

The background of the cover is a photograph of an elderly man, Charles Shafer, with white hair, wearing a grey plaid suit jacket, a white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is smiling and holding a large, silver film reel in front of him. Behind him is the State Theatre, a red brick building with a tall, vertical sign that reads "STATE" in large, illuminated letters. Below the main sign, a marquee displays the text "THE CITY OF WELCOMES OPEN EVERYDAY".

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FOR THE LOVE OF MOVIES



By Jenny Johnson

It's been the family business since 1930. That's when Walter Shafer bought the Wayne Theater on Michigan Avenue in Wayne with \$5000 borrowed from his mother. It was a one screen theater and there were no concessions. His son, Charles, worked there as a doorman and janitor.

Charles Shafer was born in Detroit and moved to Wayne when he was 9 years old. He graduated from Wayne High School in 1938. He has fond memories of the first theater in Wayne.

Shafer said, "People came from all over to come to the Wayne Theater. Thursday night was bargain night. Movies were 10 cents."

He said at that time there were 3000 people in Wayne and 4000 people would come to the theater.

"All of the police came to the theater because everyone was here," he said.

"The Wayne Historic Theater was a first run theater when it was built," he said and had 800 seats. "We were the only theater in Wayne County. Wayne used to be the hub of Wayne County."

In 1938 the Shafer family bought the property from the Wayne Historic Theater to the State Wayne Theater except for the Village Bar. In Dec. 1945 when Charles and his brother, Martin, were home safely from serving in World War II, they began construction on the State Wayne Theater. It opened on Dec. 29, 1946. State Wayne originally had one screen and 1500 seats. Later when National Amusements operated the theater it

"Many a nights my dad and I would stand on the roof and watch people line up all the way to the corner."

Charles Shafer

was renovated to four theaters including a stage.

Shafer said when they built the State Wayne Theater there was a large hole where the current parking lot is now.

"The old timers know all about this big hole. It was 60-70 feet deep. It was a big ravine," he said. The hole almost ran to the Rouge River. A gas station used to occupy that spot. Shafer said he offered drinks to anyone who would help fill that hole with rocks or concrete. It took about seven years to fill and he gave out 1186 bottles of whiskey and more than 200 cases of beer.

A recent visit to the State Wayne Theater brought back many memories, a trip upstairs to the projection room and even through a small door and on the roof of the marquis. Shafer said they used to have American flags posted at the top of the marquis and during the holidays they put Christmas trees up there.

"Many a nights my dad and I would stand on the roof and watch people line up all the way to the corner," he said as he looked down Michigan Avenue from the roof of the marquis.

In the projection room he explained how the movies come in on big film reels and have to be loaded onto the projector.

From 1946-1949 Shafer and his brother, Martin, ran the State Wayne Theater. It was a true family business. His mom and sister, Dolores, worked the candy counter.

In 1949 he went and ran the Wayne Drive In. The Wayne Drive in opened on May 27, 1949. In 1972 they added the second screen. The Drive in was closed in August 1990. The area is now occupied by Ford Motor Company.

In the 1950's Shafer said television hurt the indoor theaters but not the drive ins. "Everyone was going to the drive in," he said. In 1956 they built the Algiers Drive In located in Westland at the corner of Warren and Wayne Road.

In the mid 1960s the Shafers added the Quo Vadis Theater to their movie dynasty. Located on Wayne Road north of Warren "at the time it was the best theater in the country," he said.

In 1980 they bought the Ford-Wyoming Drive In located in Dearborn. Shafer is still a co-owner of this today. The Shafer family also used to own the Dearborn Drive In; Ecorse Drive In, Taylor; Willow Drive In, Belleville; La Parisien Theater, Garden City; and the Showcase Theater in Dearborn.

Shafer said he took a turn at every job.

"I did everything," he said. He was an usher, janitor, sold tickets and even ran the projector. "I just love to do this," he said. That's why at 89 years old he still goes to his office every day. Even though the City of Wayne bought the State Wayne Theater in 1990 Shafer still consults with them on the operation of the theater. He doesn't plan to slow down anytime soon.

"If you like what you do you'll never work," he said.



The Shafer family owned many movie theaters and drive ins including (l-r): The Wayne Drive In, Shafer Wayne Theater, State Wayne and Algiers Drive In in Westland. State Wayne is more than just a movie theater. They feature concerts, plays and even weddings. Samantha and David Lawfield were married at the State Wayne Theater on June 5, 2010.



John, Gloria and Scott Rowland of Jack's Sporting Goods.

More than just sporting goods

By Christine Easley

Jack's Sport Center started at the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue West in what is now Designer Wear-House. Jack Lanthier opened the sports store there and then moved it two years later to the current location on the corner of Ash and Wayne Road, across the street from the Wayne Fire Station. Mr. Lanthier soon expanded by opening another store the "Pro Shop" inside the Wayne Community Center. Before long, business was booming as he was supplying Wayne residents with ice skates to enjoy the newly opened ice arena in the community center.

The sport shops were Jack's passion, but his real job was working at Ford. Between the demands of his family life and his work at Ford, he couldn't keep the sports stores, so he offered to sell the stores to his employee, John Rowland.

