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THE FUTURE AWAITS

**John Zech prepares
for retirement after
30 years of service**

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Friends and fun times in our hometown

Our Ladies' Literary Club started off another season. Their 114th season began with a dinner at Haab's Restaurant in Ypsilanti—a place almost as old as the club, but still a fine gathering place.

We met at Barnes and Noble for our second meeting. They wine and dined us, (not really), but they did have coffee and wonderful pastries. Then we were given a most informative talk about their e-reader, The NOOK. On hand for the evening were: Carol Cockrum, Penny Lively, Wendy Bostwick, Judy Howton, Darlene Hawley, Carol Weyand, Karen Lee, Elaine Pittman, Karen Healey, Linda Alvarado, Ginny Attwood, Kathy Koveleski, Sue Damitio, Carolyn Reynolds and Beverley Woodard.

The Club is doing very well, but always looking for new members. At this time we have a headcount of 41. Interested in joining? Call me.

The Goodfellows are hosting four events in December; they'd like you to attend one or all of their evenings. As always, the slogan is "NO Child without a Christmas." At Jakes Again, it's December 2; the Village Bar, December 9; the Avenue Bar and Grill, December 13; and the Wayne Chamber of Commerce along with US12, December 16.

All the evenings start at 5 p.m. and all have raffles and auctions. These evenings are twice the enjoyment; you have fun while helping others. Along with the Community Center, The Business and Professional Women's group will host the annual Tea Party on December 2. Thanks to Wayne Fire Department's

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



Cathy Lutkenhoff for all the above information.

Having a celebration? Looking for something different than the same old ice cream and cake? Have I got the dessert for you. It's a Manny's Cheesecake. That's Manny as in Manny Lentine, who has retired after 24 years at the Wm. D. Ford Career Technical Center. OK, it's also the place we all call the Voc Ed Center. Mr. Lentine was mentored during those years, by the master pastry chef, Kris Jablonski, and learned his lesson very well. He recently made us a chocolate chip cheesecake, with a smiley face of chips on top. It was decorative, but better than that it was delicious! To order a "Manny's Cheesecake," call (734) 729-7612.

All of you were so great finding beautiful gardens for awards this summer. Can you do the same thing this Christmas Season? The Beautification Committee has more awards to hand out. This time they're called "Holiday House" awards. If you find a handsomely decorated house let the DPW know. You may call them at (734) 721-8600, or stop at their office—35200 Forest. You can tell them about a neighbor, a friend, or even yourself. A creatively decorated house is like a beautiful garden—it

says Wayne is a good place to live.

Bridget Kelly was the honored guest as our Wayne Library dedicated the large meeting room to Tom Kelly. It's now known as the Thomas H. Kelly Community Room. Bridget unveiled the handsome plaque which reads: Thomas H. Kelly, 1935-2010. Teacher, Librarian, City Councilman, State Representative, and Proud Irishman, in honor of his dedication to libraries and the citizens of Wayne. Don Toms, one of the Library Board members on hand, told of Tom running for Council without much money for advertising.

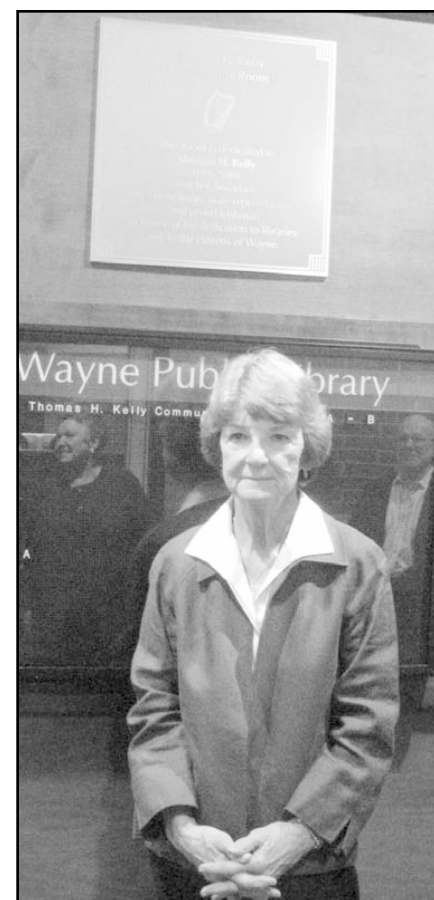
Being a clever Irishman, Tom went to Kelly Tires and got himself a hat with their company logo. He took it home and with a magic marker, added one word between Kelly and Tires. The word—NEVER.

Isn't it great to live in Wayne and at the same time meet some people you've never met before? At Sherrie Brindley's excellent Main St Presentation recently, I met and sat with

Mr. and Mrs. Marbury—Thirfield and Pricilla—of Foxx Beauty Supply. Mrs. M. promised me the next time we meet, she'd have some gossip for me! Pricilla—I'm holding you to that promise!

Next...after a service at St. John's Episcopal Church, I met Jane Wien, a long time Wayne resident. She immediately became my new best friend. If you know Ms. Wien, you know what I mean...a warm and huggy person.

Once again, Mary Ann and Tom Daily opened their lovely home as



Bridget Kelly at the Wayne Public Library next to the plaque honoring her husband, Tom Kelly, for his commitment to library services.

they do every Veteran's Day. Although it's called "Chili Day" it's really a tribute to Vets.

