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Fall fire safety tips

It's that time of year again. The leaves on the trees have just about left and the temperatures are heading south. It's time to remember to prepare our homes for the coming winter and holiday seasons. Here are a few reminders as we move forward into fall.

Furnace

It is highly recommended that you have your furnace cleaned and inspected every year to ensure that it is in good working condition. A furnace that is not running at its peak performance can be deadly. Carbon monoxide is a natural product of incomplete combustion. A clean, efficiently burning furnace produces very small amounts of carbon monoxide, while a dirty, inefficiently burning one can produce deadly amounts. Carbon monoxide is a colorless odorless gas. It causes flu-like symptoms, disorientation and even death. Please make sure to protect yourself and install a carbon monoxide detector.

Fireplace safety

It is also recommended that you have your fireplace inspected and cleaned annually by a licensed professional. Before lighting any fire, remove all paper and other decorations from fireplace area. Check to see that the flue is open prior to lighting the fire and never use flammable liquids to start a fire. Use only seasoned hardwood as soft, moist wood such as pine, accelerates creosote buildup which is a byproduct of burning wood and may cause a fire inside the chimney. Never burn gift wrap paper, cardboard boxes, trash or debris in the fireplace as a flash fire may result as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely. Ashes should be left to cool inside the fireplace or moistened and placed outside of the home in a metal container. Never place ashes

Fire House News

Shawn Bell



inside of your garage as a hot ember may ignite the container causing a fire. Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room.

Turkey fryer

The National Fire Protection Association discourages the use of outdoor propane fueled turkey fryers that immerse the turkey in hot oil. These turkey fryers use approximately 5 gallons of cooking oil at high temperatures, and units currently available for home use pose a significant danger that hot oil will spill over onto the open burner and ignite when the turkey is placed in the fryer or removed. Many turkeys are purchased frozen and they may not be fully thawed when cooking begins. A defrosting turkey creates the risk of contact between hot cooking oil and the frozen water causing the oil to rapidly boil over onto the burner. The use of turkey fryers can lead to devastating burn injuries and the destruction of property. Propane-fired turkey fryers are designed for outdoor use only. Fires have occurred when turkey fryers were used in a garage or under eaves to keep the appliance and user out of the rain or snow.

Finally, as in every season, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home and inside and outside of sleeping areas. Test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice your home escape plan.

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Top Honors

Michigan Assembly named Plant of the Year

Michigan Assembly Plant (MAP) in Wayne has been awarded top honors by ASSEMBLY Magazine. They were named 2012 Plant of the Year. This is the first time an automotive plant has won this award and they are the first plant of any kind in Michigan to win it.

ASSEMBLY Magazine chose MAP for their flexible, green manufacturing capabilities. The plant, which once produced large SUVs, including the Ford Expedition and Lincoln Navigator, for Ford Motor Company now produces smaller fuel-efficient cars, including the Ford Focus, Focus ST and Focus Electric. Soon they will begin production on the C-MAX Hybrid and C-MAX Energi plug-in hybrid.

"We chose MAP as our 2012 winner because the plant is a showcase for flexible, green, lean manufacturing," said ASSEMBLY Magazine's Senior Editor Austin Weber. "We were also impressed that Ford took a plant that produced large SUVs and turned it into a state-of-the-art facility that makes fuel-efficient small cars. That's not something that we often see in manufacturing."

MAP has taken flexible manufacturing to a new level, according to ASSEMBLY Magazine.

In 2010 Ford Motor Company invested \$550 million to install the flexible production line which uses reprogrammable tooling, standardized equipment in the paint shop and common-build sequence in final assembly. The plant is designed to be efficient and ergonomically friendly, with a skillet conveyor system that makes it easier on movement for employees. MAP currently employs 5,170 people.

Employees went through extensive training prior to the launch of the first cars rolling off the assembly line at MAP. Each production line operator knows three jobs and each group leader knows 10. To make the production even more efficient, parts and components are packaged in kits and delivered to each operator in the order they use them.

"MAP is an example of Ford manufacturing at its best-- a flexible facil-



Michigan Assembly Plant produces the Ford Focus and was named Assembly Plant of the Year. City Manager Robert English, Community Development Director Peter McInerney, Councilman John Rhaesa, Economic Development Specialist Mathew Mullholland, Councilman Jim Henley, Mayor Pro Tem Pam Dobrowolski, Councilman Jim Hawley and Mayor Al Haidous joined officials from Ford Motor Company and Assembly Magazine to recognize the plant's success.

ity that is using a highly trained work force to build fuel efficient vehicles in an environmentally friendly manner," said Jim Tetreault, Ford Vice President of North America Manufacturing. "We are proud that our hard work has been recognized by experts who know manufacturing."

ASSEMBLY Magazine began the Plant of the Year award in 2004. The goal of the award is to recognize a state-of-the-art facility that has applied world-class processes to re-

duce production cost, increase productivity, improve quality and shorten time to market.

Going Green

The Michigan Assembly Plant is second to none in flexible and green manufacturing. As a result of their transformation the facility focuses on environmentally friendly production. During the retooling they were committed to reduce, reuse and recycle. More than 10 million pounds

of steel was recycled during the changeover.

Outside an array of solar panels was installed and helps power the plant while saving about \$160,000 a year in energy costs.

There are also 10 charging stations throughout the facility that recharge the trucks that move parts around the 140 acre site. This saves 86,000 gallons of gas a year.

The new spark-free welding program provides a cleaner and more environmentally friendly process for the body shop.

