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passes on the torch for Troop 1736

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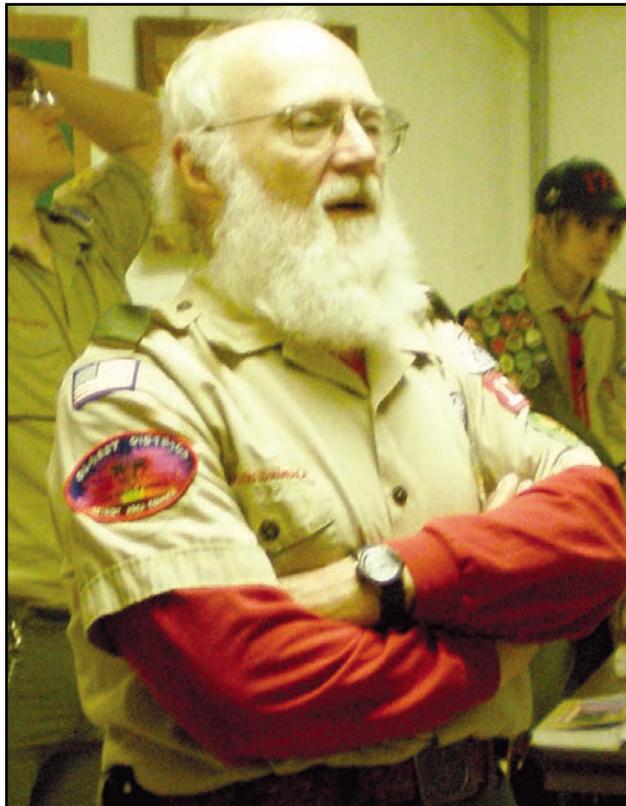


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Scouting lifelong passion for leader of Troop 1736



Former Troop 1736 Scout Master Larry Shields

By Jenny Johnson

He's been involved in Boy Scouts for more than 50 years. Boy Scout Troop 1736 from First Congregational Church in Wayne was lucky to have him as their Scout Master for almost 30 years. Larry Shields retired from the troop in September but not from the Boy Scouts. He now assists at the district level with the camp outs.

During his tenure as Scout Master his troop participated in many service projects in Wayne. They have adopted Michigan Avenue from just east of Wayne Road to St. Mary Church, helped with the Friends project, assisted the fire department with passing out batteries and each year they help at the church with the fair and the rummage sale.

"Our service projects always had us out in the community doing stuff," he said. "We've been all over doing something."

Troop 1736 averages about 50 scouts. The national average is 21. "You've got to have a good program that keeps the boys active and does things the boys want to do. They will come out and bring their friends," he said.

Running a successful troop also takes a lot of time and commitment. "It's way bigger than you can ever imagine," Shields said. The troop meets once a week and goes away for weekend

camping trips once a month all year long. In the meantime the scouts are working on their advancements.

Shields said Troop 1736 has had 55 scouts become Eagle Scouts. Shields said scouting is a great thing for kids. "They've got to do things together. They have to work together to accomplish goals especially when camping. They cook together and menu plan," he said. They are also learning skills that they will be able to use as adults.

"It's learning for life. They are learning how to work with other people too," he said.

Shields, who lived in Wayne until 1994 and now lives in Pittsfield Township, began his scouting career in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

"When I was old enough to be a Cub Scout my mom and dad signed me up and they were the leaders," he said.

He advanced through Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and became an Assistant Scout Master at 18 and a Scout Master at 21. When he moved to Michigan in 1980 he became a Scout Master here.

"I've been in scouting for 55 years," he said. Shields two sons, Bradley and Andy, were also in scouts. What kept him in scouting for so long? "I had fun. You've got to have fun," he said.

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Wayne: A great place for friends and fun

When Biddle St. throws their annual street party, it doesn't last one day. Their recent party began at 10:00a.m., with residents playing 9 holes of golf. The winning team was made up of Mary Lindsay, Bob Sawyer, plus Ed and Marlene Bumpass. Their score was 39. Then it was time for all the children to get into the act. With the streets blocked off between Annapolis and Clinton, the street became a giant playground. One of the contests for the kids was a pie tin heaped with whipped cream, a piece of bubble gum in the middle. The object of course was to get face down in the whipped cream, and come up with the bubble gum. The winner then had to blow a bubble.

About 5:00p.m. neighbors started bringing out food. Casseroles, of all kinds, and dessert...yum! Ed Marman brought his 'to die for chocolate mousse'; Cindy Bosley and Sarah Crane brought a Mexican (wedding?) cake that was beyond delicious.

They also brought their boys Ezra and Garrett and Sarah's Dad, Jay Crane. Since the evening was cool, we all sat around the outdoor fire pit in front of Tom and Pam Dobrowski's house. The "we" included Tom and Pam's daughter, Heather, with her little one, Aria,-- Joe and Ryan Hammer, Kathy and Darren Bonathon, with sons Logan and Colin. The Gilbert family was well represented—Sharon, Ron, Chelsey and Trevor.

Two delightful people that we met for the first time were the Guests—Phyllis and Joe. Also partying, were Matt, Leslie and Kelly Delphus, Ed and Marlene Bumpass, Tina and Chris Lindon, Alexia Sabin and Dunovan and Kristen Vesey. And how could you have a party on Biddle St. without Karin and Dan Talaga and Doug Vallance?

Then there was Barbara Wootton's clan—Suzie, Tony, Shane and Claire Hammons; Claire also brought along a friend, McKinley Hood. Barbara's granddaughter, Tiffany and husband Peter Flood brought along their kids, Fiona, Aurora, and baby Wesley.

