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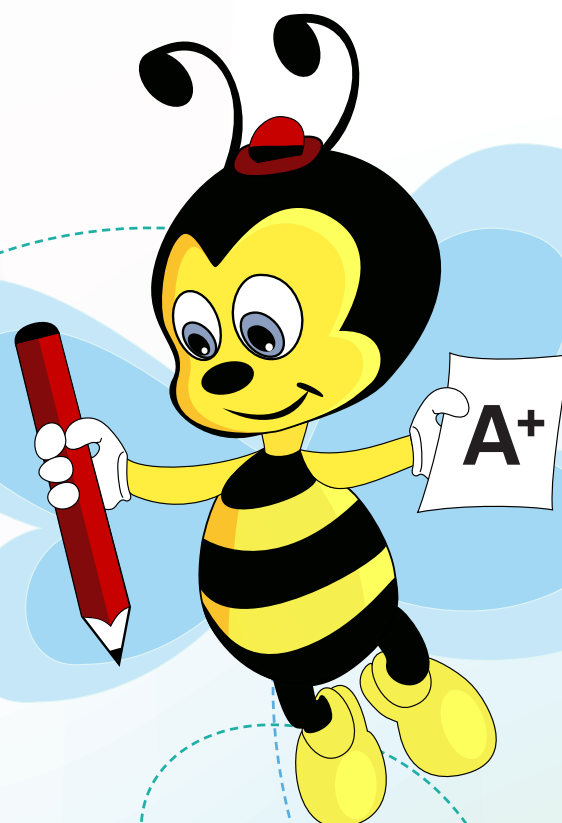
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WMHS alumni Champions success

By Jenny Johnson

Money talks. Just ask the students in the Champions program at Wayne Memorial High School. There are 106 of them who just received \$200 for reaching an academic goal they set with their Champions mentors.

The Champions program began four years ago and was the original brain child of Bill Gray, school psychologist and Val Orr, principal at Wayne Memorial. They were looking for ways to challenge students who could do better academically. Students were paired with adult mentors and set goals for the semester. If they met their goals, they got to attend a banquet and received their \$200 check. If they did not meet their goal, they get to try again.

Orr and Gray saw the need for the program to grow and serve more students. They sought support from Richard Helppie, a 1974 Wayne Memorial High School alumni and 2006 distinguished alumni. Helppie grew up on Eastlawn in Wayne and attended Jackson Elementary, Franklin Junior High and Wayne Memorial.

He got into the computer systems business after high school. In 1984 he founded his first major company, Superior Consultants Co., and in 2005 he sold it to Xerox. In 2007 he founded Vineyard Capital. He and his wife, Leslie, have a charitable foundation that helps kids with medical and educational needs.

Helppie saw value in the Champions program and he decided to support it with the Helppie Family Charitable Foundation.

Making a difference

"Bill Gray had an idea and my career has been taking small things and expanding them," Helppie said. He looked at the Champions program and knew great things were happening.

Helppie enjoys attending the award banquet each semester.

"I love talking to the kids. I want to encourage them. They don't know what their possibilities are. I tell them 'one of you or many of you are going to be the person who is leading this program in the future,'" he said.

JuLisa Atkins is one of the Cham-



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pions students who achieved her goal. She read an essay at the banquet about what the Champions program means to her. In it she wrote, "The definition of a champion is one who fights; a warrior! Coming into this program I was ready to fight to become a better student academically."

She and her mentor set a goal of her doubling her GPA from a 1.5 to a 3.0. At the end of the semester she earned a 3.3 GPA.

"Because of this program I succeeded beyond the expectation and I now know that academically I can do it," she said.

Another Champions student wrote, "The Champions program helped me realize a lot of things. There are people like Bree Bower, my champion, Mrs. Orr, my principal, and my auntie, who love me when I didn't think anyone did. It also helped me appreciate those people who are in my corner."

With the Champions program students are learning to have a goal, apply themselves and to try again if they don't make it.

Helppie said he has been touched by many of the students' stories. He really likes getting letters from them.

Some of the letters start off with "I got in this for the money. . . " but then the students explain how they were going to drop out of school and now they have made the honor roll. Many talk about the confidence they have gained.

"We are making some significant changes in these young peoples lives. They are doing the work. The kids are learning to set a goal and get support but it is up to them," Helppie said. "We have way more kids that want to be in the program. We need more mentors and more donors."

How you can help

The Champions program is now a 501c3 public charity and Helppie

has hired the first executive director, Sean Galvin.

The program is poised to accept monetary donations and train more mentors.

