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2012: A year full of challenges and change

By Jenny Johnson

It was a year filled with challenges and change. The past 12 months have been busy ones in Wayne. The city council and administration sought ways to continue to offer services to residents while facing a decline in revenue.

City

The economic climate initiated conversations between the cities of Wayne and Westland. City Manager Robert English and Westland Mayor William R. Wild proposed two new ventures to help both cities thrive. The Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department was launched on July 1 when the Bailey Center in Westland closed and all recreation programs for both cities were moved to the Wayne Community Center.

Now Wayne and Westland residents get resident rates at all parks and recreation events and activities in Wayne and at the Westland Municipal Golf course and Mike Modano Ice Rink in Westland.

After a year without water, the Wayne Aquatic Center reopened in February. The addition of the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department makes it possible for Wayne and Westland residents to swim laps, attend open swim and take swim lessons and water fitness classes.

The two cities have also forged new ground with the merger of their fire departments. The Wayne-Westland Fire Department was recognized by the state in August when Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley visited the new Fire Administration building located at the Wayne Fire Dept. Former Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy now heads the combined department. With the full support of both unions and city councils, the department is operating as one.

The Wayne Historical Museum had new windows installed thanks to generous residents who pitched in to donate the \$20,000 needed to replace the original windows.

Elizabeth Street also got an update. Pavement was removed and replaced between Michigan Avenue westbound and Glenwood. Repair work was completed on the bridge



The Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Dept. offers resident rates to Wayne and Westland residents at the Aquatic Center.



Many dedicated volunteers made a difference during Rouge River Clean Up Day.

and a bike lane was added to both sides of Elizabeth.

Mayor Pro Tem Donna McEachern retired after serving more than 25 years on city council. James Hawley filled her position.

The Rouge River dam, under Wayne Road, was removed this fall. The dam, which is owned by Wayne County, was originally built in the early 1900s for water supply and firefighting. But once the community began getting their water supply from Detroit Water in the 1930s, it became obsolete. A grant provided the funding to remove the dam and

the in-stream island. This will make it possible for more recreational opportunities on the Rouge River and will improve water quality and help to attract fish.

Phoenix Theaters came to Wayne in 2012. They took over management of the State Wayne Theater and, in November, premiered a renovated facility with digital movies, Dolby surround sound, new paint, carpet and an updated concession stand. They offer first run movies at affordable prices.

The city installed a skate/bike park on one of the tennis courts at

Attwood Park in July. It is open seasonally from 12-7 p.m.

People

The Biggest Loser provided us the chance to get to know Buddy Shuh. The Wayne resident was a contestant on the show and lost more than 100 lbs. Since he has returned home to Wayne he has been committed to helping his community and has been present at many charitable events throughout the city. We are also proud to have him as one of our contributing columnist with There's More to the Story. Buddy also launched a new health and fitness program called Buddy Up this month. (See his column for details.)

Another Wayne resident got some time on national television. Daron Cruickshank appeared on "The Ultimate Fighter 15" on FX. The show featured lightweight fighters who competed in live elimination round fights.

Nate Weiser, a Pearl Harbor survivor, was the grand marshal at the Memorial Day Parade. After the parade he raised a flag on Greater Than Dreams Church.

Gone but not forgotten

The city lost some dear friends. Robert Boyles, a long time volunteer died in March. But his spirit of giving lives on. In his will he left generous gifts to the police and fire departments. The fire department was able to purchase a lift mechanism to make it easier to get patients in and out of the ambulances.

We also lost Murray Millar who was also a long-time Wayne resident and dedicated member of the Wayne Rotary Club.

Master Eric Rose from Kicks Tae Kwon Do was lost in a swimming accident. The son of Ron and Chris Rose, he touched the lives of many students at Kicks.

Wayne business owner Jack Russo also passed away in 2012. He owned Wayne Industries since 1989. He was well known for his charitable nature.

Professional Insurance Associates lost two family members re-

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cently. Gerald Steinhauer passed away in November after a battle with Parkinson's disease. His son, Philip, passed away suddenly on Dec. 28.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the friends and family who are remembering and missing their loved ones.

Business

Oakwood Annapolis Hospital grew this year. They renovated their emergency room by adding a 1536 sq. ft. addition and making separate entrances for ambulances and pedestrians. The hospital also added a six-bed inpatient hospice and palliative care unit to serve end of life patients. Oakwood Annapolis also earned a Level III Trauma Center distinction.

O'Reilly Auto Parts opened in June. They are located on eastbound Michigan Avenue by Goody's Pet Supply. We were sad to see William C. Franks Furniture close but we are thankful for their decades of service to the community. Paul Franks retired and closed the business two years after the explosion that killed two employees- Leslie Machniak and Jim Zell- and injured Franks. The report from the state utility regulators has not been released yet and Consumers Energy could not determine a cause for the explosion.

The Michigan Assembly Plant was named 2012 Plant of the Year by ASSEMBLY Magazine. They were recognized for their flexible, green manufacturing capabilities.

Other businesses that made the decision to expand, relocate or make renovations this year are Advanced Mobility Outfitters, PNC Bank, Warriors 3 Comics and Games and Wayne Family Dental.



Lt. Governor Brian Calley met with Westland Mayor William R. Wild and Wayne Mayor Al Haidous to recognize the combined Wayne-Westland Fire Department. The Class of 2012 earned a record amount of scholarships. Paul Franks decided to retire and closed William C. Franks Furniture Store. Buddy Shuh and his brother Ben participated in The Biggest Loser. The Parks and Recreation Department opened a new skate park and brought the Kelly Miller Circus to town. Nate Weiser served as Grand Marshall of the Memorial Day Parade.

Events

The City of Wayne was one of the cities chosen to participate in the DIA Inside Out program. Several reproductions of the museum's most famous pieces were on display at the

Library, Historical Museum, Goudy Park, State Wayne Theater, Dorsey Business School and GI Surplus from April to June.