In the paint shop, a new three-wet paint application that is now being used is better for the environment than the former multi-stage paint process.

History of success

The Michigan Assembly Plant opened in 1957 and was a consolidation of two Ford plants: Michigan Truck and Wayne Stamping and Assembly. The Wayne Stamping and Assembly Plant originally built the Lincoln Continental and the Lincoln Zephyr. From 1981 - 1999 they built the Ford Escort and until the newly refurbished MAP was opened in 2011, they built the Ford Focus. The Michigan Truck Plant first produced station wagons and then Ford Bronco, Ford F-Series, Ford Expedition and Lincoln Navigator.

Today, it is the first assembly plant in the world that builds three different vehicles electric vehicles on the same production line as gas power cars.

This summer MAP began production on the C-Max, which is a five-passenger European-style minivan. It has a gasoline engine and a battery-operated electric motor. It is built on the same C-car platform as the Focus.

The reason MAP was chosen as Assembly Plant of the Year is because of its ability to produce gas powered, electric, hybrid and plug-in hybrid all on the same line. The four million square foot plant includes a stamping plant, a body shop, a paint

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Fire Department moves forward with merger

Wayne City Council has approved two agreements that would move the Fire department merger with Westland to the next level.

The first agreement they approved was a letter from both departments' unions. They have met and agreed to become one collective bargaining unit. The decision was unanimous with both unions.

"In order to work together we need the unions to work together and they are doing an outstanding job," said Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy. The newly consolidated union will be called the Western Wayne Professional Firefighters Union.

The other agreement that was approved by council is an Inter Local Agreement that creates the joint fire department.

This makes it possible for both departments to operate as one. It raises the personnel numbers in both cities and gives more service to residents, Reddy said.

Wayne will go from having an average of four firefighters on duty at one station to having 20 at five stations with no additional costs to either city.

"We are in the infant stages in a long drawn out process. This is step two or three in about a 10 step process," Reddy told city council during a study session.

The next step is to conduct a study that will help both departments find ways to operate as one. Reddy said he has applied for a grant to pay for the study and should



Michael Reddy
Wayne-Westland Fire Chief

hear soon if they will receive it. The study will take about six months to conduct and will give a cost analysis of the merger.

"We want to enhance services and save money. That's the dream we have," said Mayor Al Haidous.

City Manager Robert English said soon both cities have to look at dispatch operations.

"It's hard to become one when you have calls going into two places," he said. Currently emergency calls for Wayne and Garden City go to the Wayne police station and the emergency calls for Westland and Inkster go to the Westland police station.

Councilman Albert Damitio said, "It looks like very good progress has been made. We need to keep the pace going."

OPEN LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF WAYNE:

It has been my privilege to serve the citizens of Wayne as District Judge in the 29th District Court these last 8 years. As judge, I am often asked about candidates seeking political office. Although judges are not allowed to endorse non-judicial candidates, we are permitted to endorse those seeking to become judges and those seeking to remain judges. I thought you might appreciate knowing my choices in the upcoming election.



Judge Laura R. Mack
29th District Court

1. Michigan Supreme Court: There is one open seat, caused by the retirement of Justice Marilyn Kelly.
I will vote for:

★ Judge Connie Marie Kelley

Judge Connie Marie Kelley is an outstanding Wayne County Circuit Court judge, and the citizens of Michigan need her on our highest court.

2. Wayne County Circuit Court, Non-Incumbent 6-year Terms: There are 3 positions (open seats) and 6 applicants.
I will vote for the following three candidates:

★ Brian L. Morrow

★ Dana Margaret Hathaway

★ Kevin Cox

3. Wayne County Circuit Court, Partial Term Ending 1-1-2015: There are 2 positions and 3 applicants. **I will vote for the two existing (incumbent) judges:**

★ Judge Lawrence S. Talon

★ Judge Margaret M. Van Houten

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Movie memories

If you grew up in Wayne, you probably have many fond memories of spending Saturday afternoons at the movies. The price was right; around 20 cents and the refreshments were mere pennies. (During the Depression years tickets sold for 10 cents one night per week and the whole town turned out.)

The Wayne Theater was located on the north side of Michigan Avenue, on the west side of what is now the Bank of America building. Today it is an empty space with a for sale sign on it. Once, a beautiful state-of-the-art theater stood on that ground. It was built by area businessmen in 1926 and opened in 1927 along with a hotel, five stores and a basement bowling alley. It contained a total of 850 seats with 626 on the main floor and 224 in the balcony. All seats had an unobstructed view of the stage. It was complete with an orchestra pit since it was originally used for vaudeville.

When “photo plays” (or movies as they are called today) came along, live piano music accompanied the silent movies and later the “talkies”. The theater was considered one of the most beautiful ever built in a small town. It had classic Broadway design, ornate décor with chandeliers and outstanding acoustics. It was first managed by Henry Koppin who owned 26 theaters in Michigan. He operated the Koppin Vaudeville Circuit, which toured his theaters offering five vaudeville acts and one silent movie.

The stock market crash of 1929 caused Koppin to close his chain of theaters. A short time later, Walter Shafer, who had worked for Mr. Koppin, bought the theater and reopened it as a movie house in 1931. His sons, Charles and Martin, joined the family business at this time. Mr. Shafer had been in the theater business for some years in New Jersey and then Detroit. He settled in Wayne and with the help of his wife Lillian, began to build his own dynasty here and in surrounding communities. At the peak of the Shafer family career, they owned 10 movie theaters including two drive-in movies.

