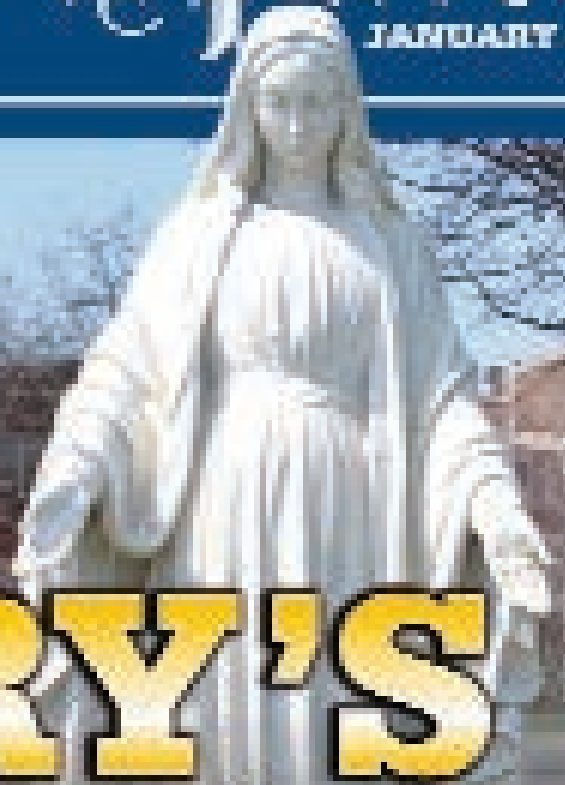




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## Lose yourself in a good book

Now that Christmas is over and the ornaments put away, it's time to relax, read a good book, or see a movie.

Here are some suggestions for both---many from the personnel at the Library, Paulette Medvecky, our Library Director says "Here are the recent titles I've read and enjoyed."

"Still Missing" by Chevy Stevens--- Lisa Gardner's novels and the "Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet," by Jamie Ford. Library Board member Carol Weyand also likes that book and adds "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand." Mary Lindsay of the Building Dept. also likes "Major Pettigrew...." Board member, Nancy Chiasson votes for "The Help"---both the movie, and the book. Paulette and Kim Smith at the library's circulation desk, are fans of Janet Evanovitch's mysteries as is the Fire Department's Lisa Bradford. Kim especially likes the "Stephanie Plum" series. Ann McCoy, also at the circulation desk, enjoyed "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo."

Librarian, Kathleen Kozakowski, submits "The Invisible Thread", and Ginny Cesarz--- "Peony in Love," by Lisa See.

More suggestions from our great Library people---Library Board President, Ed Marman said we absolutely have to see the movie "Hugo." John MacDonald's movie picks are "Moneyball", "The Trip", and "Tree of Life." John O'Connell liked the movie, "Sarah's Key." He also suggests the books, "War Horse" and "To End All Wars" ---A page turning Epic History of World War I. The author is Adam Hochchild, who also wrote "King Leopold's Ghost"---a story of greed, terror and heroism in Colonial Africa.

From City Clerk, Matt Miller comes this book---"in the Garden of the Beast.; Love Terror and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin." Matt was kind enough to write a review. This book portrays the family of William Dodd, the American Ambassador who served at the beginning the Nazi era in Germany. Instead of the great adventure Dodd and his family thought they would find, they found themselves living in the very early stages of what would become World War II. They also saw firsthand the brutal laws and their enforcement against the Jewish people.

### Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



Although Dodd tried to alert his superiors about the changing landscape---he became frustrated when no one in Washington would believe him.

Al and Sue Damitio both read David McCullough's, "the Greater Journey: Americans in Paris" Many Americans flocked to Paris between 1830 and the early 1900's. Among them was painter Mary Cassatt. Oliver Wendell Homes was a medical student at the time---just one of many med students who went to Paris and learned new techniques in medicine. James Fennimore Cooper and Mark Twain were some of those who lived in Paris. Cooper, in fact, liked Paris so much, he moved his whole family there.

Sue tells me about one book that has stayed with her, although she read it some time ago. "The Passage" by Justin Cronin, depicts life as it is lived now---more that 100 years after a man-made virus wiped out most of humankind. Sounds intriguing doesn't it?

Barbara Wootton, Lynn Higgs and I all read "Room" by Emma Donoghue, and Barbara adds an oldie but goodie---"A Tree Grows in Brooklyn"---Betty Smith is the author.

I also read "Reckless Endangerment," but let me warn you it'll make your blood boil. The author, Gretchen Morgenstorn, writes how outsized ambition, greed, and corruption led to economic disaster---the sub-prime housing 'bubble.'

From Cape May, New Jersey comes a selection from Betty Young, a former resident of Wayne. She suggests "Unbroken"---A World War II story of an American pilot who spends much of the war years in a Japanese prison camp. The author is Laura Hillenbrand, who also wrote "Seabiscuit."

May I add my favorite movie? "Midnight in Paris." It's a beautifully done and a charming movie, directed by Woody Allen.



Congratulations to Stan and Judy Shelton of J&S Portrait America Photography for being named 2011 Wayne Chamber of Commerce Business of The Year. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

The Wayne Fire Department's Cathy Lutkenhoff kindly sent me the following: In 2011 Wayne Goodfellows raised approximately \$25,000 through the fund-raising efforts of the US 12, the Village Bar, Avenue Grill, and Jakes Again. Also supporting the Goodfellows---Weiser's Recycling, Local 900, Ford Motor

Company, Wayne Industries, EQ Environmental, Civitan's Wayne-Westland Credit Union, and many other Wayne businesses.