"This needs to become the community's program," Helppie said. The Champions program is looking for residents, business owners, civic organizations, retired staff and alumni who would like to be a part of making a positive difference in the life of a student.

Helppie said there are about 1000 students at Wayne High who need the Champions program. Right now they are limited to the number of students who can participate in the program because of mentors and funding. Mentors will have to abide by a rigorous background check and be available during the day to meet with students.

The program also needs more financial support. Helppie is challenging donors with a matching program.

"Right now for every dollar put in I will match with two dollars," Helppie said. So every dollar donated to the Champions program will result in \$3 for the program. Best bargain in town.

"It doesn't have to be large amounts; whatever someone feels they can contribute," he said. In fact WMHS alumni would be great supporters of this program.

They can donate \$200 for a semester and support one Champion or get 9 friends and each put in \$20.

Or how about a class competition? Which former WMHS graduating class can raise the most money for the Champions program?

"I just believe that the broader base of support you get, the more successful it will be," Helppie said. "This program is potentially rebuilding a community. Good things are happening and more kids need this."

"These are good kids. They just need the chance," he said. There are 550 students who have Champions contracts for this semester.

For more information on the Champions program, please visit www.championsofwayne.org or www.facebook.com/championsofwayne or call Sean Galvin at 734- 419-2400.

Racing into spring fun

The Postal System recognized a local hero. Last year they issued a stamp commemorating 100 years of the Indianapolis 500. Who won that race? Ray Harroun. The stamp itself is handsome, a bright yellow Marmon race car. On the back of a sheet of 20 stamps is this information.

"On May 30, 1911, approximately 80,000 spectators gathered at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to witness the first running of the Indy 500. Driving a Marmon "Wasp" he designed, Ray Harroun beat 39 other drivers to win with a time of 6 hours, 42 minutes, and 8 seconds. A century later the Indy 500 has become an American cultural phenomenon, rich in ceremony and tradition, and is hailed as "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing."

For more background on Ray Harroun, Darlene Hawley, our Wayne Dispatch historian, writes his story, and his connection to Wayne, in her column.

At "Jake's Again," Jake Davidson and his wife, Kelly, are planning their annual St. Patrick's Day banquet. With 300 lbs. of Corned Beef from Eastern Market---plus potatoes, cabbage, and carrots, it promises to be a delicious feast. Chefs, Gary Tillson and Gary Koskela, along with Kelly, will begin the cooking on Wednesday, the 15th.

According to Jake, the real fun is the buying trip. They use the 'party van', and a group of 10 or 12 head for Eastern Market. Sounds like a 'field trip' for adults, the way Jake tells it. John Colligan will miss the St Pat's celebration---he's in Florida, soaking up sunshine, but daughters Amy and Katie will be one hand.

Oh yes---Jake wants you to know that Bill Klein won the "Chili Bowl." Jake came in second.

The Ladies' Literary Club will hold their annual fund-raiser, March 20. It's a fun fund night with donations going to college scholarships---one to a young woman from Wayne High and the other for a John Glenn grad.

Gather your gal pals and come to the Congregational Church at 7 p.m. for a night of delicious (read Out of this World) desserts, some word

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



games, raffles, and lots of good companionship. In charge of the refreshments (those yummy desserts): Emily Brock, Sue Hawley, and Mary Lynn Baker. Chairing the program are Karen Henley, Darlene Hawley, and Carol Cockrum. Everyone will take home a book of their choice and a white elephant.

Did I mention the desserts?

Is it too early to talk Garden Walk 2013? Not really. If you'd like to show your garden next year, do start planning and growing this Spring. By summer of 2013 your garden will be beautiful, and you can proudly show it to all of us. If you know of someone with a beautiful garden---yours, or one belonging to a friend or neighbor---e-mail me at dryan59596@aol.com.

Easter is coming. Can you play "Easter Bunny" for a very good cause? St Mary Outreach Center needs donations of cash. Their food bank is beginning to look like Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. Manager, Judy Wells tells me 3,000 families came to the Center for help last year, plus the Center distributed 255,165 lbs. of food, and those numbers keep growing. Please help with a donation. Checks can be made out to St Mary Outreach Center, or dropped off at the Center---34646 Sims, Wayne MI, 48184.

Wayne is one of the chosen cities. The Detroit Institute of Arts will place large replicas of their paintings on buildings downtown. Two of the 5 to 7 buildings where the art work will appear are the Library and the Historical Museum. It's a twofer---a nice walking tour for us, and good publicity for the DIA.

May I add one more detail about Ray Harroun? He blew a tire half way through the 1911 Indy race and still came in a winner. WOW!

