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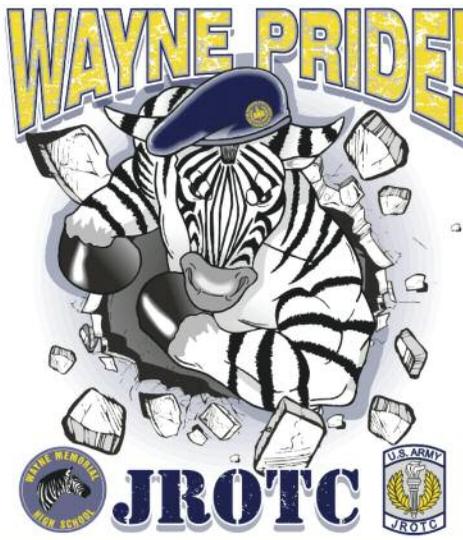
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Plante Moran hired for financial triage

The City of Wayne has hired Plante Moran to help run the city's finance department and help reconcile the 2014-15 budget and prepare the 2015-16 budget.

Plante Moran is an auditing firm that will spend the next six months working with the city. Former Wayne Finance Director Tim McCurley has been assigned to Wayne. The city will pay \$73,350 to have Plante Moran function as the finance director.

Brian Camiller, senior manager of Plante Moran, made a presentation to city council at their January meeting and said his firm will work with the city through three phases—triage, transition and maintenance.

He told council the structural deficit for the year is \$2 million.

"You should keep that in your heads," he said. Because the city transferred money from other funds to help balance this year's budget the current deficit is about \$500,000 but the estimated deficit for 2015 is about \$2 million.

"We've been spending more money than we have been taking it. We need to fix this issue. We have been living on our savings," said Councilman Albert Damitio.

This year the retirees' healthcare fund paid out more than it brought in. The city has about \$1.4 million of available fund balance because they are not paying all of the sick pay and other employees now. The minimum recommendation is two month of operation. Currently the city has about 9 percent of their budget and they should have 16 percent of their budget in that fund.

Some of the solutions Camiller suggested include having the city become self-insured for health benefits and installing lock boxes and outsourcing for water and tax bill payments. "Instead of mail coming here and someone opening and scanning and making the deposit it goes right to the bank and the bank scans and deposits and emails you a file to upload. It eliminates time for city employees that can go to other things," he said.

He also said council should study all of the city's buildings and decide whether or not they need them all or if some can be sold off.

Council supports 3-mill proposal for May

Damitio said there are two areas the city has financial problems in—retiree health care costs and pensions.

Health care costs have increased 20% per year since 2010 and pensions have gone up 10% per year since 2010, Damitio said.

"At this point we need to have a millage for 345 and my recommendation is three mills for five years so we can fund the pensions for the city and we need to support our city employees. They don't get social security. This is their retirement and we need to protect it," he said.

Wayne resident Nancy Pride said, "I would hate for someone who worked most of their life for the city to lose their health benefits."

"I am not talking about cutting pensions. It is mainly the healthcare benefits and we have to look at reductions in those benefits," Damitio said. "I am bringing up these proposals to protect that. We need a structurally balanced budget for 15-16 and to do that we need these two measures."

Damitio said there would come a time when the number of retirees is not as high as it is now. There will be relief as far as pensions increasing.

City Manager David Murphy said the city has 150 retirees and 75 full time employees supporting them.

If the three mill Act 345 passes, it will bring in just over \$1 million a year, Damitio said and would strictly be used for pensions of police and fire personnel.

There are about 95 retired police officers. This is the largest amount of city retirees.

The cost of this to a homeowner of a \$50,000 home would be about \$50 per year for five years.

If the language is approved by the Attorney General the proposal will be on the May ballot.

A resident asked if there is a Plan B if the voters do not pass this proposal.

"Plan A is the 345. Do you have a plan if the voters don't pass it," he asked. Mayor James Hawley said, "We will have a plan B when we start the budget process."

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Training for life

JROTC provides life skills and confidence

By Jenny Johnson

It is not a military recruiting program. The JROTC at Wayne Memorial High School was created in 2004 with the mission of motivating young people to be better citizens. They are recognized as leaders and an award winning team at Wayne Memorial High School throughout the community.

"It had the biggest impact on my life as anything else," said Alexander Wilcox, a senior at WMHS and a member of JROTC.

He struggled his first two years of high school. He had a low GPA and didn't turn in his work.

"In freshman year it didn't seem like I would graduate. In second semester sophomore year I got in my head and got more involved in JROTC," he said.

Soon his GPA went from a 2.3 to 4.0.

In his junior year he joined the competition teams in JROTC and became more confident in class.

"I became more of a speaker in class. I applied lessons I learned to my AP science and English class. It took JROTC to show me how to be better," he said.

The WMHS JROTC has been part of the 7th Brigade Region since 2010. This includes schools in Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Indiana and Kentucky. They are preparing for accreditation and on April 15 members of the brigade from Louisville will be visiting the cadets to do an inspection.

The goal of this and all other JROTC programs is to promote citizenship, develop leadership, improve physical fitness, provide a historical perspective of the military, teach students how to work as a team, communicate, be self-motivated, live drug free and graduate from high school with a plan for the future.

