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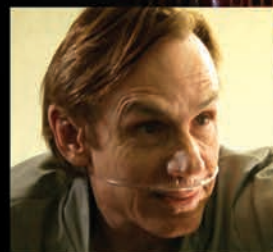
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Movie Premiere supports Champions of Wayne

By Jenny Johnson

Hollywood is coming to Wayne. The Midwest movie premiere of "Infiltrators" will be on Sept. 28 at the State-Wayne Phoenix Theatre, 35310 W. Michigan Ave. in Wayne. It will also be a homecoming. The movie features Tony Award winner Greg Jbara and was produced by Sally Helppie. Both are graduates of Wayne Memorial.

Other cast members who will attend the premiere include Robert Picardo of Star Trek-Voyager series; Hallee Hirsh- You've Got Mail; and Michigan-born Rocco Nugent. It was written and directed by Michael Stokes.

Proceeds from the movie premiere will go to the Champions of Wayne Program at Wayne Memorial High School.

The red carpet preview begins at 6:30 p.m. Organizers hope to sell 800 tickets and fill all four theaters with members of the community who want to support students at Wayne Memorial.

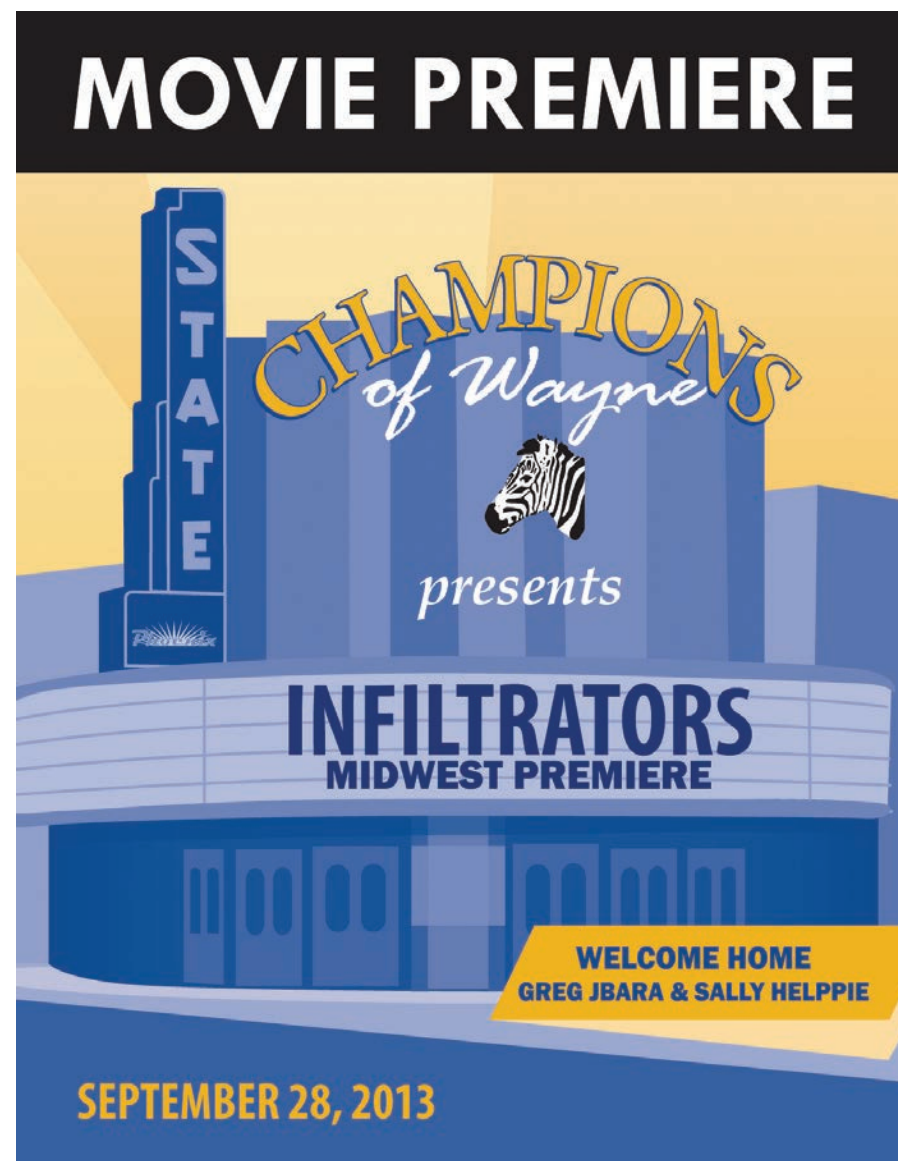
Movie Magic

"Infiltrators" is an action-packed thriller that tells the story of modern-day treasure hunters battling for a hidden relic in a building about to be imploded.

"Infiltrators" is a rowdy, independent action film with fun heroes, dastardly villains, some clever twists, and lots of hand-to-hand combat. But it is also a story about history. Not just the overall plot, in which our heroes try to recover an ancient artifact, but in the personal stories," said Sally Helppie, movie producer. "Each of the characters—heroes and villains alike—is shaped by his or her relationship with the past, be it with parents or grandparents or personal experiences that have marked them in some way. It is how they deal with these personal histories that defines their futures."

Helppie is a Dallas-based lawyer and film producer. Most of the film was shot on location in Dallas in an active demolition site and features the actual implosion of a nine-story office tower.

"We shot most of this movie last summer in the Dallas heat, capturing the big implosion in November. We were shooting in an active demo-



lition site, which had both pro's and con's," she said. "On the 'pro' side, we got incredible production value onscreen and it didn't matter if we damaged anything because the building was coming down anyway. On the 'con' side, we had to work during the night with no air conditioning and there was a lot of sharp steel and jagged glass everywhere."