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Library hosts Irish fun

Get ready for an early St. Patrick's Day celebration. Jim Perkins of Finvarra's Wren will perform traditional Irish music at 7 p.m. on March 7 at the Wayne Public Library. This is a free program but call 734-721-7832 to register.

Board of Review dates

The March 2012 Board of Review will hear appeals on 2012 assessed value, tentative taxable value and/or property classification on March 19-22 for commercial, industrial and residential property. They will also hear appeals for poverty exemption. To schedule an appointment call 734-722-2000 and ask for the finance dept.

Zebra Class of 1957 wanted

Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1957 is looking for classmates for their 55th reunion on May 19. For information, contact Wanda Putman Boice at boice@aol.com or Richard Smith at pollygirl219@aol.com or 248-747-6817.

Wayne resident wins \$1 million in lottery

A Wayne resident had a very good day. On his way to work he stopped by Mitch's Party Store on Michigan Avenue and bought a scratch off lottery ticket, the \$50,000,000 Cash Spectacular instant game. When he scratched it off he realized he was a \$1 million winner. Lottery officials have not released his name because he wants to remain anonymous.

Michigan Youth Flag Football Donates NFL Footballs to Wayne Westland Elementary Schools

Michigan Youth Flag Football donated ten NFL footballs to each of the elementary schools in the Wayne Westland community. The schools will use them for recess. Michigan Youth Flag Football uses John Glenn High School as their home field and offer football programs for students 4-14. Their new season will begin April 22.

Spring Bling

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce is offering a great chance to shop, relax and socialize with their Spring Bling from 5:30- 8:00 p.m. on March 29 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road. This free shopping event will have tea tasting, beer tasting, psychic readings, portraits, jewelry, Tupperware and much more. Don't miss the fun.

Trivia for a great cause

Do you want to do something to help children who are transplant recipients? Are you looking for a day of fun? There will be a live trivia fundraiser for the University of Michigan Transplant Center's Camp Michitanki at 1 p.m. on March 24 at Bill's Rhythm & Blues Music Café, 5845 Merriman, Romulus, just south of Van Born. The cost is \$15 per person. Registration will begin at noon. Each summer the transplant center holds a camp for children who are transplant recipients, as these kids are not able to attend a regular camp due to their medical needs. The expense to run such a camp with full medical staff on hand is very costly. This fundraiser will help offset those costs. There will be cash prizes to the top 3 teams, \$200 / \$150 / \$100. For more info, please call Cindy Adams at 734- 721-8555 or 734- 788-8224.

Business additions

Seven Star Party Store on South Wayne Road will change location by December when they will occupy the former American Legion building on Wayne Road. They will renovate the 5200 sq. ft. building and add a kitchen for carry out food. Wayne Industries on Michigan Avenue is adding a 20,000 sq. ft. addition which will include office space and an additional bay door. This will give them about a 500,000 sq. ft. building when complete.

Dr. Bhavani Swarna will open a dental office in the former Comcast building on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Wayne Road. She is currently leasing space from an office in Wayne and has a location in Taylor. Dr. Swarna will combine both offices to the Comcast building.

Donated clothes make money

City council approved a proposal from City Recyclers to place clothing recycling drop off boxes at municipal buildings throughout Wayne. The city will earn \$.02 for every pound of clothing collected. It is estimated the city could receive about \$5,000 per year from this program. Money collected will be put in a fund to be used for city council approved special events and festivals. City Recyclers currently has boxes in Westland.

Wayne resident fights for championship

Another Wayne resident will be featured on national television. Daron Cruickshank, who was featured in the Nov. 2011 Wayne Dispatch, will appear on "The Ultimate Fighter 15." It will premiere on March 9 on FX. The show will feature 32 lightweight fighters who will compete in live elimination round fights. The winners will become cast members and the show's live finale will be on June 1 when a "TUF 15" champion will be crowned.

New way to vote in Wayne

The City of Wayne has applied for a grant with the State of Michigan that will provide eight electronic poll books to be used during elections. The laptop computers will allow election workers to swipe voters' driver's license or state ID to verify their voting eligibility. In addition to providing the poll books the state will also pay for the maintenance costs of the tabulators and automarks the city uses for elections which will result in a savings for the city. The grant application has been filled out and submitted. The goal is to have the new poll books in place for the August primary.

Museum get new windows

There is a new look to the Wayne Historic Museum. They had new windows installed last week. The museum and Wayne Historical Commission were successful in their efforts to raise almost \$20,000 for new windows, shades and curtains for the historic building.

