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Community builds fun for kids and adults



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Members of the youth group from Crosspointe Community Church volunteered to help clear vacant lots in New Orleans as part of a mission trip.

Mission to New Orleans

By Jenny Johnson

They did a good deed. Five students and two pastors from Crosspointe Community Church in Wayne traveled to New Orleans with a group from Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Together they worked eight hour shifts, in 104 degree temperatures, clearing vacant lots of overgrown grass and weeds in the Hollygrove neighborhood of New Orleans. This was an area that was hard hit by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

After the hurricane the levees in New Orleans failed and much of the city and surrounding parishes flooded. There are still thousands of displaced residents living in temporary housing.

The goal of this mission trip was to help others and serve where needed. They worked with Trinity Community Center and Americorps to clear more than seven acres of land on 12 lots.

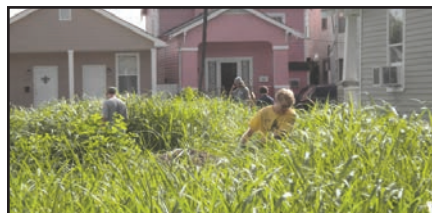
Local police told them that by clearing those lots they helped to decrease crime in that area by 65%.

"We consider that significant motivation," said Crosspointe Youth Pastor Andy Pugh.

Pugh takes kids on a mission trip every year but this was the first year they went to New Orleans.

"My goal is to give kids the experience of serving other people and to not think about themselves," said Pugh.

"It looked nice compared to what I expected," said Justin Staples, 18. "I wanted to go because I want to be a pastor and this was good training."



Using a swing blade, they chopped down weeds that were taller than them.

Staples just graduated from John Glenn High School and plans to attend Moody Bible College in the fall.

Alex Duby, 18, said he went, "Just to help the community. I want to be a firefighter and the physical work helped me prepare for that."

Staples said, "You got to see a whole different side of what you are used to seeing. It was a chance to show God's love."

Adam Pugh, 16, of Wayne Memorial High School, said he also went, "just to help." But what he brought back from the trip was "even more of a willingness to help in my community."

"Our focus is in our community because that's where God put us," said Andy Pugh.

The Student Ministry at Crosspointe is made up of more than 20 students in junior and senior high school and recent graduates. They spend time helping at their church year round. One of their upcoming events is the Family Fest the church will host for the entire community on Sept. 10.

Editor's note: Do you know kids or teens from Wayne who are doing amazing things? If so, we want to tell their story. Please contact jenny@thewaynedispatch.com.



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Time to Play

By Jenny Johnson

Play away. The newest playground structure in the City made its debut with a ribbon cutting ceremony and ice cream party. Members of the City Council, Recreation Advisory Board and Recreation Foundation welcomed neighborhood children to come and have some fun at the Avondale Park.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible playground is for children age two to 12 but don't be surprised to see older kids and even adults trying out the twisty slides, 10 ft. tall lookout towers, web-scape, activity panels and much more. The colorful plastic toys designed by Miracle Playground Equipment replaces an older wooden play set.

"This enhances the standard of living in Wayne," said Mayor Al Haidous.

Located on Forest and Hubbard, east of Venoy the brand new play structure is a welcome addition to the Walz baseball fields that have been home to Wayne Baseball Association for years.

An added feature for adults is four pieces of fitness equipment. That's right. Adults can sit on a bench while their children play or they can get their own workout in. There are two machines for upper body strength, a press and a pull that work chest, back and arms. There is also a leg press. Two cardio pieces a bike and an air walker provide a heart pumping workout with



Mayor Al Haidous and Mayor Pro Tem Donna McEachern, along with City Council and members of the Recreation Advisory Board and Recreation Foundation were pleased to officially open the new Avondale Park. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

"This enhances the standard of living in Wayne."

Mayor Al Haidous

out stress on the joints.

Kids enjoyed the exercise equipment as much as the play structure.

"They don't even know they are exercising," said Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams.

There is only one other playground in Wayne County with exer-

cise equipment and this is the first one in the City of Wayne, Adams said.

This should be a well used play structure. "There are a lot of kids in this neighborhood," said Councilman Al Damitio.

The project was paid for with a \$40,000 grant from Wayne County, \$40,000 from Community Development Block Grants and about \$3000 from fundraisers by the Rec Advisory Board and Rec Foundation.