In the late afternoon, Tom reads the names of all our friends who have passed away, including the Daily's lovable Golden Retriever, Annie. This is followed by a brief invocation and a toast of Irish Mist. Chili Day at the Daily's—nicely done.

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It's hard to believe that City Manager John Zech is not a lifelong Wayne resident. Wayne has been his home for the past 30 years but he was actually raised in Detroit. He attended St. Brendan Catholic School for first through eighth grade and Nativity of Our Lord High School. He graduated in 1967 and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the University of Detroit and then began working as a personnel officer for Henry Ford Hospital. On June, 3, 1972 he married his high school sweetheart, Chris, who had just finished nursing school.

"We didn't have a mortgage or children yet so I applied to grad school," he said. Zech was accepted at Ohio State University in 1973 to pursue a master's degree in public administration. He and Chris spent five years living in Columbus, Ohio.

"I went to school full time and she was nursing full time," he said. During this time he was working part time for the City of Columbus as an intern in the planning department.

"I came in contact with a lot of managers, mayors and community development directors. I was exposed to people who were doing the work in local government that I wanted to do myself," he said.

Then he heard the assistant city manager in Plymouth was leaving. "He knew I wanted to return to Michigan so he said 'why don't you apply for my job,'" Zech said.

In Nov. 1978 the Zechs, with their newly adopted son, Bill, moved back to Michigan. In 1984 the Zechs added to their family by adopting their son, Jim.

During his time in Plymouth, Zech came in contact with former Wayne City Managers Pat Cullen and Tom Daily.

"Mr. Cullen put out an ad that he was looking for a community development director. I didn't know much about Wayne. But the work they wanted me to do, I felt capable of doing," he said.

City Manager Pat Cullen hired Zech in 1979. One of his first assignments was to work on the 1980 Census. He was also put in charge of getting a flag pole for the Veteran's Memorial.

"The City Manager told me to get a flag pole out front. I didn't even know where the Veteran's Memorial was," Zech said. He ultimately de-



During John Zech's tenure as City Manager, the City of Wayne has seen the following additions.

1. The development of Goudy Park, including the amphitheater
2. The development of Mill Trail Park and Washington Trail Park
3. The construction of the Library
4. The acquisition and renovation of the State Wayne Theater
5. The construction of the Theodore D'Pulos Aquatic Area
6. The construction of the Patrick J. Norton Recreation and Exercise Center
7. The construction of the Fire Station
8. The construction of the Police Building
9. The construction of the Public Works Building
10. The passage of the Road & Sidewalk Millage Program
11. The construction of Planet Playscape in Attwood Park
12. The construction of the Boundless Playground in Soroptomist Park
13. The construction of Riversedge Condominiums
14. Persuading the Ford Motor Company to expand in Wayne
 - *The Wayne Stamping Plant
 - *The Michigan Truck Paint Plant
 - *The Michigan Truck Body Shop
15. Persuading Community Living Services to move to Wayne

cided on two flag poles, one for the United States and one for the state flag.

He was promoted to assistant city manager in 1983. He served with City Manager Tom Daily.

"He broadened my involvement with the City," he said. After Daily retired in Jan. 1992, the city council

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Mayor Al Haidous

appointed Zech to city manager.

Zech will now pass the torch to Assistant City Manager Robert English.

"It is a great honor for me to succeed someone of the caliber of John. I have thoroughly enjoyed our time working together and know that his leadership will be missed," said English.

Mayor Pro Tem Donna McEachern said, "John is a master of long explanations to short queries. However as I've often told him, while I could do with shorter answers I envy his knowledge and his ability to communicate it."

Zech said his decision to retire was not an easy one. In Dec. 2009 he had 30 years in and was eligible for retirement. But the Ford Truck Plant had just closed, the budget had to be reduced and employees were being put from full time to part time.

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"I felt that wasn't a good time to go," he said. He made his decision to retire this past August.

"The very day- August 13- I was in the midst of writing my memo when Ford called to say they wouldn't be paying all of their taxes. That memo went in the garbage," he said.

Instead he began working on how to persuade Ford to pay their taxes and in the meantime trim the budget.

"I thought a lot about when I should retire or not given what was happening. The past couple years have been difficult," he said. He decided it was time to step away from the stress.

Mayor Al Haidous said, "I really do believe when John started in the City of Wayne he started with a job but he ended up with a community he loved. He served faithfully and with integrity, honor and hard work. He has had many successful stories as a city manager and he has a lot to be proud of. I wish him the best. I hate to lose him."

While there have been many reasons to frown lately with the state of the City, ask him about his grandchildren and his face lights up. He is looking forward to an upcoming weekend that his two granddaughters, Katie, 12, and Abby, 8, will spend with him and Chris baking cookies. Everyone has their own apron. Does Zech help bake?

"I'm the photographer," he said.