The old Wayne Theater closed in 1951 and the lobby was converted into a music store. The seats were removed and the auditorium por-

Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley



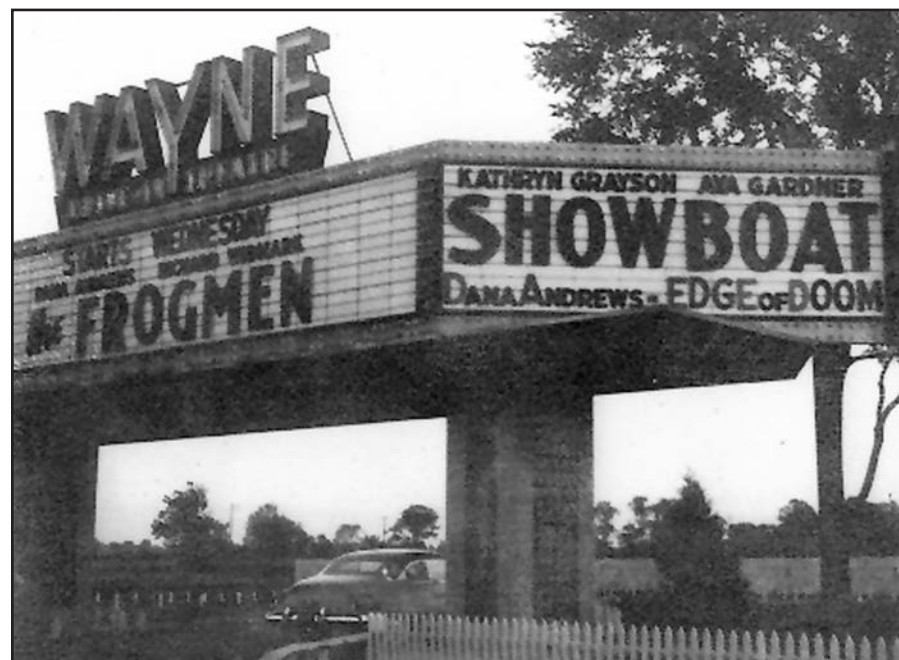
tioned into music and dance rehearsal rooms. In 1985 a fire destroyed the lobby and the stores along Michigan Avenue. The theater itself sustained only minor smoke and water damage. In 1987 a group of theater enthusiasts formed the Palace Theater Company with the goal of restoring the Wayne Theater to its original beauty.

Over the next decade, a valiant effort was made to raise the funds necessary to do the restoration work. One endeavor, The Haunted Theater, was promoted every Halloween and raised considerable money as did many other fund raising events. Architectural plans were drawn up and work was done on the roof but when expected grant money fell through it became a lost cause. As hard as they worked, The Palace Theater Group could not save this beautiful old historic building.

But we do have our memories. I remember walking into town as a child with my brothers, sisters and friends to line up in front of the Wayne Theater to buy a ticket to the movies on Saturday afternoons. There were usually two features, several cartoons, and a news reel. We always sat in the balcony eating our popcorn and candy as we watched Roy Rogers or Gene Autry save the west. Life was good!

But then, there was a new theater in town. The Shafer family built the State Wayne in 1946 just a block down the street from the old Wayne Theater. It had 1500 seats and was a huge success with the community. There were no TV's in homes at that time and movies were great entertainment. Mr. Walter Shafer stated once that a movie could only play for four days because by then everyone in town had seen it.

In the early 1960s the State Wayne was renovated and soon became known as a state-of-the-art theater in the area. The iridescent dragons



Wayne Drive-In circa 1950s. Photo Courtesy of The Wayne Historical Museum

that lined the walls are remembered by many movie goers. By the late 70s the competition from the big movie conglomerates like AMC and Showcase Cinema became too great. The State Wayne was losing money as a movie house and closed. In 1978 it reopened as a live musical entertainment center for a short time but closed again until 1990 when the City of Wayne purchased it and remodeled it into three theaters and a stage. This opened the door for live plays, children's theater, musicals and movies.

The theater is still enjoyed today by our community as well as surrounding ones. The City recently contracted a new theater management company to oversee the State Wayne and is in the process of updating the technology to a digital format. The State Wayne is one of the last small town theaters still operating today. I can't write about theaters without mentioning the Wayne Drive-In Theater. It was built in 1949 by the Shafer family on the south side of Michigan Avenue at John Hix Road. (As I read recently in a Detroit newspaper, “You haven't lived in Michigan until you go to a drive-in theater.” Yes, there are still drive-ins out there; approximately seven in our state. The closest one to us is the Ford Wyoming on Ford Road.)

I remember going to the Wayne Drive-In with my family. My brothers and sisters and I played on the playground in front of the movie screen until dusk when the movie started. Many of the younger chil-

dren wore their pajamas as they would often fall asleep before the double feature ended. A speaker was hooked on the car window for sound and if the weather was cold you could hook a heater to the window to keep you warm. I don't remember how seven of us managed to fit in the car, but we did. Later, as a teen, the drive-in was a fun place to go with friends.

Admission was charged per person in the car so sometimes kids hid friends in the trunk to save money. Occasionally a special was run charging a flat fee for the car. In the 1960's the Wayne Drive-In offered a special preview of the Beatles in their first full-length motion picture “A Hard Days Night” with tickets marked \$5 per carload. In 1971 the Shafer's opened a twin theater at the drive-in with a new concession stand, seating for 100 on the patio, space for 1000 cars and your choice of movies. This outdoor theater was very popular in Wayne and surrounding communities. But time changes everything. In 1990 the Wayne Drive-In Theater closed.

