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This building has been many things throughout the history of Wayne. It was once the village hall, city hall, Wayne Chamber of Commerce and today it is the Wayne Historical Museum. Photos Courtesy of The Wayne Historical Museum

Our Village Hall - A window into the past....

I am thinking of changing the name of my article to "Windows into the Past" but only if you all can meet my challenge. What do you think? My challenge is to help the Wayne Historical Society raise enough funds to replace the windows at the Historical Museum which is the original village hall. To help everyone to invest in something solid, I will give a bit of history of the building that houses the Historical Museum but was originally built as the Village Hall.

In 1877, after the Village Council met in rented rooms for eight years, it was decided to build a council chambers and lockup. The Building Committee requested bids for the construction of a two story frame building of 20' by 36'. After much deliberation, a brick building was ordered built on the Public Square. The low bidder was James R. Lewis from Detroit at \$1,300.00.

The Village Council held their first meeting in the new Village Hall on November 19, 1878. The building was used by both the village and

Rearview Mirror

Matt Miller



Nankin Township. The township was charged \$25 annually. Of course, all community issues were debated and decided in this building.

It contained the Village Offices, the Police Station and Fire Station. The jail cells were located in the basement and sometimes the two cells held as many as ten people on a rowdy Saturday night. For some time, the Chamber of Commerce and Junior Achievement were housed in the building. In 1961, the City Council appointed a five member Historical Commission which was activated by 1963. The building was then turned over to the Commission which is responsible for the operation of the Museum.

Given that this building has seen

so much history, it is the perfect building for the Historical Museum. In order to preserve our history and help restore the building, it is ever more important that we replace the windows on this building that houses all of our history. Since the building was built in 1878, some of the windows are original and are in pretty bad shape. Make your checks payable to the "Wayne Historical Society" C/O Window Replacement Fund at 1 Town Square, Wayne, MI

48184 or drop the check to me at City Hall. The goal is to replace these windows by the end of the summer for a total of \$20,000.00. Please contribute to the "windows into the past" project it is a worthy cause.

Please visit the Historical Museum. The museum is open each Friday and Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or call 734-722-0113 for an appointment. You can also contact me at "matt@thewaynedispatch.com" with any comments.

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By Jenny Johnson

CHANGING lives one FAMILY at a time

"If Christ would come back to our community, where would he go?" asked Chris Lambert, pastor Ekklesia Church. "We felt he would go to Norwayne." That's why they chose this area to launch Life Remodeled.

"Life Remodeled is a reality TV show coming to Westland," Lambert said. It will feature a seven day house building, similar to Extreme Makeover. They will film volunteers building a single family 1200 sq. ft. home with three bedrooms for a deserving family. The home will be built from April 25- May 1 on Oscoda Court east of Venoy in Westland.

"We want to change lives of people in the Wayne Westland area," he said. "The show, Life Remodeled, isn't about how getting a brand new house will fix every problem in your life. We all know that's ridiculous. Life Remodeled meets needs holistically."

Lambert said, on Extreme Makeover, 17-25% of the families lose their homes in two to five years.

More than just good TV

"This is a more holistic approach. We give the families financial train-

"We want to change lives of people in the Wayne Westland area."

Chris Lambert
Pastor Ekklesia Church

ing, free long term therapy, life skills and a spiritual component," he said. Life Remodeled has a life coach and a financial advisor who will work with the family. "We want to give them a fresh new start."

They are providing a local family with more than just a new home. They are helping them build a solid foundation and a positive future. While the home will be complete in seven days, the goal is to change a family's life forever.

"We are remodeling lives one family at a time," he said.

Lambert said they hope to sell Life Remodeled to a network so they can continue to remodel homes and help families in the Wayne Westland community.

"Choosing just one family is a very difficult decision, because literally hundreds of families in the Nor-

wayne district could benefit significantly from Life Remodeled. This is one of the most important reasons why we are filming this movement for Reality TV. Once we sign a contract with the right television network, we will have the funding we need to build homes and remodel lives for years to come. Our desire is to film the entire first season of Life Remodeled in Norwayne, which means we would build around 12 homes in just one year," Lambert said.

The first episode of Life Remodeled will be aired to a live audience on June 3.

Need to help others

Why did Ekklesia Church choose reality TV as a means to reach out to the community?

"First, and most importantly, this is what the church does. The church is the Body of Christ. Christ came to serve and not to be served. In Matthew 25, Jesus also said that when Judgment Day comes, the ways we did or did not serve those in need will confirm whether we did or did not genuinely put our faith in Christ," Lambert said.

"People obviously love television. That's why we're producing Life Remodeled. It is a movement initiated by Ekklesia Church. But it is certainly not just for Christians. We are extremely passionate about reaching and serving people outside the four walls of our auditorium. We want to work side-by-side with people of all races, religions, economic backgrounds, etc... wherever you're coming from, we want to experience Life Remodeled together," he said.

Making a difference

Volunteers are still needed. "As far as construction on the house goes, due to the time-sensitivity of this project, only individuals who are professionals or have a necessary ex-

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pert skill will be building this house," Lambert said. But they do need volunteers to help beautify the entire street.

Life Remodeled is getting some helping hands from the students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. Students in the Construction Tech, Culinary Arts and Digital Media programs are all offering their special skills and gaining real world experience while they help this effort.

