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Kroger employee celebrates 60 years

By Jenny Johnson

Marion Lozen, 85, just wanted to make enough money to buy a new refrigerator. So she applied for a job at Kroger. That was on March 29, 1952. Four refrigerators later she is still going strong in the meat department on Michigan Avenue in Wayne with no retirement in site. The company just honored her on her 60th anniversary.

"I stayed at Kroger all these years because I enjoy the people," said Lozen, who serves as lead clerk. "I also enjoy what I do."

Excellent employee

There are 318,000 employees in the Kroger organization. Lozen is one of only three employees company-wide with 60 years of service. Her dedication and work ethic are excellent examples for younger generations.

Her granddaughter, Jennifer Chambers, is the Principal at Hoover Elementary School. She said, "Grandma taught us you need to get up and go to work. She inspired us to work hard."

Marion has always worked a full time schedule. When she started at Kroger she worked a five day 40 - hour work week. At that time the store was open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday. On Friday it was open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and was closed on Sunday. She worked while her daughter, Judy, was at school and on Saturdays, Judy spent the day with her dad. Marion still made time to be a co-leader of Judy's Brownie and Girl Scout Troops.

"She set a good example. I don't try to compete," said Judy Hurley. Judy is a retired teacher and her husband, Mike, is a retired principal.

Now Marion works six days a week and always arrives 10 minutes early.

"She's enthusiastic and gives 150 percent every day," said Michele Maletta, store manager. "I wish I had a hundred associates just like her."

She starts her day by doing reductions and then straightens the lunchmeat cases. Then she starts filling the counter.

"I do a little bit of this and a little



Holidays are a busy time for Marion Lozen. Here she is getting the meat cases loaded with Easter hams. Photo by John P. Rhaesa of The Wayne Dispatch

bit of that; everything but cut meat," she said.

She said one of her favorite tasks is helping older customers make product selections.

"Many of them need help. I also like to educate younger people and new customers about the lunch meats we offer. Everyone in the meat department helps our customers however we can."

"Marion's our lunch meat champion," said Maletta. "Even before I came to this store more than a year ago, I heard about Marion. Everyone loves her - the associates, customers and managers. I receive customer compliments about her a couple times each week."

The manager of the meat department, Roger Oman, has worked with Marion for almost 27 years.

"She has always had a positive attitude," he said.

Marion's work ethic is second to none. While she earns five weeks of vacation a year in addition to personal days, she often leaves some of them unused. She takes her job seriously. Even on the day of her celebra-

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Marion Lozen

tion party, she went to work before and was a little late getting to her own party.

"She will go back to work after this," said her granddaughter.

"We don't have any extra help," Marion said. "I've got a job to do."

In the beginning

Marion was born in Okemos, Michigan in 1926. She was the third of seven children born to Mary and Chester Cook. When the family moved to Westland they lived across the street from a couple who had a nephew, Bernard Lozen. The two were married in July 1944 in Denver. Bernard was in the service at the time. Their daughter, Judy, was born in 1945 after he was discharged from the military. The family moved to the Village of Wayne in 1946 and Bernard went to work for Ford Motor Company. He passed away in 1989 but Marion still lives in their home in Wayne.

In 1952 Marion told her husband she wanted to get a job to pay for a new refrigerator. She applied for a

job as a cashier at Kroger on Michigan Avenue just east of Venoy in Wayne. She was told there were openings in the meat department and she decided to accept one. At that time minimum wage 75 cents an hour. She was hired in at 80 cents an hour. After she bought the refrigerator she continued with the job with her husband's support.

"My husband didn't really want me to work but I told him I liked it and he said keep working," she said. "He said to do whatever makes me happy."

After the store in Wayne closed she was transferred to Merriman and Warren in Westland and then to Michigan and Outer Drive. She transferred to the current store in Wayne when it opened in 1978. Today she works six days a week making it a 48 hour week.

She has always been a meat hostess for the lunch meat, but she also works in the back weighing and packaging meat and also filling the fresh meat counter.

She is also in charge of some of the ordering. And she doesn't slack off at all. Just before Easter she loaded grocery carts with large hams, wheeled them out to the meat cases and unloaded them.

Family Time

But just because she works so hard that doesn't mean she does not have time for her family. Her grandchildren have fond memories of vacations to California, Disney World, Pennsylvania and camping.

"We took vacations every year in the summer," her granddaughter said. "She always spoiled us."