Theaters today continue to make changes to fit the times and technology. Many people stay home and watch movies on their televisions thanks to that technology. But memories of “going to the show” in the old theaters are special. To learn more about Wayne's old theaters, visit our Historical Museum in downtown Wayne. Thanks to our museum manager, Richard Story, for his help with historical information.

State Wayne grand reopening celebration



State Wayne Theatres, which first opened in 1946, has undergone a 21st century facelift.

Phoenix Theatres has entered into an agreement with the City and taken over management of the theater. The City still owns State Wayne and paid for the renovations, which includes digital projection technology.

A grand re-opening and film-cutting ceremony will take place after the Wayne Rotary Christmas Parade on Nov. 17. The parade begins at 10 a.m. and will end at State Wayne Theater.

The public is welcome to tour the newly renovated theatre and get a behind the scenes look at the latest in digital projection technology. The open house will include a chance for the children to personally meet with Santa Claus and get their wish lists in early, and see "Puff" the infamous State-Wayne Dragon.

"I have a great love for the classic movie theatres across America and the State-Wayne is one of the finest in Michigan, a real gem right here in our own backyard," said Cory Jacobson, owner of Michigan-based Phoenix Theatres and a life-long movie theatre operator. "Our work here maintains the iconic environment movie-goers have enjoyed at State Wayne since the 1940s, and we have completely upgraded all of projection systems to provide the highest quality digital movie presentation available."

New Digital Sound and 3-D Projection

State Wayne Phoenix Theatres marches into it's 7th decade of operation with new Christie Digital Projectors and Dolby's latest 7.1 Digital

sound systems, new QSC speakers and amplification – all run from GDC computer servers. New, larger screens have been installed and for the very first time RealD XL 3-D will be presented.

"This is a huge win for movie goers in the Wayne community," Jacobson said.

The lobby has also been updated with better lighting. The hand-painted murals on the lobby walls and theatre hallways have been touched up.

New carpet has been installed and the theaters have fresh paint. There is a new menu at the concession stand– including a self-serve drink station, and Phoenix's creation of buying movie tickets in the same line at concessions. Also, on-line movies tickets are now available at: www.Movietickets.com and www.Phoenixmovies.net.

One-of-a-kind Marquee

Like many of the theatre counterparts of its day in the '40s, the State Wayne created a wrap-around marquee. The sign gives the theatre its personality with exactly 1,152 lamps – 550 that stay lit, and 602 on a "chaser" to light up the Downtown streetscape. The sign was restored to its former glory with 536 lamps replaced and the electronics fully restored.

Jacobson said, "The State Wayne is one of the few such surviving marquees in Michigan, and the wrap-around configuration across the front and side of the theatre is pretty unique anywhere in the country. This was a project I wanted to take on from the minute I saw that colossal marquee. It just feels right to help preserve this historic theatre,

and keep making movie-going memories in the community for customers of all ages for years to come."

Movie Marathon Nov. 15

The grand reopening of the State Wayne Phoenix Theatres coincides with the Hollywood release of "Twilight, Breaking Dawn 2". Following a Phoenix Theatre tradition, a "Twilight Movie Marathon" will begin at 7:45 p.m. on Nov. 15. State Wayne Phoenix Theatres will show "Breaking Dawn Part 1," followed by the "Breaking Dawn 2" premier at 10:00 p.m. on Nov. 15.

Advance tickets are available at either www.phoenixmovies.net or www.movietickets.com.

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Parade Route: 2nd Street N, to Glenwood W, to Wayne Road S, to Michigan Avenue W, to State-Wayne Theatre. Santa is in town and available for pictures and visiting after the parade at the New State-Wayne Theatre!

And don't forget to stop by the first weekend of December for a special digital presentation of "The Polar Express" for just \$1 at the New State-Wayne Theatre courtesy of **Phoenix Theatres!**

"The Polar Express" will play exclusively at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on December 1st and 2nd

PLAN TO BE Stress Free THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The holidays always seem to be just around the corner. It won't be long before families are exchanging presents. Holidays and gifts can take a big bite out of your budget so planning ahead will help keep your budget under control.

It is important not to get caught up in the last minute emotion of the season and spend more than you planned. Holiday overspending ruins many festive occasions and can result in long repayment schedules.

Instead, at the start of the year, determine how much you will spend for the holidays. Put aside money each month to achieve your goal.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTIONS TO HELP RELIEVE HOLIDAY STRESS AND KEEP EXPENSES LOW.

- ✓ **Shop early for gifts.** Take advantage of sales, specials and bargains. Don't over buy or forget you have already shopped for someone.
- ✓ **Make your own gifts.** Use skills you have to sew, bake, paint or make crafts.
- ✓ **Don't be a "One gift for you...one gift for me" shopper!** And...don't be tempted to give your gifts early lest you buy more!
- ✓ If you have a large family, **consider drawing names to exchange gifts.**
- ✓ **Shop your local craft fairs and shows for specialty items** - you'll find some great gifts. Sometimes you can bargain with the vendor.
- ✓ Family members would appreciate an **IOU to mow the lawn or wash the car in the spring.**
- ✓ If you plan to fill stockings or bags for the children, **try putting a few pieces of fruit (apples & oranges) in the bottom first.** Also, coloring books and scratch pads make great inexpensive fillers
- ✓ **Know your merchants' return policies** before buying.
- ✓ **Don't forget to plan ahead for rarely considered expenses** like holiday decorations, special candies, baking supplies, increased utility bills, food consumption and wrapping paper.