She said the fight scenes were fun to shoot.

"The director designed each of them to be different in some way. There are fistfights, knife fights, taser fights, and fights with unconventional weapons. All the actors did their own stunts so watching them battle it out on set was very cool," she said. "Then, of course, there was the actual implosion. Watching a hundred year old building come crashing down in a huge

cloud of dust was thrilling... and it looks great on camera!"

Jbara plays Eric Volker, the leader of bandits who will stop at nothing to recover the relic.

Jbara said he was intrigued to play "an elegant predator." He also enjoyed the action scenes he got to shoot. At one point the treasure is about to fall through a hole in the floor and Jbara's character goes running after it.

Director Michael Stokes was planning camera angles that would make it appear as if Jbara was at the precipice.

"After consulting with our stunt coordinator John Cann, we convinced Michael that it would be a better shot if I actually did hang over the edge and not fake it with perspective. There was no safety mat or crash pad below the 20 ft. drop as the

lower floor was dressed with jagged steel debris to create the danger," Jbara said. "I thought it was very sweet how genuinely terrified Michael looked with each take."

Even though Jbara appears in the entire movie, all of his scenes had to be shot in five days to accommodate his obligation to CBS-TV crime drama "Blue Bloods" where he is a series regular.

He has also appeared in numerous Broadway hits and won a Tony award in 2009 for Best Featured Actor in a Musical for his portrayal of Dad in "Billie Elliot."

This is not the first time Helppie and Jbara have teamed up on set.

"I'm a lawyer by education and training, and entered the producing arena about seven years ago. For my first feature film, "Exit Speed," it was natural to turn to my friends (and Hollywood screenwriter husband) for help," she said. "Greg Jbara and I had been staying in touch and there was a role that was perfect for him. He was fantastic both onscreen and on set. "Infiltrators" is my fourth feature film and there was another ideal role for Greg. So I gave him a call, sent him a script, and we had another perfect experience."

Another WMHS tie to the movie is fellow Zebra alum Gary Shackelford who provided an original song that plays during a scene in Grandpa Romero's shop.

Homecoming

Jbara is a 1979 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School.

"It wasn't until after high school that I truly appreciated how special the education and experiences provided by the Wayne Westland Community School District," he said.

As he talked to his classmates at University of Michigan and The Julian School he realized how fortunate he was to grow up where he did. Wayne Memorial offered a 60 member male chorus, professional caliber plays and musicals, marching band, jazz band, vocal ensemble, honor society, filmmaking, student government and forensics competitions.

He also benefited from, "academic courses taught by teachers who

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were passionate about education, physics projects, mentors who cared about me as a person, a high school principal who valued the arts and understood its role in helping human beings succeed in life.”

Jbara said, “I loved going to school every single day at Wayne Memorial. Everything I could possibly want to learn or do was available to me there. I am a successful husband, father and professional thanks in great part to all that Wayne Memorial High School had to offer.”

Helppie was in the choir, marching band, musicals, plays, dance concerts and student government.

“I had a great time in high school,” she said. “I always felt a sense of community at WMHS. While there no doubt were ‘cliques,’ we were all Zebras first and foremost. There was a school-wide feeling of spirit and support among the students, faculty and staff.”

Now Jbara and Helppie are happy to give back to their hometown school and community.

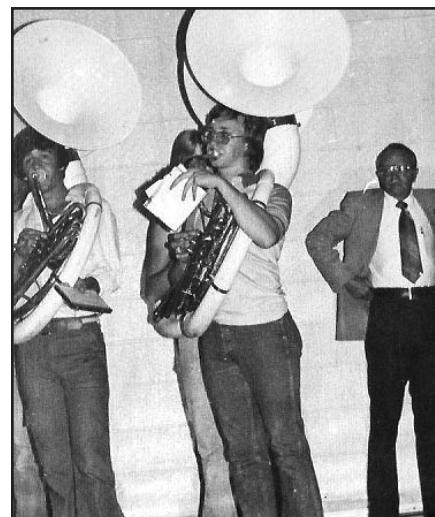
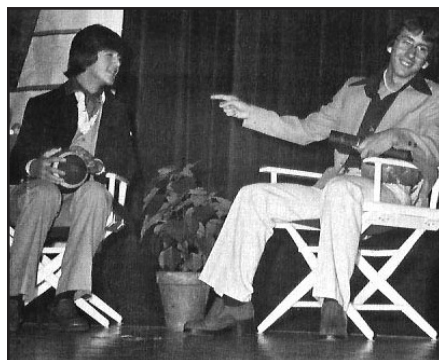
“I’m very excited to participate in this fundraising event for The Champions of Wayne. Coincidentally, the premiere fell on the exact same weekend as the season 4 premiere of *BLUE BLOODS*,” Jbara said. “My 52nd birthday also happens to be Sept. 28, and I can’t think of a better gift than to be in my hometown to celebrate.”

“WMHS is ‘our’ school. My six siblings and I all graduated from there and enjoyed excellent teachers and a thriving fine arts program. With five children of my own, I appreciate even more how crucial public education is to our society as a whole. The Champions of Wayne program has demonstrated its success in encouraging teens to set and meet goals. It is making a difference in the lives of all who participate – the champions, the mentors, the school, the community. I want to do whatever I can to help,” Helppie said.

“I want everyone to be as proud a Wayne Memorial High School graduate as I am,” Jbara said.

Helppie said she is looking forward to being back in Wayne.

