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# Seniors bring on the games during Senior Olympics

By Vanessa Janowski

Who says the Olympics are just for younger athletes? Seniors throughout Michigan participated in the Senior Olympics on August 15th - 19th and had some amazing results. There were a wide variety of sports played such as bowling, ball-room dancing, golf, woodworking, basketball shooting, soccer kicking, Frisbee, photography, swimming, volleyball, creative writing, baking, football throwing, bean bag toss, and billiards. Nineteen Wayne residents registered for the Senior Olympics this year.

The opening day of the event took place at Nankin Mills of Hines Park (near Ann Arbor Trail). Included in the opening ceremony was a free breakfast, booth vendors, and just like the real Olympics; the lighting of the torch. There was also a free fun walk to participate in. The events of the Olympics occurred throughout several cities. Two sports, bowling

and billiards were located at the Wayne Bowl.

The final day of the Senior Olympics was the day the participants received their medals. The medal presentation was held at the Italian American Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia. A grand total of 17 medals were awarded to Wayne residents; 9 gold, 2 silver, and 6 bronze. The gold medal winners were as followed: Judie Fraser- golf, Philip Lewis- woodworking and marksmanship, Matt Noel- football throw, David Raimer- soccer kick and basketball shoot, Norbert Underwood- golf, Daniel Valvez- closest to the pin in golf, and Rose Cook- longest drive in golf. The Senior Olympics is a great experience for seniors to participate in. They can show off their talents in a variety of sports and activities with other seniors. This not only increases their want to be active and healthy, but it also brings them together.



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# Bill Copland makes a difference

Everyone agrees. 'Wild Bill' Copland is a Diamond. The Diamond of our Community that is. A member of St. John's Episcopal Church, he's a Junior Warden, and belongs to the men's club, where he cooks, cleans, up, and helps with any building problems.

According to Lynn and Jerry Higgs, not only does he support his own church, he also helps St Mary's Outreach Center. In Lynn and Jerry's words, "Bill has always tried to help those who are down on their luck by hiring them whenever he needed help. From the time he owned his grocery store, his bike shop and finally his movie rental business, he's always been a Diamond for our town. Bill is a true friend."

Bill has been a Rotarian since 1987. Rotary has awarded him the Paul Harris award 4 times. The award is given to a member in recognition of the work he's done.

Bill has worked in the organization's Christmas Parade, neighborhood park picnics, dictionaries for 3rd graders, and the Warm Coat Project for kids in need of winter coats.

Lois Van Stipdonk echoes these views. "With Rotary, he has done so much. He helps at every event we have...in my opinion Bill is the finest guy around. He is always there to help when needed and is so kind and caring. If you need something he is there. I've never heard him say an unkind word about anyone, and is unfailingly positive. He is a wonderful asset to our community; we are much richer for having him in our city."

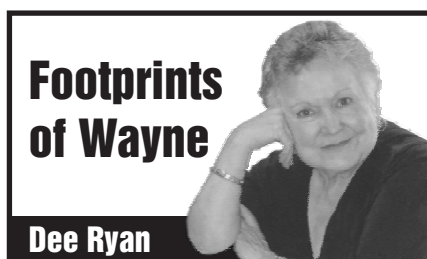
In 2009, Bill received the James J. Poplin award from the Wayne's Parks and Recreation Department. This was given for his involvement and volunteerism, in which he helped make Wayne a better place.

He's been on the Wheelfest Commission for 25 years and "has done everything it takes to put the festival together." He arranged for the donation of rotor-tillers for the Community Garden and often donates his own equipment to members of the community in need.

Bill has given his time and help to serve on the Cemetery Commission and now spends many hours



Bill Copland and Kerran Ryan are part of the watering team that makes sure all of the flower planters in downtown Wayne are regularly hydrated. Photo by John P. Rhaesa



watering the flower pots along Michigan Ave. and Wayne Roads.

As folks talk of Bill's volunteering, the amount of time he's given to our town is amazing. But what really stands out is how he's touched our hearts. Listen to the quotes...

