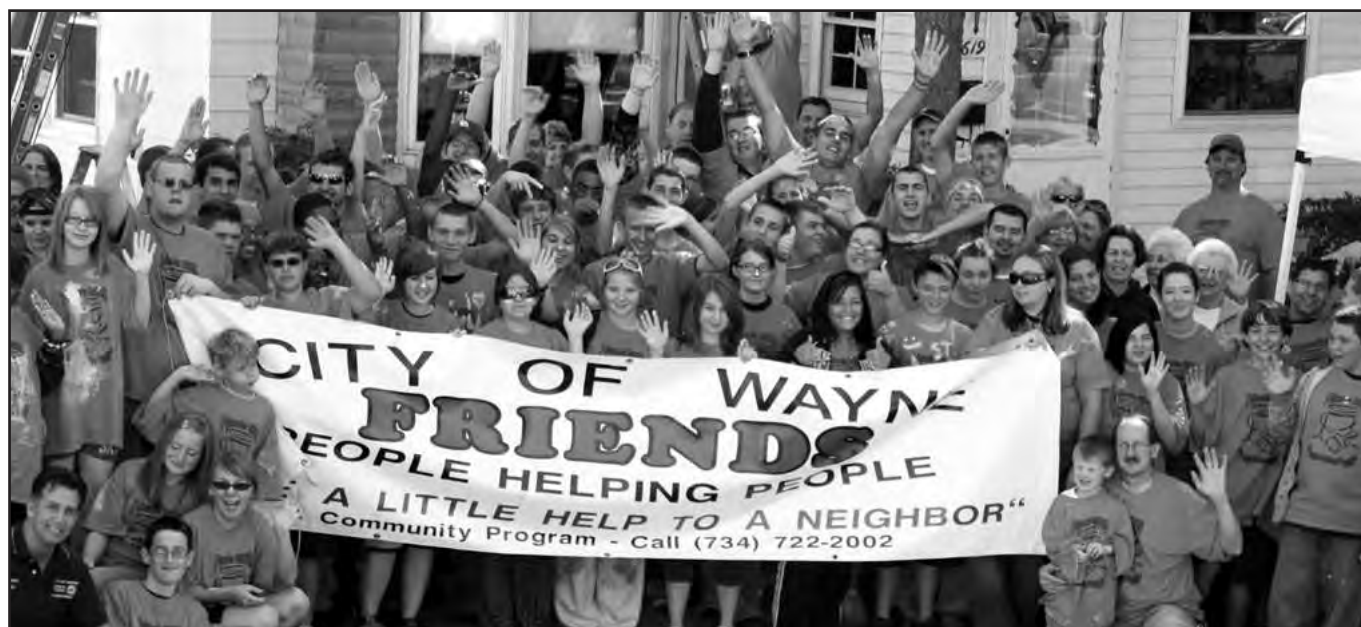
Hats off to Ed McMurray and his People Helping People group. We have a neighbor helping neighbor story. On a recent Saturday morning, all the residents of Biddle Street came together armed with buckets and brushes to give Barbara Wootton's garage a new coat of paint. So many of the Biddle St. Bunch turned out that it only took a couple of hours. Then, of course, it was party time, because on Biddle St. it's always party time.

How could this have happened? Last month we overlooked a very important person at Norman's...Mrs. Kathy Freese. She's

the owner, wife of the late Dale Freese, and mother of Jason. Hope this makes up for our oversight.

And a good time was had...at the Library's Wine and Cheese Party. Nice to see Father Dave, Pastor of St. Mary's. He took home a container of Ed Marman's chocolates as a door prize. Good to see Sylvia and Stan Sak, Diana Kautz, and also all the gals from Tene's Salon and Boutique. It was Janet Murphy's birthday and she brought along a whole table of friends to help her celebrate. Everyone enjoyed the fine wine, the variety of beers, the food, and the camaraderie.

And finally...to our dear little Alissa Jennings...rest in peace, sweet child.



Wayne resident Irene Cross was the latest recipient of the Friends: People Helping People project. This project was designed for neighbors and community members to lend a hand to a neighbor in need by helping with exterior repairs and clean up. Friends volunteers spent the day painting the house and cleaning the yard. Photo by The Wayne Dispatch

WESTLAND MINI STORAGE



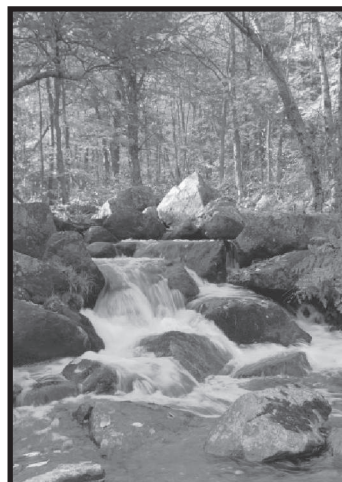
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