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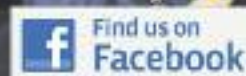
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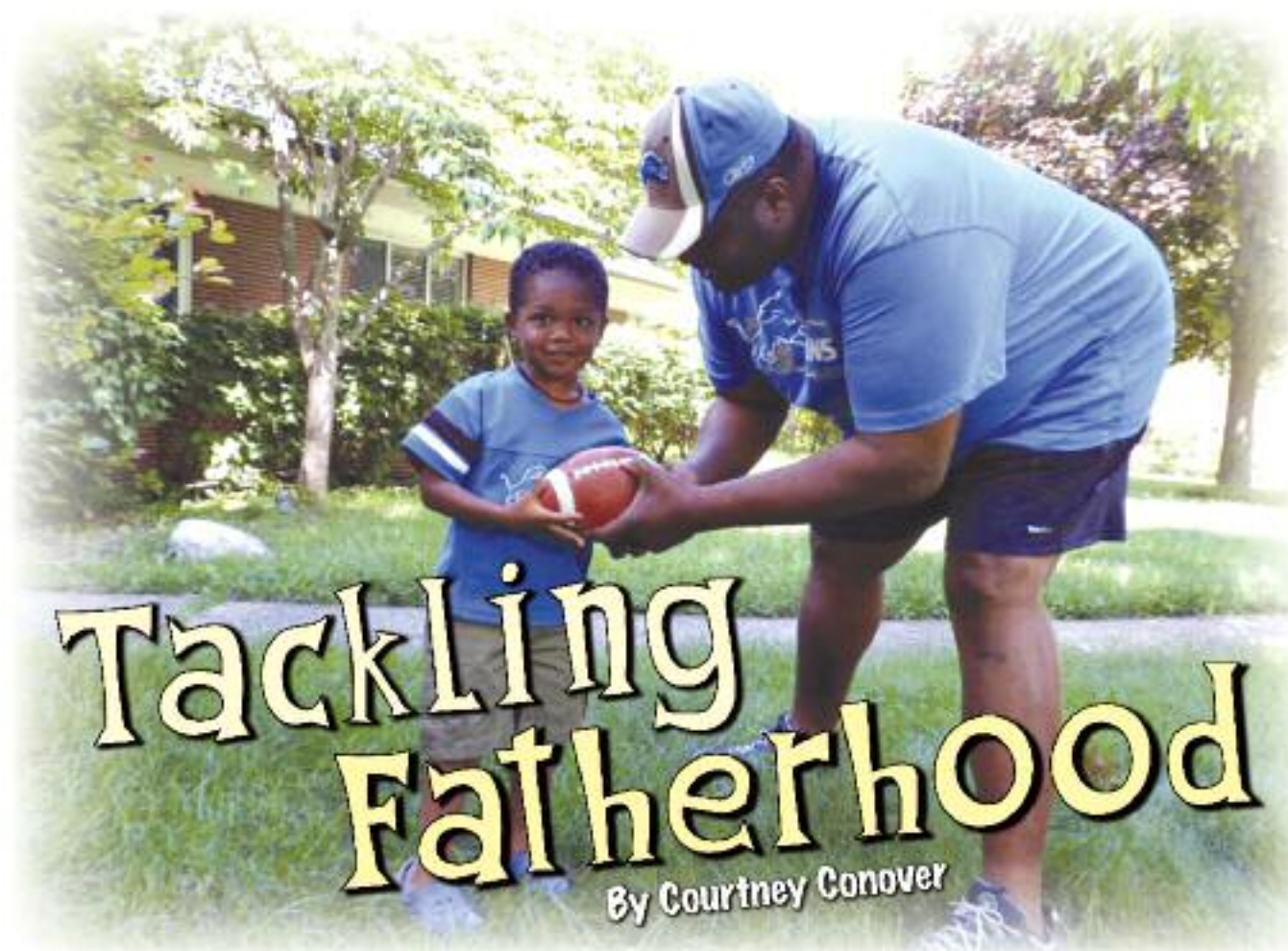
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Scotty Jr., age 3, learns the fundamentals of football from his dad.

Before my husband Scott became a father, he lived a very different life.

He was a Detroit Lions offensive lineman who blocked for Barry Sanders – and used his hands to tackle 300-plus-pound men in the process; next, he used his hands to write out plays and lesson plans while serving as a varsity head football coach and high school substitute teacher; and then, while wielding the sharpest of knives, he used his hands to chop Fuji apples as a New York City culinary student who interned at the renowned BONDST sushi restaurant.

