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## Jr3s Party Store

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## Wayne Bowl

How about giving the gift of entertainment for Christmas? Wayne Bowl, 36900 Michigan Avenue has gift cards in every denomination available for all of the bowlers in your life. They are also booking holiday company parties.

## ICON Computers

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## Henry's Service Center

Winter is coming and this is a good time to make sure your loved ones have everything they need to get through winter driving. In addition to being a full service auto repair shop, Henry's Service Center, 3041 S. Wayne Road has windshield wipers, wiper fluid and oil for sale.

## Northside Hardware

If you can't find it here, you don't need it. Northside Hardware, 2912 S. Wayne Rd., has a wide variety of potential Christmas gifts. From holiday décor and housewares to tools and storage you can find something there for everyone on your list.

## Jus Shooz

If you are looking for a new pair of shoes stop by Jus Shooz, 35002 Michigan Ave. They have a wide selection of Men, Ladies and Children shoes including Nike, Jordan, Adidas, Rockport, Fila, Cole Haan, Polo, K-Swiss, Timberland, Reebok and Kenneth Cole. Their store hours at 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon-Sat.

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## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

### Holiday Tree Lighting

The Wayne Historical Museum, One Town Square, will host a Tree Lighting at 7 p.m. on Dec. 4. Mayor Al Haidous and Santa Claus will light the tree and St. Mary's Catholic Church Youth Choir will lead the gathering with Christmas songs. Children can visit Santa and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate served by the Wayne Beautification Committee. Get your photo taken with Santa for \$3.

### Goodfellow Christmas Party

Come party for a great cause at the 26th Annual City of Wayne Employees and Friends Goodfellow Party from 5:30-9:30 p.m. on Dec. 7 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road. Tickets are \$15 each and include two drinks tickets, appetizers and a door prize entry. There will be prizes, raffles and auctions throughout the evening. All proceeds go to the No Child Without a Christmas.

### Cup of Christmas Tea

This year's Cup of Christmas Tea will be at 7 p.m. on Dec. 6 at the Wayne Community Center. Enjoy a festive evening of fellowship and fun. This year the proceeds will benefit the Business and Professional Women's Wayne Memorial High School Scholarship and the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Youth Programs. There are still a few tables available. Please contact Sue Honke at 734-721-7400.

### Holiday Music

The Detroit Handbell Ensemble will ring in the Holiday Season at 7 p.m. on Dec. 11 at the Wayne Public Library. The ensemble is widely recognized for both its creative and innovative programming and artistic expression. This program is free but please call 734-721-7832 to reserve a seat.

### Holiday Cookie Walk

The First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, will have their annual Cookie Walk from 9 a.m. to noon on Dec. 8. Homemade holiday cookies and candies will be

available. Cookies will be sold by containers and candies will be sold by the pound. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

### Lunch with Santa

Santa eats pizza? Find out by having Lunch with Santa from 10:45 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Dec. 15 at the Wayne Community Center. The cost is \$4 for Wayne and Westland residents and \$5 for non-residents. Children 2 and under are free. The cost includes pizza, salad, breadsticks, arts & crafts, and face painting. Photo packages with Santa will be available. Tickets are limited. Call 734-721-7400 for more info.

### Holiday Crafts

Do you know a teenager who loves to make crafts? Send them to the Wayne Public Library at 6 p.m. on Dec. 13 to make a Holiday Gift. This is a free program but call 734-721-7832 to register. Also, children of all ages can stop by the library during the month of December to make an ornament for the Christmas tree in the youth room.

### Holiday Concerts

Wayne Memorial High School will host two holiday concerts. At 7 p.m. on Dec. 13 the Instrumental music students will perform and at 7 p.m. on Dec. 19 the Choir students will perform a holiday concert at Stockmeyer Auditorium. Both shows are free and open to the public.

### Holiday Night for the Community

From 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Dec. 14 Wayne Memorial High School will host Holiday Night for families in the Wayne-Westland community. This free event will have crafts, letter writing to Santa, cookie decorating, visits with Santa and much more.