Because of the hard work of The Ripple Effect volunteers, Wayne was

selected to participate in the Michigan Main Street Associate Level program. This means Ripple Effect members will receive training and tips on how to help revitalize the downtown area. Wayne was the only city in the metro Detroit area to be chosen for the program last year.

Summer was a busy time in Wayne. The annual Sidewalk Sales had great deals. Cruisin Michigan Avenue filled the streets and parking lots in Wayne with cool cars. The Wayne Historical Museum hosted their annual Ice Cream Social. Michigan's Longest Garage Sale made a stop in Wayne.

Wayne was one of the hosts of the Wayne County Senior Olympics this summer.

Wayne residents were amazed when elephants in Attwood Park raised the big top. The Kelly Miller Circus came to town and delighted all with their entertaining performances.

Wayne was one of five communities selected to have a free performance by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in September. The concert was held at Stockmeyer Auditorium.

The scarecrows were back in town this fall thanks to the coordinating efforts of The Wayne Ripple Effect and Parks and Recreation Department.

Greater Than Dreams Church joined over 100 volunteers from Ekklesia Church for one of their First Serve Sunday projects. They helped re-stain the playscape at Attwood Park.

Schools

In school news the Class of 2012

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History of Railroads in Wayne

Trains do not seem to play a very large part in our lives today. We hear them as their diesel engines roar and their whistles blow as they travel through Wayne during the day and night hours. We stop and wait at railroad crossings for trains to pass when the lights blink and the guard rails drop. Sometimes the train moves quickly and picks up speed and we only wait for minutes. Often, when we are in a hurry, the train travels slowly and eventually stops on the tracks and you know you could be in for a long wait. You watch the train cars and notice they are carrying coal, automobiles, chemicals, grain, lumber and other products. If you are in the right spot and on the right tracks you will see a train carrying people as it travels from Detroit westward to Chicago. It does not stop in Wayne. But years ago trains stopped in Wayne. Lots of trains, carrying lots of people. It was the way to travel.

Before railroads came along, travel in early America was challenging, difficult and slow. The first pioneers and early settlers walked or rode horses to get to the nearest village or visit their neighbors. If they were lucky, they had a wagon which would provide transportation in and around their community. For greater distances people often used steamboats and rode the extensive waterways of our country. But the development of railroads provided the opportunity for an explosion of movement of people and goods across the land which opened up mid America and the vast western parts of our country. In the 1860's work was underway to build the transcontinental railroad. This un-

Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley



dertaking was encouraged by Abraham Lincoln and completed four years after his death. The opening of this railroad system revolutionized the population and the economy of America.

The railroad came to Wayne long before we were a village. The Detroit and St. Joseph Railroad was chartered on June 29, 1832. Stock was sold to finance the building and by November, 1836, the road had been "grubbed" or laid out, from Detroit to Ypsilanti. Purchase of the railroad was then authorized by an Act of Congress on March 20, 1837. It was taken over by the government and the name was changed to Michigan Central. The first trip through Wayne from Detroit to Ypsilanti was made February 3, 1838. The fare was \$1.50. Although the first trip took longer, it was soon being made regularly in about an hour and forty five minutes. About a year after the first trip, a regular schedule of two daily trips was initiated. Trains left Detroit at 6 a.m. and 2 p.m. for Ypsilanti and return trips left Ypsilanti for Detroit at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The Michigan Central called our rail stop "Wayne" and some say the MCR wanted to honor General Anthony Wayne, who served at Valley Forge with George Washington and raised the first American flag over Detroit in 1796. It is also believed Wayne

County was named after General Wayne.

The train depot was located between the Michigan Central tracks at Monroe Street (now Wayne Rd.) where it remained for years. It was also the residence of the station agent Harvey S. Coleburn who was the agent for 44 years. (He was the great uncle of our Museum Director Richard Story) He and his wife were once shaken up when an engine left the tracks and plowed into the station house. This depot was an interesting building. The roof on the north side extended two or three feet and was supported by iron swans. The depot was later moved to the south side of the tracks and the freight house was moved to the north side of the tracks just east of Sophia (Elizabeth) Street where Charles Attwood purchased property to enlarge his business the Unistrut Company. In time, the south depot was torn down and the freight house became the depot with trains making stops until 1958 when the depot became a freight house and a station for the gandy dancers and engineers working the railroad. This building remained on this site until the late 1980's when it was demolished. The iron swans were stolen when the building was razed. The Michigan Central made several name changes over the years. In 1930 it became the New York Central and in 1968 it was changed to Penn Central.

The Holly, Wayne and Monroe Railroad came through Wayne in April of 1871 two years after the Village of Wayne was incorporated. It ran north and south and crossed the Michigan Central tracks. It was completed as far as Plymouth and on

April 26 the first shipment of freight was sent from Wayne to Plymouth. In November, the railroad was completed to Northville. It then became part of the Flint & Pere Railroad. This new railroad, which connected to the Michigan Central, made it easier for our townspeople to travel north to Plymouth and Northville and south to Monroe. It also brought new importance to our community as Detroit residents would ride to Wayne on the Michigan Central and then change to the Flint & Pere to travel north or south. Hotels and restaurants sprung up where the tracks met to service travelers. The railroads brought work to our community in many ways, including local blacksmiths repairing tracks and train equipment and farmers delivering wood to the rail head for fuel for the trains. The Flint & Pere Railroad would change its name in later years to the Baltimore & Ohio (B&O) and then the C&O. Today we know it as the CSX. As these trains pulled in to Wayne's station the conductor rang a large hand bell to announce to the community and passengers that the train had arrived. At night he would carry a kerosene lantern to light the way as passengers departed or boarded the train.

But within a few years the automobile was invented and that was the beginning of a change for railroads. With automobiles and trucks came the interstate highway system and then airplanes and commercial aviation. Passenger trains began to disappear. In their place came the freight trains that carry goods to every corner of our country helping to make the lives of all Americans better.