But now Scott uses his hands to whip up his signature oatmeal for our toddler daughter (Kennedy, 1) every morning and help our preschooler son (Scotty, Jr., 3) learn how to put on his own shoes.

Here, I put Scott on the hot seat by asking him about discipline, the dreams he has for our son and daughter, and, of course, how the F-word – football – plays a role in fatherhood.



Former Detroit Lions wide receiver Herman Moore (left) joins Conover in signing a blanket belonging to cancer warrior Ella Mays during a surprise visit to Detroit's Henry Ford Hospital in celebration of Random Acts of Kindness Day 2015.

TWD: Nearly four years ago, our lives changed when our son entered the world, then our daughter arrived two years later, and you were there to witness both births. What were those experiences like? And were they what you'd thought they'd be?

CONOVER: It's an experience that you can never quite imagine until you actually go through it...like running out on an NFL field on game day for the first time. It was amazing to finally have what we anticipated for so long.

TWD: Think back to Scotty's homecoming and those first few nights. The sleep deprivation, the crazy schedule or lack thereof...

CONOVER: It was a relief, actually, to finally have him home with us. For me, the lack of sleep was more of an issue before he arrived. I would always hope that he would be okay and that the delivery would go smoothly for him and you. Once he was here, I was relieved. You, however, would have a different take on the sleep deprivation because you were the one up at 2 a.m. nursing him throughout the night since Scotty wasn't ready to eat my cooking just yet.

TWD: Time has flown so fast, and I can't believe our first child is already in preschool. What are you most looking forward to doing with him when he's older?

CONOVER: I most look forward to playing football with him in our backyard, seeing him full of life and energy. Watching him run, jump, and play the way I did at his age.

TWD: Speaking of football, do you have any expectations for Scotty? I mean, having a former NFL player for a dad can be a bit intimidating. How do you plan to guide him without putting pressure on him?

CONOVER: First and foremost, I want him to experience all the life skills football has to offer, like teamwork, commitment, and goal-setting...all of which lead to triumph. When people think of triumph, they think of winning the game. But to me, triumph is being the best person you can be, and that's all I expect from Scotty. Nothing more, nothing less.

TWD: Let's switch gears for a moment and talk about Kennedy. There is often this assumption that one's approach to parenthood differs with boys and girls. What's your take on this?

CONOVER: I don't think there's really much of a difference – I just see them as my little ones, at least right now, because they're so young. I just want to establish a solid foundation of love, respect, and honesty. But, in time, I think the differences will start to reveal themselves: Young girls have certain needs, and young boys have unique challenges as well. But right now, I'm enjoying this stage and approaching them both in the

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same way.

TWD: Fathers of daughters often joke about their inability to embrace the mere prospect of their daughters becoming old enough to date. But you seem unphased. Why?

CONOVER: Why fight it? You can't stop it. I might as well embrace it and try to help her make the right decisions to find that right person. And the best way I can do that is to show both Kennedy and Scotty what a man should do, and they'll see how I treat you, their mother. I know I have said to you – in jest – that Kennedy won't be able to date until she's 50 or 60. But truthfully, I'm not worried. As long as I'm there for her to provide the proper guidance and advice, and I make sure that my relationship with her is solid and strong. That's the most important thing.

TWD: Let's talk about what can be a hot-but-ton issue for some parents: discipline. You're a big softy for both of them now, but are you prepared to play the tough guy one day?

CONOVER: Absolutely. As their father, I am their life coach, and coaching is a job that forces you to practice tough love.

TWD: You are the oldest of seven and have nine nieces and nephews, so you're seasoned when it comes to being familiar with kids. But how is it different raising your own?

CONOVER: When they're yours you can't sugar them up and give them back to their par-



Conover enjoys an afternoon at the park with his son and daughter.

ents...you are the parent! Not that I condone feeding kids too much sugar.

TWD: That's the perfect segue to my next question. How do you plan to instill in Scotty and Kennedy the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

CONOVER: As a chef and former athlete, I know firsthand that eating well and exercising

leads to productivity. I plan on preparing meals that are fresh, healthy, and, of course, full of flavor – for all of us.

