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Board approves 21st Century recommendations

By Jenny Johnson

In a 5-2 vote the Wayne Westland School Board approved the final recommendations from the 21st Century Schools Committee. Trustees John Goci and Carol Middel voted no. The plan includes closing six elementary schools -- Jefferson-Barns, Kettering, Lincoln, Madison, Patchin and Vandenberg. Students from Vandenberg Elementary School will now attend Taft Galloway.

In a change from the original recommendation, Hamilton Elementary will remain open and welcome some of the students from Lincoln Elementary School. The district will also reconfigure grade levels to K-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-12. Adams and Marshall will become 5-6 grade buildings and Franklin and Stevenson will become 7-8 grade buildings. School attendance boundaries will be redrawn to take into consideration the closing of the six elementary schools and the transfer of students.

Board Trustee Bill Gabriel urged everyone to "help and assist parents and children who have to transfer schools." He said, "I am more concerned with what we are offering in the classroom than where the classroom is."

The 5-6 buildings will still be elementary focused and there will be expanded learning opportunities that include talented and gifted classes, instrumental music and world languages. Advanced classes will also be offered at the middle schools. All day kindergarten will be offered to all incoming kindergarten students for the 2010-2011 school year.

Current Stevenson Middle School sixth and seventh grade students



The School Board listens to resident concerns.

who reside in the Wayne Memorial High School attendance area will be able to stay at Stevenson Middle School and then move on to Wayne.

Initial plans are to relocate the Family Resource Center and Oakwood Health Clinic to Adams Middle School. All of these changes will save the district about \$5 million annually. The projected operating deficit this year is \$12 million.

"This is only the beginning of the changes going to be necessary," said Jeff Rahmberg of Rahmberg and Associates. "Districts throughout the state are closing schools and reducing staff. We know change is not easy but we really don't have a choice."

The State of Michigan is in a budget crisis and school funding from the state is lacking. There is also declining student enrollment state-wide. Without the assistance of additional federal stimulus funds, it is estimated the School Aid budget from Lansing will have a deficit of \$1.2 to \$1.6 billion by 2011.

Martha Pittsenbarger said, "We're all here for the children. If the state would have given us our money we wouldn't be here making these deci-

sions. None of us wanted to close one school but that's not the reality."

In a second resolution, the board also voted 5-2 to pass a resolution that asks the district to pursue other cost containment, cost savings and revenue producing options to help the district save an additional \$4-5 million. Among other efforts, they will meet with representatives from the district associations and employee groups to discuss cost containment.

"There's no way we can make everyone happy," said Skip Monit, Board President.

"The deficit will only get larger if we do nothing," said Rahmberg.

"This is one of many steps we will have to take in the coming months," said Cindy Schofield, Board Vice President.

After negative comments made at previous meetings some parents and administrators spoke out about the merits of their schools.

Shawn Maxwell, 21st Century School committee member and Taft parent, told the school board members, "I do have faith you will do what's in the best interest of the dis-

trict."

She said, "It takes a community to raise a child. At Taft any child will be welcomed into our school." She said each child deserves the same education regardless of where they come from.

Sandra Brock, Principal of Franklin Middle School, said "Franklin Middle School on the south side of Wayne is a very special place." There were 76 students who earned a 4.0 on their last report card. Franklin has made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the past eight years and they have participated in the Positive Behavior System for the past four years.

"All of our kids get the same education whether they are on one side of town or the other," said Shawna Walker, Board Trustee.

"My job as principal and community member is to let everyone know what a jewel they have in Wayne Memorial," said Valerie Orr, Principal Wayne Memorial High School. She said the school has doctors, mayors and even a Tony award winning actor as alumni. They gave out \$2.2 million in scholarship money and the JROTC Raiders are rated first in the nation.

Orr urged the audience to redirect their frustration by contacting their local legislature to fight for more school funding. "Let's not tear our district apart when the problem lies outside it," she said.

The approved changes will go into effect for the 2010-2011 school year.

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Golden Anniversary for City's longest serving employee

By: Jenny Johnson

The City of Wayne is not the only one to celebrate its 50th anniversary this year. Patty Ditmore, an Administrative Assistant for the Department of Public Works, will also celebrate 50 years of serving the City. In fact, she began her career in 1958 when Wayne was still a village. She is the longest serving employee in the history of Wayne.

"I was right in the midst of the excitement," she said when the voters elected to have the Village of Wayne become the City of Wayne in 1960.

Her first job was as a switchboard operator at City Hall which at the time was located at Second and Sims where the 29th District Court is today. Then she was promoted to Secretary to the City Assessor, Finance Director and Personnel Director. She has worked for the public works department for more than 40 years. She said she really enjoys her job. "I like people. I have a great boss and I like the co-workers," she said. She also enjoys the interaction with the public.

"Patty Ditmore sets a very high standard for our department. Her attention to detail, customer service, experience and conscientiousness are unmatched. The City of Wayne and the Public Works Department in particular are very fortunate to have an employee like Patty with her vast experience and knowledge. I enjoy working with her and continue to learn from her each day. I also consider myself very fortunate to have Patty as a friend," said Tom MacDonald, DPW Director.

Does she have any plans for re-



Tom MacDonald and John Zech present Patty Ditmore with an Outstanding Achievement Award to celebrate her 50 years working for the City of Wayne.

tirement?

"One of these days I'm gonna wake up and say 'I don't want to do this anymore'" she jokes. But so far she enjoys coming to work everyday.

From typing on a typewriter with carbon paper to today using computers, technology has changed her job. There are no longer switchboards with multiple wires to connect calls. A few simple buttons and you can access anyone's voicemail. But those aren't the only changes in Wayne in the past 50 years.