It was also a tradition for the grandkids to spend the night with her on New Year's Eve.

Friday is Marion's day off. She often goes to Judy and Mike's house to spend time with the great grandchildren. She has four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren with number six due in August. They all live nearby.

"She puts her all into everything she does," Chambers said.

"I just keep going," she said. "I love what I do and I'll continue working as long as I can."



Take me out to the ball game

Spring is here! I know it is because I heard the crack of the bat and cheers of the crowd. America's "favorite pastime" has a grip upon us once again as opening day approaches. Baseball is a way of life for most Americans. If we didn't play it at some level in our lifetime, we have all attended games (Little League, school baseball, adult leagues, professional) listened to it on the radio and watched it on television. As a child growing up in the 1940's, I vividly remember long, warm summer days playing outside our home with the sounds of a baseball game drifting out the window as my father listened to the announcer call the action and the plays on the radio. For some reason, even today, it is a comforting and familiar feeling to have the ballgame on in the background with the familiar voice of the announcer calling the plays and hearing the cheers of the crowd, even if I don't watch every minute of the game.

The game of baseball has been around a long time and our community of Wayne has a rich history in this sport. Long ago across America, in small towns like Wayne, life was slower paced with people spending their free time socializing with neighbors and family. They traveled less and life centered around their community where they worked and played. They made their own fun and entertainment. Church socials, picnics along the Rouge, traveling circuses,

Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley



dances, local band concerts, parades and baseball games were some of the activities people enjoyed.

Baseball originally developed from an English game in the 1700's called rounder's (a cousin to the game of cricket) then became known as town ball, base ball and finally baseball. The first official rules for baseball were authored by a man named Alexander J. Cartwright in 1845. There were 20 rules and they evolved into today's baseball rules. They were called the Knickerbocker Rules because that was the name of the team that first played under these rules during the first official game in 1846.

The Cincinnati Red Stockings are considered the first professional team as they were the first ball players to be paid in 1869. The National Association of Professional Baseball Players was formed in 1871 and the first major league, The National League, in 1876.

Long before the official organization of the game, small towns across America, like Wayne, were forming baseball clubs and playing



Wayne baseball players from the late 1800's Joe Snyder and Collin Morrison. Photos courtesy of the Wayne Historical Museum

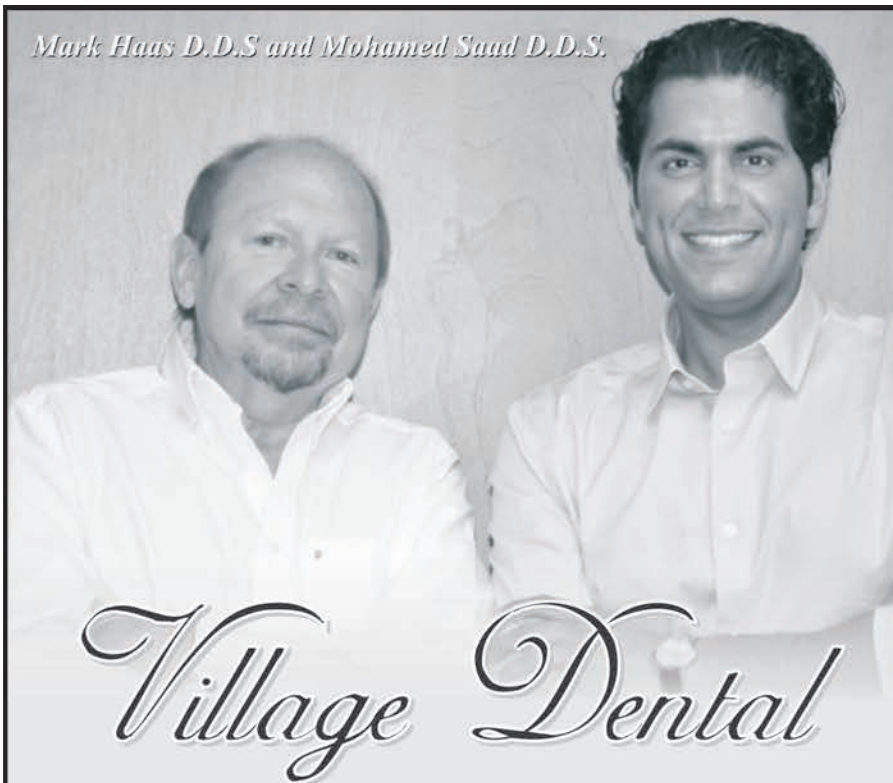
games with surrounding towns and providing great entertainment for their communities. The first recorded baseball game played by the Wayne Baseball Club was in 1866. They played against the Detroit Athletic Club. In 1880 the Wayne Baseball Association was formed. A local tailor named George Wolz made the uniforms at a cost of \$4.50 for the pants, \$1.35 for the cap, and \$2.75 for the shirts. Mrs. Chaffee was paid \$2.75 for lettering the shirts with "Wayne Baseball Club." In 1894 the players were asked to pay 25 to 50 cents per player to help bolster the depleted club treasury. Many old Wayne family names are on the