TWD: It's been years since you played in the NFL, but you still remain very much involved in football at the youth level (as a USA Football Heads Up ambassador) and at the professional level (as the secretary of the Detroit chapter of the NFL Alumni Association) – and you continue to serve the community through both venues. Why do you feel this is necessary as a father?

CONOVER: I want to lead by example and demonstrate to Scotty and Kennedy the importance of giving back. I want to show them the right way to do things. I was fortunate to have played in the NFL for six years, and if I can use that to better the lives of others and help them deal with hardships and challenges – or just put a smile on someone's face – then why not? There's a quote from the late Frank Gansz, my special teams coach at the Detroit Lions, that I'll never forget it – and it applies here: What you keep, you lose; but what you give will grow."

Wayne resident Courtney Conover is a mom of two and the wife of former Detroit Lions offensive lineman Scott Conover. She is a contributing writer to the Chicken Soup for the Soul book series and USA Football and is also a certified yoga instructor. Visit her online at The Brown Girl with Long Hair blog (<http://www.thebrowngirlwithlonghair.com>) and on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/thebrowngirlwithlonghair>).



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Council passes budget

By Carolyn Marnon

The City Council approved the proposed 2015/16 budget at the city council meeting on May 19 by a vote of 5-2. Looking forward, the council is going to have to come up with ways to trim at least \$1.6 million from the 2016/17 budget next year.

Current revenues will not make the city self-sufficient. Finding additional streams of revenue while holding down costs will be important.

Representatives of Plante Moran were able to reduce the city budget from 180 pages to 60 and the number of funds from 24 down to 10. At an April 11 public budget session, Brian Camiller stated "Government is a little bit more complicated, a little different than what you've come to expect working out in the private sector." His goal was to make the budget easier for residents to understand. He told the audience at that meeting he felt past budget decisions were made based on the information that was available to those councils at that point in time. What was done

in the past cannot be undone.

With the budget that ended June 30, 2014, it was noted that other funds available to the city paid for things rather than payment coming directly from the General Fund.

On paper, it looked like the city lost \$120,000 when in actuality, it lost \$2.1 million. At the end of the 2014-2015 budget, it looks like the General Fund will break even because other funds have been paying for things. However, it's not breaking even.

It won't be this way going forward. At the end of the current budget period June 30, everything is coming back into the General Fund. Expenditures are going to exceed revenues by \$2.2 million if everything stays the same. Mr. Camiller stressed that there was not any one reason that led to this situation; there are dozens of reasons. It will take a multiple year transition along with research, time, cooperation with other entities and negotiation to get everything on the right track.

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Police Chief hosts community public safety meeting

By Carolyn Marnon

Twenty-three residents attended the 2nd meeting hosted by the Wayne Police Department to educate the public on police department policies. The goals of the monthly meetings, held on the last Thursday of the month, will be to foster transparency, trust and a positive relationship with the community; to provide better service; to educate citizens on police department operations, and to provide useful information to the community. "The police department, in general, has to have a relationship with the community," said Police Chief Al Maciag.

Twenty-four officers are provided for in the 2015/16 budget. The department currently has 22 officers. Of the 22, 3 are injured and 1 is at training, meaning only 18 officers are coming in to work. Officers work 12 hour shifts in Wayne.

Any call to 9-1-1 is dispatched through the Westland Police Department. Non-emergency calls come in to the Wayne department and are routed through a Police Service Aide.

The Online Citizens Police Reporting System is now available through the city's website. It is recommended that any basic crime be reported using this system. If you don't have a computer at home, you can come into the police department and use the computer in the lobby. By utilizing this system, a police officer does not need to be taken off the road to take a report thus making better use of their time.

Crimes in Wayne in 2015 to date include 198 traffic crashes, 23 residential burglaries, 11 other burglaries, 63 larceny crimes (involving vehicles, parks, buildings but not



residences), 28 motor vehicle thefts, 1 arson, 15 robberies (not to be confused with burglaries where property is taken from a residence, robberies occur when property is taken from a person), 36 damage to property crimes (such as slashed tires or rocks through windows), and 139 assaults (involving pushing and/or hitting).

Recent crime trends are strong armed robberies, utility burglary (when someone represents themselves as from a utility such as the phone or electric company to gain entry into your home), and vehicle thefts. It is recommended that you don't leave your car running even if you are just running in somewhere real quick and to lock your vehicles. "Criminals want things to be easy," said Sgt. Matthew Spunar.