Was this the end of the Biddle Street party? Oh no—next morning everyone brought out their electric

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



frying pans for a big country breakfast of eggs, sausage, biscuits, and gravy.

Now that's the way to throw a party.

Hint—There's a house for sale on Biddle St. If you're out there looking for a place to live, you couldn't do better than Biddle St. You'd have great neighbors and a fun party street.

Cindy Adams started planning the surprise party for her mom, Fran Calderon, in April. The party came off on October 9, and we were pleased to be invited because Fran is our long-time next-door neighbor.

Also among the guests, neighbors Sharron and Bill Copland and a former neighbor Cherie Fore.

But where to have a surprise party for 50 people? Cindy is an employee at the Uht Funeral Home, on Glenwood, and owners Claudia and Harold Rediske generously offered their lovely home as the site for the celebration.

Helping Cindy with the preparations for the huge party were her brother David Calderon, his wife Betty and son, Nick. We met Fran's sister, Lucille Clemens who lives in Wayne, and Lucille's daughter, Julie who didn't stop working and serving all the time we were there. We also met Fran's brother, Stan and a delightful aunt, Katie Lucas. Many other relatives were on hand, as well as co-workers who had worked with the birthday girl at Lasting Impressions and Fisher Advertising.

The food was prepared by Helena's Catering. Helena's does the catering for St. Mary's, and the party food was city chicken, beef, ham, and side dishes. Desserts cakes—carrot, marble, chocolate and lemon. Oh yes, and eclairs.

While waiting for Fran to arrive everyone watched Michigan State and U of M among some cheers, and many groans. And at the end Harold



Happy 90th Birthday

Wayne resident Dorothy Nickolas celebrated her 90th birthday with a surprise party full of family and friends. In photos- front row (l-r): Edyth Stephens, Simonne Lada, guest of honor Dorothy Nickolas and Martha Franz- back row (l-r): Sandy Revers, Ruby McDougall, Ellen Snell and Alice Herbst.

Rediske let Fran's grandson Nick shoot off the famous cannon—which makes it's way to every celebration—no danger but lots of smoke and plenty of noise. Cindy planned a perfect party, and her Mom was happily surprised.

"Jake's Again" held their St.

Patrick's Day party on October 17. Jake brought out the corned beef and cabbage a little early this year. It was a birthday celebration for his mother—Jenny Davidson, who passed away 4 years ago. It was a very loving gesture from a son to his mom.

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A time to give thanks

As I sit down to write this column for the November issue, I am watching as the last of the 33 Chilean miners are rescued from what might have been their eternal tomb. What is so remarkable about this rescue is that the focus has been on getting them out alive and not on who is to blame? There will be plenty of time to point fingers later and of course, the lawyers are already circling like vultures over a dying steer in Death Valley.

What also is remarkable is how other nations came to their aid to lend engineering, technical assistance, materials and manpower to help their fellow man. There was no concern of who would pay for the services or who would get credit for their deeds. It was simply man helping man with the common goal of saving those miners.

And sadly of course, it was no surprise that there was no offer of assistance from many of the usual suspects. We all know the nations that throughout history have selfishly refused to help others in need. As Americans, we find it simply inexcusable. For some of the younger readers who might not be aware of an interesting audio clip that addresses this subject, or those of you that want to hear it again, please go to YouTube and search for a title called The Americans. It was written by Gordon Sinclair in June of 1973 and received worldwide attention when recorded in 1974 by the legendary Canadian broadcaster Byron McGregor at CKLW radio. Although the

On the Bright Side

Hal Hultman



piece is now 36 years old, the message still rings true today.

Perhaps as our own economy suffers, the United States should reconsider where some of our dollars in aid go when so much of it could be used here at home. I am not advocating ignoring the plight of others in need, but perhaps we should not be so quick to bail out other countries that don't support us. After all, I truly do believe that charity begins at home.

I also know of several friends who make it a point to help serve dinner to those who are less fortunate at many of the shelters and kitchens in South East Michigan. One friend in particular requires it of all of his High School football players that he coaches. He tells me that the students all comment afterward on how rewarding it was and that it was also a reality check as to what is really important in their own lives.

And so, as we contemplate Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends, let's think of those who might be alone or in need on that special day and perhaps set another place at the table. Your generosity will be remembered long after the dinner is over.

HOPE comes to Wayne

HOPE Clinic is another new addition to Wayne. They recently opened and are located at 35080 Chestnut Street just east of Wayne Road. The clinic uses volunteer nurses and doctors from Oakwood to provide free medical, dental and counseling services to those who don't have health insurance or can't afford medical care. They also offer nutritional and diabetic counseling. HOPE Clinic was previously run out of Lighthouse Ministry Church. The new clinic has four exam rooms and is open on Saturday for walk-in appointments.

Lisa Rutledge, Corporate Director for Community Outreach for OHI,

said, "Oakwood believes that patients come first, and has some key partners in our community to assist people to access primary health care. We are proud to help HOPE clinic offer free medical care at their Wayne clinic."

Mayor Pro Tem Donna McEachern said HOPE Clinic is "a lot of good people who are trying to help others."

Councilwoman Susan Rowe said, "You can see the dedication of all the volunteers."

For more information on HOPE Clinic, call 734-710-6688 or visit www.thehopeclinic.org.



Dace Koenigs knecht, economic restructuring specialist for Michigan Main Street Center introduces the Michigan Main Street program to a group of Wayne residents and business owners. The Wayne Dispatch photo by Stan Shelton

Bringing back Main Street

By Jenny Johnson

It's off to a good start. More than 50 residents and business owners attended the introductory presentation by Michigan Main Street. This program is a grass roots effort that can lead to a thriving downtown in Wayne. The goal of the program is to give the community the tools to revitalize their downtown area.