Manpower came from the Parks and Recreation staff and neighborhood volunteers. This community build was complete in three days.

Adams said, "There were four phases to this build- designing, funding, building and now we all get to play."



From young to old fun was had by all.

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Joint dispatch underway

By: Jenny Johnson

The Cities of Wayne and Garden City began joint emergency dispatch operations in July. Officials from both municipalities got to visit the new joint dispatch command center at the Wayne Police Station.

"We look forward to working with you on this consolidation," said Mayor Al Haidous. "It's a good beginning to a new way of doing business."

Both cities will save money while still being able to provide excellent service to their communities.

"We're still getting adjusted but it's functioning fine," said Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright.

"This enhances our services with less cost," said Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery.

Garden City Mayor Randy Walker said "The Franks Furniture explosion is a good example of how our communities came together and worked together."

While neighboring municipalities sent their police and fire departments to the site of the explosion to help, Garden City Police Chief

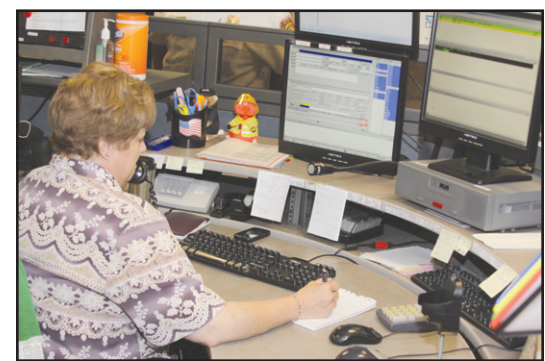
Robert Muery came to the Wayne Police station. He said he knew Chief Wright and the rest of his officers would be on site and someone needed to help run the station. Wright said Muery got a firsthand look at how the Wayne dispatch center ran.

The two chiefs began discussions over coffee soon after. Wright said it was a great fit because both cities "have small town policing that residents are accustomed to." With this joint operation, this will still be able to continue. Garden City and Wayne are both six square miles. Garden City has 28 sworn officers and Wayne has 31.

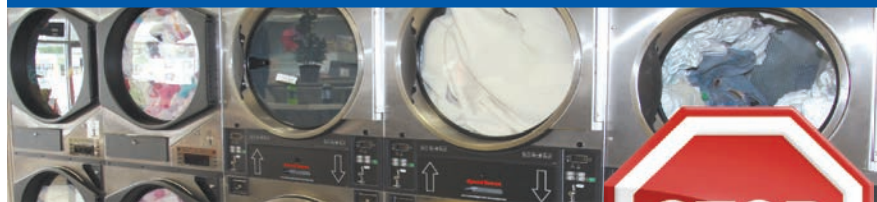
Garden City had to lay off one dispatcher and Wayne was scheduled to lay off two but they both found other jobs before their lay off dates. The Garden City dispatchers are now Wayne employees and were able to retain their seniority. There are a total of eight dispatchers. Three call takers- two dispatchers and a sergeant or lieutenant are on duty at all times.



Garden City Police Chief Bob Muery and Mayor Randy Walker joined Mayor Al Haidous and Police Chief Jason Wright to showcase the new joint dispatch command center. Jan Waldrop is one of eight dispatchers who handles calls from Wayne and Garden City.



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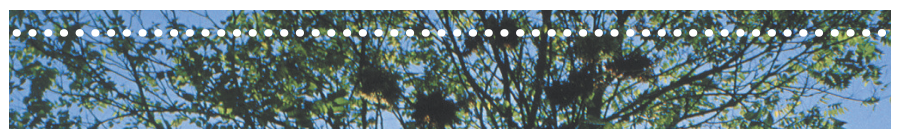
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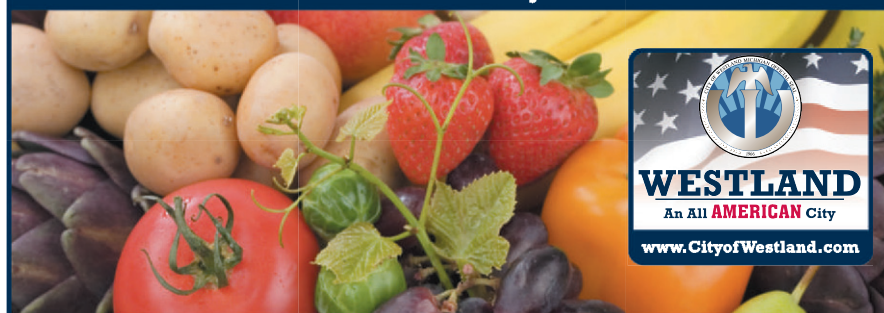
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Justin Collop. Photo by Steve Orcutt/Winston Salem Dash