There used to be a blacksmith right in downtown Wayne on Michigan Avenue. Designer Warehouse used to be Cunningham Drugstore where Patty worked prior to getting her job with the City.

As a student at St. Mary she remembers walking to Kresge and getting lunch.

"Wayne was a neat town," she said. "Mulholland's was a neat store. It had wood floors. It was so quaint."

She said there also used to be a convent in the middle of town. Each day the nuns would walk from the convent to St. Mary School to teach the students.

Patty graduated from St. Mary School in 1957. Her two brothers and sister also graduated from there and her two children and one grandchild attended St. Mary through eighth grade.

The family continues to have close ties to Wayne. Patty's brother, Ed Blanchard, retired from the City of Wayne this summer. He worked for the meter department. Her son, Chris, works for the Ford Assembly Plant and her daughter, Ann Marie, is a dispatcher for the Wayne Police Department.

"We are all local and that's nice," she said.

Patty has lived and worked in Wayne for 50 years. She's getting used to golden anniversaries.

"My high school graduation, marriage and job have all reached the 50 year milestone in the past couple years," she said.

Patty and her husband, Ken, married in 1959. In addition to their two children they have four grandchildren and one great grandchild. Patty's husband and both of their children graduated from Wayne Memorial High School. Patty and Ken still live in the same home on Annapolis where they raised their family.

"It's nicely located," she said. When her kids were younger they enjoyed walking to the Marshmallow Drop. "We've been doing it since it started," she said. Today her grandchildren enjoy watching the helicopter drop marshmallows from the sky.

She also has fond memories of the fishing derby the City used to host each spring in the outdoor pool at the Community Center. They would load the pool with fish and let the kids fish for a few days before cleaning the pool and getting it ready for summer swimming.

And you can't beat having a front row spot to the summer fireworks show each year. "All of Annapolis was a solid party," she said.

"The years just go by," she said.

"It's a wonderful place to live. There are great services- churches, hospitals and schools are right here and shopping is nearby," she said. "Everything we need is right here."



Patty and Ken Ditmore stand in front of their home in Wayne. (Picture 2) Patty and Ken New Year's Eve 1973. (Picture 3) The Ditmore Family - Christopher, Helen, Rachel, Amanda, Kenny, Patricia, Ann Marie, Dave, Ken Justin and Patty.

NEWS BRIEFS

Tax help for seniors

The City of Wayne Senior Services will once again be working with AARP to offer their Tax Counseling for the Elderly program. Reservations can be made beginning Wednesday, January 6, 2010. The program will be offered every Wednesday beginning in February through April 14th. Priority will be given to seniors with incomes under \$20,000. All forms will be e-filed. Preparations will be done at the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center (formerly the Senior Activity Center). Please call 734-721-7460 for appointments.

Master Plan complete

Both the Planning Commission and the City Council voted to adopt the proposed Downtown Master Plan. The 20 year plan is a design for redevelopment of the downtown area that covers the area from Howe Road on the east, the CSX Railroad on the west, Norfolk-Southern on the south and Sims Avenue on the north. It also includes Wayne Road from Glenwood to Harroun Parkway. The next step is the implementation process and it divided into short term and long term projects and plans.

Health and Wellness Expo

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Health and Wellness Expo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 30 at the Wayne Community Center. It's not too late to reserve a vendor table for \$10. Applications are available at the Wayne Community Center and the Chamber of Commerce. This event is open to the public.

Newburgh Road reconstruction

Newburgh Road will get a face lift this spring. From Glenwood to westbound Michigan Avenue. Glenwood will be reconstructed during the 2010 construction season. This project will be funded through the federal government's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). According to City Engineer Ramzi El-Gharib, construction will start mid April and under normal weather conditions should be completed by July 1.

Wayne Café celebrates 35 years

There's something for every appetite at Wayne Café Coney and Grill. Mike and Julie Savich have owned and operated the family restaurant inside Metro Mall for 35 years. They are proud Wayne business owners and in honor of their anniversary they are offering great deals on homemade specials to their customers.

They have introduced a value menu that offers a selection of dinner entrees for just \$4.99. In addition to classic favorites like coney dogs they have homemade soups made fresh daily and have expanded their menu to include polish delights like pierogies, potato pancakes and kielbasa. For those watching their waistline they also offer a variety of salads and low carb sandwiches. And of course there is their famous all-you-can-eat fish and chips for \$6.99.

Wayne Café Coney and Grill has lots of regular customers.

"We have a good reputation in Wayne," said Mike Savich. "We have a lot to offer people."



Wayne Café Coney and Grill has dine in and carry out service and even a banquet room that can seat up to 70 people.

For the past 35 years the Savich family has grown up with the City. Not only did Mike and Julie raise their three children but they have also watched many of their regular customers grow up and now they are bringing their children to the restaurant.

Last year the Savich family expanded their business venture and

opened Mr. Mike's Grill on Wayne Road in Westland, just north of Ford Road.

Wayne Café Coney and Grill has dine in and carry out service and even a banquet room that can seat up to 70 people. Their hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Help City celebrate

The City of Wayne turns 50 this year. In honor of this momentous occasion The Wayne Dispatch is looking forward to bringing you stories of the people and places who have called Wayne home for the past 50 years. Are you a resident or business owner who has been a part of the Wayne community for the past 50 years? Do you know a church or civic group who has been making a difference in Wayne since 1960? We want to tell your story. Please contact us at jenny@thewaynedispatch.com or 734-641-6550.