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Wayne mourns loss of Jack Russo

Longtime Wayne business owner, James (Jack) Russo, 71, passed away on Oct. 21. He worked with business leaders, city officials, automotive suppliers and railroad providers to establish the family-owned Wayne Industries in 1989. Today, it is the largest distribution warehouse for steel products in the United States.



basketball court, reflective garden, science room and other extra resources at the school.

Mr. Russo is survived by his wife of 54 years Noella, daughters Justine and Lisa (Mike McIntosh) and sons Paul (Kim) and Salvatore (Melissa), nine grandchildren: Christopher

Prior to creating Wayne Industries, Mr. Russo started Alco Express in the 1970s, which transported steel throughout Michigan.

Mr. Russo and his family are known for their philanthropic endeavors too. They have donated money, time and resources to Detroit area churches, families in need, their employees and most of all to the Burger School in Garden City for children and families afflicted with autism.

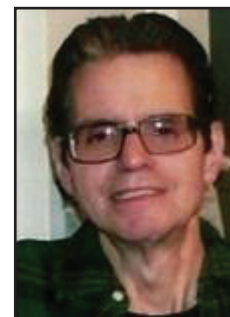
The Burger School in Garden City opened in 1974 and is the first school in Michigan built for autism students. Mr. Russo's contributions have provided funds for a play scape,

Burcham, Chloe Russo, Paul J. Russo, Rachel Russo, Nickolas Russo, Ryann Russo, Lauren McIntosh, Andrea McIntosh, and Sarah McIntosh. He is also survived by two sisters Benedetta (Joe) and Florence.

Mr. Russo will be remembered at a Memorial Mass at 11 a.m. on Nov. 3 at Prince of Peace Parish, 4300 Walnut Lake Rd., West Bloomfield. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family has requested donations be made to the Noella and Jack Russo Family Foundation, 36253 Michigan Ave., Wayne MI 48184 to continue its mission to help the Burger School and children with autism. Visit www.njrfoundation.org for more information.

Friends and family remember longtime resident

John Joseph Lamontagne, 59, of Wayne passed away on Oct. 22 after a short battle with lung cancer. Many may remember him from Cliff's Shoe Repair. He operated the business for more than 40 years in Old Wayne and at Metro Mall.



(Amparo) and the late Ann Pfeifer (Steve). He was also loved by eight nieces and nephews.

He was a dear friend and colleague to many in and around the City of Wayne and he will be missed by all who knew him.

He later worked for 15 years as a painter for Trigon Metal of Redford.

Mr. Lamontagne was born on April 7, 1953 to Aime and Beatrice Lamontagne. He is the father of Joseph and Jenny, and brother of Carolyn Justin, Phillip (Kathryn) of California, Mary Therese, James

The family will receive friends for a Memorial Service at 2 p.m. on Nov. 17 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Avenue in Wayne. Gathering and visitation will be at the funeral home beginning at 1 p.m.

Memorial Donations may be made to the family.

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Council approves special assessment for street lighting

Residents and business owners will see a new assessment on their winter tax bill this year. In a 6-0 vote, city council approved a streetlight assessment for residents and business owners.

Residents will be \$48 a year regardless of the size of their lot. Businesses and commercial property will pay rates based on the size of the frontage of their property. Fees range from \$100 to \$1000 per year and will be assessed for five years with no increase.

City Manager Robert English said, "We have been working on streetlight assessment most of the spring during the budget process. The last couple years we have lost

about \$5 million a year in revenue because of a decrease in property taxes because home values have gone down."

The yearly streetlight bill is \$628,000. The streetlight assessment will bring in about \$350,000 annually.

At the second public hearing, residents and business owners had a chance to give their opinion.

Resident Tony Sanders told council, "All you gentlemen work for us. You represent us and we don't want this and you are trying to shove this down our throats. What's next, pay for our garbage collection? I don't like this assessment. It's not the \$48. It's every year you are nickel and

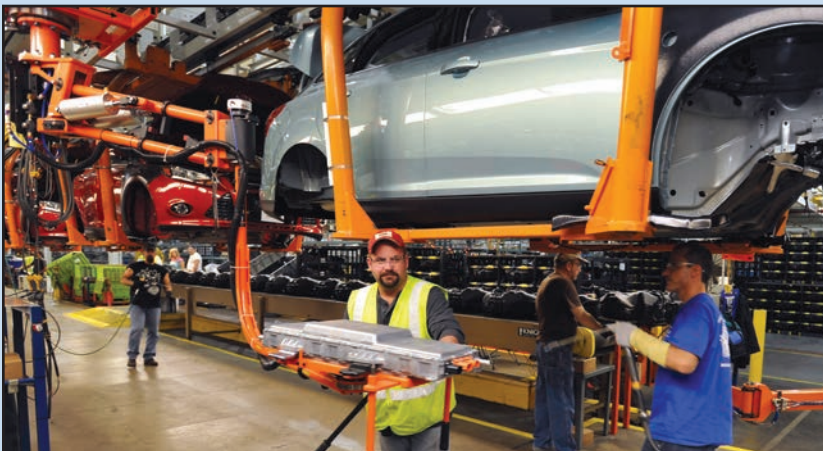
diming us."

A business owner said, "The city has not been small business friendly at all. This might be the straw that breaks the back of some small businesses. I know businesses that have left the city and are doing well in other cities. They have given up."

