



# Second hand serves all



From the big to the small Wayne Exchange has it all. It is one of many small businesses in Wayne that are invested in the local community. These business owners not only operate their business in Wayne, they live and spend their money in the community.

Wayne Exchange, located on 32413 eastbound Michigan Avenue, buys and sells second hand merchandise including jewelry, electronics, tools, lawn equipment, bicycles, musical instruments and just about anything of value.

Owner Carlos said, "People sell because they need money. People buy because they get a good deal."

But second hand stores like Wayne Exchange, Tried and True and the Salvation Army do even more than provide a basic retail service. They are helping the local economy and environment by recycling instead of disposing of unwanted or unneeded goods.

Small second hand businesses like these are also keeping the money in the community where it is earned.

By selling their items customers are not adding to the trash collection. Instead they are getting money for their day-to-day needs. With the economic downturn in the past few years, more people are looking to second hand stores for short-term

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cash flow to cover unexpected financial needs. They may need the money to repair a broken vehicle or to purchase medicine.

Often times that money is put back into the local economy-- the car repair shop or pharmacy down the street.

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**Carlos - Owner** 

These short-term, small-dollar loans aren't available at banks or traditional lenders. They specialize in larger purchase loans like cars or homes.

But the second hand stores offer an immediate solution to people's smaller needs.

Carlos said we have become a disposable and throwaway society-always wanting the newest and latest item and then trashing or disposing the older versions.

Buying what you need. Your money will go a lot farther at a second hand store and the money spent there will immediately help your community.

Another benefit is the less you spend on one item, the more you have left to spend on something else.



# Stevenson's Cycle since 1969

It's a great blend of right brain and left-brain working together to create beautiful designs and keep a family business successful for more than four decades.

Steve Broyles Sr. was born with a love for motorcycles.

"I came from a riding family. My mother and father both rode," he said. "They knew I had something special."

His parents always encouraged him to explore his mechanical and artistic abilities. As a child his dad took him to car shows and music fes-

His tov room at his house was his first mini shop. He remembers his uncle bringing him carburetors to put together when he was about 5 years old.

Broyles said he got his mechanical ability from his mother and his business and artistic ability from his father.

Broyles Sr. of Stevenson's Cycles on Wayne Road in Wayne is one of the top 30 bike builders in the country. He had bikes displayed at the recent Rolling Thunder in Washington D.C. He coordinates the Sturgis Bike show in South Dakota, which is free to enter and to attend.

His award winning motorcycles have been featured on television on Biker Build Off; American Thunder and Fox News. They have also appeared in multiple magazines including Biker Magazine, Easy Rider, In the Wind and The Horse Backstreet Choppers.

Stevenson's Cycles was born in 1969 in a 400 sq. ft. garage behind his parent's garage in Garden City. He began working on motorcycles for his parent's friends.

His eldest son, Steven II, was born in 1969 and spent time in his playpen, teething on a ¾ inch Craftsman wrench, in the garage. As he got older he helped his dad with cleaning tools, parts or whatever else his dad needed.

"That was when the term of 'Steve-n-Son' was born, better known today at Stevenson's Cycle," he said.

Today that son is the lead mechanic and does some of the design work. Broyles Sr. has six children and three work for him. "We are a big family business," he said.



Steve Broyles Sr. with Pike Nut in 2008 it won the best of show in the 2008 Easyriders/Biker Ride-In-Old-School Bike Show in Sturgis. Photo by Horris

Broyles Sr. was 17 or 18 when he built his first bike. In early 1970s people were looking for the chopper style motorcycles. So he took the big 74ci and stripped them down to make them short, low and fast. Today they would be called a Bobber.

It wasn't long before Broyles started customizing motors to make them faster.

"I'm a motor head," he said.

He got his GED at 16 and went to a trade school for auto mechanics. He graduated from there at 17 with a 4.0 GPA. He was offered a job with American Airlines as a mechanic but turned it down because his oldest child was still young.

"I wanted to be with him and wrench on Harleys," he said.

They opened their store in Wayne on Sept. 27, 1999. They have a 2500 sq. ft. show room, a 3500 sq. ft. service area, a full machine shop and a chassis dynamometer room.

is hoping to expand into the vacant store next door. In addition to the motorcycle repair and design store, he has a manufacturing facility is in Brighton; started Detroit Motorcycle Company, which sells t-shirts, hats and hoodies and is vice president of The Horse Backstreet Choppers magazine.

His design and mechanical skills are always in demand too. Stevenson's Cycle is a licensed manufacturer of motorcycles and they build them on site. They build custom bikes for customers and also make production motorcycles. His bikes and designs are known and seen nation-wide. But he still keeps his headquarters here in Wayne.

