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Inside





Troops helping troops

Girl Scout Troop #21266 would like to thank the people who bought over 100 boxes of cookies from them to be donated to soldiers stationed overseas. The cookies will be sent to the soldiers previously featured in The Wayne Dispatch. In the photo are: (l-r) Sabrina, Megan, Amanda, Samantha and (Valery not pictured). Photo by Natalie Rhaesa Wayne Dispatch

The Wayne Dispatch is proud to present...

PATRIOT of the Month

By Erica Perdue

William (Bill) C. Danic III is on his first tour in Afghanistan with the United States Marine Corps. His parents, William and Michele, have lived in Wayne for over 25 years. Bill attended Franklin Middle School and graduated in 1998 from Wayne Memorial High School where he played baseball. Both of his sisters, Kammie and Tracy, also graduated from Wayne High. Bill joined the USMC in 2005. A year later he married Lacy Knorp. Bill's tour has just recently started and is to last 12 months. Any items that could be sent to him would be helpful! Thank you City of Wayne for supporting your neighbors who are dedicating their lives to helping us all live better lives!

Some things that Bill has asked for include:

- Hand Sanitizer (small travel sizes for shipping purposes!)
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- Cheetos
- Candy: Sour Patch Kids, Reeses
- Honey roasted or mixed nuts and cashews
- Beef jerky
- Magazines, cards and other activities

Bill's address is:
CPL DANIC, WILLIAM C (USMC)
JTF 435
HHC 16th MP BDE ABN
APO AE 09354

★ WILLIAM C. DANIC III ★

We are still looking for military members to support! If you have contact information for a local patriot overseas, please contact the Wayne Dispatch!
Editor's note: The Patriot of the Month column is looking for service men and women from Wayne or with family in Wayne in any branch of the armed forces who are currently stationed overseas. If you know someone who could use some support from home, please email: Erica@the-waynedispatch.com or call 734-641-6550.

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Library serves community since 1923

By Jenny Johnson

Where can you go to get the latest research, check your e-mail, search for a job, find a book on your child's accelerated reader list, get a hand-writing analysis, pick up tax forms and check out the latest best seller-- all for free? The Wayne Public Library. This full service facility has been a part of the Wayne Community for more than 80 years.

"We are at the center of the City. The library has been a mainstay from the get go and we offer everyone access," said Paulette Medvecky, Library Director.

It began in 1923 at the back of Morrison and John's Shoe Store on Michigan Avenue when Miss Emma John brought her personal collection of books to her father's shoe store and loaned them to people. Ida Doletsky was her library assistant. By the end of the third day, 65 people registered for library cards. From 1927 to 1930 the library was located on Newberry Street and between 1930 and 1957 it moved to Washington Street and Monroe Street- now Wayne Road- between Michigan Avenue and Park Street.

In 1957 the Wayne Westland Public Library opened at the corner of Wayne Road and Sims. The library was part of the Wayne County Library system and served residents of Wayne and Westland until the 1990s when State Senator William Faust was able to get funding from the state for both cities to have their own library. Library Board President Ed Marman said Wayne received \$600,000 to fund the Wayne Public Library.

The Wayne Public Library opened in June 1996 at their current location at 3737 S. Wayne Road. All library policies, budget decisions and programming are overseen by a five member library board. They are: Ed Marman, Nancy Chiasson, Dee Ryan, Don Toms and Carol Weyand. During last year's budget process, the Library board suggested the library close two days a week and reduce the number of full time staff members. Even with reduced hours, circulation and visitation of the library has increased this year.

"We give people access to stuff they wouldn't



This is the circulation desk of the library in 1957 when it was located on corner of Wayne Road and Sims.

normally have and more," said Marman. "We are not loaning people books or cds. We're giving information and education."

Library Director Paulette Medvecky oversees the operation of the library. She has been the director since 2006. Prior to that she was the youth services librarian. She has worked for the Wayne Public Library since 1996. She said today the library is busier than ever. Marman contributes the success of the library to Paulette and her dedicated staff. Ed said a library director today has to know about more than just cataloging books. You have to know about maintenance issues, budget, staff management and customer service.

"The library has to be run as a business," said Marman.

Medvecky said even with the library closed two days a week, circulation has increased. She also said internet usage has gone through the roof recently. People are looking for jobs online or can no longer afford to pay for internet access so they come to the library to catch up on their e-mails, pay bills and do research. The library also has free Wi-Fi so guests can bring their own computers and access the internet.

Marman said "(The library) is the only city agency that is free. We supply information in all

forms to the public."

"Especially now, the library serves as an important source for anyone doing a job search," said Dee Ryan, library board member.

There are a variety of services available at the library. Anyone with a library card can check out books, magazines, cds, DVDs, videos and books on tape. In addition you can use the library's computers with free internet access. Library card holders also benefit from the library being a part of The Library Network Cooperative and the Michigan Electronic Library or MEL. The Library Network is a cooperative effort that serves 65 communities in southeast Michigan. It is a shared automated card catalog that helps offer library patrons a larger selection of materials. MEL is a link to a variety of resources. It gives you access to genealogy, newspapers, magazines, tax forms and much more.

"Wayne was one of the first libraries to be a part of MEL," said Medvecky. Patrons can borrow from any library in the state who participate in the program and the material will be sent to the Wayne Public Library for them to borrow.

The Wayne Public Library also participates in the Museum Adventure Passes program. This program provides libraries with free passes to local museums like the Automotive Hall of Fame, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History or Botanical Gardens, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Cranbrook Institute of Science and the Ford Rouge Factory Tour. Library patrons can check out the passes at the library and get free admission for either two or four guests.

"We are here to provide informational, educational and recreational opportunities, materials and activities for the citizens of Wayne," Medvecky said.

The library couldn't provide service and information for as many people as they do without a lot of help.

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GET THE FACTS!

INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION ON PROPOSALS 1 & 2

April 8th - Wayne Public Library at 7 p.m.
April 12th - Wayne Community Center at 7 p.m.
April 21st - Wayne Banquet and Activity Center at 7 p.m.