“I still have relatives and good friends in southeastern Michigan, so we try to visit the area fairly regularly. But I haven’t been inside the State Wayne Theater in many years; watching one of my films in my hometown



During his time at WMHS Greg Jbara participated in the multiple theater performances, played in the band and sang in the school choir.

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Greg Jbara

theater (with the dragon on the wall) will be a real thrill. And I’m looking forward to catching up with classmates,” she said.

Another proud Zebra alumni is Sally’s brother Richard Helppie. He is a metro-Detroit entrepreneur and civic leader is the founding sponsor of the Champions program.

Helping kids

The Champions of Wayne program is changing lives one student at a time. Since 2009 the mentoring program has changed the lives of more than 2000 at-risk and high-achieving students at Wayne Memorial and Tinkham Alternative High Schools. Students are paired with an adult mentor, often a Wayne Memorial staff member. About 95% of WMHS teachers volunteer to be mentors as well as secretaries, cus-

todians, coaches, building administrators, counselors, central office staff, school board members and Superintendent Greg Baracy.

“We’ve also had former Red Wing Chris Osgood volunteer to mentor,” said Sean Galvin, Champions of Wayne executive director.

Students are given a customized academic goal and if they achieve it, they earn a financial reward at the end of the semester. This past semester 550 students and 130 mentors participated in Champions.

The program is seeing success too. Over 65% of Champions students have improved their GPAs and the percentage of students completing 9th grade has doubled since 2009.

One former Champions student will attend Harvard University this fall.

The program fills more than just academic needs or financial rewards. Each semester the Champions who have met their goals are invited to a dinner banquet with their families. A few students are chosen to speak about their experience. While they do talk about how their GPA has increased or what college they have gotten accepted to, they also talk about the encouragement and support they have gotten from their mentor and the Champions program.

“I couldn’t be more fired up for the new school year. Champions is growing, the movie premiere seems destined for success, and I’m excited to see the kids. I’ll see students who, despite being considered failures as 9th graders, will be meeting with their mentors to discuss college applications and scholarship opportunities. I’ve always been a fan of the underdog, and I can’t imagine a more fulfilling occupation,” Galvin said.

Super Champion

So far Wayne Memorial alumni Richard Helppie has donated \$310,000 to Champions of Wayne. The program began in 2008 as a small mentorship program with a few students. In 2009 Helppie was brought on board and helped the program grow into what it is today.

“Champions of Wayne has played a role in making a positive change in the culture at Wayne Memorial High School. It has been rewarding to see students strive for academic achievement,” Helppie said. “If we can be successful in broadening our base of support to the greater community, we will be able to elevate the program even further.”

That community includes the many alumni of Wayne Memorial, residents of the greater Wayne area, and of course all people interested in the success of students and the future of our region, he said.

Helppie has plans for the future of the program.

“Our next objective is to create enough capacity with Champions of Wayne so that all students who are eligible might participate. We have some exciting ideas about increasing the employability of graduates and in supporting those that go on to higher education,” he said.

The Champions of Wayne program can do more than just help the

NEWS BRIEFS

Radio Disney

Wayne-Westland Community Schools and Westland Mall will host a Radio Disney event from 12-3 p.m. on Sept. 7 at the mall on the corner of Wayne Road and Warren. There will be a fashion show, performances by John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High School students and members of the Disney movie Teen Beach Movie. This event is free.

Car show for kids

The Wayneland Eagles, 35850 Earl Street, will host a charity bike and car show from 2-10 p.m. on Sept. 14 to raise money for Rainbow Connections. The public is invited to come enjoy a beer tent, food, kids activities, live music and raffles.

Rocky Horror Show

The Rocky Horror Picture Show will be shown at 11:30 p.m. on Sept. 14 at the State Wayne Theater. It will also show the second Saturday of every month.

Friends needed

The annual Friends: People Helping People will take place Sept. 14 at a yet to be selected home in Wayne. Since 1998 the program has helped a homeowner who doesn't have the ability to keep up with the outside maintenance of their home. The Friends volunteers will help with lawn clean up and painting the house.

Volunteers are needed from 8:30 a.m. until about 1 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The program is also looking for donations. A \$50 donation will get your name on the Friends t-shirts.

If you would like to volunteer or make a donation, please call the Community Development Department at 734-722-2002.

Blues, Brew and BBQ

The 3rd Annual Blues, Brews & BBQ will be 6-9 p.m. on Sept. 20 and 12-10 p.m. on Sept. 21 at Westland City Hall grounds, 36601 Ford Road, Westland.

Blues, Brews & BBQ is a family friendly event that allows visitors the opportunity to taste some of the food served by the area's best local restaurants while enjoying great music by



Motown legend Martha Reeves sings her hit "Heatwave" at Maple Manor. Check out The Wayne Dispatch facebook page for a clip of her performance.

several bands and sampling micro-brewed beers all made right here in Michigan.

Since it's inception in 2011, Blues, Brews & BBQ uses local community organizations to staff the event. More than \$30,000 has been donated to local charities.

For more information, please visit www.cityofwestland.com or on Facebook at All American Blues, Brews & BBQ.

Looking for scarecrows

Downtown Wayne will have some special return visitors this fall. The scarecrows will be back from Oct. 1-31. Be delighted by the handmade scarecrows lining the light posts as you take a stroll down Michigan Avenue and Wayne Road. If you would like to participate in the Scarecrow Show you have until Sept. 25. The cost is \$20 per scarecrow and Scarecrows need to be dropped off at the State Wayne Theater between 8-10 a.m. on Sept. 28. Registration forms and pre-made stands are available at the Wayne Community Center on

Howe Rd. and the Wayne Farmers Market in Goudy Park on Wednesdays. For more information, please email WayneRippleEffect@gmail.com.