Chief Maciag is trying to reestablish neighborhood watch groups and incorporate the monthly community meetings as part of the program. He noted that he can't provide an officer for every meeting for every group that is established. Community involvement at these meetings can help with that. Groups can be as active or inactive as they want to be. The police chief would like to implement a system where he can get important information out to neighborhood

groups in a timely manner. In the meantime, neighborhood watch patrols should just observe and report.

Questions were collected before the meeting and addressed. These included how parking complaints are handled (the police can contact the person to move the vehicle or issue a ticket), what to do about unsupervised children in the park (call the police; only if the child is in immediate danger should you step in as parents might have a different image of what is dangerous than you have), teen curfew laws (under 12 years old, curfew is 10pm; under 14 is 11 pm, under 17 is midnight, 17

and older have no curfew; breaking curfew is an ordinance violation), and the effectiveness of park patrols (citizens would need to go through liability training if this were to happen because anything attached to the police department could be a liability to the city. "We have to watch everything we do," due to the media said Chief Maciag. With the July 4th holiday approaching, it is important to note that fireworks are not allowed between midnight and 8am and are only allowed on the day before the holiday, the day of the holiday and the day after. You can voice a complaint about someone lighting off fireworks, but if a police officer does not witness it, he can't arrest anyone. He can only write a report. He needs an eyewitness for the complaint to go to the city prosecutor. Sky lanterns are prohibited in Wayne. They are not illegal to sell, only to send off.


The next community public safety meeting will be Thursday, June 25, at 7 p.m. at the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center.

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Owned by Rachael and Kirt Harrison, it's been open since October, 2013.

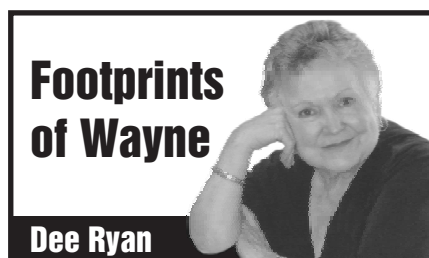
Inside you'll find a little of everything.

If you are opening a new cottage this year, AKA is the place to shop.

You'll find complete sets of dishes, glassware and barware. They have small appliances; electric coffee pots, a Hamilton Beach Mixer, crock pots etc. You could also furnish a dorm room or a small apartment with AKA items. On the day that I visited the store, there was a very nice loveseat for sale.

The store has many toys, a like new Smith Corona typewriter, fragrances, linens and baby clothes.

The Harrisons have 3 sons: Alex, 28, is at Michigan Tech. in the Upper Peninsula. Kyle, 14, will be a student at Henry Ford Academy, and Alan, 4, does just what 4 year old kids do. The store hours are: Tuesday thru Friday---10a.m. to 6p.m. Saturday



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Dee Ryan

they are open from 11a.m. to 3p.m and on Sunday and Monday they are closed.

Across Wayne Rd. is J.J.'s Styling Salon. Coleen Scott has owned it for 27 Years. Hair Stylist, Janet Verdi, has been with her since the beginning. She also did lovely things with hair when the shop was "Sadie's Salon", owned by Sadie and Richard Metzgian. A very loyal customer is Donna McEachern, our former Councilwoman, and Mayor Pro Tem, who travels from Monroe to have her hair done at J. J.'s. How is that for loyalty?

Wayne's Garden Club is getting

ready for their bi-annual Garden Walk. It will take place on Saturday, June 27. This year 7 gardens in Wayne and Westland will be featured. On the morning of the 27th, Jean Radley and I and a team player to be named later will be selling tickets. We will be in the parking lot of the Congregational Church. There will be a very large, handsome banner overhead proclaiming the "Wayne Garden Walk". The banner may also be seen at Wednesday's Farmer's Market which takes place each week at Goudy Park.

The banner was created by Joshua Phillip. Joshua is employed by Cal Kempainen, the owner of Cal signs. Mr. K (Cal) is pretty much at his old location on Glenwood. The only difference is that the entrance to the business is now through the alley between Ash St. and Wayne Rd.

There you'll be met by the very gracious Office Manager, Hannah Plumley. She tells me that Cal Signs has been in Wayne since 1967. Thank you to Cal Signs for the large

banner.

Another store which celebrated their many years of serving Wayne-Westland and environs: Norman's Market celebrated their 65th year. They opened on April 1st, 1950, are still going strong, and show no signs of stopping---or even slowing down.