Festival of Speed

There will soon be dirt on Michigan Avenue. The city is moving forward with the Michigan Avenue Festival of Speed on June 9. This will bring motocross racing to downtown Wayne. The city is working with event organizers to get a permit from MDOT to temporarily close a portion of Michigan Avenue for the races. This event is expected to bring thousands of spectators to downtown Wayne.

Improvements on the way for Elizabeth Street

Construction will begin in April on Elizabeth Street between Michigan Avenue westbound and Glenwood. Pavement will be removed and replaced north of the bridge and cracks will be sealed and repaired south of the bridge. There will also be some repair work done to the bridge. There will also be a bike lane added to either side of Elizabeth but parking will be eliminated. The \$83,700 project is 81.5% funded by MDOT through the Surface Transportation Program. The city's portion will not exceed \$15,192 and will be paid through the Road Millage fund. The project should be completed in August.

City hires new finance director

At their Feb. 7 meeting City Council approved hiring a new full time finance director/treasurer. James Ghedotte has worked for Oak Park as their Director of Finance since 1993; prior to that he worked for 8 ½ years for Wayne as controller/purchasing agent.

"This has nothing to do with disenchantment with Plante Moran," said City Manager Robert English. The city is still in a very difficult economic position. Laci Christensen from Plante Moran was assigned to the city three days a week. English said the city really needs a director five days a week to lead that department.

Ghedotte will earn \$81,500 a year. Since he will retire from Oak Park, they will pay his health benefits.

Chips Cantina: Mexican food done right in Wayne

Fresh made chips and salsa and guacamole. Oh my. That's just a sampling of what you will get when you visit Wayne's newest Mexican restaurant. Chips Cantina is located inside US-12 on Michigan Avenue. They offer fresh made authentic Mexican food at reasonable prices. Chef Monica Gambrell is using recipes that have been in her family for generations and originated in Mexico. She prides herself on making fresh salsa and chips twice a day- more if necessary. The Shrimp Pico de Gallo is another option that goes great with the chips too.

They offer ground beef, chunky beef and chicken tacos, enchiladas, tostadas and burritos. If you aren't sure what to order get their sampler platter. It has a quesadilla, chicken taco pocket and nachos. There is plenty to share. All of the food is high quality. Gambrell even shreds the cheese herself.

Come hungry to Chip's Cantina because you can build your own combo by choosing three items. You also get a side of rice and a choice of beans.

Gambrell is the former owner of



John Goci and Monica Gambrell offer authentic Mexican food at Chip's Cantina inside of US12.

Senor Taco Express that was also located in Wayne. She brought her menu from there but also added a couple things. The eight layer burrito and sampler platter are new additions.

Chicken taco pockets are something that is unique to Chip's Cantina. You won't find them at any other Mexican restaurant. What is a chicken taco pocket? Check it out for yourself. You will not be disappointed.

John Goci, owner US-12 said, "I knew Monica had a great reputation for good food." The idea for Chip's Cantina started when she was bartending at US-12 and made her chips and salsa for customers. Then she made some of her one of a kind chicken taco pockets.

"Everyone seemed to like her food. Her chicken taco pockets are unique. No one has them," Goci said.

If you are looking for a great Mexican meal don't miss Chip's Cantina for Mexican food done right. They offer carryout too. Just call 734-722-3170 and get it to go. The newly remodeled dining area is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

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Troop 20313 at their Christmas Party (Back Row) Arreyonna Messenger, Chanta Cuff, Autumn Channell, Janelle Dodge, Mckenzie Carr, (Front row) Deana Walch-Potter, Hannah Wilson. (Bottom) Megan McCurry and Sabrina DeMoor of Troop 21266 catch the eye of would be customers in their giant Girl Scout cookie boxes.

This month current and former Daisies, Brownies, Cadets and Girl Scouts nationwide will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts. There is more to scouting than just the delicious cookies they sell once a year. Girls learn life skills and earn lifetime memories and friends.

It was March 12, 1912 when Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low assembled 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia for the first ever Girl Scout meeting. Girl Scouts is a leadership development organization for girls that focuses on healthy development, building courage, confidence and character. Girl Scouts is the largest organization for girls in the world.

Today there are 3.2 million Girl Scouts nationwide and over 50 million women in the U.S who are Girl Scout Alumnae.

Girl Scouts has declared 2012 as the Year of the Girl. They are focusing on celebrating girls and recognizing their leadership potential.

"The Year of the Girl is only a beginning," said GSUSA Chief Executive Officer Anna Maria Chávez. "We can't transform American leadership in a year, but we can transform expectations in a year. We can transform awareness in a year. We can set in motion a generational change, and make certain that a baby girl born in 2012 will experience her life in a new and vastly different world. Only Girl Scouts, with its scale and time-honored place in society, can launch this initiative. If not us, who? If not now, when? When girls succeed, so does society. We know that together, we can get her there."