For more information go to www.supportwayne.com

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Tough times don't last, but tough people do

Whether I attend the Wayne City Council meetings in person, or watch them from the comfort of my home, I am glad that I live in a country where the people can freely voice their opinions, both good and bad, to their elected leaders without fear of retaliation, reprisal or humiliation. It's also refreshing that although some of the discussions can, on occasion, become rather heated, at the end of the meeting everyone usually has a kind word for their sparring partner, shakes their hand and wishes them well. And as our City Council struggles with some very tough and sometimes gut wrenching decisions regarding the current budget shortfall, I am glad that I am not in their shoes.

And while I applaud the efforts of those who have taken the time to voice their concerns, I just don't understand the point of debating the

On the Bright Side

Hal Hultman



merits of the purchase of the new aerial ladder truck that is already in service. Perhaps the time to raise those concerns was back in 2006 when the purchase of the new truck was openly discussed in a public forum before the approval to purchase it was made. Funny, but I don't recall any objections being made at that time. I guess we were all fat and happy then, but now the economy has changed and many people have become experts in city management. And although this open forum at the Council meetings isn't

limited to negative criticisms only, I haven't heard many positive solutions offered. Where did all the experts suddenly go?

However, having said that, if you do find yourself seated in the Council Chambers and suddenly you get a thought bubble that pops into your head because you now have this insatiable desire to know just how many street signs there are in the City, perhaps you could ask yourself if perhaps this couldn't wait until normal business hours during the work week. A simple phone call to City Hall is all it takes to get the answer to your probing question.

I want to go on record to say that I will vote in favor of the upcoming millage increase. It's not because I want my taxes to increase. It's because I don't want my City to become the next Highland Park. If you are dismayed by the recent drop in your

current SEV, imagine how it will plummet even further if the City fails to secure this added revenue and more services are cut. I liken it to any homeowner that has ever had to replace a furnace unexpectedly in the middle of the winter. While it's not an expense that you want or planned for, it's an expense that you can't afford to ignore. The current City Council and City administration is not responsible for the idling of the Ford plant, the drop in home values or the drastic reductions in the State Revenue Sharing. They are however, the people that have to deal with the mess. And unlike the Federal government, State law mandates that the City have a balanced budget. It comes down to simple math. Your home is your biggest asset. Protect your investment by voting for the proposed millage increase.

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LETTER

Councilman asks for support for community

Dear Editor,

I am writing to everyone in Wayne in support of both the Millage Proposals 1 & 2 on the May 4th Ballot.

It is important to retain as much of our city services as we can. We have a choice, as tax paying citizens, on how much we want to pay for our city services.

Please review the literature and attend presentations before the Millage vote on May 4th.

Wayne City employees have consistently provided the best service to us. I think it is money well spent to vote yes for Proposals 1 & 2 and support them.

As your representative on the Wayne City Council, I was very reluctant to even consider raising the millage. But the significant cutbacks and the continuing consolidation, cost saving/sharing programs, contract negotiations and other means to reduce expenditures were not enough.

The nearly 1/3 loss of revenue to Wayne would require cuts too deep to our city services. Millage Proposals 1 & 2 became necessary.

Our City Employees will continue to be the best professional public servants that I know. Let's give them the Yes Vote on Proposals 1 & 2 they deserve.

Thank You,
Albert M. Damitio
Wayne City Councilman

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"We have a great staff, a dedicated staff," said Paulette.

"They are dedicated to the library," adds Marman.

They also have some help from volunteers. The Friends of the Library supports and encourages use of the library and plans special events during the year. The Friends of the Library was organized in 1988. They hold two fundraisers a year and once a month they sponsor a variety of programs, activities and guest speakers.

Diamond of the Community winner Phyllis Stein is a Friend of the Library. She volunteers once a week at the library. She helps prepare new books to be put on the shelves.

"I love it here," Stein said.

The Friends sponsored the recent Motawi Tile project. There were over 80 adults who got to make a personalized motawi tile.

"It was great to see adults be creative and play," Medvecky said.

Funding for the library comes from a variety of sources. The taxpayers support the library with .99 mill. They also receive some state aid funding and county penal fines from the state as well as DDA and general funds from the City.

Whether you are a teen looking to prepare for an upcoming test or explore possible careers, a parent looking for a quality children's program, a job seeker in need of internet access or you need a quiet place with wireless high speed internet access, the Wayne Public Library has something to offer you. They have children's programs that include storytime and lapsit for chil-



The library's first location in 1923 was at the back of this shoe store. Photo Courtesy of The Wayne Historical Museum

dren 18 months through preschool. The summer reading program is a very popular program for school aged children. There are a variety of books, magazines, cds, DVDs, books on tapes, videos computer games and research material available on the shelves or online. They even have a meeting room available to rent for groups as large as 120 people. You can even request books online and the library will e-mail you when they are ready.

"We are the pulse of the community for everybody--teens, kids, moms, we are here for all," Medvecky said.

The Wayne Public Library is located at 3737 S. Wayne Road. Hours are Tues-Thurs 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit them at www.waynelib.mi.us. Don't miss the Diary of a Wimpy Kid Party at 7 p.m. on April 22. There will be Wimpy Kid games, trivia and prizes. To register, please call 721-7832 ext. 623.

Civitans happy to help

By Jenny Johnson

The Wayne Civitans have a long tradition of community service. They have been champions of causes in and around Wayne for more than 50 years. They support literacy, the Wayne Westland Special Olympics, Civitan Park on Glenwood and PAWS with a Cause.

PAWS with a Cause is a Michigan based organization that has served people with disabilities nationwide for 30 years. They provide service animals and leader dogs at no expense to clients.

Erica Stark and her service dog, Cooley, visited the Wayne Civitans at their recent meeting to show them how beneficial the PAWS program has been for her. Stark has cerebral palsy. In addition to helping her with

everyday tasks like opening doors, retrieving dropped items and pulling her wheelchair, "Cooley's job is to provide me with day to day companionship," she said.