Swinging for the majors

By Jenny Johnson

Justin Collop has been playing baseball since he was old enough to pick up a ball.

"I would play with my parents and brothers in the backyard," he said. Collop a Wayne resident and 2006 Wayne Memorial High School graduate was signed by the Chicago White Sox in 2009.

His baseball career began in Wayne playing city and travel ball.

"When I got to high school I learned a lot about the game and just kept trying to get better," he said. WMHS was ranked fourth in the state his junior year but ended up losing the first game of districts.

"I remember the feeling after the game. We weren't supposed to lose that game. It hurt alot to have it all ripped away so quickly, I felt for the seniors who had just played their last high school game," he said.

He was drafted after his junior year of college at the University of Toledo.

"On draft day I was in my basement with my family watching the draft online and listening to the radio feed. It was a very tense time for me, receiving calls for different teams, not knowing when my name was going to be called or if it would be at all. The sixth round came and the White Sox were up to pick. They called my name and I just dropped my head in relief and realized everything I had ever done in the game of baseball had just paid off and my dream became reality," he said.

Collop is a pitcher. He said he has five pitches including two fastballs- 4 seam fastball and 2 seam fastball (sinker), a slider, change-up and split finger. His fastball is between 88-95 mph but his best pitch

is his sinker.

"It is my go to pitch and the one I rely on most to get outs. I'm just working to better all my pitches right now," he said. "I'm mostly a starting pitcher and that's what I prefer but I have had alot of time out of the bullpen this year because of the injury. I'm still working to get back off the disabled list (DL) right now and should be back in about two weeks at the most. I will most likely go back in the bullpen to finish the year."

He went to spring training in February and was assigned to Feb High A team. He is currently Class for the Winston Salem Dash playing Carolina which is part of in North White Sox organization. the Chicago

Game days are busy. He arrives at the field at 2 p.m. for a 7 p.m. game. His day begins with workouts and conditioning followed by stretching. After some batting practice it's back to the clubhouse for something to eat. Collop is at the field for about nine hours for home games. He has an apartment about 10 minutes from the field. On road trips they travel by bus and stay in hotels.

With a 140 game season from April to Sept. there aren't many days off but Collop said he does enjoy golfing and relaxing by the pool.

"I hope to make the big leagues as soon as possible. I have had a really tough year due to injuries," he said. Collop is on the DL for the second time this year due to shoulder tendonitis. "My family has kept filling me with positive energy to get me through the tough times."

"I have to give all the thanks to my family and friends for all of their support through my career. I wouldn't have been able to get where I am today without them," he said.

Legend lives in all of us

By Jenny Johnson

He lived all 82 of his years to the fullest. William Rex Brooks, or Blue as many called him, is forever in our hearts and a part of the history of this community. He left his mark not only on his family but on all who ever met him or heard his golden voice. Whether you heard him announcing at a Wayne Memorial football or basketball game or pep assembly or yelling at you about an upcoming newspaper or yearbook deadline, Bill Brooks was unforgettable.

I was one of probably hundreds of Wayne Memorial students who was forever changed by Bill Brooks. He saw in my sophomore year of high school that I had an interest in writing. He encouraged me to join the school newspaper. Then he suggested I also tackle yearbook class. By my senior year I was co editor of both and spent three hours a day in his class. He encouraged and challenged me and everyone else in those classes. I am proud to be the editor of The Wayne Dispatch today and I thank him for seeing my potential and guiding me to pursue something I love. But my story is not unique. I have talked to many former classmates in the past couple of weeks who feel the same way about Brooks as I do.

A 2008 WMHS graduate, Heather Henning, organized a candlelight vigil in honor of Brooks and more than 200 people, of all ages, current and former students, friends and family, showed up to remember him.