A big CONGRATULATIONS JENNY is in order for Jenny Johnson. She's been writer and editor of the Wayne Dispatch since its inception. Jenny has helped me in every way possible. She has corrected my errors, suggested articles, made last minute additions for me, suggested ideas when I couldn't think of any, and in every way encouraged me. Well! Jenny has just been made.

The Community Relations Specialist in charge of the Communications Dept. for Wayne Westland Schools.

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Crime Stoppers

Wayne Police Chief Al Maciag has reported that the case involving four robberies that occurred in Wayne early in May is still open. Three incidents occurred in the Westwick Square Cooperative near Annapolis and Venoy Road. The other occurred at Attwood Park on Howe Road. During evening hours, victims were approached by a large group of male subjects who demanded property. In several of these incidents, the victims were approached from behind and knocked to the group. No weapons were used or reported in these incidents that are believed to be related. If you have information, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP (1-800-773-2587).

Relay for Life Wayne/Westland

Relay for Life, June 6-7, moves to Westland this year. It will be at the Westland Farmer's Market Pavilion at Central City Park. Opening Ceremony will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday. The Luminaria Ceremony will be at dusk, and the Closing Ceremony is Sunday morning 6:30 a.m. Relay for Life is an organized, overnight community fundraising walk. Teams of people camp out around a track; members of each team take turns walking around the track. There will be food, games and activities to provide entertainment and build camaraderie. This is a family-friendly event the entire community can attend.

Summer Reading Program

"Escape the Ordinary" and participate in the Wayne Public Library's annual summer reading program for kids. Registration begins Tuesday, June 9, and continues until the program ends on July 31. Keep track of reading time and earn points that can be used to purchase prizes.

Wayne Farmer's Market

This season, Farmers Market has something for everyone! With over 25 vendors, you can find Michigan-made and Michigan-grown products, homemade soap, candles, garden art, and more! The market is held at



Kelsey, Emily and Kaylee Shankin holding Skylar Webb walked in the Memorial Day Parade to honor their great grandma "Rosie Ruth," Webb who worked during WW II building B-24 Bombers at Willow Run Bomber Plant.

Goudy Park where there is a full playground and access to the walking path along the Rouge River! Musicians of all kinds will perform during market hours 3-7 p.m. every Wednesday.

Growing Hope, which manages the Farmer's Market, currently needs unwanted t-shirts for the Children's Day activity they have planned for June 17. Parking is available in the lot behind the Courthouse off Second Street, in the Wayne Activity and Banquet lot at 35000 Sims Avenue, and across Sims behind the Michigan Avenue shops. For more information on the Farmer's Market or if you'd like to perform at the market, please contact Olivia at 313.510.7061 or market@growing-hope.net.

Partner Roundtable Meeting

The Wayne Main Street Organization Committee formally invites you to attend its second Partner Round Table meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2015, 6-8 p.m. at the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center. Please join the 30 representatives of service organizations and churches in Wayne, who

met during the initial Partner Round Table in January. We will be sharing our activities and calendars from July through the end of this year.

One very exciting initiative is that Wayne has been selected as one of four cities to participate in the Oakwood Healthcare System's "Healthy Communities Leadership Coalition." This is a chance to hear about the new program and how the city of Wayne will be involved. You and your organizations are vital partners for the revitalization of Downtown Wayne. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP by May 29 at (734) 629-6822 or email executive director, Lindsey Wooten, at director@down-townwayne.org.

Household Hazardous/ Electronic Waste Collection

Sponsored by the Wayne County Department of Public Services, the next collection date is Saturday, June 20, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Henry Ford College in Dearborn.

Acceptable items include household paints, stains and dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet

cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents, pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only), nail polish, nail glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, propane tanks, automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, all types of fluorescent bulbs, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, mercury thermometers, thermostats and elemental mercury, computer CPUs, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice (the electronic kind), cell phones, fax machines, copiers and televisions. You must be a resident of Wayne County and show ID.

Items that will not be accepted include: Commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive material, explosives, ammunition, 55 gallon drums, shock sensitive materials, household trash, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste, roofing shingles, and concrete. For information on how to dispose of these items, please contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at 734-326-3936.

If you miss this opportunity, there will be another one August 15 at the Westland Mall.