Cathy adds "We helped over 350 kids and 150 seniors."

We send all our good wishes to Bill Hawley---plus prayers for your speedy recovery.

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# Wayne resident competes on Biggest Loser

By Jenny Johnson

Wayne may soon have the biggest loser. Allen "Buddy" Shuh is one of the contestants on the 13th season of the NBC hit "The Biggest Loser" which premiered on Jan. 3. Buddy and his brother, Ben, of Howell will battle other contestants and each other to see who can lose the most weight.

It was his brother's idea for them to attend an open casting call in Sterling Heights.

"I was at that place in my life where I was ready for change," Shuh said.

Shuh said he thinks he was chosen as a contestant because they are looking for someone who has a lot of weight to lose, for someone who can do it and for someone with determination.

"It's very difficult out there," he said. It looks a lot easier when you are sitting on your couch watching. He said workouts can last up to three hours without a break.

"It's the hardest physical thing I have ever done," he said.

But he is amazed at what he has learned already about healthy choices.

"At every level- exercise wise you learn about when and how to incorporate it," he said. He has learned how to listen to his body and know his heart rate.

The nutritionists on the show have helped educate him not only about calories but chemicals in food too. They are showing him recipes and where to shop.

"In every way the show is helpful," he said.

What gives Shuh the determination to stick with it?

Shuh said by 2005 he weighed about 300 lbs. But the incident that triggered more weight gain was the passing of his baby daughter who was born with spina bifida and only lived five months.

"I realized I wasn't going to get to walk her down the aisle," he said.

"With the passing of my daughter we went through a long ordeal. I was commuting a lot to Children's Hospital and I turned to food for comfort," he said.

When he reached almost 400 lbs. he said, "My eyes lit up and I said I really need to do something."

Since then Shuh and his wife



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Allen "Buddy" Shuh

Wayne resident Allen "Buddy" Shuh is a contestant on the 13th season of the NBC hit "The Biggest Loser."

have had two more daughters.

"I want to be there to walk them down the aisle," he said. Shuh has four children. His four-year old daughter asked him if he was going to California to get skinny.

While he is away on the ranch competing on The Biggest Loser he is thankful that his church family is helping his wife, Shelby, with their

four children- 7, 4, 2 and seven weeks old. Shuh is a pastor at Journey Community Church in Westland.

When he gets home he will have the continued support from his family and church. He said he wants to be a positive role model for his children.

Shuh and the other contestants are currently in California filming

but they were allowed to come home during the holidays. Shuh said he is already making changes. He introduced his wife to Greek yogurt as a substitute for sour cream.

"I'm actually talking to my wife about life style changes already. If you don't start you know you are destined to fail," he said. "I'm enjoying the healthier lifestyle. I find myself thinking differently."

And when he returns home he won't be on the journey alone. The pastor and board members at his church want to exercise with Shuh and be accountability partners for him.

He said it is also helpful that him and his brother are going through this journey together.

"Growing up as brothers we always played sports together," he said. While they live about an hour away from each other and may not be able to get together to exercise very often they had the same experience and will be able to hold each other accountable.

They also hope to be able to inspire their whole family. The Shuh brothers have three other siblings who are "totally supportive."

"I am trying to make positive changes for myself and family. I appreciate the support and try my best to make everyone proud," he said.

Shuh said in the future he hopes to be able to, "share what I've learned to help others."

Season 13 of The Biggest Loser debuted at 8 p.m. on Jan. 3 on NBC. It featured three couples from Michigan. The pairs were surprised to find out they were split up and had to compete against each other. Buddy Shuh is on the team with trainer Dolvett Quince and his brother, Ben is with Bob Harper.

During the first weigh in Ben lost 15 lbs. and Buddy lost 22 lbs. His team won the first weigh in challenge so someone from Bob Harper's team had to be eliminated.

Ben told his team he wants to go home because he misses his family and in his first week at the ranch he has learned everything he needs to know to be successful at home. Even though Ben lost the most weight on his team he was eliminated. Since returning home Ben has lost 50 lbs.

The Biggest Loser will win \$250,000. The finale will air in May.



## St. Mary celebrates sesquicentennial

By **Jenny Johnson**

It's more than just a church or just a school. St. Mary parish is a community that has been home to many Wayne families for generations. This year they will proudly celebrate their 150th anniversary.

St. Mary Church began in 1862 during the Civil War and is the oldest Catholic parish in western Wayne County. It began when 45 families petitioned the bishop for their own church. The bishop instead allowed for a mission called St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception. It was under the care of a pastor from a church in Ypsilanti. Construction of a church began and was completed and dedicated in January 1873. St. Mary continued as a mission status until 1912 when it received full parish status and was appointed its first resident pastor, Father Joseph Connors. There have been 12 pastors since the church's inception. In June 2008 Fr. David Burgard arrived as the 12th pastor at St. Mary.

The current church on Michigan Avenue was built in 1923 and the former church became the first parish school and opened with 125 students in 1924. Father John Haney added classrooms to the school and added high school grades. The first graduating class was in 1951. It continued as a high school until 1971. Today the school serves students in pre-school through eighth grade. In

**"St. Mary parish has a history of members being active in the community."**

**Principal Don Lipinski**

2000 a new parish activities center opened under the direction of Fr. Jack Baker.