Dace Koenigs knecht, economic restructuring specialist, Michigan State Housing Development Authority, said, "Downtowns are historically the social, economic and community hubs. They are where community pride stems from."

"We're a very enthusiastic community," said event organizer Sherrie Brindley. Brindley is a lifelong Wayne resident and has five generations of her family residing in Wayne. She remembers when "downtown was a hub of social activities."

With some help, it could be again. The Michigan Main Street program gives the community an opportunity "to create a downtown Wayne we can all be proud of," Brindley said.

The plan does not require City funding or participation. It is a completely community driven effort that focuses on design, economic restructuring, promotion and organization.

"The City can be a partner but it can't run the program. It has to be community driven," Koenigs knecht said. In fact the program will not get approved if it is run by a municipality.

"Every community has something that makes it special. What makes Wayne unique?"

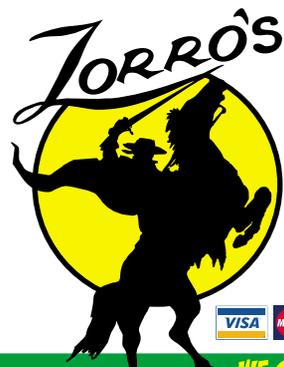
Dace Koenigs knecht

"You guys are the ones running the program. It's yours," he said. He stressed the program is not about change overnight but small incremental changes that build and make a difference. He also said Michigan Main Street is not a grant program. They do not offer funding but guidance and training.

The Main Street Michigan program is not a plan that sits on a shelf. This program grows legs. "It's about going out and achieving," he said. "It is about change. Do you want to take the reins and guide it or have it happen to you?"

"Every community has something that makes it special. What makes Wayne unique?" he asked.

The next step in this community driven project is to submit a letter of interest by March and then an application by May. If accepted into the Main Street program, Wayne will get technical assistance in developing a main street district that attracts new residents and businesses, promotes investment and initiates economic growth. Both Ferndale and Northville have used this program.



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National band Finger Eleven plays in Wayne

By Erica Perdue

"The pieces fit because I pushed them through," are lyrics from the song that Finger Eleven opened with at their concert in Wayne.

US-12 made the pieces fit to have a nationally known band with three hit songs stop in and play a free concert at the local bar.

On Friday, October 15th, Finger Eleven played the free show to the first 500 in attendance.

US-12 owner, Scott Gocaj, said that he used networking to get sponsors for the concert. The local radio station 89x, Best Buy and Budlight sponsored the concert.

"It was a lot of work and it was exactly what I wanted," said Gocaj.

All 500 wristbands were given out and people had to be turned away. The crowd was full of regular customers, locals to see the band and some who had never been to the area before. John and Amy Wasalaski traveled from Illinois for the free show.

Wasalaki's father, Richard Rowland, grew up in Wayne and saw on



US-12 Owners Scott Gocaj and John Goci were thrilled to have national act Finger Eleven perform a free concert for 500 fans at their location. (Bottom left) Lead singer Scott Anderson belted out crowd favorites like "Paralyzer" and "One Thing." (Bottom Right) Guitarist James Black. Photos by The Wayne Dispatch

the Dispatch's facebook page that Finger Eleven would be playing a free show.

My wife and I decided to give them an early Christmas present of a gas card to go see John's all-time favorite band," said Rowland.

The Wasalaki's said the show was excellent.

"We got a chance to meet the band after. It was my first time at US-12 and I would definitely go back," said

Wasalaki.

Finger Eleven opened with a few songs off of their new album, Life Turns Electric. When they played their first big hit from a few years ago, "One Thing," the crowd cheered and almost everyone sang along.

"There was so much energy from the crowd. It was phenomenal," said Rob Arbor of Leo's Jewelry.

When the band played "Paralyzer," debatably their biggest song,

the ground was practically moving from the jumps and screams from the audience. They did extra guitar solos to extend the song for several more minutes. The crowd's excitement was easily defined by their interaction.

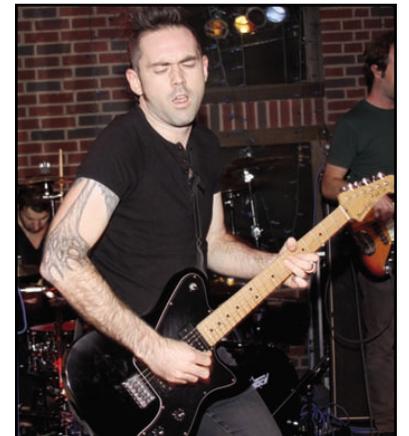
"Finger Eleven put on an awesome show. They played some of their best songs and really energized the crowd throughout the entire performance," said Pat Dani, one of the many at the concert.

Finger Eleven stayed after the show to sign autographs and do a meet and greet.

"I talked to the band after. I play bass so we talked about that. They were really interested in their audience," Arbor said "Of all the concerts I've been to in my life, it was one of my favorites. I absolutely loved it."

Gocaj said that band members were "really humble and down-to-earth."

When Gocaj was asked what his favorite part of the event was he responded with, "Finger Eleven played in MY building!"



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Council makes budget cuts

By Jenny Johnson

They are tough decisions. For the past two months City Council has discussed how to cut \$1.9 million from the current City budget. The cuts are necessary because of a change in state law that revises the tax tables and reduces the amount of personal property taxes Ford Motor Company paid in October. While the City is in negotiations with Ford to try and come to an agreement, they still need to have a balanced budget and are not allowed to operate in deficit.