Dave Wells says "He's a super nice guy--he'll go out of his way for anybody. He's one of my helpers at the Outreach Center, when we pick up deliveries of food." Judy Wells, Director of the Outreach Center, adds "Even in the worst snow and ice during winter, I always know I can get into the ORC. I know Bill will have already been there to clean and salt my driveway and lot."

"Chivalry is not dead here in the City of Wayne because Bill Copland epitomizes a true knight in shining armor. Bill is a cheerful, hard-working, and dedicated citizen of Wayne. He is a true jewel. That's from Paulette Medvecky, Director of the

he's a genuinely happy person because of his life---helping others and involving himself in community life. I'm glad to be his back yard neighbor and to have the acquaintance of a true Diamond of the Community."

Someone else writes--- Bill once said to me. "If everyone would do something for another person what a wonderful world it would be."

Pat Suyak expresses it this way: "Bill is a man with dignity, honor and character."

Jo Ann Hanson says "Bill is the guy that makes the world a little nicer by just being with us."

Barbara Wootton agrees. "It's great to walk into Dunkin' Donuts and see Bill with his coffee buddies and get a big hug from a great guy and neighbor."

From Jason Freese: "The entire family at Norm's Market congratulates Wild Bill on this fantastic award. No one has deserved more recognition and asked for less in return, for all the things he's done for the entire community. Not once have I heard anyone say a negative thing about him. If the measure of a man is the respect of his peers, then Bill is larger than life. Congratulations Bill."

Corky Hays adds, "Besides his generous donation of time and service to the community, Wild Bill is the hardest working man I know. If everyone worked as hard as him we would never lose a job to China. Congrats on your award."

Our longtime neighbors on Washington St.---Gerald Heyer, Ty and

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**Wild Bill,** Continued from page 3

Danny Thomas, Fran Calderon, plus Miriam and Burt Shurlow, all agree that Bill is the best neighbor we could ever have. Chris Roach also wants to thank Bill for stopping in frequently to see his wife, Barbara, while she was undergoing her serious illness.

Now we'll hear from the love of Bill's life---his wife Sharron. They've been married 50 years and he's always been a Diamond of her Community. "He's so generous, giving and loving---a wonderful husband and father."

They met at LeRights Restaurant where Bill went for his coffee in those days. With 3 children, they also have 6 grandchildren and soon will have 6 great-grandchildren.

To sum it up, Bill is a smiling face and a friendly word at every coffee shop in town---and more---much, much more.

In honor of Bill, the 17th Diamond of the Community Recognition Dinner will be held on Tuesday, September 20, at 6:30pm. The place is the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center on Sims. The dinner is offered by

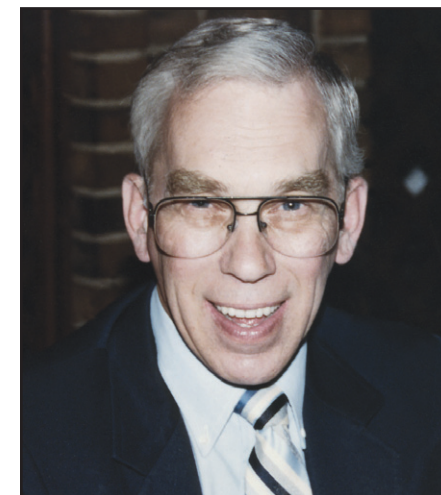


Copland scoops out free ice cream during the annual sidewalk sales in July. Photo by

John P. Rhaesa

the Wayne Commission on Aging and sponsored by Wayne Dairy Queen. Tickets are \$12,00 per person and

are available at the Community Center from August 24 until September 12.



