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City faces major budget cuts

By Jenny Johnson

City Manager John Zech painted a picture of another tough year for residents and employees when he presented the City Council with a state of the City's economic condition. In an effort to help the City out of its budget crisis the City Council approved a resolution to place proposals for two tax increases on the May 4 ballot.

The first proposal will ask voters to approve a one mill levy increase to help fund fire and police operations for five years and the second proposal will approve the Headlee Rollback which would provide a .4635 mill increase. The Headlee Rollback will be used in the general fund. If both of these are approved it would generate about \$800,000 for the City. If voters approve the amendments in May the first tax collection won't be taken until July 2011.

"This would greatly improve our situation in dealing with the \$3.4 million deficit in our budget," Zech said.

The reason the City is looking at additional mills is because residential, commercial and industrial property values continue to decline. There has been a reduction in state shared revenue and with the idling of the Ford Plant the City is collecting less taxes from them. Mills are also not bringing in as much money as they used to. One mill generates \$582,363. In 2006 one mill generated \$719,569. Wayne levies 20.87 mills. That's about \$2.8 million less in revenue than from 2006. The forecast is the value of a mill will decrease this July to around \$552,088.

Since the City is not allowed to operate beyond what they bring in, it is time for tough choices. Zech said the City will have to cut approximately \$3.4 million from their budget for the fiscal year 2010-2011 which begins July 1, 2010.

In addition to the two ballot proposals, the City is asking all employees to take a five percent pay cut and a two year pay freeze. This will leave

about a \$2 million deficit. So operations will have to change too.

"We're going to have to do more than that but we're going to have to do at least that," said Councilman Al Damitio of the ballot proposals.

"There will have to be some reduction of staff no matter what," Zech said.

"Layoffs are painful but if you don't have the money, you don't have a choice," said Mayor Al Haidous.

"Every department in this city will be affected by this budget," said Haidous. He asked every department head, "How can you reduce the cost of your department?"

At a recent study session the City Council met with department heads to discuss other ways the City can reduce the budget.

"We cannot continue to run the City of Wayne like we have for the past 50 years," said Councilwoman Susan Rowe.

Wayne is not alone. All of the surrounding cities are facing a declining



City Manager John Zech

tax base.

"We are running out of money," Zech said. "We are a victim of the national economy."

The State of Michigan is projecting a \$445 million budget deficit this year.

Church to host dinner to help Haitian survivors



Members of the church have been to Haiti to provide help and supplies before and after the earthquake. Photo by First United Methodist Church

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne has supported residents of Haiti for years. Members of the congregation have been to Haiti to help build schools and church members sponsor children and collect basic hygiene items and school supplies to send there.

"Helping Haiti is something we do all year long," said Mike Szabo, President of the United Methodist Men.

But now Haitian residents need more than ever before. That's why the First United Methodist Church is hosting a mostaccioli dinner from 4-7 p.m. on Feb. 5 at the church which is located at 3 Town

Square, across the street from the Wayne Post Office.

They will serve mostaccioli, salad, bread, dessert and beverages. They are asking the entire community to come out and support this effort. They will accept free will donations. All money raised will go through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) and 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the need of the earthquake survivors.

"We look forward to seeing all our friends in the community coming together to help these people get through this tragedy. They need our help," Szabo said.



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Hope for Haiti Benefit Concert to help feed orphans

By Jenny Johnson

They need food, clothes, shelter, medicine and hope. That's why Life Church of Canton is hosting the Hope for Haiti Benefit Concert at 7 p.m. on Feb. 12. Metro Detroit favorites Alex Rahill, Waldon Reed Jr. and D'Art will perform and Brion Riborn will host and play a song he wrote just for Haiti.

Tickets are \$5 and available at the door. There will also be food, t-shirts and cds for sale and 100% of the proceeds will go to the Ebenezer Glenn Orphanage in Dessalines, Haiti.

The Ebenezer Glenn Orphanage is very near and dear to Life Church member, Beth Cooley. She visited Haiti for the first time at age 12. Her dad was a dentist and he took the family there and did dentistry in Port-au-Prince and some of the more rural areas. This is where she met Don and Doris Peavey, who started the Ebenezer Glenn Orphanage 40 years ago.