"The Life Remodeled Project is a total community effort. It is about supporting our community. This is one of the many things the Center does to create work-life experiences for our students. The process is allowing students to get real world experience while utilizing the skills they are learning in the classroom. The project not only beautifies our community it provides assistance to families in need. The project is teaching students to be good citizens contributing their talents to society for the benefit of others. The William D. Ford Career Technical Center is proud to support this outstanding project," said Steve Kay,

Students in the Construction Technology class at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center built the walls of the Life Remodeled home in their classroom. They will be transported to the site and assembled on April 25. Pastor Chris Lambert (also on the cover) will be on site during the build to film the reality television show Life Remodeled.

principal, William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

The students in the construction technology classes are building the walls of the home.

"I really like having the opportunity to better myself by helping out the community. I am able to use my skills for the common good which is one of the core democratic values," said Collin McGue, John Glenn High School senior.

"I never realized that I had enough of the valuable skills that are needed to participate in a project like this. I am excited to be able to make a contribution to a program that is helping a needy family and rebuilding our community," said Nick



Wagnitz, Wayne Memorial High School junior.

"I am proud to help others who are less fortunate in our community. I live very close to this neighborhood and am excited to make a difference right in my own community," said Austin Schacht, John Glenn High School junior.

"Whenever possible we try to involve our students in real life projects so that their learning is as relevant as possible. We also appreciate the opportunity to show them that even at this young age, they have valuable skills that can be donated in order to make a difference in their community. We hope that this principle of service learning helps make

them better citizens. In this time of tightening school dollars it is incredible to be able to frame an entire house in our classroom with absolutely no cost to the school district," said construction tech teachers Mark Valchine and Mike Koelzer.

There will be 14 digital media students who will be on site participating with the production crew during the seven day build. They will be performing camera work, audio, editing and lighting.

"They will get firsthand knowledge in the production of the actual reality TV show," Kay said.

The response from the Wayne Westland Community has been appreciated. Lambert said the Deck Barn in Wayne is donating all materials for the deck, and they will install it. The JROTC students from Wayne Memorial High School will be on site every day as part of the Safety Team.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. Sponsors are still needed to help provide the remaining materials needed for the build. For more information go to www.LifeRemodeled.com.

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First Chevy Volt in Wayne. Mark Chevrolet in Wayne was proud to hand over the keys to the first Chevy Volt sold in Wayne. L-R: Chris Cabana, Casey Cabana, Elissa Sudorowski and Trish Hampton. Photos by The Wayne Dispatch

Mark Chevrolet delivers first Volt

By Jenny Johnson

She couldn't contain her excitement. Elissa Sudorowski of Westland hugged everyone on the way to Trish Hampton and the keys to her new car, the 2011 Chevy Volt. This was the first Volt sold at Mark Chevrolet of Wayne.

This electric and gas powered four passenger hatchback is exactly what Sudorowski has wanted since she saw it as a concept vehicle. The Volt can go 35 miles on a charge and a total of 379 miles with one charge and one tank of gas.

"I will be able to make it to and from work without using a drop of gas," she said. Sudorowski did all of her research on the vehicle said Trish Hampton, the salesperson who sold her the Volt. She placed her order in December and picked out the green interior complete with a tree design.

"It's designed for people who don't go far," Hampton said. She said the 240 volt battery takes about four hours to charge. The battery is located behind the engine and you get to it through the counsel on the interior of the car. The lithium battery is six inches long and offers an eight year 100,000 mile warranty.

Sudorowski had a separate

meter box installed at her house just for her charging station. She was able to get the installation for free through a Department of Energy program.

"She deserves this," said Hampton. "She's a big go green person."

"I am a self proclaimed Earth hugger," she said. She has been recycling since she was a child. "I do whatever I can to save."

Sudorowski bought her 1996 Beretta from Mark Chevrolet so when she was in need of a new car she called them. She initially called for a deal on a Malibu because she didn't think the Volt was available yet and her Beretta was not going to hold out until it was. That's when Trish said they could get her one.

The dealership gets one to demo and one to sell and she was the first one to place an order. Sudorowski was thrilled.

"We're very happy to have it here and be able to offer this to our customers," said Chris Cabana. Mark Chevrolet doesn't even have their demo Volt on the lot yet. It's coming this month.

Sudorowski came to the dealership to unwrap the car herself. "It is so much more than I ever expected," she said. "This car is amazing."

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Wayne Couple celebrates 70th anniversary

By Jenny Johnson

It's quite a milestone. Florence, 87, and Garland, 88, Randall of Wayne will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on April 5. They were married in Detroit in 1941.

They currently reside in the Wayne Towers but were both born and grew up in Detroit. They were introduced by Garland's sister, Gloria.

After they were married, Garland was in the Navy during World War II. Florence and their oldest child, David, stayed at the base in Oklahoma while Garland was stationed in the south Pacific for two years. Florence worked at a bomber plant during the war. After the war Garland worked as an automotive engineer and Florence worked for a mortgage company until she had her second child, Linda. Their youngest child, Laura Mack is the district court judge in Wayne.