We may not travel by train as readily as generations before us but we depend on rail transportation to transport goods. This keeps our country's industries running so that we might enjoy the comforts of life. Trains make our life better. That means being a little more patient as we sit and wait for a train to go by or unload or reload or change tracks.

Thanks to Richard Story for his help with information for this article. Some information was taken from the Wayne, Michigan Centennial Book written in 1969.



The Wayne passenger Depot at Monroe Street (now Wayne Road) in 1909. Photo Courtesy of The Wayne Historical Museum

Paul Franks retires

At their Dec. meeting the City Council presented Paul Franks with a resolution thanking him for his years of dedication to the Wayne business community.

The Franks family has owned and operated William C. Franks Furniture in Wayne for more than 50 years. After an explosion in Dec. 2010 that leveled the building, killed two employees and severely injured Franks, the store was relocated to their warehouse facility.

Franks decided to retire and close the store at the end of December.

Mayor Pro Tem Pam Dobrowolski said, "You will be very missed. You are a part of Wayne. I think almost every home in Wayne has a piece of your furniture."

Upon receiving his recognition Franks said, "It is an honor. I want to thank the City of Wayne and all of our customers and friends who trusted in us for 50 years. I have many fond memories. I owe so much to my parents whose hard work



Councilman John Rhaesa presented Paul Franks with a plaque to recognize his years of service.

made a strong foundation to our businesses."

Franks said when tragedy struck two years ago, his daughter Stephanie and her husband kept the store going while he was recovering. But now it is time to go.

"I will miss the buying and selling and even the problems. I am leaving with my health, my friends and family and all the memories of all the kind things you've told me."

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from both Wayne Memorial and John Glenn High Schools earned more than \$2 million in scholarships. Wayne Memorial High School celebrated the 50th anniversary of their location at the corner of Glenwood and Fourth St.

Taft-Galloway and Roosevelt-McGrath welcomed new principals- Rebecca DesJardins and Jennifer Keatts.

The volunteer-based Literacy Corps was launched in Wayne-Westland. This program brought more than 100 volunteers into the schools to help students with reading skills.

The Wayne Memorial High School JROTC Drill Team had an award-winning season and the Wayne Memorial Marching Band got new uniforms.

Other notable events in Wayne 2012

St. Mary Catholic Church celebrated their 150th anniversary. St. Michael Church celebrated their 50th anniversary.



Mayor Al Haidous recognizes the Senior Olympians.



Farmers Market was a big hit.

Wayne voters went to the polls and helped elect a new president. For the first time voters got to use new electronic poll books.

The Friends Program helped another neighbor in need with exterior home renovations in September.

The Farmers Market, coordinated by the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, was a big hit this season.

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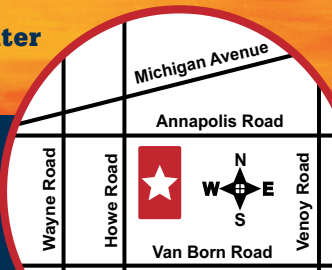


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Dr. Bhavani Swarna welcomes the Mayor, City Council and Wayne Chamber of Commerce members to her new office on Michigan Avenue and Wayne Road.

Wayne Family Dental moves to new location

By Jenny Johnson

Dr. Bhavani Swarna wants to welcome you to the new location of Wayne Family Dental. Last month she moved her office from Second Street to the corner of Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue, in the old Comcast building.

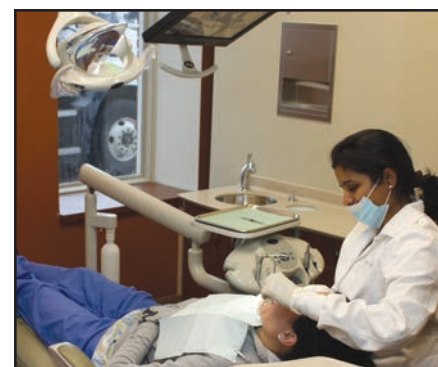
She has been practicing for more than 10 years. She graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy Dental School with her DDS and received her Bachelor of Dental Surgery from Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College in Dharwad in India. "I've been practicing in Wayne since 2006. This is where I started my business," she said. "I wanted to own my own building and provide better patient service."

Swarna and her staff offer family and cosmetic dentistry including children and preventative dentistry, orthodontics, root canal treatments, tooth-colored fillings, professional denture services and more.

They also use cutting edge technology and modern dentistry to best serve their patients' needs. She has monitors in each exam room to show patients their x-rays and even to watch television during a procedure.

Swarna has also installed a water filtration system in the office so all of the water that is used in the building is distilled water.

She said she sees about 20 patients a day and so far her patients love the new office. Paula Centek of Romulus has been with Dr. Swarna since she opened her practice in Wayne.



Dr. Swarna examines a new patient.

"I've been practicing in Wayne since 2006. This is where I started my business. I wanted to own my own building and provide better patient service."

Dr. Bhavani Swarna

"She is so nice," she said. She also thinks the new office is beautiful.

Swarna earned the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award in 2004. She is a member of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce and supports local businesses and events. She hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony in December and plans to have an open house in the spring. Swarna has been married for 14 years and has two daughters.

She is currently accepting new patients. To schedule an appointment today, call 734-728-8800.

WMHS student earns scholarship to Harvard

By Kathy Hansen

Samuel Ekanem, a senior at Wayne Memorial High School, plans to attend college after graduation. He filled out applications to a variety of schools and undoubtedly received the most impressive acceptance letter from one of the most prestigious schools in the world: Harvard University.

Harvard offered Ekanem a full-ride scholarship based on academics and wrestling. He plans to attend in the fall and major in economics with a possible minor in government. "I was completely surprised [about being accepted] and I'm still not sure it's completely hit me yet," Ekanem said.

Ekanem currently holds a 4.1 GPA. He is a member of the Champions of Wayne and Upward Bound programs and is a three-time captain of the wrestling team and two-time captain of the football team.