But they do not do theme bikes.

"We build motorcycles for people," he said. "It's function over form. If we build it you have to be able to get on it and ride for 80-100 miles."

Broyles is also well known in the "I love Wayne," he said. In fact he industry for his hand- crafted motors. "I'm a gear head," he said.

He is the lead engineer on a lower starter belt drive for Evil- Engineering. He designed a reverse flow engine that first appeared in his motorcycle Switch.

While Stevenson's Cycle had built bikes for customers for year, in 2003 they decided to build something for them to take to a bike show in North Carolina. It was called Pike Nut. In 2008 it won the best of show in the 2008 Easyriders/Biker Ride-In-Old-School Bike Show in Sturgis.

In 2004 Broyles was asked to build a motor with two front cylinders and two front heads for Discovery Biker Build Off. After they were asked to become part of the Biker Build Off team.

"We accepted the challenge and had a great time. The end result was a great bike named Superstition," he said.

Once that challenge was complete Steve II asked about building a motor where you take the front and rear heads and cylinders and switch them front to back. They needed a bike to put this motor in. That is how Switched was created.

Switched took first place- Best of Show in the 2005 Easyriders Show in Columbus and first place in the Easyriders Invitational Show in Houston. Then it placed third in its class in the (AMD) World Show in Las Vegas.

In 2006 they built Twist-Her which took Editor's Choice in the judged class. Next they built an old school shovelhead bobber for the Biker Build Off in Sturgis. This was sponsored by Penthouse and won the Biker Build Off. This got Stevenson's Cycle the contract to build the motorcycles that hang in the Penthouse clubs around the country

Another award winning bike they built was Duce's Wild. It won The Horse Back Street Choppers 2007 Chopp-Off and many other shows.

The GL Special Bike was 9th place world winner in 2008. In 2009 it won the Canadian Cup and in 2012 it took first place in the Ultimate Bike Builder Show in Novi and Indianapolis and second place in

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The staff at Stevenson's Cycle is like one big family- Travis Rosa, Dawn Hodge, Steve Broyles Sr. and Steve Broyles II. Photo by John P. Rhaesa of The Wayne Dispatch

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Daytona.

For that bike they used forward controls they developed.

"It looks simple but it is complicated to make it look simple," he said.

The customer told Broyles "to build whatever is in your head next." That turned out to be a Schwinn bicycle inspired motorcycle. It has the double bar line handlebars.

"It's like riding a big Schwinn," Broyles said. It took just over a year to build.

Broyles has 20-25 motorcycles in his personal collection. Even with his busy schedule he does get a chance to enjoy them.

"I ride them all the time," he said. He and his son rode from Arizona to Rockingham, NC recently.

Steve and his son Steve II both design bikes. His son is also a master mechanic.

"We both design. I'm happy with his design. He doesn't fall far from the tree," Broyles Sr. said.

He is busy all the time. He gets six hours of sleep a night but keeps a notebook on his bedside table to jot down thought and ideas when he wakes up.

"There is always a notepad in my pocket," he said.

Stevenson's Cycle builds two to four custom bikes a year. Right now they have five custom-made motorcycles on their wait list. Three are scheduled for the fall and one should be done by August, he said.

Jay Leno has shown interest in a couple of his bikes. He saw Duce's Wild and Twist-her in magazines and at shows.

They have started designing and manufacturing features that they are using on their custom bikes that other people can buy for their bikes.

"A lot of stuff we design and develop, and do a prototype and then get it ready for manufacturing," he

In their Wayne store they service and repair motorcycles and sell parts and accessories.

"That's what we've based our business on. We also treat people like I want to be treated. We give top quality work for a great price. My whole life I have based my business on this," he said.





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## **New Fire Chief on Duty**

Wayne and Westland now share a Fire Chief. As of July 1 Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy is also the chief in Wayne. This was part of an agreement between the two cities and supported by the firefighters union.

The first change residents in Wayne will immediately see is Westland firefighters responding right alongside Wayne firefighters to calls for service. In turn Wayne firefighters will start training in Westland.

"Wayne residents will start seeing Westland uniforms working a truck in Wayne," Reddy said. This will give both departments a chance to see how the other department operates and learn how to use all of the equipment so they can mirror each other and prepare to operate as one department.

"The ultimate goal is to operate as one entity," he said.

The Wayne fire station will still respond to calls in Wayne but firefighters will be swapping back and forth, Reddy said. Wayne emergency calls will also still go through the emergency dispatch center at the Wayne police station.

Westland firefighters joined Wayne at a training session at the Ford Michigan Assembly Plant. In the near future Westland will have training on Wayne's aerial ladder since Westland doesn't have one.