Free Summit for Michigan Veterans

Did you know many veterans don't know about benefits they are eligible to receive from the government? The Canton Community Foundation and Legal Help for Veterans, PLLC created the Veteran's Summit to make sure local military veterans have the information they need to succeed.

The 4th Annual Veterans' Summit will be from 8:45 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 12 at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

This free event is open to veterans of all branches of the military along with their friends and family members.

Veteran Affairs experts will educate attendees as to their entitled benefits in health care, pension, disabilities, burial and VA eligibility. Vet-

erans will also have an opportunity to meet one-on-one with VA representatives and other advocates to help them solve their specific problems and to visit the Veterans Expo to check out area sponsors and their programs for veterans. For more information or to register for this free event, go to www.cantonfoundation.org or call Beth Meade at (734) 495-1200.

Red October Run registration

The 23rd Annual Red October Run, sponsored by Oakwood Healthcare System, will be Oct. 5 through the streets of Wayne.

The run is an all ages event designed to encourage family fitness. There are 5K and 10K certified runs, a 5K walk and a 1 Mile Jr. October for children.

The event will also include pre-race yoga warm up and "Oktoberfest" refreshments after the race with hot dogs, cider, doughnuts, fruit, bagels and more.

Registration is now open to all at www.oakwood.org/redoctoberrun. Race day registration and pre-registered packet pick up will be from 8-9:40 a.m. on Oct. 5 on the Oakwood Annapolis Hospital front lawn.

Register to vote

The last day to register for the Nov. 5 general election is Oct. 5. To register to vote you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years old and a resident of Wayne. You can register to vote at the City Clerk's office at Wayne City Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Farmers Market

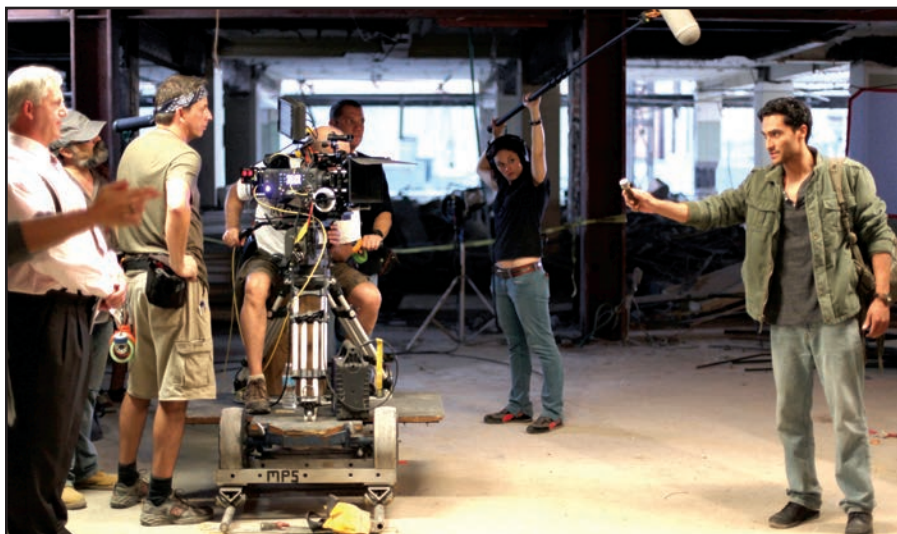
The Wayne and Westland Farmers Markets have a great selection of locally grown fruits and vegetables. The Wayne market is from 3-7 p.m. every Wednesday through October in Goudy Park. The Westland market is 3-7 every Thursday at Westland City Hall on Ford Road.

Come for the fresh produce, flowers, baked goods and crafts. Stay for the chair massages, entertainment and kids activities. Remember the Farmers Market now accepts EBT and Debit cards too.



CHAMPIONS

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Crew films scene featuring Jonny Cruz.

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students too.

It could “play a role in the strengthening of the cities that students reside in. It seems that people choose where to live based on employment, education, and or entertainment. If Champions of Wayne is successful in our greater vision, certainly that would provide an incentive for those choosing their residence based on the quality of education.

Community support

Please help fill the seats at State-Wayne with community members

who care about the students at Wayne Memorial. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

This event and the Champions program cannot be successful without being embraced by the community.

“When you combine a big movie premiere with such strong local ties to a community like Wayne, and know that students in need will have a better chance at success, there is no better formula for a great night at the movies,” said Cory Jacobson, owner of Phoenix Theatres.

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Oakwood Annapolis unveils new ER

Oakwood Annapolis Hospital looks far different from when the hospital first opened its door as a small community hospital in 1957. Today it is a recognized leader in healthcare and serves patients from all over southeastern Michigan. A \$6.8 million renovation was just completed in the emergency department that updated technology, services and facilities.

It's the front door of the hospital. The emergency department of Oakwood Annapolis Hospital recently completed a \$7 million renovation. They invited city officials and community members to the ribbon cutting ceremony to show how the technology, services and facilities were all upgraded and designed around function for efficient patient flow.

The community will "continue to receive excellent care from our hospital," said Eric Widner, division president of Oakwood Annapolis Hospital.

There are 28 treatment bays including a five-bed fast track area for low-level emergency needs; two trauma bays immediately off the ambulance entrance and even a separate

rate decontamination room for hazmat situations.

The renovation makes it easier to offer rapid care in a state of the art facility, said Dr. Ralph Scolari, chief of emergency department.