Laura has fond memories of growing up. "We had such a stable loving family. My mom cooked nutritious meals and taught us how to read before we started school. She



Florence and Garland Randall, pictured here with their whole family, will celebrate their 70th anniversary this month.

was just an excellent mother. Now that I am mother and grandmother, I can appreciate all that she did," Mack said.

The family had a cottage in Canada and spent a lot of time there in the summer. "There was no bathroom. We had to bathe in the lake. It was an adventure. It was very rustic but we loved it. We would spend the entire summer there and Dad would come up on the weekends," she said.

"They were wonderful parents. My parents were very devoted to each other. Theirs is one of the great love stories of all time," Mack said.

Today the Randalls have three children- David, Linda and Laura, three grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Their secret to a successful marriage was their ability to talk to each other and work things out. "My dad never raised his voice and vice versa.



Florence and Garland Randall

They have a civil and kind marriage," Mack said.

Even today Garland still dotes on Florence. She has had some recent health issues and "he is ever vigilant of her care. There's no better physician than my dad when it comes to taking care of her," Mack said.

Congratulations and happy anniversary.

70th Anniversary

Garland & Florence Randall

Judge Laura Mack congratulates her parents, Garland and Florence Randall, on their 70th Wedding Anniversary, (April 5, 2011).
A private celebration is planned for April 2nd.

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Get ready for Kindergarten

The Wayne Westland Community School District will host Kindergarten Round Up from 9-10 a.m. on April 5 at all 11 elementary schools. Parents and incoming kindergarten students are invited to tour the school, meet the staff, receive registration materials and ask questions. School offices will also be open from 6-7 p.m. for registration too. Children must be five years old by December 1, 2011 to attend Kindergarten. Wayne Westland offers all-day kindergarten at all K-4 elementary schools. For more information, call (734) 419-2083.

Tax Assistance for seniors

The Senior Services Office is taking reservations for this year's tax program. This free program is being held at the Wayne Community Center each Wednesday through April 13. By appointment only. Donations to the Senior Services are appreciated.

Grease is the word

John Glenn High School will present Grease at 7 p.m. on April 7-9 in the school's auditorium. There will also be a matinee at 1 p.m. on April 9. Tickets are \$10 for children and students and \$12 for adults.

Glenwood Construction

Phase II of the Glenwood Road Reconstruction Project will begin this month. This phase will include installation of 8" water main between the CSX railroad and Wayne Road, the installation of 24" water main between Newburgh and Venoy by Detroit Water and Sewer and removal and replacement of deficient sidewalks. The project will also include new curbs and gutters and the resurfacing of the road with new asphalt pavement. The work is scheduled to be completed by September.

"A newer and better Glenwood is on the way," said Ramzi El-Gharib, department of public works director. This is a combined project with Westland and Detroit Water and Sewer. Funding will come from a federal aid grant and DWSD will pay the local share. El-Gharib said Wayne is only responsible for the installation of the 8" water main.

Flower donations needed

The Ripple Effect is looking for people, businesses and organizations to sponsor flower planters in Downtown Wayne. The cost is \$30 for small planters and \$40 for large planters. Sign up today at WayneRippleEffect@gmail.com or call (734) 740-0606. Deadline is April 30.

JROTC on their way to DC

The Wayne Memorial High School JROTC placed first in the 2010-2011 Army Leadership Bowl. They will participate in the National Leadership Finals in Washington, DC in June.

Body on train tracks

Wayne Police have confirmed the identity of the person found on the train tracks last month. It was David Allen Markland Jr., 34, of Wayne. The case is still under investigation.

Casino trip

The Wayne Senior Services program sponsors the Sometimes Travelers group for anyone 30 years and older. Membership is \$5 per year. One of their upcoming trips is April 26 to Soaring Eagle Casino. The cost is \$31 for transportation, a \$30 coin coupon and \$5 food voucher. Call 734-721-7400.

Dairy Queen receives PRIDE

The Wayne Dairy Queen is the proud recipient of the PRIDE Award for achieving a high level of cleanliness and food safety. They received their award from the Dairy Queen/Orange Julius system. The award is given out once a year.

Drive One 4 UR School

Jack Demmer Ford is participating with Wayne Memorial High School in the Drive One 4 UR School program. From 4-7 p.m. on April 14 they will offer test drives of some of their new vehicles during "Wayne Pride Night" at Wayne Memorial High School. This is a Ford Motor Company sponsored program that raises money for the school. Wayne Memorial will receive \$20 per test drive from Ford.

Former business owner mourned

Art Allen, 88, former owner of Art Allen Menswear, died on March 24. Allen was also the office manager at Annapolis Hospital and a member of the Westland Free Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Iona, and daughter and son-in-law Valerie and Don Jarrett.

School Budget cuts

If Governor Rick Snyder's proposed budget passes, it could mean a loss of \$14 million for Wayne Westland Schools. School officials are asking parents, students and all Wayne Westland stakeholders to write letters to their elected officials letting them know how devastating these cuts would be to the students in the district. For more information, please visit www.wwcsd.net and click on the Legislative Tool Kit under the Latest News on the home page.

Kids Bowl Free

Wayne Bowl is offering the Kids Bowl Free program from April 15 through Labor Day. Children 18 and under can bowl up to two games a day for free. Shoe rental is not included. To register go to www.kidsbowlfree.com And select Wayne Bowl.