She said sometimes it is difficult to be in social situations because the wheelchair is a deterrent. But with Cooley, people are always coming up to her and asking about the dog.

"With the dog, people come up to me more and often ask if I can train their children to behave as well as my dog does," she said. Erica said she is grateful for Cooley who is a physical and social aid to her.

The Civitans also offer scholarships to high school students, and sponsor the Good Kids, Good Citizens award that recognizes students who have done a good deed for someone else. This year the award ceremony will be at 7 p.m. on May 5 at the Library. They also provided 35 spring baskets to special education students at the Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center in Westland.

"The Mission of the Civitans is to build good citizenship in the communities we serve with a focus on helping people with developmental disabilities. I feel we provide this service with our activities with Special Olympics, Literacy, our Adopt A School and the Good Kids, Good Citizens program," said Marsha Sienko, President, Wayne Civitans.

The Wayne Civitans is proud to have a Junior Civitan club too. Made up of middle and high school students, it is designed to help teach leadership skills and community re-



Erica Stark and Cooley were happy to visit the Wayne Civitans and demonstrate how Cooley helps Erica with everyday tasks.

sponsibilities. They meet twice a month and help with service projects and educational programs. This is just one more way that the Civitans positively affect their community.

To help support their different charitable causes the Civitans have hosted a variety of fundraisers. They include selling fruitcakes, entertainment books, chicken barbeque and hosting Casino nights and Texas Hold 'Em tournaments. But their biggest fundraiser of the year is the annual Grand Giveaway. This year will be the 25th anniversary of the Grand Giveaway at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 23, at the Wayne Community Center. Tickets are \$200 and only 100 will be sold. Each ticket will admit two people for dinner, drinks and the opportunity to win

\$7500 in a reverse raffle. A limited amount of tickets are still available.

"The money raised from the Grand Giveaway has been used in the community like the pavilion at Civitan park and the annual picnic the club hosts there every July for neighbors," said Debbie Farmer.

The Civitans stay busy year round with opportunities to make a difference in people's lives. "I love it. It's fun," said Lois Korpalski one of the newest members of the Civitans. They currently have 23 members but are always looking for more.

April is Civitan Awareness Month. If you would like to learn more about the Civitans, Junior Civitans or get tickets for the Grand Giveaway, please call 734-722-0160 or email rachellasard@wowway.com.



The Civitans packed coloring books, crayons, bubbles, stuffed animals and more in the spring baskets that they donated for pre school children.

They're talking about layoffs at work, slowdowns in the economy, flare-ups in the Middle East, downturns in the housing market, upswings in global warming. Fear, it seems, has moved into our homes and set up shop. But what if faith, not fear, was our default reaction to the difficulties in life? Imagine a day when you could trust more and fear less. Join us at lifechurch as we explore the secret to a fearless life.

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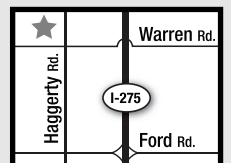
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Sharing the gift of reading

In celebration of Reading Month, State Representative Marc Corriveau visited students at Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School to share one of his favorite stories. Photo by the Wayne Dispatch

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Friends and colleagues remember Tom Kelly

By Jenny Johnson

The City of Wayne lost a dear friend. Tom Kelly, former City Councilman and State Representative passed away on March 24. Tom was born May 27, 1935 in Bronx, New York. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Bridget, four children, Thomas, Patrick, Michael, Kevin and five grandchildren.

Before he got involved in politics he was in the US Air Force and in the Korean War. He also worked as an accountant, Greyhound bus driver and teacher in the Wayne Westland School District.

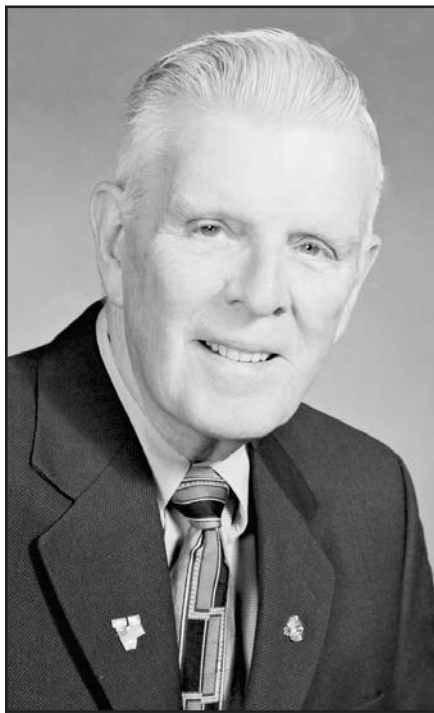
Bill Hawley first met Tom when both were working in the school district. Tom was at John Glenn and Bill was at Wayne Memorial. Bill taught Tom's sons and "we would talk about what terrific kids he has. I got to know him and Bridget pretty well," Hawley said.

"He is going to be really missed by an awful lot of people. He was such an interesting person and touched so many lives with the school, city and state. What always impressed me is that he always had time for everybody and he really cared about the people in the City of Wayne and loved his family. He was a terrific, terrific man," Hawley said.

Ed Marman first met Tom in 1973 when both were librarians for the Wayne Westland School District. They became friends. "I watched their kids grow up. He and the family have been really close friends to me," he said. The two also worked together to bring Wayne its own library.

"Our new library is mostly because of him and his efforts both with the county and with the City. It's a tribute to Tom. Not only in the City but as a state representative he became the voice of libraries," Marman said.

"Tom was a true library advocate. He would remain abreast of issues and politicians who voiced negative opinions about libraries. He knew the importance of good library service to the community and the importance of good media centers for children in the schools. Tom the Irishman with the New York accent will be truly missed," said Paulette Medvecky, Director of Library Services.



Tom Kelly

The Kellys moved to Wayne in 1972. They began making friends almost immediately.