### Golden Hour Party

The Wayne Golden Hour Christmas Party will be held at the Wayne Community Center at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 20 with a Punch reception. Lunch will be served at noon. Tickets can be purchased for \$12 at the Wayne Community Center.

### Bell Ringing

The Salvation Army Bell ringers are out in force this holiday season. The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army is hoping to raise \$200,000 with their red kettle campaign this year.

In Wayne you can help fill their red kettles at the Kroger at Michigan Avenue and Elizabeth, Northside True Value on Glenwood, Uncle Joe's Market at Merriman and Van Born and Walgreens at Michigan Avenue and Venoy. Please give what you can.

Last year they raised \$185,000 in donations and helped 522 families-1921 people in all- with food and gifts for Christmas.

If you are looking for other ways to help you can donate a new toy, sponsor a family for Christmas or send a cash or check donation to 2300 S. Venoy, Westland, MI 48186.

They are estimating they will register more than 600 families who need help this year. For more information on how to help the Salvation Army, please call 734-722-3660.

### Helping feed needy families

A few local community members have taken it upon themselves to make sure needy families in Wayne have a Christmas dinner. Last year they provided eight families with a complete pre-cooked turkey dinner from Kroger. This year they want to help 20 families and they need your help.

The cost of a complete dinner is \$49.99. They are asking for people to share whatever they can to help make it a better holiday for others in this community.

They are accepting monetary donations for the dinners at ICON Computer Solutions, 35858 Michigan Avenue in Wayne. For more information, please call ICON at 734-729-4266.

Volunteers will pick up and drop off the dinners to the families just in time for Christmas. All money collected will go directly to purchasing dinners for local Wayne families.

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# Holiday traditions

As the Christmas Holiday approaches, we all begin preparations to decorate, shop, bake, cook and most of all, celebrate the season. We all celebrate in much the same way but each of us has our own special traditions that make our personal celebrations special. Many of these special traditions are part of our childhood and the childhoods of our parents and their parents before them. We carry on these traditions and pass them along to our children. But where do these traditions and customs come from?

All of the early settlers and immigrants who came to this country long ago seeking freedom and a new life, brought with them the customs and traditions of the country they came from. That includes their ways of celebrating the seasons, their religion, their life events (birth, marriage death) and the holidays. As years passed in this melting pot of a nation, many of these customs and traditions were shared among the cultures until today our customs and traditions are a mixture of many of the European, Middle Eastern, Asian, etc. countries from where our people came.

We have St. Nicholas, Father Christmas, and Santa Claus among the many names for a jolly old man who brings presents to children. We have fir trees from Germany that long ago were decorated with fruit, flowers, candy, candles and colored paper. They are called Christmas trees today and are decorated with a wide variety of ornaments made of many different materials, blinking

## Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley



lights, angels, stars and many other items too numerous to name. We all have our favorite tree decoration that must go on our tree. It might be an angel on the top, a handmade ornament made by a child who is now grown or a special ornament passed down from generations past.

Mistletoe, which was long ago used by druid priests in winter celebrations and by ancient Celts for healing purposes, was also used in the Scandinavian countries to decorate at Christmas time. They believed that those who kissed under the mistletoe would receive happiness and luck throughout the year.

Holly was placed over the door of a home to drive away evil. The poinsettia plant came from Mexico and the candy cane from Europe. Stockings have long been hung from fireplaces where they wait to be filled with toys and goodies.

Special foods and treats that relate to the holidays and are often only prepared once a year, fill our tables and are enjoyed by family and friends, young and old.

