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Wayne Memorial celebrates homecoming, King and Queen crowned



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Remember to Vote

Nov. 6 is Election Day. This year's ballot is quite lengthy. At the federal level voters in the City of Wayne will get to vote for President of the United States, United States Senate and Congress. At the state level voters will vote for state representative in the 16th district and at the county level they will choose prosecuting attorney, sheriff, clerk, treasurer, register of deeds and county commissioner in the 11th district. In addition, there are races for state board of education, regents, trustees and governor of universities as well as circuit and probate court judges.

On the local front voters will choose two trustees for the Wayne-Westland Community School District. There will also be several ballot proposals, - six state proposals and five county proposals. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Voters must have photo identification to vote.

Polling locations are Precinct 1 and 2 -- Wayne Senior Activity Center, Precinct 4 and 5 -- Taft-Galloway El-

ementary School, Precinct 6 and 7 -- Hoover Elementary School and Precinct 8 -- Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School.

The last day to register to vote for the Nov. 6 election is Oct. 9.

Absentee Voters

City Clerks are encouraging voters to apply for an absentee ballot if they are eligible. Applications are available by calling, 734-722-2204 or visiting the City Clerk's office at City Hall. Absentee ballot applications must be received by 2 p.m. on Nov. 3 and absentee ballots must be returned by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

You may vote by absentee ballot in Michigan if you are already a registered voter who is 60 years old or older; unable to vote without assistance at the polls; expecting to be out of town on Election Day; in jail awaiting arraignment or trial; unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons; or appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Additional hospital choices offered

Wayne residents are already seeing benefits from the merger with the Westland Fire Department. In addition to having more firefighters on duty, residents now have a choice about the hospital they can be transported to.

Fire Chief Michael J. Reddy said, "Effective immediately Wayne residents will have the opportunity of going to three additional hospitals for treatment in an emergency situation."

In addition to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, patients can choose to be transported to St. Mary Hospital

in Livonia, Oakwood Canton or Garden City Osteopathic Hospital.

These additional choices are an effort to increase services and options to Wayne residents. Those additional alternatives will allow residents access to hospitals with different specialties that may even be their primary hospital. This is an endeavor to reduce emergency treatment times and increase the number of insurances accepted. Reddy said, "Your fire department is continuing to expand the number of services and possibilities for life safety activities to all our residents."

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Homecoming had fun for all

There is a lot of Zebra Pride in Wayne. Every fall students and alumni fill the seats of the football stadium and line the streets for the annual homecoming festivities.

The celebration starts with the announcement of the Homecoming theme. The 2012 theme was Big City Lights.

The pep assembly is in the alumni arena on Thursday afternoon. You can hear the shouts of Seniors, Juniors, etc from outside. The Wayne Memorial Marching Band is always ready to help get the crowd pumped up with lively renditions of the fight song and a sneak peak of their halftime music.

The Step Team, cheerleaders and award winning drill team from JROTC show the crowd what Zebra Pride is all about. The Zebra mascot is everywhere during homecoming week.

Fall sports are recognized and what fun would a homecoming be if the teachers didn't beat the seniors in the annual tug-o-war competition?

Students also spend homecoming week designing and building floats that will roll down the parade route. This year's floats featured WMHS cheerleaders who had their first homecoming float this year complete with two miniature zebra mascots.

The WMHS Drama club premiered their float bright lights of New York City. Broadway production lined the boulevard of their float. The drama students will present a fall production in November.

The Class of 2013, who are seniors, chose Paris as the theme for



The 2012 Homecoming Queen Krysta Forrester. Photo by John Rhaesa of The Wayne Dispatch

their float, complete with the Eiffel Tower.

Franklin Middle School band members joined the Wayne Memorial marching band in the parade. This year's drum majors are Julie Bancroft and Jessica Porath. The marching band performs an award winning show at halftime of each home football game.

Clubs and organizations were also represented in the parade including the Franklin Student Council

and National Junior Honor Society. The Robotics team, made up of students from John Glenn and Wayne Memorial, design, build and test robots to take into competitions against teams from across the state and around the world. Their latest robot throws a basketball.

Fall sports including cross-country, girls swimming and girls volleyball also marched.

Students and staff of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center will

make appearances in both Wayne Memorial and John Glenn's homecoming parade.

The homecoming parade is a great example of city and school working together. The police department vehicles lead and end the parade. Wayne City Council members are invited to ride in the parade and pass out candy to parade goers along with members of the Board of Education and administrative staff.

The queen, and for the first time this year, king candidates are announced. They are seniors. This year's homecoming court was: Sam Ekanem, Colin Mullins, Alex Draper, Joe Chapman and Daniel Malcolm, Cassidy Anderson, Tera Williams, Krysta Forrester, Shelby Spaw and Kali Wadsworth.

The 2012 Homecoming King and Queen are Joe Chapman and Krysta Forrester. They were crowned during halftime of the football game and reigned over the Homecoming Dance which was held at Stevenson Middle School this year because of the DSO performance at Wayne Memorial. Alumni Queen Erika Culey crowned the new homecoming queen

The parade and the football game on Friday night is celebrated by students, staff, alumni and the entire Wayne community. Sitting in the stands on a Friday night during a high school football game is really a great way to visit with familiar faces, be a part of the community and continue decades long traditions. Loyal Zebra fans enjoy the entire experience -- cheerleaders, band, football game -- and mark their calendars to do it all again next year.