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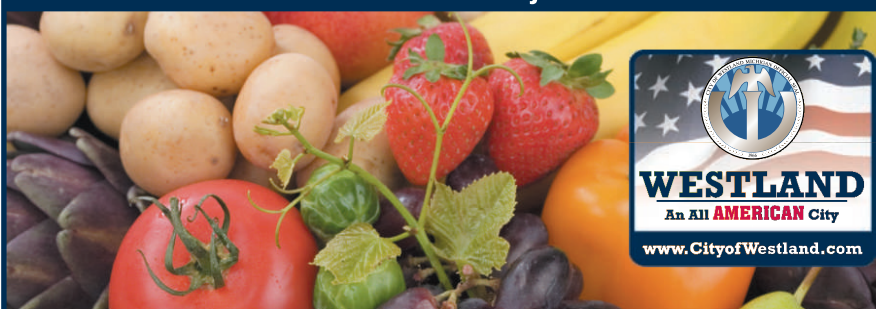
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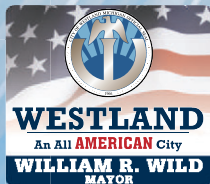
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# All are welcome to free Family Fest

By Jenny Johnson

Are you looking for a fun day that the whole family can enjoy? Then Family Fest is for you. Crosspointe Community Church on Glenwood in Wayne is hosting their annual Family Fest on Sept. 10 from 12-5. It's a great opportunity for families to spend the day together and to meet new people all while enjoying games, rides, cars and food - all for free.

"This will be the largest event in Wayne this year," said Crosspointe Pastor Phil DiLernia. "This is not a church picnic. It is truly a family festival."

It will take at least 200 volunteers to pull off this day of fun. They have been planning for this all year.

"It will take the whole congregation. This event is to serve the people. It is not for us," he said. To provide this free day of fun to the community is a commitment by the entire congregation. But they say it is worth the work. DiLernia said the most heartwarming are the letters the church has gotten from past festival goers.

"They thank us for having it and say 'I couldn't have done this for my family otherwise,'" he said.

This year there will once again be a car show that is free to enter. Dash plaques will be given to the first 200



You won't go hungry at the Family Fest. Volunteers will be serving up favorite festival foods for free.

cars entered and trophies awarded to the best of show. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

The car show is near and dear to DiLernia's heart. He has a 1970 GTO and a 1989 Indianapolis Pace Car that will be in the car show.

Festival goers can enjoy all of their favorite festival food - hot dogs, nachos, cotton candy, pretzels and popcorn - all for free. Just get a bracelet at one of the registration tables first.

"We offer a truly unique opportunity," he said.

Family Fest began in 2006 with 500 people. Last year they had 2500 and 230 classic cars show up in the pouring rain. This year they expect a

crowd of 5000.

Members of the youth group will be on hand to assist with parking. Glenwood will be accessible and parking will be available in the church parking lot, baseball field and at Schweitzer Elementary School parking lot.

"We're looking forward to this. It's going to be a great day," DiLernia said.

New this year is an evening Rock the Park, a concert they will host in

Goudy Park from 5:30- 9 p.m. There will be performances by Vision 28, The Skinny Raccoons and several others.

DiLernia has a challenge. "We want the whole community to come. Bring friends, call cousins, bring grandkids. We want this place packed."

Crosspointe Community Church has been serving this area for 117 years. It was formerly known as First Baptist Church of Wayne. They currently have about 200 members. The youth group just finished a mission trip to Louisiana. The women's group made pillowcase dresses sent to children in poor countries. Closer to home, they host community dinners and have a clothes closet and food pantry to help the needy. The youth group organizes free floor hockey and basketball leagues for elementary students. Crosspointe Community Church is located at 36125 Glenwood in Wayne. For more information on Family Fest visit [www.crosspointecommunity-church.org](http://www.crosspointecommunity-church.org).

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## Music to their ears

By Jenny Johnson

America voted and Wayne Memorial won. The Zebra Music Family was awarded the \$20,000 grand prize in the Lots2Give video contest in August. Out of 116 schools who submitted videos, the Wayne Memorial music programs got the most on-line votes.

"We could have stopped the voting two weeks ago and you still would have won," said Steve Fishman, Big Lots Chairman and CEO. More than 230,000 votes were cast to determine the winner.

This is the fourth year Big Lots has offered this contest but the first year they have awarded a \$20,000 grand prize. Wayne Memorial is the first high school to win.