All of these traditions and customs from all over the world have been woven into the celebration of the holidays of the people in our community. There are some special



Former Police Chief Ed Yester painted Christmas pictures and messages on the windows of our old police station on Sims Street. Photo Courtesy of The Wayne Historical Museum

ways in which we celebrated in years past. In the fifties through the mid sixties children were delighted by Santa Land in downtown Wayne. It was sponsored by local service clubs and located in the park next to the Methodist Church. (At times it was set up behind the old city hall on Sims Street in what is now Goudy Park.) Santa Land opened a few weeks before Christmas and consisted of displays, cut out characters, small buildings and houses and even an igloo. Santa Claus arrived in a Christmas Parade and children would line up to visit him and make requests for Christmas presents. One building housed small farm animals and one had displays from local businesses with goods you could purchase. Some booths offered food and hot chocolate for families to buy. Santa Land was open during the late afternoon and evening hours during the week and all day on Saturday. The fire department was always on hand to run the generator that powered the flood lights and Christmas lights so that people could enjoy the festivities. Many families made it a tradition to

visit Santa Land during the holidays. At the end of the first week in January, Santa Land was taken down and stored at Wayne's DPW. In 1966 the DPW building caught fire and Santa Land was destroyed. That ended a tradition enjoyed by our community for years.

Another tradition in our community was the cut out Christmas scenes and painted windows people admired during the holidays long ago. These scenes and paintings were popular in the forties and fifties. The man responsible for this was our Police Chief Ed Yester. He not only protected our town but was also an artist who painted beautiful Christmas pictures on the windows of our old police station on Sims Street and other city buildings. He also designed, cut and painted the Christmas scenes, including the manger, scattered throughout town. Chief Yester also did all the lettering on city and police vehicles during this time.

For a number of years the Wayne Garden Club has made it a tradition to decorate our Historical Museum for the holidays. The City has a traditional tree lighting ceremony each year to light the beautifully decorated tree in front of the museum. Our light poles that line our main streets display our holiday banners each year to proclaim the holiday season. These are just a few of the traditions in our community today.

As you prepare for the holidays, take a moment to think about your family traditions and how much they add to the joy of the season. It's a great time to enjoy the traditions of our community too. Happy holidays to you and yours! Thank you to Historical Museum Manager Richard Story for his help with material and pictures for this article.



Wayne families spent many years enjoying the Santa Land festivities in town. Photo Courtesy of The Wayne Historical Museum



**Shopping, Continued page 3****Platinum Tanning**

Give the gift of sunshine at Platinum Tanning, 35501 Michigan Avenue. They are offering Christmas gift bags starting at \$10 and a \$9.99 tanning package. They also have Mystic Tanning.

**Tried and True**

If you are looking for a great bargain, check out Tried and True Thrift Store, 35004 W. Michigan Avenue. They have gently used clothes, furniture, house wares, books, cds, toys and games for the whole family. Their prices are unbeatable.

**In Focus Eyecare**

In addition to comprehensive eye exams, contact lenses and glasses, In Focus Eyecare, 35119 E. Michigan Avenue, has a variety of accessories for the eyeglass or contact wearer in your family. These are just a few places in Wayne that can help you with your holiday shopping. There are many more who are waiting to offer great deals and fantastic customer service. All you have to do is stop in and see them today!



Even Santa thinks the Aquatic Area at the Wayne Community Center is the best. Why not give the gift of health this holiday? Memberships at the Wayne Community Center are available for as low as \$12 a month. This includes an indoor track, indoor aquatic center, cardio and weight machines and dry and wet saunas. Even Santa works out there.

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## Do you know this person?

The Wayne Police need your help. They are seeking information about a string of burglaries that have occurred over the past several months at local Wayne businesses. Police believe the same suspect is involved in each crime.

They are looking for a black male approximately 20-25 years old. He appears to be about 5'7" and 160 lbs. with a mustache and goatee.

If anyone has information about these crimes or can identify the subject in the photograph, please contact Detective Kevin Schmidtke at the Wayne Police Department (734) 721-1414 extension 1509.

Several local business have put together a reward for information



leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect.

## Parks and Rec receives physical education and health grant

By Jenny Johnson

The Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with Bright Futures of Eastern Michigan University to secure a \$95,000 grant to help enhance the physical education and health of K-6 grade students in the Wayne-Westland School District.

The grant is provided from Michigan Department of Community Health and is geared to combat childhood obesity. The parks and recreation department is one of 10 agencies to receive funding.