JIMMY GRIT: CONFESSIONS OF A CAGE FIGHTER

Sometimes life can feel like a cage fight where there are "no holds barred". How can we as followers of Jesus, hope to overcome the opponents we face in the ring of life? What do we do when we ... • **Face trials that pound on us?** • **Face temptations that choke the life out of us?** • **Find ourselves pinned to the mat of life by our circumstances?** • **What do we do when we face life's opponents? Do we stand and fight or run away?**

Enter James, a coach who knows that the key to victory in the ring of life is having a faith that works. In his letter, James, one of the powerhouses of the early church, shows the gritty character of real faith. It's a letter for those who find themselves with their back to the cage and don't just want to survive—they want to win. Will you join us for this church-wide 6-week training camp?

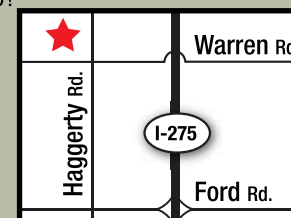
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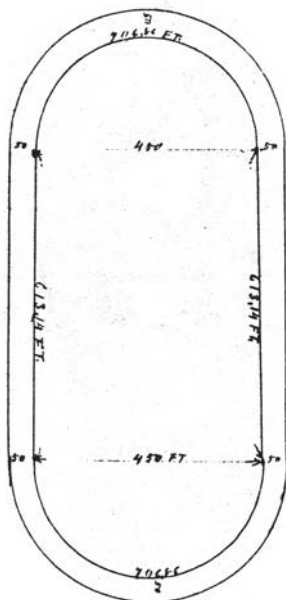


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The Kentucky Derby in Wayne?

No, not really, but almost. This is a little known fact but there used to be a horse racing track in Wayne. In the early 1900's, horse racing was quite a sport and to this day it is still popular. The Wayne Race Track was located in the flats behind Wayne Memorial High School. It is hard to find information but I did a little research to find out about the Wayne Race Track and found the following very interesting.

In 1911, on property owned by Ben Simmons a race track was built on the low land north of the river.



Flat of 1/2 mile Race track at Wayne
Mich. Sur. Apr 25th 1911
A. H. Wilmarth Sur.

Rearview Mirror

Matt Miller



Ben Simmons' house and stable were on Sims Avenue in Wayne but went across the river to Glenwood then east from Fourth to the adjoining land of Orlo Proctor. The track was 1/2 mile in length and laid out by A. H. Wilmarth, Surveyor. The track was set in a 450 foot oval, the width was 50 feet and banked on each end. The survey of the track is shown in the article with the accompanied note from Mr. Wilmarth to Tony Snyder. The note explains the survey and also requests his payment as one cigar.

There were four races a year in Wayne. The races were quite an event and the whole town came to see them. There was a grandstand built on the embankment on the north and picnic grounds behind the grandstand. Each race was for trotters and pacers and betting was prohibited but said to have occurred. During the races, a special show was given by Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Newkirk who owned and operated a saddle barn in Inkster. The Newkirk's gave shows in trick riding with a specialty of splitting paper

Tony and
Charlotte
Snyder in
1912.



Tony Snyder and Pop Gears.



Tony Snyder and King B. Arlington on the Wayne Race Track. Photos courtesy of the Wayne Historical Museum.

held by Mrs. Newkirk with a bull whip while riding. Quite impressive!!

The person most interested in getting a track located in Wayne was Tony Snyder. He owned the Stellwagen & Snyder General Store but his main love was horse racing. He pledged money for the construction and also raised and sold horses. The most successful horse was the King B. Arlington. Tony worked with the African-American horse trainer whose name was Pop Gears. Pop trained the horses and also lived at the track and was quite knowledgeable about horses and racing. Tony was said to be out at the track more than in the store during racing season.

Racing went on at this location until 1925. The races stopped be-

cause of the popularity of the automobile and the persons invested in the track losing interest. So the next time you are sledding on the hill behind Wayne Memorial, think about horses galloping out on the track and the entire town cheering for their horse to win!!

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 "mmiller@ci.wayne.mi.us" with any questions or comments.

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Respectfully Yours
A. H. Wilmarth C.E.

P.S. Charges for the same, one cigar when I meet you again
A.H.W.



Parker Gill, Matthew Brotherton and Isaac Woods at Matthew's Birthday Party.

School and family 'Come Together'

By Jenny Johnson

There were cupcakes, piñatas, games and friends. It was the perfect 11th birthday party. Richard and Brenda Brotherton were thrilled to throw this party for their son, Matthew, a Hoover Elementary fifth grader, and his classmates. This was a welcome celebration during a tough few months for the Brotherton family.

The Long and Winding Road

On September 26, 2009 Matthew was diagnosed with medulloblastoma, a malignant brain tumor in the lower right side of his brain. He had surgery at the University of Michigan Mott's Hospital to remove the tumor and completed six weeks of radiation in December. He began one year of chemotherapy treatment this month.

His mom said, "We were given a good prognosis - 75-80% survival."

All you Need is Love

Matthew and his family were thrilled that he had the month of December off from treatments.

"The timing was perfect so that he could truly enjoy his birthday parties and Christmas. We had a birthday party in our home, he was presented with a medal from his cousin who is a member of Medals for Metals. This is a group of athletes who donate a medal they've won to children who are sick," said Brenda.

He also had a big birthday party at Hoover Elementary School. "He really enjoyed that one," Brenda said.

Christmas was spent with family.

They played a lot of Wii games and ate a lot. Matthew has two older brothers, Mike and Richie, and an older sister, Danielle.

Carry That Weight

Through it all Matthew continues to keep his spirits up and do the things he loves to do said his mom.

Playing music is a passion of his. He is a classic rock fan and his favorite band is the Beatles.