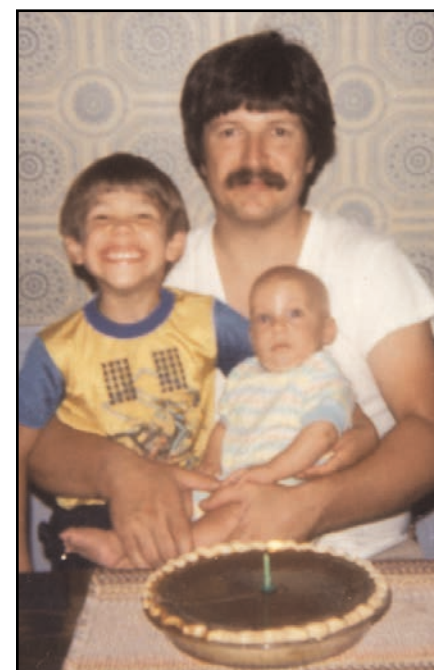
Extra special this year is that his brother from Florida and sister from California will get to meet his granddaughters for the first time. Both are coming in to attend Zech's retirement party on Dec. 16.

Zech said he will miss his job. "It's the best job I've ever had."

"He really loves his job. He loves the city and he knows so much about the city and the people who live there. He has made it his job and hobby to learn about the history. And he remembers it. He has an incredible memory," Chris said.

"He has really and truly loved working for the city. As his wife, it's been a pleasure to know all of the staff at the city. They have been the best team of workers I have ever known. I will miss them too," she adds.

But John is also excited about the future. "I am looking forward to retirement. I have a bucket list and my wife keeps adding to it." One



From top left: Family time- John and Chris Zech with their sons, Bill and Jim and Jim's girlfriend, Liz Schultz. Birthday celebration with dad and his two boys. Tom Daily, Pat Norton and John celebrate the opening of the State Wayne Theater. John and Robert English have always worked well together. Proud grandpa. John with his two granddaughters Katie and Abby. Previous page: John and Chris Zech were the Grand Marshalls of this year's Wayne Rotary Christmas Parade.



thing she is not adding is everything that is currently in John's office at City Hall. She said he can only bring a few things home to add to his room in the basement that already resembles his office.

His wife, Chris, hopes to add making dinner to his Honey Do list. She said she would "like him to learn to cook more. I'm going to give him some books," she laughs.

"But I'm looking forward to having him around more. We're looking forward to being able to spend

time up north and with our granddaughters and having more fun time," she said.

While Chris will continue to work as an oncology nurse at St. Joe's Hospital, John plans to volunteer his time.

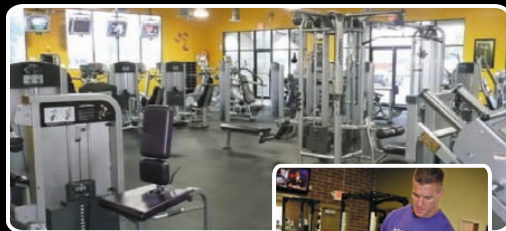
"I want to try to be of help to people. I've made my life in public service. (I want) to find things where I can be of help," he said.

You'll probably see him around town a lot. He said, "I intend to remain a resident. I will continue to live and root for Wayne."



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Settlement with Ford on the horizon

By Jenny Johnson

It might not be in time for Christmas but the City of Wayne is hoping to get word on their settlement with Ford Motor Company soon.

The City Council approved authorizing City Attorney Dick Clark and the City's assessors from Wayne County to settle the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 tax appeals with Ford Motor Company based on revised tax tables dated Nov. 5, 2010. The City and Ford Motor Company representatives met and negotiated the revised tax tables.

The revised tables are what Ford will use to settle their 2009 and 2010 tax appeals and to file their 2011 taxes.

Based on new tables it is estimated Ford will pay about 75% of what they were billed from the City for 2010 taxes, said Peter McInerney, community development director.

Settling the 2009 tax appeal case based on the new tax tables is not complete yet.

McInerney said that even though the tax tables have been revised to be more realistic in the eyes of the assessors they are still depreciation tables.

The City will get money from Ford but the amount and when it will arrive is not yet known.

"If we can get a check from them in December, that would be great," he said. "But we don't know. They know the cities are in need of their tax payments."

Some of the uncertainty is clearing up but there is not a happy ending in the case of revenue, he said. The City Council has made the changes it needs to the current budget but there will still be an estimated revenue shortfall for the 2011-2012 budget.

Chief Judge Mack wins top honor



Judge Milt Mack

Congratulations are in order for Chief Judge Milton L. Mack, Jr. He was honored by the National College of Probate Judges with the Treat Award for Excellence. He is the first Michigan judge to receive this award. He was nominated for this award because of his efforts to reform Michigan's mental health system.

"It's humbling and intimidating. I know what Judge Treat stands for. Judges need to be out in the community and need to be active and try to help improve the law. As judges, we see the application of the law every day. We have a unique perspective and we need to let the legislation know when it's not working," Mack said.

Mack, who has served as a probate judge for 20 years, has advocated changing the standard for courts to order involuntary treatment of mental illness, in order to promote early treatment and reduce crime related to mental illness. He has proposed changes to the Michigan Mental Health Code to improve access to services for the mentally ill. Mack has written articles on mental health reform, guardianship, and mediation, including "Involuntary Treatment for the 21st Century", which was published in the *Quinnipiac Law Journal*.

"We need to fix the mental health code," he said. Mack has been actively working on this cause for about 10 years. This year, for the first time, they got a bill introduced. It didn't pass but it's a start.

"You have to be persistent," he said.

It's a terrible injustice when people are asking for longer jail sentences because they can get mental health treatment in jail that they can't get otherwise, Mack said.