The programs will begin in January. The grant will provide about 660 students with the opportunity to participate in after school programs at Taft-Galloway, Hamilton, Elliott and Hicks Elementary Schools and Marshall Upper Elementary School.

It will also help enhance the healthy eating and nutrition education program for the Summer Day Camp program at the Wayne Community Center. There are also funds that will provide for an additional Community Garden next to the for-

"This truly is a great grant to be able to assist us."

**Nathan Adams**

mer Lincoln Elementary School in Westland. There is currently one community garden on Michigan Avenue in Wayne.

Students in the after school programs will be able to participate in the community gardens and visit the Wayne and Westland Farmers Markets.

There will also be a Family Health Expo in August for families in the Wayne-Westland School District with free blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol screenings.

Environmental enhancements include installing wood fibers at the Attwood Park Playscape and improvements to the Attwood Soccer Fields in Wayne.

"This truly is a great grant to be able to assist us," said Nathan Adams, Wayne Westland Parks and Recreation Director.



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As a reward for my team winning a challenge on the NBC show Biggest Loser, I had earned the right to video-chat with my family. Within seconds of winning, however, there was an interesting development. My friend Mark, who was also on the winning team, told Alison Sweeney that he needed his whole family together. Chism, who was on the losing team, needed to be on that call with him. Alison informed him that he could give it away, but the two of them could not chat with the family together. Being a selfless person, Mark immediately gave his rights away to his son. The spirit of giving began.

Almost immediately I was struck with a thought from within. I felt like I needed to give away my video-chat to Mark, so his family could be complete. I knew that within a week, I would be traveling home to greet my newborn son. It would be painful to wait because I hadn't spoken to my family in over a month, but I could make it. I gave my video-chat to Mark.



Buddy with Biggest Loser winner Jeremy Britt and Mark Cornelison.



This spirit of giving gave life to our friendship. It was also contagious within our community. Our team learned how to lean on each other. When one person was down, they received encouragement from those who were up. No matter which position you found yourself in, it was all good because you knew you were covered.

I found myself on the needy side many times. Because of the stress fracture to my tibia, I needed constant encouragement. Mark helped me move a spin bike into our room so I could do extra workouts. The spirit of giving didn't end when the show ended.

Jeremy Britt won the title of Biggest Loser, Season 13. What's the first thing he did when he received his \$250,000? He purchased a mini-van for my family! On one of our numerous walks off-camera, I had shared with him that our van was approaching 200,000 miles and that I'd be looking for a replacement when I got home. Out of his own pocket he decided to provide that gift for us!

It's my turn to give again. I'd like to offer my experiences from the show to the residents of Wayne and Westland. In January, I will be leading a program called "Buddy Up." In it, I will be offering nutrition and exercise tips that I learned from experts on the show. Looking to lose weight or just get healthier? Tune in next month and I will release details to this free program. In January's edition, you'll discover there's more to the story...

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## State Wayne welcomes the digital age to town

By Jenny Johnson

It's official. The newly renovated State Wayne Phoenix Theatres is ready for business. The landmark holds special memories for thousands of local moviegoers. From black and white movies to newly released blockbusters to live stage performances, State Wayne has been a mecca for entertainment in the metro Detroit area for more than 60 years.

While still owned by the City of Wayne, Phoenix Theatres has taken over the daily operation of the theater and spearheaded updates including new Christie Digital Projectors with 3D capability and Dolby 7.1 Digital Sound, new screens, new concessions and an updated lobby.

Their grand re-opening celebration began with a Twilight Breaking Dawn 2 movie marathon. State Wayne Phoenix Theaters held a film-cutting ceremony to commemorate the new updates and the addition of Phoenix Theaters taking over management of the State Wayne.



The ceremony was held after the annual Rotary Christmas Parade. Santa greeted children and after they were treated to a free 3D movie. Members of the business community were given a sneak peak of the up-

dates when the theater hosted a monthly Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Even with the new technology upgrades, State Wayne still has its old world charm. Puff the Magic Dragon

still presides over Stage IV of the theater and the famous marquee, with more than 1,000 lights, is once again shining brightly with 536 lights being replaced.