Left: Homecoming Dance - Center: 2012 Wayne Memorial High School Homecoming Court - Front row: Sam Ekanem, Colin Mullins, Alex Draper, Joe Chapman and Daniel Malcolm, Back row; Cassidy Anderson, Tera Williams, Krysta Forrester, Shelby Spaw and Kali Wadsworth - Right: Homecoming Queen Krysta Forrester and her Dad.

Stay safe fire prevention week 2012

Fire Prevention week was established to commemorate the great Chicago fire. The fire began on October 8, but continued to burn and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

By the time it was put out, the tragic fire killed some 300 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,000 structures, and burned more than 2000 acres.

The popular legend claims that Mrs. Catherine O'Leary was milking her cow when the cow kicked over a lantern, set the O'Leary's barn on fire and started the fiery conflagration. The City of Chicago was rebuilt and soon began to remember the event with festivities.

Four decades later, the Fire Marshals Association of North America believed the memory of the Great Chicago Fire should be observed in a way that would keep the public aware of the importance of fire prevention, according to a National Fire Protection Association. On Oct. 9, 1911, FMANA sponsored the first National Prevention Day.

Then, nine years later, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first national Fire Prevention Day proclamation in 1920.

President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week, which was Oct. 4-10, 1925. National Fire Prevention Week is always the week in which Oct. 9 falls.

Each year, a specific theme is chosen and is commemorated throughout the United States. The 2012 theme "Have 2 Ways Out" focuses on the importance of fire escape planning and practice.

Fire prevention week wouldn't be complete without Sparky the fire dog. So who is Sparky you wonder?

Sparky was created for NFPA in 1951 and has been the official mascot of NFPA ever since. He is widely recognized as a fire and life safety icon that is loved by children and adults alike.

The Wayne-Westland Fire Department has also teamed up with the National Fire Protection Association in a program called Sparky's Wish List, a program where residents and local business owners can make small purchases of fire prevention materials such as stickers, plastic

Fire House News

Shawn Bell



fire helmets and informational brochures from the NFPA web site www.sparkyswishlist.org/give. The items will be shipped directly to the fire department.

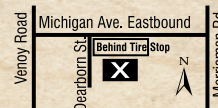
On October 6, the Wayne-Westland Fire Department will be kicking off the 2012 Fire Prevention Week with a pancake breakfast and open

house at the Wayne Road fire station located at 3300 S. Wayne Rd. Come join us from 9 am to 12 pm, tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under.

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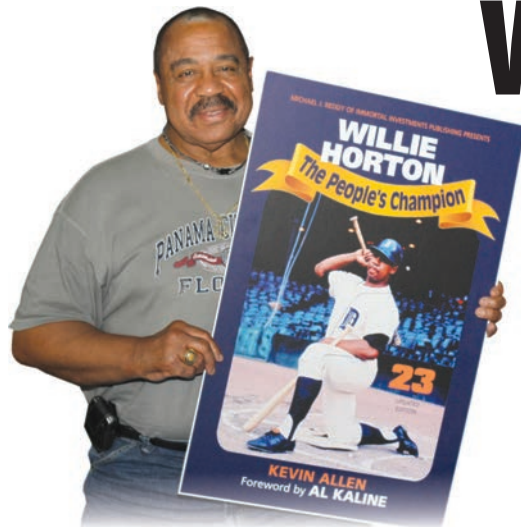
AFTER 49 YEARS

In 1963 Paul Franks helped his father, William C. Franks and his mother Betty Franks in a modest store on Wayne Road. What began as a furniture refinishing business grew to include new furniture sales. For 47 years the business grew as did the store which had several additions to become a beautiful 20,000 square foot showplace. It was THE store to find quality furniture and old fashioned service. Paul Franks employed as many as 14 people who worked at the store and the separate warehouse. On December 29, 2010 tragedy struck. Two employees and the store were lost.

We want to thank the Wayne community and all of our customers who came as far as 100 miles to shop at Franks Furniture. The warehouse has been turned into a showroom with everything priced to go for this Retirement Sale.



Willie the Wonder in Wayne



By Jenny Johnson

A Detroit Tiger great made a recent visit to Wayne for a book signing at The Village Bar. Willie Horton, who wrote "Willie Horton: The People's Champion," played for the Tigers from 1963-1977 and was part of the 1968 World Championship team. The former left fielder was a four time All-Star who hit 325 career home runs. But it is not just his accomplishments on the field that still make him a fan favorite. Since signing with the Tigers in 1961 Horton has been committed to serving and supporting his community.

Hometown Hero

Horton was born in Virginia, the youngest of 21 children of James and Lillian Horton. When he was five-years-old the family moved to Detroit and lived in the Jefferson Housing Projects in the shadow of Tiger Stadium. Horton attended Northwestern High School and in 1959 won the City Championship. The Tigers signed him in 1961 and he made his major league debut on Sept. 10, 1963.