Reddy will work with firefighters and administration in both cities to investigate the best cost savings measures and to eventually find the best way to merge the departments.

Reddy said the development of a fire authority is a possibility.

"But in the very beginning (we will) just focus on the consolidation of Wayne and Westland," he said.



Michael Reddy Wayne-Westland Fire Chief

The immediate goal is to increase the firefighters on the street. With the merger, Wayne went from one fire station to five.

The next step is to have an implementation study done. Reddy has applied for a grant and is waiting to hear back on it. He said the merging of the departments will offer more grant opportunities and he will pursue them.

Reddy will be spending time in Wayne to compare operation plans, equipment and purchasing to see where there are other cost saving possibilities. He will also be looking at ways to optimize staff and stations to continue to bring the residents of both communities the quality service they deserve.





## **Cannons stand guard**

Anyone who has lived, worked, shopped, visited or played in Wayne during the last 113 years is familiar with the two cannons standing guard in front of our Historical Museum at 1 Town Square in downtown Wayne. They are an important part of the history of our community. They were a gift to the Village of Wayne and presented at a council meeting on April 4, 1899. The cannons were secured as a Civil War Memorial by Cory Post 261 of the Grand Army of the Republic before they were donated to our Village.

The cannons were shipped to Wayne's freight office but funds had to be found to pay the railroad fee before they could be moved. Moving them was quite a task as they weighed four tons each. When they were finally transported to a permanent location, they were placed on the corner of Main and Biddle Streets, overlooking the park on the Village Square. They sat at that site for months until bids came in to allow them to be mounted on large concrete blocks. These surplus Civil War Cannons were originally cast at Fort Pitt, Pennsylvania. Although probably never fired, they were the type used for coast defense in forts and could fire a round shot weighing 42 pounds almost 2000 yards. In 1967, during urban renewal of Wayne, when Wayne Road was about to be relocated and the old Wayne Road from the RR tracks to Michigan Avenue was removed, it was clear to the Wayne Historical Commission that the cannons would have to be moved. The Commission requested that the Village Council have them placed across the street to the Museum grounds where they would be added to our collected past history. It took a number of years, but in 1975 the cannons were moved and now stand guard over our Museum. News articles and pictures of the day show a tow truck attempting to lift the cannons and ending up tipped back with the front end and wheels pointing straight up in the effort. Today, I often see people studying the cannons, children crawling over them and others sitting on them. The picture above shows two young men in the early 1900's doing much the same thing.

Amazingly, these two cannons are



not the only cannons that our Village has owned. In the 1860's, Dr. John Converse came to town and he owned a small cannon on wheels. He often fired the cannon on special occasions. It was the object of interest, curiosity and entertainment for many people and annoyance for others. After his death in 1883, his wife gave the cannon to the Village and it was placed in front of the Village Hall (which is now our Historical Museum and where a few years later the Civil War Cannons were placed.) Records show that many "young blades" of that day enjoyed firing the cannon at odd times and generally causing problems with it. Some windows of businesses along Michigan Avenue were shattered as were windows in the Methodist Church. Business owners and citizens began to complain. The Village Council tried closing the fuse opening of the cannon a number of times only to have someone open it, move the cannon to a new location, and fire it again. The cannon was finally relocated to a small park near where Wills Funeral Home stands today. It was even cemented into the ground and the fuse opening sealed again.

In 1925, the county built a comfort station on this site so the cannon was moved to Village property on the Rouge River at Washington Street (Wayne Rd.) by the Water Works Plant.

In late 1935, an official of Henry Ford was in Wayne on business and in talking with Charles Goudy (a well known Wayne resident, community leader and fire chief) learned the history of this small cannon. Soon, our Village President, George Gerbstadt, received a letter from Henry Ford requesting the cannon be transferred to Henry Ford's Edison Museum at Dearborn and be placed near the Lincoln Courthouse where Lincoln once practiced law.

The Wayne Village commission agreed to this request in January of



This picture shows two men enjoying the cannon in early 1900s. Today the historic cannons are located in front of the Wayne Historical Museum.

1935. Long time museum manager Mildred Hanchett tried without success to get the cannon returned to Wayne in 1974 to be a part of our bicentennial program. Richard Story has contacted Greenfield Village about the cannon but learned it is not a part of their collection anymore and there are no records of where it

is located.

As we celebrate the 4th of July, we recognize how guns of this type played an important part in the history of our country and in granting freedom to all people.

Thanks to Museum Director Richard Story for his assistance with information for this article.





# **Great deals at Sidewalk Sales, July 26-28**

If you are looking for a good deal you will find them from July 26-28 at the 54th annual Sidewalk Sales in Wayne. Stores along Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue will have their best deals of the year on display.