"We do not have a sufficient rainy day fund to support the 1.9 million deficit," said City Manager John Zech. So cuts have to be made to the general fund.

"None of us are enjoying this. We detest this," Zech said. "But unless the City can come to a resolution with Ford we have to go forward."

These are some of the budget reductions city council has approved.

The Wayne Public Library cut \$67,800 from their budget by reducing their costs and hours of operation. Their new hours are 10 a.m. – 8p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 12- 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The library is closed on Sunday and Monday.

"The board and you worked very hard and made some difficult decisions," Mayor Pro Tem Donna McEachern told Library Director Paulette Medvecky. The library board also voted to cut their book budget by \$15,000. They also reduced their supplies, repairs, utilities and cleaning budgets.

The Fire Department instituted a fire and life safety fees structure beginning on Nov. 1. It is estimated this will generate about \$40,000 in revenue. The City Council also voted to lay off three firefighters. This will reduce expenditures by \$58,593 and will bring the fire department to 12 firefighters, a chief and a deputy chief. Fire Chief Mel Moore said they will run four man crews and will use overtime to supplement vacations, sick days and training.

"We're going to be short but we are going to maintain," he said.

"I do not want to see us cut three more firefighters," said Councilman Jim Henley.

"I cannot vote right now to cut police and fire," said Councilwoman

"I do not want to see us cut three more firefighters."

**Jim Henley
Councilman**

Susan Rowe.

"No one wants to look at salary cuts or being laid off but we're going to have to start looking at that. We have to make thoughtful decisions," said Councilman Mathew Mulholland.

The Police Department saved the City \$195,859 by reducing the staff from 32 to 28 police officers. They will also get to retain the JAG grant that provides funding for two police officers. This will bring the police department to 30 sworn officers. The department also converted to 12-hour shifts said Police Chief Jason Wright. This change in scheduling will still allow for three patrol vehicles on the road at all times.

The Building and Engineering department cut \$100,000 from their budget. Department of Public Works Director Tom MacDonald will resign this month and City Engineer Ramzi El-Gharib will assume the DPW director position. The City will participate in a pilot program with DTE where they will turn certain street lights off at midnight. This will help save about \$5000. These lights will be on major streets and not in neighborhoods. The City will not do curb side leaf pick up. All leaves must be bagged this year. This will save the City \$43,000.

City Hall will be closed on Friday to the public. The City calendar has been eliminated for 2011. When City Clerk Mary Carney retires City Planner Matthew Miller will assume the clerk's position.

The DDA budget has been reduced by \$1 million. State Wayne Theater is being put up for sale. It will be listed for \$942,000 with Signature Associates.

At their Nov. 1 meeting the City Council tabled the discussion of reductions to the Parks and Recreation Department and refuse budgets so they can gather more information. They will discuss them at their Nov. 16 meeting.



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Council passes resolution to revoke Ford's tax abatement

By Jenny Johnson

In a 7-0 vote the City Council approved a resolution that will request the Michigan State Tax Commission to revoke the Industrial Facility Exemption issued to Ford Motor Company in 2003 for the Wayne Assembly and Michigan Truck Plant.

"The City of Wayne in 2003 wanted to help Ford maintain their competitive nature and the only thing the City got back is their promise to not move," said City Attorney Richard Clark.

"They moved the product out of here and didn't use all of the time agreed on so they defaulted on the agreement," said Mayor Al Haidous.

In 2008 Ford stopped production of the Navigator and Expedition at the Wayne plant and moved it to Kentucky. The abatement was granted for 12 years of production.

Since the City believes Ford Motor Company is in violation of their tax abatement agreement and state law, they can request the Michigan State Tax Commission to revoke their abatement.

"At this point we are asking it to



The Wayne Assembly Plant on Michigan Avenue is currently producing the Ford Focus and will soon start manufacturing the electric Focus at The Michigan Assembly Plant.

be revoked," said Community Development Director Peter McNerney.

"The City has to take some action," Haidous said.

Ford Motor Company has been notified of the City's plan. "We have suggested to them for the last 2½ months that this is an option the City might have to exercise. Council chose to act on it," Clark said.

"The City Council does not want to have to do this. They have always wanted to work with Ford but they have little choice. It is very serious,"

he said.

McNerney said the abatements were granted for the personal property installed at the Assembly and Truck plants. Clark said the City's petition will only include the portion that was removed when the Truck plant moved. The property in the Assembly Plant is still being used today.

The City will ask for reimbursements for the abatements from 2003.

"If you don't use all of those years or leave before those years are up you owe the City all of those back

taxes," Haidous said. They will be notified when their hearing date has been scheduled.

This issue is different than the personal property tax tables that have been revised and caused the City to have a current \$1.9 million deficit. Ford is appealing their 2009 and 2010 personal property taxes and those cases are pending right now. It could take a year or more to reach an outcome.

In the meantime the City is in negotiations with Ford to try to come to an equitable resolution. The City's assessor has been meeting with Ford representatives to try to work out the tax tables.

"We are participating with a group of assessors as well as Big Three to see if there is a way they can be revised to be fair to the company and the municipalities," McNerney said.

"We are still communicating with them," Haidous said. Ford and the City want to protect their long standing relationship and find a "positive way of doing business."

"The well being of our community is at stake," Clark said.

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Gregory J. Baracy, Ed.D., Superintendent



NEWS BRIEFS

City Hall hours change

Effective Nov. 5 City Hall will be closed to the public on Fridays. Their regular business hours will be 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. This is a result of the changes approved by City Council to help cut \$1.9 million from the current City budget.