list of players who made their payment such as Stellwagon, Zimmerman, Bunting, Kingsbury and Hawley.

The best player on the Wayne team in late 1800's was Mr. Will Curtis. He was a teacher in Fenton who earned a salary of \$30 per month. This made the train fare to Wayne to play ball impossible to afford so the Wayne Baseball Association gave Mr. Curtis \$3.50 per month for train fare so that he could play for the Wayne team. Pictures and records in our museum indicate there were a number of fields where games were played in

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Mark Haas D.D.S and Mohamed Saad D.D.S.



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Dr. Saad received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and went on to earn his doctorate from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, where he graduated with distinction. While at U of M, he had the honor of being published in the University of Michigan's Alumni Magazine for his professional work for the State of Michigan. He was also senior editor for various dental publications designed to help students excel in their dental licensing examinations.

One of Dr. Saad's primary goals was to be a preeminent dental practitioner with regard to patient comfort. He takes great satisfaction in his ability to provide his patients with a pain-free experience. Through collaboration and training with highly recognized cosmetic dentists from around the U.S., Dr. Saad has also developed the skill and artistry required for comprehensive cosmetic makeovers. He is honored to be able to enhance his patients' appearance and provide them with a renewed sense of confidence.

He and I are extremely enthusiastic about working together to provide the community with a new attitude and excitement toward dentistry. I look forward to introducing him to you!

Sincerely,

Mark Haas M.D.S.
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Game, Continued from page 4

Wayne. One was near the railroad tracks and NYCRR depot and Brush Street. The right fielder stood on Brush Street during games. (See picture) In a written narration of early Wayne by a lifelong resident of the community, a ball field is described as being located where the Korean Village now stands. Traveling circuses and carnivals were popular on this site as well as ball games. Another field was located on the flats north of the Rouge River and West of Elizabeth Street. Wayne County Road teams played on this field around 1925 as did many other ball clubs.

There were a number of differences in the game of old and today's game. The field was smaller, the batter was called a striker, and runs were called counts. "Strikers" could make three swings at a ball no matter how many pitches were made. Strikes were not introduced until 1858. There was no batter's box so a "striker" could run forward, backwards or from side to side to hit a ball. There were no innings in the beginning so the winner of the game was the first team to get 21 "counts" or runs. Nine inning games were established in 1857. Outs were called hands and a team got three per inning. Before 1867, bats could be of any size, weight, or diameter. Balls were smaller and softer. They were made of yarn or string wrapped around a solid core and covered with leather. (Early on, managers made sure that only one ball was used for an entire game to save money.) Catchers did not have masks or chest protection so there were a lot of broken noses. No gloves were worn and your manhood was questioned if you wrapped your hands to

protect them. Ronald G. Shafer writes in his book, "When the Dodgers were Bridegrooms", how the first baseball glove was developed. Gunner McDunnigle put his name in the baseball record book in 1875 at the age of nineteen during his first year playing ball. He was a catcher at that time and his hands were sore from catching barehanded. Before a game with Harvard College, he borrowed a pair of thick bricklayer's gloves and cut the fingers off the right hand glove. The New York

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Sun reported this and commented on the success of the glove and how it would "save the broken fingers known until now". (Mr. McDonnigle played for Saginaw Michigan at one point in his career.) Historians credit Al Dishong with inventing the padded pillow catcher mitt around 1885 that replaced Mr. McDonnigle's invention.

If you would like to experience baseball as it was in the late 1800's, plan a trip to Greenfield Village at the Henry Ford in Dearborn. Most Saturdays and Sundays during the months of June, July and August games are played the old fashioned way. They dress in period uniforms and play using the rules from 1867 as music from the 19th century plays. Spectators sit on a grassy hillside and enjoy the game as it was enjoyed by our ancestors more than a century ago.