Northside Hardware on the corner of Glenwood and Wayne Road will once again serve \$.25 hot dogs and pop.

Phil Kaplan, owner of Northside, said the sidewalk sales started as a way to clear the shelves of the spring merchandise. These days Kaplan orders merchandise at special pricing to have on hand for the popular sales. They offer top quality merchandise at competitive pricing.

The hot dog sales started as a way to offer a thank you to the community. It went over well right from the beginning.

Kaplan said the second year they served ice cream but people asked for the hot dogs. They like that they could get a meal at such a bargain price. So since then it has been quarter hot dogs and pop.

"Mom's love it. No dishes and no clean up," he said. Whole families can often be fed for \$2.

"They come for lunch and dinner," he said.

Kaplan said they have served up to 11,000 hot dogs in three days. Even with last year's construction on Glenwood and the extreme hot weather, they sold 8,000 hot dogs.

For the past few years Full Gospel Church has been operating the hot dog sales. Church members donate their time to cook and serve hot dogs and Northside makes a donation to the church for their help.

Kaplan said he enjoys visiting with the customers during sidewalk sales.

"It's a good chance to meet people," he said.

Northside has a long-standing tradition of excellent service. In the 1960s not many places were open on Sundays. But one cold day in January Northside began Sunday hours.

It was very slow until about 12:30 when Pastor Vernon from the First Baptist Church on Glenwood came through the doors. He said the pipes burst and the lower level of the church was flooded.

Kaplan told them to take whatever they needed. They used shovels and plumbing parts.

Kaplan said after that no one complained about them being open on Sundays and it became one of their biggest days of the week.

Today Northside is well known in this area for having all of your hardware needs.

Many customers who have moved away still come back to Northside when they are in the area for those hard to find items. But Kaplan said they have customers from as far away as London.

The sidewalk and hot dog sales "is a great way to help our community and tell them we are grateful you are here," Kaplan said.



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## **World War I Wayne vet** earned highest award

While the country gets ready to celebrate its independence, it is a good time to reflect on those who have helped preserve that freedom. Robert Guy Robinson was born in Wayne on April 30, 1896. He enlisted in the Marines in May 1917 and was soon sent to France.

He was just 5 feet 5 inches and 142 pounds and joined the marines at 21. Robinson's job as observer and bombardier was to be an extra set of eyes for the pilot. He also manned the twin Lewis guns.

He was awarded the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military decoration, for his service in World War I while he was serving with the 1st Marine Aviation Force in Belgium in 1918. He received the award after an air battle on Oct. 13, 1918. He shot down a German plane and held off 11 more attacking fighters. He suffered from 21 bullet wounds in the abdomen, chest, and legs, and his left arm was virtually blown off at the elbow.

Robinson continued to fire his twin .30 caliber Lewis machine guns at a dozen German airplanes trying to down the two-seat biplane that he was serving as the aerial observer.



Robert Guy Robinson

Robinson and his pilot survived and became the first Marine Corps aviators awarded the Medal of Honor for bravery in combat. Robinson was one of just 28 Navy and Marine recipients of the "Tiffany Cross" pattern Medal of Honor, in use from 1919 until 1942.

He spent 11 years in military hospitals after the war.

He died on October 6, 1974 and was buried in Section 46 of Arlington National Cemetery. Today the Marine Corps give the Robert G. Robinson Award annually to an outstanding flight officer.





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#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### **Rotary Presidents**

Congratulations to the newest Wayne Rotary Co-Presidents. Long-time Rotary members Gayle Rediske and Linda Gable will share the responsibilities and year-long term. The Wayne Rotary Club meets at 12:05 p.m. every Tuesday at the Wayne Community Center. They are always looking for new members.

#### Wayne Lions Club Scholarship winners

The Wayne Lions Club presented a \$500 scholarship to three Wayne-Westland graduates.

Sean Michael Benvin from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center received the Eudaly/Archbold Memorial Scholarship. Nicole Quaine from John Glenn High School received the John & Irene Ryan Memorial Scholarship. Scholastica Enechukwu from Wayne Memorial High School also received the John & Irene Ryan Memorial scholarship.

#### **Farmers Market**

The Wayne Farmers Market is in full swing. Stop by between 3-7 p.m. every Wednesday at the State Wayne Theater parking lot for fresh produce, flowers, vegetables, baked goods and much more. Enjoy the entertainment, children's activities, refreshments and shopping.

#### **Wayne Bowl Kids Club**

Wayne Bowl on Michigan Avenue is participating in Kids Klub through Aug. 31. The program offers two free games of bowling per day whenever open bowling is available. It is offered to children under age 18. Parents or guardians can register children at www.wayne-bowl.com. For more information, call 734-721-7530.