"Blue was very special to Wayne Memorial High School and to Wayne Memorial kids. He was special to everyone who ever walked the halls

of Wayne Memorial," said Valerie Orr, Principal, Wayne Memorial High School. In a touching tribute, members of the Zebra band and several alumni gathered to play the school fight song just before his funeral.

Bill Brooks began his career with Wayne Westland Community Schools in Jan. 1967 as an English teacher at Marshall Junior High. In Sept. 1969 he moved to Wayne Memorial. Over the years he was the English department head, drama director, newspaper and yearbook advisor, taught summer school, worked lunchroom and of course was the announcer of the home football and basketball games. He retired in 1995 but never left.

"He continued to sub teach and do a number of other cadres including the Voice of the Zebras," said Dr. Greg Baracy, Superintendent, Wayne Westland Community Schools. "His legacy was that he was a real advocate for helping students. He was phenomenal at establishing relationships and building unique relationships with all kids."

"Sit down and shut the ____ up" got the job done.

Corky Hayes was a good friend of Brooks. They met through Wayne football. He said Brooks never told a short story and like to stir the pot a little to see what would happen.

"He often came across as cranky but was really a softy," he said.

He really loved Wayne High and "home was the press box on Friday night," he said. He really enjoyed broadcasting and even received a signed microphone and a handwritten letter from Ernie Harwell congratulating him on his broadcasting career.



Bill Brooks always enjoyed spending time with his three daughters.

"He had the golden lungs of an announcer," Baracy said.

Wayne Memorial dedicated the press box above the football field in his name this past June.

The Wayne Memorial press box was often the busiest place because former students kept a steady line stopping by to say hi to Brooks and sharing stories with him.

"Sometimes you don't always know how many lives you touch," Hayes said of his friend.

"He would do anything for anybody," said his daughter, Shannon Clarke. And he did. From taking care of his three girls after his wife and their mom died in 1983 to helping a friend in need to always knowing when his students needed a shoulder to cry on or a kick in the ***.

She gave the perfect image of her dad before he launched into one of his never short stories.

"He would sit back in his chair, fold his hands and say 'well now let's go back.'"

Brooks was a 13 lb. baby when he was born in 1928. He attended 13 different elementary schools and his family settled in Standish when he was in junior high. He learned to drive at 10 and got his first job at 14 as a bottle washer making \$.10 an hour. He gave his mom his check but was allowed to buy comic books with some of his paycheck.

He graduated from high school in 1946. He played football, baseball and basketball in high school. He also served in the U.S Army during the Korean Conflict. He attended college in Adrian where he met his wife,

Diana.

"She smoothed out his rough edges," Clarke said. But he still liked racing stock cars.

He received his bachelor, master and Ed specialist degrees in English and education from Eastern Michigan University but always credited himself with being more street smart than book smart.

"Everything he did was from his heart," Clarke said. She said even though he worked alot as she and her sisters were growing up he always made special time for them.

"Every month we each got a special day with him," she said. "Any minute he had with us counted. We had a lot of fun with dad but he did not tolerate nonsense."

"We always realized we shared him but never realized how many people we shared him with," she said. "He left a different piece of himself with everyone."

But no matter how special he was to us, Blue meant the most to his family. At his funeral his granddaughter Maddie Clark said her grandpa was a great man "not only to me but to the students of Wayne High. But most important he was a legend to me."

We thank you Maddie and the rest of your family for so generously sharing him with us all of these years.

Brooks is survived by his three daughters- Laurie Cole, Shannon Clarke and Megan Brooks, three grandchildren, his sister-Nancy Runta, and his companion- Gerry Rowden as well as many other family members and loved ones.



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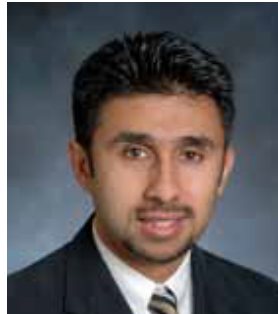
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Park-It rescheduled

Music and movie in the park provided by Park-It has been rescheduled for Aug. 31 at Goudy Park. Music by the George Brothers Band will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the movie "Megamind." There will be kids' activities and giveaways. This is a free event and open to the public.