Thanks to Richard Story, Manager of Wayne's Historical Museum, for the information on Wayne's historic baseball club.

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Raise your glass celebration

The Wayne Ripple Effect and Wayne Chamber of Commerce are hosting a Raise Your Glass: A Celebration of Community from 7-11 p.m. on April 27 at the Wayne Community Center. This event will celebrate the city's acceptance into the Main Street program. Tickets are \$20 for appetizers and live music. Cash bar. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, 734-721-0100. Details at www.waynechamber.net.

City saves money on bond refinance

The City of Wayne has completed refinancing of \$7.2 million of its outstanding building authority bonds using private placement financing, made possible through the efforts of its finance team led by Leonard Capital Markets.

The refinancing resulted in a gross cost savings to the City of \$547,896 due to lower interest rates for the refunding of the City's 1997, 1998, and 2001 bonds, as well as a portion of the 2002 bonds.

"The City is grateful for the successful outcome of the finance team's diligent work that produced great benefits for our taxpayers," said Mayor Al Haidous.

St. Mary Auction

St. Mary Catholic Parish is hosting "A Night On The Town" from 6-10 p.m. on April 21 at the Parish Activity Center, 34530 Michigan Avenue. The auction is a part of ongoing festivities to celebrate the parish's 150th anniversary.



The Wayne Fire Department got the unique opportunity to practice fire drills with live fire on a city-owned home on Howe that was scheduled for demolition. Photo by Jenny Johnson of The Wayne Dispatch

Wayne Fire Dept. burns down house

The Wayne Fire Department was given an exceptional opportunity when they got to participate in real fire training exercises. A city-owned home on Howe Road was scheduled for demolition. The Wayne Fire Department along with departments from Dearborn Heights, Romulus and Metro Airport participated in extinguishing controlled real fires in the different rooms of the home.

Fire inspectors from all over Metro Detroit also came in and determined the causes of the different

fires that were set.

The department has gotten so much training out of just one house, said Shawn Bell, Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal.

"This is a rare and valuable opportunity," said Shawn Bell. "This put guys into live fire with real smoke and flame in a controlled environment."

At the end of the training the home and garage were burned down. The Public Works Department cleaned up the remains and the property will be incorporated into Attwood Park.

Helppie wins Champion award

Wayne Memorial High School alumni Richard Helpie, was awarded the Regional Champion for Children Award by the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

The award is given to individuals who have shown tremendous effort and dedication to enriching the lives of children and the community as a whole. Helpie is being recognized for his vision, passion and generosity in facilitating the development of the Wayne Memorial High School Champions Program. He was nominated by Dr. Gregory J. Baracy, Superintendent, Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

"Mr. Helpie is an alumnus of Wayne Memorial High School, a strong supporter of his community and a true philanthropist," Baracy wrote in his nomination. "He has never forgotten from whence he came and is a believer of 'paying it forward' and helping all students reach their potential and goals through an appropriate support system."

The Champion Program brings together students and staff members who "champion" students to success. Students must set a goal of at least 15 percent increase in their cumulative semester grade point average or a significant increase in attendance and positive behavior. The student's mentor encourages them and provides support over the course of the entire semester. When students meet their goals, they receive \$200, their name is engraved on a huge trophy and they and their families are invited to the champion banquet.

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Wayne Road Dam public meeting

There will be a public meeting about the Wayne Road dam removal project from 6-7:30 p.m. on April 26 at the Wayne Public Library. There will also be a presentation on the Rouge River canoe expedition.

Get your Geek on

The Wayne Public Library is participating in Geek the Library, a public awareness campaign that highlights what people are passionate about and how libraries can support them. Whether you geek engineering, superheroes, vampires or art- the library can help. There is a chalkboard in the lobby of the library and visitors can write what they geek.

The goal of the awareness campaign is to draw attention to the need for increased library support and funding. The website www.geekthelibrary.org provides information about how people can get active and support their local library.

"We encourage everyone in the community to visit the Wayne Public Library and see what we have to offer. We have books, of course, but also movies, computers, and great events for children, teens, and adults," said Paulette Medvecky, Library Director. "And be sure to tell us what you geek while you're here."

The Wayne Public Library serves the residents of Wayne and its surrounding communities, providing access to reliable sources of information, with prompt and friendly service in a welcoming environment. The Wayne Public Library

is open Tuesday – Thursday from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from noon – 5 p.m., and is closed on Sunday and Monday. They are located on Wayne Road between east and west Michigan Avenue.