"Their impact on the poverty-stricken area has been tremendous, saving hundreds of lives and helping many families in Dessalines," but because of the recent earthquake the need is greater than ever before. In addition to the 50 orphans they are supporting they also have been inundated with refugees from Port-au-Prince. They are trying to help as many people as possible.

"However, all of the food supplies were low prior to the earthquake, and now there is no food or medical supplies to help the traumatized and injured people streaming into Dessalines. The Peavey's have had to turn people away, knowing that they could die trying to move farther north in search of food," Beth said. "Whenever there is a crisis, everyone goes to Ebenezer Orphanage. It's a place where people go to get help."

The orphanage was lucky to not receive any damage or injuries during the earthquake. "They felt all of the buildings shaking, but no buildings came down and no one harmed," she said.

But the need of the Haitians is immense. They need food, medical help, funds for buying petrol to run the generator, clothing and educational supplies.

"The tragedy there is just unthinkable. The people we stayed with in Port-au-Prince are still buried in the rubble," she said. In October Beth and her husband, Chris, visited the Peavey's and brought supplies for the orphanage. But they also spent time in Port-au-Prince and can't believe many of the places they visited are now gone.



Life Church member, Beth Cooley, with Haitian orphans Calla and Ricardo at Ebenezer Glenn Orphanage in Haiti.

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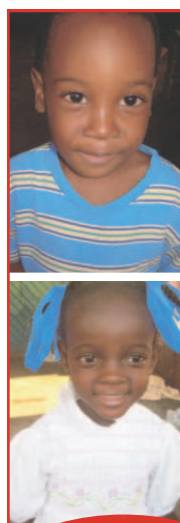
Haiti had 400,000 orphans before the earthquake. No one knows how many there are now. At the Ebenezer Glenn Orphanage children get food, an education, church, clothes and love.

"The kids are running and playing and laughing and they have joy. The kids are just like our kids. They need love and shelter and food," she said.

Beth hopes for a good turnout so "We can get food and supplies to people that we know and have loved for 34 years."

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29th District Court makes a difference

By Jenny Johnson

In her six years on the bench in Wayne, Judge Laura Mack and her dedicated staff have made a big difference in the community. When they are not presiding over a full docket of court cases, they are finding ways to reach out to students or help residents in need.

Mack was appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm after Judge Carolyn Archbold retired in 2003. Archbold is a friend of Mack's husband Milt Mack, Chief Judge in Wayne County Probate Court.

"Governor Granholm called me on my cell phone as I was driving to work," she said to offer her the position. The governor made Mack promise three things: to be on time, don't get robitis or the power of the robe and to be active in the community. Mack promised.

"It is a huge privilege to serve this community," Mack said. "I never dreamed I would be a judge here." She was working in probate and business law at the time. But then she realized "you could be part of the community and have the opportunity to make a difference in peoples' lives."

With the Teen Court program underway and a new program offered to help give defendants in debt collection cases a break, the 29th District Court is making a positive impact on the community.

The Teen Court program at Wayne Memorial High School is in its second full year. This year there are about 60 students who took the Business and Personal Law for the



Judge Laura Mack with the Wayne Memorial High School student jury. Photo by The Wayne Dispatch

Young Adult class, taught by Beth Johnson.

The purpose of the course is to show students how the law directly affects them. Students will learn legal procedures and about the court system. By participating in the Teen Court program they also get real world experience. The students play the role of jurors, court reporters and court officers in actual juvenile cases. The defendants in these cases are all residents of the City of Wayne and attend either Wayne Memorial or Franklin Middle School and have plead responsible for minor violations of the law like fighting or shoplifting. It is the Teen Court's responsibility to hand down punishment. Teen Court is part of Wayne County Prosecutor's Office (WCPO) juvenile diversion program.