They currently have 941 active members and perform about 40 baptisms, 33 first communions, 52 confirmations and 11 marriages per year.

### School Days

St. Mary School currently has 250 students. Is an accredited school that earned the "School of Distinction" award from the Michigan Non-public Schools Accrediting Association in 2009.

"We are one of a handful of school in the archdiocese that has a school of distinction. It is an honor" said Principal Don Lipinski.

Students take the IOWA test each year and consistently score above the national average. The teachers are state certified and also hold religious Education Certification from the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Students are offered extra-curricular opportunities including sports, scouting, bell choir, student council, youth choir and band.

"We are very competitive with public schools," said Lipinski.

All of the classrooms have computers and SMART Boards which are interactive electronic whiteboards.

The pre-school is an academic based curriculum that is offered all day every day for three and four year old students.

Students in all grades participate in community activities too. This year students donated over 1,000 lbs of food to the Food Depot and filled their warming tree with mittens, scarves and hats for the clothes closet.

"St. Mary parish has a history of members being active in the community," Lipinski said. They also have a history of being a tradition for many families. Lipinski said sees a lot of students who had parents or grandparents attend school St. Mary School too.

"That says a lot about a parish, school and community," he said.

On Jan. 29 St. Mary School will host an Open House from 11 a.m- 2 p.m. There will be a book fair, science fair and a chance to visit classrooms and talk to teachers. This event is open to the public.

"We hope new people come and visit" he said.

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**Family Tradition**

Five generations of Helen Glandon's family have attended St. Mary. Her grandparents, William and Helen Smith, began attending the church in the 1940s. Helen and her husband Ray are among many in the family who were married in the church. Their grandson is currently attending pre-school there.

All 10 of her siblings attended school at St. Mary and Helen graduated from the high school.

"St. Mary has continued to teach, display and develop good character. Just more reasons why generations have continued to attend services and send their children to their school," Helen said. "My catholic education has contributed to the person I am today."

Maryann Beckert has been attending St. Mary since 1998. She and her husband, Phil were married there and had three children attend St. Mary School. They have completed or are in the process of completing the sacraments of baptism, holy Eucharist, and confirmation.



Beckert attended Catholic school until age nine but never completed her sacraments, she said.

"It wasn't until coming to St. Mary that I found my faith home and made the decision to complete the Sacraments and become a full member of the Church. From day one, St. Mary has been a welcoming place," she said. "The learning environment

at St. Mary School has provided a great foundation for our kids. The academic achievements have been outstanding but more importantly, it's the ability of our teaching staff to freely include Faith and God in their daily educational lessons that helps our kids develop their own Faith and recognition of God as an important source of support as they grow and become adult members of our society."

The Hurley family moved from Marquette to Wayne after World War II and began attending St. Mary Church. Mike Hurley was two years old. He attended St Mary School from first to ninth grade. He transferred to Wayne High in 10th grade and met his bride Judy Lozen. They were married in 1967 at St. Mary by Father Romps. Their four children Chris, Steve, Jennifer and Kristin were baptized and received their additional sacraments there.

Judy Hurley said, "Five generations of Hurley's have been or are current members of St. Mary Church. There have been numerous Hurley weddings and baptisms since

1946."

Their youngest grandson will be baptized this month.

**Serving the community**

Over the years the church, school and surrounding property have been renovated and restructured. Today the church, school, activities center and Outreach center serve not only their parishioners but the community as well. The students raised over 1,000 lbs for the John Bolde Food Depot and they are collecting hats, mittens and scarves for the warming tree.

The St. Mary Outreach Center opened in 2003 after the church purchased the former Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union on Sims. The bottom floor became the John Bolde Food Depot and is dedicated to providing food and personal hygiene products to local needy families. The upper level is an Open Closet where families in need can get gently used clothes, shoes, books and home appliances at no cost. Thousands of families have been helped by the Center.

St. Mary also has a comprehensive Religious Formation Program that offers religious education classes for students in grades 1-8 attending public schools.

**Celebrating 150 years**

St. Mary kicked off a year-long celebration of their 150th anniversary in Nov. with a concert featuring pianist Kevin Cole. In Dec. St. Mary School alumni Bishop Hanchon returned and celebrated mass with the students.

They also are planning an Ethnic Smorgasbord Taste Fest on Jan. 22. Other activities this year include a Mardi Gras Party, school auction, dinner dance, golf outing, parish picnic and all school reunion.

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# Community honors Pearl Harbor Survivor

By Jenny Johnson

Silver stars and red fabric draped chairs in a room filled with proud citizens. More than 150 people gathered to honor former Wayne resident and business owner Nate Weiser, 95, for his service during the Pearl Harbor attack.

Weiser was in the Army Air Corps and had been stationed in Hawaii since Nov. 1940. It was just before 8 a.m. on Dec. 7, 1941 when they decided to visit another friend who was stationed on the Lexington at Pearl Harbor. The Lexington was not in port so the friends decided to go to the mess hall for breakfast. They were in line when they heard a loud noise and the whole building shook.

"It rocked the whole place," Weiser said.

They didn't know what it was until the next bomb dropped and the table collapsed. Nate looked out the window and saw a plane and could see the pilot's red scarf and goggles because he was flying so low. He knew it was a Japanese plane.