#### **Dare to Dream Big**

Biggest Loser contestant and Wayne resident Buddy Shuh will share his experience as a contestant on The Biggest Loser and share tips and techniques to achieving a healthier life style at 6:30 p.m. on July 24 at the Wayne Public Library. Please call 734-721-7832 to reserve a spot.

### Western Wayne County Senior Olympics

Do you dream of winning a gold? If you are a Wayne County resident age 50 or older you might just get your chance. The City of Wayne, with Garden City and Inkster is hosting this year's Senior Olympics from Aug. 13-17.

There is an event for everyone-bowling, billiards, Euchre, golf, biking, baking contest, volleyball, trivia, bocce ball, pinochle, creative writing and much more.

Registration is \$5 and there is a small fee for each event. Registration, payment, waiver and medical information forms must be submitted to the Wayne Community Center by July 6. No on-site registrations will be accepted.

Wayne Bowl will host billiards on Aug. 15 and bowling on Aug. 16.

For a complete list of events please visit www.WWCSO.org or the Senior Services offices at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne.

All Wayne residents who participate in a paid event will receive a free ticket to the awards banquet.

#### Get ready to run

Are you ready to race through the streets of Wayne? The Oakwood Healthcare System is gearing up for their annual Red October Run on Oct. 6. With the goal of reaching out to children to promote physical activity, representatives of Oakwood visited with students at Taft-Galloway Elementary School in Wayne recently to promote an interest in-and prepare them for—the Red October Run. The run is an all ages event designed to encourage family fitness. There is a 5K and 10K run, a 5K walk and a 1 Mile Jr. October which is geared toward children.

Taft students received a packet with maps of their neighborhoods, suggested training routes, coloring activities and a runner's log. If they sign up for the Jr. Run and turn in their log sheet they will get a free t-shirt.

The Red October run takes place on Oct. 6, beginning at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. Registration is now open to all at www.oakwood.org/redoctoberrun.

#### Cruisin' Michigan Avenue

Get the hot rods out and get ready to ride. On July 14 Michigan Avenue will be host to the Fifth Annual Cruisin' Michigan Ave which will travel through five cities including Wayne. Cruise enthusiasts can participate by driving Michigan Avenue from Dearborn to Wayne. There are many places along Michigan Avenue where fans of classic, new and unique cars can wait to see what drives by. The Wayne Chamber of Commerce is working with local businesses to have special events along the route through Wayne. For info on the cruise, visit www.Cruisin-Michigan.com. or www.waynechamber.net.

#### **Park and Read**

The Wayne Public Library is once again participating in the Park and Read program which allows library cardholders to check out a one-day pass, good at any Michigan state park or recreation area. The pass is also good at any of the 11 museums or historic sites within the Michigan Historical Museum system. Passes are available at the Wayne Public Library.

#### **Ice Cream Social**

The Wayne Historical Society's Annual Ice Cream Social will be from 2-4 p.m. on July 14 at the Wayne Historical Museum at One Town Square. This is a free event but donations are appreciated.

#### **Vacation Bible School**

The First Congregational Church of Wayne is hosting Adventures on Promise Island from 9-11:30 a.m. on July16-20. Register online for the vacation bible school at www.vacationbibleschool.com/fccow or call the church at 734-729-7550.

#### **Wayne Police give back**

The Wayne Police Scholarship Fund was started in 2001 to assist high school graduates pursuing careers in criminal justice. Two Wayne Memorial High School students, Dylan Dottor and Nicholas Williams, were each awarded the \$500 college scholarship.

#### Michigan's Longest Garage Sale

If you are a bargain shopper then don't miss Michigan's Longest Garage Sale on Aug. 11. All along Michigan Avenue and straight through downtown Wayne there will be hidden treasures and great bargains. This is part of the US-12 Heritage Route. People are able to rent out door space along Michigan Avenue. For more information on the event, please visit www.us12heritagetrail.org or call the Wayne Chamber of Commerce at 734-721-0100.

## Police dispatchers help family in need

On March 30 a mother and her three children arrived at the Wayne Police Station to wait for their ride. The kids were hungry and restless. When dispatchers Nameth and Koumariotis realized the mother had no money to feed her children they gave her their lunches. This helped the kids settle down and was a great help to the mother.

"Those are the things people don't see that the dispatchers do and people don't know," said Police Chief Jason Wright. Their generosity represents the professionalism and compassion of the Wayne Police Department, he said.

As a thank you the chief gave each dispatcher a Subway gift card.