Wayne Memorial's award winning video highlighted the band, orchestra and choir programs' needs for new equipment and storage because enrollment in all of their programs have increased.

With the help of Andrew Conner, from the district's communication department, the Zebra Music Family put together a 1 ½ minute video that not only told the story of their needs but also showed how committed and talented the students and music directors Matt Diroff and Brandon Tomblin are to their passion.

"Big Lots is committed to programs that support education and with the Lots2Give program, we are able to give back to the communities we serve," said Fishman.

Principal Valerie Orr was presented with the \$21,147 award check at a ceremony at the Big Lots in Livonia last month. The \$1,147 came from in store donations by the local community.

The band and choir programs appreciate the support. In addition to performing two major concerts at school per year, these programs have a long track record of giving back to their community.

The marching band regularly performs in local parades, at the City of Wayne events and for WMHS community nights.

Tomblin said the choir provides, "entertainment for the cities of Wayne and Westland, Veterans groups, the Wayne Rotary, and other charitable organizations."

Orr thanked Big Lots and said, "You couldn't have given the money to a better group of individuals."

Tomblin said, "We were ecstatic to learn that our music department won the Big Lots contest. Because of this sizable donation we are now able to afford much needed uniforms and new choir risers to help support our growing program. We would really (like to) thank Big Lots for giving us lots through their Lots2Give program, so that we can in turn give back to the community."

The prize money will be used wisely. Diroff and Tomblin are already looking at new uniforms, risers for the choir and storage facilities.



## Eagle Scout helps St. Mary Outreach

By Dee Ryan

Jacob Adam Manning is 14 and an Eagle Scout. He belongs to Troop 1736 in Wayne. His leader is Mark Lewellyn. These are Jacob's words as he describes his Eagle project.

### St. Mary's Outreach Beautification Project

"I will be cleaning and weeding the landscaping; planting multiple perennials, spraying weeds, placing mulch and wood chips in the garden beds, and painting a picnic table.

I am doing this for my Eagle project and to the benefit of the St. Mary's Community Outreach Center." Jacob did all this with funds he raised by collecting pop bottles (Jacob's Mom tells us "we had a lot of bottles!") and from donations from generous friends and neighbors.

Our Eagle Scout did all he promised to do, and made the surrounding grounds look lovely. And that's not the end of the story. After all his fund-raising and work, Jacob had some money left over. Once again his words---"this is extra money that



Jacob Adam Manning and friends work on project at St. Mary's outreach center.

I collected from donations, that I would like to donate to the Center---\$59.30."

Jacob is one of 5 brothers---four of whom are Eagle Scouts, the other brother is an Arrow. Jacob's Mom, Rita, is proud of her Eagle and Arrow Scouts, as well she should be. We too are proud to tell of this Eagle Scout's project that beautified the Outreach building at Sims and Second streets in Wayne.

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# Remembering back to school days

Regardless of one's age, life memories are an important part of who we are. Memories of our childhood link us to our past and are a part of our own personal history. Memories can be good or bad and happy or sad but they are with us at all times. School day memories can be especially vivid as we remember our teachers, friends, classrooms, school buildings and playgrounds.

As September approaches, parents are busy preparing their children for another school year (new clothes, school supplies, lunch boxes and backpacks) and children are anxious and excited as they anticipate a new year, new grade, new teacher and sometimes a new school building. Memories of school buildings can often be the most powerful. Just ask those graduates who return to Wayne each year to celebrate their 50th high school reunion. They love to tour their old school building and its school grounds.

The community of Wayne has been providing our children with an education and a building within which to get that education since soon after the early pioneers built the first log homes in this wilderness beginning in 1824. Only a few school age children lived in this tiny settlement in 1833 and Miss Cornelia Hawley ran a private school in Kilborn's blacksmith shop until 1838 when Nankin School District 9 built a log school situated on Main Street between Washington and Second Street. The log school served

## Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley



Wayne Road.) Here the smaller children were taught by a woman and the larger children by a man. The school was built with a movable partition to allow the entire area to be open for entertainment and exercise. There was no other building available except the Congregational church, which had been built in 1849. Before that time the log school was the meeting house for church services, funerals and other public gatherings. After having completed the course of study at the District school, the pupil who could pass the teacher's examination was qualified to teach.