Phoenix Theatres has not made any changes to the hand-painted murals in the lobby or the mural on the side of the building that depicts the history of Wayne.

New to State Wayne Phoenix Theaters is the availability of online movie tickets. They are available at [www.Movietickets.com](http://www.Movietickets.com) and [www.Phoenixmovies.net](http://www.Phoenixmovies.net).

City Manager Robert English said the new State Wayne Phoenix Theatres had its biggest weekend on Nov. 17 since the city has owned the theater. By 12 p.m. on the day of the parade, the theater had set the record in revenue and public using the theater.

Phoenix Theatres opened its first Detroit-area theater in 2001 and currently operates an additional 10 screens at Laurel Park Place in Livonia and eight screens at the Mall of Monroe in Monroe.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Passport applications available at Fire Dept.

The Wayne-Westland Fire Department has been certified by the State Department and will now be able to process U.S. Passports. The Fire Dept. will accept passport applications from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Fees are \$110 per application; \$25 execution fee; \$15 passport photo, if purchased at the fire dept. Two separate checks will be required, one to the Department of State for the application fee and the other for the execution fee.

There are additional fees for overnight delivery and expedited service.

Please visit [www.travelstate.gov](http://www.travelstate.gov) for qualifying information, fees and photo requirements.

### Energy program offered

How efficient is your home? Wayne residents have the opportunity to participate in a new energy program from Better Buildings for Michigan. City Manager Robert English said for a reduced fee of \$100 residents can get a comprehensive energy audit on their home. The cost is usually more than \$300.

Homeowners will get a full report on their home, free energy-saving devices like a low-flow shower head, CFL lightbulbs and a programmable thermostat.

If they act on the report's recommendations, they will be eligible for up to \$3,000 in rebates or can choose financing as low as 0% APR for two years on larger projects. For more information, or to schedule an audit, call Sheila Vanfield at 313-



### Grand Re-opening

Advanced Mobility Outfitters has been in business in Wayne for close to 30 years. Last month they moved to a location on eastbound Michigan Avenue across from Mark Chevrolet. They sell new and used handicapped accessible vans and can convert current vans, mini and full size to be handicapped accessible.

451-0380 or [www.mihomeenergy.org](http://www.mihomeenergy.org).

The goal of this program is to help residents stop paying and start saving.

### Oakwood Annapolis emergency renovation

Phase one of the renovation and expansion of the emergency department at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital is complete. Staff, patients and visitors will notice more space and increased efficiency.

The \$4 million project is the largest investment in the ER since the hospital opened in 1957. It included a 1,500 square foot addition and a renovation of the existing 11,000 square foot department, an increase in bed capacity, an improve-

ment in the design of patient flow, increased patient privacy and enhanced geriatric care safety.

The first phase took about one year to complete and the entire project should be done by June 2013.

"Our goal is to ensure that patients are seen earlier by an attending physician, which will result in earlier treatment, earlier relief of symptoms, earlier test results, and ultimately a shorter stay in the ED," said Eric W. Widner, Division President of Oakwood Annapolis Hospital.

### New Church

The Cornerstone Baptist Church is the newest church to join the Wayne community. They are located at 3 Town Square inside the First United Methodist Church.

They were formerly in Canton for eight years but moved to Wayne in July. They have services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. on Wednesday. On the third Sunday of the month they have a pot luck lunch after church. Pastor Jeffrey Glass welcomes you to visit.

### Senator Hopgood protects children

State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood is urging the passage of the "Children's Protection Act." The legislation would place severe restrictions on parental rights of sex offenders, allowing judges to grant custody only if there is no determinable risk to the child.

"The Children's Protection Act would ensure the safety of Michigan's children by preventing them from falling into the care of parents who have known records of sexual predation against children," said Senator Hopgood. "I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to quickly enact this legislation."