Before working for Jack Lanthier, John had for years worked in the printing business, even at one time holding the position of Production Manager for the Wayne Dispatch. He came to work for Jack's Sports Center after returning from vacation one day and finding his printing job at The Ypsilanti Press eliminated.

That is how John came to work for Jack's Sports Center and how the Rowland family came to own the business. The Rowland family didn't continue on with the lease at the community center, but they have continued to supply our schools and community with sports uniforms, trophies, and varsity jackets for the last 30 years.

You can't talk about Jack's without acknowledging the family behind

it. John and Gloria Rowland both grew up in Wayne and graduated from Wayne High School in 1948. They were married in 1950 and moved into their own home in Wayne. John and Gloria, long time members of St. Mary's of Wayne, were blessed with 10 children: Linda, Kathleen, Marian (passed away last year), Cheryl, John, Jean, Scott, Laura, Richard and Bridget. Most all of the children worked at the store for some time, but none as long as John and Scott. Since father John passed away in 1992, they, along with Gloria, run the business today.

There are few that grew up in Wayne that haven't been touched in some way by this hometown business. If you played on a sports team while attending any of the Wayne-Westland Community schools, you most likely wore a uniform that came from Jack's. Of course, they also provide attire for many other local leagues and teams as well. If you have been fortunate enough to be part of a winning team, you may have received an engraved trophy or award from Jack's as well.

If you graduated from Wayne Memorial or John Glenn, you may have been privileged enough to own a hand (or now computer) embroidered varsity jacket, a Jack's Sports Center specialty.

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The 1980's - Like - totally awesome

As we move along on a decade by decade journey our next stop is the 1980's. The 80's certainly started out with a bang or more like a roar. On July 16, 1980 a "green storm" came through town. It toppled trees, ripped off roofs and left the place looking like a war zone. The power was off for almost a week and it took well into August to clear the debris from all of the streets. A small recollection for me is that we were on vacation but had to come home early to check on the Miller homestead. When we arrived to a powerless house, we got to eat all of the ice cream from the freezer. So you see, some good always comes out of something bad!

There were still large swaths of downtown left vacant and there were many discussions about how to rebuild the City. In 1981, the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) began to form with the creation of the board and adoption of the by-laws. This is the first time that a unified group assembled with the focus on rebuilding. There were some bumps in the road. A petition was circulated that challenged the establishment of the DDA. After further clarification and education of the public, the voters decided to adopt the DDA. The first order of business was to hire a planning firm to create a downtown plan. The City hired Gerald Luedtke to review the situation and make recommendations. He called for the creation of parking lots on the north side, facade improvements and the attraction of nicer restaurants. A lot of this actually happened and for the most part was followed. It is hard to look to the future when planning but when you look at the past and see what was accomplished, it sometimes helps to give direction for today.

Another big issue for the time was the establishment of cable TV.

Rearview Mirror

Matt Miller



During this time, there were concerns that the government would now have a direct line into everyone's house and even more concerns about where the transmission lines would go. Can you imagine life before cable?? Another bygone issue was the establishment of video arcades. The City Council had many hearings to determine how to handle the placement of arcades. Many people had concerns about them being a hang-out for kids and would cause a distraction to neighboring businesses. We don't have to worry about that anymore. Kids don't even have to leave home to play video games let alone talk face-to-face with their friends. I spent a lot of quarters playing pac-man and I was really good at it too!

Development continued as the Wayne Bank broke ground in 1983 on a new building that is now the PNC Bank. This created an opportunity for the Methodist Church to buy the old bank and renovate it into a social hall. Unistrut also began expansion of a new warehouse and shipping building on the west side of Elizabeth. Unistrut at that time was going gang busters and needed to expand. They even petitioned to close Elizabeth Street at the tracks to connect the buildings. This was not approved. Also in 1983 Chuck Muer began construction of a nice family style restaurant at the corner of Michigan Avenue West and Wayne Road. Not only did Muer create a great dining option in town, they were good corporate citizens. They



4,800 people visited the Artrain in the 80's. Photos by Richard Story

were one of the first restaurants to partner with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Vo-tech Center by providing jobs and on-the-job training for school kids.

Our own City Hall was renovated and opened for business the day after Easter 1988. The building was originally built as a Federal Recreation Building and was extensively renovated to house City offices. The renovation really has held up - that was 22 years ago.

Housing was on the forefront as Tae-Keuk Village broke ground in 1988. This wonderful community built to house elderly persons of Korean descent, is thriving today and their gardens are beautiful. Riversedge Condominiums began construction as well as Legacy Estates. The Legacy Estates subdivision was the last tract of land available in the City to accommodate single-family homes. Many of the homes back to the river. Speaking of the river, 1987 marked the first Rouge Clean-Up.

Our town started thinking of the environment with large tree plantings, river clean-ups and recycling.

Finally, a great way to end the decade was with the Artrain. This provided culture right at our front door. The entire event was chaired by Robert Boyles and set a record with 4,800 people visiting the train during the weekend. We know how to do things right!!