Help clean up downtown

The Ripple Effect will sponsor "Downtown Wayne Clean Up Day" from 9-11 a.m. on April 30. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Contact WayneRippleEffect@gmail.com for more info.

Wayne's largest Euchre tournament

Wayne's Largest Euchre tournament will be held on April 9 at the Wayne Community Center. The Wayne Rotary would like you to be a part of it. Check in begins at 6:15p.m. and the tournament starts at 7 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. Prizes will be awarded for the top five point totals. There will be food, beer, pop, and coffee, raffles and more. To pre-register for the tournament please e-mail: rjg.euchre@yahoo.com.

Oakwood supports soldiers

John Cargill is a true patriot. The manager of the emergency department of Oakwood Annapolis Hospital received a Patriot Award from the Department of Defense, Employer Support of Guard and Reserves. He was nominated for the award by Jeremy Johnston, a paramedic at OAH. Johnston is also a staff sergeant with the 948th Forward Surgical Team in the armed services. He is frequently called away from his home and job with very little warning.

"I know it puts a strain on our facility, but (Cargill) has been very supportive," said Johnston, a Wayne resident. "There's never been any problems."

The award is given to employers who go above and beyond to ensure that employees who serve in the national guards or through other branch of armed services don't have to worry about the status of their employment while they are deployed overseas.

Cargill said he was humbled to receive the award, but added that he thought he was just doing his job and showing support for the armed services.

"Choice of military service is a voluntary commitment to do a job that is often unrecognized, thankless; yet it is one of the most dangerous jobs in the world, and one in which they may be seriously injured or even killed while protecting the freedoms and lives of citizens here at home," said Cargill. "Regardless of our views on politics or government, our support for our troops should be steadfast and certain."

Gifts from above

Crosspointe Community Church is sponsoring this year's Marshmallow Drop on April 22 at the Anderson Baseball field located behind the Wayne Community Center. The first drop is at 10 a.m. for walking toddlers to age four and children with disabilities. The second drop is for ages 5-7 and the third drop is for ages 8-10. There will be a Pancake Breakfast from 10:45-12 p.m. at the Wayne Community Center. Tickets are \$4 for Wayne and Westland residents and \$5 for non residents. Call 734-721-7400 for more info.

Michigan Assembly launches 2012 Focus

By Jenny Johnson

On March 17 Ford Motor Company officially launched the 2012 Ford Focus at the newly renovated Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne. Governor Rick Snyder, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Wayne City officials joined Ford Motor executives and employees from UAW Local 900 to celebrate the success.

The Michigan Assembly Plant has gone through a \$550 million transformation and is now Ford's most flexible plant and the only one capable of producing gasoline-powered, battery electric, hybrid electric and electric plug in vehicles all on the same line. In January they transferred about 3,200 workers from the Wayne Assembly Plant next door to MAP, to start building the Focus. The vehicles are showing up in dealerships now.

"When American workers are given proper tools we can do anything," said Jimmy Settles, UAW Vice President. "What you're doing, is what America needs," he told the crowd of UAW workers.

They are currently producing one Focus per minute. They hope to get up to 600 per day. These gas-powered vehicles get 40 miles per gallon and start at about \$16,995.

With the rise of gas costs "This new car could not arrive in the market at a better time," said Mark Fields, Ford president of The Americas.

Fields said Ford has sold 2.4 million Focus vehicles in the United



States since 1999. Sales of the 2011 Focus are up 42 percent for the first two months of the year.

"It's great to celebrate success," said Governor Rick Snyder. He said Ford is a role model for what needs to be done in Michigan. "We have a broken model and it needs to be reinvented," he said. "The world has changed and we need to do things a new way. Change is hard but you are better, stronger and poised for success."

"The journey our state is on is just a few years behind you. We are at the point of crisis," Snyder said. There is a bright future ahead for Michigan just like for Ford, he said.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said, "For 100 years we have put the world on wheels. We have the



At the launch of the 2012 Ford Focus at the Michigan Assembly Plant, Ford executives, elected officials, dealers and suppliers were able to see up close how a Focus is built. (Top left) UAW Local 900 demonstrated installing a door, a sunroof and buffing the vehicle. UAW Local 900 President JR Robinson and Governor Rick Snyder were on hand to congratulate employees.

most skilled work force in the world at Ford Motor. You could have done this anywhere in the world and you chose Wayne, Michigan and we thank you."

"I'm proud to say we've done it through U.S. investment and UAW jobs," Fields said. "The Michigan As-

sembly Plant epitomizes the best of what Ford stands for - fuel efficiency, quality, smart technology."

The MAP will produce the Focus Electric zero-emission battery electric car later this year followed by the new C-MAX Hybrid and plug-in Hybrid in 2012.

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Unsung heroes get recognition from USAR team

By Jenny Johnson

It's not why they do their job. From water main repairs and snow removal to streetlight repair and pot hole patching, the employees at the Department of Public Works make a difference in the City of Wayne every day. Most of what they do goes unnoticed.

But on Dec. 29 they, along with the police and fire departments, worked professionally and efficiently at the site of the William C. Franks Furniture explosion. Their hard work did not go unnoticed.