The project was done on time, on budget, with local companies and products.

There is now more than 17,000 sq. ft. and 28 treatment bays. Technological improvements include da Vinci robotic surgical procedures featuring smaller incisions and recovery time.

Granholm visits Oakwood Annapolis

Former Governor Jennifer Granholm made a stop at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital to meet with the residents in the Family Medicine program. Granholm helped reinstate funding for the program when the federal government threatened to cut it.

"This is a vital program for us," said Eric Widner, division president of Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. "Without these funds we would not have been able to provide these services to the community."



Eric Widner, division president of Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, and RN John Cargill show City Manager Robert English the new trauma room. Photo by Jenny Johnson

The Family Medicine Residency Program at Annapolis trains 30 doctors every year. They typically oversee as many as 26,000 patient visits annually and have cared for more than 800 babies annually since the program started, according to Karen Weaver, MD, the program director. Since 2004, more than 92 primary care physicians have completed the Oakwood Family Medicine Residency Program. A total of 56 gradu-

ates stayed in Michigan to practice and 30 of those who stayed in Michigan remained in Wayne County to deliver primary care services to the families of the area.

"Many of those go on to practice in medically underserved areas," said Mark Hannis, MD, senior vice president and director of medical education for Oakwood Healthcare. "This program has a very rich history."

You can help in Wayne 500!

The Wayne Ripple Effect is racing toward Main Street. They are asking 500 people to donate \$100 so they can become a full-fledged Main Street Community.

"We firmly believe that there are at least 500 people: current residents, past residents, business owners, Wayne High alumni and others who

love Wayne and want to see it restored to a vibrant downtown again," said Sherrie Brindley, Wayne Ripple Effect member. The Main Street Program is an effort to revitalize downtowns and help improve economic conditions in selected cities.

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I remember the darkness. The pain. The tough times. It was only eight years ago that the small private school that I was teaching at in Canton was experiencing financial difficulties. My pay had been cut severely. I was about to lose my job. I wish I could say that this was the extent of the darkness. But it got worse. Much worse. In the summer of 2005, we were informed that the baby my wife was carrying had severe physical problems. She was missing a spleen and a kidney, and had an extreme case of spina bifida, a condition where a baby's back doesn't close up in the womb. She only had a 60% chance to live till birth. On September 30th, our daughter was born. She fought for every day that she had here on Earth. She lived for almost six months before passing away. My wife and I were standing next to our daughter in the NICU at Children's Hospital when she took her last breath. It's difficult to describe how tough that moment was. Almost as tough, was when I had to meet with the funeral director to plan her fu-



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neral that afternoon. It was going to cost \$1,500 and I didn't have the money. The pressure I felt was almost crushing. Then the most wonderful thing happened! My family, friends, and church decided to take up a collection for us! Within 2 days, I had the entire amount that I needed to bury my girl. I remember the darkness. But I remember how people brought me light in that dark moment. I was supported when I couldn't support myself. I remember the impact it had on me so much so that I decided to do something about it. This year, I volunteered to be the president of the Michigan chapter of the TEARS foundation. The goal of this organization is to raise funds to pay for caskets, grave markers, and

grief counseling for parents who lose an infant (ages 20 weeks gestation up to one year old) and don't have the money to pay for those things. I want to be able to tell those people that I know what the darkness is like...and then help them see that the darkness is only a shadow....and help them find the light again. I remember. And I want to help. My message this month is to remember what you have. And then help others with those things. You have life experiences, or money, or you may have time to contribute to a noble cause. Anytime you offer freely to hurting people, you will find that not only do they benefit, but you do as well. No one has ever regretted giving themselves to a worthy pursuit! TEARS has a saying: when someone loses an infant, there are no words to say.



Only tears. If you are interested in finding out more about the MI chapter of TEARS, go to: www.thetearsfoundation.org/page.php?id=75 Next month, you'll discover there's more to the story...

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Ed McMurray 2013 Diamond of the Community

By Jenny Johnson

The 19th Annual Diamond of the Community award recipient is Wayne resident Ed McMurray. The DOC, hosted by Wayne Commission on Aging and sponsored by the Wayne Dairy Queen, recognizes a Wayne resident 70 years and older who has made significant volunteer contributions to their community.

Ed McMurray has been a dedicated member of the community for decades. His volunteer contributions include the Wayne Housing Commission, Commission on Aging, Historical Commission, and Wayne Jaycees. He has helped with two Playscape community builds, coached girls softball for over 10 years, worked on the Rouge Clean-Up and Wayne County Rouge River study.

He works the polls for city and school elections and is a member of Westland Free Methodist Church and the Wayne Memorial High School All Class Reunion.

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Ed McMurray

you care about it and what will become of it. Ownership is the key," he said.

He is also the founding member and chair of the FRIENDS program which he began in 1998. He has sought Wayne senior neighbors who need help with the exterior maintenance of their home. In addition to identifying a resident to help, he also secures volunteers, supplies and donations to get the job completed in one day.

"I am pleased that we have been able to bring sunshine into 15 homeowners lives. They are usually overwhelmed when all of the volunteers descend upon their home on a Saturday morning in September. When we have completed a home and are leaving, we look back and see the owner has a big smile on their face.

That is the reward that 50-80 volunteers get each year," he said.

Ed was born in Detroit in 1940 and moved to Wayne in 1947. He attended Jackson and Monroe Elementary School, Southside Junior High and graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in 1958. He worked for Ford Motor Company for 35 years and currently works for Jack Demmer Ford.

Ed married his wife, Donna, in 1960 and they have four children and 16 grandchildren.

What advice does McMurray have about being involved in your community?