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45 of 75 women in the House of Representatives are former Girl Scouts

53% of all women business owners are former Girl Scouts

ferent world. Only Girl Scouts, with its scale and time-honored place in society, can launch this initiative. If not us, who? If not now, when? When girls succeed, so does society. We know that together, we can get her there."

Girl Scouts offer experiences like camping, field trips, community service, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardships.

"We had the best Girl Scout Troop ever! Roosevelt Elementary back in the late 70's. Mrs Sharon Allstead was one of our leaders. I remember my mom being the cookie mom and our living room being packed with cookies at delivery time. All the camps we went too...so much fun!" said former Wayne Girl Scout Jen Garrett. Autumn Channell, 12, is a member of Cadet Troop 20313. She said, "Girl Scouts is fun. We get to do a lot of activities and earn Journey badges. We learn how to deal with bullies and gossip."

I learn how to help people more, get along with my friends."

Deana Walch-Potter, 11, is also a member of Cadet Troop 20313. She said, "I like selling cookies, being with friends, getting to do fun activities and earning Journey badges. We learn not to stereotype and how to deal with our peers. We learn about Juliette Gordon Low."

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Brandon Tomblin was arraigned on March 3 on charges of inappropriate behavior with a minor and committing crimes with a computer.

Former Wayne-Westland choir teacher arrested

Canton police have arrested Brandon Tomblin, a former teacher at Wayne Memorial High School. He was charged with one count of sexual abuse involving a child, a 20 year felony; two counts of using a computer to commit a crime, each are 20 year felonies; and two counts of distributing sexually explicit materials to minors, each are two year felonies.

"There is an ongoing investigation in Canton regarding Brandon Tomblin," said Dr. Gregory Baracy, superintendent, Wayne Westland Community Schools. "This has been a shock for the entire school community." Tomblin also had partial teaching assignments at Franklin Middle, Hicks Elementary and St. Michael's Lutheran Elementary Schools.

Baracy said Tomblin has resigned from Wayne Westland Schools

and will not be working in any district building anymore. Letters went home with every student in the district to inform parents.

"Safety of our students is our number one priority," Baracy said. "If anyone has information regarding inappropriate behavior in this or any other matter, please contact your local police or my office."

Tomblin was arraigned on March 3 in 34th District Court before visiting Magistrate Vesta Svenson. Tomblin stood mute on the charges. Svenson set his bail at \$75,000 ten percent bond with two conditions; a tether with house arrest requirement; and no contact or access to any electronic devices.

There will be a preliminary exam on March 16 at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Breaking and entering suspect caught

Wayne police arrested Michael Robert Sweet, 21, of Wayne on Feb. 14. He was charged with three counts of breaking and entering and habitual offender which are each 10 year felonies.



Sweet was arrested after alarms were tripped at Wayne Community Living Services on Feb. 13 and a few hours later at Family Dollar on Feb. 14. Sweet was found near the scene at the Family Dollar location. Police stopped and questioned him and through video surveillance at both locations they were able to link him to

both break ins. He was arrested on the scene by officers Amore and Felts. Nothing was taken from either location.

With further investigation by office Stephanie Strasser he was also charged with breaking into an office at Newberry Square Apartments on Feb. 2 where he took electronics.

Sweet was convicted of breaking and entering through the roof of Wayne Bowl last spring. He served time in jail, was released on Jan. 19 and was currently on parole. He pled not guilty at his arraignment and is in Wayne County jail on a \$50,000 cash bond. His preliminary exam is set for March 13.



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Wayne gets chosen for Main Street program

It was a good day in Wayne when Ripple Effect members received word that the City of Wayne was one of nine Michigan communities that has been selected to participate in the Michigan Main Street Associate Level program. The Michigan State Housing Development Authority will provide training over the next year on the basic Main Street Four Point Approach. This training will help

community members learn how to help revitalize their downtown areas.

Ripple Effect members will spend the next year attending training sessions and getting their structure in place and preparing to apply for the select level. If Wayne is accepted to the select level it will officially be considered a Main Street community. The Ripple Effect is looking for volunteers who want to be involved in

helping the effort move forward.

The area of downtown defined as a Main Street area includes Michigan Avenue westbound from just east of St. Mary Catholic Church to Sophia Street and Wayne Road from Glenwood to the clock tower. It also includes the area between Michigan Avenue where the Wayne Post Office is located.