"It's a much better day to come back to Wayne," said Livonia Fire Chief, Shadd Whitehead when he stopped by the DPW department to thank them for a job well done. He and Farmington Hills Fire Chief Corey Bartsch were representing the Wayne County Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team who led the rescue efforts at the Franks Furniture site.

Whitehead said what happened that morning was "something we had trained and prepared for" but



Livonia Fire Chief and head of USAR team Shadd Whitehead congratulates Walt Breneman for his outstanding help with the Franks Furniture explosion.

never had to execute. Many emergency responders will work their whole career and never have to respond to a building collapse.

"It's unfortunate that day came and unfortunate it happened in your jurisdiction," he said. While the outcome was not what they hoped for when they arrived on scene the training and planning did work.

"It could not have run as

smoothly without the efforts of the Wayne DPW. You don't get recognition for what you do on a daily basis. You played an extremely critical role that day, as you do every day," he said.

Members of the DPW department responded to the scene with equipment to move debris and allow rescue workers access to search the collapsed building. From taking down a partial wall and cleaning up

shattered glass to getting lighting on site, "You were so organized and always visible waiting for the next request. You created a safe work zone for us. I appreciate the skills you brought to the table that day," he said.

"You performed flawlessly. Without your help we couldn't have done what we did," said Corey Bartsch, Farmington Hills fire chief and USAR member. "You were able to switch gears, work with the team and get the job done." They presented the DPW employees with certificates of recognition.

"You've always helped us and we appreciate it. We can't do our job without all of us working as a team," said Wayne Fire Chief Mel Moore.

Police Chief Jason Wright said it was amazing the way they operated the heavy machinery in the midst of debris and rescue workers.

"You worked outstanding in chaos," he said.

"I've always appreciate the work you've done," said Mayor Pro Tem Donna McEachern.

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Meet the candidates running for Wayne Westland School Board

By Erica Perdue - On May 3 voters in the Wayne Westland Community School attendance area will be asked to elect two trustees to the school board from a pool of six candidates. All six candidates were sent a list of questions by The Wayne Dispatch. Their answers are below.



Thomas Buckalew



Andrea Clawson



Scott Davis



Harold Dunn



Charles "Trav" Griffin



Jeffrey Hayton

Why are you running for Wayne-Westland School Board?

Our district has been very good to me and my family. It was a wonderful place to work and it provided my children with an excellent education. I want to continue an association with Wayne Westland education. I have had a variety of experiences and the opportunity to develop skills that will be useful as we address these challenges. I am convinced that I can make a positive contribution to students, parents and the community as we navigate the difficulties that are ahead.

I would be able to communicate effectively with others and work toward positive solutions.

I want to serve my community and offer my expertise to the district. As a parent, former educator and business leader in the community, I bring a lot of experience to the table that can benefit the district and help WWCS D through the challenging times ahead.

I've ran for quite a number of offices - Congress , State House, Westland City Council and now School Board . I am a member of a third party and our candidates will truly represent the citizens.

I have always been active in our school district and passionate about education. Running the board is a continuation of my involvement. My years serving as mayor, council president and Michigan Education Association Uniserv Director during some tough economic times taught me how valuable actual experience is in dealing with budget shortfalls. Having a board member with this experience will help us weather this storm with a minimum disruption to our core curriculum.

I'm running because I'm concerned about keeping WWCS D as a premier school district especially given the current budget difficulties.

What has been your involvement with Wayne-Westland Community School District?

I began my teaching career at John Glenn in the fall of 1968. I primarily taught American History but also taught English Literature, Economics, and Driver Education. I coached Wrestling at Glenn for over 20 years and was class sponsor for the graduating classes of 1993 and 1999. From 1994 through 1998 I co-chaired our building North Central Accreditation team. I also served as chairperson of the Social Studies Department from 1995 until my retirement in 2009.

I belong to the PTA, school improvement team and a parent liaison for P.D.Graham. I also have volunteered at the schools, regularly attend board meetings and have kept current on budget issues facing our district.

I have been a PTA member and school volunteer. I have also been a business sponsor for the John Glenn High School football and basketball teams for past 5 years.

None besides meetings.

I have previously served as treasurer of the Wayne Westland Community School District. I raised my three sons in the district, all of whom played sports and graduated from John Glenn. I served on the Bond Committee, which identifies the specific buildings and fixtures that needed to be addressed. I also served on the Bond Oversight Committee to ensure that repairs were completed properly.

My involvement with the school district has been that of a school parent.

What is the biggest issue you would address as a school board member?

After budget, the most controversial issue facing our district will be test scores. In recent years our students have made real gains on both MEAP and ACT tests. This progress should please everyone and serve notice that our district is moving in the right direction. But the State Board of Education has recommended much higher proficiency standards. We need to prepare the community for these anticipated results. We need to be honest and blunt.

Communicating is one of the largest issues I would like to address. Strengthening the knowledge within the community will provide the support for increased academic achievement.

Obtaining a balanced budget with revenue loss. Lower property values have given most homeowners in the community a lower State Equalized Value, thus giving them lower property taxes, which means less money being allocated for the school district. When you add Governor Snyder's proposed budget cuts to this equation, WWCS D is faced with a very difficult problem to solve.