"He has a passion for music; he has been gifted with musical talent. He plays guitar primarily but also plays the keyboard and drums," Brenda said. Matthew is also very athletic. He enjoys basketball, baseball, ping-pong, skateboarding and riding and doing tricks on his bike. He also enjoys being outdoors fishing and shooting his bow.

All my Loving

The community's support means the world to the Brotherton family. Matthew's aunt Cheryl Workman had a fundraiser in December at The Red Apple in Wayne. The family would like to thank Freddie Elezi, owner for allowing her to do that in his restaurant.

Matthew really enjoys getting mail. His mom said, "It brightens his days." If you would like to send Matthew a message of hope, please send it to Matthew Brotherton at The Wayne Dispatch P.O. Box 156 Wayne, MI 48184.

E-mail messages can be sent to jenny@thewaynedispatch.com. All messages will be forwarded to Matthew.

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In March of 1954, the Board took action and submitted an amendment to change the charter of the Credit Union and become a community Credit Union. This amended charter was approved in April of 1954 and under its new charter, the name of the Credit Union was changed to Wayne Community Federal Credit Union, located at 3911 Newberry Street in Wayne, Michigan. The amended charter received attention from around the nation to help set standards for other Credit Unions where there were similar plant closings.

In 1974, when Nankin Township became the City of Westland, the Credit Union changed its name to the Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union.

This year marks 56 years for Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union and its member-owners. Today, the Credit Union currently has over 11,000 members with an asset size of \$63 million. There was a need by the community for this Credit Union in 1954 and there is a need today in 2010.



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Keeping the faith

Police chaplain offers comfort in time of need

It's the visit you hope to never get. When the police department shows up at your front door to let you know that a loved one has died they often bring a professional with them. In the City of Wayne, the professional is Pastor Andrew Gruenhagen of St. Michael Lutheran Church.

He is the department's police chaplain. He began this volunteer position last October. Offering assistance to officers during death notifications is his main duty.

"I offer spiritual and emotional support and console the family," he said. "I get to be there for the family and I am glad to do that."

He also offers support and encouragement to the police officers. It is never easy to knock on a door and deliver devastating news. They are not always the most welcome guests when they show up since most people realize why they have come.

"They know right away," he said.

"In the most dark moment of someone's lives (I try) to be able to offer a little hope."

He said he admires the job the Wayne Police Department does. "The Wayne police officers are very wonderful officers. They are very caring to the people in their community. I am impressed with their professionalism and caring," he said.

When he is not assisting the Wayne Police Department, his days are busy at pastor of St. Michael Lutheran Church on Hannan in Wayne.

"The congregation is very supportive and very proud," of his chaplain position.

St. Michael Church has about 300 active members. They participate in the FISH program with three other local churches to provide food to the needy. The FISH program has fed more people this year and they are grateful for the help of local Cub

Scout packs and Ford Motor Local 900 who both donated food.

They have a Women's Group that meets once a week and annually they make and send 130-150 quilts to Lutheran World Relief where they are distributed to those in need in impoverished countries. Members of the church also participated in the Habitat for Humanity home that was recently completed in Wayne.

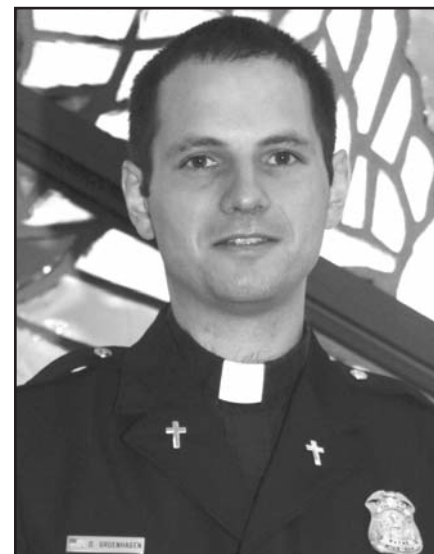
"We are a very active church," Pastor Drew said.

St. Michael also has a school with about 45 preschool students and 100 K-8 students.

"We have great kids and great parents," he said.

Pastor Drew and his wife of nine years, Heather, have three children. Ian, 7, Amelia, 6, and Callum, 3 and all attend St. Michael School.

Pastor Drew said it was "his faith in Christ" that led him into ministry. "We live in a world where there is a



Pastor Andrew Gruenhagen of St. Michael Lutheran Church.

lot of struggle, pain and violence." He said he had a sense of calling to share with his faith with people.

Nestled in the corner of Wayne all are welcome at St. Michael.

"We love to have visitors," he said. "Whether you are looking for someone to talk to, need a place to pray or meditate, St. Michael's is a place of sacredness and divine presence and comfort."

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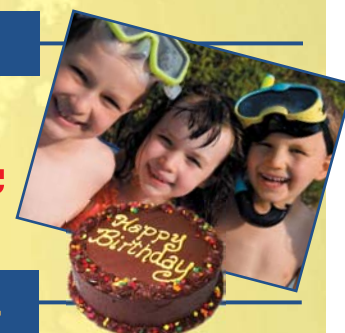


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9:30am-11:30am



Sponsored by the Wayne Dance, Gymnastics, Cheer & Baton Program. The cost is **\$4.00** per person and includes pancakes, sausage and juice. Limited to 250 people. Proceeds benefit the After School Recreation program.



GOLDEN HOUR CLUB HOT FUDGE SUNDAE SALE

12:00pm-8:00pm

The Golden Hour Club continues their Winterfest tradition by serving Sander's hot fudge sundaes.