This short article barely touches the surface. If you want to read more stop at the Historical Museum and look through the yearbooks - it is a lot of fun. 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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Oakwood Annapolis welcomes new chaplain

Three times is the charm for Rev. Susan Mozena who is the newest chaplain and spiritual advisor at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. Her former careers have included being a hospital administrator and teacher. "This feels completely natural to me," she said. "I think that everything in my life has prepared me for this. Everything is coming together."

She began teaching in 1967 and taught for four years before taking time off to raise her two children. In 1979 she became coordinator of volunteer services for the Henry Ford Hospital and completed her master's degree in health care administration. She has been working in the health care industry ever since. Mozena spent 12 years on the executive staff at Detroit Receiving Hospital. Most recently she was the interim director of Behavioral Health at the Henry Ford Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"I've always loved community service," said Mozena, who was once honored with the Community Service Award by the Junior League of Detroit for her outstanding volunteer service. "I knew, whatever I did, I wanted to be of service to the community."

Eight years ago, while she was recuperating from major surgery, she decided to make a change.

"During my recuperation, I was beautifully cared for by so many family and friends," she said. "Not a day went by that I didn't receive an email or a call—I experienced deep peace. For me, it was evidence of the Holy Spirit in my life."



Rev. Susan Mozena

After discussing it with her husband, John, Mozena started seminary at the age of 57. She earned her master's of divinity degree and was fully ordained at the end of 2009. She completed chaplain training in May.

Her day at Oakwood Annapolis typically starts in the Intensive Care Unit, where she is part of multi-disciplinary rounds. She then returns for follow up visits with patients. Her job, she said, is to comfort and inspire. "The body can be completely broken, but the spirit can be completely intact," said Mozena. "Our job is to assess that and, through really good listening, try to help patients imagine a way to feel whole."

Mozena is a Presbyterian, but said she knows it's not her role to try to convert anyone. In fact, she's at work converting the chapel at Oakwood Annapolis into a more non-denominational place of reflection and worship where anybody can feel comfortable, regardless of their faith.

"It's not about religion, it's about spirituality," said Mozena.

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School bell rings in Wayne since 1800's

By Jenny Johnson

It's not just businesses that have been an anchor to the City of Wayne for the past 50 years. Schools have been a part of Wayne since 1833 when a private school was opened in Darby's Blacksmith Shop.

In 1837 the State of Michigan Primary School Law went into effect. This law dictated how schools would operate and what they would teach students. Nankin School District No. 9 built its first school on Hastings (Main) Street between Second and Washington in 1838. There were a few other schools added and in 1909 Wayne Public Schools was created.

In 1924 a new Wayne High School was built on Williams Street at Michigan Avenue. It was used until Wayne Memorial High School was opened in 1952 in its current location at Fourth Street and Glenwood. Wayne Memorial added the auditorium in 1952, the pool in 1957 and the industrial arts annex in 1963.

Are you a Wayne Westland Alumni? Do you remember Monroe and Jackson Elementary Schools. Check out the historic photos of Wayne schools at Facebook.com/thewaynedispatch. Don't forget to also send us your favorite school memories and photos so we can share them.

Judy Hurley is a 1963 Wayne Memorial graduate. She graduated in the "old gym" at Wayne High. They were allowed two family members to sit in the gym and watch the graduation. This was before John Glenn High School was opened.

Today Wayne Memorial is different. Senior Brandon Harnos said he believes school is harder now than it was in the 1960s. "Today we have a more rigorous curriculum. Our school has adapted more strict rules in the past couple of years that have really promoted academic progress," he said. But that doesn't mean students today don't enjoy school just as much as students of yesteryear.

"My most memorable experience at Wayne Memorial was when one of the news stations came to our school to tape the student body getting

pumped up for the football game vs. John Glenn. The atmosphere at the school was great all day," Harnos said.

Then old Wayne High School became West Side Junior High School and was used until 1959 when Franklin Junior High School opened on Annapolis. It was originally a 24 room school but an addition was added in 1967.

Jennifer Chambers is the principal at Hoover Elementary School. She is also a 1993 Wayne Westland graduate who has fond memories of Franklin Junior High.

"I loved Franklin! I had great teachers and a lot of friends. What I loved best was marching around the school with the band singing the fight song and going to the football games," she said.

Wayne City Clerk Mary Carney attended Franklin Junior High from 1968-1970. "Going to Junior High from Elementary was a big change! I enjoyed the variety of classes and the after school sports and clubs, but playing in the marching and symphony bands was a great experience, as it was like a big family who did things together and cared about each other," she said. Carney graduated from WMHS in 1973 in the top ten of her class of 600.

There have been many elementary schools in Wayne. Today there are Hoover, Roosevelt-McGrath and Taft-Galloway. Hoover opened in

1966. Taft-Galloway opened in 1953 and had additions in 1955, 1957 and 1967. The majority of Taft-Galloway was torn down and rebuilt in 2002. A second floor was added to the school.

The current Roosevelt Elementary School opened in 1963. David G. Smith was the first principal of this building. In 1971 the McGrath addition was added and in 1998 Roosevelt-McGrath added a 3000 square foot addition.