There are many opportunities to get involved in Wayne whether you are new to the community, young or old. Joining the Wayne Jaycees came about because I was asked



Ed McMurray with his wife Donna.

after I returned from the Army. My involvement in coaching came about when I was much younger and had kids playing in sports. My involvement in commissions, committees and projects came after I retired and had the time to devote to these things. Look for opportunities....pick one....get involved.....whether it is on a commission, coaching, PTA or planting flowers on Michigan Avenue," he said.



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City Manager English announces retirement

At the September 3 City Council meeting City Manager Robert English announced he will retire effective Sept. 27, 2013.

"It's time to move forward and move on. I will help you through the transition or hiring a new city manager and millage vote and whatever you need," English said. "It's been a great pleasure."

English has worked for the city for nearly 30 years and as the city's fifth city manager for the past three years.

"I will miss the friendships formed here and wish everyone well as we head into the future. I have been fortunate, honored and humble to have served the good and decent people of Wayne and their City Council," English said in a letter to the council.

Council candidate Susan Rowe



Robert English



Ramzi El Gharib

City Engineer/DPW Director Ramzi El Gharib was named interim city manager by council.

asked what the plans are for hiring a new city manager.

Mayor Al Haidous said his recommendation is to go through the Michigan Municipal League and let them advertise the position.

"It is a serious position and we need to choose a well qualified candidate," he said.

City Engi-

Free diapers offered at West Town Market

By Jenny Johnson

West Town Market, 4098 Howe Road at the corner of Forest, is a family friendly convenience store. Owner Johnny Beshi said in addition to all of the convenience store items they offer, they are now selling a full line of baby food items and diapers.

To make things easier for their customers, they now accept WIC and EBT cards. Any customer who buys seven cans of Enfamil powder formula will receive a free box of diapers worth \$30.

This is a great savings for families on WIC because the program does not cover diapers.

Beshi said, "This helps out low income mothers and babies."

They sell a full line of infant formula, baby cereal, baby food, diapers and wipes.

"We want to help out the community by offering this service," he said. West Town Market has been a family friendly store in Wayne for 22 years.

"We saw a need that families in the area have," he said of instituting the free diapers with formula pro-



Buy seven cans of Enfamil powder formula and receive a free box of diapers worth \$30.

gram. Beshi said he wants to offer the best service possible to families. They have a bill payment center and free money orders.

They are also offering new longer hours from 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9:30 a.m. to midnight on Sat. and Sun.

Police honored for apprehending suspects

By Jenny Johnson

Three of Wayne's finest were recognized for their efforts in apprehending suspects in the July 17 robbery of Leo's Jewelry. Patrol Officer David Hamlet was responding to the call when he was flagged down and advised that someone suspicious was seen running down Ash Street. He searched the tree street area, found the suspect and arrested him without incident and without backup.

"City employees like you make the city proud," said Mayor Al Haidous.

Deputy Chief Al Maciag and Police Chief Jason Wright were at the police station when the call came in about the Leo's robbery. They left the

station to head to the scene and were driving west on Michigan Avenue when Maciag observed a car without a license plate turn on Josephine Street toward Dynamite Park.

They saw two people running down the Mill Trail and get in the car. As they approached the vehicle it drove north into the park. Wright chased the vehicle and pinned it against the rocks. Two of the suspects escaped on foot. The K-9 unit was called in to track the suspects and Maciag saw one of the suspects and he was arrested.

Haidous said, "I applaud your effort and your support to the department and to be there when it is needed to serve the people of this community."



The Mayor Al Haidous and Wayne City Council recognized Officer David Hamlet, Deputy Chief Al Maciag and Police Chief Jason Wright for their response to the robbery at Leo's Jewelry. Photo by Natalie Rhaesa

City manager search

City council has decided to form a committee to search for the next city manager. It will include Mayor Al Haidous and Councilmen Jim Hawley and Skip Monit.

Initially the council was considering a search through the Michigan Municipal League but the cost for their services would be more than \$12,000.

Councilman Jim Hawley said he thinks the city council can handle the job of finding the next city manager. He doesn't want to leave that selection to an organization that doesn't know anything about Wayne or the kind of person who would fit best.

"We can do the job and save a ton of money," he said.

Mayor Pro Tem Pam Dobrowolski suggested the committee and advertising with the International

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Councilman Jim Hawley

City/County Management Association. She said running an ad is \$400 for members and \$600 for non-members and will be active for 60 days and can be renewed at no cost.

"This would be another way to put the word out," she said. ICMA is a nation-wide certifying organization for city managers that the majority of them belong to.

The committee will review all applications they receive and the council will interview the candidates they feel fit the qualifications.

City Manager Robert English announced he is planning to retire Sept. 27th.

Public Act 345 on the ballot

City council approved putting Public Act 345 on the November ballot. This initiative will ask voters to levy 7 mills to create Public Act 345, which will create a police and fire retirement system.

If approved, beginning with the 2014-15 fiscal year, police officers and firefighters will become members of a separate retirement system

and contributions will be transferred to the Public Act 345 system. The 7 mills would raise about \$1.98 million. City officials have said this would help the city's budget problems by taking the retirement cost of the police and fire departments out of the general fund. Otherwise the city will have to cut up to \$2 million out of the budget.

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Thanks from Wild Bill

From Wild Bill to all his friends--he wants you to know that first and foremost; he appreciates all the prayers, phone calls, cards, good wishes and love he's received.

His appetite is great and he's gaining back weight that he'd lost, but still has some to gain. He becomes tired easily and that's partly due to his chemo treatments. Happily the last one of those was at the end of last month.