Resident Kathy Rockwell asked the difference between a millage and an assessment. "A millage has to be

voted by the people," said Mayor Al Haidous. "Special assessment is something for a certain service which the council has the right to vote on. It's a painful decision. It is something we need to do."

The first payment of the streetlight assessment is due with winter taxes, which will be mailed, to residents and business owners in December.



The flexible assembly line, which was installed at the Michigan Assembly Plant, makes it easier and more efficient for production workers to complete their job.

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shop and a final assembly building. With the installation of the flexible line and programmable equipment, MAP is now producing more vehicles than before. Before the transformation, operators were assembling 45 to 50 SUVs per hour. Now they are assembling 70 cars per hour because they can assemble multiple vehicle types on the same line without stopping to retool.

Worldwide production

The Ford Focus is sold in more than 100 countries. Besides MAP it is also assembled in Chongqing, China; Saarlouis, Germany; St. Petersburg, Russia and Rayong, Thailand.

Parts for the Focus also come from all over the world to MAP. More than 560 parts come from 20 different countries including China, Germany, Korea and Mexico. But two key parts are manufactured locally. The lithium-ion battery packs are made at the Rawsonville plant and the electric drive transaxles are made at the transmission plant in Sterling Heights. City officials in Wayne are proud of the rare honor The Michigan Assembly Plant received last month.

"Ford Motor in Wayne has been recognized for Assembly Plant of the Year. This is something to be very proud of," said Mayor Al Haidous. "They value modernization and clean environment. I feel very proud of that."

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Buddy Shuh and fellow The Biggest Loser contestants had the opportunity to surf with professional surfer Bethany Hamilton in Hawaii.

The Secret to Surfing

I learned many life lessons as a contestant on NBC's Biggest Loser last year. Most of the lessons I learned were completely engulfed in pain. There were a lot of mental, emotional, and physical issues that I had to work through. Some of those lessons are etched into my memory, surrounded by the blood, sweat, and tears that accompanied them. One of the greatest lessons I learned, however, was thoroughly enjoyable. Today I'll share that lesson with you. It's the secret to surfing. When the field of contestants had been narrowed to eight, Alison Sweeney gave us some incredible news. NBC was flying us to Hawaii!! Going to Hawaii was on my bucket list, so I was extremely grateful! On our first day in Oahu, we were taken to the beach. Bob and Dolvett were standing near the ocean. They were also standing by eight surfboards. I was thinking to myself, "Are you kidding me? How in the world am I supposed to surf??" Dolvett informed us that he had brought someone special in to teach us to surf. I looked out at the ocean and saw a woman surfing towards me. She had only one arm. It was Bethany Hamilton! The movie "Soul Surfer" was a depiction of her life. As a teenager, a shark had bitten off Bethany's arm. Against all odds, she became a professional surfer! After receiving instructions from Bethany, I attempted to surf. I fell. I fell again. And again. I kept doing one thing wrong. You see, the key to surfing is to NOT look down at your feet and surfboard. You must keep your eyes on the shore. I had a pre-



disposition to look at the motion that I was involved in rather than where I was going. The motion caused disequilibrium and I would fall. Once I trained my eyes to focus on the shore, my balance stabilized. I surfed! This surfing lesson can help you in life. If you are trying to make a change in your life, I recommend having a singularity of purpose. Keep your eyes on the prize. If you are trying to get healthy, let that be your focus. Healthy living. Let that guide your decisions about what to eat and when to exercise. If you want to finish your college degree, let the reason why you want to graduate dictate what courses you take. If you'd like to start your own business, think about the reason you want to do that and let it propel you to success. My last recommendation is that you only focus on one major change in your life at a time. If you are trying to get healthy, stay with it until that is finished. It is a major deal and deserves your full attention. If you try to do too much, you might get spread too thin and not succeed at anything. With some vision and focus, you'll be surfing in no time! Next time, you'll discover that there's more to the story...



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NEWS BRIEFS

Wayne Rotary Christmas Parade

The Wayne Rotary Club will host their annual Christmas Parade at 10 a.m. on Nov. 17. This year's theme is "Simply Christmas". Organizers want it to be simple and easy for everyone to come up with anything in holiday spirit geared towards children.

Line up starts at 9 a.m. on Second Street and Sims. The parade route will be north on Second Street to Glenwood, west to Wayne Road, then south to Michigan Avenue West to the State Wayne Theatre. Immediately following the parade, Santa will present trophies at the Theatre for six categories: Best Bands, Best Float, Santa's Favorite, Best Theme, Most Creative, and Christmas Spirit. After the awards, Santa will meet with the children of Wayne.

The parade is being sponsored by Phoenix Theatres. After the parade they are inviting all parade goers to tour the newly renovated State

Wayne Theatre. They will be giving out \$1 movie passes for "The Polar Express" and will play exclusively at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on December 1st and 2nd.

They are asking all parade participants to bring canned foods to the parade to donate to the John Bolde Food Depot. Cash donations are also appreciated. Parade applications are available at www.waynerotary.com.

Roosevelt-McGrath students support soldiers

For the seventh year, students and staff at Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School will hold a supply drive for Operation Gratitude, which is a non-profit, all volunteer organization supporting America's servicemen and women. They will be collecting candy, gum, snacks, personal hygiene items, phone cards, stationary, disposable cameras and playing cards. All items will be sent to the U.S military stationed overseas.

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Red October Racers

The Red October Run sponsored by Oakwood Hospital brought a record number of racers to Wayne. There were more than 1,500 runners and walkers who raced through the streets in the 10K run, a 5K run or a 5K walk. There was also a one-mile Junior October for children.