Project Healthy Living

Channel 7 will bring their Project Healthy Living program to the Wayne Towers, 35200 Sims, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 21. This program offers free and low cost health screening and is open to anyone 18 and over. Free services offered include screenings for health, weight, vision, blood pressure and body composition as well as health education, counseling and referral.

There will also be several low cost tests including a 26 profile blood panel and colorectal kits. For more information on specific tests being offered visit www.projecthealthyliving.net or call the Project Healthy Living Hotline from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday- Friday at 313-531-9108.

Rummage Sale

The Wayne Towers, 35200 Sims, will host a Rummage Sale and Bake Sale from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on April 7 in their main lobby. This event is open to the public.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

Wayne County will host a Household Hazardous Waste Day from 8 a.m. - 2p.m. on April 14 at Romulus Civic Center, 11111 Wayne Road. This is open to all Wayne County residents with ID.

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Clean-Up Day

The Wayne Ripple Effect is looking for volunteers for Downtown Clean-up Day from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on April 21. RSVP by visiting www.downtownwayne.org.

Nature Walk

There will be a guided Nature Area Spring Hike at 10:30 a.m. on April 28th at Dynamite Park, west-bound Michigan Avenue east of Sims. Kurt Kuban, Wayne resident and Rouge River volunteer, will guide you through the 37 acre park that runs along the Rouge River. This is a free family friendly event.

Kentucky Derby

The Wayne Rotary Club and Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will host a Kentucky Derby at 6 p.m. on May 5 at the Wayne Community Center. Tickets are \$20 each. Event includes Triple Crown Races, live auctions, best dressed contest, best hat contest and more. Tickets are available at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road.

Wayne Memorial All Class Reunion

Wayne High Schools Alumni Association will host the 28th Annual All Class Banquet from 5-10 p.m. on May 18 at Wayne Tree Manor; 35100 Van Born Rd. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. The Class of 1962 will be honored. For more information, call Wanda Boyce @ 734-326-7767 or www.waynehighalumni@aol.com.

Pre-School Registration begins

Registration has begun for the Wayne-Westland Head Start program. Head Start is a free federally funded preschool program for low-income children ages 3-5 and children with disabilities. For more information, please call 734-419-2636.

Free comic book day

Free Comic Book Day is May 5. The Wayne Public Library will have free comic books available courtesy of Warriors 3 Comics & Games.

Read with PAWS dogs

Children age 6-10 are invited to come to the library and practice their reading skills with Quasi, a Paws with a Cause therapy dog. Each child will have 15 minutes to read. Register at the youth reference desk or call 734-721-7832. Dates are April, 17 and 24 and May 1 and 8 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

WMHS Drill Team wins big

Wayne Memorial High School's JROTC Drill Team placed 16 out of 1650 schools at the US Army Drill National Championship in Kentucky. Participants were: Morgan Boyd, Brian Browning, Dionte Burton, James Conner, Perla Diaz, Crystal Fletcher, Karlie Hampton, Stephanie Hyams, Patrick Leonard, Isabelle Letts, Jillian Matheson, Aimee Papineau, Devin Person, Lillian Reid and Alec Shaw.

In addition, Cadet Crystal Fletcher won the US Army Cadet Command Individual National Drill Champion.



Preliminary exam postponed

For the second time the preliminary exam for Brandon Tomblin has been postponed. Tomblin, a former choir teacher at Wayne Memorial High School, has been 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.

Both Judge Michael Gerou and Judge Ronald Lowe have recused themselves from the case. Gerou is related to Tomblin and Lowe knows Tomblin's family.

He is scheduled to appear on May 4 before Judge James Plakas in 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Tomblin also had partial teaching assignments at Franklin Middle, Hicks Elementary and St. Michael's Lutheran Elementary Schools.

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City loses long time volunteer

The City of Wayne has lost a dedicated volunteer. Robert Boyles, 95, died on March 17. A long time Wayne resident, Mr. Boyles served the City for more than 30 years. He served on the Development Authority Citizen Council for 31 years; Local Officer's Compensation Commission for 30 years; Planning Commission for 21 years; and Zoning Board of Appeals for 29 years. He served as chairman of each of these boards at one time. In total he gave 111 years of service to the City. He received the Patrick J. Norton Community Service Award in 1999.

"He was a dear friend to too many of us. A man with lot of wisdom," said Mayor Al Haidous. "He is a great loss to this community."