Established in 1978, the Treat Award is presented annually to one who has made "a significant contribution to the improvement of the law or judicial administration in probate or related fields." The award is named in honor of Judge William W. Treat, founder and President Emeritus of the National College of Probate Judges.

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City Clerk elects retirement

By: Jenny Johnson

She's the familiar face you usually see when you visit City Hall to register to vote or pick up a birth certificate. City Clerk Mary Carney has served the residents of Wayne since 1990.

Her mom, Ann Santure, saw an ad in the paper and told Carney about it. She started in the Clerk's office part time working for then City Clerk Bill Richards.

"Bill Richards told me 'You could be City Clerk someday,'" Carney said.

She was soon promoted to assistant deputy clerk, deputy clerk and then City Clerk after Doris Nall retired in March 2000.

Even before her time in the clerk's office Carney was an election worker. "I've worked the elections for 31 years," she said.

Carney said she has enjoyed working in Wayne because this is her hometown. "I've lived in Wayne my whole life," she said. She attended Jackson Elementary School, Franklin Junior High and graduated from Wayne Memorial High School

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my whole life."**

Mary Carney

in 1973. She chose to stay in Wayne and raise her family.

"There is a sense of community. Everyone is trying to stick together," she said. When her sons, Jim, Greg and Steve were young, everyone in town knew them and knew they were her sons.

Carney recalls one time when her son, Steve, was driving through town in Mary's car.

"He pulled up next to a Wayne cop and they told him to roll down his window," she said. Her son nervously rolled down the window and the officer said, "'Great game.' Steve played football at Wayne High," she said.

"Everyone sort of kept an eye on everyone and took them in as family," she said. "The best part of being a Wayne resident is the people."

Carney is looking forward to her retirement. She will get to spend more time with her husband of 10 years, Bill, who retired from his job as a truck driver for Chrysler a few years ago. The job of a City Clerk means many evening meetings.

She also has a few hobbies to keep her busy. "I have my books lined up," she said. She plans to also keep herself busy with knitting, sewing and crafts. She also plans to continue to be involved in her church, the First Congregational Church.

And of course she looks forward to spending more time with her family. In addition to her three sons and three daughters-in-law, Carney has two stepdaughters, Angi and Dawn and 8 grandchildren. Her wall behind her desk proudly displays her kids and grandkids.

There are a few things she will miss though. "I will miss the people," she said she has enjoyed working with all of the people in the city. "We have a very good team. I love my staff, past and present. They're great.



City Clerk Mary Carney has served the residents of Wayne since 1990.

They'll jump in and help."

What was the key to Carney's 20 year career with Wayne?

"You've got to love Wayne. Know the city and know the people," she said.

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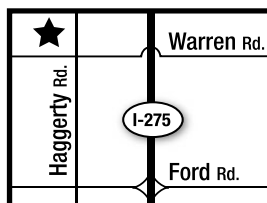
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In just a few weeks I will be enjoying my 57th Christmas. As a child, I had this ritual that I performed each Christmas Eve before I turned in for the night. I would carefully scan the sky through my frost encrusted bedroom window in hopes of spotting Santa and his reindeer silhouetted by a full moon. If it wasn't a full moon that year, then suddenly every twinkling light in outer space, even if just for a moment, appeared to be him. More often than not it turned out to be an airplane on its final approach to O'Hare airport. Once in bed, I would lie there motionless, listening ever so carefully, hoping to hear Santa's reindeer on the roof. Although, after having to hire Critter Control to deal with a family of raccoons in my chimney earlier this summer, I now prefer to not hear any creatures at all on my roof.

As I reflect back upon my childhood, I can easily recall many of the Christmas gifts that my brother and I received. Whether they were from Santa or my parents, it really didn't matter to me. Surprisingly though, my Mother and Santa had very similar handwriting. Perhaps they went to the same school. Which now makes me wonder, do they even teach penmanship in school today? Better yet, do they even teach writing in cursive?

Last night I quickly jotted down a list of some of my favorite toys. The list included steel Tonka trucks, erector sets, HO scale trains, small white plastic blocks that were the forerunner to Legos today, a working steam engine and of course, toy cap guns! Imagine the horror today if you gave your kids a steam engine which required a small fire to turn the water in the boiler into scalding steam. Did I ever get burned? You bet I did. But I also learned a valuable lesson that I still remember today.... DON'T TOUCH HOT THINGS! Perhaps worse yet, imagine the scorn my parents would receive today for buying us toy cap guns. My personal favorite was a 45 revolver with a blued barrel. It was a beauty. I felt like Wyatt Earp, Matt Dillion and Paladin all rolled into one when I swaggered down the

On the Bright Side

Hal Hultman



street with that peacemaker in my holster. But before you get too judgmental, you have to also remember that this is during the 50's and 60's where every night there was a western themed program on TV. And though there were bad guys, the good guys always won. And for some reason, no one ever bled after being gunned down. The victim usually just spun around holding his hand over the wound and then crashed through that flimsy 2nd floor railing in the Saloon. Of course, they always landed on the round table below which would then shatter into a million pieces.