He had his best season in 1968 when he was part of the World Champion Detroit Tigers. With Detroit losing 3-2 in game five he threw out Lee Brock of the Cardinals at home plate. This pivotal play help turn the momentum in the Tigers favor. They came back and won that game 5-3 and then won the final two games of the series to clinch the title.

"I saw Horton throw out Lou Brock in the '68 series. I was sitting in left field," said Jeff Jahn who came to get Horton's autograph. His dad owned the printing company that printed the World Series tickets. He was 16 years old at the time.

"Brock had the most stolen bases

in the league. You couldn't stop him," Jahn said. "When Horton threw that ball and nailed Brock at the plate, we finally stopped the unstoppable. I still get goose bumps when I talk about it. The series changed on that throw and I was just above it in left field."

His skills off the field are just as amazing. On July 23, 1967 the Tigers had just completed a double header. As they were leaving the stadium they began hearing reports that there was a riot happening near 12th Street, Horton's former neighborhood.

In his book Horton said, "I had walked these streets a thousand times without a fear in the world.

statue of himself placed in Comerica Park. He also had his number 23 retired.

Tiger Family

In 2002 Horton was offered a job with the Tigers organization. He and another former Tiger great, Al Kaline, serve as Special Assistants to Tigers President Dave Dombrowski.

Horton visits the Tigers minor league teams and spends spring training in Lakeland. He offers advice and support to players.

Horton says he really enjoys his position with the Tigers.

"I try to pass down to young athletes that you are heroes and role models," he said.



Village Bar owners Lance and Teresa Shackleford and their daughter Sophie pose for a picture with "Tiger Great" Willie Horton. Photos by John Rhaesa of The Wayne Dispatch

What I witnessed on those streets this night scared me."

Still in his uniform, Horton drove to the middle of the riots, stood on the roof of his car and pled with rioters to stop. Even though the rioting didn't stop for five more days, many admire Horton for trying to make a difference.

In his book Horton said he thinks that God gave Detroit the '68 Tigers to help the city heal.

Horton played for the Detroit Tigers for 14 of his 18 seasons. After his retirement he spent time coaching for several teams and in Venezuela, where his team won the title in the Caribbean Series.

In 2000, Horton was one of six former Detroit Tigers to have a

Horton said he kind of feels sorry for today's players. They don't get to have the same connection to the fans that Horton and his teammates did.

"They have the same passion for the game but I don't think they have the same enjoyment as we did." During spring training Horton and his teammates would cook for the players and fans in the parking lot of the ballpark in Lakeland.

"I would grill and we would mix with the people. We would eat with fans," he said. In every city he traveled to as a player he usually had dinner with fans, a lot of times in their homes. He considered them all his extended family.

"Part of the commitment I made to my Dad when I signed my contract

is responsibility to the fans," Horton said.

Horton is still the same person who grew up in Detroit and became a hometown hero.

"The good Lord kept me grounded," he said.

During the season, Horton leaves the house at about 11 a.m. and stops at a school, playground or hospital on the way to the stadium to visit with people. He will have lunch and get to the park about 3 p.m.

"I enjoy people. I did it because of the way I was raised. My mom was always bringing people home and feeding them," he said.

"I am not going anywhere. It's more than just a job. Mr. Illitch is more than just someone who owns the Tigers. He has faith and religion. We talk about life and his whole family has a passion for people," Horton said.

Meeting the fans

Horton has always been generous of his time when he is with fans. At the Village Bar, baseball fans of all ages, dressed in Tigers' attire, stood patiently in line in line to get a chance to meet him.

"I've been passed down through generations (by families) that's a blessing," he said.

Horton is a person of character and so are his fans. One fan, Mark Diehl, bought three copies of Horton's book to donate to the Wayne Goodfellows for their auctions.

"I'm glad to do it," Diehl said.

"He's the real deal," said Michael Reddy, publisher of Horton's book.

Teresa Shackleford owner of the Village Bar said she was happy Horton visited, "It's amazing. A once in a lifetime thing."

The Humanitarian

Horton has been committed to helping his community and kids since he began his career with the Tigers. His has done charity work for many organizations including the Foundation for Fighting Blindness, the Boys and Girls Club of America, Meals on Wheels, the Red Cross, and the United Way.

The Willie Horton book, which was published in Wayne and is available online at www.immortalinvestments.com.

Council gives City Manager a step increase

By Jenny Johnson

In a 4-1 vote, city council approved a four percent step increase for City Manager Robert English at their Sept. 18 meeting. Councilman John Rhaesa voted no.

This is \$3000 per year increase making English's current salary \$78,000.

Mayor Al Haidous said English was due this increase as part of his contract. English retired his full time position as assistant city manager in 2009 and was hired part time as assistant city manager. When John Zech retired, English was appointed interim city manager. After his one-year probationary period, he was appointed city manager.

"He was due his step increase at his one year mark and he is passed that," Haidous said. "It's been a precedent in the city."

"So this has been a contractual thing?" Councilman Skip Monit asked.

"You could say that," Haidous said.

Three members of city council—Mayor Al Haidous, Mayor Pro Tem Pam Dobrowolski and Councilman Jim Henley—were on the subcommittee that recommended the increase to the city council.

Monit asked what the justification was for the increase and what other areas were discussed and evaluated as far as the city manager's duties and performance.