Mr. Boyles was also a member of First United Methodist Church in Wayne.

He is survived by his daughters Shannon, Mary Lynn and Leah, one granddaughter and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Grace.



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Perhaps Shakespeare was wrong after all

Playwright William Shakespeare is well known as the author of Romeo and Juliet, a tragic story of two young star crossed lovers that are ultimately united in death as a result of the ongoing feud between their respective families, the Montagues and the Capulets. For those that didn't read Shakespeare, a more modern comparison could be made to the famous family feud between

On the Bright Side

Hal Hultman



the Hatfields and McCoys in West Virginia and Kentucky.

In the play Romeo and Juliet, Juliet acknowledges that she cannot be with Romeo because her last name is Capulet. "What's in a name?" she questions while on the balcony. "That which we call a rose, by any other name, would smell as sweet."

And while I understand that the underlying message is that a thing is what it is, regardless of the name given to it, I still think that the automobile companies have lost sight just how important a car's name is in projecting an identity, image or sense of status. Recently I visited the Henry Ford Museum to witness the newly redesigned automotive exhibition called Driving America. As I strolled along the various displays and looked at the emblems on many of the vehicles, it became very clear in my mind that many of the modern cars on the road of today are suffering an identity crisis.

In the past, cars had names that implied something about the car and its owner. Names like Expedition, Voyager and Navigator implied independence. Names like Park Avenue,

Fifth Avenue and New Yorkers implied success. Names like Starfire, Jetstar and Galaxy implied the jet age. And who could forget Ferrari's Testarosa which means red head in Italian. I'm sure that the manufacturer hoped that you would have images of a fiery, red headed Italian vixen in your head and not that of comedian Carrot Top or actor David Caruso of CSI: Miami fame.

Today we see cars with model names like ILX, JX, S60, CC, MKZ and 318i. The latter sounds more like a part number than a model name. What's next? Barcodes!!! I can just imagine the brain storming meetings and focus groups. They probably went something like this: "Hey fellas, how about we name our newest model CC?" "Gee that's brilliant Frank! Let's run it up the flagpole and see who salutes it."

I'm begging the auto industry to please return to the practice of using model names that actually mean something other than gibberish. Nobody's ever going to write a song about their CC.



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Making a difference in the community is easy

Overheard at last month's Wayne 100 Club luncheon. "The 100 Club is the easiest charitable organization to belong to." And it's true---just pay your dues once---then you're done, except for a very nice luncheon once a year.

The club was started by Jack Demmer, more than 20 years ago; it was lovely to meet him. (Mr. Demmer---we're driving two of your cars.) Kerran and I shared a table with Louise Steinhauer, tanned and happy and back from two months of sunshine in Florida.

Donna McEachern, pretty in pink and very pleased to be named a 'Wayne County Woman of Distinction', thanks to a nomination by Kevin McNamara. Also breaking bread with us were Nancy Wojewski-Noel, sporting a great hair-cut, and Bev Shakleford, who's happy that husband, Bob, is home from the hospital. Rounding out our table was our friend and neighbor, 'Wild' Bill Copland.

Dr. Paul Salah was the guest speaker. He's the Assistant Superintendent of Wayne-Westland Schools, and is still asking you to join the Literacy Corps. If you can find time during school hours to read with young children, and help them with writing skills, please call Dr. Salah's office at (734) 419-2015.

Officers of the 100 Club are: Tom Daily, Charlotte Sherman, Laura Mack, Bill Sexton and Dave Carpenter. The Board of Directors are: Donna McEachern, Bill Collop, Louise Steinhauer and Ron Hays. Jack Demmer is the Director Emeritus. The late Robert Boyles was also on the Board.

Dave Carpenter, the Grants Chairman, explained how the grants are given. It can cover anything from broken furnaces to unexpected medical emergencies---it's a one time grant and the maximum dollar amount is \$500 dollars. Mr. Carpenter gave out 35 checks of \$300.00. Bill Sexton explained that 99% of the money goes to charity and makes a big impact especially at Christmas.

If you would like to join this estimable group, and would like more information, call any of the officers mentioned, or write a check for \$100.00 and send it to Wayne 100 Club, P.O. Box 980 Wayne, MI 48184.

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



Now you must hear about the wonderful luncheon. It was at the Congregational Church and put on by the Women's Fellowship---also known as the cooking crew. We had chicken, and a delicious old fashioned meat loaf---suggested by Patt Hartford. There were potatoes, plus gravy, a vegetable compote, spring salad and a dessert table.