The top winners were:

10K run – women: Deborah Abrams, from Clermont, Florida, with a time of 42:10

10 K run – men: John Trojansek, from Windsor, Canada, with a time of 32:58

5K run – women: Suzanne Larsen, from Fenton, with a time of 17:26

5K run – men: Keith Erichsen, Farmington Hills, with a time of 17:22

5K walk- men: Rick Huber, Montrose, with a time of 28:23

5K walk- women: Shelly Huber, Montrose, with a time of 32:44

Other participants included sev-

eral JROTC students from Wayne Memorial High school, who ran the 10K and 5K runs; a group of teenagers from Oakwood's Inkster Teen Health Center who trained for and completed their first 5K; and a group of young students from Wayne's Taft Galloway Lower Elementary School who participated in a summer training log program followed by the Kids' Jr. October 1 mile.

Northside ready for holiday shoppers

It has been said by many, you can find everything at Northside Hardware. This year is no exception. They are gearing up for the winter and holiday season. While shelves may sometimes look empty, that is because they are redesigning displays and reorganizing to better serve their customers.

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Students from Taft Galloway Lower Elementary School in Wayne trained throughout the summer and took part in the Junior October Mile.

Alumni Scholarships

The Wayne High Schools Alumni Association has awarded two members of the Class of 2012 from Wayne Memorial High School with \$500 scholarships. Cassidy Burns and Jennifer McAffery are both attending Eastern Michigan University. Burns plans to become an athletic trainer and Burns plans to become a nurse practitioner specializing in pediatric oncology.

JROTC recognized by Secretary of Defense

Wayne Memorial High School's JROTC team was recognized by U.S.

Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta for the participation in the 2011-2012 JROTC Leadership Symposium and Academic Bowl Championship this past summer. This is a nationally recognized academic and leadership competition for JROTC students.

Rotary makes donation

The Wayne Rotary Club made two very generous donations. They donated \$500 each to Wayne police and fire departments. The police department will use their donation for their scholarship fund, which provides an opportunity for a high school senior who wants to pursue a career in law enforcement.

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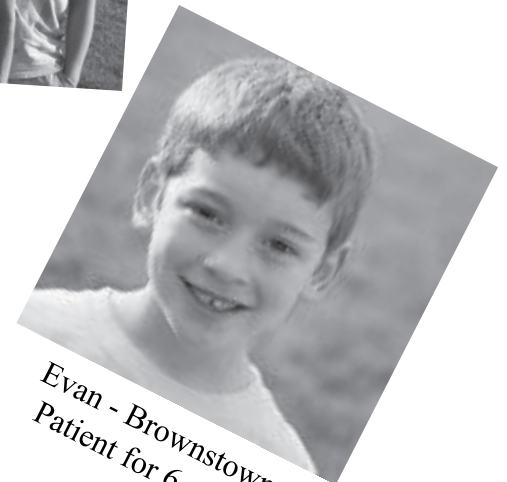
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Did you check out all the scarecrows along Michigan Ave. and Wayne Road? There are so many more than last year, and all so original.

Here are the creative folks that brought us such fun.

The Brock Family; Alice Cochran; "Anything's Possible"; Avenue Grill; Captain Nemo's. The Copland Family made three. Curves made two and the Gietzens made one for their family and one for their business---Henry's Auto Service. The Garret/Darcy Family; Goody's Pet Supply; Great Expressions Dental and Harrison Appliance each made a scarecrow, as did the Honke Family. Icon Computer; Independent Carpet; Stan Shelton's J & S Portraits and Jack's Sport Shop contributed their talents.

Also showing their creativity were Jake's Again; Kathie's Secret Hair Salon; Mad World Radio, and the Murray Parsons Family. Northside Hardware; Papa Romano's; PNC Bank, and R & M Cleaning Service added to the parade of scarecrows.

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



Mary Anne Daily and Judy Wells created one for St. Mary Outreach Center. Lisa Powaser made three for St. Mary School and another for St. Mary Brownie's Troop 70272. Mike Mueller was the creator for 'Strength and Spirit' LLC. The Baker; Ket; Kulas, and Nichols families all made scarecrows. The Ripple Effect made five (count 'em) five. Adding their creativity were The Stockdale-Weick Family and The Wayne Dispatch.

More Troops. Girl Scout Troop 20313---Romulus Troop 821 and Canton Summit Academy Brownie Troop. Harold and Claudia Rediske created two for Uht Funeral Home. Then we have many Wayne Clubs---Beautification Committee; Civitans; Farmer's Market; Wayne Public Li-

brary; Rotary; Wayne Dairy Queen; Wayne-Westland Credit Union; Wayne Exchange and Wayne-Westland Fire Department.

Our final entry---Scott Gocaj at US 12 Bar and Grill.

Thanks to everyone who shared their artistry for all to enjoy. And a very special thanks to Sherrie Brindley and all the folks at The Ripple Effect. They have great ideas and they work hard to make them happen for our enjoyment.

Oakwood's October 6th run turned into a real family affair, Yvonne Gornall of Oakwood Hospital's Biotech Clinic reports. Her son, Ryan Jones, ran the 10k run along with his mother-in-law, Kathy Halley Robertson. Yvonne was bursting with pride as she told us of Ryan's kids---her grandchildren. Abbie Jones, 7, and Morgan Jones, 5, each entered and ran the 1 Mile Junior Run. All we can add to that is "Well done!"