The JROTC program does not benefit when a student joins the military. Their focus is on graduation and success following the high school experience. There is no serv-



The JROTC at Wayne Memorial High School has won many awards this year. First row- Shakira Huckabee, Maia Bowen, Raychelle Bowen, Nicole Rodgers. Second row- Douglas Chuong, Nicholas Parraghi, Alexander Wilcox, Michael Alderman. Third row- Nicholas Carter and Dennis Dean.

ice obligation following JROTC said First Sergeant (Ret.), US Army Senior Army Instructor Steven LaHaine.

Students who decide to pursue the military after graduation seek out the instructors for more information, LaHaine said.

Many do so to help pay for college tuition.

Nicholas Parraghi had some family issues and his grades dropped and he came close to depression.

"I didn't want to talk to anyone or be by anyone but I signed up for the class because I wanted to get military information," he said. "But JROTC showed me that having people around me boosted my morale. I started becoming happier and started improving mentally and physically. Because of JROTC I bettered myself."

History of JROTC

The United States Army Junior

Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) began with six units as a result of the passage of the National Defense Act of 1916. The army authorized high schools to use federal military equipment and an active duty military person was assigned as an instructor.

In 1964 JROTC was opened to other military services and the active duty instructors were replaced with military retirees. Today the instructors are also certified teachers.

In 1972 females were allowed to participate in JROTC.

Currently the program is in 1,710 schools and every state in the nation and American schools overseas. Enrollment in the JROTC program is 273,000 nationwide. JROTC is a free program for students.

"We are self sufficient. We get supplies from the Army," said LaHaine.

That includes all uniforms, fatigues, materials for competition

teams, lodging, meals and transportation for competitions and supplies.

There are 123 students in the JROTC program at Wayne Memorial. They hope to grow the program and have begun visiting Franklin Middle School to talk to students about JROTC.

Classroom skills

JROTC is considered an elective class and counts for a student's Visual Performing and Applied Arts credit.

LaHaine said the class could also count for a physical education credit soon too.

There are four different Leadership Education Training classes in the JROTC program.

LET 1 is an introduction to JROTC and is for first year students.

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On the mend

Many of you know that my husband took a terrible fall in our bathroom. This happened just before New Year's and he was pretty banged up.

The great guys from Wayne's EMS unit got him to Oakwood Hospital. It was determined that he had type "B" flu--and was in isolation for 4 days. From Oakwood, he went to Maple Manor for rehab. He needed to get strength back in his legs. Maple Manor is what I want to tell you about. If you ever need a rehabilitation facility Maple Manor is the place I recommend.

The nurses, Claudine, Ginger, Marissa C., Kwanya (Nurse Kay) Carmen, and Margarita, plus Nurse's Aide, Angus, were all so kind and caring.

Maple Manor is kept so very clean, thanks to Michael Phillips and Anthony Rhodes and everyone in the housekeeping unit.

Then there is the food. Wonderful food! Not only good, tasty and plentiful, but also presented in an attractive manner.

Kerran's main therapist was Dina, but he was also helped by Melissa, Ceasar, and Jim. Andrea is the social worker who met with us, and Kathy is the very gracious office manager.

Maple Manor offers both Baptist and Catholic church services. Activities include arts and crafts, movies, a beauty hour, Bingo, and ice cream socials. There is more entertainment by D. J. Dash and Kelly Miller, and Karaoke with Carol.

My husband is much stronger and God willing, will be home by the time you read this.

My daughters, Maggie and Julie, join me in thanking everyone at Maple Manor who helped Kerran get 'back on his feet'.

Members of the Ladies' Literary Club attended "Rumors", a play by Neil Simon on Friday, January 16. A review of the play in the New York Post calls "Rumors" "Light, frothy and fun."

It takes place in a New York townhouse. The Deputy Mayor of New York has shot himself and suffered a flesh wound. His wife is nowhere to be found. Four couples are to arrive, expecting a gala party, however, the host lies bleeding. It's up to his



Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan

lawyer to "get the story" straight, before the invited guests arrive.

The play is filled with confusion and miscommunication and spins off into classic comedy.

The Literary Ladies who attended the play are: Mary Lynn Baker, Sue Damitio, Karen Healy, Cindy Kelly, Carolyn Marnon, Elaine Pittman, Laura and Gloria Rowland, Beverly Woodard, Carol Cockrum, Judy Howton, Penny Lively, Karen Norton, and Carol Weyand. Before the play the group had dinner at the "Red Olive Restaurant" in Dearborn. It is very close to The Dearborn Players Guild Theater where the play was presented.

Could you use \$2,000 in your tax return this year? Could you use a little help making sense of all those tax forms? Sign up for Wayne Metropolitan's FREE tax service at the Wayne Library.

This year they will be offering free tax service to households with annual income below \$50,000.

These sessions will be held for all who qualify on Tuesday, March 24, and Tuesday, March 31, at the Wayne Library. Call (734) 284-6999 or (313) 388-9799 for an appointment. Walk-ins are accepted but those with an appointment are served first. Due to budget cuts, the IRS is reporting that fewer representatives will be available for phone assistance this year. So sign up today.

This valuable and timely information comes from Steven McGladdery, the Co-Director of the Wayne Library.