The Union School was built in 1871 at a cost of \$19,000 with furnishings costing \$3,000. It was located between Norris and Main Streets. (Just east of where the Westchester Towers are located today.) This was a three story building with wood stoves on all floors. Stories were told for years about how the top floor swayed when the wind was strong. Students came from many communities surrounding Wayne to attend this school. Some students came on the Pere Marquette Railroad and stayed in



Union School, sometimes called the High School at Sophia Street and Main Street, the old Roosevelt School took the place of this one.

1927 the name was changed to Roosevelt School. In 1963 the building was closed and a new Roosevelt opened on Currier Street just north of Van Born and west of Wayne Road. Wayne High School was built in 1926 and was located where the Korean Village sits today on Williams Street. When the new high school, Wayne Memorial, was opened in 1952, the old building became West Side Junior High. When Stevenson Junior High opened, West Side became the Administration Building for Wayne Community Schools. South Side Junior High School was on Howe Road and Forest where the school district houses its buses. In 1959 South Side closed when Benjamin Franklin Junior High opened at Annapolis and Howe Roads.

Over the years, Wayne grew from a village into a city. As we moved from a farming community to one of small businesses and industry many homes were built to house families of men working in area shops, stores and factories. With this growth came more schools. When I was young and growing up in Wayne, neighborhood schools were common. We walked to school in the morning and walked home for lunch and then returned to school for afternoon classes. Some of these neighborhood elementary schools were Monroe, built in 1939 and razed in the mid 1990's, and

Jackson, built in 1945 and sold to Annapolis Hospital in the early 1970's. Washington was located on the north side of Glenwood just east of Wayne Road and was built in 1929 and razed in 1983.

There are many more schools in our community today with wonderful rich histories. Times have changed and some of these schools have been torn down and some have closed. Busing has become a way of life for our children as our schools have become larger and service children from a larger area of our community and surrounding communities. Our beautiful new schools, full of technology and modern curriculums to fit today's society, continue to educate our children. Regardless of the changes, children continue to grow their own personal memories of their school days.

Stop in and visit our Historical Museum and learn more about our early schools. Thanks to Richard Story, our Museum Director, for his help with information on local schools.

Editor's note: Darlene Lucas Hawley grew up in Wayne and graduated from Wayne Memorial High School. She attended Western Michigan University where she received her teaching degree. Returning to her hometown, she was hired by the Wayne Community School District to teach elementary education until her retirement in 2001.



The first school, wood frame building Washington Street and Main Street. Photos courtesy of the Wayne Historical Museum

the village of Wayne until 1851 when a two room frame school was built on Washington at the corner of Main. ( About where the Rite Aid drugstore is today on Michigan Ave. East and

local homes during the week and returned home on weekends. In 1909 the Union School was razed and a new school called the Wayne Public School was built on the same site. In



## NEWS BRIEFS

### Friends helping Friends

The 13th annual Friends People Helping People program will be held on Sept. 10. Coordinator Ed McMurray said the home has been selected and volunteers are needed to help with painting the exterior of the home.

"It's a really good feeling to help someone out," McMurray said.

A continental breakfast will be served to all volunteers at 8:30 a.m. at the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center on Sims.

The Friends Project is a privately funded program that does not use any money from the City budget. If you would like to make a donation or volunteer to help, please call Peter McInerney at 734-722-2002. The rain date will be Sept. 17.

### Ford Motor Tax Abatement

City Council approved an amendment to Ford Motor Company's tax abatement application. In 2009 Council approved two tax abatements totaling \$230 million which included \$184 in industrial development and \$46 in plant rehabilitation. In July, Ford filed an application to increase the industrial development amount by \$123.7 million.

The additional investment will provide for new features and designs to the platforms on the current assembly lines at the Michigan Assembly Plant.