Under current Michigan law, children can still be placed in the custody of the most egregious child sex offenders.

### English honored

City Manager Robert English received an award from the International City/County Management Association to honor his 29 years of service to local government.

I have the honor to present you this," said Mayor Al Haidous. "You've made a significant contribution and achievement. You did a good job and deserve it."

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# Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Merry Christmas---It's that time again. St. Mary Outreach Center needs your help. If you can make a food (especially turkeys of any size) or cash donation, it can be dropped off at the Outreach Center at Sims and Second. Checks can be mailed to 34646 Sims, Wayne 48184. Along with gifts of food, personal care items, diapers and wipes are needed.

Judy Wells, the Director of the Center, plus her merry band of dedicated workers would like to thank the following donors---Wayne Rotary; Local 182, Ford Retirees; Local 900; Wayne-Westland Schools; Wayne 100 Club; many anonymous donors and area churches.

If you doubt the work of the Outreach Center, listen to this. Last year they served 3,700 families and gave out 277,000 pounds of food.

Another story about giving---this one just a little different. Each year Marshall Upper Elementary and Adams Upper Elementary schools have a contest to see which school can collect 5,000 lbs of food for those in need. This year Marshall lost to Adams.

So, I'm told that Marshall's Prin-

## Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



cipals, Mr. Kelly and Ms. Kaminski, will have to wear chicken suits. On the other hand, the principals from Adams, Mr. Besek and Mr. Caesar, will be laughing discreetly behind their hands and hoping that they're never on the losing team. Kelly and Kaminski---very good sports.

Much, if not all of the food collected will be taken by Brian Suyak to St. Matthew Church in Westland.

From Cathy Lutkenhoff at the Wayne Westland Fire Dept. Citizens interested in getting a passport can visit the US Dept of State, Bureau of Consulate Affairs at [www.Travel-State.gov](http://www.Travel-State.gov) for qualifying information, fees, and photo requirements. Then call the Fire Dept. for an appointment to begin the process. They will accept passport applications from 9:30am to 2:30pm. Their fees will

be the same as those set by the State Dept. \$110.00 per application---\$25.00 execution fee---\$15.00 passport photo (if purchased at the Fire Dept.)---overnight delivery and expedited service are \$18.95 to agency and \$12.72 for return mailing. Two separate checks are needed, one to the Dept. of State and the other for the execution fee. Questions? Call Cathy at (734) 722-1111.

"Life is like a cup of tea, it's all in how you make it." An Irish Proverb.

The Ladies Literary Club learned all about tea at November's meeting. Our teacher, Vicky O'Neil, owner of Victoria's Tea Salon, presented an interesting and informative evening. She brought a selection of teas for us to drink along with delicious scones, clotted cream and lemon curd.

She not only gave us information about different teas, but also about Edwardian times when tea shops first opened.

Although afternoon tea has been in decline since WW11, afternoon tea is still observed. It is the fancy tea with delicate sandwiches and sweets. High tea is served as an evening meal, because it's more substantial, with hot dishes.

Carolyn Reynolds was our hostess for the evening and those attending were: Bev Woodard, Sue Damitio, Darlene Hawley, Carol Weyand, Phyllis Stein, Sue Hawley, Kathy Kovelleski, Jane Elery, Betty Livingston, Phyllis Trussler, Judy Nutt, Jan Teague, Elaine Pittman, Marge Bergman, Carol Cochrum, and Donna Edwards.

If you'd like to know "All About Tea", Vicky O'Neil will be at our library on January 30, bringing all

her knowledge of tea. Everyone who attends will enjoy samples of tea and dessert. There's a \$1.00 charge for the program, but the yummy scones are worth the price.

This month, the Wayne Library will ring in the Holiday Season with a performance by the Detroit Handball Ensemble. They are highly regarded for their creativity and artistic expression. The whole family will enjoy this program. Mark your calendar for Dec. 11, at 7:00 p.m.

Although Garden Club's Garden Walk is quite a few months in the future, we are working on a Club Cookbook to be sold at the same time. To be truthful, I shouldn't be with this group of wonderful cooks (my favorite recipe is calling for take-out Chinese).