Nankin Mills Historical Series

Wayne County Parks presents the 4th program in the Nankin Mills Historical Series. The program "First Settlement Families of Nankin Township: The Swifts and Osbands" will be 1-2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland. Local settlers Marcus Swift and William Osband brought their families to the wilds of Michigan in 1825. They became prominent figures in the formation of Nankin Township, building the first schools, churches, anti-slavery societies and homes. Their lives are a fascinating story of perseverance in the face of many hardships, as well as an inspiration. Cost is \$2 for Wayne County residents; \$3 for non-Wayne County residents. Advanced registration and prepayment is required. For more information or to register by phone, call 734-261-1990.



The Wayne Memorial Class of 2015 Valedictorians and Salutatorian, front row: Kaitlyn Kuder, Megan McCurry, Jordan Khalaf and Kyle Spurlock. Middle row: Rachel Cherian, Danialle Lynn, Tessa Leake, Michelle Johnson, Ashlyn Barnes, Victoria Boyd-Jennings and Janae' Strickland. Back row: Brittney Behlow, Vincent Morgan, Jessica Wallace, Tyler Harnos, Navreet Bhangu, Matthew Fischer and Drake Carpenter. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

Bright Futures for WMHS Grads

By Sarah Shurge

The Class of 2015 from Wayne Memorial High School has promising futures thanks to hard work and perseverance. The class has earned \$5 million in scholarships so far and has 17 valedictorians.

Ashlyn Barnes is the daughter of Rhonda Jones and Michael Barnes and is graduating with a 4.08 GPA. She will be attending Western Michigan University and majoring in Psychology.

Brittney Behlow is the daughter of Lynne Behlow and is graduating with a 4.04 GPA. She will be attending the Michigan State University and majoring in Pre-Veterinary Science.

Navreet Bhangu is the daughter of Jaswinder Kaur Bhangu and is graduating with a 4.125 GPA. She will be attending the Michigan State University and majoring in Human Biology and Pre-Medicine.

Victoria Boyd-Jennings is the daughter of Terrine Boyd and is graduating with a 4.06 GPA. She will be attending Central Michigan University and majoring in Psychology.

Drake Carpenter is the son of Amanda Buckley and Jason Carpenter and is graduating with a 4.16

GPA. He will be attending Kettering University and majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Rachel Cherian is the daughter of John and Sally Cherian and is graduating with a 4.04 GPA. She will be attending Wayne State University and majoring in Pre-Pharmacy.

Matthew Fischer is the son of Susan Huzar and Edward Fischer and is graduating with a 4.17 GPA. He will be attending the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor and majoring in Biomedical Engineering or Political Science.

Tyler Harnos is the son of Keith and Teresa Harnos and is graduating with a 4.16 GPA. He will be attending Michigan Tech University and majoring in Chemical Engineering.

Michelle Johnson is the daughter of Michael and Emily Johnson and is graduating with a 4.02 GPA. She will be attending Eastern Michigan University and majoring in Early Childhood Education.

Jordan Khalaf is the son of Maher and Stacy Khalaf and is graduating with a 4.14 GPA. He will be attending the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and majoring in Biology.

Tessa Leake is the daughter of Joel and Nina Leake and is graduat-

ing with a 4.10 GPA. She will be attending Ferris State University and majoring in Pre-Medicine.

Danialle Lynn is the daughter of Ginger Rader and Steven Lynn and is graduating with a 4.03 GPA. He will be attending the Wayne State University and majoring in Biology.

Kaitlyn Kuder is the daughter of Donald and Kimberly Kuder and is graduating with a 4.02 GPA. She will be attending the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor and majoring in Pre-Medicine.

Megan McCurry is the daughter of Douglas and Jennifer McCurry. Megan is graduating with a 4.19 GPA. She will be attending Central Michigan University and majoring in Biomedical Sciences and Neuroscience.

Kyle Spurlock is the son of William and Doris Spurlock and is graduating with a 4.37 GPA. He will be attending the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and majoring in Computer Science.

Janae' Strickland is the daughter of Del and Keith Strickland and is graduating with a 4.12 GPA. She will be attending Harvard University and majoring in Government and Economics.

Jessica Wallace is the daughter of Dashawn and Leon Wallace and is graduating with a 4.02 GPA. She will be attending Ohio State University and majoring in Zoology.

There is also one Salutatorian.

Vincent Morgan is the son of Mardina Morgan-Pajot and is graduating with a 3.956 GPA. He will be attending Central Michigan University and majoring in Chemistry.

163 members of the Class of 2015 earned an Honors Diploma for maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher for the entire school year, while 65 of those students kept a 3.6 GPA or higher.