When complete the Michigan Assembly Plant will be the only Ford plant in the world producing gas, electric, hybrid and plug in electric vehicles all on the same line.

"We are very proud of our partnership with Ford and UAW," said Mayor Al Haidous. "We welcome the news. We are here to support you and work with you. We're very proud of what you're building."

Rob Webber, site plan manager at MAP said, "We appreciate the support and great relationship we've had with Wayne."

This brings the total investment amount by Ford to \$307 million. Even with the abatement Ford will still be paying an additional \$6.5 million in taxes- \$3.2 million to the City of Wayne. This work will be completed by Sept. 1, 2012.

### Wine and cheese fundraiser

The Wayne Public Library will host their annual Wine and Cheese Fundraiser at 7 p.m. on Sept. 17. Pre-sale tickets are available for \$22 at the Library or at the door for \$25.00. In addition to the wine and cheese there will be beer and an assortment of appetizers.

### RESA appoints new school board trustee

Wayne County RESA has appointed Fred Weaver to fill the unexpired term of former trustee William Gabriel who resigned. Weaver served eight years on the Wayne Westland school board, three as president. He will serve the remainder of the term which expires June 30.

### Councilman Mathew Mulholland resigns

Councilman Mathew Mulholland resigned his position effective Aug. 14. He was then appointed to the position of Economic/ Personnel Director.

City Manager Robert English said, "These days all of us are doing combined jobs."

English interviewed five candidates for the position.

"Mr. Mulholland still is the person best suited for the job," he said. Mulholland has personally assisted proposed business owners and helped them establish franchises.

He's a dynamite fit. He will be quite an asset and will help us jump start getting businesses in downtown," Mayor Al Haidous said, "This is a benefit to the City of Wayne and the operation."

"I have found Mr. Mulholland to be very intelligent, ethical and diligent young man with integrity and honor," said Mayor Pro Tem Donna McEachern.

### Candidates Forum

The League of Womens Voters will host a Candidates Forum for city council and mayoral candidates in the City of Wayne. It will be from 7-8:30 p.m. on Sept. 21 at the Wayne Public Library. The public is invited to attend and submit questions for the candidates.

### Blues Brews and BBQ

The City of Westland is hosting Blues Brews and BBQ from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sept. 24 on the grounds of Westland City Hall on Ford Road. There will be a car show, kids events, live musical entertainment and of course bbq and brews.

### Pancake Breakfast

Come hungry. The Wayne Fire Department is hosting their 14th annual Breakfast with your Firefighters. They will be serving all you can eat pancakes from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Oct. 8 at the Fire Station at 3300 S. Wayne Road. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. This includes pancakes, three sausage links, coffee, juice or milk.

### Remembering 9/11

The City of Wayne is organizing a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 11 at Goudy Park. All are welcome to attend.

### Mom 2 Mom Sale

Girl Scout Troop 2166 is hosting a Mom 2 Mom Sale on Oct. 15 at the First United Methodist Church, across from the Wayne Post Office. The cost is \$20 per 8' table and \$5 per rack. Racks not provided. Please contact Kim DeMoor at 734-595-5860 or gstroop2166@yahoo.com. Deadline is Sept. 28. Space is limited. The Girl Scouts will use the money they raise at the sale to purchase new books for the Wayne Library and supplies for First Step.

### Race for the Rouge

The Second Annual Race for the Rouge will be on Sept. 17 at the Lower Rouge Recreation Trail of Canton. Parking and registration will be at Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon Road, Canton. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the race starts at 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members but will be waived for pre-paid pledges of \$100 or more. Prizes will be presented to top male and female finishers. Proceeds will support the Friends of the Rouge. For more info or to register go to [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

### Glenwood Construction update

Glenwood Road will still be under construction when school starts on Sept. 6. For Wayne Memorial High School traffic, one way westbound traffic will remain in effect on Glenwood from Venoy to Wayne Road. City Engineer Ramzi El-Gharib said under normal conditions the contractor will be finished with restoration and flat concrete work by the third week of Sept. At that time Glenwood from Venoy to Wayne will be restored to two-way traffic.