Construction Zone

City Council approved a bid that will provide concrete removal and replacement in Glenwood Heights. Deficient concrete pavement and sidewalks will be removed and replaced on Laurenwood Drive between Hillcrest and Glenwood. This project will cost \$141,162.50 and will be paid for from the Road Millage Fund.

Save money on prescriptions

It's another way to save money. The City of Wayne has been offering a prescription discount card program for residents who do not have prescription drug coverage, since 2009. On average residents who participate can save 23% off the full retail cost of prescription medications. There is no enrollment form or membership fee. There are no restrictions on age, income level or existing health coverage.

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Senior Olympics

Come out and support our senior athletes. The seventh annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics will be held Aug. 15-19. Wayne residents age 50 and up are eligible to participate in a variety of events. The City of Wayne will host billiards at 9 a.m. on Aug. 17 at the Wayne Bowl and Bowling on Aug. 18 at Wayne Bowl.



The Wayne City Council and business owners welcome Nick's Coney Island owners Tom and Vera Plumaj to town.

Great eats

There's a new coney in town. Nick's Coney Island opened inside Metro Place Mall. They are open for from 6 a.m.- 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.- 3 p.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. on Sunday. Owners Tom and Vera Plumaj were the original owners of the Rocky's Coney Island on Wayne Road at Van Born. They offer daily specials and even have a banquet room that can host parties up to 45 people. Stop by and see them today.

Youth Theater

The Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will present a youth theater summer session Aug. 1-11 for ages 8-18. Performance dates of the musical Ever After will be on Aug. 12 and 13 in the arena at the Wayne Community Center. For more information, call 734-721-7400.

Paws to Read

Children age 6-10 are invited to come to the library and practice their reading skills with a furry friend who loves to be read to. Paws to Read dogs are trained to be gentle, good-natured, and to interact well with people and other dogs. Sign up at the Youth Reference Desk for a 15-minute session by calling (734) 721-7832 ext. 2. Drop-ins will also be accepted on first come, first served basis if an opening is available. Dates are Aug. 9, 16 and 23 from 1:30- 2:30 p.m. This is a free event.

Hazardous Waste Collection

Wayne County has scheduled a countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection from 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. on Aug. 27 at the Southland Shopping Center parking lot at 23000 Eureka Road in Taylor. Accepted items include unwanted household chemicals, paints, cleaning products, adhesives, fertilizer, lawn care products, antifreeze, mercury products and batteries.

In addition they have scheduled an electronic waste collection from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. on Aug. 6 at the City of Northville DPW yard at 650 Doheny Drive. Residents and small business owners can drop off computer monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, cell phones, cd and dvd players, stereos and speakers, microwave ovens, Christmas lights, game consoles and televisions.

School Board Officers

The Wayne Westland Community School District School Board elected their new officers for the 2011-2012 year. They are: President- Carol Middel; Vice President- John Goci; Secretary- Cindy Schofield and Treasurer- Andrea Clawson. On Wednesday August 3, Wayne County Resa appointed Fred Weaver to fill the seat vacated by Bill Gabriel.

City hires new officer

The Wayne Police Department now has 31 sworn officers. Jeff Felts was hired on July 18. He previously worked for 17 years as a police officer for Plymouth Township.

"He's a good hire. He's experienced," said Police Chief Jason Wright.

Glenwood construction

Progress is being made on Glenwood. The water main has been installed between Wayne and Venoy. Construction crews are prepping the area for paving which will take place by the end of August. Work on Glenwood west of Wayne Road has begun and will continue west to Newburgh with water main replacement. It will take 6-8 weeks for Detroit Water and Sewer to install a 24" water main. The entire project should be done by November.

Construction is also underway on Elizabeth. The north side of the street is complete. The paving process on the rest will start soon and should be done by the end of August.



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Had a good time visiting with friends

Who is Don Nicholson? Who is the man behind "Crusin' Michigan Avenue?"

For starters Don is a Canadian from Ottawa, but graduated from Churchill High in Livonia. He worked for 3M company and his employment took him to Winnipeg, Canada. He jokes that "It never snows in Winnipeg--the snow just blows in--from Calgary." Retiring from 3M, he opened High Tech Photo--the first 1 hour photo service in the Westland Mall.