"I am so proud to be a part of this program. I have worked very closely with Judge Mack, Carrie Vella and Linda Gable to make this program such a success. Wayne Rotary funded the construction of the courtroom at Wayne Memorial. It has been a constant work in progress to make sure the program works properly and all parties get the most out of the program. My students learn about how the system works, how to make better choices in their lives, and different careers at the court level. They see that the police aren't there just to "bust" them and that the court system is one that can be relied on and trusted. None of this would be possible without the co-ordination between the school and the 29th District Court," said Beth Johnson.

"Teen Court is an interesting and fun way to learn about the legal process and how a court room runs. It gives students a first-hand opportunity to be a part of the law," said WMHS student Mark Patterson.

The 29th District Court is one of only three district courts in Wayne County to have jurisdiction over their juvenile cases. The other two are Dearborn and Plymouth.

"Whatever you can do to put a personal face on criminal justice system before kids are in trouble is an asset," Mack said.

Another program Judge Mack is proud of is the Consumer Debt Defense Clinic which began in 2008. The University of Detroit Mercy Law

School provides second and third year law students to represent defendants in debt collection cases. There is no cost to the defendants for this service. It gives the law students real courtroom experience and helps defendants who are being sued by credit card companies or hospitals for outstanding debt. The defendants cannot afford an attorney and in civil cases you do not have the right to an attorney like in a criminal case.

"I saw people getting taken advantage of," Mack said. She saw the need to have representatives for people but under the law a judge cannot provide legal advice to defendants. So she reached out to the law school. This offers an option for people who are already feeling victimized and don't know where to go for help.

It takes a lot of coordination and cooperation to make sure all of these programs are successful. Judge Mack gives considerable praise to her staff. She has received many compliments from visiting judges and defense attorneys on the professionalism of the staff of the 29th District Court. They are part of the reason why she is dedicated to doing her best everyday.

"My goal everyday is to do what's right and fair and to get through to someone," she said.

Editor's note: The 29th District Court had a total of 15,377 cases filed in 2009. They handle traffic violations and tickets, civil cases up to \$25,000, small claims and misdemeanor criminal cases.



Former 29th District Courthouse. Photo Courtesy of the Wayne Historical Museum

The Wayne Winter Carnival

The Wayne Winterfest was recently held at the Community Center. Wayne has had a long history of providing recreation in the summer and the winter. In 1939, the Wayne Kiwanis Club sponsored the Wayne Winter Carnival. The event was held behind the Recreation Building (now City Hall) in Goudy Park. The outside event took place on February 17, 1939 after three weather delays. There were 14 events and over 100 children participated. More than 600 people came to watch the events, quite a big crowd considering that the village had about 4,200 people.

Initially, the event was scheduled to be held on the rink in the park but a recent warm spell turned the rink ice back to water. The Kiwanis Club asked permission from the Village Council to hold the events on the water reservoir in Water Works Park. The permission was granted and on the day of the event, the ice measured nine inches thick. Certainly, thick enough to safely hold the event.

Excitement was in the air as Harry Ranch began the festivities.

Rearview Mirror

Matt Miller



Richard James was the announcer and Roy Cunningham coordinated the carnival. Since the event was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, they provided the gold medal prizes. The judges were Russell Parr, Lawrence Begin, Glenn Saunders, Steve Re-neauer and Fred Allen.

Some of the winners that day were: Richard Lappala, age 10, and Lauraine Schmitz, age 10, in the 100 yard midget race, John Lahler, age 12, in the one skate race, Billy Spencer, age 11, and Grenadine Loughran, age 12, in the 250 yard junior race and Buddy Hargrave, age 15, and Robert Clark, age 15, in the three legged race. Much fun was had by all and the children who participated proudly wore their gold



Kids race at The Wayne Winter Carnival. Photos courtesy of the Wayne Historical Museum.

medals to school the following week.

Again, the Village played an important role by providing the place for recreation. By hosting the winter time activity it kept the children focused on the events and taught them about sportsmanship and kept them off the streets. My special thanks to Richard Story who did the research on this event in 2002 and saved me a lot of time from doing the research myself.