Sadly we note the passing of Edna Kingsbury. She was my 'over the back fence neighbor'. We shared more than a back fence--we also shared the same birthday. Rest in peace Mrs. Kingsbury---you'll be missed.

OBITUARIES

Pamela Shaw, 46, of Westland, MI, passed away on Feb 5, 2015. Beloved Daughter of Glenn (Patty) Shaw and Kathryn Shaw.

One of a kind sister to Doug (Lori) Shaw, Lynette (Tony) Hobyak, Carl (Kris) Johnson, Steve (Sheila) Johnson, Holly (Frank) Cozza, Joelle (Steve) Boros. A fun and dearly loved Aunt to Ryan, Trevor, Connor, Haley, Tyler, Christian, Josh, Justin, Bode, Brogan and



Bridger. Pam successfully started her own company Advanced Property Management. She enjoyed fishing, cooking and singing karaoke. When she was younger she took ice skating lessons, played softball and used her musical talent to master the violin. She loved anything purple and had a special love for her cats. Visitation and funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, MI 48186. Donations can be made to the Westland Community Foundation 38110 Executive Drive, Suite 100, Westland, MI 48185.

Winnifred "Winnie" M. Story,

96, passed away on January 15, 2015. Winnifred was born June 17, 1918 in Highland Park Hospital to Mary Grace Smith Peters and Harrison Peters. Winnie was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings Thelma M. Peters Bhurshen and Donald Smith Peters.

Winnifred was a lifelong resident of Wayne. She married LeRoy "Roy" S. Story in 1934. Roy passed away in 1963. They had four children. Nancy and Fred Birk proceeded Winnie in death; Diana and the late Raymond Taylor; Linda and the late Lowell Lamb; and Richard and Linda Story. Winnie has five grandchildren- Charles Taylor, Christeen Lamb Portor, Elaine Lamb Mack, Richard L. Story II and Eric Lamb, and seven great grandchildren.



Winnie was a lifelong member of the Wayne Methodist Church and was a tireless worker at the church bazaars and rummage sales.

Winnie was a lifelong member of the Collins Rebecca Lodge of Wayne and a 20-year employee of S.S. Kresges in Wayne. She enjoyed seeing people she knew from Wayne each day.

Winnifred served 30 years as a City of Wayne election worker in all elections. She was the fourth generation of her family to live in Wayne, her great grandfather was a shoe cobbler in Wayne, her grandfather was the Wayne Village Marshal and her father owned a general store in Wayne.

Winnifred was interred at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia with her husband Roy. A graveside service was conducted on January 19, 2015 for family members. A memorial service and dinner will be held at the Wayne Methodist Church in February.



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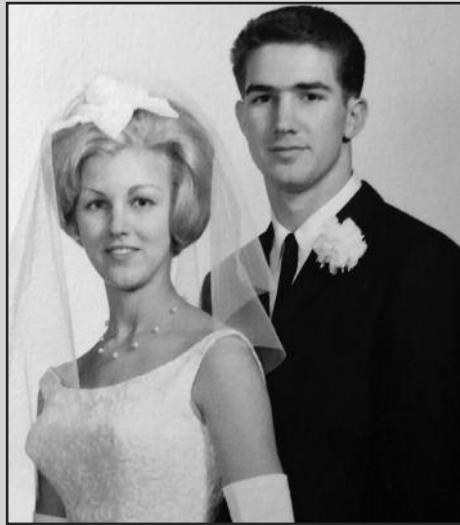
NEWS BRIEFS

WMHS 8th grade Parent Night

Wayne Memorial High School will be hosting an 8th grade parent night for those transitioning to 9th grade or interested in getting more information about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2015-2016 school year. Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to attend. The event will be held on February 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium. Topics covered will include: scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extra-curricular activities, and much more. All are welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. Any additional questions should be directed to the Counseling Department at 734-419-2215.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Joe and Christine(Pedersen) Kadlec will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 13. They met in the halls of Wayne Memorial High School and married at the Presbyterian Church in Wayne. They are enjoying retirement on the shores of Lake Columbia in Brooklyn, MI.



Travel Group

Join the Sometimes Travelers Group. Don't worry about the planning and driving. Day and extended trips offered. Open to everyone 30 years and up. Dues are \$5 for year (July through June).

Legal presentation

A free legal presentation will be offered at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 11 by Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne. This event is free to all, 60 years and up.

Topics will include guardianship, wills, trusts, power of attorney, assisted living, and much more. Please reserve a spot by calling Wayne Senior Services @ 734-721-7460.

Youth Valentine Making

Children interested in making a Valentine for a special person are invited to the Wayne Public Library from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Feb. 11. Supplies will be provided. This is a free program but please call 734-721-7832 to register.

Bingo

Bingo is offered at 1 p.m. on Feb. 12 and 26 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne for all 18 years and up. \$50 jackpot.

Heart Health Screening

A free Heart Health Screening will be offered to anyone age 18 and up from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 17 at the Wayne Community Center. They will offer blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose screening (no fasting required for screening), plus a stroke risk assessment done. Walk ins are available.