Richard Story was in fifth grade when students moved from the former Roosevelt on Sophia Street to the one on Currier.

He said "All of the school buses owned by the Wayne Community Schools were lined up on Sophia Street, but not enough to carry everyone. The fifth and sixth grade classes, along with the teachers, walked to the new school on Currier Street."

Story returned to Roosevelt in 1971 as a custodian on the midnight shift. In the 1980s he returned as head custodian and worked at Roosevelt for 20 years.

The Wayne Westland Community School District has a rich history in Wayne. Many alumni live and work in the community. They are business owners, city council members, teachers, principals and even a school superintendent. There are second, third and even fourth generations of families who have attended Wayne Westland Schools. Today's students walk the halls just as many have before them. They are making the memories today that we will remember tomorrow.

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City budget takes another hit

By Jenny Johnson

Times are still tough in Wayne. The City Council is faced with cutting \$1.9 million from the current 2010-2011 budget which is \$18 million. This is due to a change in state law that revises the tax tables and reduces the amount of personal property taxes that are expected to be paid by Ford Motor Company.

On June 2 the City was notified by the Michigan Tax Tribunal that Ford Motor Company had appealed eight parcels of their land. Ford Motor contacted the City on Aug. 13 and said they will not be paying the full amount they were billed for their summer taxes since that bill was based on the old tax tables. Their tax bill is due in October. This means the City immediately has to reduce the current budget.

"They're going to pay some tax but they are not going to pay all that they were billed," said City Manager John Zech. "This creates an immediate budget crisis."

Ford accounts for 50% of the tax base in Wayne. The City relies on taxes from businesses to operate City services. All commercial and industrial businesses pay tax on their land and building and also a third tax on the property in their buildings. Ford pays on conveyers, machinery, equipment, robots and any other assets not attached to their buildings. Unistrut, Northside Hardware, Leo's Jewelry and Kroger are some other businesses that also pay personal property tax to the City.

Wayne County is the City's assessor and they said the new tax tables were not accurate so they assessed the property on the 2009 tables. The automotive companies have been lobbying the State of Michigan for a revision of personal property tax for a while. This also affects cities like Dearborn and Livonia who also have Ford plants.

Some municipalities are planning to sue the Tax Commission in Lansing because they changed the formula without having any public hearings. This process will take more than a year to move through the court system though.

"We don't have the luxury of waiting until there's a conclusion," said Zech.

The City met with representatives from Ford Motor Company on Sept.

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John Zech
City Manager

9 to discuss the tax issues. No decisions have been made but Ford said they will look at the situation in Wayne. The City is relying on their 50 year relationship with Ford and the fact that seven times the City Council has recommended to the state tax commission for tax abatements to be granted to Ford.

"We're still negotiating with Ford," said Mayor Al Haidous. "Our situation with Ford is different than other cities."

"The gravity of them not paying their taxes is so much more in Wayne," Zech said. Wayne is a smaller city and more of its budget depends on taxes collected from Ford Motor Company.

"That doesn't help us now," he said. The City has to balance its budget and cannot operate in deficit.

City Council has scheduled a series of special meetings to discuss each department in the city and how \$1.9 million can be cut from the budget.

"No one has made a recommendation and no decision has been made," Haidous said.

"We did not recommend a thing for police, fire or parks and recreation. Everything is on the table," Haidous said. "We do not want to close or eliminate any one thing. We want to try to keep the City functioning."

Zech said the City did not know in the spring or in June, when they council adopted the budget, that Ford was not going to pay all of their taxes.

"If we don't make changes to the present budget and fairly quickly, we will go bankrupt by the end of June next year," Zech said. The City has about \$300,000 in their fund balance or rainy day fund.

"We have to consider these very serious matters," Zech said.

"We need to prepare ourselves for the worst case scenario," said Mayor Haidous. "We have to see the smallest budget the City can live on."

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WMHS graduate pursues motocross career

By: Jenny Johnson

He has a need for speed. Eric MacDonald, 17, of Wayne has been competing in amateur motocross races since he was 10 years old. He just won the 258 Title in motocross racing in Millington, MI. He said this race is one step below a pro national race. It's where the fastest races are. Motocross is a motorcycle sport. Races are held on enclosed off road tracks.

The 2010 Wayne Memorial High School graduate said he hopes to become a professional motocross racer this year.

"I'm going to try to do it full time. I'm going professional next season," MacDonald said. He plans to train in Alabama this winter to prepare for the season. The racing season runs from June until October.

"(I will) hopefully make a career out of it," he said. MacDonald races a Yamaha YZ250 bike. Even at the amateur level racers depend on sponsors to help them.

MacDonald's sponsors include: Cintron Liquid Energy, Zak Mash-



The 2010 Wayne Memorial High School graduate Eric MacDonald (number 361) hopes to become a professional motocross racer this year. See more photos of Eric MacDonald on www.facebook.com/thewaynedispatch.

burn Mx Schools, MSR MX, Scott USA, Gearne, Moto-Man and Rose-nau Powersports.

He said he got his first bike when he was seven. He has been fascinated with the sport ever since.

"It's a lot of fun," he said.