He also received two pints of blood recently which gave him a little more energy.



Wild Bill

Bill misses the grass cutting—he did go to the shop recently to do a little work.

One or another of Bill's buddies picks him up in the morning to have coffee and oatmeal at McDonald's, so he gets all the latest gossip with his friends. He is able to do a little driving also.

One thing he's thankful for: Throughout his illness he was free from pain.

He tells me—"it never hurt at all."

Once again, Bill says "thank you" to everyone who wished him well.

Come and meet Zeto! The Historical Society is opening their season with a visit from Officer William Mangan and Zeto, both of the K-9 unit. Officer Mangan will put Zeto thru his paces and describe how K-9 dogs are trained. He'll also relate how Zeto works with every policing agency in the city. When not on duty, Zeto becomes part of the Mangan household—but on certain commands he immediately becomes a 'police officer' himself.

The Historical Society has Al Damitio lining up lectures; he's always open to your suggestions, and would welcome your ideas. Also, the Society is avidly seeking new members, so you could sign up, and see Zeto all in the same night.

To see Officer Mangan and Zeto, and learn about the K-9 Corps, come to the Historical Museum on September 12, at 7:30.

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



Along with Ruth Wenzel and Pam Tucker, may we invite you to join the Wayne Garden Club! We have a great calendar year planned for 2013-2014. Outings are planned for the Hidden Gardens in Tipton, MI., Indiana Quilt Gardens Tour in Amish Country Indiana, and a fall trip to a Mum farm. Our monthly Wednesday meetings also offer garden related speakers.

This September 11th, at 12:30 p.m., we'll meet at the Wayne Public Library to hear Jim McGrath from Nature Discovery. Jim is an outstanding speaker who will bring a bird related presentation. Please come and see what we're all about.

Everyone in The Wayne Garden Club would like to thank our community for their support of our club during this year's Garden Walk. Many Thanks!

We haven't done this for a long time—a review of two books. The first "This Town" is a gossip, inside the beltway look at Washington D.C. The author is Mark Leibovich. The other is "America Eats." The author, Pat Willard, has hunted down old WPA recipes from box supper socials, chuck wagon parties, church dinners, barbecues, and all kinds of fundraisers. She shows us how many of these social events are still going strong—and she does it with recipes.

Thanks to the donors, the Friends of the Library, all the workers and everyone who played 'golf' at our Library, and also to Kohl's—you made Mini Golf Saturday a success.

Can I get a 'hats off' tribute to Billy Copland? He's done such a fine job taking over for his Dad, while Bill Sr. was ill and recuperating. Well done!

NEWS BRIEFS



Silver Sneakers

SilverSneakers is now available at the Wayne Community Center. This program is for ages 65 and up and is covered by many health plans. A SilverSneaker membership allows usage of all exercise facilities at the Community Center including the aquatic area and indoor track.

Check them out at SilverSneakers.com.

Lighted Christmas Parade

Get your best Christmas decorations and lights ready. For the first time the Wayne Rotary Club Christmas Parade will be a night parade on Friday, Dec. 6. The route will be the same with line up on Second Street behind Wayne City Hall. The parade will end at the State Wayne Theater where Santa will greet children.

Phoenix Theaters is partnering with the Wayne Rotary Club and will have activities after the parade.

Flu shots available

The Wayne Senior Services office will offer flu and pneumonia shots by appointment from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. on Oct. 2 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Rd.

This year's cost is: \$25 for flu

shot and \$75 for pneumonia if not covered by insurance. To make an appointment call 734-721-7460.

Rouge-a-Palooza

Celebrate the Rouge River at Rouge-a-Palooza from 1-8 p.m. on Oct. 12 at Goudy Park. There will be a canoe race down the Rouge called the Logjam Canoe Classic. The Wayne Rotary Club will have boat kits for the kids to make and race down the Rouge.

There will be live entertainment, a beer tent featuring Michigan beer and educational booths from Friends of the Rouge, Wayne County Dept. of Environment, Michigan Dept. of Community Health, a Michigan fur trapper camp and several booths by community groups.

The entertainment is free but there is a cost for the food and beer vendors. There is also a \$30 entry fee for the canoe race.

Come out and enjoy the fun.

Murder mystery at First Congregational Church

Murder Mystery Theater presented by First Congregational Church of Wayne, Saturday, September 21, 5:30pm. Join the fun as they get together to honor Dusty Jones and try to solve the mystery of his murder! The setting is Cactus Gulch in the Arizonian Territory, 1883, so dress in western attire. Dinner includes chicken, ribs, pulled pork, baked beans, corn on the cob, coleslaw, cornbread, dessert and beverages. Tickets are \$16. Call the church office at 734-729-7550 to reserve.

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Val Orr (center) was recognized by Mayor Al Haidous, Councilman John Rhaesa and the Wayne City Council for her service to the City of Wayne. She was joined by her husband Brent Orr and friends in the council chambers. Photo by Natalie Rhaesa

Council recognizes Orr

By Jenny Johnson

Former Wayne Memorial High School Principal Valerie Orr was honored by City Council for her contribution to the kids in Wayne. Orr, a WMHS graduate, has been principal since 2008 but left last month for a position with Monroe Public Schools. While at Wayne Memorial she led the school to five years of consistent increases in student achievement and the freshman failure rate was cut in half.

"This resolution is well deserved," said Mayor Al Haidous as audience members held up signs that read "You're so amazing Val."

"I've never seen a hard working principal like Valerie. I've seen the change and progress and have the highest degree of respect for those who help young children," he said.

"I can't thank you enough. It has been a real pleasure to serve," Orr said.