WYHA 6th ANNUAL SKILLS COMPETITION

2:30pm-4:50pm

Attention all Wayne Hockey players and coaches. Test your hockey skills (hardest shot, accuracy, speed and puck control). Come be a part of the fun! Open to all WYHA players and coaches. The cost is **\$5.00** for Midgets (do not receive a t-shirt), and Mini-Mites and Mites is **\$11.50** and includes a t-shirt.



NORTH POLE CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT



10:00am Shotgun Start

Sponsored by the Recreation Advisory Board and North Pole Classic Committee. To be held at Fellow's Creek Golf Course. Two man scramble format. **\$25.00** donation. Includes two beverages, hot dog and goodie bag.



OPEN SWIM SPECIALS

12:00pm-2:30pm
& 3:30pm-6:00pm

Join us for a swim!

Cost is **\$1.00** per person for residents and **\$2.00** per person for non-residents.



WAYNE BENEFIT HOCKEY GAME

5:30pm

Wayne Police Department vs. Wayne Fire Department. The cost is **\$2.00** per person and **\$1.00** per student

HEALTH & WELLNESS EXPO

10:00am-4:00pm



Sponsored by the Wayne Chamber of Commerce
Featuring: Free Child I.D. Kits by Wayne Lodge #112. Other vendors include: The Wayne Rec Center, Wayne Fire Department, Jazzercise, Elements of Exercise, and much more!



SNEAK PEEK SHOWCASE

12:30pm-2:30pm

The Wayne Community Dance, Gymnastics, Cheer & Baton classes give a sneak peek of their skills and recital routines. Our 200 students range in ages from 3 - 15. All shows are open to the public and are free! Come out and support your local talent.

BARRY J. & LUCY MAY'S SHOTGUN WEDDING

6:30pm



This event is an interactive comedy dinner theater show. The cost is **\$35.00** per person and includes the performance, dinner and open bar. The doors open at **6:30pm** with the show starting at **7:00pm**. This is a Stage Door sponsored event. Call (734) 721-7400 for reservations.



WINTERFEST MINI-SHOW

11:30am-12:30pm

Come watch our talented Learn to Skate and Competitive Skaters. Cost is **\$1.00** at the door.

WINTERFEST OPEN SKATING EXTRAVAGANZA

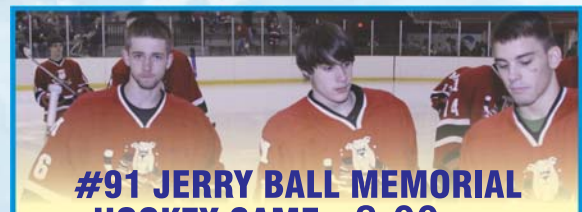
1:00pm-2:20pm

The Wayne Figure Skating Booster Club is sponsoring an Open Skating Extravaganza. The cost is **\$5.00** per person and includes skate rental.

WALK'N FOR WALZ WALK-A-THON

10:00am-4:00pm

Nathan will walk 6 hours (10am-4pm) without stopping! Come walk with him for 1 minute, 5 minutes, 1 hour, etc. as we walk for our health and donations for Walz Playstructure, coming in the fall of 2010.



#91 JERRY BALL MEMORIAL HOCKEY GAME - 8:00pm

The Michigan Ice Dogs Midget A vs. Garden City Stars Midget team, sponsored by Wayne Youth Hockey. Cost is **\$5.00** for adults and **\$2.00** for children 12 and under. All proceeds go to the Jerry Ball Memorial Scholarship & Endowment Fund. Chuck a Puck, 50/50 raffle and silent auction.



Plant Chairmen, Mike Stockdale and Greg Poet of the Local 900 present a check for \$4,000 to the City of Wayne for the Wayne Goodfellows.

No Child Without a Christmas in Wayne

The Wayne Goodfellows did a great job providing Christmas for more than 300 people in Wayne. The Goodfellows and some very helpful elves hosted three parties that helped raise \$15,000. The Wayne Fire department, City of Wayne employees and friends, Wayne Westland Community Schools transportation department, Jake's Again and US-12 all partnered to help make sure there was No Child Without a Christmas in Wayne.

Fire Chief Mel Moore said the UAW Local 900 from Ford Motor Company also donated \$4,000 with a promise of another \$2,000 to the Wayne Goodfellows. But Moore said even with all of the generosity the need is still not fulfilled. The Goodfellows will continue to accept donations all year long.

"We want to thank the businesses who supported Goodfellows," Moore said. He said the funds raised were 100% used in the community and all City of Wayne residents benefited.

Spring is coming soon

Perhaps that sounds a bit optimistic, but the older I get, the faster the earth seems to rotate on its axis. It's hard to believe that it was 10 years ago that everyone was stocking up in preparation for the impending disaster known as Y2K? Has it really been 8 years since the attacks on 911? And who would believe that it really has been 35 years since the last original episode of the Brady Bunch aired?

So what is the point of all this nostalgia? It should serve as a wake up call to get out there and enjoy life while you are still alive. When I purchased my new motorcycle, several friends inquired of me if I was having a midlife crisis? I tried to explain to them that it wasn't a crisis, but rather an awakening. After witnessing the deaths or disabling events of some people very close to me, it became very clear just how short of a time we are actually on this planet. I want to live life to its fullest without regrets. As for the motorcycle, I had actually owned one many years ago but got rid of it when I needed to buy furniture. As much as I enjoyed those couches, it wasn't quite the same feeling as riding in the saddle of a motorcycle and enjoying that feeling that so many will never experience.