Learn more about Wayne's his-

tory 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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On thin ice

Now that we are in the full grips of winter, many will head outside for a little ice skating or a good old fashion game of pond hockey. Although the City of Wayne doesn't have any real lakes we do have many retention ponds, a few creeks and the Rouge River that are a draw for kids and adults alike. This brings us to this month's safety tip. When is ice safe? There really is no sure answer. In fact, ice is probably never 100 percent safe. You can't judge the strength of ice just by its appearance, age, thickness, temperature or whether or not the ice is covered with snow. Strength is based on all these factors, plus the depth of water under the ice, size of the water body, water currents, the distribution of the load on the ice, and local climatic conditions. AGAIN, there is no 100% safe ice. New ice or clear ice will have a bluish look to it. New ice is usually stronger than old ice. Four inches of clear, newly-formed ice may support one person on foot, while a foot or more of old, partially-thawed ice may not. Ice seldom freezes uniformly. It may be a foot thick in one location and only an inch or two just a few feet away. Ice formed over flowing water like the Rouge River is often dangerous. This is especially true near streams, bridges and culverts. Also, the ice on outside river bends is usually weaker due to the effects of the faster current. The insulating effect of snow slows down the freezing process. The extra weight reduces how much weight the ice sheet can support. Also, ice near shore can be weaker than ice that is farther out.

In the tragic event of someone falling through the ice, the City of

Fire House News

Shawn Bell



Wayne Fire Department is equipped to handle ice water rescues. Through federal grant funding, the Fire Department was able to acquire ice water rescue equipment which included two cold water rescue suits. Through rigorous real life hands-on training in the icy waters of the ponds at the Wayne County Extension Services farm off Venoy Road, the City of Wayne Firefighters have become highly trained and proficient in ice water rescue techniques. The City of Wayne Firefighters are crossed trained as Paramedics, their extensive Advanced Life Support training also allows them to care for a hypothermic person once rescued from the cold water. In 2009 the City of Wayne Fire Department responded to 2630 incidents, 483 of those were fire related runs and 2147 of them were EMS rescue runs... fortunately they did not need to utilize that training last year. So please use this information wisely and stay off thin ice. Runs for the month of January: fire runs were 38 and EMS runs were 165. For more ice safety information, go to the DNR website at, www.Michigan.gov.

P.S. The Wayne Firefighters beat the Wayne Police Officers 6-5 in a shootout at the recent Winterfest Hockey game keeping the trophy in the house it belongs.

Wayne resident appears on Jeopardy!

Matt Perez of Wayne got the chance of a lifetime when he appeared on the game show Jeopardy! on Jan. 28. Perez placed second and won \$2,000. His wife Melissa, said he has always loved trivia. He checked books out of the Wayne Public Library to help him study. Matt is a knowledge base coordinator at MSX. He has lived Wayne for 12 years with his wife, Melissa, and their dog Shiloh.





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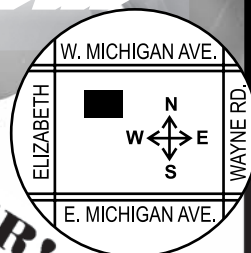
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Local veterans support soldiers

By Erica Perdue

Two local Veterans of Foreign Wars posts have made a contribution to the Wayne Dispatch "Soldier of the Month" program. The Bova Post and the Harris-Kehrer Post sponsored the shipping of 15 large boxes to soldiers overseas that grew up in Wayne. Both posts have past ties to the City of Wayne.

The Bova post is named in honor of Edward "Eddie" Bova. Eddie grew up in Wayne on Merriman and attended Wayne Memorial High School. Eddie entered the Army in July of 1967 and was killed in February of 1968 at age 19. He was the only child to Edward and Patricia.

"He was always running around the yard with toy guns," said Janice Elkins, a long time friend and neighbor to the Bovas.

"There were so many young people at his funeral, he had a lot of friends and had a lot of fun," Elkins continued, "Ed and Patricia were always so nice too, very compassionate people." She still speaks to Ed, who now lives in New Jersey.