Rotary Parade

He's back! Where's the one place all good little boys and girls can go to watch Santa arrive in Wayne? It's the Wayne Rotary Christmas Parade sponsored by Mark Chevrolet and Costco. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Nov. 20 on Second Street just north of Sims. The parade will march from Second Street to Glenwood to Wayne Road to Michigan Avenue and end at the State Wayne Theater where Santa will greet the children of Wayne and Costco will serve hot cocoa. The theme this year is "A Christmas Carol." The Rotary is still looking for groups to participate in the parade. They are looking for floats inspired by a holiday song. The Rotary is asking all parade participants to bring canned food to donate to the John Bolde Food Depot for needy families.

For more information, please contact gaylerediski@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving Fundraiser

Chef Tony Paquette and his students and staff at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, Westland are cooking up a great feast. The Family Resource Center Fundraiser Buffet Lunch will be from 11:20 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. on Nov. 17 at the Career Tech Center. The minimum donation is \$10 per person. Donations will be used to



Billie McCarty, Joan Watson, Ben Wensko, Ann Stacho and Darlene Hawley show off some of the items to be sold at the Congregational Church Fair.

purchase a Thanksgiving meal for Wayne-Westland Community families who are in need. For further info, please contact Amanda Faughnan at the Family Resource Center at 734-419-2709.

No Child Without a Christmas

Applications for Christmas Assistance from the Wayne Goodfellows are available at the Wayne Fire Station and Wayne City Hall. Completed applications are due by Dec. 4. This program is for Wayne residents only.

First Congregational Church Fair

The 64th Annual Congregational Church Fair will be from 9 a.m.- 8 p.m. on Nov. 4-5 at 2 Town Square. This year's theme is "Sleigh Ride." There will be a variety of handmade items for sale so you can start your holiday shopping. Stop by the Christmas Shop, Candy Booth, County Store, Boutique, Specialties Shop, The Secret Closet, Attic Treasures,

Book Store, Men's Booth and the Variety Shop. Admission is free. They will also serve lunch from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. and dinner from 5-7 p.m. each day. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids.

Nativity Blessing

The 6th Annual Blessing of the Nativity will be at 7 p.m. on Nov. 26 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home on Michigan Avenue. In the spirit of community, there will be a blessing from local clergy, singing of Christmas carols and light refreshments. In 2004 the new nativity scene was purchased to replace the one previously owned and maintained by the City. The cost of the new nativity was over \$30,000 and was paid for through donations of the community. Please join us.

Candle Lighting Ceremony

Harry J. Will Funeral Home on Michigan Avenue will host a Candle Lighting Ceremony at 7 p.m. on Nov. 10. This is for anyone who has a

loved one they would like to remember this holiday season.

Rocky's offers free turkey dinner

Rocky's Coney Island and Grill 1622 S. Wayne Road in Westland will offer a free turkey dinner from 4-7 p.m. on Nov. 24. Everyone is welcome. This is a way for owners, Chris and Rosie Gjoka of Wayne, to say thank you to the community for their support. Donations will be accepted and appreciated. Donations will be given to the Wayne Goodfellows.

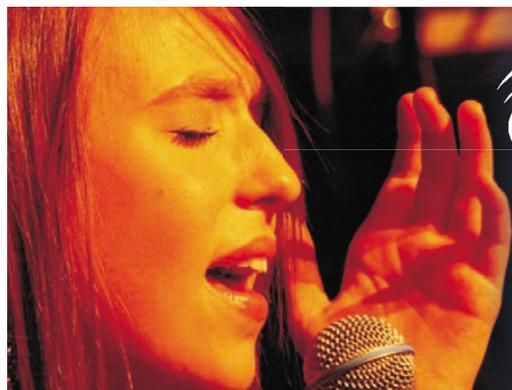
Council wants Oakwood to stay

The City Council approved a resolution urging Oakwood Health System to maintain Oakwood-Annapolis as a full inpatient hospital and not move its services to another community.

If a hospital plans to move more than two miles from their present location, they need approval from the State. Lobbyist groups are trying to change that to a 10 mile radius. Oakwood-Annapolis is looking to possibly relocate to the corner of Michigan Avenue and Ridge Road in Canton.

Two new principals

The Wayne Westland Community Schools Board of Education approved the appointment of Bobby Kelly as the new co-principal at Marshall Upper Elementary School. He was previously an assistant principal at Wayne Memorial High School. Kathleen Brohl has been appointed the principal of Schweitzer Elementary School. She was previously an elementary teacher in the district.



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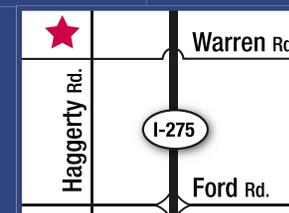
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Council taps English as Acting City Manager

By Jenny Johnson

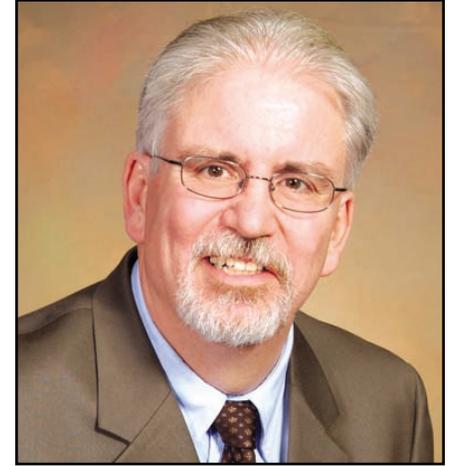
Assistant City Manager Robert English will become Acting City Manager in December when John Zech retires. In a 5-2 vote City Council approved English as an independent contractor, responsible for his own taxes, who will receive an annual salary of \$75,000. There will be no vehicle or mileage compensation and he will get a \$60 per month phone allowance. He will serve at the will of the City Council.