"Tom Kelly was a very good friend from the time that he knocked on our door when he was first campaigning in Wayne. We liked him then and always respected him and his opinions. Even though we didn't always agree, we were on the same page most of the time," said Pam Dobrowolski, Councilwoman.

"He was very close to my daughters and is the one that encouraged my oldest, Michelle, to finish college and venture out. Travel and explore life while she is young. Well, his advice was taken to heart and she moved out of the state and never moved back, the others followed, all but one is still out of Michigan. Tania, our third child, worked for him in Lansing while she was finishing her degree at MSU. He gave her his old Pinto station wagon to get around town. She held it together with bumper stickers. It barely made it up to Lansing but she drove it until it died and she provided him with pictures of them towing it away. She wanted to go to Tufts University in Massachusetts for her Masters but didn't think she would get in. He helped her apply and then helped her get a scholarship. He holds a very special place in her heart and with all of our girls,"

she said.

Tom was always ready to help others and to have a good time too.

"One night at a Goodfellows fundraiser at Jake's we talked Tom into raising extra money for the event by dancing on a table top. He did it and earned quite a bit of extra dollars. A Guinness or two might have given him the extra courage. Tom was a very special person and we miss him already," said Pam and Tom Dobrowolski.

"In 1982 there was an appointment for one year to fill the vacant seat on the Wayne City Council. At that time Ed Rowe, Al Damitio, Bev Campbell and Tom Kelly all applied for the appointment and Tom was selected. The other three never knew who this lanky Irish school teacher was, it was then that Ed gave Tom the nickname of "Kelly Who". Ed served with Tom on the City Council from 1983-91. Twenty five years of friendship and now I served with him for the past six years. He will be missed by both of us, but will be remembered with fond memories as a friend and colleague. He lived life to the fullest," said Ed and Susan Rowe.

In 1983 Tom ran for political office for the first time and was elected to the City Council. He served on City Council from January 1983 to November 1994. He was elected to council four times before he decided to seek the State Representative seat for the 17th District in 1994. He was elected and served from 1995 to 2001. In 2001 he was once again elected to Wayne City Council and served until November 2009.

While on City Council, he served as liaison to the Wayne Library Board and as the City's delegate to the Nankin Transit Commission. He also served on City Council's Investment Review Policy Committee and on its Ethics Policy Committee.

"He was the kind of person that, in very few words, could convey exactly where he stood. He was always for the underdog and on more than one occasion, during his many years on the City Council, I enjoyed watching him persuade his fellow Council members not to hold a City Council meeting on St. Patrick's Day, because 'it wouldn't be right,'" said John Zech, City Manager.

Tom has also worked as a legislative aid for past Wayne County Commissioners Bryann Amann and John Sullivan and current Commissioner Kevin McNamara.

"Tom Kelly is an inspiration to all, young and old. His spirit of giving and supporting the community is unbelievable. His love for his wife was so evident, you always saw them together. Tom was very humble in his service to the community. In his final weeks of City Council he told me he was just a kid from the Bronx, when he started his service. He would have never thought it would last as long as it has. Tom will be missed by all who knew him. My sympathies go out to all his family," Jim Henley, Councilman.

He always made time to help as many people as he could with causes that were important to them.

"Tom wouldn't hesitate to offer his help in any situation that he thought he could be of use. Years ago I was putting together a support group here in Wayne for parents of foster and adopted children. When I asked for Tom's, he came without a second thought and always allowed me the privilege to know that any help I needed was only a phone call away," said Nancy Lambert.

"One of my favorite stories about Tom was when Mike O'Sullivan, another one of Wayne's fine Irishmen, was in the hospital. Tom went to visit Mike and knew that the end was near for his dear, fellow countryman. Mike had stopped drinking years earlier but had the taste for a glass of Guinness. Of course, Tom obliged and was able to sneak in one last beer for his friend. As Tom re-told the story to me about the two of them sitting there in Mike's hospital room raising a pint together I smiled and commented, 'That must have been one of the best Guinness that Mike ever drank'. Tom looked at me with a twinkle in his eye and replied, 'Matt, I thought he was going to eat the glass!'

There is an Irish Pub in heaven with a sign out front that reads "Welcome Home Tom!" and I'm sure a few pints of Guinness are being shared among old friends. Until we meet again Tom, may God hold you in the palm of his hand," said Mathew P. Mulholland, Councilman.

Then and now

This year marks the 48th anniversary of the City of Wayne Fire Department. In 1962, the City of Wayne separated from the Nankin Township Fire Department, a combination of Wayne - Westland, and formed The City of Wayne Fire Department. In 1962 the Fire Department employed 20 full time firefighters providing basic fire response and providing basic first aid. Today the modern Fire Department is a leaner highly trained, more efficiently operated department that responded to over 2,600 calls in 2009 with the same amount of man power as the department had in 1962.

The Fire Department of today is an all hazard response fire department. For example, if a person is harming an individual, people will call the police department to solve the problem. If a (THING) is harming a person, people call the Fire Department. That (THING) can be anything from the aftermath of a tornado to a windblown power line, a medical emergency or an odor in their basement. When something happens and people don't know what to do, they call the Fire Department for help in resolving their problem.

There are many other noticeable differences in today's Fire Department compared to nearly fifty years ago. Today, Wayne Firefighters are highly educated, trained professionals. Your firefighters are cross trained as paramedics providing advanced life support medical service. Essentially they bring the emergency room to your living room. They can provide vital life saving medications along with performing state of the art medical procedures. On the fire-fighting side, things are very different than in 1962. Today your firefighters are faced with many new challenges, instead of the common combustibles being cotton and wool, new synthet-

Fire House News

Shawn Bell



ics materials and plastics contribute to hotter faster growing fires along with the production of highly toxic gas making fire fighting more dangerous than in the past.

Basically today's firefighter must be a jack of all trades. Your Wayne Firefighters are also teachers. Over 2,000 adults and children learn some form of fire education from the department each year.