The Harris-Kehrer post is named

after two veterans. Kehrer was a veteran who was buried at St. Marys Cemetery in Wayne. During World War II, the vice commander started a post newspaper called the "Wayne Tattler" which was mailed monthly to members overseas, as well as packaging and shipping 3,000 packages of cigarettes overseas to members of the armed forces each month. In 1946 this post contributed \$2,000 toward the Wayne swimming pool. This past Thanksgiving and Christmas they provided meals to about 100 families in the Wayne-Westland area. Commander Greg Sloup said, "Our motto is 'Honor the dead by helping the living.'"

Donald and Janis Hall set up the shipping for the soldiers. Items were packaged up and given to Donald and Janis, who spoke with Commander Mike Rokita of the Bova post and Commander Greg Sloup and did the rest from there. The hard work of the Halls, the Commanders and the members of these V.F.W. halls is greatly appreciated by the Wayne Dispatch and those overseas benefitting from the program!

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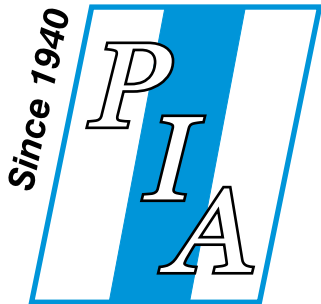
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★ **ALEX COPLAND** ★

By Erica Perdue

Alex Copland joined the Army in April 2007 and was in Iraq for 15 months. He started his second duty in Iraq in October 2009 and won't be back home until late fall 2010.

Alex is grandson to Sharron and William Copland, better known in Wayne as “Wild Bill.” Sharron and “Wild Bill” aren't the only ones waiting for Alex to come back home. His wife Ashley, 2-year-old son Lucas, 1-week-old daughter Adreana, mother Debbie, stepfather Joe and his sisters Christina and Jamie are all anxiously awaiting his arrival.

During his time in the service, Alex has received many medals and awards including: the Expert Markman, Medal for Global War on Terrorism and Army Commendation Medal. He was also in operation Iraqi Freedom 5 and Iraqi Freedom 7.

Citizens and businesses can show Alex how much we appreciate his dedication and hard work by sending him letters and items. He has made some requests and they are: gel deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, travel Kleenex, books, magazines, cross word puzzle books, activity books, baby wipes, playing cards and poker chips, LOTS of hand sanitizer (travel size only for shipping purposes!) shampoo, body wash, shaving cream, razors, Q-tips, lotion, chaps tick and anything else of hygiene use.

Any of these items, letters and cards can all be sent to Alex at:

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All of your support will be immensely appreciated by Alex and his fellow soldiers! Please contact me with any questions!

erica@thewaynedispatch.com



The 2011 Ford Focus to be built in the City of Wayne was on display at The North American International Auto Show in Detroit. Photo by The Wayne Dispatch

Michigan Assembly Plant to add electric vehicles

By Jenny Johnson

Wayne City officials were pleased with recent news from Ford Motor Company. Ford Motor Company will expand electric production in Michigan and Wayne. The Michigan Assembly Plant, located in Wayne, will be a state-of-the-art fuel efficient, small car facility that will not only produce the new Ford Focus but also produce the Ford Focus electric vehicle at Michigan Assembly in 2011 and the next-generation hybrid and plug-in hybrid in 2012. All vehicles will be built from the C-car platform. The installation of a flexible manufacturing line it will make it possible for the Michigan Assembly Plant to produce all of these vehicles that will be made locally and sold globally.

"Ford continues to demonstrate its commitment to Michigan by bringing together world-class products, advanced technology applications and our talented workforce to build the next generation of vehicles that will help reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil," said Governor Jennifer Granholm in a prepared statement.

Consumers are demanding more compact cars and it is estimated that the need will increase by 25% in 2012. This is good news for Ford and for the City of Wayne because Ford Motor Company makes up 50% of the City's tax base.

"We are heavily dependent on one industry" said John Zech, City Manager.

Ford is still looking at plants for the assembly of its lithium-ion batteries. The Michigan Assembly Plant is one of the plants being considered. Ford has not announced what will become of the Wayne Assembly Plant after the changeover is complete.