Sherrie Brindley, Ripple Effect member said this does not include the entire downtown or business district but they had to define something manageable where they could make an impact. Plus the Michigan Main Street program grew out of the

National Trust for historic preservation. Its basis is historic preservation of downtown areas. That was important to The Ripple Effect because there are several historical buildings in Wayne's downtown area.

Today the Michigan Main Street program is part of Governor Snyder's placemaking effort to create vibrant communities across Michigan which will ultimately help to make the state economy stronger. The other cities that join Wayne in the Associate level program include: Almont, Benton Harbor, Elk Rapids, Flint, Gaylord, Grand Blanc, Saginaw and Three Rivers.

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Judge dismisses charges

Wayne resident Chris Sanders faced 12 misdemeanor charges. Sanders was charged with falsely circulating election petitions.

The case, brought by the State of Michigan and prosecuted by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, charged Sanders with signing petitions as circulator when he was not the circulator.

Judge Richard Hammer issued a directed verdict of acquittal which means the case was dismissed without going to the jury- there was no determination of guilty or not guilty.

Defense attorney Ronald Ruark asked for the directed verdict after the prosecution rested its case. He said there was no evidence proving that Sanders knowingly committed fraud.

"I, as judge, have ruled that the charges should be dismissed," said Hammer.

Sanders pulled the petitions from the City Clerk's office in June 2010. He turned in 69 pages of petitions during the Jan. 18, 2011 city council meeting. Each page was signed by Sanders as circulator.

The petitions called for amending

the city charter to require minimum staffing of 1.1 full time sworn fire fighters for each 1000 Wayne residents according to the 2010 census. Sanders was trying to get the initiative on the Nov. 2011 ballot.

Hammer explained there are three ways to be found guilty of violating the election law- signing as a circulator when he was not; misrepresentation of fact; and signing as someone else.

Sanders was charged with signing as a circulator when he wasn't. Twelve Wayne residents swore that Sanders was not the person who collected their signature on the petition. To be found guilty of not being a circulator it would have to be proven that Sanders did not collect any of the signatures on the 69 pages. Hammer said he may have not been the only circulator or the circulator of all of the signatures but the prosecution could not prove he was not a circulator at all.

"To prove that you would have to prove he did not collect any of the signatures," Hammer said.

"At most we have a technical," said Ruark.

Skate Park on the way

"We are going forward with the skate park on tennis court four at Attwood Park," announced Nathan Adams, parks and recreation director, at the Feb. 21 City Council meeting. The Recreation Advisory Board approved the plan and the city is preparing the letter of intent for Wayne County who will provide the grant money for the project.

On Feb. 1 the Parks and Recreation Dept. hosted a Skate Park Think Tank with city officials, residents and business owners to discuss building a portable skate park in one of the tennis courts at Attwood Park. The city has received a \$40,000 grant from Wayne County that must be used for outdoor facilities. The grant will provide for resurfacing of the tennis courts and installing the skate park on the fourth one. There will be no cost to the city.

Because it will be a portable skate park, the equipment could be removed if necessary. It will not be built into the ground. This is different from the cities of Westland and Livonia that both have custom concrete skate parks.

The skate park would be geared to 14-18 year olds and give them a chance to skateboard, in line skate and bike.

"We are constantly reviewing what we can do to meet our demographic," said Adams.

Robert English said the city is looking at "what are we missing for that age group. We cannot stop providing activities for our families and our youth."

The park would be monitored by parks and recreation staff. The next step is to move forward with the bids. The portable skate park should be available by mid May.



The new hospice rooms at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital will offer privacy and comfort to patients and their families.

Oakwood Annapolis offers hospice unit

By Jenny Johnson

In an effort to serve all of their patients needs, Oakwood Healthcare Inc. has opened a six bed inpatient hospice and palliative care unit at their Oakwood Annapolis location in Wayne. They have partnered with Hospice of Michigan to provide end of life care to patients and their families.

"This has special meaning for me, to make sure we can provide special care for people in the community," said Barb Medvec, chief nursing officer for OHI and former cancer hospice care nurse.

Patients in this unit will have all the comforts of home and access to professional medical staff, along with expert hospice and palliative care provided by HOM, the state's original and largest hospice organization. There is a kitchen and relaxation area, shower and consultation area for family mem-

bers. This unit is the first of its kind for Oakwood.

Brian Connolly, Oakwood CEO said, "Opening this special unit at Oakwood Annapolis reinforces a belief that's very important to me: that every moment of life counts. This unit will be a place of ease, a place of comfort and a place of compassion. Sometimes the best health care doesn't require multi-million dollar machines or new technology; sometimes it's simply compassion and understanding- and that's what hospice brings."