To celebrate the 48th Anniversary of the department, The Fire Department will host a Citizen Fire Academy on April 16-18th. This Academy is designed for adults to learn more about how the Fire Department in their community is organized and operates. The Academy will provide an interactive form for both the Fire Department and the citizens. Through the academy, the Fire Department hopes to better inform the residence and business owners of the City as to the purpose and inner workings of the Fire Department and discover what diverse services it offers our community. Participants will be exposed to real life, hands on use of Fire Department tools and equipment, fire ground tactic and techniques. They will participate in live fire training exercises, use of vehicle extrication tool and the actual landing of a medical helicopter.

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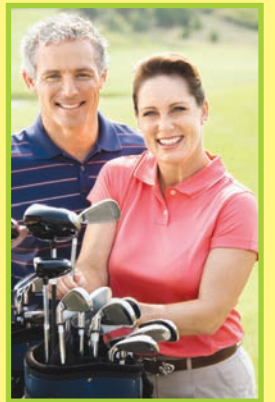
Tickets on Sale
April 12th at the
Wayne Community Center

Open Skating ends April 19th

(Canceled 4/4, 4/18 Drop in Hockey ends May 27th Canceled 4/4, 4/18, 4/28, 4/29, 5/1, 5/2 and 5/3) **\$6** Pre-sold/ **\$7** after April 30th

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Wayne Youth Services is offering a new Group for Girls Program - young ladies in the group will learn: Leadership skills-assertiveness training, new ways to interpret media, ways to overcome stereotypes, healthy relationships, increasing self-esteem, conflict resolution, and communication skills. Young ladies in the program will be invited to: movie nights - craft nights- service learning projects - guest speakers, field trips and have fun! **Thursdays starting May 20th from 3:30 - 5:30pm.** Call Erin or Jana at 721-7004 for information and/or to register.

WAYNE SENIOR SERVICES

Office Hours 10am-5pm at the Wayne Community Center (734)721-7460

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WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY SENIOR OLYMPICS

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Tues. - 5/4: Holland and Saugatuck featuring Tulip Festival and Star of Saugatuck Boat Cruise
Mon. - 5/10: Mystery Tour
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Time flies

Seems like only yesterday doesn't it? But it's been fifty years. In 1960 the graduating class of Wayne Memorial High School went out into the world. Now they're returning to celebrate. Their event filled weekend begins May 14. That's when the All Class Reunion at the Wayne Tree Manor will honor the 1960 grads. On May 15, the Class of '60 will gather at Fellows Creek Golf Club. The social hour begins at noon. Lunch is at 1:00 pm, with a program to follow.

The reunion committee has planned an enjoyable weekend...a golf outing, visit to the City of Wayne Library, Historical Museum, Wayne State Theater and History Mural.

The tour will be conducted by City Planner, Matt Miller. Special on the places they'll visit...the recently renovated Wayne Memorial High School. Mary (Margie) Perry Tomala of the reunion committee says "you wouldn't recognize it."

Working along with Ms. Tomala on reunion plans are: Judy Leatherman Howton, Sallie Jacobs Jaworski, Chuck Docusen, Larry Lewis, Rick Boudreau, Pam Zimmerman Farrell, Muriel Coole Waldschmidt, John (Charlie) Felan, Ted Martin, Judy Bogotta Steinhauer, Kathy Jordan Ozog and Beverly Mende Campbell.

Memories...Sallie Jacobs Jaworski's remembers attending Washington, Roosevelt, Westside Jr. High and then Wayne Memorial. Her shopping trips were at Gladstone's Shoes, where you could see the skeleton of your foot in the x-ray machine and of course Mulholland's for clothes. Sallie along with many others, remembers Willy's...a candy store with a soda fountain, a must stop on the way home from school.

Beverly Campbell met a boy she really liked. That was in 1958. Her locker was on the first floor - his on the third. Each day she hurried up the stairs just so she could pass him and say "hi." Years later Bev and 'that boy' whose name is Jim celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary. Beverly Campbell has been on the City Festival Committee for 15 years and a tireless worker for the Goodfellows and Civitans since 1979.

Judy Howton has a wealth of

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



memories. She lived on Biddle St. and took part in the legendary Newberry-Biddle St. parades, remembers Nankin Bowling Alley, Zuckerman's 5 & 10 Cents store, which we now know as Leo's, and Collins 5 & 10 Cents store, where she worked for just one day because the owner made her so nervous. The "Y" Canteen was a social center as was the First Congregational Church. Penny Britton, the pastor's daughter, hosted many sleepovers. She also remembers day camp at Dynamite Park where they did crafts and in the evening had a vesper service. Judy, as well as many of her girlfriends, worked at Northside Pharmacy. Nowadays, Judy keeps busy babysitting her twin grandchildren and being very involved in the Garden Club and Ladies' Literary Club.

John (Charlie) Felan shared some of his memories with me. He remembers Lazar's and setting pins at the Nankin Bowling Alley, plus working at Mulholland's. Other memories are the Wayne Drive-In, the Dairy Queen and visits to Northside Pharmacy...because that's where all the girls worked. He also recalls, perhaps not so fondly, the flats at Wayne High...where the boys settled their grievances. Mr. Felan retired from Ford Motor Co. and his mom and dad are enshrined on the Wayne mural.

Margie Tomala and Muriel Waldschmidt both live in Wayne. Margie is a floral designer at Garden Fantasy and coordinates the AARP tax assistance program for Wayne. Any grad who might have been missed please contact Margie at mtomala@wowway.com. One person she's thrilled to know is coming...Donald Douglass, a teacher and their class sponsor.

Recently Wayne-Westland teachers of the Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority (Beta Sigma Chapter) conducted a most generous project. They filled



Congratulations to the newest Eagle Scouts from Troop 1736 left to right: Steven Jeffrey Leitner, Jalen Thomas Manning, Anthony John Czarniowski and David Horst Kautz.