Flowers on Valentine's Day?

Valentine's Day has always been popular among romantic couples. As with any holiday our culture has been commercialized to no end with flowers, chocolates, teddy bears or any other materialized item that the sweetie may want. However, we have a choice to create a more meaningful experience on Valentine's Day! I invite you this month to take a more holistic approach to Valentine's Day and fitness. We are all aware (just not responding to) that a healthy heart needs exercise everyday at an intensity above resting level or more than that of a walk from the parking lot to McDonald's. We know that eating a low-fat, low cholesterol diet will keep our heart healthy and decrease our chance of developing heart disease. These are physiological aspects of a healthy heart.

The holistic approach to a healthy heart is meeting the emotional needs of others while having our emotional needs met. The heart is filled with spiritual energy! Kindness, forgiveness, compassion, laughter, mindfulness are among the few that create a healthy and happy heart. There are also many controllable and uncontrollable actions surrounding us these days to intensify negative emotions such as grudges, anger, resentment, or guilt. We can exercise everyday and look good doing it but if the heart holds negative emotions it will rob us of our energy, passion and health. As a human in our day to day life we will under go different feelings that will encourage us to do something or resist us from doing some other thing. Choosing to identify those negative emotions and handling them with positive steps will free you to move forward. Taking control of your life will recharge your heart (inner bat

Don't let the well dry up

Nathan Adams



tery) through conscious communication between your mind, body and spirit and promote a mastery of your inner self. So enjoy one another, laugh often and accept what is not in your control!

Someone you need to forgive to move forward? Forgive him or her! Don't play the blame game - accept responsibility! Exhibit enthusiasm! Bring pleasure to yourself and others as you realize life is good living if your heart is in to it!

I leave you with part of the speech provided by Jimmy Valvano as he was battling with cancer at the annual ESPN ESPY Awards in 1993. Each year I hear this I rewind and listen to this inspirational speech 20 - 25 times. It provides me with the inspiration and motivation to remain humble no matter how blessed I know I am. "...When people say to me how do you get through life or each day, it's the same thing. To me, there are three things we all should do every day. We should do this every day of our lives. Number one is laugh. You should laugh every day. Number two is think. You should spend some time in thought. Number three is, you should have your emotions moved to tears, could be happiness or joy. But think about it. If you laugh, you think, and you cry, that's a full day. That's a heck of a day. You do that seven days a week, you're going to have something special..."

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Rope wars

Wayne Memorial High School Senior Taylor LeBlanc helped Bill Brooks officiate the tug-o-war competition at The Coming Home pep assembly. Congratulations Hayden Derr, the 2010 Coming Home King.

NEWS BRIEFS

Shooting ruled self defense

The investigation of the fatal shooting of 20-year-old Andrew Turner of Wayne is complete. He was shot multiple times inside a home on Niagara Street in the early morning of Jan. 19 and transported to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital where he died. Police arrested a male living in the home and the case was presented to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office where charges were denied. The shooting was ruled self-defense.

Fish Fry

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne, 3 Town Square, will host a Fish Fry from 4-7 p.m. each Friday beginning Feb. 12 through Good Friday. The cost is \$8 and the menu includes baked or fried fish, french fries or baked potato, Cole slaw, roll and beverage. Kid's meals will also be available. The Women's Group will sell fresh pie. The money raised will help needy families during the holiday season.

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The Harold and Pat Bower Scholarship was established to assist students in furthering an education in the Arts and Humanities including, but not limited to, art, dance, theatre, visual, vocal, instrumental, cinematography, photography, and writing.

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\$500.00-\$1,000.00 Harold and Pat Bower Scholarship is awarded to the selected student of the Wayne Westland Community School District meeting the eligible criteria determined by the City of Wayne Recreation Foundation.

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Wayne Recreation Foundation.

Applications and criteria are available at the Wayne Community Center, Wayne Memorial High School or online at www.ci.wayne.mi.us. Applications must be submitted by March 31, 2010.