He wasn't even supposed to compete in this race because he is still recovering from a broken hand. Motocross is not an easy sport.

"It's hard. It's a tough sport with getting hurt. My mom doesn't like it but she supports me," he said.

MacDonald said he has to have plates removed from his collar bone before going to Alabama. A couple years ago he had a lacerated liver.

"I almost passed away from internal bleeding but we got through it," he said although his mom did want him to quit at that point.

"It's hard to stop," MacDonald said. Even when you get hurt. "You don't want to just quit it."

MacDonald said he will enroll in some online college courses to have a backup plan but he is really looking forward to racing next season.



Congratulations

to the students and staff of all the Wayne-Westland Community Schools for increasing student achievement and meeting all the requirements of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the 2009-2010 school year.

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Hamilton Elementary	Marshall Upper Elementary
Hicks Elementary	Franklin Middle School
Hoover Elementary	Stevenson Middle School
Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary	Tinkham Alternative High School
Schweitzer Elementary	John Glenn High School
Taft-Galloway Elementary	Wayne Memorial High School

NEWS BRIEFS

City Manager announces retirement

Things are changing in Wayne. City Manager John Zech announced his retirement at the Sept. 7 City Council meeting. He has served the City for 31 years and been City Manager since 1991. He told City Council members this has been the best job he has had. The City Council will have to interview and appoint a successor to Zech.

There will be a retirement party for Zech on Dec. 16 at the Wayne Community Center. Tickets can be purchased from Carrie Shelton at 734-722-2001.

City Clerk Mary Carney will also retire at the end of the year. She has worked for the City for more than 20 years and has been City Clerk since March 2000. She announced her retirement at the Sept. 9 City Council meeting. Plans have not been announced for how the position will be filled.

Finance Director Tim McCurley resigned on Sept. 22 to accept a position with the City of Allen Park. He worked for the City for seven years. Deputy Director Carolyn Parnell will serve as interim finance director.

Halloween fun at Farmers Market

The Wayne Farmers Market will host a Halloween History Hunt and trick or treating on Oct. 27. Trick or treating and a costume parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the State Wayne Theater parking lot. The History Hunt will begin at 5 p.m. and the market will be open until 7 p.m. that night.

Come shop, hunt and treat with the Farmers!! This event is spon-



Voters in the City of Wayne will help elect the new Governor on Nov. 2. The two candidates, Virg Bernero and Rick Snyder, made a brief appearance together at Hawthorne Valley in Westland. Photo by John Rhaesa, The Wayne Dispatch

sored by the Wayne Dispatch and Wayne Goodfellows. For more information, please call Matt Miller at City Hall at 734-722-2000.

The Wayne Farmers Market will be open every Wed. in October at the State Wayne Theater. Hours will be 3-6 p.m. Stop by to get some apples, pumpkins and other fall fruits, vegetables and flowers.

City of Wayne Leaf Collection Program Discontinued

Wayne residents will have to bag their leaves this fall. Due to budget constraints and staff reductions, the City of Wayne has cancelled their leaf collection program for 2010. This means residents who live on paved City streets will no longer be able to rake their leaves into the street for the Department of Public Works to collect. Instead they will have to rake their leaves and put them in brown paper yard waste bags or in 20-30 gallon trash cans for collection by

,Republic Waste on their normal refuse collection day. Leaves will be collected from October 18 through November 19.

Remember to Vote

November 2 is Election Day. Voters in the City of Wayne will get to vote for Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, 11th District Congressional Representative, 8th District State Senator and 20th District State Representative. At the County level, they can choose Wayne County Executive, Sheriff and 11th District County Commissioner. In addition, there are races for state board of education, regents, trustees and governor of universities as well as circuit and probate court judges. There are also two state proposals and one county proposal on the ballot. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

SOS meeting

Save our Students, Schools and

State (SOS) is hosting an informational presentation for Wayne County parents and community members at 7 p.m. on Oct. 14 at Stockmeyer Auditorium at Wayne Memorial High School. Hear how schools are funded and how they can help to make adequate school funding a priority for Michigan. For more information, visit www.sosmichigan.org.

New Water Rates

Wayne residents might notice a difference in the water bills they are currently receiving in the mail. Effective July 1, 2010, new water/ sewer rates are \$9.25 per unit. This is an increase of 11.45% over last year's rates. In addition there is a \$5 per account fixed sewer fee on every bill to offset the fixed sewer fee being charged by Wayne County. This does not replace the sewer charge that is based on usage. The fixed sewer fee will be assessed on all accounts, whether or not the water is on.

WABC for sale

City Council approved listing the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center on Sims and Wayne Road for sale at their Sept. 21 meeting. The building will be listed with Signature Associates for \$384,000. This includes just the building and not the parking lot.

New developments

The City Council approved site plans for ICON Computer Solutions a new computer store on Michigan Avenue. They will open October 4 and sell new and refurbished computers as well as service computers. Council also appointed Carolynn Parnell as acting finance director to replace Tim McCurley.





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Be fire smart

By Shawn Bell

October 3rd-9th is Fire Prevention Week. The theme this year is BEEP, BEEP, BEEP, Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With.