#### **Rouge River Dam**

Last month work began to take out the dam in the Rouge River just under Wayne Road. The dam, which is owned by Wayne County, was originally built in the early 1900s for water supply and firefighting. But the three foot dam became obsolete in the 1930s when local communities began getting their water supply from Detroit Water. This project was made possible to Wayne County through a \$1 million federal NOAA grant. The goal of this project will improve water quality and help to attract fish and recreational activities like canoeing and kayaking along the

The instream island will also be removed. The project should be completed by early fall.



# Summer time..... and the livin' is easy

Summer time also means that motorcycles are everywhere. Love 'em or hate 'em, you just can't deny that the number of motorcycles on the road has grown tremendously in recent years.

According to the Secretary of State's own web site, the number of residents with a cycle endorsement on their driver's license has soared from 50,000 in 2007 to over 530,000 today. In fact, did you know that our own Secretary of State Ruth Johnson is a longtime motorcyclist?

Some people credit the rising cost of gasoline with the surge in the number of bikes being sold each year. Others like to believe that it is because of a mid life crisis. I like to think that people are finally making the decision to become a participant in life rather than a spectator. I say that because if you have never ridden on a motorcycle then you are probably unaware of just how your senses are elevated while riding. On a bike you notice changes in the air temperature when the elevation of the road changes quickly such as when crossing a bridge over a small stream. You notice the sweet smell of pine trees when passing a wooded area and the rather pungent odor when passing a dairy farm.

On a bike your eyes are constantly scanning the road ahead and to each side trying to read the road and traffic conditions. Your brain is just so stimulated. Recently I read of a study where brain activity was measured on riders of motorcycles and drivers of passenger cars. Being in a car tends to isolate you from the outside world and lulls you into a false sense of security. It was no surprise to me that the drivers of the cars had much lower brain activity levels than the riders of the motorcycles.



Riding a motorcycle also tends to get you off the couch and out of the house more often. You find yourself planning small trips and taking the more scenic back roads rather than the sterile and mundane freeways. And just like sex, it's always more fun with a partner. Whether you like to ride with a few friends on a cross town or cross country trip or perhaps join a group ride to raise money for a worthy charity, it's all fun. As a member of Motor City HOG Chapter #2368 with about 900 members, I have participated in many charity group rides where it is not uncommon to have well over 300 bikes participate. That equates to over \$6000.00 going to a deserving charity to help benefit those that are less fortunate. Think about that the next time you are held up at a traffic light while a procession of bikes pass through. It sure beats holding a bake sale or collecting bottle caps to raise funds.

Lastly, if you've always wanted to experience the feeling of freedom that a motorcycle can offer, or perhaps you like the idea of free VIP parking at your favorite venue, just what is holding you back? Get out there and enjoy life while you still can. I saw a sign a few weeks ago while spending some time in beautiful Sedona, AZ that really said it all in very simple terms.

It simply read: DON'T COUNT THE DAYS...... MAKE THE DAYS COUNT!



Hal Hultman enjoyed a nice ride on his Harley with friends to Boyne City.

#### **Summer Driving - Keeping Your Teen Safe**



Summer is thought of as a time for fun with friends for most teens. Sadly to say, it is also the deadliest time of year for teen drivers and passengers with seven of the top 10 deadliest days of the year occurring between the Memorial Day and Labor Day, according to an analysis of crash data completed by AAA. Since deadly traffic crashes peak for teens during the summer months of June, July and August, AAA urges parents with teen drivers to increase their focus on safety during summer.

An average of 422 teens die in traffic crashes during each of the deadly summer months of June, July and August; as compared to a monthly average of 363 teen deaths during the non-summer months; according to AAA.

During the summer months teens are more care-free and excited to have the freedom to drive around, so it's imperative parents help keep safety top of mind.

#### **AAA Tips for Parents to Help Keep Teen Drivers Safe:**

- Restrict driving and eliminate trips without purpose. Teens have three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers, based on amount of miles driven, and a teen's crash risk is highest during the first year of solo driving. Parents should limit teens' driving to essential trips and only with parental permission for at least the first year of driving.
- Become an effective driving coach. The best way for new teen drivers to gain experience is through parent-supervised practice driving, where parents can share their wisdom accumulated over many years of driving. Even after a teen has a license that allows solo driving, parents and teens should continue to practice driving together to help the teen manage increasingly more complex and challenging driving conditions.
- Limit the number of teen passengers and time as a passenger. Teen crash rates increase with each teen passenger in the vehicle. Fatal crash rates for 16- to 19-year-olds increase fivefold when two or more teen passengers are present versus when teens drive alone. Also, riding in a vehicle with a teen driver can be risky for teen passengers. Parents should set firm rules against driving with teen passengers and restrict their teens from riding as a passenger with a teen driver.
- Restrict night driving. A teen driver's chances of being involved in a deadly crash doubles when driving at night. Many parents rightly limit driving during the highest-risk late night hours, yet they should limit evening driving as well, as more than half of nighttime crashes occur between 9 p.m. and midnight.
- Establish a parent-teen driving agreement. Many parents and teens find
  written agreements help set and enforce clear rules about night driving,
  passengers,access to the car, and more. AAA offers a parent-teen
  driving agreement on its teen driver safety website, www.TeenDriving.
  AAA.com.