The unit is staffed by nurses and doctors who are specially trained to provide end of life care for patients.

"We really couldn't ask for a better partner who believes that patient care comes first, that quality of life is absolutely essential," said Dottie Deremo, president and CEO, Hospice of Michigan.



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First Indy winner has roots in Wayne

You can't live in Wayne and drive past the Ford Motor Company on Michigan Avenue without realizing the impact the auto industry has on our community and lives. In January we witnessed the auto show held in Detroit at Cobo Hall and marveled at the beautiful cars with technology that boggles our mind.

In my January column I talked about industry in early Wayne and how our community was nationally known for some of the companies and products found here. I mentioned Ray Harroun who started a car company in 1917 in Wayne in the old Prouty and Glass Carriage Co. factory on Sophia Street and used the building for their painting and upholstery operation. Part of the Prouty and Glass property in the purchase sat vacant on Michigan Ave near the C&O railroad tracks. It contained an apple orchard. As Ray Harroun began clearing the land to expand his factory, Waynites were invited to dig up the apple trees and plant them in their yards as well as purchase stock in the company. Many people did this. When the large handsome factory was completed two hundred Harroun cars were built each day until the U.S. entered the First World War and the Harroun car company switched to making shells for the war effort. After the war, the company attempted to resume production of the Harroun car but all efforts failed and the factory closed in 1920. A local paper long ago stated that many Wayne residents who purchased stock wish that they had bought the apple trees instead of stock in the company which after only a few

Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley



years of operation had folded. Only 3000 Harroun cars had been built. The apple trees were still growing and producing. (They may still be.) In 1924 the Harroun factory was sold to the Gotfredson Truck Co. and then Graham Paige in 1927. The Bendex Co. bought the plant and produced military air craft motors during World War II. In 1946 Garwood became the tenant and garbage trucks and cranes were built until 1967. I revisit this story because recently the United States Postal system issued a stamp recognizing Ray Harroun. (See Dee Ryan's column "Footprints of Wayne" in this paper.) Since our community has ties to Mr. Harroun and there is a street in Wayne named after him, we might like to know more about him.

Ray Harroun was born in Spartansburg, Pennsylvania in 1879. He attended school in Meadville, PA and studied to become a dental technician in Findlay, Ohio. Upon deciding he was not cut out to make dentures, he took two trips to Europe and South America on a square rigged sailing ship to learn navigation. He later served on a collier in the Spanish American War.

In 1902 he took a job as chauffeur for W. C. Thorn, president of Montgomery Ward & Co. in Chicago. In 1903 and 1904 he participated in



Ray Harroun was the winner of the first Indianapolis 500. He is seen here with his car a Marmon Wasp. Photo provided by IMS Photo

record runs from Chicago to New York in Columbia cars. He patented a tubular bumper and started a manufacturing company in his basement. He also helped make continental engines and built a plane which he flew one time. Ray Harroun loved cars and racing. He built his first car in 1905 at the age of 26 and would race anyone who would challenge him. He raced over the next five years and in 1910 alone, he won 20 major races. He designed racing cars and planned to race one at the new track in Indianapolis, Indiana. It was a yellow Marmon Wasp. Conventional cars of the day had two bucket seats; one for the driver and one for a mechanic who would watch for advancing race cars. Harroun's car had a streamlined body with only one seat. Harroun constructed a bracket on the side of his car to hold a mirror so he could watch for other racers. This was probably the first rear view mirror. Consequently, auto makers began equipping their cars with rear view mirrors.

Ray Harroun raced his yellow Marmon Wasp and won the first Indianapolis 500 in 1911 in 6 hours, 42 minutes and 8 seconds at an average speed of 74.59 mph. He earned \$14,000. Prior to this race,

Ray Harroun had raced in over 60 races, always finishing in the top three.

Following the Indianapolis 500 race, Ray Harroun announced his retirement from racing but not from the auto business. He was retained as counseling engineer and then designed and developed the Harroun carburetor for the 1913 Marmon "48". He also designed and built three Maxwell racing cars for the 1914 and 1915 seasons. Many prominent drivers such as Eddie Rickenbacker won races in Ray Harroun's cars.

Harroun patented a shock absorbent steering wheel which made driving much easier. In later years, Harroun assisted the WW II effort by designing the vehicle that transported and loaded the bombers. He was also assigned the task of designing and building an experimental engine for special military vehicles.