Daddy/Daughter Date Night

The annual Daddy/Daughter Date Night will be 7-8:30 p.m. on Feb. 11 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne. The cost is \$12/couple and \$16 for an adult with two daughters for residents and \$13/ couple for non-residents or \$18 for adult with two daughters.

Photos will be available from 6-7p.m. Tickets are available at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne.

Mother/Son Sports Night

Join the fun at Mother/Son Sports Night from 7-8:30 p.m. on Feb. 11 at the Wayne Community Center. The cost for residents is \$12 per couple and \$16/mom and two sons. The cost for non-residents is \$13 per couple and \$18/mom and two sons. The cost for each additional son is \$5. Tickets are for sale at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road.

WMHS grad appears on Empire

Did you see him? Antoine McKay, a 1988 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, had a guest appearance on the premiere episode of the new FOX drama Empire. His character's name was Bunkie.

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Downtown Façade program lunched

The Wayne Main Street Design Committee announces the launch of the Wayne Main Street Façade Incentive Grant program. An information meeting for business and building owners who are located in the Main Street district will be held on Tuesday, February 17th, 6pm at the Wayne Fire Station. Wayne Main Street's Executive Director, Lindsey Wooten, will present information about the grant program.

The grant program was created to encourage private investment in historic facades by providing financial incentives through the historically sensitive rehabilitation and dramatic improvement of facades in downtown Wayne, to encourage good design that will serve as quality examples, and to preserve the architectural character that is distinctive to Wayne. By improving the appearance of the building facades, the program helps to improve the economic viability of the downtown.

The number of projects receiving grants in a fiscal year is based on program budget, with a new funding cycle beginning January 1. Grants are awarded on a first-approved, first-funded basis. In 2015, \$10,000 is available for distribution. Only projects that are located within the Wayne Main Street district are eligible.

Wayne Main Street Façade Incentive Grant Guidelines and applications are available at the Wayne Main Street office (35000 Sims Street) or can be downloaded from the website: www.downtownwayne.org.

If you would like further information, contact Wayne Main Street Executive Director, Lindsey Wooten at 734-629-6822 or visit during open office hours between 9:30 – 11:30 AM Monday through Friday.

Main Street Façade Incentive Grant Program Info Meeting

Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. Tuesday, February 17th – 6:00 PM Wayne Fire Station (3300 S. Wayne Rd.) Building & Business Owners located in the Wayne Main Street District RSVP by calling (734) 629-6822 no later than February 10th.

Downtown Wayne Main Street

Lindsey Wooten



Design Services

Wayne Main Street offers three Design Services each year provided by the Design Specialist at the Michigan Main Street Center. Last year members of the Design Committee received 4 applications from building/business owners and awarded the service to the owner of the building at 3023 S. Wayne Rd., US12 Bar & Grill, and Dairy Queen.

The design assistance provides important information and recommendations on exterior façade improvements that will improve the appearance and visibility of the building and business while also maintaining the historic integrity of the building and making it functional for the owner's current needs.

Pictured is the design for the



Community members discuss what's going on in the community and future partnerships with Wayne Main Street.

building located at 3023 S. Wayne Road.

Partner Roundtable

On January 22nd, Wayne Main Street hosted the first Partner Roundtable meeting at the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center. Attendees included over 25 representatives from civic organizations, clubs, non-

profit groups, churches, and city officials.

The meeting was intended to identify projects that impact the downtown and to open up discussion about future partnership opportunities amongst attendees. Another roundtable meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 18th at 6:00 PM. Event details to come.

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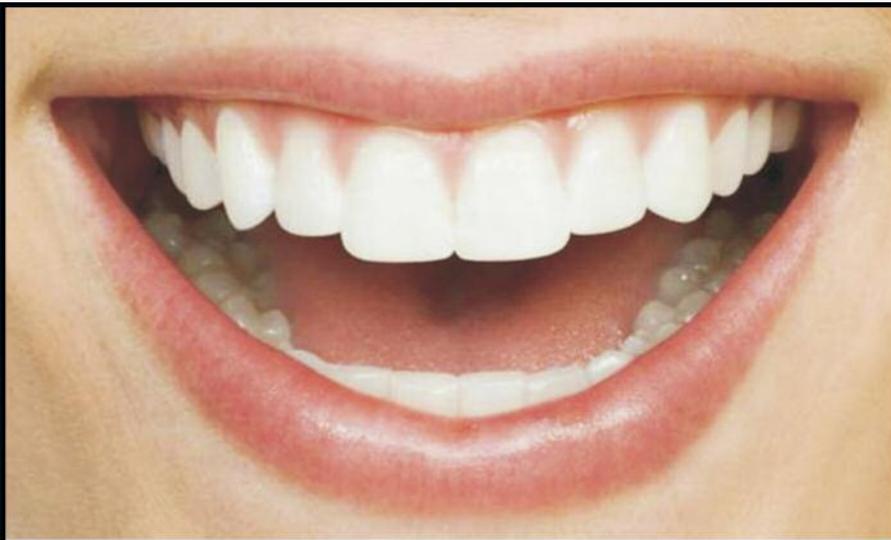
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NorWayne Boxing Gym Grand Opening. Jeff Styers (center in gray sweater) with 5 World Champions from left to right, Light Middleweight Champion Cornelius "K9" Bundrage, Milton McCrory, Hilmer Kenty, Jeff Styers, Jimmy Paul and Bronco McKart. (Right) Amateurs spar in the ring on opening day of the gym.