He and his friends escaped the mess hall and ran toward the neighborhoods. They sought refuge at a Sergeant's home until the bombing stopped. When they returned to base for instructions they saw their barracks had been bombed and destroyed.

They were issued .45 pistols and trusted with an 8' box that held communication equipment with a transmitter and receiver that was able to keep communication with their squadron and with Honolulu. They dug a foxhole, in the rain, and stayed there for two days. The entire island was on blackout status.



On the 70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor the Wayne Rotary Club hosted a tribute to Weiser that included representatives from the offices of Gov. Snyder, US Rep Thaddeus McCotter, Dearborn Mayor John B. O'Reilly and Wayne Mayor Al Haidous. The former Wayne resident and Weiser recycling owner now resides in Dearborn.

He was presented with proclamations that cited Weiser for "loyal and unselfish dedication" and "not being content to sit idly by while other took action."

"I'm not going to have enough wall space," Weiser said when accepting his proclamations.

A flag was flown over the US Capitol in honor of Weiser. He was also presented with a Veterans medal.

"From your fellow veterans to let

you know you are not forgotten," said Joseph Tebor, VFW past commander, US Army retired.

Dearborn Mayor John O'Reilly said, "He spent 55 years here (in Wayne) building a great business in Wayne and being part of Wayne. He was a Rotarian and part of the greatest generation who fought in World War II and then came home and built America."

O'Reilly told the audience Weiser was also part of the D-Day invasion and was at Normandy. "Weiser was in pivotal places and had unforgettable experiences. He made the world and our community a better place."

Mayor Al Haidous said, "One of the greatest honors I've ever had is to be standing next to one of our heroes. He served city council, was a

business owner and is a great human being. Your footprint will never be erased in Wayne."

He went to Albion College and graduated in 1939 with a teaching degree in history and chemistry. But he and two of his friends decided to enlist in the army. They all got stationed in Hawaii. Weiser was in communications and learned international MORRIS Code. He learned how to take care of the electrical transmitters and receivers on aircrafts. He worked on base during the day and took courses in radio engineering and meteorology at night.

Weiser left the army in Aug. 1945 and married his wife, Norma. They have been married for 65 years and have two children and two grandchildren. He retired from Weiser Recycling in 1996 but stays committed to his family, community and synagogue.

Weiser said, "This was a really important part of my life. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. We have to think about other people. There are a lot of soldiers having a rough time. They are fighting a war."

He said, "When you see a fellow in uniform thank them and tell them to have a good day."

He told the audience of a recent encounter he had. Weiser has "Pearl Harbor Survivor" on his license plate. One day while he was out driving he was at a stop light and someone blew their horn at him. They rolled down their window and told Weiser "thank you." It made his day.

"Keep on doing that and we will have a great United States of America," he said.



# Hoover students honor soldiers

By Jenny Johnson

It was a Christmas present seven months in the making. Wayne resident and Army Sgt. 1st Class Nicole Durbin was deployed to Afghanistan last spring. She wasn't due to come for a visit until January but then she got an unexpected offer from another soldier who offered Durbin her leave so she could be home for Christmas. The 28 hour flight was more than worth it.

Durbin and her husband, Matt wanted to surprise their two sons—Jonathon, a fifth grader at Adams Middle School and Steven, a kindergarten at Hoover Elementary. Matt left the boys with a babysitter and told them he was going to get parts to fix his Jeep.

But he returned with something unexpected— their mom. When she walked through the door Steven kept yelling, “Mommy, mommy, mommy,” she said.

“I ran to her and gave her a hug,” said Jonathon. As a special gift, Jonathon turned 11 on Dec. 23 and had his mom home to celebrate with him.

The boys couldn't believe they were seeing and touching their mom. Prior to that all communication was in the form of text messages, Skype and emails.

The family is originally from Wisconsin and has lived in Wayne for just over a year because she is stationed in Southfield. She will return to Afghanistan for three months and then come home for good. She said



conditions in Afghanistan are ok.

“We get along with the Afghanis. The kids love us but we have to deal with the Taliban,” she said.

There have been a few rocket attacks that have been pretty scary.

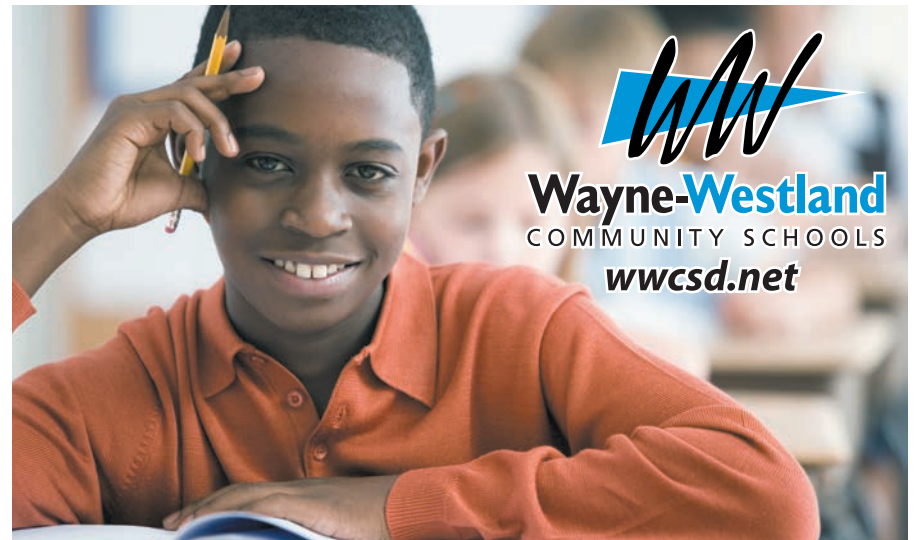
There are 22,000 people on her base. Durbin's job is to take care of other soldiers pay issues and help them with promotions and awards.