On the Bright Side

Hal Hultman



I recall one afternoon visiting my father in the hospital and watching him sleep. I looked over to his roommate, also an elderly veteran, and couldn't help but notice the old, blurred Harley Davidson tattoos on this man's withered skin. Although he appeared to be at death's doorstep, he came to life when I asked him to tell me about his motorcycle. There was a sparkle in his eyes and he laughed so hard that it hurt when he told me about some of the things he had done with that bike. But most of all, I noticed the smile upon his face because he realized that he hadn't wasted his life waiting, wishing and hoping for something in the future. Instead, he chose to live life while he was able to. I would much rather look back at photographs and memories of what I did, rather than say "If only I had... ..".

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NOTICE OF RENEWAL PERIOD FOR 2010 DOG & CAT LICENSES ALL CATS MUST NOW BE LICENSED IN THE CITY OF WAYNE

The 2010 dog & cat tags are available for sale in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall. All dogs & cats four months of age or older must be licensed (certificate of rabies vaccination required) and wear a collar with current tag attached. Tags obtained by February 26, 2010, will be at a lesser fee.

Fees during annual licensing period ending February 26, 2010

Regular license	\$10.00*
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Fees from March 1 thru December 29, 2010

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Wayne-Westland Community Schools 21st Century Schools Initiative



Has the Board of Education adopted the recommendations of the 21st Century Committee?

Yes. On December 14, 2009, the Wayne-Westland Board of Education adopted the final proposal from the 21st Century Committee. The proposal was first presented to the Board at a Special Board Meeting on November 30, 2009. After input from the community, the proposal was modified and presented to the Board at a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on December 7, 2009. A final proposal was presented and adopted on December 14, 2009 at a Special Board Meeting.

What are the highlights of the recommendation that was adopted?

Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year: • Change to a K-4; 5-6; 7-8 and 9-12 grade configuration. • Offer All Day Kindergarten in every elementary building in the district. • 5-6 grade buildings will be elementary focused with Instrumental Music classes, World Language classes, and Gifted/Talented programs. • 7-8 middle schools will offer expanded World Language classes and advanced classes. • Utilize eleven elementary buildings, two 5-6 buildings, two 7-8 buildings, and our current two high schools. • Draw new attendance boundaries for eleven K-4 buildings. The attendance boundaries for the 5-6 and 7-8 buildings will be aligned with the current high school boundaries. There will be no attendance boundary changes for the high schools. • The Board of Education must pursue additional cost saving measures.

Which elementary buildings are proposed to stay open for the K-4 programs?

Edison, Elliott, Graham, Hamilton, Hicks, Hoover, Roosevelt-McGrath, Schweitzer, Taft-Galloway, Walker-Winter and Wildwood.

Which current middle schools are proposed to become 5-6 upper elementary buildings?

Marshall will become a 5-6 upper elementary building in the John Glenn attendance area. Adams will become a 5-6 upper elementary building in the Wayne Memorial attendance area.

Which middle schools are proposed to become 7-8 middle school buildings?

Stevenson will become a 7-8 middle school building in the John Glenn attendance area. Franklin will become a 7-8 middle school building in the Wayne Memorial attendance area.

Are any "grandfathering" rules being recommended?

6th and 7th graders currently attending Stevenson Middle School who reside in the Wayne Memorial attendance area will be given the option to remain at Stevenson through the 8th grade before attending Wayne Memorial.

What are the advantages of a 5-6 grade level configuration?

After visiting several districts in the area that run a 5-6 educational program, the committee felt this configuration offered several advantages: • The ability to offer programs in instrumental music, foreign language, and gifted/talented to students in these upper elementary grades. • The opportunity to house 5th & 6th graders in a developmentally appropriate setting. Sixth graders remain in an elementary setting, thus their transition to middle school is delayed until they reach 7th grade. • Upon leaving 4th grade, 5th & 6th graders are introduced to the classmates they will remain with through high school, thus making the transition to middle school and high school much easier. • Provides more academic collaboration and targeted professional development opportunities for staff.

How much money will be saved by closing six buildings? Will this be enough?

The district anticipated that \$5 million will be saved annually by closing the six elementary buildings. The 21st Century Committee has asked the Board to pursue cost containment, cost savings and revenue producing options of another \$5 million beginning next year. Due to decreased state funding, increased costs, and declining enrollment, the District is facing an annual operating deficit in excess of \$7 million this school year, with an operating deficit in future years that will likely only increase.

Will transportation guidelines change?

No. The district will continue to make bussing available to elementary students (K-4 and 5-6) who live more than a mile from their school. Secondary students (7-8 and 9-12) will continue to be bussed if they live more than 1 1/2 miles from their school. Individual students may experience changes in schools and bussing routes depending on the final recommendation of the 21st Century Schools Committee and the action taken by the Board of Education.

Will All Day Kindergarten be available in the K-4 buildings?

Yes. All Day Kindergarten will be in all buildings for the Fall of 2010. Future state funding may impact the number of all day kindergarten classrooms offered district wide.

Where can I get more information on the changes adopted by the Board of Education?

The final recommendation along with district maps and all minutes from committee and team meetings are posted on the school district website wwcsd.net. Just click on the 21st Century Schools logo on the homepage.

Winter storm safety

Most of us who live in Michigan are capable of getting through winters with few problems other than the typical winter inconvenience of cold weather and shoveling snow off cars and driveways. Even then we wait to get the snow blower or shovel out until it's too late and the snow has piled up. Let's take a look at some winter hazard safety tips so we can be prepared now and not when it's too late.

First, you should have an Emergency Preparedness kit stocked with three days' supply of non perishable food and water. Have one gallon of water per person per day, flash lights and spare batteries. Go to www.ready.gov for information on building a preparedness kit.