For additional information on safety, auto insurance or summer travel, visit AAA.com.



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#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### Free DSO concert

The City of Wayne is one of five cities selected to host a free "DSO in your Community Concert" on Sept. 22 at Wayne Memorial High School. More than 100 nominees applied to host the concerts. They other concert sites are: Anchor Bay High School in St. Clair County, Clarkston High School in Oakland County, Mt. Clemens High School in Macomb County and Ann Arbor Pioneer High School in Washtenaw County.

his letter of interest.

In a 6-0 vote council appointed James Hawley to fill McEachern's term which will expire Nov. 2013.

Hawley told the council he wanted to, "help to save Wayne and rebuild it to the status it has had in past and is capable of in the future."

He wants to see the DDA have a financial and developmental plan.

"The city needs something the community can rally behind," he said.

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James Hawley is sworn in as Wayne's newest Councilman replacing Donna McEachern by City Clerk Matthew Miller.

## Hawley appointed to council

Eight candidates expressed interest in filling the city council position left vacant by former councilwoman Donna McEachern. Keith Butkevich, James Hawley, David James, William Long, Edward McMurray, Thomas Porter and Kelly Walker all interviewed before the current council members. Kurt Kuban withdrew

Hawley said he has a diverse background in airport management and as a consultant for several cities and airports.

He was born and raised in Wayne and has been back for 14 years but he spent much of his career moving around the country. He lived in Portland for 18 years while he managed the Portland International Airport.

He said, "Portland is a great city. They have done great things with that city."

He also lived in Irvine, California, the largest planned community in the US. The Irvine Company owned the land. They planned and developed the city. Hawley said he thinks his time spent living in other cities will lend a new perspective.

Hawley was on the Planning Commission for three years and spent the last year as chairman.

"You have to take advantage of what we have and come up with a long term plan and try to implement it," he said. "To try to make it happen we all need to be on the same page."

#### Circus is coming to town

The Big Top is coming to Wayne. Kelly Circus will perform two shows on Aug. 11 at Anderson Fields next to the Wayne Community Center. There are 1200 tickets available for each show. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids if purchased in advance. They can be purchased at the Wayne Community Center, Wayne City Hall, Tim Horton's of Wayne, Avenue Sports Grille and Wayne Chamber of Commerce. A percentage of the proceeds from all tickets purchased before Aug. 11 will go to the city's special events fund.

#### **Looking for a Diamond**

The Wayne Commission on Aging is looking for a Wayne resident who is 70 years or older and continues to enrich their community by volunteering their services. Do you know someone? Then nominate them for the Diamond of the Community Award. Forms are available at City Hall, library and Community Center.

The deadline is Aug. 3 and the recognition dinner will be on Oct. 16.

This year's award is being sponsored by the Wayne Dairy Queen.

#### **Summer Food Program**

Wayne County will sponsor a Summer Food Service Program for children up to age 18. Nutritious meals will be available from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday throughout the summer at the Wayne Community Center.

#### **Demmer to host Car Show**

Jack Demmer Ford, 37300 Michigan, will host a Pit Stop Car Show from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. on July 14 during Cruisin' Michigan. There will be refreshments, games and prizes. All proceeds will benefit Wayne Parks and Recreation.

## **Armed robbery** suspects caught

The Wayne Police caught two suspects involved in an armed robbery in the parking lot behind Stevenson's Cycle on Wayne Road. Around noon on June 14 a 49-year-old female pulled into the parking lot. Two suspects approached her car, pointed a gun and demanded her purse. They fled on foot with her personal property.

Wayne police apprehended the 16-year-old female within minutes in the neighborhood east of the parking lot. 17-year-old Carlos Thomas of Belleville was apprehended a few minutes later.

Thomas was charged with one count of armed robbery. He is currently in Wayne County Jail on a \$50,000/ 10 percent bond awaiting trial.







# **Out and about in Wayne**

His name is Charles Proctor and he's lived in Wayne since he was 6 months old. Well let me correct that. His name, plus title, is Emeritus Professor Charles Proctor and although he came to Wayne at the age of 6 months, he spends much of his time in Raleigh, North Carolina. His other 'home' is the Department of Statistics at North Carolina State University.