“I take care of the soldiers like a mom,” she said.

Hoover staff and students honored Hoover parents who are serving in the Armed Forces with a special assembly that included saying the Pledge of Allegiance, singing the National Anthem and asking questions of their special guests.

Specialist Nathan Giacchina has been in the Army for three years. He is a 1999 graduate of John Glenn High School. He has three children-





  
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**Q: Is this ballot proposal a new tax?**

**No.** This is a **renewal and continuation** of a Sinking Fund millage that was originally passed in 2003 and remains currently in place.

**Q: Will there be a change in my tax bill?**

**No.** Your tax bill will remain unchanged because you currently pay the Sinking Fund tax. An average homeowner with a home valuation of \$80,000 will pay about \$40 dollars per year.

**Q: What will the Sinking Fund pay for?**

The Sinking Fund will pay for major repairs and replacements of roofs, boilers, chillers and other necessary building and site items. Furthermore, the Sinking Fund will provide students and the community with a safe educational environment to grow and learn.

**Q: What happens if the millage is not passed?**

Major repairs would likely be postponed and ultimately lead to the decline of facilities.

**Q: Will Sinking Fund dollars be used to pay for salaries, insurance or benefits?**

**No.** Sinking Fund dollars **cannot** be spent on salaries, insurance or benefits. Sinking Fund dollars may be spent on major repairs and school site based capital improvements, as defined by law.

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From left to right in the photo are Mary Dekker – Hope Wayne Clinic Coordinator, Lillie Tabor – President Metro Health Board of Trustees, Geri Hochbaum – Hope Wayne Clinic Office Manager, and Dorothy Elliott, RN, Hope Clinic Board Member.

**Metro Health Foundation awards grant to Hope Wayne Clinic**

The Metro Health Foundation of Detroit recently awarded Hope Clinic, in Wayne, a \$20,000 grant. Hope Clinic provides free medical care to low-income, uninsured adults. All treatment is provided by volunteer medical professionals, supported by a small paid staff. St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia provides laboratory services, and x-rays.

Hope opened the Wayne satellite clinic in August 2007 in borrowed space in a church basement. In May 2010 they moved to its own building on Chestnut next to Franks Furniture. After the explosion they were not able to occupy their building. In February they moved to an office at Metro Place Mall on Michigan Avenue. The grant will make it possible

to increase their services. A major goal of the clinic is to recruit more volunteer clinicians so more patients can be seen. They also want to offer more specialty-care providers, strengthen church partnerships, and increase services for clinic patients at area hospitals.

“The need for medical care among low-income, uninsured residents of Wayne County continues to grow. We are encouraged by what we have achieved at the Wayne Clinic over the past several years with Metro Health’s support,” said Cathy Robinson, executive director. “There is still a tremendous unmet demand for healthcare in western Wayne, and this grant will help us provide more medical care for patients in need.”

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After Odainke Harris had a bad experience with a tax preparer he decided he could do better. He got a bachelor's degree in accounting and became a certified tax professional and started Wize Tax Service 10 years ago. Today he and his business partner Joseph Evans run 10 offices in Lansing, Phoenix, Indiana and California.

Tax Wize is a community based company looking to offer a family atmosphere at their newest location on Wayne Road right next to the Dairy Queen. They were looking for a Detroit area location and Wayne was an "easy choice," said Evans.

"People in Wayne are very community oriented. Everyone knows each other. It is a home type feeling," Harris said.

"When people come to get their taxes done they want experience, integrity and honesty. They need somebody with wisdom," he said.

Wize Tax Services offers payroll and bookkeeping services in addition to tax services for individuals, small businesses, corporations and LLCs. They can also represent clients with the IRS.

"We are a full service CPA firm," Evans said.

They offer free electronic filing for everyone and Mondays are senior citizens days. They also offer discounted rates to seniors.

In addition to offering professional service at great prices Wize Tax Service plans to make a positive impact on the community. They are planning to support local charities like the Wayne Goodfellows. For every customer who makes a donation in their office, they will match it.

"We are trying to impact the community. A lot of time businesses want the business from the community but they don't do anything extra to impact the community," Harris said.

Wize Tax Service has given school supplies to over 100 kids and help about 150 people go to camp last summer. In their Lansing office they sponsored over 42 basketball teams. They also provide support to local firefighters, the United Way, domestic violence shelters and local churches. They are a Christian



based business.

One of the biggest ways they impact their communities is by hiring local people.

"We hire 100% of the staff from the community," Evans said. "One of the biggest ways to impact a community is to bring jobs."

They also want to see the other businesses in the area team up to make Wayne the best it can be. Harris said he is interested in being a part of bringing festivals, picnics and other events back to Wayne.

"Let the businesses get together and put something on to bring the community together in a positive way," Harris said.