And how could I ever forget my plans to become a ventriloquist. One year Santa brought me Jerry Mahoney and Danny O'Day ventriloquist dummies. After endless hours of practicing to say Dasket Dall in place of Basket Ball so that my lips did not move, I finally gave up. After all I thought, how could anyone make a good living being a ventriloquist? I suppose Jeff Dunham was more persistent. What is most interesting is that none of these toys required batteries. They did however, require an imagination. Perhaps that is why I can't recall myself or my friends ever complaining "I'm bored". It might also be because if I did utter those words, my Mother would usually respond with something like "do you want me to find something for you to do?" I knew from experience not to take her up on that challenge!

As we look forward to Christmas this year, let's all remember to think about our friends, family and especially the men and women in our armed forces that can't be home for the holidays because of their service and commitment to our great country and helping others around the world. Hopefully, someday we will all enjoy peace on earth.

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Community Center will stay open

By Erica Perdue

On Tuesday, November 16th, city council approved a proposal that saves \$175,617 from the Wayne Community Center by closing the pool, cutting wages and shortening hours.

The decided proposal was the last of seven addressed at the meeting.

Council had to make this decision due to Ford Motor Company not providing the tax money that the city was expecting when they made the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget.

Therefore, as of December 30, 2010, the pool at the community center will be closed. The indoor track above the pool, the REC, the ice arena, the sauna, the steam room, the whirlpool, the banquet rooms, the senior department and the youth services will remain open.

"Amid the challenging economic climate the Ted D'Pulos Aquatic Area will be closing temporarily on December 30," said Nathan Adams, the Parks and Recreation Director.

The scenario also includes a 12.5% pay reduction for nine employees; Nathan Adams, Steve Winkelman, Juan Bradford, Kat Martin, Kathy Lawrence, Sue Honke, James Colaianne, Rob Mills and Rob Strutz.

Winkelman was moved to a part-time employee, reducing his hours to 30 hours per week. Several other employees were cut down to a maximum of 20 hours per week.

Also included were cuts in the clerk hours at both the aquatic and REC desks and a reduction in pro-

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Nathan Adams

Parks and Recreation Director

motion and supplies in the administration area.

Since the pool is closing, members will be receiving a letter informing them that they have 30 days to reply if they would like a refund or if they would like to keep it and continue their usage at the indoor track and recreation and exercise club.

Programs will still be run through the community center including the after school recreation program, day camp and dance programs.

"The parks and recreation department will continue to work and seek support from everyone to preserve all programs at the community center," said Adams.

"In the meantime, we are optimistic in putting water back in the pool. And with that, regaining our services to you!"

The end of the 2010-2011 fiscal year is June 30, 2011. The budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year will be made in the future.

"No Child Without A Christmas"

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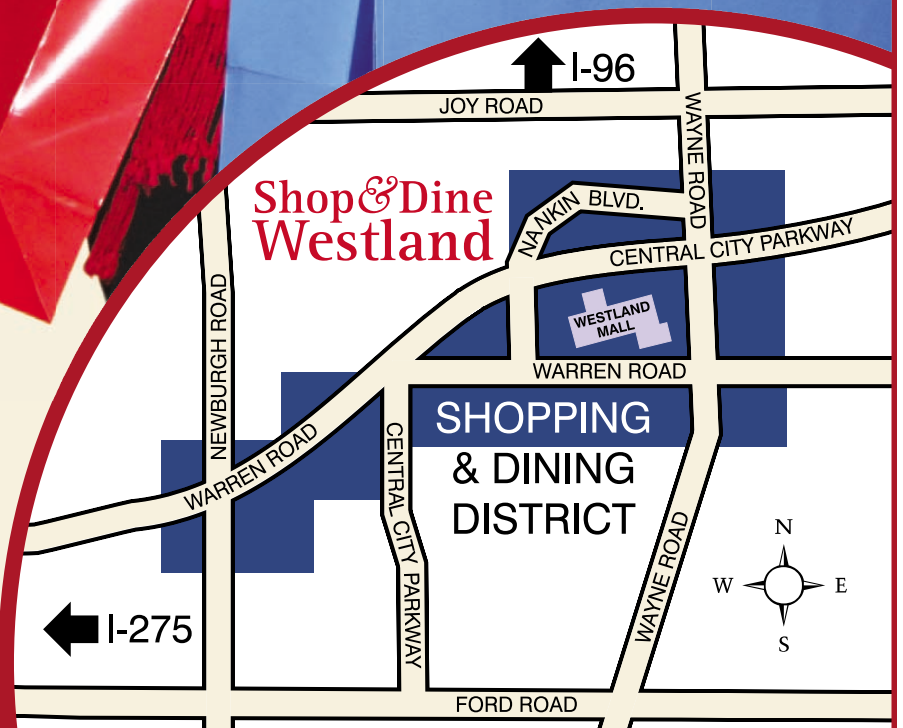
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Resident celebrates more than a century of life

By Erica Perdue

"I like to do most everything," said the humorous, cheerful and witty Jane Woodrow, who will be celebrating her 104th birthday on the first of January.

"I'm not telling anybody my birthday wish!"

Woodrow was born in England. She came to Michigan when she was 7 and has been here ever since. She now resides in the Wayne Towers.

"I like being here very much," she said.

The Wayne Towers will be throwing her a birthday party at the end of December. There will be special surprises for the birthday girl, food music and dancing. All of the residents and her friends and family are invited.