Although Don and his wife, Gayle, dated when they were both 15, twenty-seven years later they found each other again and married. They have one son, Edward. Edward is autistic and Don and Gayle vowed that one of them would always be at home with him.

Don gives generously of his time doing car shows for the Burger School for Autistic Children in Garden City. He also puts on charitable events for Community Living Services; Dearborn Fire Fighters Burn Fund, and the Western Wayne Skill Center, which is devoted to helping those with autism develop life skills.

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



Recently Don put up the Garden Arch at the Wayne Community Garden. He says "you need to give back to the community that you work in." Soon to be placed there will be a bench built by 5 autistic young men--one of them, Edward Nicholson.

After my nice morning coffee break with Mr. Nicholson who spoke so highly of the Avenue's support, I decided since I was still clean, neat, with no coffee stains it was time to talk to Tony Duhari over at the Avenue Grille. He and Karl Makky have been partners for a little over a year now and are still expanding their restaurant. Tony tells me he's been part of Wayne for a long time having worked at L. George's Coney Island for 12 years. He believes Wayne can come back to its historical roots. He tips his hat (baseball

cap) to a memory of old time Wayne with an item on the menu called the 'Golden Boy Salad' For newcomers to our town that was the name of a former restaurant which once occupied the premises now occupied by the "Avenue Sports Grille."

The Avenue has a full and varied menu. Their Polish feast served at lunch and dinner every Wednesday is delicious and very popular. So is the band that played on 'Cruisin' Michigan Day--"the Six Foot Poles." The group plays classic rock and roll. The members are Dave, Mark, and Matt Brzezinski ,and their 'brother from another mother', Theo Smith. Rounding out the band is one 5 foot Pole, Jolene Brzezinski.

Thanks Tony and Karl for all the support you give to our hometown.

News from the McEachern Family---Rand Harder, Donna and Barry's son-in-law, celebrated his 50th birthday at Comerica Park with family and friends. Rand was the project architect for the Comerica Beer Hall, the Tiger Club, and the Tiger Den. Every one went on a tour of the facilities and saw the special

details he had given to each of the venues. The next day the Harder's daughter Colleen Marie had her bridal shower at Karma Coffee, with tea sandwiches made by Jennifer Romero and petit fours from Chef Tony over at the Voc Ed. Colleen and her future husband Brett Taviana will be married on August 13 at St. Mary in Wayne.

Lucy Sanborn, who works at the Senior Activity Center, brought me an unusual Hosta plant. It has red stems and eventually all the leaves will turn red. Luci found the plant at Cedar Hedge Gardens in Interlochen. Specializing in Hostas, the gardens boast of 500 varieties. Mini to extra large Hostas are grown there, with an amazing palette of colors and markings. We all know Hostas are the miracle plant so on your next trip north you might like a side trip to Cedar Hedge Gardens, 9948 Harmony Dr., Interlochen, MI 49643-9121 Phone#---(231) 275-5468. Your GPS will help with directions.

Happy Hosta Hunting.

Wayne brings variety summer fun and activities for kids

By Vanessa Janowski

Ahh... summer vacation. The two words that kids look forward to every year. Summer vacation means having a break from school and spending time with family and friends. The City of Wayne has a variety of fun things to do during the summer for kids of all ages.

The Wayne Bowl on Michigan Avenue has a special going on for kids

and families. Kids 18 and under can get 2 free games of bowling during open bowling when they register at www.kidsbowlfree.com. Click the Michigan state and then scroll down to the City of Wayne and Wayne Bowl will be listed. There is also a family pass available for \$24.99. For more information about the Kids Bowl Free special, the family pass or about general bowling information,

you can contact the Wayne Bowl at 734-721-7530 or on their website www.wayne-bowl.com.