Haidous said English's relationship and communication with all department heads, execution of many projects and his work on the budget were all addressed.

"Mr. English proved he is a very hard working man. He accepts the

"It's been a precedent in the city."

Mayor Al Haidous

positive criticism and enhances and improves things," Haidous said.

Haidous said the four percent is not a salary increase it is a step increase that English is due.

"It has been a precedent with all other city managers. It was due to Mr. English a few months ago," Haidous said.

Councilman Rhaesa said, "Isn't Bob an independent contractor? Not a full time employee like other city managers?"

"It is a practice the city has been doing since 1992 for all department heads," Haidous said.

Haidous said the four percent increase is less than \$3,000 a year.

"Where can you find a city manager for less than \$75,000?" he said. "He is still costing us way less than any other city manager we could hire."

Personnel director Mat Mulholland said department heads and the city manager follow the supervisor contract. When they assume a new position and if their performance would warrant it they are entitled to a step increase from 0 to 10 %.

"This isn't a raise but a step increase because city is on a pay freeze right now. The city manager is a contracted service (who serves) at the discretion of the city council. You would make that decision when he is due a step increase," he said.

Rhaesa said other city employees are on a pay freeze and have been for years. Some have taken a pay cut.

"And we aren't doing anything for them," Rhaesa said. "I think our employees work just as hard."

Wayne resident William Long said, "You have to look at everyone across the board. It is not just the top. It is all the way down."

He said there are city employees who are doing jobs they weren't originally hired or trained for.

Monit said council should consider putting a freeze on any pay increases.

"It is kind of hard to justify this even considering the job Bob has done in the eyes of the subcommittee," he said.

Councilwoman Pam Dobrowolski sat on the subcommittee.

"Bob did an excellent job as we expected him to do; keeping us informed and letting department heads run their departments," she said. "We didn't feel giving him a raise at that time was a good idea after first meeting but then after we saw the step raise and salary Bob was making it seemed the right thing to do right now."

Wayne resident Keith Butkovich

said, "Why is it called step increase instead of raise? There is no question about the work Bob English has done, with council and residents. My concern is with the economy being terrible and still having budget problems. This is just not the right time to give a raise to anyone in the city."

Haidous said, "It's something we have given everybody why are we denying him."

Butkovich said, "Sounds like business as usual."

Monit said, "I will personally go with the subcommittee's recommendation because I want to support them but we have to consider getting away from some of these past practices, with funding the way it is currently."

Wayne resident Stan Shelton said, "I'm still confused on that. I suggest looking into it a little bit more. It is still going to cause some confusion with the citizens with the way it is being done."

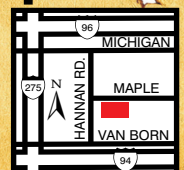
Rhaesa said, "I think the timing is really bad when we are going to be asking resident and businesses to pay for streetlights."

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CALCULATE YOUR NET WORTH

List and add up the total of all of your outstanding liabilities (what you owe) and subtract it from the total value of your assets (what you own.) The result is your net worth. Calculate it once a year.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

All or nothing for city raises

Dear Editor,

Shame on all of you who voted on Mr. English getting a raise! When many city employees had to take pay cuts, freezes, go part time, early retirement, and/or take on greater job responsibilities just to keep their jobs.

It is not a question of him doing a great job and deserving a raise, "step increase" or whatever you choose to call it, it is a matter of the city lacking funds to give more money to it's employees. We have a freeze on salaries, you are simply playing with words to justify giving him an increase when many city employees and citizens deserve raise, "step increases"...

Mr. English retired and took on this position and it's responsibilities and is not part of the collective bargaining contract. It is not that he is working for the city at a bargain price it is simply a matter of funds not being available at this time and in the near future. When a company is operating at a loss and can't pay it's bills employees don't get raises and performance bonus', no matter how deserved, simply because the

money isn't there.

Our property taxes have been and still are going down. You vote on special tax assessments to cut deeper on the residents just to continue to keep the city services. Then vote on a raise for him, what a joke!

I commend John Rhaesa for standing up and representing the community he was elected to represent. Shame on the rest of you for not using common sense and simple math to see this just is not fiscally possible regardless of how deserved. I am very disappointed with the mayor and the rest of the city council.

The citizens who spoke, especially the young man ("Keith") did a wonderful job and raised very valid points that the council dismissed without validation. I thank the citizens for standing up and continuing to question the council.

Mike Smith
Vice President
UAW Local 900

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Jakobcic, Ruth T.

age 91, September 16, 2012 of Westland.

Beloved wife of the late Charles.

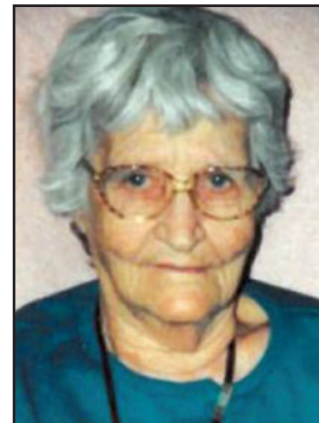
Loving mother of Fred, Arthur "Butch", Kenneth, Anne (Allen) Kornow and Ruth M. (Richard Domann) Jakobcic. Proud grandmother of Eric Jakobcic, Amy (Drew) Faust, Karl Kornow, Erika (Brian) Cech and many great grandchildren.