"I love dancing, honey! I've always liked to dance. We used to go to ballrooms in Detroit," boasted the chipper woman.

Woodrow has a personality that shines through. Her stories are remarkable and her humor will keep you laughing for hours.

"When people tell me I shouldn't be here I tell them to mind their own business!"

With a grin on her face she explained that Bob Evans is her favorite restaurant and she goes there on Sundays. Hudsons, now Macys, is her favorite department store. She's been a customer there for over 80 years and uses their Clinique makeup. She then added that she also likes Kroger and she has shopped there for years.

Woodrow's father was the florist at Eloise. "He made it beautiful there. He made those grounds. There were the most gorgeous mums," she said smiling.

She also described the basket statue that he made on the grounds that still stands there today.

"Growing up at Eloise was really the same as everywhere else."

Cheerful as can be, Woodrow said that her secret to good health is simple, "I don't take pills or medicine! I dump those prescriptions!"

Woodrow worked at Annapolis and Providence Hospital as a secretary. She said she did the charts by

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hand, no computer!

One entertaining story she told was about a doctor who accused her of a mistake she didn't make. "He called me a worm and I said, 'My name is not worm, my name is Ms. Woodrow if you'd like to know.'"

Her bold personality hasn't changed one bit from the day of that story to today.

She said that she used to knit socks for the soldiers and send packages all the time. Her brother was killed in World War I and is buried in France.

"I love babies. I love taking care of little kids, well used to. My babysitting days are over now, but when I'm out walking and I see someone with a baby I have to go look at them," chuckled Woodrow.

She has one son who lives in The Wayne Towers as well, and one deceased daughter.

She told stories about her and her daughter when they traveled.

"I've been to Germany, France, Italy, Scotland and Switzerland!" she boasted.

Woodrow remembers times in France and Germany with her daughter. She talked about the people in Switzerland and how nice she remembers them being.

She told the story of how she met her husband. "He was going by in a little red car and I was looking out the bathroom window and thought, 'Well, gee, he looks pretty good.'"

They eloped when she was 18. Woodrow was the youngest child of 11. "I had the best father in the world and I wish they built more like my mom. She was a wonderful lady," she said.

She reminisced to everyone sitting around the table at Christmas and how great both her parents were at cooking. She showed where every-



Jane Woodrow, will be celebrating her 104th birthday on the first of January at The Wayne Towers. Photo by John Rhaesa of The Wayne Dispatch

one sat at the table.

Walking to get her mail other Tower residents spoke to her with smiles. The sense of humor Woodrow carries with her can brighten anyone's day.

One hundred and four years of making everyone laugh and keeping loved ones happy, she'll be celebrating life with those same people. Woodrow will surely enjoy the dancing at her birthday party!

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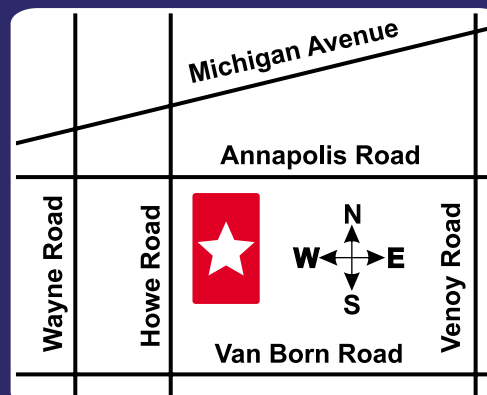
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Help those in need this holiday season

By Erica Perdue

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give," Winston Churchill once said.

It's the holiday season and the residents of Wayne are making the best life they can for children and families in need. There are groups throughout the city volunteering and hosting fundraisers to help others.

The Wayne Goodfellows are hosting several events this season. The Goodfellows is a non-profit organization that provides support to less fortunate families and children every year. They provide food, toys and emergency assistance. You can join the Goodfellows at any of their events.

On Thursday, December 2nd, the proceeds from the charity event, "A Cup of Christmas Tea," at the Wayne Community Center will benefit the Goodfellows along with the Business and Professional Women's Wayne Memorial High School Scholarship. There will be prizes, baskets and raffles.

On Thursday, December 2nd, there will also be a Goodfellows charity event at Jake's Again. On Thursday, December 9th, The Village Bar will host an event. On Monday, December 13th, it will be taking place at the Avenue and on Thursday, December 16th, U.S.-12 Bar and Grille will hold the event.

By attending any of these you can help the Goodfellows raise money. In 2009 they assisted over 200 families because of the help from the community.

The St. Mary's Outreach Center is also busy helping out. The Outreach Center is a non-denominational food and clothing bank that services the community. If you would like to help out or receive more information, please contact Judy at 734-326-2234.

Wayne Memorial High School students are doing their part this season too. The school holds a "Canley Cup" every year in which the first hour classes compete to see which class can bring in the most canned food. Assistant Principal Julie

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by what we get,
but we make a life
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Winston Churchill

Lublin said that they donate the food to St. Mary's.

"I think it's good that we do the canned food drive because it's a great way to give back," said Brandon Harnos, an executive board member for the student senate at WMHS.

The Wayne 100 Club is at it again too. They're probably the least talked about charity group around ... by choice. The Wayne 100 Club is a group of individuals who donate their money to help residents in need.

This group has been around for over 16 years and the members remain anonymous. The members look for families in need throughout the year and as a group they choose who to help and how to do so.