The ladies that your humble writer is allowed to hang out with are: Alicia Marnon, Darlene Hawley, Jo Ann Hanson, Rita Mach, Diana Mach, and Leora Smith. Their recipes are to die for.

So watch for the Garden Club Cookbook, coming to your neighborhood in 2013.

Jo Ann Biondi was in a car accident recently. She's home from the hospital and doing some rehab, but generally sounds very good and happy to be home. Jo Ann is a contributor of many delicious recipes for the Garden Club Cookbook---but we're just happy to know she's mending, and is out and about.

Have a Happy Holiday---and in the words of Tiny Tim, "God Bless Us Everyone."

## Michigan Assembly Plant adds vehicle to the line

The Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne has made history with the launch of the new C-MAX Energi plug-in hybrid vehicle. This will be the fifth body style built on two platforms at the plant. They also build a gasoline-powered Focus and Focus ST, an electric Focus and a C-Max Hybrid.

MAP is now the only plant in the world to build gas-powered, hybrid, plug-in hybrid and electric cars all on the same line.

"The transformation of this plant is proof of how our One Ford plan has transformed our products, giving our customers industry-leading choices for hybrids, plug-ins, electrics and EcoBoost-powered vehicles," said Jim Tetreault, Ford Vice President of North America Manufacturing.

## Ford Stamping Plant expansion

Ford Motor Company is expanding the Wayne Stamping Plant at the Michigan Assembly Plant. The facility on Van Born will get a 78,000 square foot addition on the southeast corner of the building.

The addition will include an additional stamping line and a materials handling area.

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# Lend a helping hand this holiday season

By Jenny Johnson

The holiday season is a great chance to enjoy family and friends, enjoy delicious food and to remember those in our community who are in need of a helping hand. There are several organizations that work very hard to make sure our neighbors have the help they need during the holiday season. They would welcome your support and help.

## Warming Center

Full Gospel Temple has a warming center that is open from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. January through March. They offer a hot meal, shower, clothing and food pantry. Their soup kitchen is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. They are currently in need of blankets and men's socks.

Last year, the mission served 5,941 meals in the soup kitchen and provided for more than 100 people in the Warming Center. The food pantry fed 13,240 people and another 3,985 people received clothing.

People interested in helping can send donations to the Lighthouse Home Missions, 34033 Palmer Rd., Westland MI 48186. Or call 734-326-3333.

## Food Pantry

The John C. Bolde Depot is located at the corner of Sims and Second in Wayne and is part of St. Mary Outreach Center. They have a food pantry and a clothing bank and are always looking for generous donations. They accept gently used clothes for their clothes closet, new personal hygiene items, canned food



Journey Community Church Pastors Mike Majeski and Buddy Shuh delivered clothes to St. Mary Outreach Center.

and monetary donations. The food is distributed to local families in need. If you would like to help you can contact them at [outreach@stmarywayne.org](mailto:outreach@stmarywayne.org) or 734-326-2234.

The First United Methodist Church also has a food pantry for Wayne and Westland residents. They work with other area churches to help provide food to those in need. For more information, call 734-721-4801.

## Goodfellows

The Wayne Goodfellows is committed to No Child Without A Christmas. They raise money all year long to be able to provide children and seniors with holiday help. They are having their annual fundraising party on Dec. 7. For more information on how to apply for help visit [www.waynegoodfellows.org](http://www.waynegoodfellows.org).

## Church outreach

Four times a year Journey Community Church in Westland supports St. Mary Outreach Center with a food drive and monetary donation.

This holiday season they are also participating in Adopt-a-Family at First Step in Wayne. First Step helps people who have been involved in domestic violence and sexual crimes. Their congregation will be adopting several families and providing them with gift cards for their holiday shopping.

In addition to their holiday outreach programs, Journey also supports AAA Pregnancy Center in Livonia, Women of Hope and supports one child through Compassion International and three children in the Dominican Republic through Vision Trust.