English will also continue his duties as personnel director and the council will not appoint a new assistant city manager. This consolidation will save the city just over \$52,000 for the last half of the 2010-2011 budget.

English started with the City in 1984. He became assistant personnel director in 1992 and personnel director in 1993. He also has experience taking on additional work. For about six years he served as the assistant city manager, personnel director and DPW director. "I am comfortable taking on additional workload," he said.

"This is one of the most important decisions we can make," said Councilwoman Susan Rowe who along with Councilwoman Pam Dobrowski voted no on the appointment. They favor conducting a search for a city manager candidate. "It's a harmless decision to save money," said Mayor Al Haidous of the decision to appoint English.

"I believe in continuity and Mr. English does think outside the box," said Mayor Pro Tem Donna McEachern. "We need someone that has a track record within city government. He has a wide spectrum of experience. I think Mr. English has a com-



Acting City Manager Robert English

mitment to the City."

English graduated from Wayne Memorial, as have all five of his children.

"This is my hometown and this is where I have spent the last quarter century of my life working. Yes, it is true that this is a very difficult time to assume this position and lead the City. And our current situation is really something that is on my mind 24 hours a day. But we need to move forward and I believe that by working together we will be able to move Wayne forward once again," English said.

English said he will focus on possible restructuring of departments and administrative staff duties. He wants to work with neighboring communities to create opportunities to share services or make joint purchases. He also plans to work with the City's bargaining groups.

"We need to continue to look at ways to lower the City's legacy costs," he said.

The city council has not made a decision to start a search for a permanent city manager.

ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2010-47
November 2, 2010

Regular Meeting of the City Council was not held Tuesday, November 2 at 8:00 p.m., as it had previously been canceled due to the General Election.

Publish: November 4, 2010

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

College help comes to Wayne

By Jenny Johnson

Help is near for college bound students. Project ACE (Access to College for Everyone) Resource Center just opened inside Metro Place Mall. They offer a network of services that help 9-11th grade students in Wayne, Westland, Inkster and Melvindale pursue a post secondary education.

"The overall mission of Project ACE is to promote a college-going culture in our target communities through the delivery of information, direct services, and a public awareness campaign," said Joy Mason, Project ACE.

Wayne Memorial High School is one of three high schools the project is targeting. "Students from the target schools will be invited to come to the resource center to participate in activities, events, and workshops. Project ACE staff will also be scheduling on-site visits to the schools to deliver services," Mason said.

The Center will be open from 2-6 p.m. Monday through Friday for anyone who wants information on college. It has a computer lab with high speed internet and access to key web resources, such as the Michigan College Access Portal, KnowHow2Go, and Career Cruising. Users can research independently or get one-on-one assistance from a Project ACE College Advisor.

Some of the benefits students will gain by participating in Project ACE include: increased academic aspirations, long term planning for postsecondary education, preparation for standardized tests, assistance in choosing, applying for and enrolling in postsecondary education and information on how to apply for and get financial aid.

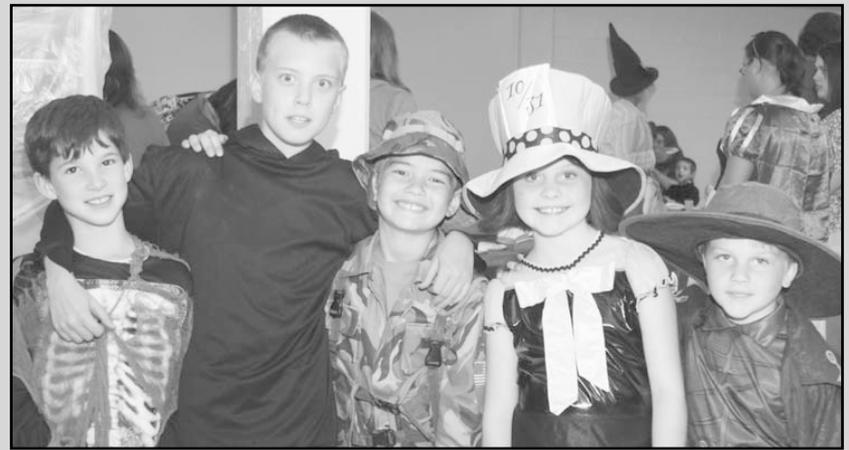
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Joy Mason

"We will help the students to explore and research different schools as well as different programs. Our goal is to help the student make an informed decision about post secondary education. We will be assisting students from the very beginning of thinking about careers and the education required for different career paths, to college exploration, preparing for the ACT/SAT, and all through the process of applying for college, and applying for financial aid and scholarships," Mason said.

The goal of College Access programs like Project ACE is to help students make the plans to reach their goals as they transition from high school to college. Project ACE defines college broadly to include four-year colleges, two-year colleges, certificate programs and the military.

Upcoming events at Project ACE are an Open House on Dec. 4. Students, parents, school staff and the community are invited to attend and learn about college access services. They will also be a host site for College Goal on Feb. 13th for students to get information about applying for financial aid. Project ACE is located at 35425 W. Michigan Ave, Suite 3693. For more information please call (734) 858-1587.