Wayne Memorial High School will be holding "Holiday Nights" this year after the success they found in it last year. Twelve hundred people waited outside to get into this free charitable event.

They provide a hot meal, pictures with Santa, holiday crafts, kid-friendly activities and this year there will also be a "Secret Santa Shop."

The vendors and I offer very inexpensive items so the kids can do their shopping for quality and cute items for their families," said Noel Derr, chairperson of the shop.

This event will be on Friday, Dec. 3rd, from 4-8 p.m.

The city emblem reads, "People, Pride and Progress." Thanks to the people of Wayne volunteering and donating throughout the holiday season we are able to keep our pride strong and make continuous progress.

PLANNING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The holidays always seem to be just around the corner. It won't be long before families are exchanging presents. Holidays and gifts can take a big bite out of your budget so plan ahead to keep your budget under control.

The following are suggestions to help your holiday budget:

- Shop early for gifts
- Make your own gifts
- Don't be a "One gift for you...one gift for me" shopper!
- Use layaway plans if possible
- If you have a large family, consider drawing names to exchange gifts
- Shop your local craft fairs and shows for specialty items
- Family members would appreciate an IOU to mow the lawn or wash the car in the spring
- Fill stockings with inexpensive items

Don't forget to plan ahead for expenses such as holiday decorations, special candies, baking supplies (especially if baking for gifts), increased utility bills, food consumption and wrapping paper. These expenses are rarely considered and can really add up fast.

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City contracts finance director position



Laura Knapp

At their November meeting the City Council approved a 12 month contract with Plante & Moran. They will provide the services of a finance director until a candidate for the position is found.

"This is a departure of past practice," said John Zech.

We will provide the exact same services as the finance director," said Carl Johnson of Plante & Moran. "We will work with you and learn the City of Wayne and provide whatever you require."

Laura Knapp will provide the duties of the finance director/treasurer and will be at City Hall three to four days a week and will attend all city council meetings. Plante & Moran is one of the nation's largest certified public accounting firms.

Drop-N-Shop

Looking for something for the kids to do while you finish up that last minute holiday shopping? The Wayne Community Center is offering Drop-N-Shop from 12-8:30 p.m. on Dec. 18. The cost is \$26 for residents/corporate members and \$33 for non-residents. There will be swimming, skating, games, crafts, movies and dinner. Take-A-Break day camp will also be offered Dec. 20-23 and 27-30. Call 734-721-7400 for more info.

Write Love

Karma Coffee Shop on Wayne Road is hosting a Good Karma Benefit for the organization To Write Love on Her Arms. It will be from 4-10 p.m. on Dec. 4. The cost is \$7 at the door and includes entertainment by six different bands. To Write Love on Her Arms is a non-profit movement dedicated to presenting hope and finding help for people struggling with depression, addiction, self-injury and suicide. Call Karma Coffee for more information at 734-727-0198.



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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

No Child Without a Christmas

The Wayne Goodfellows have partnered with local businesses to host fund raising parties to support their No Child Without a Christmas effort. The parties will be from 5-10 p.m. on Dec. 2 at Jake's Again, Dec. 9 at The Village Bar, Dec. 13 at The Avenue and Dec. 16 at US-12. There will be prizes, raffles, auctions and food. For more information, please call 734-722-1111.

Holiday Night at WMHS

Wayne Memorial High School will host a Holiday Night for the Community from 6-8 p.m. on Dec. 3. This is a free event open to all families in the community. Come enjoy dinner, visit with Santa, make an ornament, decorate cookies and win raffle prizes. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please enter at the Glenwood entrance.

Lunch with Santa

Get a chance to have lunch with Santa from 10:45 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. on Dec. 4 at the Wayne Community Center. The cost is \$5 for residents and \$6 for non residents and includes pizza, salad, breadsticks, crafts and face painting. Pictures with Santa are \$3 each. Tickets are on sale now.

Stuff a Bus

The Wayne Westland Community School District transportation department need help to Stuff a Bus. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 4 a school bus will be parked in the Kmart parking lot on the corner of Wayne Road and Cherry Hill in Westland. Please help them stuff it with new toys, clothes and non perishable items. All proceeds will go to the Westland Salvation Army to provide holiday cheer for the needy residents in the community.

Tree Lighting

The holiday tree lighting ceremony will be at 7 p.m. on Dec. 7 at the Wayne Historical Museum. Dress warm and come join the fun. Pictures with Santa will start at 7:15 p.m and will be \$2 each. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served by the Wayne Beautification Committee inside the Historical Museum.

Holiday Cookie Walk

Don't miss The First United Methodist Church a Cookie Walk from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Dec. 11. All cookies and candy are homemade. Cookies are sold by the tin and candy by the pound. For more information, please call 734-721-4801.

Wayne resident leaves legacy of love

He will be missed by many. Longtime Wayne resident Floyd W. Lambert died on Oct. 26, 2010. He was buried at St. Mary Cemetery. Floyd is survived by his nine children Mark (Michelle), Nancy, the late Steven, Paul (Carol), Dr. Timothy, Suzanne (James), Jeffrey (Holly), Phillip (Tammy), and Mary, 29 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren as well as his sister, Florence (Dodo) Klein, and brothers, Frank Lambert, Cy Lambert and Sidney Lambert.