Charles Proctor's early education was at Washington School. He went on to Wayne High, where he ran track and broke the broad jump record. One of his teachers, Fred Allen praised his win, even though it was Mr. Allen's record he had broken.

During the war years---1940-1945 many of the older students joined the armed services, so the younger ones were 'drafted' for the football team. Under Coach Dale Butler, they became State Champs in 2 separate years.

Summers were spent working at his Grandpa Harry Cross's farm, getting the horses to the field to begin gathering the wheat sheaves, then doing the thrashing. It was hard work for a young man. A much nicer summer job came later---working at Warren Valley Golf Club.

Professor Proctor's personal mentor was the Reverend Erwin Britton. Minister Britton was the Pastor at Wayne's First Congregational Church. He encouraged and challenged him to be the best he could be. Reverend Britton helped him personally and with his Sunday sermons.

Charles did his undergraduate work at Michigan State University, and also received his PhD in Sociology and Anthropology at MSU in 1956.

His Dad, Charles, worked for the county and his Mother, Elsie, had been a teller at the Wayne State Bank. According to her son, Elsie was a flapper who could do the Charleston, and along with her friends bought the newest phonograph records at Charlie Monroe's General Store. She was a very careful Mom, and wouldn't let Charles skate on the Rouge River until the ice had frozen for three days. Professor C. tells me in the summer there were 3 swimming 'holes' in the river. They



were even named---"Mutt" "Jeff" and "Tarzan."

Mrs. Betty Dryer, wife of the late and beloved Dr. Kenneth Dryer, remembers Elsie and her husband, Charles very well. When they became neighbors, the Dryers had 3 small children. Betty recalls thinking the children might disturb the elder Proctors. Instead they became like extra grandparents. She tells me Elsie was a motherly woman---always tidy---a real lady. Beautiful inside and out.

Now I know you're wondering what became of those 3 Dryer children. Richard, like his Dad is a doctor---he's the Executive Medical Director of Primary Care Doctors, and Clinics at Henry Ford Hospital. Kendra became a professor of nursing, and Diana, is a teacher of English as a Second Language.

It was a lovely afternoon meeting and talking to the Professor---it's my pleasure to know him.

It's not too early to mark this date. Ed McMurray tells me that September 15 will be the 14th year of the "Friends Helping Friends" project. If you're not familiar with the project, the 'Friends' pick a house that needs rehabilitation (painting or repairing) and spend the day working to upgrade the home. Nominations for this year's project house are now being taken. If you have a house or know of one that could use some help, call Community Development Director, Pete McInerney at (734) 722-2002 or Ed McMurray at (734)765-4965.

The only real qualification for repairing or painting a home, is it must be owner occupied.

We'll have much more information for you next month.  $\label{eq:we'll}$ 

Have you seen the "What Do You Geek" chalkboard at the Wayne Library? Geek is a verb meaning, like, and also love. Take the kids and



Paulette Medvecky, Director Wayne Public Library (wearing red hat), at the Memorial Day Parade. She and members of the Wayne Library staff want to know "What Do You Geek?" Photo by Jenny Johnson of The Wayne Dispatch

yourself, ask for chalk at the front desk and tell the world (well Wayne anyway) what turns you on.

Some of the things people 'geek' are Charlie Chaplin; summertime fun; sci-fi; white water rafting; parades; belly dancing; afternoon tea; wrestling; small letters; football; and wildlife. When the chalkboard is full they photograph it, clean it, and start all over again.

Rest in Peace, Kay Butler---your friends, including those in the Garden Club, will miss you. We loved you for your spunk and your wonderful outlook on life.

Kudos to Carrie Shelton for putting on a fine party for Donna McEachern. Donna's achievements

are numerous, being a Wayne Councilwoman for 25 years is just one of her accomplishments.

Her hard work, done at times while doing battle with serious health problems, shows the devotion she feels toward our city. She did it all with graciousness, integrity, and Hats

Many awards were given and Dick Clark was in great good humor as Master of Ceremonies.

Donna's family joined the festivities, and husband, Barry, really did get the last word.

May I say, it was an added and happy surprise to see Mr. and Mrs. Paul Frank.

Thanks again, Carrie---it was a swell party.



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### Now open to serve you

The staff at O'Reilly Auto Parts Matt Suksi, Mohammed Abusbein, Robert Wood, Manager Reed Starkey and Tom Walker were joined by Mayor Al Haidous, Councilman Jim Henley, Mayor Pro Tem Pam Dobrowolski, Chamber Director Sherrie Brindley, Councilman John Rhaesa and Councilman Albert Damitio at the grand opening of their new store on Michigan Avenue. Photo by Jenny Johnson of The Wayne Dispatch









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