Journey is a bible believing Christian church. They meet from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland.

## Clothing closet

Crosspointe Community Church, 36125 Glenwood, has a clothing distribution ministry that is open to the public from 7-8 p.m. on Wednesdays. They have clothes from newborn to adult.

## Food baskets

The First Congregational Church of Wayne packs food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas for needy families. They donate them to families in the Wayne-Westland School District. This year they packed 100 baskets for Thanksgiving and will do 100 more for Christmas. If you would like to make a donation, or help pack baskets, please contact the church at 734-729-7550.

## Toys for Tots

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## Fire Dept. receives grant

Fire Chief Michael Reddy announced the Wayne-Westland Fire Department received a \$791,787 grant from the Competitive Grant Assistance Program, formerly known as the EVIP.

This award from the Governor's office will make it possible for the department to continue merging the two fire departments. The money will be used for a feasibility study, equipment, transitioning name changes on all fire stations and other facilities, merging all operating systems under the direction of one IT department, training for personnel on all apparatus, systems, policies and directives and operational equipment like fire hoses, stretchers, air tanks and uniforms.

"We have started receiving bids for air tanks, stretchers, clothing and everything that will combine our two cities together," Reddy said. "No

matter which city you are in there will be common equipment."

Councilman Skip Monit asked about the terms of the grant.

This is a reimbursable grant. Once the funds are spent, the state will reimburse within 30 days. The initial funds will come from the City of Westland's budget.

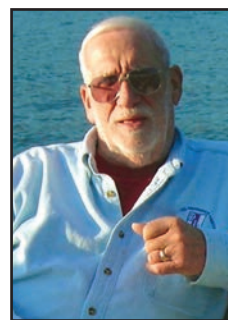
"We are using Westland as the face of it. You have to have the money up front. Westland will make the purchases and get reimbursed," Reddy said. Reddy also said the department is still planning on doing the feasibility study.

City Manager Robert English said, "We are working on selecting a vendor for the study." He said he and Westland Mayor William Wild discussed setting up a subcommittee to help us choose a vendor or have a joint meeting with both councils present.

## OBITUARY

### Gerald Dennis "Jerry" Steinhauer

Age 72, died peacefully at home surrounded by family on Thursday, November 15, 2012 after battling Parkinson's Disease for many years. He was born on April 21, 1940 in Wayne, MI, the son of Lawrence and Lillian (Avery) Steinhauer. Jerry was raised in Wayne and



attending sporting events of his children and his grandchildren.

Jerry had an ardent interest in Native American culture and artifacts and travelled the western United States extensively with Judi. They took each of the grandchildren on a special trip to Yellowstone

and the Tetons where they went on guided tours, river rafting, and were sometimes chased by buffalo. After every trip, GaGa (Grandpa Jerry) handwrote an album for the grandchild, a memento that is cherished by each.

On January 8, 1960, he married Judith Bogetta and she survives. Jerry began his 50-year career at Steinhauer Insurance Agency and was subsequently a founding partner of Professional Insurance Associates. He was a member of the Wayne Rotary Club for 40 years and served on the board of the Oakwood Foundation. Jerry and Judi were renowned for great entertaining at their home on Sugarloaf Lake and are remembered for hosting children's visits with Santa Claus and countless holiday and lake parties. Jerry was an accomplished boat driver for competitive water ski tournaments. He enjoyed golfing with his friends and his four sons and loved

and the Tetons where they went on guided tours, river rafting, and were sometimes chased by buffalo. After every trip, GaGa (Grandpa Jerry) handwrote an album for the grandchild, a memento that is cherished by each.

In addition to his wife, Judi, Jerry is survived by his five children: Philip (Kirstin), Krystn (Robert), Martin (Nancy), David (Kelly), and Matthew (Anne), and his grandchildren: Tyler, Troy, Alexander, Claire, Jacob, Michael, Collin, Eric, and Mia. A Memorial Service was held on Friday, November 23, 2012 at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, Rotary International, or Chelsea Athletics.



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