CITY OF WAYNE 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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Firefighters respond to Parklane Motel fire

By Erica Perdue

At 12:33 Sunday morning the Wayne Fire Department received a 911 call that the Parklane Motel on Michigan Ave. was on fire. There were five firefighters on duty that night, but two had just left on an EMS rescue call.

En route to the motel they received a call that there was a person trapped inside the building. Captain Reeves said as he approached the scene he saw heavy smoke drifting across Michigan Ave. He then activated automatic mutual aid, a system used by Wayne, Westland, Inkster and Garden City fire departments to help each other.

The occupant was out safely when they arrived. Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal Shawn Bell said, "Captain Reeves and Firefighter Jeremy Tima each armed with a hose line made an aggressive attack onto the fire and fought back the flames. They were able to knock down the fire and kept it contained mostly to one unit although other units did sustain fire and smoke damage."

According to Fire Chief Mel Moore, one person was injured due to slipping and falling, no fire burns. Two units and a utility room were damaged and occupants were moved to a different building. The cause is undetermined but is being investigated. The motel is still open and renting out the other rooms.

Bell said, "It was only through the aggressive actions of the City of Wayne Fire Department's highly trained firefighters that a bad situation 'going in short handed' was kept from getting worse."



The Wayne Fire Department battles the fire at Parklane Motel. Photo by Richard Story

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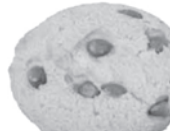
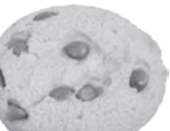
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NEWS BRIEFS

School Board seat

The Wayne Westland Community Schools Board of Education will have an opening for a four year school board position beginning July 1, 2010 and expiring June 30, 2014. There will be an election on May 4 to fill this position. The filing deadline for interested candidates is 4:00 p.m. on Feb. 9. Filing for the School Board position can be done through either the City of Westland or Wayne City Clerk's Office.

Tax assistance for seniors

Free tax services are available for Senior citizens, people with disabilities or those with incomes lower than \$20,000 every Wednesday until April 14. Income taxes will be prepared and e-filed by AARP volunteers. You must have an appointment. Please call the Senior Services Office at 721-7460 or stop by our office located in the Community Center. Preparations are done at the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center (former Senior Activity Center) located at Sims and Wayne Road.

Youth Theater

The Stage IV Youth Theater will present "Disney's Cinderella Kids" on May 21-23. Registration is ongoing for kids ages 8-18. The cost is \$140 for residents and \$165 for non-residents. Class starts on Feb. 20. Registration is available online at www.ci.wayne.mi.us/parks_recreations_dept.shtml.

Jazz off the weight

The Jazzercise program at the Wayne Community Center is offering "Jazz It Off" now through April 24. In addition to Jazzercise classes, participants will have weekly weigh-ins and body composition testing. Prizes will be awarded. The cost is \$30 per customer. For more info visit www.jazzercise.com or call 800-FIT-IS-IT.

American Cancer Society

Relay for Life of Westland Kickoff party

The Relay for Life of Westland will host their kickoff party from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Feb. 23 at the Wayne Community Center. All are welcome. Come join in the fun and learn about the relay and how you can fight back against cancer. The Relay for Life will be May 22-23 at JayCee Gagnon Park in Westland. For more information please visit www.relayforlife.org/westlandmi or contact Sarah Sherwood at 248-663-3404 or sarah.sherwood@cancer.org.

Be Counted in Census 2010

Every person matters. The U.S. Census Bureau was created in 1902 to count everyone living in the United States. The census is conducted every 10 years. Census questionnaires will be mailed out in March. Census 2010 has 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. It asks for key demographic information including: whether a housing unit is rented or owned; address of the residence; names, genders, ages and races of people living in the household.

It is important for all residents to complete and return their Census questionnaire because every year the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data. The data helps to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing developments and other community facilities. It also determines the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Please be on the look out for your Census questionnaire in the mail. Census workers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person. For more census information, please visit www.2010census.gov.