"Cruisin' Down the River..." With Lynn Higgs, Kurt Kuban, Lynn's son, Dennis and daughter-in-law, Kirsten. The starting point was just behind Pat Norton's former office complex, just east of John Hix Rd. In a canoe and a kayak, the four of them took a memorable ride down the newly clean and dam free Rouge River. It took them three hours to complete their journey from John Hix to Venoy. Surprised that it took so long? Lynn described the river as much more of a winding body of water than we might have thought. At times there were low hanging tree branches that had to be avoided and yes, there is still debris in the river---tires and shopping carts and other trash.

Even though so much has been



There's no place like home scarecrow by the Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union was awarded first place in the 2012 Michigan Avenue Scarecrow show.

cleaned up there is always more to be done. This is the first time enough of the Rouge has been clean enough to allow canoeing.

Kurt Kuban was wearing a type of polarized sunglasses that allowed him to spot different varieties of fish. Also many birds, among them egrets, make the Rouge River a favorite dining place.

Behind our four 'seafarers' were about 40 "Friends of the Rouge." They come from many different towns along the Rouge River and are always on hand when it's clean-up time. This Saturday afternoon they were in rented canoes from Milford---Heavner Canoe Rental.

With the successful removal of the dam, it might not be too far in the future when Wayne will have its own canoe rental business and we'll all be "Cruisin' Down the River."

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Megan McCurry, a sophomore at Wayne Memorial High School made her debut in the drag racing world on October 20th, 2012. She raced in Bracket 2 and Bracket 3 in the High School division at the Fall High School/ College Nationals at Milan Dragway. Megan came out on top in Bracket 3 and took runner up in Bracket 2, making her debut a complete success.





Mayor Haidous and City Manager Robert English hosted visitors from Britain at City Hall. They explained how the city manager/mayor form of government works and answered questions from the visitors.

International delegation visits community

Wayne is getting noticed across the pond. A delegation of eight elected officials, attorneys, students and consultants from Great Britain visited Wayne and met with Mayor Al Haidous and City Manager Robert English.

This visit was part of the International Visitor Leadership Program through the State Department. The goal of the program is to provide exposure to the impact of diversity on political issues in the United States, provide an understanding of the American political system and introduce the delegation to the American electoral process.

The group was on a 10-day visit to the United States and their stops included New York, Washington D.C and Michigan. While in Michigan, they met with Congressman Hansen Clarke, attended a political rally for vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan, visited the Arab American News and met Mayor Al Haidous and City Manager Robert English at Wayne City Hall.

"I would like to welcome you and hope when you leave you take a good impression of Wayne. I do believe I live in a great country but the greatest city in that country," said Haidous.

The mayor explained how he was

born in Lebanon, lived in Africa for 10 years and then moved to Michigan. He bought a business in Wayne and has served as mayor since 2001.



Members of the delegation asked about local elections and campaign strategies. Mayor Haidous explained council and mayor elections are non-partisan and that council members serve four-year terms and the mayor serves two-year terms.

English explained how a city manager form of government operates and told the group about the city's recent economic challenges.

"These are very trying times," he said. The city is operating with about \$5.5 million less in revenue than they had four years ago.

They asked what the current budget was and if this is the worst time the city had ever seen financially. English said these are the hardest economic times and the current budget is just over \$15 million.

He explained the city's consolidation programs with Garden City for emergency dispatch and Westland for parks and recreation and fire department mergers. He told them that the fire merger has drawn the attention of the governor.

Haidous has previously spoken to delegations from Macedonia and Italy.

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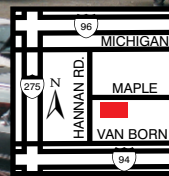
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Holiday Fair

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.

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



Church members Louise Steinbauer, Bob Miller, Bev Wensko and Suzzane Smith are hard at work preparing for the 66th annual Christmas Fair at the Congregationasl Church in Wayne on November 1 and November 2.

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.

Sparkle Women's 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. There will be other speakers and performers too. This promises to be a wonderful opportunity for women to find guidance and strength as they struggle to balance busy lives with homes, families, work and financial commitments at this difficult time. Refreshments will be served on Friday night and lunch on Saturday. The cost is \$25. Registration forms can be picked up at the First Congregational church (734-729-7550) or call Jeanne Vellinga at 419-308-1107 for more information.

Cooking for a Cause

Chef Tony Paquette from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center would like to invite you to lunch. He and his students are cooking up something special for the Annual Thanksgiving Buffet Benefit for the Family Resource Center from 11:00 a.m.- 1 p.m. on Nov. 13. The fundraising luncheon will be held at Café Marquette, located in the William D Ford Career Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, Westland. He will serve a full turkey dinner, complete with desserts.

A minimum donation of \$10 per person is kindly suggested. Proceeds from this luncheon will be used to purchase meals for needy families in the Wayne-Westland Community School District for the holidays.

A donation of \$35 will feed a family of six. This includes a turkey and all the sides.

If you can't make the luncheon but would like to make a donation to this cause, you can send a check to the Family Resource Center. Please put "holidays 2012" on the memo line.

No Child Without a Christmas

The Wayne Goodfellows will host one fundraising party from 5:30-9:30 p.m. on Dec. 7 at the Wayne Community Center. Tickets are \$15 each and include two drinks, appetizers and a door prize entry.

There will be prizes, auctions and raffles throughout the evening. There will also be a DJ, karaoke and a juggling bartender. Program. For tickets or to donate, please call 734-722-1111.

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