WMHS Grad opens gym in Norwayne

By Jenny Johnson

The Norwayne Boxing Gym opened its doors last month in at the new Jefferson Barns Community Center. It is located in the former Jefferson-Barns Elementary School in Westland. This project was spear headed by Wayne Memorial High School alumni Jeff Styers who is a former undefeated professional boxer. Today he is president of Arrow Strategies.

Several boxing greats were at the open house including Light Middleweight Champion Cornelius "K9" Bundrage and former World Champions Jimmy Paul, Milton McCrory, Hilmer Kenty and Bronco McKart.

Styers grew up one mile west of

Jefferson Barns. About one year ago he started working with Westland Mayor Bill Wild and started talking about Norwayne, which just got a historical marker designation.

He told the mayor if they were able to turn the school into a recreation center he would like to open a boxing gym for kids.

The gym will be open for area students and will be offered free of charge. Erskine Wade, a former boxer, is the gym trainer. The gym will offer boxing and mentoring lessons for boys and girls in the area.

The gym has a full-size boxing ring, workout area and punching bags. Two classrooms are available for members to do their homework

and work with tutors from the Wayne Memorial High School. There is minimal cost to join the gym.

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New businesses open doors in Wayne

By Jenny Johnson

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"One of the best deli counters you have ever seen," said Jerry Pattah, owner.

Pattah walked around and greeted customers and answered questions.

Store hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

They have a recycling center for bottle returns, accept WIC and EBT, and their guest services offers stamps, Lotto tickets, free money orders, Western Union bill pay and even gift cards. There is also an ATM and a Coin Star machine.

It is a full service grocery store offering lotto, beer and wine and in the future will have a pharmacy.

They offer brand name groceries and a full line of Spartan items.

Tom from Nick's Coney Island was the first customer. He has known Jerry for a long time and likes the convenience of them being right across the parking lot from his restaurant.

"The prices look good," he said.

The staff was busy all day long with a store full of customers. They have a staff of about 40 and plan to hire about 20 more people.

"We are still hiring," Jerry said.

A weekly circular will be mailed out to nearby households with all of the sales and specials.

Kelly Bell of Wayne was shopping the meat department on the first morning.

"We stopped by after church yesterday and he let us in. It beats Kroger," Bell said. He was shopping for the items on sale.

Pattah has six supermarkets in the metro area.

He initially bought 11 Farmer Jacks when they went out of business- 9 Food Basics and 2 Farmer Jacks- but sold some of them.



Fresh Choice Food Center- Jerry Pattah and his son, Tim, and daughter, Chanel, in the produce section of his new grocery store in Wayne. Photos by John P. Rhaesa



Jack Demmer Quick Lane is now open for business and ready to serve all makes and models of vehicles.

"It's in my blood," he said. Pattah has been a butcher and produce manager.

"I have been doing this for 44 years. Butcher, produce manager, jack of all trades."

Pattah said all of the renovations and improvements to the store are not complete. He is going to put in new interior and exterior lighting and two cart corrals in the parking lot. He has installed gas heating because when he bought the building it had electric heat, which made for huge monthly bills.

"Now it runs more efficient," he said.

Brian and Laura Olofson of Westland had a cart full of meat, water, eggs, bread and milk- all on special. They said they liked the store and will be back.

Jack Demmer Quick Lane

Jack Demmer Quick Lane is open for business and ready to serve all makes and models of vehicles.

City officials, chamber members and Demmer staff and family cele-

brated with a grand opening ceremony in mid-January.

The Quick Lane is located on Michigan Avenue and Newburgh across the street from Jack Demmer Ford. They are a full service facility that does tires, belts, brakes, hoses, check engine lights and oil changes on all makes and models of cars and trucks. They even have the capacity to do box trucks.

They have appointments and also walk-in service.

"We do everything," said manager Zach Levasseur. "This is a top notch facility."

"We get a ton of business from across the street," he said. "We did 100 set of tires in the first week."

They price match and offer free flat tire repair and free brake and alignment inspection. They have a state-of-the-art laser aligner for alignments.

Jack Demmer Quick Lane in Wayne is the biggest stand-alone Quick Lane in the country. A lot of others are attached directly to the dealership.

This spring they will build a pole barn to store tires and also install a car wash bay.

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Their hours of operation are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Gents on the Ave

They love their location in downtown Wayne. Gents on the Ave is a four-stool barbershop located on westbound Michigan Avenue next to the Chamber of Commerce. Keith Knight and Robert Fuller who have over 20 years experience as a barber own it. They had a location in Romulus but decided to move to Wayne.

"It is a good location, good people and we love the historical location," Fuller said. Business has been steady. Most of their customers followed them from their previous location but they also have gotten some new clients.

"It is a family oriented barber shop. Our clientele is working class people," Fuller said.

Their hours are 12 - 7 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. They accept walk-ins and appointments. They offer kids and adults haircuts, line-ups, razor lines, shaves and beard trims.