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Looking for readers, painters and warm wishes

Each December for three years, volunteers from St John's Lutheran Church have collected gift items for their "Veteran's Project." Chairperson, Kendra Shaffer, a teacher at St John's School, along with parents, Tracey Bunde and Carla Stobb garnered donations of money and gift items from Meijer, Wal-Mart, K-Mart and Kohls. Items such as pajamas, undergarments, gloves, puzzles and toiletries were gathered for the veterans.

Members of the church sort the items and students from the 5th through 8th grades wrap the gifts. They also wrap gift boxes for the homeless.

When all is gathered, sorted and Christmas wrapped, the gifts are taken to the Veteran's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Then all the volunteers sing carols. This year because of the H1N1 flu scare, no one under 16 was allowed at the hospital, much to the disappointment of the students. Coming to the rescue...Lois Press, St. John's Choir Director and organist, who took the choir to the hospital for Christmas caroling.

School Principal, Lori Bartholomew, tells me the gift items filled a large box truck lent by G & K Floor Covering. She also is proud of her students who work so hard for the "Veteran's Project", that one year they gave up their own Christmas party to wrap and package gifts.

Congratulations to Bridget and Tom Kelly. They're celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. We wish them every happiness on this joyous occasion.

Longtime Senior Center em-

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



ployee, Bonita Wojewski, has retired. After 20 years she'll now have more time to spend with her grandchildren and her husband, Ron. He's a retiree from GM's Hydromatic plant. The Senior Center staff: Nancy Wojewski and Luci Sanford, and now Cathy Broge, miss the helping hand of Bonita W. (among many other things she planned and was the driver for the monthly van trips to restaurants). They are adjusting to their new digs at the Community Center. Although there is some to-ing and fro-ing, for the most part all the programs are still held at the old Senior Center on Sims.

The Golden Hour club was in session on the day I popped in. So very nice to get hugs from Simonne Lada and Ellen Snell, and talk to the Center's own Bob Smith. He wants my boss to know "he loves the Wayne Dispatch." So John Rhaesa, the message is delivered.

The Senior Center is looking for budding artists. They offer two classes. One is a basic drawing class. It's a 6 week course at \$35.00 and meets on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:00 pm.

The other art class will be watercolor painting. Taught by Garden Club President, Christine Blinn, who says "everyone needs a creative outlet." She'll teach fun techniques for watercolors; which paper, paints and

brushes to use and will have materials on hand. You don't need to draw because Christine will show you how to transfer pictures. In her words "painting is 10% talent and 90% practice." The course is 6 weeks for \$30.00. Experience your inner Van Gogh and sign up for an Art Class. 721-7460.

Our Ladies' Literary Club met at Darlene Hawley's home in January. They reviewed and discussed "Sarah's Key". The round-up of Jewish women and children in France, during World War II was the book's subject. On hand: Sandy Putnam, Dottie LeSuer, Emily Brock, Judy

Howton, Carol Bloomfield, Carol Cockrum, Sue Damitio, Jane Elery, the 3 Hawley ladies...Liz, Sue and Darlene, Cindy Kelly, Kathey Koveski, Betty Livingston, Elaine Pittman, Phyllis Stein, Louise Steinhower, Jan Teague, Bev Woodard and Karen Lee. Three guests were also present; Judy Nutt, Marge Bergman, and Wanda Boice. To honor Sarah, the heroine of the book, the refreshment committee (Liz Hawley, Carol Cockrum Sue Damitio, Sue Hawley, and Dottie Le Suer) served a variety of French pastries, decorated the 'goodies' table with fleur de lis, and a small Eiffel Tower.



Wayne residents needed a little help to dig their way out of the snow storm of 1965. Photo Courtesy of The Wayne Historical Museum

The winter of 1965

The snowstorm of 1965 shut down not only the City of Wayne but most of Southeast Michigan. Over 18 inches of snow fell overnight and left many residents stranded on the streets and in their homes. An 11-inch snowfall on Feb. 25, 1965, cost the area an estimated \$70 million in damage, 21 deaths from heart attacks attributed to the snow and six traffic deaths.

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