A smoke detector is critical for early detection of fire in your home and could be the difference between life and death.

Every year nearly 3,000 people die in a residential fire. Most of the victims die from inhalation of smoke and toxic gases. Toxic gases spread faster than heat, therefore families asleep at night are unaware of the fire and die. These deaths could have been prevented if the homeowner had taken the necessary steps to make sure that all smoke detectors were functional.

Two-thirds of deaths occur in a home where there are no smoke detectors or they are nonoperational. Having an operational detector plays a big role in keeping your family safe. Smoke detectors should be replaced every ten years. The expiration date can be found on the back of the de-

tector. There are also other steps to take to ensure your family's safety. It is recommended that there is a smoke detector on every level of the home, inside of every bedroom, and outside of every sleeping area. The detector shall not be less than 4 inches or more than 12 inch from the ceiling. When installing the smoke detectors follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Have you ever heard the loud chirp of a smoke detector? It does not mean it's broken; it just means you need to change the batteries. To test your detector, hold the tester button and wait for the chirp. Don't ever remove the battery from the detector even for a short time. Sit down as a family and make a plan of what to do if they hear the "BEEPING" and prepare a Fire Escape Plan.

The Wayne Fire Department will host its 13th Annual Pancake Breakfast on October 9th in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week. We hope to see you all there.

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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 a General Election will be held in the City of Wayne, County of Wayne, Michigan, on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing candidates and to consider three (3) proposals. The Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, October 30, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving applications for absentee ballots.

The offices to be voted on are as follows:

Governor and Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State
Attorney General
Representative in Congress
States Senator
Representative in State Legislature
Member of the State Board of Education
Regent of the University of Michigan
Trustee of Michigan State University
Governor of Wayne State University
County Executive
County Sheriff
County Commissioner - Districts 11
Justices of the Supreme Court
Judges of Court of Appeals
Judges of the 3rd Circuit Court - Incumbent - 19 Positions
Judges of the 3rd Circuit Court - Non-Incumbent - 1 Position
Judges of the 3rd Circuit Court - Incumbent - Partial Term Ending 01/01/1013 - 1 Position
Judges of Probate Court - Incumbent - 2 Positions

The following proposals shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Wayne, at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010:

PROPOSAL 10-1

A PROPOSAL TO CONVENE A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DRAFTING A GENERAL REVISION OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION

PROPOSAL 10-2

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN FELONS FROM HOLDING ELECTIVE OFFICE AND SPECIFIED TYPES OF PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS

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(COMPLETE WORDING OF PROPOSALS/PROPOSITION AVAILABLE AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

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:

<u>Local Unit</u>	<u>Date of Election</u>	<u>Voted Increase</u>	<u>Years Increase Effective</u>
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
<u>School District</u>			
Wayne-Westland Community Schools	May 10, 2010 February, 2003	18 mills 1 mill	2026* 2012
*(non-homestead only)			
<u>City of Wayne</u>			
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 and Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave.
Precinct 4 and 5	Taft-Galloway Elementary School, 4035 Gloria St.
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It's nice to catch up with old friends

It's been 25 years since the Class of 1985 marched out of Wayne Memorial High School and into the world. Now it's time to celebrate...to get together with old friends and catch up on the exciting things that have happened in those 25 years.

The reunion will take place on October 9 at the Livonia Marriott.

The events leading up to that night start with a golf outing, on Friday October 8 at Hilltop Golf course in Plymouth at 10: a.m. After resting up from your golf outing, plan to tour your beloved WMHS at 3:00 p.m. At about 8 p.m., swing over to Jon's Goodtime Bar at 27553 Cherry Hill just west of Inkster for a pre-reunion mixer. They'll have a slide show of pictures from past reunions and from high school. (Giggling is allowed.)

A Skype station will provide viewing for those who cannot attend.

The reunion itself is designed to make people mingle—high top tables and purposefully not quite enough seating. Elegant h'orderves will be served throughout the evening.

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



The reunion committee members who have worked so hard to make this a success are: Tania (Ibrahim) Williams, Steve Johnson, Edie (Kurtz) English, Michelle (Buie) Hall, Sabrina (Wade) Rudy, Kelley (Curtiss) Thomas, Michael Hitchcock, Daniel Vega, Jeff McDermott, Tracy (Shreve) Beer, Karen (Marisnick) Duhl, and Tony Persall.

Mary Beth Henson was planning to attend the reunion from France, but plans for a new house prevent her from being here. However, Larry Hahn is coming from Hawaii, Cindy Connelly-Voltz will be here from California and Gina Carter Pearl from Florida.

Have the best reunion ever!

A warm summer night; two baseball games; both "Jakes Again" teams. And both teams won the Class 'D' and Class 'E' league and playoffs. The Class 'D' team is managed by Chris Scheffer. That's the team also known as "The Washed Up Jocks of America" or as they are most lovingly called—the WUJAS. But Bill Sexton wants everyone to know that the Class 'E' team had four generations of the Reynolds family either playing or in attendance at their game. Great grandfather, Chappy Reynolds, his son Greg, who pitched; grandson, Richard, manager and also playing outfield, and Chappy's great grandson, Owen, as spectator.