For Schweitzer, Gharib said there will be one-way westbound traffic route as well. Glenwood will be closed at the railroad crossing for about 10 days while Detroit Water and Sewer Department puts in a 24" watermain.

"During that time, vehicular traffic will be temporarily allowed to move in both directions. However, due to existing road conditions and construction activities, it is highly recommended that parents use side streets to access the Schweitzer school and not use Glenwood," Gharib said.

The project is proceeding on time and Glenwood Road will reopen to two-way traffic by late November. In spring 2012, the contractor will complete the remaining restoration work.

### Wayne resident wins scholarship to UM

Wayne resident Matthew Cornett, 35, was awarded the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Only 60 students in the United States were awarded this \$30,000 per year scholarship. Cornett is one of four students from Michigan to receive the scholarship that will cover tuition, living expenses, books and required fees - for the final two to three years necessary to achieve a bachelor's degree. Cornett graduated from Schoolcraft Community College and will attend University of Michigan this fall where he will pursue a degree in computer programming and education.

Cornett attended Hoover Elementary school, Franklin Jr. High and Wayne Memorial High School.





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## Kids Kick their way to a black belt

By Vanessa Janowski

Tae Kwon Do is a form of martial arts that gives people skill of self-defense, combat, and is a powerful form of exercise. At Kicks Tae Kwon Do in Wayne, individuals of all ages are able to take classes, as well as the opportunity to be tested in order to receive a black belt.

Ron Rose, owner of Kicks Tae Kwon Do, has elaborate knowledge when it comes to the sport. He has been teaching Tae Kwon Do since 1969 and opened the facility in 1977. In his years of teaching, he has seen kids and adults ages 3 through 63 years old participate in the sport. Recently, he tested kids who ranged in ages of 8-13 who were striving to receive their black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

Although it may seem as if taking a series of classes will experience you enough to receive a black belt, it is far more involved. Ron Rose noted it takes approximately three years to be trained to obtain a black belt. Tae Kwon Do has a variety of training methods including board breaking and self-defense.

During the black belt testing, the kids had to do a range of tasks and techniques. Some of the skills they



Kicks newest black belts.

had to perform were: board/cement breaking, sparring, and showing they had focus and control. There were 10 forms that the kids had to perform properly in order to prove that they were black belt savvy. The testing session for a black belt in Tae Kwon Do takes roughly 2 hours.

Kicks Tae Kwon Do is located at 35004 W. Michigan Avenue in Wayne. For more information about classes, types of training or about black belt testing, contact Ron Rose at 734-728-3027.

## OBITUARY

**Hamlin, (nee Prioriello) Barbara** Ida. August 30, 2011. Age 69. Beloved wife of 35 years to the late William. Loving mother of Elizabeth (David) Shelton, Dean (Machelle) Hamlin, and Noreen (Jeremy) Porter. Daughter of the late Michelle and Angeline Prioriello. Dear sister of Dolores (Tom) Kilty, Ronald (Debbie) Prioriello, and the late Mary (Fred) Miller and Carmen (David) Sobka. Loving aunt of David (Stacey) Sobka, Angela Sobka, Michael Prioriello, Joseph Prioriello, Cassie (Greg) Kiner, Dawn (Bob) Midendorf, Stacey Hamlin, Cindy (Duane) Morris, Mark (Katrina) Hamlin, Gary Hamlin, Joseph Schaffer and LuAnne (Joseph) Morgan. Barbara was a retired school bus driver for Wayne-Westland community schools, safely shepherding students to school, sporting, and musical events for 30 years. She enjoyed reading, gardening,



travelling, and spending time with her family. She was an awesome cook. There was always an extra plate at the dinner table and she made the best macaroni salad in the world. A private Memorial Service was held. Memorial contributions appreciated to American Cancer Society or Karmanos Cancer Institute. Please take a moment to sign Barbara's online guestbook at [www.cremationmichigan.com](http://www.cremationmichigan.com).



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