Mr. Keith's Designer Fragrance

Looking for a great designer scent at an affordable price? Check out Mr. Keith's Designer Fragrance a new store on westbound Michigan Avenue just east of Wayne Road.

Keith Knight, co-owner of Gents on the Ave just a few doors down, opened his new store in December. He first began selling the little bottles



Mayor Hawley and the Wayne City Council along with the Wayne Chamber of Commerce welcome Jack Demmer Quick Lane to Wayne. Photo by Jenny Johnson

of roll-on designer oils out of the barbershop but then decided to open his own store.

"We did good," he said.

They offer men and women fragrances, lotions, soaps, Shea butter and more.

The fragrances are oils that are the same scents as some of the high end designer fragrances like Tom Ford, Creed, John Paul, Flight and Invictus for men and Flower Bomb, Moon Sparkle, Romance, Daisy and Gucci for women.

Keith and his wife, Shannon, custom blend lotions and body wash with a customer's favorite fragrance. All of their soaps and lotions are hypoallergenic and come unscented.

The scented oils are alcohol free and that is why the scent will last all day. They have \$5, \$10 and \$20 bottles. If you spend \$20 you get a free roll-on fragrance bottle.

Their hours are 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

"We have affordable prices and current designer fragrances," Shannon said.



Gents on the Ave is a four-stool barbershop located on westbound Michigan Avenue next to the Chamber of Commerce.



Keith Knight and his wife, Shannon, co-owners of Mr. Keith's Designer Fragrance.

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Wayne Memorial principal Kevin Weber waves from the plane before his flight with Blue Angels at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Soaring with the Blue Angels

By Cierra Eschenbacher

Wayne Memorial principal Kevin Weber went flying high this September when he had the opportunity to go on a stunt-filled ride with the famous U.S. Navy Blue Angels in one of their F/A-18 Hornet planes.

After being approached by a representative for the Blue Angels, Weber was selected to be one of three special guests who was able to take to the skies with Lieutenant Ryan Chamberlain.

Weber flew with the Blue Angels on September 2 at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, where they were in town for an air show.

With an average roller coaster reaching about four G-Forces, a Blue Angels Hornet can reach up to seven. That is the equivalent of around 1,100 pounds of pressure pushing blood out of a person's head. With forces like that, it is mandatory that flyers learn a specific breathing technique called the "Hick Maneuver."

In order to prevent loss of consciousness (a condition endearingly referred to as G-LOC), the "Hick Maneuver" is a tightening of the leg muscles, taking one deep breath, and then taking a multitude of quick, tight breaths in order to compress the diaphragm muscles while as-

ending.

Weber said that he not only studied the breathing techniques, but also watched videos of other people in the planes in order to prepare. "It was an incredible experience. There is no way to describe the feeling to people," Weber said of flying with the Blue Angels.

While Weber mastered the Hick Maneuver for most of his ride and never felt sick, he said that he was so impressed with the stunts that he momentarily forgot the breathing and muscle tightening and passed out.

"I don't think I will ever forget tak-

ing off or getting G-LOC," Weber said.

Local 4 News made an appearance at the air base to interview Weber and the other guests, who were presented with plaques by the Blue Angels.

Would Weber ever go back up if he had the chance?

"I would definitely want to do it again," Weber said. "I would want to conquer the air-to-air maneuver that I passed out during. I would want to take on the G-Monster and win."

Editor's note: Cierra is a WMHS senior. She is the opinion editor for the student newspaper, The Zebra Print. She plans to pursue a career in computer hardware engineering.



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WMHS seeks Distinguished Alumni

Wayne Memorial High School is looking for a Distinguished Alumni to be honored at the 2015 graduation ceremony on May 31.

"We have had many outstanding people graduate from Wayne Memorial," said Kevin Weber, principal, Wayne Memorial. "Many have contributed significantly to the betterment of society on a local, state, national or international level. The Distinguished Alumni Award is our way of honoring an outstanding graduate on an annual basis."

Each winner is awarded a medal inscribed with the official school seal. They are honored with a Distinguished alumni reception and speak to the graduating class at commencements. "This is an opportunity for our current graduating class, to hear first hand from a former alumnus who has made his/her mark on society," Weber said.

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cate the many alumni who have distinguished themselves since their graduation. For that reason, Wayne Memorial is asking the community to help in its search. If any member of the Community wishes to nominate a Wayne Memorial graduate, they are asked to submit a nomination letter to Mrs. Rawson, Secretary to the Principal, at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth Street, Wayne, Michigan 48184 or call 734-419-2206.

A "Distinguished Alumni" committee has been established at Wayne Memorial to decide on the recipient for 2015. An announcement of the winner will be made in mid May. Nominations are due by February 24, 2015.

Join Wayne Rotary

The Wayne Rotary Club meets at 12 p.m. every Tuesday at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne. The last Tuesday of the month they meet at 6 p.m. at US-12 on Michigan Avenue and Second

Street. They invite the public to come to a meeting and see what Rotary is all about.

Baseball registration

The Wayne Baseball Association is looking for players age 3-18 for youth baseball and softball. Registration is available at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Rd., Wayne on the following dates:

- Feb. 12 from 7-9 p.m.
- Feb. 19 from 7-9 p.m.
- Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Feb. 26 from 7-9 p.m.
- March 5 from 7-9 p.m.
- March 7 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

All new registrants must show proof of birth date. Players from all cities are welcome. Included in the registration fee is a complete uniform- hat, shirt, and pants.