The Wayne Library's Wine and Cheese evening was a huge success. At last count 99 out of 100 tickets were sold. We actually couldn't fit more folks into the meeting room. Good food, a very nice selection of wine and beers, and all our chums to chat with made for a lovely evening. Thanks to all the Friends of the Library who were there to help out during the evening. Cheryl and Larry McConnell chaired the event

and brought their daughter, Stacey, and her friend, Dale Robeniol. My daughter, Julie, brought a friend, Peg Merica, and another daughter, Meghan, was there with her husband, Ken. We also met Sherrie Brindley and Ron Roberts, whose hat with the logo "Got Wine?" was perfect for the event. All our friends from Garden Club, and Ladies' Literary Club were also on hand. This is at least the 13th year that the library has hosted the Wine and Cheese evening and I think everyone would agree it was a good party.

The "Annie Ghost" lecture is filling up fast; to make sure you get a seat call the library at 721-7832 and ask for the adult reference desk. The lecture is on October 20 at 7:p.m.

May I take this time to thank everyone for your warm and loving expressions of sympathy on the death of my son, Brynn. Every condolence was comforting and I want you all to know how much I appreciate your kindness.

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 General Election, November 2, 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, October 26, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

CITY OF WAYNE ELECTORS NOTICE TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS

Absent voter ballots for the City of Wayne General Election of November 2, 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, October 30, 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, November 1, 2010.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Police capture getaway driver in Leo's robbery

By Jenny Johnson

The robbery happened just after 10 a.m. on June 30. Over \$240,000 worth of Rolex watches were stolen and one shot was fired inside Leo's Jewelry.

The gunman, DeAngelo Johnson, 19, of Detroit was arrested at the scene after a short vehicle and foot pursuit. He was charged with armed robbery, larceny, carrying a concealed weapon, discharging a firearm, assault with a dangerous weapon and felony firearm. He pled guilty to armed robbery and will serve 10-20 years in prison.

All of the merchandise and the weapon were recovered at the scene. But the getaway driver initially escaped. Alonzo Morris, 18, of Detroit was arrested on Aug. 12 after an armed robbery at a jewelry store in Ann Arbor. He was charged with

armed robbery, larceny over \$20,000 and felony motor vehicle. He is in Wayne County Jail on \$1 million bond and is awaiting trial.

It was Officer Kevin Schmidtke's diligence and hard work that led to the arrest of Morris said Lt. Rob Puckett.

Schmidtke said there is video evidence, fingerprints and confirmation of witnesses. "This is a strong case," he said.

"No one got hurt, both people were arrested and the property was recovered," Lt. Rob Puckett said.

"You couldn't ask for a better outcome," Schmidtke said.

Puckett said this was due to "exceptional police work" by Officer Schmidtke who is a 10 year veteran of the Wayne Police Department. He has been working in the detective bureau since July.

Council debates next City Manager

By Jenny Johnson

Who will be the next City Manager? That's the question the City Council will answer soon. They have discussed conducting a search for a city manager through the Michigan Municipal League in hopes of having someone in place before current City Manager John Zech retires in December.

They have also discussed appointing Assistant City Manager Robert English as interim city manager until the end of the fiscal year which is June 30, 2011. If English serves in the interim the City will save about \$78,000.

They tabled the motion to appoint English and voted 4-3 not to conduct a search at this time.

Councilman Mat Mulholland said before a decision can be made they need to see what the cost of having the MML conduct a search is and compare it with the compensation package for an interim city manager.

"To make an intelligent decision I need all the facts," he said. "We need to get a look at what the situation is, what the options are and what makes the most sense."

Mayor Al Haidous is in favor of appointing an interim city manager. "We could save money without doing harm to the City. We have a qualified person. That's the route I would recommend," he said.

Councilwoman Pam Dobrowolski said, "It is important to start the search now and to see what qualified candidates are out there." She said this includes current city employees.

Mulholland said he was also in favor of doing a search that included internal and external candidates. "We want to consider all options," he said.

Councilwoman Susan Rowe, who voted in favor of the search, said, "This is a defining moment for the City of Wayne. This is one of the most important decisions we are going to make. We do need a plan of action."

Haidous said if English served as interim city manager he wouldn't require any benefits because he has his retirement benefits from the City

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**Mat Mulholland
Councilman**

from when he retired last June. English currently works 30 hours a week as assistant city manager and personnel director.

"He will be paid at a lower salary than John and won't have a car," Haidous said.

Mayor Pro Tem Donna McEachern said "I agree with the mayor. We have the situation where we have a person who is more than competent enough to fill this position for the interim. I see value in the continuity."

Councilman Albert Damitio said "I think Bob English has shown his metal working with the administration and he should be considered. With the loss of the leadership I think we need Bob's leadership in there. I don't think a new person can do that."

"We do need a new finance director. Instead of focusing on the city manager I would rather focus on getting a very qualified person in the finance position," he said.

Haidous said English would work at the will of the city council and it's an opportunity to save money for six months. "If it doesn't work, we can do the search."

"I don't want to wait to start the search for six months. I do not feel comfortable waiting until we don't like something," Rowe said.