Most government organizations are currently having financial problems due to our financial conditions and its seems always want to increase taxes. I would fight this approach to the end.

The school board needs to develop a better procedure for communicating board level issues with the public.

Aside from the budget and financial issues, I see one of the biggest issues is opening communications and creating trust with parents in the community.

Read more from the candidates for Wayne Westland Community School Board at www.facebook.com/thewaynedispatch



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Wayne and Garden City to merge dispatch services

By Erica Perdue

The cities of Wayne and Garden City will merge police/fire dispatch to cut current costs by approximately \$195,000 per year between both cities.

The entity is called the “Western Wayne Central Dispatch” (WWCD). It will be operated out of the Wayne Police Department. WWCD will use eight full time employees, five from Wayne and three from Garden City. The city of Wayne will lay off one full time employee and one part time employee.

Both cities have agreed to pay 50 percent of all operational expenses and future equipment costs. According to both finance departments Garden City should save around \$80,000 per year and Wayne should see a decrease of approximately \$115,000 per year.

“We want to thank your staff. It has been very much a pleasure work-

ing with them,” Garden City Interim City Manager Darwin McClary said to the Wayne City Council. “Thanks for an honorable consideration.”

Wayne City Councilman Al Damitio said, “This will provide more efficiencies to both Garden City and Wayne.”

The WWCD will operate through a Board of Directors. On the board will be the city of Wayne City Manger and Police Chief and the Garden City City Manager and Police Chief.

“Garden City and Wayne work in a similar way, but we do things slightly different. Technology will allow it to work,” said Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright.

The contract states that the duration of he WWCD is ten years, unless the Board extends or dissolves the agreement. Both city councils have approved this plan. The WWCD will operate out of the Wayne Police station and will go into effect July 1.

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Greyhounds racing into your home

By Jenny Johnson

They make a great addition to your family. It may be surprising to some that Greyhound dogs are known for their gentle demeanor and love of sleeping. They need only short bursts of exercise and they happily curl up on a couch or bed. They are also not outside dogs.

Greyhounds of Eastern Michigan, based in Wayne, has placed over 800 retired racing greyhound dogs in the past 10 years. They pride themselves on finding the right adoptive family for each dog.

"We get many of our dogs from their racing breeders who entrust us with the lives of their dogs to find good homes for them. We don't rescue dogs from good breeders like this as they were never in danger," said Kathy Darfler, GEM member. She and her husband Jim, of Wayne, have had greyhounds since 1994.

She said it's important to note that these greyhounds that are being adopting have been former racing dogs but have not been abused or neglected animals. Typically grey-

hounds race until they are two-three years old and then retire and are ready to be adopted.

Juan and Lisa Bradford of Wayne have two greyhounds adopted from GEM. Diesel, 7, and Mercedes, 10, are part of the family.

"They do really well in pairs," Lisa said. Diesel came to them from Florida and spent some time in prison before they adopted him. As part of a training program he spent time in Coldwater Prison living with an inmate who trained him to sit, stay and complete other simple commands.

"He was totally trained after the prison program," said Lisa. While Diesel has formal training, it's Mercedes who protects the family home.

"She is the best watchdog," Juan said. With their racing days behind them, today both dogs are happy to spend their days on their beds in front of the fireplace.

"They are the sweetest dogs ever," said Lisa. "They are good family dogs," adds Juan.

GEM is a charitable organization



Members of the family- Mercedes and Diesel enjoy being part of the Bradford Family. Here they are relaxing with Lisa and Juan Bradford. Photos by The Wayne Dispatch

that is funded exclusively through donations. It cost about \$500 to get each greyhound ready for adoptions. They collect an adoption fee of \$225. The rest of the money they raise through fundraisers and donations. Each dog comes to its new family

with a new collar, leash, muzzle and three months of heart worm prevention medication as well as a clean bill of health from a vet.

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Review expenses - A great deal of "savings" can be found on the expense side of your budget. Write down every penny that you spend. Prioritize your expenses from the most important to the least, and start cutting now!

Evaluate and reduce your debt - List all of your debts - both secured and unsecured. Mortgages or other secured loans should take first priority. Determine if you can refinance or consolidate your debt to reduce monthly expenditures. Also, contact your creditors to see if payment arrangements can be made.

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Oldies but goodies Business offers typewriter repair

By Jenny Johnson

Do you know where you can get a 1917 Corona typewriter fixed? Right here in Wayne. Chuck Theile of CCS Business Machines in Wayne is one of only a few people in southeast Michigan who repairs typewriters. He sees about four to five a week. Customers send them from as far away as Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

In the days before the delete button, spell check or even correction tape, people used manual typewriters for everyday business use.

It was 1974 "when I got out of the service, I was looking for a job and saw an ad in the paper" to train typewriter repair people, Theile said. He had a two year apprenticeship and has been working on typewriters ever since.

At one time he had the Wayne Westland Community School District under contract. He said there were thousands of typewriters between all of the schools and the typewriting labs at the high schools. Today most people use computers but there are still a few businesses that rely on typewriters. He said funeral homes use them for death notices and some manufacturing companies use them to make stencils.

While there used to be about two dozen different typewriter manufacturers, today there are just a few. Theile gets parts from as far away at Texas and New York. Most typewriters he sees are fixable. They just need adjustment, new ribbon and rollers. He is currently working on the 1917 Corona and a 1960 Royal.