The Champions of Wayne program is an educational incentive process that involves adult mentoring, academic contracting, individualized prescriptions for success, and financial rewards. The Helppie Charitable Foundation funds the program.

Sean Galvin, the executive director, initiated the program during the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year. Since then, thousands have participated, with 600 students enrolled for the current semester. Over 65 percent of students who have participated in Champions program have improved academically.

"Sam has been a part of Champions since his tenth grade year, with Mr. Gray as his Champion mentor. Gray was instrumental in setting up a meeting with the wrestling coach at Harvard this past May," Galvin said. "The three of us took a road trip out to Harvard in May with the goal of getting Sam to meet some key people (and ultimately get accepted). Sam impressed those he met with (obviously), and took full advantage of the opportunity. He's a dynamic young man."

"Mr. Gray has been undoubtedly the greatest asset I had throughout the application process," Ekanem said. "He had ties to UMich wrestling



"Mr. Gray has some of the greatest networking abilities.

Through him I had UMich considering me as an addition to their wrestling program and even Stanford. That's pretty much my surrogate dad."

Samuel Ekanem

which is how we got in touch with Harvard wrestling. Mr. Gray has some of the greatest networking abilities. Through him I had UMich considering me as an addition to their wrestling program and even Stanford. That's pretty much my surrogate dad."

Gray had nothing but kind words to say about Ekanem. "Everyone takes pride in the fact that Sam got in. He earned this. He has great work habits. He's gotten straight A's while here at Wayne, and did well on his ACT," Gray said.

Valerie Orr, principal at Wayne Memorial is extremely proud of Ekanem. "Sam is an amazing young man with great potential to do amazing things with his life," Orr said. "He is not only book smart, he is world smart. He knows how to seize opportunities and make the most out of them. He has a good heart, a good soul, and a strong sense of perseverance."

Ekanem said his biggest sources of encouragement come from his mom, coaches, and teachers. "I'm just thankful to everyone that supported me and believed in me," Ekanem said.

Talented and Gifted Program Expanding to Lower Elementary!



Wayne-Westland Community Schools will be introducing an expansion to the current district Talented and Gifted (TAG) Program. Next school year, the TAG Program will be expanded to include kindergarten through fourth grades. In order to qualify for TAG, a student must complete the TAG process, which includes the following:

1. A Nomination Form must be completed by the parent/guardian along with the Permission to Test form.
2. The parent and teacher must complete a Student Inventory of Learning Form.
3. The student will participate in two assessments, which includes an ability assessment as well as an achievement assessment.
4. A district committee will meet to consider each aspect of the process and make determinations regarding placement in April.
5. Parents/guardians will receive notification of placement during May.

Please note that the model described above replaces any previous identification processes. Students that have been identified, however, remain identified and continue with TAG programming. Information regarding TAG programming can be found on the district website at wwcsd.net or by contacting the Instruction Department at 734-419-2082.



Gregory J. Baracy, Ed. D.
Superintendent

Join the effort to revitalize downtown Wayne

The Michigan Main Street Center is planning another visit to Wayne. At 7 p.m. on Jan. 17 Organizational Specialist Brittney Hoszkiw will meet with Downtown Wayne supporters at Greater Than Dreams Church, 35118 Michigan Avenue. She will help volunteers and business owners develop the next steps for achieving a vibrant, beautiful, thriving downtown using Main Street methods. Main Street is a volunteer-driven, grass-roots revitalization effort.

Downtown Wayne was selected to participate at the Associate Level in the Main Street Program for 2012. Wayne was the only community selected in southeast Michigan. The Ripple Effect has elected to continue at the Associate Level for 2013.

This community meeting is open

"There is plenty of evidence to show that communities with thriving downtowns maintain stronger property values and attract more businesses."

Pat Rice

Local realtor and member of the Wayne Ripple Effect

to the public and will be sponsored by The Ripple Effect, a non-profit downtown revitalization group.

Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to to waynerippleeffect@gmail.com. Participate in the conversation that will shape the future of Downtown Wayne.

Since their inception in 2010, Ripple Effect volunteers have coordinated many efforts to help create a vibrant downtown. They keep the community updated on their website

www.downtownwayne.org and Facebook page www.facebook.com/-waynerippleeffect.

They have hosted several fundraising events and participated in several community events.

"We have visions of building a stronger, more vibrant downtown," said Sherrie Brindley, the group's founder, "We want to see more foot traffic, more events and more retail and restaurants in the downtown for starters. The Main Street program

has been successful in places like Howell and Ferndale. There is no reason why Wayne shouldn't have a thriving downtown. Wayne has an opportunity to serve the folks in Westland, Garden City and south Canton; to be the walkable, pedestrian-friendly downtown experience that these communities cannot provide due to development patterns that were established long ago."

"There is plenty of evidence to show that communities with thriving downtowns maintain stronger property values and attract more businesses," said Pat Rice, a local realtor and member of the Wayne Ripple Effect, "This is exactly what Wayne needs and why this effort is crucial to the long-term survival of the community."

Prayers for Dougie

Everyone knows his name and he knows everyone. Doug Beasley, 34, is a lifelong Wayne resident and has been a city employee for years. Dougie, as he is called by many, has been a maintenance worker for several different city departments for the past 15 years. He has made a positive impression on all who have been able to call him a coworker or friend. Doug is currently in the hospital. He has been battling Leukemia for the past nine months. His friends in Wayne wanted to do something to help raise his spirits.

Mayor Al Haidous and members from each of the departments Dougie has worked presented him with gifts and well wishes via video at the last city council meeting.

Mayor Haidous presented a Get Well resolution. "Doug is one of the young men who worked for the city and I personally have a close friendship with him," he said. "Our prayers go to him for good health."

Department of Public Works Director Ramzi El Gharib gave Dougie a t-shirt and cap "as a token and thank you to Doug for the service he provided to residents of this city."

Police Chief Jason Wright gave him a new police dept. shirt "that he doesn't have. Last week we gave him a Bolivia baseball cap."