The Wayne Parks and Recreation Department has planned several events this August for kids as well. Kids ages 6-12 can attend Kids Karate on Fridays at the Wayne Community Center. Beginner classes are from 6-6:45 pm. and intermediate classes are from 7-7:45 pm. There is a day camp called Stay and Play Summer Day Camp that is available Mon-Fri at 7:30 am. - 5:30 pm. The camp is for kids ages 5-13 and has a variety of activities such as field trips, obstacle courses, crafts, dodge ball and planet playscape. The Stage IV Youth Theater Summer Session is looking for kids ages 8-18 for rehearsals for "The Ever After- A Musical". Rehearsals start on August 1st. The musical is set for August 12th at 8 pm. and August 13th at 2 and 8 pm. There are also dance, gymnastic, cheerleading and baton classes offered throughout the week. Kids ages 1-18 can get free meals Mon-Fri

from 11 am-1 pm at the Pavilion #1 in Attwood Park. Youth Personal Training Program is for kids ages 6-18 who are looking for indoor or outdoor training in athletics, obesity, arthritis or for general health. The Grand Ceremony of the newly upgraded Walz/Avondale Park was held on August 2nd at 7 pm. The park is now located on Forest and Hubbard Rd, east of Venoy Rd. The ceremony will feature an Ice Cream Social provided by the Wayne Dairy Queen. For more information regarding these events, contact the Wayne Parks and Rec Department at 734-721-7400 or on their website www.ci.wayne.mi.us.

If you're looking for a dog-gone fun time, head to the Wayne Public Library. The library will be having an event called Paws to Read on August 9th, 16th, and 23rd from 1:30-2:30 pm. Kids ages 6-10 will be able to read to a therapy dog. Each reading session is for 15 minutes. There is no charge and signing up is available at the Youth Reference Desk.

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New Chamber Director

Mark Garrison is a new face you will be seeing a lot around town. He is the new executive director of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce. Garrison started in July.

"I'm so deeply excited about joining the Wayne Chamber of Commerce because the City of Wayne succeeds with a vibrant, prosperous business community," he said. "The City of Wayne is a sleeping giant with near-limitless untapped potential. With a great downtown area, a strong business community, and an amazing history. It's our goal to simultaneously enhance the quality of life for our residents, and to increase the profitability of our local businesses."

Garrison is from Livonia and studied Political Science and Psychology at Wayne State University.

He was part of Laura Toy's campaign staff when she ran for Michigan Senate. He also ran Congressman Thaddeus McCotter's re-election campaign for the 2004, 2006 and part of 2008 elections. He also served as a Constituent Services Representative for Congressman McCotter's Livonia District Office. He has managed and worked on City Council, Mayoral, State Representative, State Senate, Congressional, and State-wide campaigns throughout Michigan.

Garrison served on the



Mark Garrison

Clarenceville School Board for more than four years. In 2005 he was one of the co-founders of Relieving Orphans Suffering Everywhere. R.O.S.E is a non-profit organization that helps orphans from around the world. He still serves as a board member of the organization. He is involved in several community organizations including the Livonia Jaycees and the board of directors for the Livonia Family YMCA.

In addition to working for the Wayne Chamber of Commerce he is also a consultant for Worldlink Communications, LLC.

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Game on: Warriors 3 offers variety of gaming fun

It's almost been a year since Warriors 3 Comics and Games opened their doors in Wayne. Owners Bill Shaffer, Tom Risdon and Don Bodus offer comic books, graphic novels, tabletop board games, collectible card games and gaming accessories. Shaffer grew up in Wayne and is happy to be a business owner in his hometown.

"I opened my store in Wayne because it's good to be home. The city has been great to me throughout my life and I'm proud to be a part of the community," he said.

"Wayne's got a great sense of community. I've lived all over south eastern Michigan and I've never seen people take such an interest or care about their city like the people of Wayne," said Tom Risdon.

"We picked Wayne for Warriors 3 Comics & Games because we see a lot of potential in Wayne. It's a growing area and we're hoping our store will help build variety and bring more business to the shops downtown," said Don Bodus.

This is the first business each of



The owners Don Bodus, Bill Shaffer and Tom Risdon of Warriors 3 invite you to stop by and have some fun. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

them have owned but they are very familiar with the industry.

"We're culling our years of experience on the consumer side of things and creating an environment people enjoy," Shaffer said. "We've all had these hobbies most of our lives and it was comics and games that made us friends in the first place. We're ex-

cited to earn a living doing something we're passionate about."

Located at 35613 westbound Michigan Avenue, Warriors 3 has a steady stream of customers looking for collectible card games like Magic: the Gathering and Pokemon and any Pathfinder role-playing game materials. There also seems to be interest

in the new upcoming launch of DC comics re-launch.