"We want to help build the people and the community up. We want people to say 'I want to move to Wayne,'" he said.

The office is open from 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. daily and during the last weekend in January they will be open 24 hours a day. Call for an appointment or do a walk in. They will have a Customer Appreciation Day from 5-7 p.m. on Jan. 28. They will serve hot dogs and refreshments.

Wize Tax Service is located at 3015 S. Wayne Road. For an appointment please call 734-729-WIZE. You can also visit their website at [www.wizetaxservice.com](http://www.wizetaxservice.com) or on Facebook at Wize Tax Service.

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**Santa stops at Wayne Exchange**

By Jenny Johnson

It's not often that someone gives legs for Christmas but that is just what Carlos Davila and his staff at Wayne Exchange did when they decided to donate an electric wheelchair from their store. They asked people to write a letter saying why they needed the chair and how it would help them.

Sandy King of Taylor wrote a letter about her grandson. In it she wrote, "My grandson Caleb King has spina bifida the very worst form of it. He is only eight year old and he cannot walk." She said they tried to get him an electric chair but their insurance denied it.

"Caleb wants to play so bad. When he sees the other children playing his face looks so sad it breaks your heart. He has a manual chair but by the time he reaches where the other children are they are someplace else. The electric chair could and can be his legs so he can play and enjoy himself like other children do."

The staff at Wayne Exchange



chose Caleb as the lucky recipient of the chair.

"He is young and was local," said Davila. He was happy to see how quickly Caleb was able to work the controls on his new chair and to see that there is room for him to grow.

Caleb King and his family expressed their sincere appreciation to the staff at Wayne Exchange.

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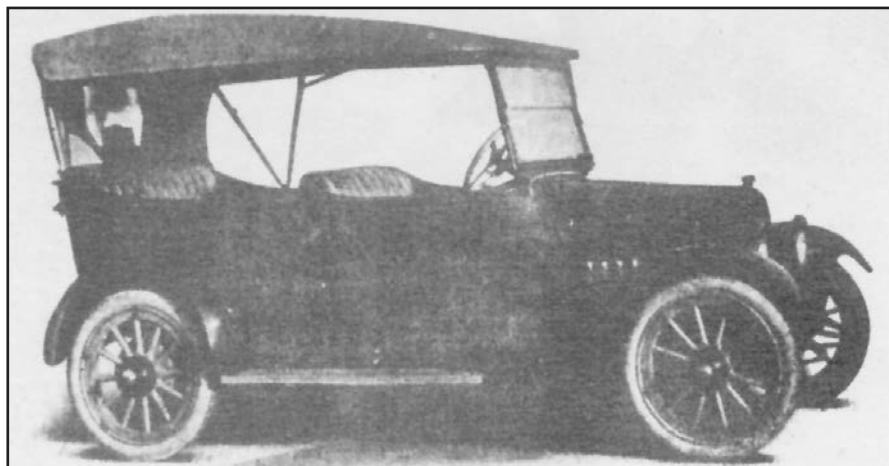
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# Early Wayne - Agriculture to industry

Early Wayne was merely a stage coach stop for travelers heading west out of Detroit on the Old Saulk Trail which became known as the Chicago Road and then Michigan Avenue. George M. Johnson built the first log building in the area of what is now downtown Wayne. He purchased 80 acres from the government for \$100 in February of 1824. His cabin, called Johnson's Tavern, became a landmark for travelers and sat on the site where the original National Bank of Detroit was located. It was the first business and only building in the area. In 1832 Ezra Derby purchased the 80 acres Johnson had owned and began improvements that would help in developing a settlement. For a time, the tiny settlement was called Derby's Corners. Eventually, the settlement evolved into a farming community. But early Wayne was much more than a farming community. It was also a leader in business and industry.

With the population growing, Derby's Corner began to attract business and industry. Ezra Derby had built a saw mill on the banks of the Rouge River where the bridge exists today on Wayne Road. With a saw mill it was possible to put up frame stores and houses. He also built a two story home for his family, a store and blacksmith shop. In 1838 the Michigan Central R.R. was completed and brought more people to our community and opportunities for business. (At that time the railroad named their stops and gave us our town name of Wayne.) John J. Wright built a Dry Goods store (or General Store) that became a landmark. J.D. Bunting, from Pennsylvania, was an employee of the RR but he quit his job and became a clerk in the general store. In 1852, Mr. Wright left and Mr. Bunting took over and operated "J.D. Bunting Dry Goods" until it burned in 1907.

There were four blacksmith shops in Wayne in the mid to late 1800's. One of these, started by Fredrick Marker in 1842, was located on the south side of Michigan Ave and operated by his family until Bert Green took over in 1911. Green operated the shop until 1967 when he moved to Westland. (His shop is still in business today and is being operated by the Green family doing auto welding.)



The Harron Motor Car was the first automobile made Wayne.

A very prominent building in old Wayne's business life was a large brick structure operated by Harry Goodman housing a flour mill. The mill was destroyed in 1938 by one of Wayne's biggest fires. Harry Goodman also ran a Feed and Seed store located next to Bert Green's blacksmith shop.

Mr. I.F. Hammond opened a shoe shop in 1846 and personally made boots for Waynites for 50 years. Warren Doolittle built a bakery in the eighteen sixties that became a big business.