"Being able to use as much of the school's resources as possible to help you grow as a person was the most important part of high school for me," said Spurlock. "And the most terrifying is happening now because I have to give a speech."

"There wasn't a most terrifying moment for me during high school. I wasn't the typical freshmen that came into high school and was terrified. I already knew a lot of people because of marching band, so that helped," said Khalaf. "Plus I don't back down from a challenge."

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There was excitement in the air Saturday, May 30, 2015, at the Convocation Center at Eastern Michigan University, as graduates and family members hustled to get to their designated areas. While receiving our programs we observed laughter, photo flashes, hugs, roses, teddy bears and well wishes filling the halls of the arena.

While taking to our seats in the stands, the smiles of proud parents greeted us as we filed passed row after row. The sound of bows gliding across strings could be softly heard in the background as the WMHS Symphony Orchestra tuned their instruments and the WMHS Symphony Band prepared for the processional.

Then the magical moment happened...we all stood to our feet in honor of the Wayne Memorial High School graduates. They began streaming in from each side of the arena....the cheers and applause from the crowd echoed throughout. While a few family members brushed away joyous tears....we welcomed the Class of 2015.



NEWS BRIEFS

Red October Run

Early bird registration of \$22 runs through June 30 for the Oakwood Hospital, Wayne MI, Red October Run which will be held Saturday, October 3. There will be silver anniversary finisher medals to celebrate 25 years. Events include a 10K run, 5K run, 5K walk and a FREE Junior October Kids' Mile for kids 12 years and under on a closed 1-mile course. All kids win ribbons and receive goodies. Parents may accompany small children. The kids' mile is free, but registration is required for all participating children. For more information and to sign up go to <http://www.oakwood.org/redoctober>.

"Fruit of the Spirit"

Vacation Bible School

First Congregational Church of Wayne will be hosting a morning Vacation Bible School June 22-25, 9-11:30 a.m. The children will learn about growing the fruit of the Spirit in their own lives. Children 4 years old up to those who have completed 5th grade are invited. Volunteers will also be needed to help make this a wonderful adventure. Contact the church for more information.

FREE Pure Michigan Business Connect & Wayne Sign Ordinance

Join Wayne Main Street on Tuesday, June 23, from 6-8 p.m. at the Wayne Fire Station as they host Jacob Schroeder from Pure Michigan Business Connect. There will also be a chance to educate yourself



Ladies Literary Club Awards 2 Scholarships

At their annual Scholarship Awards dinner held at Rose's Restaurant & Lounge in Canton, the Ladies Literary Club of Wayne awarded Janae' Strickland of Wayne Memorial High School and Jasmine Pickens of John Glenn High School \$1000 college scholarships. Janae' will be going to Harvard in the fall with a plan to pursue international law. Jasmine will be going to Washington University in St. Louis to pursue education. Each year, the LLC holds a scholarship fundraising event in April and then awards a \$1000 scholarship to a female from Wayne Memorial and to a female from John Glenn.

during a Q&A session with a city employee about Wayne's sign ordinance. Light refreshments will be provided.

Free Parent Support Workshops

Starfish Family Services will be offering a free parent support workshop on Wednesday evening, June 24, at the Wayne Public Library. The program is "Word Play, Rhyming and Other Pre-Reading Activities". To register, go to www.greatstarttoquality.org or contact Starfish Early

Learning Communities at 313-937-2458.

Wayne Police Department Community Meeting

Wayne residents and businesses are invited to a monthly meeting hosted by the police department at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at the Wayne Activity and Banquet building on Sims.

Wayne Police Chief Al Maciag has stated that it is the department's goal that these meetings provide the com-

munity with an opportunity to ask questions or discuss concerns they may have with the Wayne Police Department. The feedback received from these meetings is tremendously important in helping the department to improve upon the work they perform on behalf of the residents and businesses. These meetings will be held the last Thursday of each month.

"Through The Garden Gate"

The Wayne Garden Club will be hosting a Garden Walk on Saturday, June 27, featuring 7 homes plus Brenda's Butterfly House. Tickets will be sold at the Wayne Public Library and Barson's Greenhouse in Westland. You can also obtain tickets through a Wayne Garden Club member. Tickets are \$8 (\$10 day of walk at the First Congregational Church in Wayne). You can enjoy the gardens between 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. A White Elephant Sale will be set up at one of the homes. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Maureen at 734-728-1232 if you have any questions.