Dear sister of Martha Kratt.

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Police and Fire Department receive generous donation

Robert Boyles, a 65-year resident, loved Wayne.

"He was very generous in things he gave to the city," said former city attorney Richard Clark. "At Bob's request I am here tonight to make some more presentations to the city."

For decades Boyles served on a variety of commissions and boards in the city including the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission and Local Officers Compensation. At one time or another he chaired every board he was a part of.

"He was a dear friend of the city," Clark said. "This is the largest donation the city has ever received."

When Boyles passed away on March 17, he left instructions in his will for three donations to the city.

He donated \$1,000 to the animal shelter in Wayne. He also donated \$66,552 each to the police and fire department. His request was the money for the police department is used to support the operation of the K-9 unit.

"Mr. Boyles was very supportive of the K-9 program. He was very pro police department and pro K-9. He loved the dogs," said Police Chief Jason Wright. "We are very fortunate to have such a generous donation."

"He put the City of Wayne as number one. I think the citizens of Wayne appreciate what he did."

Mayor Al Haidous

The money is going to be able to be used to help us with maintaining the program, operational costs, maintenance costs. It will be very helpful."

The operation of the animal shelter also falls under the police department. Wright said the donation would be used to help take care of the animals in the shelter.

He requested the money for the fire department be used to purchase equipment.

"It's not surprising what he's done but it's generous," Councilman Jim Hawley said of Boyles.

"Bob Boyles name will be in our heart for a long time," said Mayor Al Haidous. "He put the City of Wayne as number one. I think the citizens of Wayne appreciate what he did."

"He always wanted to do what's best for the city," Clark said.



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ALL WAYNE RESIDENTS LEAF PICK-UP PROGRAM CHANGED

Due to budget constraints, the City of Wayne's Annual Leaf Collection Program has been changed.

As of October 1, 2012, all leaves must be placed in brown paper yard waste bags or metal or plastic 20 to 30 gallon containers and set out on the regular trash collection day.



The City's Department of Public Works will no longer pick up leaves that are raked into the streets.

The City of Wayne Fire Department reminds us that burning leaves is not permitted in Wayne.



If you have any questions,
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Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

We've come a long way since the early days

In spite of the orange barrels that seem to pop up on every road we want to drive on these days, travel today is a joy. Our super highways and expressways help us travel far and wide in unbelievable times. Not only can we visit surrounding cities and states to shop, vacation, sight see, dine, and tour on our amazing road system, it allows many people to live in one community and work in another with ease. These highways help us travel from here to there quickly but our automobiles let us travel in the utmost comfort. In the winter, we have warm air and heated seats. In the summer we enjoy air conditioning and sun roofs. Our children are entertained with DVD's while we listen to music, news or sports. So, orange barrels are an unpleasant part of travel today but, we just don't know "travel woes"!!!!

In the early days of our community (1820's), the first settlers literally chopped down trees and brush to get their horses, wagons or buggies through as they traveled an old Indian trail known as the Sauk Trail which later becomes known as the Chicago Road and then Michigan Avenue. This was a route through the wilderness from Detroit to Chicago. Before the settlers arrived, there were only trails of worn earth several inches deep along the Rouge River made by the Indians as they walked single file over the network of paths that connected the various Indian villages in Michigan territory. Some early travelers were headed for Woodruff's Grove (now Ypsilanti), the only settlement west of Detroit at this time. Travel was grueling. Often the women and children rode in the wagon or on horseback while the men walked. They made only a few miles each day. They were constantly on the lookout for water, food and shelter. If they were lucky enough to come upon a log cabin and settlers, they might be offered a place to spend the night and eat a hot meal. Early roads in our community were called corduroy roads because they were made of logs laid in the mud holes where the trees had been chopped down to clear the way. These were not conducive to smooth travel. As more people traveled west, the need for a better road was appar-

Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley



ent.

In 1827, construction began on The Chicago Road and it was completed in 1834. The road wasn't much but by 1830 stagecoaches were able to travel it in order to reach Ypsilanti. By 1835 they were able to go all the way to Chicago. Plank Roads were built after the General Plank Road Act was passed in 1848. The Detroit and Saline Plank Road was granted a franchise in 1849 and opened August 26 1850. There were eight toll gates on the road and Wayne had two. One was located on the western end of the community at The Chicago Road (Michigan Avenue) and Cogswell. The other was located near Howe Road. Plank roads were to be maintained by tolls charged the travelers who used the road but this did not work. The roads were not well kept and in such poor condition that soon plank roads were abandoned and gravel was used. Michigan Avenue, in the Village of Wayne, was graveled in the 1860's. It was often called "The Gravel Road" or simply "The Gravel" for many years. Construction began around 1925 to build Michigan Avenue and pave it. In 1935 the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) worked on finishing the road and landscaping it. We entered a new age of automobiles and highways.

As our community grew, more roads were added as our downtown developed and neighborhoods sprung up. Today, the paved and blacktopped streets that crisscross the city are well maintained and make getting around our community easy. Our "travel woes" just do not compare to our ancestors. (Material for this article comes from the Wayne Centennial Book published in 1969 by the Wayne Dispatch.)