So is Theile an accomplished typ-



Chuck Theile is working on a 1960 Royal typewriter (top) and below is an early model laptop. This 1917 Corona could fold up and be put in a carrying case for easy travel.

ist? "I hated typing in school," he said. Today he can type one sentence fluently: "The quick brown fox . . ." the universal sentence to check each key of a typewriter. But ask him to type his name and he hunts and pecks. Given the choice Theile uses a computer.

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Tom Lynch

Community says good-bye to Pat Norton

Pat Norton is one of the most well-known names in Wayne. He was the city's longest serving mayor as well as a business owner and real estate developer. Pat was a City Councilman from 1964 until 1993, during that time he served as the Mayor from 1970-1975 and 1979-1991. For the past 20 years he battled Parkinson's Disease and on March 17, the proud Irishman passed away.

"Pat was many things- a businessman, public servant, sailor, husband, father and friend and most important an Irishman," said Circuit Court Judge Milton Mack and long time friend of Pat's. Another friend Tom Daily said, "Pat was a great Irishman and wasn't afraid to let you know. Pat spent many a St. Patrick's Days at the Gaelic parade in Detroit drinking Guinness. He was also a big Notre Dame Fan."

His tenure with the City of Wayne was impressive. "He was dedicated to making Wayne a better place," Mack said. During his 29 years on city council, Norton oversaw the expansion of Ford Motor's truck and

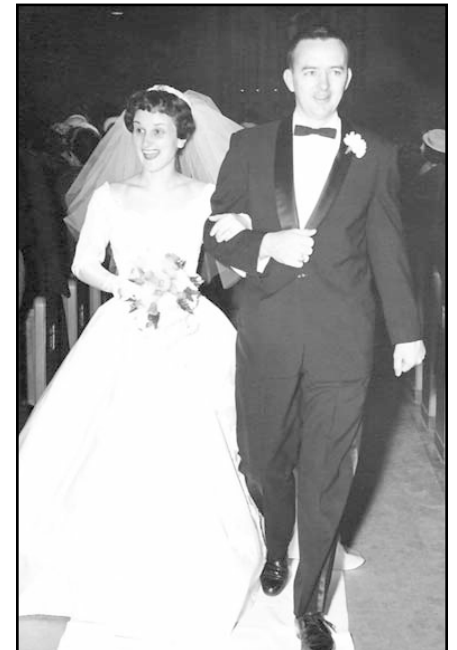
assembly plant and the construction of the stamping plant, expansion of Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, renovations of Metro Mall, construction of the Community Center, re-opening of State Wayne Theater, construction of Goudy, Washington, Mill Trail and McClaughrey Parks, renovation and expansion of Wayne Historical Museum and the development of Riversedge Condominiums, Glenwood Heights and Legacy Estates. He was also on the Board of Directors of the People Community Hospital Authority in 1965 and held that position for 25 years until it became Oakwood Health Services.

Mack said most people don't know how much of an impact he had on the City because "he had no interest in taking credit."

Mayor Al Haidous said it was Norton who persuaded him to get involved in the City. He invited him to be on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

"He got me involved in City's politics. I felt his good leadership," said Haidous.

He was also a friend Haidous



Pat Norton was the city's longest serving council member. He and his wife, Karen, were married for 50 years and raised their four children in Wayne.

said. "Norton used to invite us guys up north. What a great host he was." Mack recalled that Pat organized legendary hunting trips. He had two rules- no guns and no one goes into the woods.

Pat and Tom Daily grew up in Inkster but moved to Wayne and

"married Wayne girls," said Daily. They remained friends through the years. Pat was the mayor when he was the city manager.

Pat is survived by his wife, Karen, four children, PJ, Nancy, Brian and John, and grandchildren, Patrick, Eric, Cole and Dylan.

CITY OF WAYNE AND A PORTION OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS ELECTION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Election will be held in the City of Wayne and at the Rudgate Clubhouse in the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, Michigan, on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing two members to the Wayne-Westland Community School District Board of Education for four (4) year terms. The City of Wayne Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, April 30, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving applications for absentee ballots.

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

The places of voting are as follows:

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Precinct 8	Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School, 36075 Currier St.
Precinct 6R	Rudgate Clubhouse, 7040 Shawnee Dr., Romulus

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

Absent voter ballots for the Wayne-Westland Community School District Election of May 3, 2011 are available through the Wayne City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan for those persons who are physically unable to attend the polls or are 60 years of age or older. The voter, before the issuance of a ballot, must complete an application for a ballot.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the Wayne City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2011.

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CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be an official Public Accuracy Test of the Election Management and Tabulation computer system to be used by the City of Wayne for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Election to be held on May 3, 2011. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law. The test will be held at the Building and Engineering Department, 4001 South Wayne Road on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

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Many ways to help in the community

We send our sincere condolences to the family of Pat Norton. He was our long time Mayor and also our friend.

The Wayne 100 Club had a very special guest speaker at its March 2 meeting. It was none other than Nate Weiser. Grants Chairman, Dave Carpenter introduced Nate, who spoke of his life-long love of words. This love was shown in his creating a library for his Synagogue, and with the help of Wayne Rotary, starting a tradition of giving a hard cover dictionary to every 3rd grader in Wayne-Westland's Schools. This will be the 7th year of the give away.