If you lose power and have no heat, the best thing to do is bundle up with clothes and blankets and ride it out. Many people make the deadly mistake of trying to use alternative heat sources to heat their homes when the power goes out. The use of kerosene heaters in a home is against the City of Wayne ordinance. Kerosene heaters and kitchen ovens should never be used to heat the home. They give off high levels of deadly carbon monoxide, plus the radiant heat given off from them may cause nearby combustibles to ignite.

Generators should be placed outside, and never back feed into a circuit breaker box. Back feeding is a fire hazard and a danger to power crews working to restore power in your area.

If you lose power in your home due to a storm you probably are not alone. Look to see if your neighbors are also out of power, if so there is no reason to call 911, trust me we will

Fire House News

Shawn Bell



know. Call 911 if you see a downed power line or a power line sparking or arcing, or have an odor of natural gas in your home.

Please do not call 911, the police or fire station to ask when your power will be restored. We have no more information than the general public. Call your power company for information on when your utilities will be restored.

Occasionally during a winter storm we may lose our cable or satellite TV. Now that there is no longer analog television (free TV), you will be left in the dark with no information on storm warnings or school closings. It is recommended that you buy a digital converter box to have on hand so you will be able to switch over in the absence of your normal TV feed.

Tune into AM Radio 1620 for City of Wayne information for information on all types of emergencies affecting our City. WJR news radio AM 760 is the official news and weather channel to keep up to date on any emergency information. The City of Wayne website has a link to NOAA (The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) for weather information.

Please feel free to give my office a call with any questions or concerns regarding emergency preparedness at 734-722-1111.

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The line for Santa was long all night long but that didn't bother these kids who hoped to find themselves on Santa's nice list. Photos by the Wayne Dispatch



(Left), No one went home empty handed. Children and adults were able to make and take holiday crafts and ornaments. (Above), WMHS students and staff were happy to volunteer as holiday helpers.

Wayne Memorial offers holiday happiness

It was a night that warmed your heart. The students and staff at Wayne Memorial High School hosted Holiday Night for more than 1200 local residents. Families were treated to a free spaghetti dinner provided by Chef Tony Paquette and his culinary arts students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. Dozens of students and staff members volunteered to help at the different activities.

Principal Val Orr said they raised \$3600 in sponsorships to pay for the entire event that included over 3000 cookies for kids to decorate, spaghetti dinner for 1200, a DJ, a visit with Santa Claus who gave a gift to every child and holiday crafts.

"It was one of the most amazing experiences of my career. I was extremely proud of our staff and students for what they did for our community," said Orr.

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City of Wayne and Wayne Chamber of Commerce welcome Pat Turley and Roger Kersey to Wayne. Photo by Jenny Johnson of The Wayne Dispatch

Weight lose and nutrition questions answered

Pat Turley and Roger Kersey invite you to visit their U.S. Nutrition Center located inside Metro Place Mall. Their nutrition clubs provided a place for people to learn how good nutrition and lifestyle choices can bring them better overall health. They offer Herbalife brand products and smoothies in 30 flavors as well as vitamins, teas and skin care products.

Kersey is a user. So far he has lost more than 100 lbs. "I got immediate results. In 4 ½ month I got all my numbers under control," he said. His blood pressure and glucose are both within normal range now.

He said his doctor had never seen results so quickly without surgery. At U. S. Nutrition they offer weight loss challenges, spa nights that feature skin care products and sampling Saturdays twice a month. Look at their website at www.usnutritioncenter.com for more upcoming events.

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By: Erica Perdue

Mike graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in 2006, he was a football player throughout high school. He is now in the army and stationed in Afghanistan for several more months. Mike would love to receive letters from the citizens of Wayne! Small gifts, especially snacks and entertaining games, would be greatly appreciated by him and his entire base!

The participation in the soldier of the month program for the last two months has been spectacular! Let's keep it up and send out our letters to Mike in Afghanistan to remind him how much the City of Wayne appreciates his dedication!

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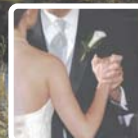
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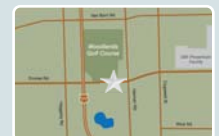
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Lunches, literary and love for community

What's everybody reading? Our City Manager, John Zech, contributes a list of 6 books. "Moyers on Democracy" by Bill Moyers. "The Tenderness of Wolves" by Stef Penny; "The Outlander" by Gil Adamson; "The Big House" by George Howe Colt; "The Longest Trip Home" by John Grogan; and "The Tie that Binds" by Kurt Hanuf. Mr. Zech says he enjoyed "The Tenderness of Wolves" the most. "Tenderness..." tells the story of isolated European immigrants who live on the Canadian frontier during the 19th century and are witnesses to a haunting murder mystery. "The Longest Trip Home" is a memoir by the author of the wildly popular "Marley and Me."

Mayor Pro Tem Donna McEachern, is reading "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives." The author is Guy Fieri of The Food Network. This is the road trip where Fieri visits America's most interesting and unique restaurants. She also picked up James Patterson's "The Murder of King Tut." Anytime you see Donna leaving the Library, she always has a stack of books under her arm.

City Planner, Matt Miller has been reading "Push," the gritty novel by Sapphire, which became Oprah's movie, "Precious."

Our Ladies' Literary Club is reading "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana De Rosney. This novel revolves around a deplorable event; the 1942 round-up of 13,000 Jewish women and children in Paris. In the story a young girl, Sarah, tries to shield her young brother by hiding him.

Mary Lindsey, a Friend of the Library, just finished reading "The Help", in which three domestic workers tell of the treatment they receive

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



by the ladies who employ them in 1960's Mississippi. The author is Kathryn Stockett.