Spooktacular a huge success

Over 221 families and 500 children enjoyed a Spooktacular night of trick or treating, crafts, games and fun at Wayne Memorial High School. There were 200 high school students and 56 staff members who volunteered their time to bring this event to the community. The event was funded by staff donations, parent donations, and Dr. Greg Baracy donated all of the cider, donuts, and cookies. Wayne Memorial will host a Holiday Night from 6-8 p.m. on Dec. 3 for all WMHS feeder elementary families. Photo by The Wayne Dispatch

ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2010-46
November 1, 2010

Special Meeting of the City Council held Monday, November 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. All Members Present. APPROVED: minutes of Special Meeting of October 19, Regular Meeting of October 19, & Special Meeting of October 26, 2010. DENIED placing citizen's comment at end of agenda. APPROVED allowing citizen's to discuss issues when addressed on agenda at the November 1, meeting only. APPROVED bid award for mowing medians & right-of-way on Michigan Avenue; deferred bid for snow removal on sidewalks abutting City Parks; added Aryan, Inc as co-licensee on SDM licensed business at 33920 Van Born Rd.; sale of lots 265, 266, 307, 308 & southerly portion of 306 Assessors Wayne Plat No. 5; for sale listing of State-Wayne Theater with contingency; deny request from Boise Cascade Holdings LLC for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate; authorize purchase of property from Wayne County; contract between City of Wayne and Robert C. English; declaration of 3444 Winifred, 4090 Second, 32995 Glenwood and 34402 Sims as emergency hazard/nuisances; proclaimed November 7-13 as Winter Hazards Awareness Week; accepted resignation of Thomas MacDonald as Public Works Director; appointment of Ramzi J. El-Gharib as City Engineer/Public Works Director. Recessed at 8:40 p.m. Reconvened at 8:55 p.m. APPROVED: budget amendments for City Manager's Office & Personnel Dept.; table amendment of Parks & Recreation Dept. Budget until November 16, 2010; amendment to Fire Dept. Budget. Defer amendment of Refuse Budget for further study. Received and filed Communications and Reports and Consent Calendar. Recessed to a Closed Session at 11:29 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and receive a legal opinion. Reconvened in Open Session at 12:11 a.m. Wednesday, November 2, 2010. Approved resolution requesting Michigan State Tax Commission revoke Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2003-603 issued to Ford Motor Company. Adjourned at 12:15 a.m. Wednesday, November 2, 2010.

Mary E. Carney
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Chamber members make a difference

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Interested in finding out more about the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, feel free to check out our Facebook and web pages. If you would like to join our cause, but you don't own a business, we are always looking for "Friends of the Chamber" who would be willing to volunteer their time to help in a variety of ways.

Hope floats in my hometown

Christine Easley



Recently, Jack Demmer Ford was recognized by Ford Motor Company for its 50th year as a Ford Dealer. Did you know they started out as Spittler-Demmer Edsel in 1957 at the corner of Glenwood and Wayne Road, kitty corner from Northside Hardware? They also had a location where the previous Associated Newspaper building is, and then in the fall of 1969 they moved to their present location at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Newburgh Road. Jack Demmer Ford has a collection box in their lobby for Toys for Tots. Please feel free to drop off donations during regular business hours.

Wayne resident and co-owner of J & S Portrait America, Judy Shel-

ton, has been suffering for many years with cataracts in both of her eyes. This is bad enough for anyone to deal with, but as a professional photographer with her own business since 1989, she wasn't able to take pictures for many years. On November 20th, she had surgery to remove the cataracts and healing is going so well, the doctors don't expect her to even need glasses.

J & S Portrait America recently went to Lutheran Home in Livonia and took photos of the senior residents with their visitors. The Sheltons were generous enough to donate all their earnings back to the facility.

Veterans Haven is in desperate need of donations. They are an organization dedicated to helping honorably discharged vets by providing food, clothing, housing, transportation, medical supplies, counseling, referrals, and job connections to those in need. They are looking for the following donated items: can goods, dry food goods, clothing and winter coats for men, size medium up to XL. Cash donations are also appreciated. Veterans Haven is located at 4924 Wayne Rd. Feel free to

contact them with any questions at (734)728-0527.

Trish Hampton is now with Mark Chevrolet and the newly opened Wayne Mitsubishi. We are thrilled to have her enthusiasm back with the chamber. Trish recently ran the 5K at Oakwood's 20th Annual Red October Run. Trish told me that Mark Chevrolet has a donation container for "Toys for Tots" at their location, also. Thanks for your dedication to our community, Trish.

WAYNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS:

Wayne Goodfellows and Wayne Chamber of Commerce are teaming up to offer "No Child Left Behind" fundraising event at U.S 12 Bar & Grill on Thursday, December 16th starting at 6pm. Tickets are \$20, which includes snacks, domestic beer, wine and well drinks until 8pm. The games, auctions, raffles and music will continue throughout the night. You can purchase tickets at the Wayne Fire Station or at The Wayne Chamber of Commerce. Call the Wayne Chamber of Commerce for more information at 734-721-0100. Have a great time for a good cause.

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The American Optometric Association encourages the public to include optometrists in their team of healthcare professionals and to visit the optometrist regularly just as they do their primary care physician and dentist.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Leo's armed robbery suspects plead guilty

Case closed. All of the merchandise was recovered, no one was injured and both suspects will serve time in prison for the Leo's Jewelry armed robbery on June 30. The second suspect, Alonzo Morris, 18, of Detroit, will serve 8-20 years in prison. He was arrested on Aug. 12 and charged with armed robbery, larceny over \$20,000 and felony motor vehicle. Last month he pled guilty to armed robbery. The first suspect, DeAngelo Johnson, 19, of Detroit was arrested at the scene. He pled guilty to armed robbery and will serve 10-20 years in prison.

"It ended up being good all around," said Officer Kevin Schmidtke.

Attorney General Recognizes local resident

Robin Ashton, daughter of Dolores Ryan of Wayne, was honored by the U.S Attorney's office with the Attorney General's Award for Excellence for her outstanding leadership and management of the largest administrative operation of any U.S. Attorney's Office in the country.