For more information, please call the WBA office at 734- 722-6400 or visit www.waynebaseballassociation.org.

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The 2015 dog & cat tags are available for sale in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall. All dogs & cats four months of age or older must be licensed (certificate of rabies vaccination required) and wear a collar with current tag attached. Tags obtained by February 26, 2015, will be at a lesser fee.

Fees during annual licensing period ending February 26, 2015

Regular license	\$10.00*
License for spayed or neutered animals	\$5.00*

Fees from March 1 thru December 30, 2015

Regular/spayed or neutered animals	\$20.00
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It was 1945 when Leo Jay Zuckerman and his wife Dorothy opened their first store, "Leo's Toy and Furniture Store", in the old Newkirk house approximately where their store is located today. They sold a wide variety of items to meet the needs of people in the growing community of Wayne and surrounding areas.

You could wander through the store and shop for toys, bikes, magic kits, jewelry, furniture, Madame Alexander Dolls, small appliances and much more. The store was jam packed with goods for all ages. I remember my sisters and me saving our babysitting money to purchase a gift for our parent's anniversary. We found the perfect gift, an electric coffee percolator.

In 1948, the Zuckermans moved their larger inventory items into a second store across the street from the existing one. It was in a cinderblock garage next to a house they bought. Here they sold small pools, pedal cars, bikes, yard tools, household items among other things. They also brought two new salesmen into the business, their young sons, David and Larry. David remembers being about eight years old when he began to help at the stores.

In 1956, the Zuckermans opened



Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley

a new store in a new building just west of the old house. They were located between King's Boot Shop and the Lee Adams Clothing Store. It was here that they became called Leo's Gift Center. They concentrated on the sale of gift items, jewelry, cards, and collectibles. Hobe' was a popular jewelry line sold at this time and Hummel's were a huge collectible. Leo's sold an astounding number of the little German figurines. Leo's also offered a new service of gift wrapping which was widely appreciated by shoppers, especially men. Sadly, the man behind the vision of Leo's passed away six months after the new store opened. The running of the store was left to Dorothy and her sons, David and Larry.

Seventy years later, Leo's Jewelry and Gift Store has become a landmark in our community. David and Larry and their families have grown this business into one of a kind store that is well known throughout southeastern Michigan and beyond. They sell beautiful custom made jewelry, diamonds, name brand jewelry such as Pandora and Brighton and Vera Bradley goods. They also sell collectibles and watches. They are one of the leading Rolex watch sellers in



Leo Jay Zuckerman Photos courtesy of the Wayne Historical Museum

the country. Their store has expanded more than seven times the size of the original. They bought out the Lee Adams Store as well as the Detroit Edison Store (where we used to turn in our light bulbs for new ones) which was next to Lee Adams.

Plans are being made by the Zuckermans at this time to remodel the store again. It will be exciting to see what they come up with to offer us an even larger and more beautiful

shopping experience. It has always been and seems to continue to be the best place to buy that special gift or special piece of jewelry for a loved one. And the best part is the hometown feel of the store as David and Larry greet you by name, and their family and friendly sales staff make you feel at home and help you make selections. We wish them well and thank them for their service to their home town and ours!



In 1948, the Zuckermans moved their larger inventory items into a second store across the street from the existing one. In 1956, the Zuckermans opened a new store in a new building just west of the old house. David Zuckerman, Mayor Pat Norton, Dorothy Zuckerman and Larry Zuckerman break ground to expand Leos.

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They learn leadership theories and applications and the foundations for success.

LET 2 focuses on wellness, fitness and first aid. The second year students also learn about geography and environmental awareness, citizenship, American history and government.

LET 3 provides advanced training of previous instruction and LET 4 students work on advanced leader training and serve as mentors for junior cadets.

All of the classes are student led. At the beginning of each class students lead the pledge, the cadet creed and the daily plan. Army Instructor Stanley Lewis and LaHaine oversee the instruction and teach the introductory courses.

Senior Nicholas Parraghi said, "Part of curriculum in the senior class LET 4s is that we teach ourselves. The highest-ranking cadet in each hour conducts the lesson. I conduct teaching for our hour in sixth hour and give homework out."

Classroom lessons focus on enhancing communication skills, teach-



Wayne Memorial High School JROTC Drill Team.

ing goal setting, recognizing successes and accomplishments, presenting career opportunities, developing responsibility, promoting a disciplined environment, decision making/problem solving skills and physical fitness.

Every Wednesday the cadets wear their uniforms and every Friday is Cadet Challenge and physical training.

"The kids run the program," LaHaine said. "The Battalion staff runs the staff meeting every week."

The JROTC is organized as a bat-

alion. Senior Douglas Chuong is the Battalion Commander. The battalion is divided into two companies- Alpha and Bravo. They each have their own company commander and from there each company is divided into platoon and squads with leaders for each group.

"We learn about how to be a leader and how communication works," Chuong said. "We also learn how the brain works and about first aid. I was able to test out of health class. JROTC covers a lot of subjects." The lessons they learn in

JROTC are used in other classes too.