Andy Stager, captain, Wayne-Westland Fire Dept. had a helmet signed by everyone in the fire department.

"Doug doesn't have one of these and if he does he has some explaining to do. We miss his company and get better soon," he said.

Nathan Adams, parks and recreation director had a long sleeve pullover. Former City Attorney Dick Clark and former Parks and Recreation Maintenance Supervisor Ron Hayes collected all of the gifts and well wishes to take to the hospital.

"When he comes into a room, the room lights up. He smiles and the room smiles back," Clark said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Schofield honored

Cindy Schofield served 12 years on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education. She chose not to seek re-election and on Dec. 10 she attended her last school board meeting. Board President Carol Middel presented Schofield with a plaque to recognize her dedication to the students in the district.

During Schofield's tenure the district completed a bond, increased Talented and Gifted Programs, 21st Century Schools and realignment of grades.



Relay comes to Wayne

The Westland Relay for Life has a partner. For the first time the 24-hour American Cancer Society Fundraiser will be held in Wayne from 10 a.m. June 8 until 10 a.m. June 9 at Attwood Park.

There will be a kickoff meeting at 7 p.m. on March 14 at the Wayne Community Center.

City to consider plan

At their Jan. 8 meeting the Planning Commission will consider a plan from McDonalds to demolish Rex's Family Restaurant at Michigan Avenue and Wayne Road and build a drive thru McDonalds. If approved, the plan will go before city council on Jan. 15.

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It's time to 'Buddy Up'

I know, I know. Your belt has gotten a little snug lately. It's winter and you haven't been very active in the exercise department lately. Oh, and those holiday desserts have been calling to you. And you've answered. Too many times. It's time to put your physical well-being at the forefront of the priority list. No excuses. You've been wanting to get healthy for a while, but haven't gotten the ball rolling yet. That's about to change. Let 2013 be the healthiest year you've ever had! Let's eliminate two excuses right off the bat. The "gyms cost too much money" and "I don't know what to do" excuses. The cities of Wayne and Westland are "buddy-ing up" to provide a new health program free of charge! The program is called "Buddy Up" and will meet on Saturdays at the Friendship Center on Newburgh Road starting on January 26th. It will run 12 consecutive weeks. Meeting time will be from 8:30am until 10am. The first half hour will consist of checking in, as well as weighing in. St. Mary's Hospital will be handling that portion. After that, there will be a half hour nutritional class where I teach what I learned while on the show Biggest Loser. Lastly, there will be an exercise portion. In that section of the program, there will be three levels of difficulty: beginner, medium, and hard. No matter where you're at, there will be something to help you reach your fitness goal! These exer-



**There's More
to the Story**

Buddy Shuh

cises will predominantly be things you can do at home at no cost! So no more excuses! Call the mayor's office in Westland or go to www.city-ofWestland.com to find out how to sign up! It'll be fun, free, and you'll meet other people in your city who are trying to make the same healthy changes that you are! Maybe you'll be the biggest loser in Wayne and Westland! (You never thought that'd be a good thing, but it is!) To get you going, I have a few nutritional tips for your lunch. The first is to substitute healthy alternatives for your bread at lunchtime. One option would be to do lettuce wraps instead of the bread. A second alternative would be to use hard boiled egg whites instead of bread to eat your tuna on. If you have your sandwich on bread, definitely use whole grain instead of white bread. Every week at Buddy Up, more dietary tips will be given. Recipes will be handed out. Exercise programs will be taught. So, no more excuses. You'll lose weight, you'll have more energy, and in your own life, you'll find there's more to the story...

Local teen helps babies in need

Natalie Derr, 12, of Westland saw a program on television about parents who can't afford to buy diapers or wipes for their children. She decided to do something to help. She created Dollars and Dimes for Diapers. Her goal is to collect 100 packages of diapers.

Derr is raising money and accepting donations of disposable diapers and wipes for needy families at the Salvation Army and First Step in Wayne.

She has collected pop bottles, baked goodies to sell and put out canisters to collect dollars and dimes. If you would like to help, donations can be dropped off at Century 21 Dynamic, 6900 N. Wayne Rd. in Westland or email soldby-noel39@gmail.com to arrange to have someone pick up donations.



Natalie Derr bakes cupcakes for the Wayne Westland Fire Department to thank them for their donation.

GUIDE TO BEING WISE *about* CREDIT CARDS



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There are many reasons to have a credit card. You can use it instead of carrying a lot of cash. It can come in handy in an emergency, such as sudden car trouble. You can buy costly things right away, and pay for them later. Credit cards can make it easier to place orders over the phone or Internet.

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A credit card allows you to buy a variety of products and services, up to a certain total amount-your credit card limit. Your eligibility for a card and your credit limit are based on your income, whether you've paid bills on time, and other debts you may have.

Cards Come With a Cost

Credit cards are handy to have, but they can cost you more than paying cash. Using a credit card is like taking out a loan from the credit card company. You will have to pay it back, possibly along with other fees (Don't confuse credit cards with debit cards.)

It's a Privilege

You have to pay for the privilege of using a credit card. Some companies charge a once-a-year "annual fee" for the use of their card. All credit cards have an annual percentage rate (APR) - a fee the cardholder is charged on money left unpaid from month to month. Other charges may also be applicable.

Payback Time

Each month, a cardholder is sent a statement and is expected to make at least a minimum payment. Most cards have a 20-25 day grace period; if the bill is paid, then no interest is owed. A Payment sent in past due can cost \$25.00 or more in late fees in addition to interest.

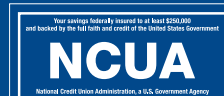


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Operation Gratitude sends soldiers care packages

By Jenny Johnson

Kathy Steiner made a promise seven years ago.

"I promised the soldiers that every year there is a war, I would send them packages. When the war is over and the soldiers are home, I am done," she said.