Mr. Weiser is also a survivor of the December 7th 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor---if you get a chance have him tell you his harrowing tale.

The "100" Club is a fine example of how our community helps those in need. Their grants this year totaled over \$8,000.

In addition to Dave Carpenter, other officers are Tom Daily, Charlotte Sherman, Laura Mack, and Bill Sexton. On the Board of Directors are: Pat Hartford, Donna McEachern,

Bill Collop, Louise Steinhauer, Lois VanStipdonk, and Ron Hays.

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



Thirty-Seven members of Wayne's Garden Club enjoyed the March program by the Petticoat Ladies. That's the group who dress in costumes of different eras as they present women of historical interest. "Charmers and Cranks" depicted four such women. Victoria Woodhall, who was the first lady to run for President--in 1872. They portrayed "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" who kept her lifeboat companions alive with songs, great spirit and her fur coat. Lucretia Mott was a Quaker, and an anti-slavery zealot. Along with Susan B. Anthony she became an advocate for Women' Rights. Last but certainly the most 'cranky' was Carrie Nation. She came complete with hatchet, after deciding the hatchet was more effective then the bricks and baseball bats she had been using. However, one couldn't help but wonder about her sanity after she told of the voices telling her

to "Kill Demon Rum."

Thanks to Gloria Rowland and Carol Bloomfield for the delicious refreshments.

And it was wonderful seeing Kathy Koveleski out and about, plus Kay Butler is back home---maybe spring brings good health to all.

What fun! The Historical Society's slide program of the business's in Wayne circa 1947. Imagine---more than 70. How many of these do you remember? The State and the Wayne Theaters. Wayne Feed and Supply, Stein's Flowers, O'Brien's Drugs, Wayne Dairy, Nankin Bowling--with 12---count 'em, 12 modern lanes. Ed's Lunch and Billiards, Wayne 5 cents to \$5.00 store, Wayne Music Center, Weyand Grocery, Harold Dietrich Buick, and Mulholand Dry Goods. Did you know that Northside Hardware once sold dry goods as well? Wayne was certainly a shopping 'Mecca' in those days. Oh---almost forgot Gladstone's Shoes, where they advertised 'x-ray fitting'. Who knew it was a health risk? And yes, in 1947 there was a Wayne Dispatch.

Among the sizable crowd were Sue and Al Damitio, Burt Shurlow, Donna McEachern, and a new friend whom I recently met at Garden Club, Debbie Browning.

Here are two success stories to tell you about: Darlene Hawley reports that the Ladies Literary Club's "Fun Night" on March 15, brought in a 'substantial' amount of money.

The Literary Club's Treasurer, Jan Teague thinks that when all the

checks are in, they will have made more than \$1300.00. This will go a long way in providing scholarships to a John Glenn young lady and another from Wayne Memorial High.

Shout out congratulations to the Wayne Memorial Marching Band. They won top honors---first place in the Detroit St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Jake and Kelly of "Jake's Again" did it once more---a perfect St. Patrick's Day celebration. They started cooking on Monday, March 14th. They cook their delicious corned beef in a pressure cooker---all 350 lbs. of it! When you add potatoes, cabbage, and carrots to go with, you have a great meal. The beef was so tender it just melted in your mouth. A great deal of the fun is seeing all your friends. This year, within 2 hours we met and greeted Pat Suyak, Connie Bates, Shirley and Bill Marciniak, Sylvia and Stan Sak, Pat Hartford and 'Corky' Hays, Tammy Piscopink and her mother, Sue, JoAnne Stark, Jean Smoes, and Barb Wootton. A special treat for my daughter, Maureen, was seeing her 10th grade gym coach, Doris Busuito. According to Maureen, Mrs. Busuito hasn't changed a bit. She also saw Tom (T.C.) Wilmot and remembers him from his days as a coach, when he had a full blond Afro. Since 1975, Jake has done this terrific March 17th dinner every year except for several years when the bar changed hands.

Well done Jake and Kelly---looking forward to next year's feast.

Rest in Peace Mr. Mayor.

CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF LAST DAY TO FILE PETITIONS FOR MAYORAL AND CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

The City of Wayne will hold an election on November 8, 2011, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and three persons to the City Council. A nominating petition and Affidavit of Identity with Campaign Finance Act Compliance Statement, must be filed with the City Clerk in order for a name to be placed on the ballot. Also, persons who wish to be a candidate for office may not be in monetary arrears to the City. Nominating petitions are available at the City Clerk's Office. Petitions must be submitted with a minimum of 25 but no more than 50 signatures of persons registered to vote in the City of Wayne.

Petitions may be filed at the City Clerk's Office no earlier than April 26, 2011, but no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 10, 2011. Persons, who wish to withdraw their petitions after filing, must do so by 4:00 p.m. on May 13, 2011. If more than two persons file valid petitions for the office of Mayor or more than six persons file valid petitions for the available City Council seats, a Primary Election will be held on August 2, 2011. The petition dates of the filing, withdrawal deadline and the date for a Primary Election, are according to recently enacted election consolidation legislation by the State Legislature.

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