"Come on in and meet us. We are more than just a store, we have weekly events and an open gaming area with access to an extensive demo shelf of board games to try. Warriors 3 is a great local hang out, there are a lot of interesting people and fun times to be had," Shaffer said.

On Aug. 21 they will have an Ascension Game Day, a free tournament for the game "Ascension: Chronicle of the Godslayer." And don't worry if you don't know anything about gaming. Bodus, Risdon and Shaffer are very approachable and will be happy to show someone new all of the cool comics and awesome games they have at the store.

They will celebrate their first anniversary on Sept. 4 with special sales, refreshments and the first annual Warriors 3 Gamer Olympics. There will be competitions in tabletop and video games and physical challenges. Participants will compete for gold, silver and bronze awards.



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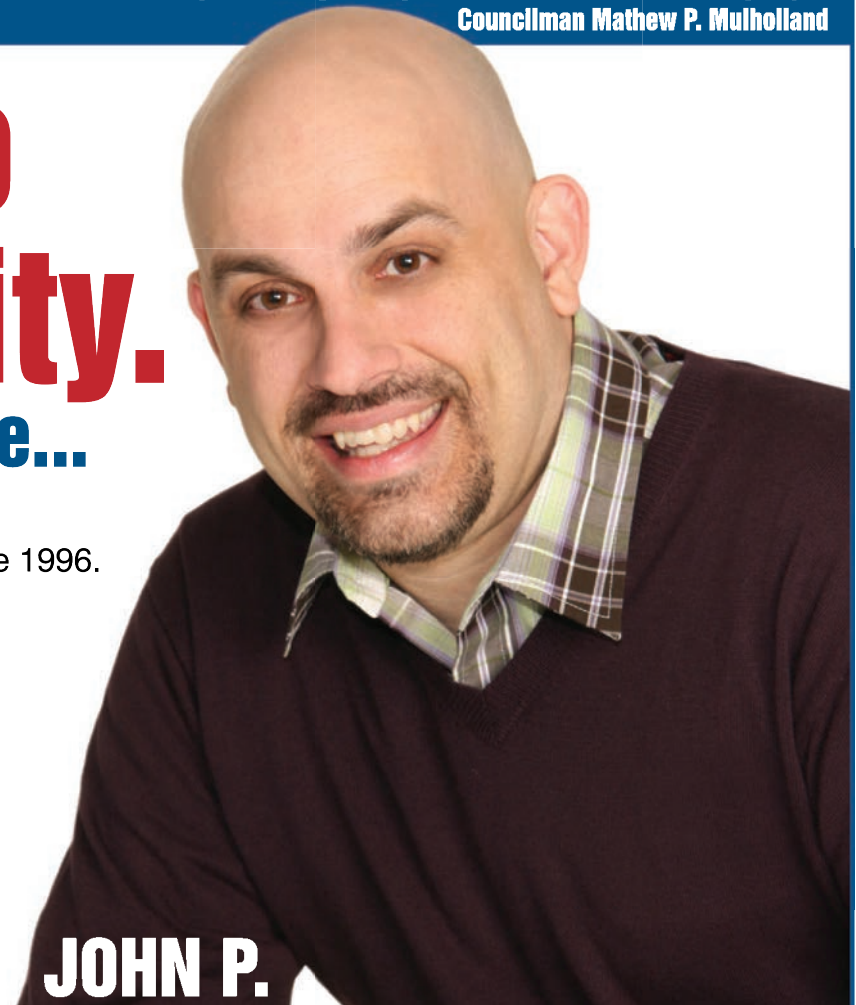
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John is a 1987 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School.
 He has worked in Wayne since 1986 and lived in the City since 1996.
 He has been a constant participant in the community:

- ★ Married to wife Natalie for the past 16 years
- ★ Publisher of The Wayne Dispatch
 2010 Wayne Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year
- ★ Owner of JoNa Graphics
 2006 W.O.W. Business of the Year
- ★ Vice-President of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce
- ★ 2011 Wayne Rotary Paul Harris Fellow Award recipient
- ★ Board member of Wayne Rotary Club
- ★ Board Member of The Wayne Ripple Effect
- ★ Member of Paul Franks Disaster Fund
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- ★ Sponsor of 2009 and 2010 Wayne Wheelfest
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