Come visit our Historical Museum in Wayne and learn more about our early community and ancestors. The Wayne Memorial High



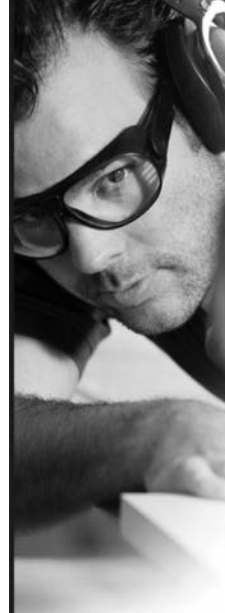
Michigan Avenue looking west around 1906. Photo Courtesy of The Wayne Historical Museum

School class of 1963 is celebrating their 50th reunion this spring. A display case in the museum holds memorabilia from their years at WMHS. Also, Museum Director Richard Story has prepared a display of toy

fire engines to celebrate Fire Prevention Month this October. Our firefighters are hosting their annual pancake breakfast at the fire station on October 6th. Be sure to attend.

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Attwood Park clean-up

From 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. on Oct. 7 members of Ekklesia Church in Westland will tackle Attwood Park. Armed with paintbrushes they are going to seal Planet Playscape. They are looking for about 75 volunteers to help with this effort. They are also going to paint the pavilion and the baseball fence. All supplies will be provided. Just wear painting clothes and come help freshen up Attwood Park. Hot dogs will be served to all volunteers.

Red October Run

The 22nd annual Oakwood Red October Run will be Oct. 6 at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. It will feature a 10K run, 5K Run, 5K Walk and 1 Mile Junior Run for kids. Race day registration and pre-registered packet pick-up is from 8 – 9:40 a.m. The Kids Jr. October Mile is at 9 a.m., the 10K run is at 9:50 a.m. and the 5K run and 5K walk is at 10:00 a.m.

Festival of the Arts

The second annual Three Cities Art Club's Festival of the Arts will be Oct. 19-21 at Westland Shopping Center. The free event is a celebration of visual and performing arts and will feature creative art, live performances, events and family fun.

In addition to outstanding original artwork and photography by members of Three Cities Art Club there will be a variety of music from classical to jazz as well as ballet and modern dancing. There will also be free face painting, art demonstrations and a paint-off at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Awards will be presented to the artists at 1 p.m. on Oct. 20. Guest judges are Michigan Senator Glen Anderson, Westland Mayor William Wild, Rotary Club of Westland President Antoinette Martin and Westland Shopping Center General Manager Carol Rutz.

More than 15 artists from Three Cities Art Club will display and sell over 100 paintings and photographs.

Pancake Breakfast

The 15th annual Firefighter Pancake Breakfast will be from 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. on Oct. 6 at the Wayne Fire Dept. on Wayne Road. Meet the firefighters, tour the station and enjoy all you can eat pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids 10 and under. Tickets will be available at the door.

Harvest Dinner

First United Methodist Church of Wayne, 3 Town Square, is hosting a Harvest Dinner with a full turkey dinner with beverage and dessert from 4:30-7 p.m. on Oct. 19. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for kids age 4-12. Carryout will be available for an additional \$.50. There will also be crafts, a bake sale and a silent auction for a quilt.

Used Book Sale

The Wayne Public Library and Friends of the Library will host their annual Used Book Sale Oct. 11-13 during regular library hours. Proceeds will go toward library programs.

Bingo

The Wayne Golden Hour Club hosts bingo at 1 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Wayne Community Center. This is Golden Hour's primary source of funding.

Refreshments are available for purchase. You must be at least 18 to play. The next dates are Oct. 11 and 25.

Scarecrow Walk



The Wayne Ripple Effect will host a reception for the Scarecrow Michigan Avenue show at 5 p.m. on Oct. 6. This will be a strolling self-guided tour of the scarecrows adorning the light posts in downtown Wayne. There will be cider and donuts and live music. The public will get the chance to vote on their favorite scarecrows. Winners will be announced by 8 p.m.

Farmers Market

Don't miss your last chance to visit the Wayne Farmers Market from 3-6 p.m. on Wednesdays in October. Located in the State Wayne Theater parking lot the market has fresh produce, vegetables, baked goods and much more. Enjoy the entertainment, children's activities, refreshments and shopping.

Trunk r Treat

The First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, will hold its annual Angels Night Trunk r Treat from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Oct. 26. Public is welcome to this free event. All ages are welcome. Wear your best costume. There will be snacks, games and prizes for best-decorated cars. For more information, contact Vivian Speakman at 734-722-4672 or vivianspeakman@yahoo.com.

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People matter

A year ago, I found myself in a precarious position. After one week of taping for the T.V. show, "The Biggest Loser," my brother was eliminated and sent home. I was happy for him, knowing that his going home early was the right thing for his family. On the flip side, however, I immediately started fighting feelings of loneliness. I thought I was going to have to live this incredible life experience alone. I was wrong.

Outside of the obvious health benefits that I now enjoy from being on the show, another unexpected benefit emerged. I met an amazing group of people who I would soon be proud to call my friends. Mark Cornelison was one of those people. His friendship and encouragement were a source of life for me while I was away from my family and friends at home.