150 canvas tote bags with comfort items. Cancer patients undergoing chemo infusion at Oakwood-Annapolis Hospital were the recipients. In the bags were lap size blankets, lotion, scarves for women, caps for men, booties, gum, antibacterial hand sanitizer, reusable water or juice bottles and note cards. Schoolchildren from all the elementary schools made cheery cards for the patients and the Stevenson Honor Society filled boxes with gifts for the hospital.

Celine McQueen is the President of the teaching sorority. For this project the three chairpersons were: Shawn Cornelissen, Pam Figi, and Annmarie Kay Gantchar. Working to make the project a success were: Clare Maloney, Cheryl McConnell, Tracey Cosgrove, Brenda Olivaries, Ruth Ann Petres and many other teachers. After the final bag was filled, Chaplain Linda Willman said a prayer for the swift recovery of the patients.

The Career-Tech Dept. made the tote bags...each emblazoned with the initials of the sorority ADK...WE

CARE. An Oakwood-Annapolis nurse, Janie Berznay, helped the committee with the final choices for the gift bags.

Four young men were recently invested into the Eagle Scouts. They are: Steven Leitner, Anthony Czarniowski, and Jaylen Manning, all from John Glenn. Also honored was David Kautz, a graduate of Wayne Memorial. To work toward their investiture, David installed a sidewalk at the First Congregational Church, the chartering organization. Steven painted its basement walls and Anthony did landscaping. Jaylen landscaped Westland's Historical Museum. Mr. Larry Shields, who has been in scouting for 55 years, is their Scoutmaster. The handsome plaques were made by City Clerk Mary Carney and Jennifer Wagner. Councilwoman Donna McEachern presented them to the new Eagle Scouts. Congratulations to each of the four and many thanks for your hard work.

Dee@thewaynedispatch.com

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be an official Public Accuracy Test of the Election Management and Tabulation computer system to be used by the City of Wayne for the City of Wayne/Wayne Westland Schools Election to be held on May 4, 2010. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law. The test will be held at the Building and Engineering Department, 4001 South Wayne Road on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Round em' up

In honor of the annual Wayne Westland Kindergarten Round-up, I thought I would write a little about the history of the schools and show a few pictures of schools that are now gone. Early on in village life, the community felt education was important. By 1830, there were enough families living in the village known as Derby's Corner to form a school. Cornelia Hawley was hired to teach in a small loft area of the village blacksmith's shop. This was considered a private school and tuition was paid to attend. This school grew and by 1838 a log school was built at the south west corner of Main and Washington. This is where Wayne Road is located in front of the new condominiums by the Library.

As the village developed and the population grew, so did the need for larger schools. A two-room school was built in 1851 at the same location. It was a handsome wood frame building, with white clapboard siding. In 1870, the Union School was built at Main and Elizabeth. This building was an all brick, three story building. By 1909, the school was torn down and replaced with a new larger building now called Roosevelt School. This school cost \$32,000 to build and children came from as far as Flat Rock to attend the high school.

In 1924, the Village was growing in leaps and bounds and soon Roosevelt School was filled to capacity. A new high school was built in 1925 on Williams Street and Michigan Avenue. This is where the Teu-Keuk Senior Housing Apartments are located. By now, the schools were well

Rearview Mirror

Matt Miller



acclaimed and the Wayne Public School system was on its way.

Many people have fond memories of going to school at Monroe, Jackson and Washington schools. Each of these schools are now gone, here is a little bit of history on each to help us remember. Washington School was located at the northeast corner of Wayne Road and Glenwood Road but closer to Christine Street. It was built in 1929 and served the north end of the village and surrounding Nankin Township. The school faced Glenwood with a large playground to the north and west. Currently, ACO Hardware is built on the very same location. Monroe School was built in 1938 and was considered the most modern school in Wayne County. The building was located on the east side of Biddle Street between Harroun and Stellwagen. It too had a large playground that backed up to the park giving the kids a lot of room to roam. Monroe School was demolished and 26 houses were built. The subdivision is called Monroe Commons in honor of the school. Jackson School was the "youngest" school to be demolished in Wayne. It was built in the late 1940's and served the eastern portion of the Village and surround-



Washington School as it appeared in 1929-1949. Photo courtesy of the Wayne Historical Museum



Monroe School. Photo courtesy of the Wayne Historical Museum

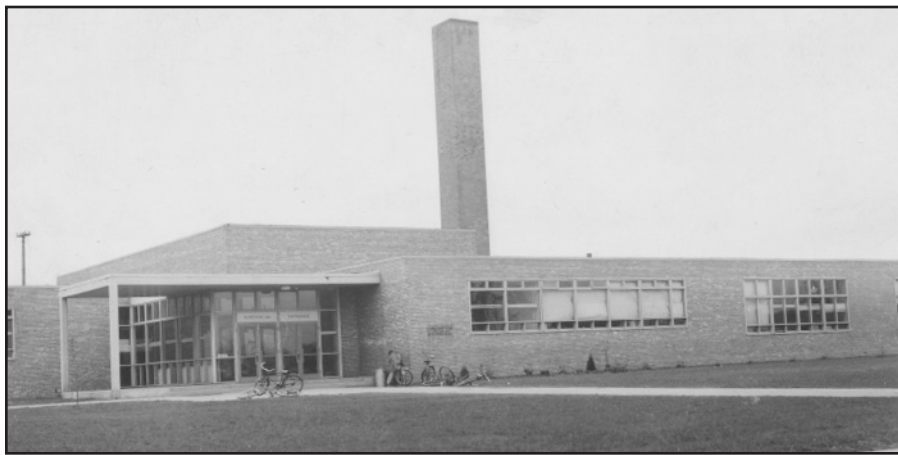
ing farms to the south. Kids from Jackson Heights, Adams Circle and Forest Park areas all walked to the school. Located on the west side of Venoy Road just north of Annapolis, it was a model school for many others in the district.

All of them are now gone, whether you call it progress or not, the schools were demolished for another purpose. Just like the economy, schools have to ebb and flow and to react to the community's surroundings. Right now, there are too many schools because there are smaller families than we had in the past. So smaller families mean less kids and not as great a need for schools. Throughout history the schools have had to change, for the most part to grow but now it is to shrink. Overall, the community supported the changes in the schools and considered these changes for the better.