Councilman John Rhaesa said, "When I think of Wayne Pride, I think of Valerie Orr."

"Val and I go way back," said Councilman Skip Monit. Val was always looked at as a "super leader and someone who can pull the group of students forward. You were always there."

Turn the Town Teal

Catherine Buchanan of Independent Carpet One is helping Turn the Town Teal by tying teal ribbons throughout Wayne and Westland in an effort to raise awareness about ovarian cancer. September is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

"Ovarian cancer is known as 'The Silent Disease' as the symptoms are often vague and subtle. Presently, there is no early detection test. Today, awareness of the symptoms is the most critical factor in fighting ovarian cancer which is why this campaign is so very, very important," said Jane MacNeil, president of Turn The Towns Teal.

Trees, mailboxes and lamp posts will be adorned with biodegradable teal ribbons to make the public aware of this disease.

"The ribbons are visual," MacNeil said. "The symptom cards are key in educating people about the disease and its symptoms as when ovarian

cancer is detected in the early stages, the survival rate is 90 to 95% successful."

Classic symptoms of ovarian cancer are pelvic or abdominal pain/discomfort (bloating), vague but persistent gastrointestinal upsets, frequency and/or urgency of urination, unexplained changes in bowel habits, unexplained weight gain/loss, ongoing unusual fatigue, back pain, menstrual changes, and pain during intimacy.

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Catherine Buchanan of Independent Carpet One ties ribbons on the light poles downtown Wayne to Turn the Town Teal in an effort to raise awareness about ovarian cancer.

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D'Pulos honored by MRPA

Former Wayne Parks and Recreation Director Theodore D'Pulos will be inducted into the Michigan Recreation and Park Association Hall of Fame in October. D'Pulos was the director of the parks and recreation department from 1969-1995.

He wrote the first Master Plan and ordinances for parks and recreation. In 1969 he received a grant to develop Attwood Park, which is now the largest park in the city.

He worked with city council to fund the Wayne Community Center, which opened in 1974 and he was instrumental in building the senior program from a once a week potluck to a seven-day a week program.

The Tri City Therapeutic Recreation program with Westland and Garden City was formed and won state and national recognition during his tenure.

D'Pulos also created the "Adopt A Park Program." In 1994 he introduced the concept of an indoor pool. The aquatic area opened in 1996 and is now named the Theodore D'Pulos Aquatic Area.

During his career in Wayne D'Pulos opened the doors to enable every Wayne resident the chance to participate in parks and recreation.

Dairy Queen staff donates tips to help kids in need

It's a Dairy Queen tradition. Twice a season the staff at Wayne Dairy Queen happily gives up their tips for the day to support Children's Miracle Network. On the first day of spring during Free Cone Day the staff donated \$350 and in August



The staff of The Dairy Queen generously donated their tips to children's Miracle Network. Photo by Jenny Johnson

they donated \$1 from every blizzard, took donations and donated their tips to donate an additional \$500 to the Children's Miracle Network. In total Wayne Dairy Queen and their generous customers donated \$850 this year to the charity.

Dairy Queen owner Anna Petrou said "her" kids are hard working, kind, generous and caring.

Come Join the Fun and Adventure of Cub Scouting

Are you looking for exciting activities, challenges, and discovery? Cub Scout Pack 247 of St. Mary Church is open to all boys in first through fifth grades in the Wayne-Westland Community.

Cub Scout Pack 247 will hold its information and recruitment meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 11 at St.

Mary Church, 34530 Michigan Ave. Boys will play games and get to know some of the current scouts and earn their first Cub Scout belt loop. Parents will attend the informational/recruitment meeting. For more information, please contact Jody Brahosky at justjody40@gmail.com.

Goodfellow Raffle

Are you feeling lucky? The Wayne Goodfellows "3 of Hearts" progressive raffle tickets are for sale at the Avenue Downtown Wayne and Henry's Service Center for \$1 each. Drawings are held every Monday night at 9 p.m. at the Avenue. Up to date jackpot totals can be found at www.nfpgaming.com. The Wayne Goodfellows thanks you for your support in making sure there is no child in Wayne without a Christmas.

American Jetway golden anniversary

It was June 1963 when Frank Acitelli purchased the former North American Aerosol Company and renamed it American Jetway. For fifty years they have steadily increased their business in Wayne.

In July 2010 Gordon Jones, president and CEO, and Janice Germann, COO, acquired property on Venoy for further expansion. This past June they also purchased the former Advanced Materials Process Corporation on Howe Rd. to further expand the business.

Today they employ 160 people and had a gross sales of \$35 million for fiscal year 2012-13.

Casino Trip

It is a great opportunity. You can help raise money for MiMoz Clothes while having fun. The Wayne Rotary Club is hosting a Casino trip from 3-9 p.m. on Sept. 28. The cost is \$25 per person and includes \$20 in slot play. The bus will depart from the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center on Sims and Wayne Road. For more information, call Trish Hampton at 734-890-6934.

Cheer on local students in high school sports

School is back in session and the fall sports at the high schools are in full swing. If you would like to check out a football, soccer or volleyball game or a cross-country meet visit schedulestar.com for the full sports schedules of Wayne Memorial and John Glenn High School.

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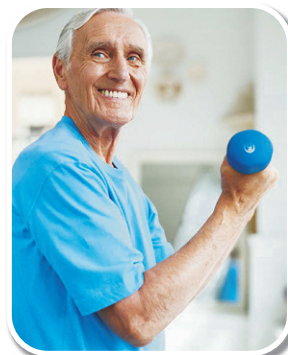
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