The subject of my column this month is something that Mark etched into my heart. I already knew what he taught me to some degree. But now I know this principle a little better and I want to share it with you. It is summed up in two words: PEOPLE MATTER.

Mark inspired me with this. He lived it out. His thoughts, words, and actions were always influenced by this simple but powerful truth. He was always looking to help others. He certainly helped me. He is still helping others, trying to pay forward the blessings he has received. Why? Because people matter.

You matter. Your life counts. It's important. Those around you are also important. I encourage you to take notice of those around you. Take time to know your neighbors. Try to help those you work with. Get involved in your community. Sign up



**There's More
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for your city's Rotary Club. Get involved in your local place of worship. Find those special people who are supposed to be part of your life; those you need to be contributing to.

My intent in writing a monthly column is to help those who read it. One thing I intend to do is to write about the things that helped me lose weight so that if you are trying to make a healthy change in your life, you will have the artillery that you need.

If you want to get healthy, my greatest piece of advice is to change the way you think. Do not begin with trying to change your behavior. Start with your ATTITUDE towards food and exercise. If you have tried dieting, you probably discovered that you can lose weight in the short-term, but it finds its way back immediately after you stop dieting. You must begin with the belief that you are not currently doing what you REALLY want.

What you really want is actually something very different. What you really want is this new, healthy lifestyle. So, when those old thoughts and habits try to creep back, you can thwart them with this new way of thinking.

People matter. You matter. You should live a healthy life. I believe this advice is a good start, but there's more to the story...



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Are you looking for a great Halloween party?

Avenue Downtown Wayne will host their third annual Costume Craze starting at 8 pm on Oct 27.

Come dressed to impress. There will be a \$500 cash prize for Best Costume provided by The Wayne Exchange. Bring a friend or two. There will be plenty of room to party with a 3000 sq.ft. heated tent.

This indoor/outdoor party will have spooktacular drink specials and DJs spinning great tunes all night long. VIP party packages are available. Avenue Downtown Wayne is located on Elizabeth between the Michigan Avenues.

Zombie Time

On Oct. 26 downtown Wayne will be taken over by zombies at the Zombie Pub Crawl. The fun will be had at US 12 Bar and Grill, Stockdale's on the Ave West, Jake's, Village Bar and Avenue Sports Grill. Dress in your best zombie attire for some undead fun.

Helping Hand

Life Remodeled is heading back to Westland. The group works with local churches to build homes for families in need. The City of Westland has donated a two-bedroom home to Life Remodeled on Cascade Court. Life Remodeled is going to remodel it and give it away to a local family. In addition to the new home the chosen family will receive financial, spiritual and psychological counseling. If the family pays the taxes, insurance and maintains the property for three years, the deed is turned over to them for \$1.

On Nov. 4 Ekklesia Church in Westland is coordinating an effort to paint the home and do a leaf clean up through out the surrounding neighborhood. They are looking for volunteers from 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Halloween Tea

The Wayne Civitans will host a Halloween Tea for adults at 7 p.m. on Oct. 17 at the Wayne Public Library. Cost is \$20.

Holiday Fair

First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Town Square, is hosting their annual 66th Holiday Fair on Nov. 1 and 2 from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. and a complete turkey dinner from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. The Fair also includes various craft booths, holiday decorations, candy, books, attic treasures, and Santa will pay a special visit. Public welcome. For more information, call 734-729-7550.

Sparkle Conference

A very special program for women is being held at the First Congregational Church in Wayne on Nov. 9 and 10. All women are invited to attend and hear a message of hope and joy presented by Debbie Holland, manager of The King's High Way Ministries in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The cost is \$25. Registration forms can be picked up at the First Congregational Church (734-729-7550) for more information.

Tomblin Sentenced



Brandon Tomblin, a former Wayne Memorial High School choir teacher, was sentenced to four to 20 years in prison for having inappropriate relations with three male Wayne Memorial students.

Tomblin, who is HIV positive, pled guilty to three counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, three counts of fourth-degree CSC and two counts of child sexually abusive activity, using a computer to commit a crime and distributing sexually explicit material to children.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Brian Surma said Tomblin did not tell the students that he was HIV positive.

The incidents happened in 2011 in Garden City, Romulus and Wayne.

At his sentencing Tomblin apologized to his victims and their families, the Wayne-Westland Community School District and his friends and families.

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Growing relationships and more in Wayne



Bridget Kelly

Bridget Kelly is Wayne's Diamond of the Community. Anyone who has worked with her, or is a friend or neighbor knows how valuable her place in our city is.

Judy Wells, Director of St Mary Outreach Center, said, "It has been my pleasure to have worked with Bridget for the past 6 years. She is a dedicated, compassionate worker; always treats our clients with respect and a smile."

The motto for Rotary is "Service above Self" and Bridget exemplifies that motto to a "T". So say Rotary members, Lois and John Van Stipdonk, and add---"she has served as our treasurer for 10 years, always keeping our accounts and books current and accurate. No matter what project we are planning and working on, Bridget volunteers. Whether we are trying to raise money, distributing dictionaries to third graders, working on our float or walking in a parade, Bridget is front and center. We are so lucky to have her as a member and a friend to all.