Steiner is a second grade teacher at Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School in Wayne. Since 2006 she has organized a donation drive at the school. She asks families to donate leftover Halloween candy, other snacks and food, personal hygiene items, games, stationary and other comfort items that soldiers stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan could use while they are away from home.

Students also write personal thank you letters and cards of appreciation for the soldiers. Steiner's second graders then collect all of the items, sort them and get them ready to mail.

Second grader Cameron Swafford said it is important for people to support the soldiers.

"It makes them think people



Kathy Steiner and her second grade class at Roosevelt Elementary gather supplies for Operation Gratitude. Cierra Hughes and Brian Walker help pack supplies.

care," she said. "They can have food and different things they need."

Steiner told her kids, "We are sending them comfort from home. When they get these packages they probably say, 'Wow someone really cares about us.'"

In addition to helping the soldiers, Steiner said this is also a good lesson for her students and others at Roosevelt-McGrath. Since character education is also an important part of the curriculum in Wayne-Westland, students got a hands on lesson in Common Good- learning to do something for others.



Steiner estimated the Roosevelt-McGrath donation drive collected thousands of items. The Roosevelt PTO will pay the shipping for all of the boxes which will probably cost between \$300-\$400. The packages will be mailed to Operation Gratitude and they will send the items to the soldiers.

After all of the items were sorted and ready to be mailed, Steiner congratulated the students on a job well done. She also left them with two pieces of advice.

"Keep them in your thoughts and prayers," she said. "If you see some-

one in a military uniform, tell them thank you. They are very important people."

Operation Gratitude is a national non-profit organization that sends 100,000 care packages a year to individual Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines deployed in harm's way, to their children left behind, and to Wounded Warriors recovering in transition units. They also send "Battalion Buddy" packages with stuffed animals to children of deploying soldiers.

Operation Gratitude's mission is to lift morale, bring a smile to a service member's face and express to our Armed Forces and their families the appreciation and support of the American people.

Since its inception in March, 2003, Operation Gratitude has shipped more than 660,000 packages to American service members deployed overseas.

If you would like to support soldiers stationed overseas, please visit www.OperationGratitude.com.



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Mayor Haidous inducted into Heritage Hall of Fame

Mayor Al Haidous was one of five people inducted into the International Institute Foundation Heritage Hall of Fame last month. The International Institute Foundation is dedicated to ensuring that every person, regardless of origin, is given the tools and support necessary to achieve the American Dream.

They were recognized for achieving outstanding initiatives in their communities.

"They have built wonderful careers and families and have gained the admiration of their peers," said Tarik Daoud, Chairman, International Institute Foundation in a letter to the honorees.

Haidous and his wife, Mary, came to America in 1970. Four years later he purchased Al's Friendly Market on the corner of Annapolis and Howe and his family moved to Wayne.

Before being elected to City Council in 1993 he served the Wayne community on the Zoning Board of

"They have built wonderful careers and families and have gained the admiration of their peers."

Tarik Daoud

Chairman, International Institute Foundation

Appeals, Downtown Revitalization Committee, Charter Review Committee, Crime Prevention Committee and the DARE program. In 2001 he was elected mayor.

Today he serves on the Retirement Board, Cable Communications Regulatory Commission, and the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation. He is also part of the Southeast Government Alliance, Conference of Western Wayne, Salvation Army Advisory Board, Wayne Chamber of Commerce and Wayne Rotary Club.

Council approves fireworks store

Wayne will soon have a year-round fireworks store located at the northwest corner of John Hix and westbound Michigan Avenue. The 2800 sq. ft. building has been several restaurants over the years and will now receive a renovation to become Black Diamond Pro Fireworks.

Councilman Jim Hawley said he was apprehensive at first.

"This company has been in business for a long time and is investing a considerable amount of money and they have a lot of different operations around the state."

In fact Hawley visited their site in Sterling Heights and said he drove by it twice before he found it. He was pleased that it was not a bright disruptive building.

"It wasn't gaudy and it was right across the street from the Chrysler Assembly Plant," he said. One of the reasons they chose Wayne is because of their proximity to the Michigan Assembly Plant.

Owner James Stajos said, "We

"We loved Wayne. It has everything we want- a great location on a high traffic street across from assembly plant."

loved Wayne. It has everything we want- a great location on a high traffic street across from assembly plant."

He said he has been in fireworks business his whole life and for last 12 years designed fireworks but had to sell them to every other state. So he approached the Michigan legislature to change the laws. He approached the state fire marshal and asked what their concerns with fireworks were and designed the law from there. Black Diamond currently has four permanent locations in Michigan and are hoping to have eight within the next year.

NEWS BRIEFS

Baffling Bill the Magician

Come learn about "The Magic of Reading" with Baffling Bill the Magician at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 16 at the Wayne Public Library. This action packed show features magical illusions, live animals, and plenty of audience participation. This event is made possible by a Target grant. Please call 734-721-7832 to register.

Winterfest

The Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Dept. will host Winterfest on Jan. 26 at the Wayne Community Center. The fun starts at 10 a.m. and includes an ice cream social, kids tea party, martial arts demo, mini dance show, hockey games, swimming, chair massages and hula hoop demonstrations.

For more information and a complete schedule, visit www.ci.wayne-mi.us or call 734-721-7400.

Just Like Me?

The Wayne Public Library will host a kids' workshop called Just Like Me?: Exploring Culture, Biology and Diversity at 6 p.m. on Jan. 29. This three-part series will explore how biology, anthropology and physics all play a part in race and culture.

This first workshop will explain what makes us different. Families will get to perform a DNA extraction! This is a free program but please call 734-721-7832 to register.

Tea Time

Learn all about tea at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 30 at the Wayne Public Library when Vicky O'Neil of Victoria's Tea Salon shares her tea expertise. There will be sample desserts and teas. There is a \$1 per person fee. To register, please call the adult reference desk at 734-721-7832.

Daddy/Daughter Date Night

The Wayne Community Center is hosting their annual Daddy/Daughter Date Night from 6-8:30 p.m. on Feb. 6.