Mulholland said he hasn't made a decision yet but "maybe now is a good time for a compromise. In the end we all want what's best for the City."

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NEWS BRIEFS



Wayne Memorial will celebrate their homecoming on Oct. 1. One of these lovely ladies will be crowned homecoming queen: Marissa Hay, Sheila Tanner, Megan Luke, Joanna Witte or Taylor Jacobs. We are looking for photos of you at homecoming. Go on our Facebook page and share your favorite memories at facebook.com/the-waynedispatch.com. Photo by The Wayne Dispatch

Main Street Michigan

It's a chance to have your voice heard and help Wayne. If you are a resident, business owner or community member who wants to hear how you can help business in Wayne thrive, please come to the Main Street Michigan meeting at 7 p.m. on Oct. 28 at Rex's Family Restaurant. This is an informational meeting and light refreshments will be served.

The Michigan Main Street program is a structure for local leaders and volunteers to create a thriving business district in Wayne using a Four Point Approach that includes design, economic restructuring, promotion and organization. This is a community driven program and does not require any funding from the City.

Goodfellows seek donations

Every child deserves a Christmas. That's the goal of the Wayne Goodfellows. They provide food, toys, and emergency assistance to residences of Wayne. This help is not possible without the help of the community. The Goodfellows is currently looking for donations for their raffle baskets. If you can donate an item, gift certificate or money, please contact Cathy at the Wayne Fire Dept. at 734-721-1111.

Library used book sale

Looking for a good bargain? The Wayne Public Library and the Friends of the Library are hosting a Used Book Sale on Oct. 14-16.

County provides funds for new playground

Wayne County donated \$40,000 to the City of Wayne toward a new playscape at Walz Park. Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara said this money was made possible by the .25 mill that tax payers pay for the Wayne County parks. McNamara said rather than expand the county parks they are maintaining them and using the funds to give back to local communities to let them expand their parks. McNamara said these funds can only be used for capital improvements. The new structure will be barrier free and will be built in spring 2011.

National Band gives free concert at US-12

US-12 has been selected as a secret location for Canadian band Finger Eleven to play a free show for the first 500 people on Oct. 15. Listen to 89X for a chance to win a VIP package and see them perform hits like "Paralyzed" and "One Thing."

Join us on Facebook

By Erica Perdue

Everyone has one. Teenagers, adults, seniors, business executives and celebrities use it to socialize. Businesses, bands, television shows and movies use it to promote. It's a social networking phenomenon.

Facebook.

What started off as a way for college students to find and talk to each other has become a form of communication so common that we think it's absurd when someone doesn't use it.

It's even become so huge that a movie has been made about it. "The Social Network," released October 1st, 2010 is about the founders of Facebook. All smart phones also have Facebook mobile capabilities.

The Dispatch is using Facebook to promote our advertisers, keep our friends updated on things going on in the city and post pictures from local events.

Despite your feelings toward the new wave of communicating via Internet, Facebook is a helpful networking tool. It keeps people in contact from all over the world.

While Nick Anderson was in Iraq, he kept in contact through Facebook.

"Everyone has a Facebook. It's simple to figure out and it made talking to everyone back home so easy. It didn't matter where I was at, as long as there was an Internet connection I could talk to anyone I wanted to," he said.

I have met, reconnected and kept in contact with many of our featured patriots through Facebook.

It's not just a generation thing, either. Facebook has become popular amongst young teenagers and senior citizens as well. My own 77-year-old grandmother uses it to chat with the friends she has met over the years!

Businesses are constantly placing promotions on their Facebook wall. Bands announce their tour dates through Facebook events.

It's proven to be immensely helpful for us, being a monthly paper, we now can easily connect with our community 24/7.

Facebook allows us to post about the council meetings, inform everyone about upcoming events and show off the pictures we have that won't fit in the paper.

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 *Steak bites not included in offer.
 Offer expires October 31, 2010.

Monday - Friday

FREE DESSERT SHOOTER
 With purchase of any entree.
 Offer expires October 31, 2010.

\$1.00 FRIES, COLESLAW, COFFEE or POP
 With purchase of any burger or sandwich.
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THREE FOR \$19.99*
 One Appetizer, Two Entrees
 & One Dessert
 *Steaks not included in offer.
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MONDAY
 Lunch Buffet \$4.99 / 11AM-4PM
 Dinner Buffet \$7.99

TWOS DAYZ
 Lunch Specials \$2.00-\$2.99
 (Live Karaoke)

POLISH WEDNESDAYS
 Classic Polish Dinners

\$1.00 THURSDAYS
 Biggest & Best \$1.00 Menu Around!
 \$1.00 Beer (DJ Mike Shadow)

FISH FRY DAYZ
 Over 3 Fish To Choose From
 \$3.00 Long Islands (DJ Zig Zag)

TAILGATE SATURDAYS
 Food & Drink Specials

SUNDAY FOOTBALL BUFFET \$7.99

ALL DAY EVERYDAY
 \$1.50 16 oz. Domestic Drafts
 \$2.00 25 oz. Domestic Drafts
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Saturday, October 30th

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