Ray Harroun passed away in 1968 just days after his 89th birthday. He led a long and interesting life and contributed a great deal to the auto industry and to our world as well as our home town, the City of Wayne. Be sure to pick up some Ray Harroun stamps when you are at the post office.

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Paul Oudersluys

Paul Oudersluys was born April 23, 1965. He was the son of 1st Sgt. Roger and Harriett Oudersluys and was the youngest of four children. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jerry, and his parents.

Paul graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in 1984. He worked for Triumph Auto Glass in Wayne for years before moving to Clio, MI. He died unexpectedly on Feb. 6, 2012. He leaves behind his loving wife, Bobbie; five children- Leha, Paul Jr., Brent, Kateland and Kevin; two grandchildren Kara and Nicole; two sisters Debbie Sparks of Wayne, Colleen (Mark) Brothers of Pinckney; four nieces, Lisa, Billie, Mandy and Ashley; one nephew, Roger, and one great nephew, Kevin. He will be remembered as a kind and loving son, husband, father, brother, uncle and grandpa; a great friend with a wonderful sense of humor. Paul will truly be missed by his family and his friends but never forgotten.



Arden Robert "Art" Klopshinske age 86 of Wayne

Beloved husband of 57 years to Audrey Rose. Dear father of Cheryl (Gordie) Stewart and Carol (John) Barbosa. Also survived by one brother, Carl (Dorene), sister-in-law Marge Klopshinske and brother-in-law Fred Mouch.

A graduate of Wayne High, he enlisted in the Navy Air Corps in Jan. 1944. He was a proud WWII Veteran and Plank Owner with his ship, the USS Midway CV-41. He was with Wayne County Engineering as a Project Supervisor and volunteered 8 years with the Wayne Auxiliary Police. He belonged to St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland.

Family requests memorials to the church, Wayne High Alumni Assoc., or the USS Midway Museum.

Visitation Thursday 5 pm until the time of service at 6 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 34567 Michigan Ave. in Wayne.

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On the cover - Students from the Champions program and WMHS.

They are: Front row seated Alexa Girourard and Emily Luke; middle row- Crystal Fletcher, Julisa Atkins, Dennis Dean and Dimitrus Renfro. Back row Torrey Cooper and Quinton Davis.

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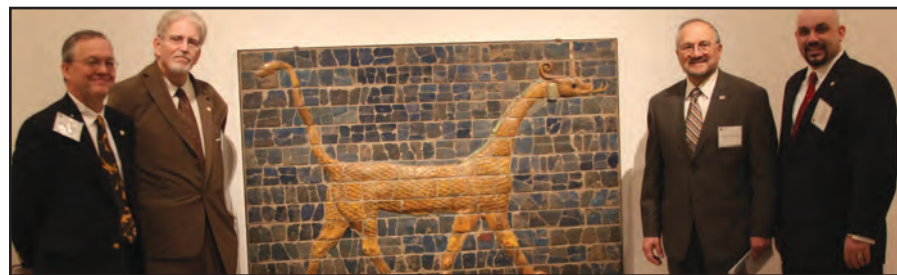
Famous artwork coming to downtown

Residents and visitors in Wayne will notice something different downtown this spring. Wayne was chosen as one of 11 communities to participate in the DIA's Inside Out program which brings high-quality reproductions of some of the museum's greatest work right to communities. Wayne will have seven pieces within walking or biking distance through-

out the downtown area from April through June. The pieces are being put in areas where people congregate.

They will include:

1. Goudy Park "Talking Oak" by William Maw Egley
2. State Wayne Theater "Konigsee" by Willibald Wex
3. Pedestrian Walkway by Jus'



Community Development Director Peter J. McInerney, City Manager Robert English, Mayor Al Haidous and Councilman John P. Rhaesa stand next to "Snake-Dragon" by Mesopotamian Neo-Babylonian at the Detroit Institute of Arts a replica of this piece will be coming to downtown Wayne beginning this April.

Shooz "Snake-Dragon" by Mesopotamian Neo-Babylonian

4. Leo's Jewelry & Gifts "The Wreck" by Eugene Louis Gabriel Isabey

5. Dorsey School "The Country Lunch" by Jean Francois De Troy

6. Wayne Public Library "The Recitation" by Thomas Wilmer Dewing

7. Wayne Historical Museum "Mosquito Nets" by John Singer Sargent

This program is funded by the

John S. and James L. Knight Foundation through their Random Acts of Culture program.

As a participating community, Wayne residents can visit the DIA for free on May 20. Present you photo id to receive four complimentary general admission tickets.

The city will have maps available that highlight each piece of art and its location within the city. There will also be a link on the city's website at www.ci.wayne.mi.us.

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