The 'crew' is Cynthia Gordon, Elaine Pittman, Lucille Cabanaw, Barb Galbraith, Irene Carpenter, and Head Chef---Mirium Shurlow. The kitchen helpers were Jim Hawley, Larry Glenski, and Burton Shurlow.

Who says there's "no place to eat in Wayne?" You could have a different type of food each day of the week---check it out.

On Sunday---It's breakfast at My Place. Owned by Freddie and Linda with help from Kim and Tanya: at Michigan Ave. and Elizabeth, this is the diner that replaces Brownies'.

Monday have lunch at Chip's Cantina, the new Mexican Restaurant inside U.S. 12. Jess and Courtney behind the bar at U.S. 12 say "It's the best Mexican food in the area."

Now it's Tuesday. Shannon Foster over at the Red Apple tells me about their Tuesday special---two large pizzas with 2 toppings for \$9.99.

Wednesday---it's time to get your pierogi on. It's Polish Menu Day at the Avenue Sports Grille.

Thursday. How about Baba's for Middle Eastern Cuisine? You can have Pita Wraps or Shish Kabobs, spinach or meat pies and have Baklava for dessert. Owned by Jack and Fay, who want you to know that everything is fresh daily and cooked exactly to your order.

Friday. Nobody does 'All You Can Eat Fish Dinners' like 'Jake's Again.'

Saturday. How about stopping at the Village Bar for one of their great hamburgers?

So it's Sunday again---of course

you could have ham 'n eggs at Rex's. But did you know that they also make Blintzes and Crepes? Doesn't that sound good?

There you have it. Who says there's no place to eat in Wayne?

We lost a good friend and great pal last month. Helen Maloney---also known as "Murph." She was the mother of Clare Maloney, the beloved 1st grade teacher who taught so many of our kids at Monroe School. She also taught at Stottemeyer and Edison.

Helen was a secretary in the Dearborn School System for almost 30 years and was an avid bowler, belonging to three leagues, but we knew her best as a Friend of the Library and a member of Garden Club.

JoAnne Hanson, President of Wayne's Garden Club, remembers Helen Maloney---"I loved her sense of humor; what a dry wit. She could say more with a twinkle and a word than most say in a paragraph. She always made our lemonade so that

people couldn't use 'the powdered stuff.' Her Minister said "she truly made lemonade when life gave her a lemon."

From Paulette Medvecky, Director of the Wayne Library, come these comments. "I will always remember Helen Maloney's terrific sense of humor. When she walked in...you had to smile! Her words were few but mighty. She always had that dry sense of humor and she would never crack up. She would be so stoic telling you something funny."

Helen was always on hand for Friends of the Library meeting, helping with the Wine and Cheese Parties, and the Book Sale.

Y'know---I'm smiling as I think of Helen. She was a dear friend to so many of us; she'll be missed, but we'll always be happy to have known her.

We also lost Mary Quintal, wife of Art Quintal. She was a long time resident, very active in the community and a great supporter of the city.

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Its success is twofold. The Neighborhood Stabilization Program allows a city to rid their neighborhoods of blighted or run down homes while providing a first time home buyer with a chance to purchase an affordable home.

The City of Wayne was awarded \$540,000 from Wayne County and HUD for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. With this money they were able to rehab and sell four homes and demolish three dilapidated houses.

"The purpose of the program is to stabilize neighborhoods," said Matthew Miller, City Clerk. The homes were secured by the city from HUD or Wayne County tax foreclosure program using NSP funds.

"The goal is to improve the housing stock for neighborhoods," Miller said.

Another benefit of the program is that it "provides homeownership opportunities for first time or low income buyers," said Miller.

Jessica Bailey is one of the lucky new homeowners. She bought her home on Howe through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. She was raised in Wayne and is now proud to own a home in her hometown.

She was looking at three different homes with her realtor, Noel Derr.

"I knew it when I walked in," Jessica said. "I came through the back door and got to the kitchen and knew. I put an offer in the next day."

It wasn't until after that she found out the home was part of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. As part of the program she had to take a class that explained financing and



Jessica Bailey is proud to have a house for her and her son Mason, they look forward to being long-time Wayne residents. Photo by John P. Rhaesa of The Wayne Dispatch

budgeting. The home owners were also able to apply for a down payment assistance program.