In 1847 William Steers built The Farmer's Store and operated it until John C. Stellwagen purchased it in 1880. It was located on the corner of Monroe and Brush Streets. Mr. Stellwagen also purchased and operated the Wayne Flour Mill.

Restaurants and hotels sprung up to service the people of our community. There were six hotels in Wayne in the late eighteen hundreds. They did a thriving business because drummers or traveling salesmen came to town carrying three or four large trunks of wares or goods to sell to the townspeople. They had to spend three or four days here before they moved on. Often small business's delivered goods to homes by wagon. Fresh fish, milk and ice were delivered to your front door whether you lived in town or on the many farms surrounding the village.

A large livery stable, owned and operated by Peter Wilson, was a flourishing business in early Wayne. The large barn full of horses and equipment for hauling material stood where the Korean Village is today.

One of the larger industries in

Wayne was the Prouty and Glass Co. which opened in Detroit in 1881 and moved to Wayne in 1888. It became a leading manufacturer of sleighs and carriages until 1916 when the horseless buggy took over the nation's transportation needs. Another company was the Wayne Foundry which was located on Michigan Ave. and specialized in plow points.

Wayne had an early car company called the Harroun Motor Car Company. The car was designed by Ray Harroun a noted race car driver and winner of the first "500" race at Indianapolis Speedway in 1911. Mr. Harroun was vice president in charge of production. The plant sat on Michigan Avenue at the C&O tracks. 200 cars per day were built until the beginning of WWI when the company switched to manufacturing shells. The company attempted to resume production of automobiles after the war, but all efforts failed.

Other important businesses in Wayne's history were the Enot Foundry Company located on Annapolis near Treadwell, The Indus-

## Memory Lane



Darlene Hawley

trial Wire Cloth Company, The Unistrut Corporation located on Elizabeth south of the railroad tracks, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing on Forest at Howe Road, Garwood on Michigan Avenue just east of the viaduct and The Ford Motor Company on Michigan Avenue.

There are many other businesses that have come and gone over the years. They have all helped our community grow and served our people. They gave us jobs, goods and services. Some of the descendants of the people who built their business in Wayne still live in the area today. Some of our streets and buildings are named after these early leaders. (Stellwagen, Harroun and Attwood)

(I remember shopping in downtown Wayne in the 1940's when all of our shopping needs were met there. Do names like Stuart's, Kresgies, Mulholland's, O'Brien's, Cunningham's, Lee Adams, Leo's (in house store), Chum's, Gladstone's, Lazar's, Milt Humphries, Willies and Tip Top Restaurant bring back memories? Let me know what you remember about our business district in that era. That can be an article for another time!!!) dhawley@waynedispatch.com. Learn more about the history of business and industry in Wayne by visiting the Historical Museum at 1 Towne Square.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Skate Park in Wayne

Would you like to see a skate park in the City of Wayne this spring? Come to an informal meeting on from 7-8 p.m. on Feb. 1 at the Wayne Community Center. Enjoy a slice of pizza and join in the discussion on skateboarding, in-line skating, bikes and tennis. The goal is to assemble a skate park that will be enjoyed for years to come.

### Vote on Feb. 28

There will be an election on Feb. 28. On the ballot will be a proposal to renew a .9922 Sinking Fund for the Wayne Westland Community School District. If approved by voters, the Sinking Fund millage would provide approximately \$19.5 million in estimated revenues over a 10 year span. This money will be used for repair and replacement of roofs, boilers, chillers, exterior doors and window, elementary kitch remodel and expansions, parking lot upgrades, bathroom renovations and other necessary building and site items. By law money cannot be spent on salaries, insurance or benefits.

The original Sinking Fund passed in 2003 and is currently in place. Approving this renewal will not change a homeowners tax bill. If a homeowner has a home with a market value of \$80,000 they will pay about \$40 a year.

### Free legal consultation

An attorney from Fausone Bohn will offer free consultations on Jan. 23 at the Wayne Community Center. Please call 734-721-7460 for an appointment.



### Spreading the Joy

Wayne Memorial High School's Vocal Dimension group made a special stop during the holiday season. They visited residents at Wayne Towers and sang for them during their annual holiday party.

### Fire Department adds two

The Wayne Fire Department is back up to full staff with the hiring of two new firefighters- Nicholas Winrow and Bryan Schwesing. Both of these positions will be paid for by the SAFER Grant the city was awarded earlier this year.

### Public hearing scheduled

A public hearing will be held at 8 p.m. on Jan. 17 at City Hall to consider the proposed uses of the City's FY 12-13 Community Development Block Grant Funds. For FY 11-12 Wayne County granted the city \$107,652 for code enforcement, streets, senior services and housing rehabilitation.

### Looking for a few good readers

The Wayne Westland Community School District is launching a Literacy Corps initiative. They are looking for community volunteers who can volunteer to work with elementary students by reading to and with them and helping them with writing activities. Training and all materials will be provided. Volunteers must agree to a basic security check. For more information please call 734-419-2000.

### Oakwood Annapolis Hospital plans expansion

Oakwood Annapolis Hospital is planning a complete renovation of their emergency room. They are adding a 1536 sq ft addition on the south side of building from a current courtyard. They will also renovate the emergency room so than ambulances will have one entrance and pedestrians a separate entrance. This will be the most extensive renovation the emergency room has received since it was built.