Since the article is in honor of the annual round-up, the following is im-

portant information if you have a child that is getting ready to head off to school and learn (a lot of history I hope). Kindergarten Round Up is Tuesday, April 13 from 9-10 a.m. at 11 local elementary schools. They will offer full day kindergarten at all of the schools next year. This class will be the Class of 2023. To find out what school your child might attend you can go to the website www.wwcsd.net and click on the "Find my School" icon.

Learn more about Wayne's history by visiting the Wayne Historical Museum (734) 722-0113. The museum is open each Friday and Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can also join the Wayne Historical Society. The Historical Society has interesting programs about history. Contact Gloria Rowland, President of the Wayne Historical Society, at (734) 729-1277 for more information. You can also contact me at "matt@thewaynedispatch.com" with any questions or comments.



Jackson School. Photo courtesy of the Wayne Historical Museum

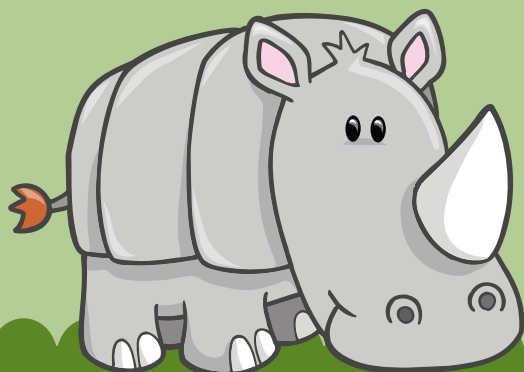


Come join us for our Kindergarten Round-up Tuesday, April 13 9 am – 10 am

Come meet our staff, explore our programs and tour our facilities. Discover how you can give your child a head start to a great future. With our award-winning curriculum, life skills program, after-school options and our state-of-the-art facilities, Wayne-Westland Community Schools provide a distinct academic advantage to help your child grow, learn and thrive! **To find a school near you, call (734) 419-2096 or log on to wwcsd.net/kindergarten-round-up.**

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City strives to erase blight

By Erica Perdue

Wayne is working to prevent blight with a program that has been around for years, and a new program that will be starting soon.

The Housing Rehabilitation Program has been around for over 10 years. The Community Development Block Grant is part of Housing and Urban Development, which provides federal money for housing rehabilitation. Wayne receives a portion of the money from Wayne County.

“The purpose of the funds is to benefit people with low income,” said Peter McInerney, Community Development Director.

Every fiscal year the amount of money given from the CDBG varies. In the 2009-2010 fiscal year the City of Wayne received \$52,170 to use for community housing rehabilitation.

McInerney referred to this as the “invisible program” because there is no advertisement.

“It speaks well for Wayne. We’re doing it for the right reasons; we’re not doing it for a campaign or a slogan. It prevents blight in the neighborhoods that impacts other properties. It helps individuals as well as strengthening the neighborhood,” McInerney said.

Since 2000, the City has assisted 93 homes with the rehabilitation program and has also performed 83 emergency rehab cases for a total of 176 homes. Items that are fixed included structural damages, plumbing, electrical, heating, roof, windows, flooding and more.

The housing rehab program isn’t the only thing Wayne is using to eliminate blight now. There is now also the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The City applied for and was granted \$540,000 to use to fix vacant homes and sell them.

The funding will be used on a total of seven houses. Four are city-owned homes that were purchased by the City through HUD for \$1 program. The other three are also city-owned homes that were acquired through the Wayne County tax reversion.

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CITY OF WAYNE

ELECTION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WAYNE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Election will be held in the City of Wayne, County of Wayne, Michigan, on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing one candidate to the Wayne-Westland Community School District Board of Education and to consider a millage renewal for the School District, a Charter Amendment and a Ballot Proposal for the City of Wayne. The Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, May 1, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving applications for absentee ballots.

All polling locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. Voting instructions are also available in alternative formats, audio and Braille, at each polling location.

The following is the Charter Amendment and proposals which shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Wayne, at the election to be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010:

PROPOSAL NO. 1

PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT

Shall Section 10.1 of the Charter of the City of Wayne, Wayne County, Michigan, be amended so as to permit the levy by the City of an additional ad valorem tax in an amount not to exceed one mill for five (5) years, commencing in 2010, for the sole purpose of paying for police and fire services?

PROPOSAL NO. 2 MILLAGE PROPOSAL

The intent of this proposal is to restore the total City operating Millage at maximum allocated rate of 15 mills authorized by the Charter of the City of Wayne and the Constitution of the State of Michigan.

Shall the City of Wayne, for the purposes of general operations, levy up to .4635 mills (\$0.4635 per thousand dollars of taxable value on all real and personal property)?

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The 15 mill has been reduced by required Millage rollbacks in recent years by .4635 mills. If approved and levied in its entirety, this additional Millage would raise an estimated \$255,000 in the first year for the City of Wayne.

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1984

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of March 11, 2010, the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Date of Local Unit	Voted Election	Years Increase IncreaseEffective	
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2009
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2011
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2005	0.25 mills	2010
Wayne County Community College	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2010
School District			
Wayne-Westland	June, 1995	18 mills	2009 (non-homestead only)
Community Schools	February, 2003	1 mill	2012
City of Wayne			
Pension Benefits	November 5, 1974	1 mill	Indefinitely
Recreational	August 2, 1994	1 mill	Indefinitely
Police Building	June 4, 2002		1 mill 2027
Roads	May 8, 2007		1 mill 2031
Signed /s/ Raymond J. Wojtowicz Wayne County Treasurer			

Each person voting in the election must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) year of age;
- (b) A registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides.