Tickets for Wayne or Westland residents- \$10 per couple or \$14 for a dad and two daughters.

Non-residents- \$11 per couple or \$15 for a dad and two daughters. Tickets are available at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road. For more information, please call 734-721-7400.

Fire Department receives donation

The Wayne-Westland Fire Department received a generous donation from the Estate of Robert Boyles, a long-time Wayne resident and very active member of the community for decades. They were able to purchase a power loading cot fastener system.

Deputy Fire Chief Shawn Bell said the system will work in conjunction with the two electric cots the department has. This is a loading system that goes into the back of the ambulance and the cot attaches into it and it slides right in to the back of the vehicle. It can handle bariatric patients up to 700 lbs. What used to be a six-person job can now be done by two. Bell said this system is better for patient safety and risk to the firefighters and more efficient because it requires less staff.

"This Power-LOAD system has the capability to keep more vehicles in service," said Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Mike Reddy.

It runs off batteries from the ambulance and can be operated with a button. The Wayne-Westland Fire Department is the first in Wayne County with this system.

Family Hoedown

The Wayne Community Center is also hosting a Family Hoedown from 6-8:30 p.m. on Feb. 7. Enjoy a fun night for the whole family. Tickets for Wayne and Westland residents are \$6 per person or \$20 for a group or family of four or more. Non-resident tickets are \$7 per person or \$25 for a group of family of four or more.

Chair Massage

Looking to relax from a stressful day? Strength and Spirit is offering 10-minute chair massages or foot reflexology every Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. at the Wayne Community Center. The cost is \$5. They are located in the back lobby.

Visiting the history of "Jake's Again"

By now you all know the legendary bar on the corner of Sims and Wayne Road. The one with U of M football helmets adorning the outside of the building is for sale.

Built about 1920, it started as "Webberlines", then "The Dog House". It became "Jake's Lounge" in 1975, when Jake's parents, Jenny and Harry Davidson bought it. In 1985 it was sold to Marlene and Carl Corbin and renamed "Misty's" after Marlene's poodle. When Carl died, it became "Corbin's Corner."

It became "Jake's Again" in 1989.

Some of Jake's fondest memories are his Goodfellows parties, when Bill Brooks and Larry Bates worked hard to make "No Child without Christmas" a success.

Coming in a close second were the St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Of course, St Pat's Day started long before the 17th of March. It began with the bus trip to the Eastern Market with a group of friends to pick up 300 lbs. of corned beef. Several

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



stops had to be made during the trip—places to see and refreshments to enjoy. The corned beef was then slow cooked and served with the traditional cabbage and potatoes. No one can ever say they left hungry from a "Jake's Again" St. Pat's day feast.

In December Jake and his happy group of Santa's helpers took the bus trip to Dearborn Ham Company, and picked up 10 or 12 hams, which he distributed to friends.

The history of Jake's has to include the formation of the WUJA's—the Washed Up Jock's of America. Prominent members are Chappie Reynolds, Tom Wilmot (TC) and Bill

Sexton. John Roland and George Wootton were also important members of that group. It was John Roland who introduced the St. Mary Men's Club to the camaraderie of "Jake's Again."

Bill Sexton is the WUJA responsible for the Sports Hall of Fame covering one wall of the bar, it honors men and women who have contributed their talents to so many different sports in Wayne and Westland. The new owner may keep the wall intact—otherwise we'll have to find a new home for them—say at the Community Center.

Many out of town sporting trips have been enjoyed by Jake and the WUJA's such as the NCAA basketball tournament and the golf outings planned by different members each year.

Through the years, Jake Davidson has sponsored many teams—bowling, volleyball and numerous softball championship teams.

Whether you wanted a hamburger, or the all you could eat, best fish dinner in town—or just a place where you could be with friends, "Jake's Again" was the place to be. It was Wayne's answer to "Cheers."

I guess that's why when my daughter, Maureen, got married, and the reception ended, the whole wedding party ended up at Jake's.

The new owner is the manager at "Albert's on the Alley", in Garden City. He's a retired Detroit police officer, whose nickname in the Department was "Bird." So the bar may be re-

named "Bird's Nest" On the other hand, his name is Dave Jakeway—so he really wouldn't have to change the name too much.

"Jake's Way"


Pam Dobrowolski's annual "Biddle St. 'B's Christmas party was a little smaller than usual, but very merry. We missed long time members of the 'B's, Marilyn Sawyer, Sharon Gilbert, and Bridget Kelly. On hand were Pam's mom, Ruby Kovarik, and Pam's daughter, Heather, who brought little Aria and brand-new son, Atticus. We exchanged Christmas ornaments with Betty Spar, Barbara Wootton, Jeanne Smoes, Cindy Bousley, and Mary Lindsey.

Along with the good food, pleasant company and spirited libations, we oohed and aahed over their Christmas tree. Complete with old-fashioned bubble lights, it gets bigger and bigger each year. Lots of presents under that tree—this year the Dobrowolskis have 14 grandchildren.

Marshall Upper Elementary School lost the Christmas drive for food donations to Adams Upper Elementary. So Bobby Kelly and Kelly Kaminski, the co-principals, had to wear the huge chicken suits. One was a white chicken and one red. Amazing costumes! Or as we used to say—"Some Chickens!"

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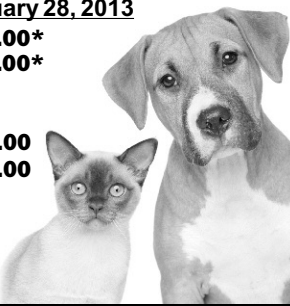
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Matthew K. Miller, City Clerk

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Baracy urges literacy

Wayne-Westland Community Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy made a case for literacy at the last council meeting.

"I am extremely privileged to be able to share with you a program that in the past year in our school district has had such a profound impact on our students. The Literacy Corps Program was established to help raise the literacy rates of all of our children," he said. When a child's literacy level is high it is a great predictor of student success later on in life.