"A lot of our teachers expect more of us. In English, the teacher stepped out of the class and we (JROTC students) were the ones getting people under control," said Dennis Dean. "They said you are the role models. We behave the best."

"They are very well rounded," LaHaine said. They learn a lot in the program and have a lot of responsibilities.

"They are doing adult stuff," LaHaine said. "Dean knows the schedule has to be correct if we are going to a competition and we have to have a bus request. When Bowen says we need something we spend real dollars for the cadets. It can be stressful but they learn good life lessons."

Cadets are chosen for those position based on their leadership skills. Their duties include accountability, keeping their unit members informed, inspecting cadets and leading their units during class, drill and physical fitness training.

"Grades are very important to JROTC. It helps you get promoted. It shows you have discipline and take

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care of yourself and have self motivation," said Maia Bowen.

"After school programs should treat students right, do things right, and win. The WMHS JROTC program does all three. Year after year, the program excels in all areas. The program is so successful every year. I don't think people realize how special these accomplishments are," said Kevin Weber, principal, WMHS. "The WMHS JROTC program and cadets are an annual point of pride for our school. Every facet of the program, from volunteering, to ceremonies, to competitions, is executed in a dignified and first class manner. 1st Sgt. LaHaine has built a program that offers students at WMHS incredible opportunities. We are fortunate to have such a terrific program and instructor."

Competitions

"The reason they do so well in the competitions is because of what we do here in the classroom," LaHaine said.

Besides the daily class work the JROTC has several award winning competition teams.

The Drill Team, Raider Team, Leadership Team, Academic Team and Color Guard. Participation in these teams is all voluntary and the practices and competitions are after school and on weekends.

The Drill Team gets a set of Army regulations commands to memorize and perform in front of a panel of judges. There are Color Guards, armed and unarmed teams.

They won the Michigan-wide championship for drill team and will compete in the National Drill Competition on April 26 in Louisville.

The Raider Team participates in physical fitness tests like a 5K run and Rope Bridge and also a written test, map reading, orienteering and first aid skills test. There will be a Raider competition at Wayne Memorial High School on April 18 with several different high schools competing.

The Leadership Team is in the middle of their second round of competition. If they win they will advance to the finals in Washington D.C. The students have to answer questions about what has been taught in the classroom, current events and the leadership styles of Douglas



Wayne Memorial High School JROTC Raiders.

MacArthur and George C. Marshall.

The Academic Team focuses more on math, English and science questions.

By the numbers

In their 11-year history the WMHS JROTC program has won 452 trophies. The Leadership Team has placed in the Top 20 at the National Leadership competition the past five years.

The Drill Team has placed in Top 16 in the nation for past three years and has been the Michigan Drill Champions seven times.

The Academic Team has been the regional champion for the last four years.

Wayne Memorial JROTC students have been named Top Cadet in the State of Michigan five times.

They are the current State of Michigan Raider champions and the current Brigade Raider champions.

The trophies don't come without a lot of preparation and hard work though.

LaHaine said, "Gone are the days of everyone gets a trophy. Everyone has an equal opportunity to work their way up."

The many ribbons on the cadets' uniforms are for local and national awards.

Chuong said, "I like that cadets are recognized for their achievements. Looking at the uniform you can tell you put effort into things."

The cadets also put effort into their studies and their future.

"Every one of these cadets is going to college," LaHaine said. "We don't ask are you going, we ask where you are going."

Day and march in Memorial Day and homecoming parades.

The students also help with math and science nights and school fairs at Franklin Middle School and the elementary schools in Wayne-Westland.

At Wayne Memorial, JROTC students serve as ushers and greeters at parent-teacher conferences, concerts and special events.

Each November the JROTC plans and conducts a Veterans Day ceremony near the flagpole at the front of the school. Giving back to and making a difference in their community is another lesson the cadets learn in JROTC.

Future looks bright

Graduates of the WMHS JROTC program are attending Eastern Michigan University, George Mason University, West Point, Citadel and all branches of the military.

Current students plan to attend EMU, Michigan State University and several other colleges to pursue engineering, communications, international affairs, personal fitness, science and chemistry.

Several students are enlisting in the Army reserves or ROTC while attending college. Some are going active duty to the Navy, Marines or Army right after graduation and will work on their college degree while serving their country. They want to be lawyers, engineers, and career military and have fulfilling careers.

They all feel the JROTC program has helped prepare them for their future.

Chuong said, "What I love about JROTC is everyone is motivating each other. People around you will tell you that you can do great. When you can't find motivation in you they will help."

Some choose to enlist in the military or join the reserves to help pay for their college education.

Everyone of the four year cadets have graduated high school, LaHaine said. Two had to stay for a fifth year but they still graduated. These are well-rounded students. They all have plans for either college or military service after graduation, LaHaine said. In addition to JROTC and all of the competition teams and volunteer opportunities, the students also participate in orchestra, band, newspaper, Career Tech classes and many other school activities.

They are also a very close knit and supportive group.

Community service

The community is most familiar with JROTC from the numerous volunteer activities they participate in. These include the FRIENDS: People Helping People project in September. The students help paint the exterior of a senior Wayne resident. They also help with the city's annual Clean-Up

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