Library Board member, Carol Weyand, says her favorite book of the year is "The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society"; a quirky tale from the Isle of Guernsey, whose inhabitants outfox their German invaders during World War Two. Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Burrows are the authors.

Our Library Director, Paulette Medvecky, suggests "Annie's Ghosts", a true story of a woman put in Eloise in 1940, not allowed to argue for her rights in Court, and is finally transferred to Northville State Hospital in 1972. This book brims with local history, especially Eloise history. Its author; Steve Luxenberg.

Paulette also read "When God Winks." The author is Squire Rushnell, who claims a 'Godwink' is when your wishes or prayers are answered. This book was recommended to her by Sylvia Hutchinson.

Councilman Al Damitio has three books to tell you about. "The Biblical World", by John Pierre Isbouots. This carefully researched book has one simple aim; to give readers a chronicle of the people, places and events that shaped the biblical world. It further hopes to show how Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all emerged from the same Holy Land.

As a history buff, he also read "From Gaul to DeGaulle" (isn't that a great title?) The author is Monique Wagner and she presents the essentials of the French social, cultural, and literary developments from pre-history to the 1990's. Another book Mr. Damitio enjoyed was a "Bicentennial History of Detroit."

All the above books can be found at our Library or loaned to you from other libraries.

Library technician, John McDonauld, lists some of the new movies at the Library. "Julie and Julia"; Meryl Streep really nails the role of Julia Childs, the Doyen of French cooking. "District 9"; "Is Anybody There?"...A Michael Caine movie; and "Sunshine Cleaning", with Amy Adams. He also suggests "Valentino, the Last Emperor", a documentary of the late, great fashion designer. And then there's "Mad Men; The Complete Season Two."

You've all seen the beautiful Motawi tile project at the Library...now you can make your own Motawi tile. Just register (721-7832) by January 21 and on the 28th at 7pm, come to the Library, and design and make your very own 4 x 4 inch tile. The lovely Motawi folks will bring everything you need and will take your tile back to their Ann Arbor headquarters to bake, and glaze your handiwork. The best part of this is that it's FREE!

Finally...are you looking for a job? The Library has great resources. You have access to the computers, where Microsoft Word can show you how to write a resume online. There's a DVD available; "Filing your Claim for Unemployment Benefits and Finding a Job." You can also pick up your e-mail at the Library's computers.

Several books that might be helpful are..."Get Hired Fast", "Step by Step Resumes", "The Ultimate Job Search", and "95 Mistakes Job Seekers Make."

January 20th, will mark over 50 years that the Women's Fellowship of the Congregational Church will ex-

change a luncheon and program with the Methodist Women's Group. The Congregational women will host the luncheon, and Sally Nitzel has asked Darlene Hawley to do "History in a Box", a program usually presented for schoolchildren, but one that Mrs. Hawley will adjust for her adult audience. Artifacts are toted from the Historical Museum showing Wayne's past, and as Darlene says "it's publicity for the Museum, and sparks an interest in everyone's family history."

Mrs. Hawley also notes that the Methodist and Congregational Churches have shared their pulpits and worship services over the years and doing so has created a close bond between the two institutions. The luncheon will begin at 12:30... you may call either church for more information.

Sometimes you leave the party too early. That's what JoAnne Stark

said when she called to tell me about Jake's haircut. It was at the end of Jake's Again Goodfellows Night, when the remaining patron's raised \$820.00 dollars to cut his hair. More than one person got into the act, but fortunately there was a hairdresser in the crowd and she shaped up Jake's new 'do', and

also trimmed his beard. Along with the money for the haircut, between \$6,000 and \$7,000 dollars was raised for the Goodfellows "No Child Without a Christmas." Nice to see Scott Gocaj, of the US 12, there lending support to his fellow pub owner.

Belated Greetings to Edna Carmon who celebrated her 100th Birthday recently.

Mrs. Carmon is a long time Garden Club member, and was treated to a Birthday Celebration at the Congregational Church.

Pam Dobrowolski's annual Christmas party for the Biddle St. Babes was, as usual, a fun evening. Bridget Kelly was initiated as an honorary Biddle St member. You know if there was no Biddle St., we'd have to invent one...can't imagine Wayne without it.



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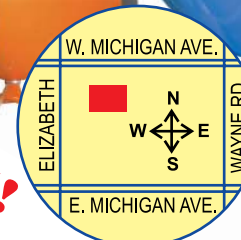
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thank you! Your business
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dine-in or carry-out



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Starting At... **\$1.99**

New Menu Items

- Pierogies
- Potato Pancakes
- Polish Kielbasa
- Wrap Sandwiches
- Sour Kraut



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**BROASTER
CHICKEN**



Party Orders!

- 30 Pieces... **\$30.00**
- 40 Pieces... **\$39.00**
- 50 Pieces... **\$48.00**
- 60 Pieces... **\$57.00**
- 70 Pieces... **\$66.00**
- 80 Pieces... **\$75.00**
- 90 Pieces... **\$84.00**

VALUE MENU

Dinners Only **\$4.99** Anytime

**Join Us For A Delicious
Dinner Tonight!**



Veal Cutlet



**Homemade
Meatloaf**



**Liver & Onions
Spaghetti**



**Broasted
Chicken**

Fish & Chips
(excludes Fridays)

**Grilled
Pork Chops**

Dinners include homemade mashed potatoes,
vegetable, soup and fresh Greek bread.

**FRIDAY
FISH & CHIPS**

\$6.99

All You Can Eat



**FREE
Rice
Pudding**

With Purchase of Any Dinner
(from 3:00pm - 7:00pm)
Expires 1-31-10



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