### Oakwood volunteer earns inaugural Apple Award

Cheryl Welday, a dedicated community volunteer, earned an Apple

Award from the School Community Health Alliance for helping to raise more than \$60,000 to help fund the renovations at the Oakwood Health Clinic at Adams Upper Elementary School.

"She is a worthy recipient of this honor," said Lisa Rutledge, Corporate Director of Community Outreach for Oakwood Healthcare. "She has been an invaluable part of this project. Her tireless efforts will help bring healthcare services to many students and families that need it."

The Apple Award was created this year to recognize someone who shows dedicated support for a Child and Adolescent Health Center (CAHC). The clinic at Adams provides medical and counseling services to nearby residents and is staffed by members from Oakwood Healthcare Systems.

### Police Dept. adds K-9

There is an addition expected soon at the Wayne Police Department. They will restore the K-9 unit. City Manager Robert English said, "We've lost several programs throughout the city over the last few years. We've talked about how to restore some of the pro-active programs."

He asked Police Chief Jason Wright to prepare a report that would analyze the cost to restore the K-9 unit. The start-up cost is \$18,000 and will be paid for and maintained out of the drug forfeiture fund.

Wright said a K-9 program will be very beneficial to residents of Wayne because the dog will be able to do drug searches, building searches and will enhance officer safety.

Wright said, "For me this is a great day. I came from the k-9 unit with Bullet. It was a very successful program."

Mayor Al Haidous said, "This is a step in the right direction to fight crime. We need to send the message loud and clear that Wayne is still strong on fighting crime."

Wright said he will post the position for a K-9 office and it will be filled by someone currently with the police department. K-9 school will begin in the spring and he hopes to have a handler selected by then.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Happy Dispatch lives on

Dear Editor,

How pleased I was to find a reference to The Wayne Dispatch on Facebook. I checked it out and read every online issue. I was raised in Wayne having moved from Detroit and starting in 1st grade at Jackson School. My mother, Helen Schafer, worked at the Wayne Dispatch for over 20 years. I am sure that you know Willie Young. I introduced Willie to my mom at the Dispatch and he ended up working there for several years. The cover of your first issue was great. I used to have a paper bag like that. After school on publishing day I'd run to the Dispatch, grab 50 papers and go up to Wayne and Michigan and try to sell them all.

I am so glad to see another life in that old paper.

Larry Schafer  
Ivoryton, CT

## OBITUARY

### Condolences for Murray Millar

Longtime Wayne resident and attorney, Murray Millar passed away on Dec. 13 at age, 83. In 1958 he was one of the founders of Millar, Weinberg, Necker & Johnson. He practiced law until his retirement in 1990. Millar served on the Downtown Development Authority, Wayne 100 Club and Wayne Rotary Club. Millar and his wife, Bernice both graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in 1946. They were married in 1949 in Wayne. Millar served in the Marine Air Casual Squadron Eleven.



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## Who are these people anyway?

Some time ago, at the urging of my daughter who resides in another state, I created a Facebook account so that we could more easily communicate and exchange photos with each other. Because Facebook is in many ways a public forum, I was somewhat apprehensive about using it at first because it sort of reminded me of back in the days when our telephones had party lines. Back then you never knew who might be listening in on your conversation. It could be a nosy neighbor like Mrs. Cravitz from Bewitched or perhaps a KGB agent during the Cold War. Just as with a party line, I soon accepted the fact that anything and everything that I put on my Facebook account might be viewed by complete strangers and with that in mind I choose to only post stuff that I wouldn't care if it was on the front page of the Wall Street Journal.

Now while I still don't understand the Facebook users that feel it is necessary to constantly alert you to the fact that they just tied their shoes or mowed their lawn, I have decided that Facebook is a great way to organize and share fun photos with family and friends. Several weeks ago on a stormy weekend that was not fit for neither man nor beast, I decided to stay indoors and dragged out some boxes of photos that my parents had amassed over the years. It was fun sorting through photos that evoked memories from many years ago. I think my personal favorite one was the photo of me standing there ready for my first day of kindergarten, complete with a cardboard name tag hung around my neck on a piece of yarn. Apparently back in 1957 there was no warning label to advise my mother about the choking hazard that the string of yarn posed.



My first day of Kindergarten (Hal center). Fishing photo, My Uncle Alan Hultman, my Grandfather Ivan Hultman, my father Kenneth Hultman and some unknown individual. The location is unknown, but the photo was taken in August of 1946 after returning from the WWII.

### On the Bright Side

Hal Hultman



As I proceeded on my trip down memory lane, every once in a while I would find a photo of some strange people. I don't mean strange as in crazy, but rather as in I am unable to identify these people. Most photos had no information on the backside. I enlisted the help of my brother and his wife and we often expressed the same thought, "Who are these people anyway?"

If you want to bring your family closer to each other, might I suggest that you gather together, both young and old, aunts and uncles, grandparents and grandchildren, and sort through those shoe boxes of photos that you have stashed in your closet for years. Do it now while there are people still around to identify the people in the older photos. By doing it in a group setting, I can guarantee that there will be some great stories told and you will gain a greater insight into your ancestors. Haven't we all held a black & white photo in our hand and wondered who those guys were in that photo depicting several fellows proudly holding up a stringer displaying the day's catch of trophy worthy fish. Was it your grandfather or perhaps an uncle that never returned home from WWII?

Once you've recorded the names and dates on the backs of these photos, start sharing them with other family members. Life is too precious to let these memories be lost.

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