The places of voting are as follows: **Precinct 1 and 2** Wayne Activity & Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave. (formerly Wayne Senior Center)
Precinct 4 and 5 Taft-Galloway Elementary School, 4035 Gloria St.
Precinct 6 and 7 Hoover Elementary School, 5400 Fourth St.
Precinct 8 Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School, 36075 Currier St.
Precinct 6R Rudgate Club House, 7040 Shawnee Dr., Romulus (School Board Only)

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

NEWS BRIEFS

Postal services will remain in downtown area

"Reports that the post office is going to close are 100 percent incorrect," said John Zech, City Manager. While the United States Postal Service will try to sell or lease the current post office, the Wayne Post Office will continue to have a presence in downtown Wayne. They will either lease a portion of the current building or another building in the downtown area for retail services. The public will still be able to buy stamps, mail packages and have post office boxes. The postal carriers will be relocated to the Westland Post Office but will still deliver mail to Wayne residents and businesses.

The more than 4000 signatures that were gathered to keep the post office present in Wayne worked, Zech said.

Residents still needed for Fire Academy

Do you wonder what it would be like to operate the Jaws of Life or watch a medical helicopter landing? What about learning how to escape from a smoke filled room? Well here is your chance. The City of Wayne Fire Department is hosting a Citizen Fire Academy on April 16-18 at the Fire Station for any interested Wayne residents 18 years and older. The free program is designed to help residents understand the operations of the fire and rescue services. This is not designed for future firefighters but for those who want an inside view of the services provided by the fire department. Participants will

spend time in the classroom, get hands on training and be able to ride along with the City of Wayne Firefighters on real emergency calls and experience the world of emergency services.

There is no cost for this program. For more information, please call 734-722-1111. Applications are also available at www.ci.wayne.mi.us.



Drum Majors Scott Fretwell, Mark Paterson and Joshua Lowe.

Zebras march to first place

The Wayne Memorial Zebra Marching Band was awarded first place amongst the bands in the Detroit Saint Patrick's Parade on Sunday, March 14. Wyandotte placed second and Westland John Glenn placed third.

Good food great prices

If you are looking for a good meal at a reasonable price give Rana's Golden Skillet Family Restaurant a try. They are located at 8275 N. Wayne Road in Westland, just north of Warren Road. Ali Farhad and his family used to own Rana's Family Restaurant in Wayne and for the past 12 years they have had the same great menu available at the Golden Skillet.

They have many regular customers who enjoy their \$1.99 breakfast special during the week and their \$4.99 dinner specials that include entrees like steak, shrimp, chicken, honey glazed apple pork chops and much more. All meals include an all-you-can-eat soup bar.

All the food is homemade and come from family recipes. Farhad's favorite dish is the fajita combo which includes steak, chicken and shrimp all in one fajita.

Why try Golden Skillet? "It's newly remodeled, good atmosphere and friendly service," said Farhad.

They are open daily from 7 a.m.-9 p.m. For more information please call Rana's Golden Skillet Family Restaurant at (734) 524-9400.

Road Rally for charity

Kick out the jams at this year's PsychSystems ACTS Annual Road Rally at 4:30 p.m. on April 23 begin-

ning at Goudy Park, behind Wayne City Hall. This year's theme is Detroit Rock City!

"There is always great excitement as teams of 4-6 people solve clues in a race around Western Wayne County and Eastern Washtenaw County," says event organizer, Dana Toth. At the end of the evening the teams meet at the final destination where prizes are handed out to the winning teams. This is PsychSystems ACTS main event to raise much needed financial aid for local organizations that support people with developmental disabilities. Entry fees will go to the PsychSystems ACTS Charitable Fund. Entry fee is \$15 per person. You can register as a team or as an individual at psychsystemsonline.com. Mail entry forms to 35640 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne, MI 48184. For more information, contact Dana Toth at 734-729-7792, ext. 479.

CITY OF WAYNE AND WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTORS NOTICE TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS

Absentee voter ballots for the City of Wayne and Wayne-Westland Community School District election of May 4, 2010, are available through the Wayne City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan for those persons who are physically unable to attend the polls or are 60 years of age or older. The voter, before the issuance of a ballot, must complete an application for a ballot.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the Wayne City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2010.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk



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Vandenberg Elementary School students count empty Capri Sun juice boxes.

Students turn trash into cash

By Erica Perdue

Capri Sun juice boxes and Nabisco snack wrappers are a lot more than trash, in fact they are soon to be treasures, to students at Vandenberg Elementary School.

Krista Piwko's first grade class and Michelle Martin's fourth and fifth grade split class conduct a recycling program that lasts all school year. The fourth and fifth graders are assigned a buddy in the first grade class. On Fridays they work together.

"The students look forward to it. They're learning real world application and enjoying it," Martin said.

Piwko and Martin started this program last school year. They place a red bucket in every classroom and in the lunchroom. Students throughout the school put their empty juice boxes in the box and many bring empty boxes from home. Students Angel Saunders and Cari Arnett bring in Capri Suns from home.

The students in Piwko and Martin's classes collect the red boxes every Friday. They then count how many each class has and record the numbers on the computer. After that the students cut the Capri Suns open and wash them. The get mailed back to the company and the school receives two cents for each pouch.

The used pouches are used to make pencil cases, notebooks, purses and other items. "It has made them aware of the earth and recycling. They have seen items that were made with these [Capri Suns]. It makes them realize that we can reuse things like this," Piwko said.

One group of students counted 109 Capri Suns and another 42. Student Jason Will explained how to cut and wash the pouches then said, "I like doing it, it's cool." The class with the most pouches gets a pizza party.

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TOWN HALL MEETINGS

The City of Wayne City Council invites you to attend a “Town Hall Meeting” to discuss Proposals 1 & 2, which will be voted upon on Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

Thursday - April 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

The Wayne Public Library

3737 South Wayne Road

Monday - April 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

The Wayne Community Center

4635 Howe Road

Wednesday - April 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

The Wayne Activity and Banquet Center

35000 Sims Avenue



**Please watch an informative video on Proposals 1 & 2
on the City Cable Channel or www.ci.wayne.mi.us**