At Rotary she also contributes her time to WMHS Upward Bound, students scholarship, and senior assistance."

Bridget Kelly is a true "Friend of the Library." She is a co-chair of the Wine and Cheese Party, organizing the evening with Cost Plus owner, Dan McCarty. She makes sure the liquor license is processed and sent to the Library. In October she'll work many hours on the upcoming book sale.

Jo Ann Hanson, Co-President of Wayne's Garden Club talks about Bridget. "Her quiet grace is always present. She is one you call about

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



her problem and she will ask you about your well being. I'm very proud to call her friend."

From Lynn Higgs, "Bridget and I work out Monday through Saturday, during which time I can appreciate her humor and good will. We also work at the John Bolde Food Center, where she demonstrates her willingness to help in any way. She also looks after a neighbor who recently lost her husband."

Mary Lindsey, of the Building Department, offers this of her friendship with Bridget "From the first time I met her and Tom I knew this was a person I wanted in my life. I treasure her friendship," she said.

Ed Marman, President of the Library Board, says this, "Friendship means a lot to me, and in the 40 years I've known the Kellys, I couldn't imagine better ones. One of their sons recently pointed out that Tom and Bridget always told them never to pass up a chance to do someone a favor. That seems to be a motto all of them live by. In the last couple of years Bridget has gone way beyond simple favors to help me during some rough times. There was never a question of being inconvenienced. She'd be there, ready to help, and annoyed if I didn't ask. And that extends to anyone. She deserves this award, but to me she's always been a Diamond."

Bridget's husband, the late Thomas Kelly, was our State Representative and then a Wayne Councilman. Their sons are Patrick, Michael, Thomas and Kevin.

We also have an honorary 'Diamond' this year. Donna McEachern will share the 'jewel' designation with Bridget Kelly. We all know of the many committees and projects in which she's been involved. Let me list them. Chamber of Commerce; City Council; Animal Control Committee; Fireworks Fundraising Committee; Friends Project; Nankin Transit Commission; Employee Sug-

gestion & Award Board; 2020 Committee; Library Board; Beautification Committee; DDA; Save The Post Office Committee; Investment Review Policy Committee; Retirement Board and numerous projects with St Mary's Church.

Donna's acts of volunteering will be sorely missed in the city. She truly has a serving heart.

It will be good to have Donna, Barry and members of their family back in Wayne for the evening.

The dinner for our two Diamonds will be on Tuesday, October 16, at the Community Center. That's where you can purchase dinner tickets---they are \$12.



Brian Henson

Brian Henson is a 1990 graduate of Wayne Memorial High. In August Brian Henson was named Chef of the Year by the American Culinary Federation Michigan Chef's de cuisine Association.

Chef Henson earned his Culinary Degree at Schoolcraft College, but also trained at the William D. Ford Career Tech Center during his Junior and Senior high school years. He's now executive chef of Birmingham's "Big Rock Chophouse". His competitors for the award were the executive chefs of the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club and Edgewood Country Club.

His award winning entrée included Arctic Char, with smoked Char Pierogi, served with Golden Beet Sour Cream, Chanterelles, Fennel and Toasted Hazelnut Vinaigrette.

The award is earned through accomplishments and competition and Brian says, "I'm very honored to be

recognized with this prestigious distinction in front of all my peers and previous MCCA Chef of the Year award winners."

Brian Henson was named Executive Chef at Big Rock Chophouse in 2008. He oversees a staff of 25 and is responsible for all aspects of the kitchen, including training, purchasing, special events, and most importantly for creating the restaurant's 4-star menu.

Belated congratulations on your award, Chef Henson.

Brian's sister, Mary Beth, has lived in France for 10 years. She originally worked for Disney, then worked for Ubisoft, a video game maker for six years. She recently took a job as Director of Communications for a company called Viadeo which is the number two company to LinkedIn. Mary Beth is married and has two girls.

Here is the way we get news these days---Mary Beth, in France, posted a message about her brother Brian on Facebook. My daughter in North Carolina saw it, and called me in Wayne to tell me about Chef Brian Henson. It really is a small world isn't it?

The Library's BIG, BIG BOOK SALE will be Thursday October 11-10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Friday, October 12-12:00-5:00 and Saturday October 13-12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

If you've lived in Wayne long enough to remember Mulholland's Department Store, then you'll remember Donna Yurich. Donna was the friendly employee, always helpful, who worked at the store for many years.

Donna Yurich lost her battle with cancer last month. She will be missed by everyone who knew her; family and friends alike.

She is survived by her husband, Joe, her daughters, Joelyn and Stephanie, and sons Mark and Carmen.

Mrs. Yurich had belonged to, and lunched with an enthusiastic Jazzerise group, and also sang with the Wayne-Westland Senior Chorus.

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and for no legitimate purpose.

The incidents happened between 2007 and 2012.

Special Agent in Charge Robert L. Corso, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Detroit Field Division said, "Soliman abused his position of trust and jeopardized the lives of many individuals by illegally distributing highly addictive opiate painkillers."

Corso said the arrest is, "another example of the DEA's determination to combat the troubling prescription drug abuse problem in this country."

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