Ashton was awarded her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Michigan and received her Juris Doctor degree from the College of William and Mary.

It is my pleasure to congratulate this year's Attorney General Award winners and to recognize their extraordinary contributions," Attorney General Holder said. "Not only is their service to our nation inspiring, it is strengthening the work of the Justice Department at every level and making powerful difference for people across our country, and far beyond."

Goodfellow parties

You have four chances to help "No Child Without a Christmas" with the Wayne Goodfellows. They will host fundraising parties at the following times:

5-10 p.m. Dec. 2 at Jake's Again;
5-10 p.m. Dec. 9 at The Village Bar;

5-10 p.m. Dec. 13 at The Avenue; and 5-10 p.m. Dec. 16 at US-12. There will be prizes, raffles, auctions and food. To donate a prize or make a cash donation, please call 734-722-1111.

Change of leadership at DPW

Department of Public Works Director Tom MacDonald will resign from the City on Nov. 5. "I want to thank the City Manager and City Council for their confidence. I also want to thank the men and women of DPW. They are the best," he said. He also thanked the residents and business owners of Wayne.

"This is my home and always has been and will be. I wish the City Council the best as they work through this difficult time," MacDonald said. Council approved City Engineer Ramzi El Gharib to assume the position of DPW Director with no additional pay.

City Manager John Zech said El Gharib and MacDonald have worked closely together over the years. "With the assistance of the men and women of the department and the ability to work through and think through problems, I recommend him to you whole heartedly."

"Tom has serious shoes to fill. (I will) provide the best services possible to the resident of the City of Wayne," Gharib said.

DPW Foreman Dan Hammond was promoted to Assistant DPW Director. "I am flattered that John exhibited faith in me. I will do my best to make sure Ramzi will stay on track," he said.

Firefighter of the Day

The Wayne Fire Department hosted their 20th Fire Fighter of the Day program in Oct. They invited one student from each elementary school in Wayne to spend time at the station. The kids had donuts, washed the trucks, dressed in fire gear, had a ride in the fire truck, went up in the aerial tower, sprayed the fire hose, had a hose rolling contest, enjoyed lunch and asked questions.

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By: Erica Perdue

Aaron Masters graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in 1998. He has also worked for the City of Wayne in the parks and recreation department since 1999.

He is currently in Afghanistan on his second tour. Aaron's wife, Abigail, and his 10-month-old son, Balin, live in the area. This tour is for just over 10 months.

Abigail said that she gets to talk to Aaron occasionally on the phone and Balin's face lights up when he hears his daddy's voice.

"We are looking forward to talking to him by Skype but we haven't had the ability yet. I try to keep Aaron in the loop on Balin's developments with videos

on Facebook, which Aaron loves," she said.

Aaron has a great sense of humor and a very animated personality. Anyone who works for parks and recreation can tell you that he has jokes for every day of the week!

Aaron still has several months away from his family and home. He would appreciate letters updating him about what is going on locally and snacks of all sorts.

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Each year in America, carbon monoxide poisoning claims more than 400 lives and sends another 20,000 people to hospital emergency rooms for treatment. The City of Wayne Fire Department would like you to know there are simple steps you can take to protect yourself from deadly carbon monoxide fumes. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas; CO can kill you before you are aware it is in your home. At lower levels of exposure, CO causes mild effects that are often mistaken for the flu. These symptoms include headaches, dizziness, disorientation, nausea and fatigue. CO gas can come from several sources in your home: Furnaces, hot water heaters, fireplaces and motor vehicles. There are several steps you can take to protect yourself and your family. Have a qualified professional check your furnace, hot water heater and chimney venting systems at least once a year. Never use your oven to heat your home and never use a gas powered generator inside your home or garage during power outages.

To protect yourself and your family from CO poisoning you should install at least one carbon monoxide alarm near the sleeping areas and outside individual bedrooms. Make sure the alarm is Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed. Carbon monox-

Fire House News



Shawn Bell

ide alarms measure levels of CO over time and are designed to sound an alarm before an average, healthy adult would experience symptoms. It is very possible that you may not be experiencing symptoms when you hear the alarm. This does not mean that CO is not present.

If your CO alarm goes off and no one is feeling ill, you should silence the alarm, turn off all appliances and sources of combustion, and ventilate the house with fresh air by opening doors and windows. You should call the gas company or a qualified heating and cooling company to investigate the possible source of CO build up. If the CO alarm goes off and people are feeling ill, you should evacuate the home immediately and call 911. Do not reenter the home once you're out until you're sure it is safe. Should you have any further questions on any fire and life safety issues, please feel free to call the City of Wayne Fire Department's Fire Marshal's office at 734-722-1111.

Michigan Assembly goes solar

Ford Motor Company is planning to install 500 kilowatts of solar panels on a four acre spot at the Michigan Assembly Plant on Michigan Avenue. This solar array will be on the east side of the plant in front of Wayne Assembly. This will generate enough energy to power 100 homes for one year. This is a partnership between Ford and Detroit Edison.

Gordon Nader of Detroit Edison said "Ford Wayne is going to be the center for a lot of Ford green initiatives."

He said they are going to learn how to produce green power and use it for manufacturing. The solar array will provide some power to the existing stamping plant. It will also provide charging stations for battery electric trucks that will be used to transport parts around the complex.

Because the solar panels are not permanent and can be moved it has to be addressed if they will be considered personal property or part of the building for tax purposes.

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DATE: Saturday, November 20, 2010

TIME: Parade Starts at 10:00 AM

ROUTE: The parade route will be North of Second Street to Glenwood, West to Wayne Road, then South to Michigan Avenue, West to the State Wayne Theater.

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