The program was the brainchild of retiring school board member Cindy Schofield.

"This is one of the many legacies she leaves. It is a phenomenal program to help the children of the Wayne-Westland School District," Baracy said.

Schofield said research shows if a child can read with another adult it will help boost that child's reading level. Plus she was looking for ways to get volunteers from the community involved in the school district.

There are currently over 100 adult volunteers in the Literacy Program. But there is room for more.

"We would love to train another 100 volunteers this year. There is a need. We can put every volunteer to use. Together we can make a difference in the lives of our children."

She challenged the council members to help.

"What I would ask you to do is to take the word of Literacy Corps to where you are involved and help us spread the word," she said.

Literacy Corps volunteers must submit to a background check and attend one training session. They can choose the hours, grade level and school they want.

"I would encourage everyone who has the opportunity to do this," said Councilman Skip Monit.

Councilman Al Damitio said, "Thank you for all your hard work. I don't think anyone is too busy to help our children read."



Ekklesia Church donated their second home in Nor-Wayne Community. Photo by Jenny Johnson



Life Remodeled donates home

"I never thought we would have a home," said Christina, the newest recipient of the Life Remodeled program. "I can't thank you enough for making this a dream in my child's lifetime."

She and her 7-year-old son, Buster, were given a fully remodeled two-bedroom home in Westland by Ekklesia Church. The home was donated by the City of Westland and refurbished by members of the church through the Life Remodeled program.

Pastor Chris Lambert and the rest of the church members showed up for the dedication of the home. Standing on the porch

of their new home with the family Lambert said, "Thank you to all who helped physically, financially and spiritually with prayer."

Christina said, "My son has brought me back to God and back to church. You will always be in our hearts and we pray for you everyday."

Members of the church helped renovate the home as part of their First Serve Sunday where they forgo the traditional church service once a month and instead go out into the community and help others.

Life Remodeled is a program that works with local churches to

build or renovate homes for families in need. In addition to a new home the family also receives 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.

Ekklesia Church also helped a neighbor in need in Wayne. The Men's group gathered on a recent Saturday morning to build a wheelchair ramp for resident who had no other way to get out of her home. The Wayne 100 Club provided the funding and the Men's group supplied the labor.

If only I had spent more time at work...

I seriously doubt that any one has ever actually said that while lying on their deathbed.

However, it seems to me that the happiest people I know are the ones that keep active long after retirement. And while I would never advocate that someone keep working at their current job past retirement, I would encourage them to keep busy doing what they love or fulfills them. I suppose that there are some people lucky enough to have a job that meets those criteria, but for most of us, there is a reason it is called "work".

During the recent holidays I was fortunate enough to be invited to several Christmas parties where I had the opportunity to just sit back and visit with people that I have known for some time. After all the preparation was done, the feast consumed and the dishes were cleared away, there was plenty of time for casual conversations.

On the Bright Side

Hal Hultman



One of the interesting people that I spoke with was a woman that works harder now than she did when she was employed in the banking industry for 25 plus years. In order to protect her anonymity, let's call her Teresa.

While in her late 50's, Teresa was offered a buyout from her job in the world of banking. Far from being ready to retire, Teresa saw this as an opportunity to further her interest in photography. Although she had taken several classes in the subject while in her 40's, now she could focus (pun intended) her time on what has now become her passion.

Today, Teresa is an accomplished photographer that divides her time between teaching photography to elementary students as well as senior citizens, works at a well known camera store, frequently travels the globe in search of her next photo subject, participates in many art shows, is an active member in several artist societies and does much charitable work. Although her 70th birthday is just around the corner, I don't think she will be slowing down in the near future because she is just having too much fun.

Yet despite her active schedule, she always has time in her calendar for dinners, movies and fun times with friends and family. Teresa doesn't just love photography and all of the opportunities that have unfolded because of it; she also loves life and is determined to enjoy it to the fullest, even if it means lugging a bag full of cameras and equipment around wherever she goes.

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Phillip F. Steinhauer

Philip Filhart ("Bub") Steinhauer of Royal Oak, Michigan, age 52, died suddenly on Friday, December 28, 2012. He was born in Detroit on August 8, 1960, the son of Judith (nee Bogetta) and Gerald. Phil spent his early years in Wayne and his high school years in Chelsea, Michigan. He attended Ferris State University, where he studied business, enjoyed fraternity life, and made life-long friends. On May 15, 1993, he married Kirstin Filhart and she survives along with their beautiful sons, Tyler and Troy.

Phil began his career in Chicago and later moved back to Michigan to join his father in his business, Professional Insurance Associates, eventually becoming a partner. This family business has grown with Phil, 2 brothers and his wife all playing integral roles. Phil loved sports both as a player and a spectator. He was an avid and loyal fan of U of M and Detroit teams, but most of all he loved watching his boys play. He and his family treasured their time at their second home in Petoskey where they spent summer days boating and winter days skiing, often with friends who were always welcome to join them "Up North."

If you met Phil, you knew that he



had a marvelous and enviable ability to promptly draw you in as a friend.

Just a month before his own death, Philip eulogized his father, Jerry, to the theme, "Just Me and My Dad."

In addition to Kirstin, Tyler and Troy, Phil is survived by his mother Judi, grandmother Hilda, sister, Krystn (Robert) Stephens; brothers, Martin (Nancy), David (Kelly) and Matthew (Anne); parents-in-law, Lynn and Joanne Filhart and sisters-in-law, Marsha (Dave) Livingston, Julie (Peter) Francis and Denise Johnson, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Elisabeth Ann Santure

Elisabeth Ann Santure, 82, of Wayne, passed away on Dec. 25. She was the beloved wife of the late Donald; dear mother of Mary (Bill) Carney, David (Christie) and Lynn; dearest grandmother of 8 and great grandmother of 10.

A memorial service will be held at the First Congregational Church of Wayne at 11 a.m. on Jan. 5. Arrangements by Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Gift of Life or the First Congregational Church of Wayne.

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