Jessica and 2 ½ year old son, Mason, have been in their new home for just over a month.

The NSP program provided \$77,000 for a new furnace, water heater, kitchen appliances, cabinets, counter, updates in the bathroom, paint, carpeting, energy efficient light bulbs, new doors and windows in the home. On the outside they fixed cracked sidewalks, brought the garage up to code and put in a cement patio. The three bedroom ranch with a two car garage sold for \$38,500.

Miller said the benefit of the pro-

gram was to stabilize the neighborhoods and the costs to save the house far outweigh the costs to demolish the property and be left with a vacant lot.

Bailey said she is saving for a fence and air conditioning. She looks forward to putting a grill on the patio and Mason has already set up his basketball net.

"I love having a house for me and my son. I've been working hard and going to school and I wouldn't have been able to do it without this program," she said. "I like it here."

Jessica's dad passed away in 2010 but she said, "He would be so happy to know that the city he raised us in provided this opportunity to

me and my son."

Miller said again the goal of the program is to improve neighborhoods. Jessica said she met some of her neighbors when she was moving in and they can't believe the improvements made to the house.

"They are happy the city took it over and did something with it," she said. The told her you couldn't even see the rock façade on the front of the house because it had so many overgrown weeds.

The other homes that are part of the NSP program are on Pierce, Niagara and Woodward. All of the homes got energy efficient lights, appliances and insulation.

"We met the highest energy quality we could," Miller said. The homes also received full environmental abatements for lead, mold and asbestos.

"They are safe homes," Miller said.

They were all listed with licensed realtors and the county has a program that qualified the home buyers.

Miller said the goal was to rehab the homes they could and make them marketable because blight will spread.

This is the first year the city has received money from NSP. In late 2008 Wayne County received \$25.9 million in NSP funds as part of the Housing and Economic Redevelopment Act.

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Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education, administration, students and staff, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep sense of gratitude to the residents of this community who supported our February 28, 2012 Sinking Fund.

Your continued support will provide our students with the educational opportunities they deserve and a learning atmosphere necessary to increase achievement. The long-term impact of this successful Sinking Fund will allow the district to effectively upgrade our educational programs and enhance our entire school community. The amount of pride this community has in our students and schools is clearly evident and your role as citizens is extremely important to the Wayne-Westland team.

Please be assured that I am looking forward to working with you and providing the very best for our students and community. I am hopeful that you will continue to share in my excitement and enthusiasm about the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

As a community, you have entrusted us with your children and now the resources to continue to improve our schools. Since assuming the superintendency and during the many Sinking Fund presentations, I pledged to you that my administrative team and I will deliver on the promises made. I personally will direct all my energies and abilities toward continuing to enhance the reputation and quality of education in this fine district. Working together, we can provide the very best possible educational programs for all students within the Wayne-Westland Community School District.

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Wayne and Westland to discuss joint services

Wayne and Westland city councils will have two intergovernmental agreements to consider when they discuss their 2012-2013 budgets. The proposals include two new cost cutting cooperative programs in the parks and recreation and fire departments.

The joint venture includes Wayne assuming the operation of Westland's parks and recreation services. While Westland will continue to run and operate its 18 parks, the City of Wayne will host indoor recreation programs and activities for residents of both cities out of the Wayne Community Center including year round swimming. If approved by Westland City Council, the Bailey Center and outdoor pool in Westland will close and the programs will move to the Wayne Community Center.

"Wayne is an absolutely fabulous facility. This is a great opportunity for our residents," said Bob Kosowski, Westland Parks and Recreation Director.

Wayne Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams will run all of the programs and Kosowski, who is running for state representative, will retire.

The proposal for the fire department includes sharing one fire chief. Wayne Fire Chief Mel Moore and Westland Fire Chief Mike Reddy will

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Bob Kosowski

Westland Parks and Recreation Director

retire. Reddy will be hired as a contract employee and will manage both departments. The City of Wayne will reimburse Westland \$50,000 per year for the chief's services. This will immediately save Wayne \$140,000. It will also provide 21 total firefighters per day on duty for both communities.

Other plans call for more consolidation of facilities and equipment before both cities SAFER grants run out in 2013 and they have to lay off firefighters.

"The goal is to sustain the departments after the SAFER grant runs out," said Robert English, City Manager. "It ensures long term stability of both departments and improves fire safety of both communities."

He said the plan has the approval of both firefighter unions.

If the agreements are approved by both cities, the changes will go into effect July 1.

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