Floyd was born on Dec. 18, 1927 in Detroit to Lois and Ethel Lambert and was one of nine children.

Growing up he attended Catholic schools and was double promoted from first to third grade and third to fifth grade. At the age of 15 he lied about his age and signed up for the armed forces and at sixteen he was allowed, with permission from his father, to join the Navy and participate in World War II.

A carpenter by trade he retired from Ford Motor Engineer Plant in Dearborn at the age of 71, and always regretted it. He took great pride in his accomplishments at work.

"However his greatest accomplishment was the construction of his family," said his son, Phillip. "He was Dad Lambert or grandpa to so many throughout the years. When his sons played baseball he was there to help not only with his own but whatever boy was in need. Whatever sport any of his children were in he was there. He even helped his grandson make a cake for a Boy Scout event and went with eight of his granddaughters to a Daddy/Daughters dance," said daughter Nancy.

Floyd was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and a barber shop quartet.



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1990's Wayne continues to grow!!

Another decade to remember. It was still a time for economic growth and prosperity for Wayne.

As I write about the 1990's the history is only twenty years old, and if the decade is grouped together only ten years ago. The 1990's don't seem so long ago. But you see, history was being created and it shows that everyday is history. It is necessary now more than ever to think that history is really now. So actions of today effect the future and our past.

Wayne started a couple of "green" initiatives, before we knew what being green was all about!!

The recycling center opened in the spring of 1990. The purpose was and still is to reduce the amount of trash being sent to the landfill. It was projected that at least 25% less would be sent, let's hope that is still the case. The City became a "Tree City USA" in 1996 with the planting of trees being an important task every year during the decade. Today we can really start to enjoy all of the trees planted as they now are starting to give us shade and add to the sense of place.

The Wayne Beautification Commission started to award residents who took great care of their homes. The City Council provided a certificate and decal for the door. One of my favorite things was the planting of the flowers along the Wayne Road curb line. The flowers, planted by volunteers, were so beautiful and really added something to town.

As many of you know, I think we need to start the "It's Great to Live in Wayne" campaign again and as I read through the scrapbooks, I always enjoy reading Sharon Popek's column by that same name. On June 7, 1990 she wrote about Monroe School's 50th Anniversary and what a great event the school hosted to cel-

Rearview Mirror

Matt Miller



ebate. Now Monroe is gone and is home to a whole new subdivision. If you go down Biddle, you would never even know there was a two story school building there. The planning stages of Monroe Commons started in the late 1990's.

To continue with progress, the Wayne Drive-In closed on July 19, 1990. What fun memories were had there and it seems I was never able to make it through the second show. Of course the drive-in was purchased by Ford Motor Company when it expanded to create the paint facility.

The drive-in came down and construction began in January 1991.

In the mid 1990's, the Downtown Development Authority started to formulate plans to beautify the downtown. The first phase of the streetscape began in 1996 with the coordination of the construction of the new library which was dedicated in 1996. The plans for our beautiful

Goudy Park Amphitheater and park improvements were approved in 1991. The two phase project took about two years to construct. The City purchased the State Wayne Theater and hosted a gala grand opening celebration on December 1, 1991. It doesn't seem that long ago!!! The theater hosted many cultural events from comedians, magicians, plays, live music and the youth theater.

On December 8, 1996 the new pool/aquatic area was dedicated and was attended by hundreds of people. On September 16, 1999 the Planet Playscape was dedicated. This was the first community build playscape, lots of manpower went in to that project and it is holding up pretty well.

With the help of Dick and Beth Clark, a First Night celebration was held on New Years Eve 1992. This was a wonderful event that focused on celebrating the New Year together as community at many places through out the downtown. It was a great cultural event that was hosted for a couple more years too! There were so many options for cultural entertainment that it seems to be lost in today's society and truly missed by many.

Every year the scrapbooks capture pictures of the annual sidewalk

sales. The 1994 sales really showed some great images of Kresge's, Hardware, Plagen's Market and the soda fountain at Cobb Pharmacy. All of these are gone now and it really shows how small town America has changed with the big-box store explosion in the 1990's.

How about this part of history, "Property values up 10 percent" Wayne Eagle, February 28, 1991. All through out the 1990's property values were rising and in 1994 Proposal A was created to help curtail property taxes as the home values were rising so quickly and in turn made the taxes rise too. Let's hope history repeats itself on this one!

One last bit of history is that on July 11, 1996, we celebrated Anthony Wayne Day. Our town's namesake, Anthony Wayne flew the first U.S. flag over Detroit and Michigan on July 11, 1796.

So a connection to our past was celebrated and a program was done in the schools to teach the children how we got our name.

The decade ended with all of the hopes and dreams that our community would grow. Downtown looked beautiful, all of the streetscape was complete. The green street lights added charm to the downtown and you really knew when you were in Wayne.

If you want to read more, stop at the Historical Museum and look through the yearbooks it is 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, at (734) 729-1277 for more information. You can also contact me with any questions or comments.



(Top) In the 1990s the amphitheater was added to Goudy Park. The City became more green with the planting of many trees. The community built Planet Playscape opened in 1998 and planting day saw dozens of volunteers helping make Wayne more beautiful. (Above) Recycling efforts in the City also began in the 1990s.



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