Magic with Jeff Wawrzaszek

Come to "Every Magician Has a Story - The Magic and Heroes Library Show" at the Wayne Public Library on Thursday, June 25, at 2 p.m. Find out why 793.8 is a very magical number and how a magic book discovered by Jeff Wawrzaszek in that section of the library launched a career! All ages are welcome. No registration is required.



Rev. Weldon Spracklen
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Federal Recreation Building 1943.



The front doors of the old recreation building.

The History of Our City Hall

Early last year an electrical odor permeated Wayne's City Hall located on Wayne Road on the banks of our Rouge River. The fire department was called and their investigation discovered the source to be in a ceiling light. But, during the tour of the building, the attic was entered and surveyed. Here a more serious problem was discovered. The fire fighters found that the beams holding up the roof were aging, worn and cracked. More inspections were made and it was decided to close part of the building to the public until repairs could be made. Recently, when renovations began, the entire City Hall was temporarily moved to Vandenberg school on the south side of town.

All of this led me to wonder about the history of this building that is such an important part of our community. Our Museum Director, Richard Story, had answers to my questions as well as retired Recreation Director Ted D'Pulos. The building was built in 1942 by the federal government as part of the Norwayne Housing Project. (The homes were needed for housing the workers

Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley



employed at the war plants in our area and for servicemen returning from World War II.) It was designed to be a recreation center to be used by the Village of Wayne residents, employees of the war plants, Norwayne residents and the residents of Nankin Township. It was called the Federal Recreation Building.

After the war, the Village of Wayne took ownership of the building. They housed their recreation staff offices there and used the large main room for recreation activities and community events. This was the planning headquarters for all the sports teams for children, the summer parks programs with their games, crafts and activities and physical training programs for adults. Many long time Wayne residents will remember playing basketball in the building as well as roller skating. I remember Friday night dances held for Junior High age children while High School teens had their dance on Saturday night. There was a snack bar where we could buy soda pop and snacks. The stage was used for live entertainment and often local bands played for audiences. (Tables and chairs were stored under the stage where they were available for the many community programs



A Friday night dance from the 1950's. Photos courtesy of The Wayne Historical Museum

scheduled in this large multipurpose room.) The Golden Hour Club met in the Recreation Building, the Kiwanis Club met weekly and held their pancake breakfasts there and the Wayne Garden Club had their Greens Market sales there. The Rotary Club had their weekly luncheon meetings here for many years as well as their yearly chicken barbecues for the public. Other activities were Monday night Bridge, square dancing, pig roasts sponsored by St. Mary Church, holiday parties such as Halloween and Christmas, and the annual community fall festival and carnival.

The Recreation Building was truly a busy place and an important part of our community but eventually the programs out grew the build-

ing. In 1972, the Wayne Parks and Recreation moved from this building into their new facility on Howe Road at Annapolis.

In April of 1977, the Wayne Westland School District rented the building to house a program for their Special Education Department called Pride Craft. In October of 1977 the District changed the name of the building to the Reichard Center.

In 1988 the building was completely renovated and remodeled and became the City Hall for the City of Wayne. The building is now 73 years old and we look forward to repairs being completed so that it can once again be in use in our community.

(Thanks to Richard Story for pictures and information.)



The north end in the snow. Note the telephone sign 1970.

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Abraham Lincoln

We can't control everything that happens, even when we want to. Circumstances are sometimes outside of our reign. Economies shift. People pass away. Life happens.

What we do when things aren't perfect is the arena in which we live, and fight. It's in this arena that our character is revealed. And formed. And defined.

So if things look bleak now, I am here to encourage you. I'm here to tell you to not get overwhelmed. I'm here to tell you: DO WHAT YOU CAN DO.

It seems obvious. But sometimes we are so preoccupied, and worried, about the things we cannot control, that we neglect to do what we can do. This philosophy helped me in the hard times while filming *Biggest Loser*.

My time there was completely out of my control. I was told what time to wake up. What to eat. How to exercise. I was not allowed to call or text my family or friends. I was filming for over 5 months in California, so this became very hard to do. I did all this while exercising about 6 hours a day and eating only 1,700 calories.

I decided that while I was there, I would do what I could do. The amount of weight I had to lose was overwhelming. The soreness was in-



There's More to the Story

Buddy Shuh

credible. But I didn't focus on the negative. I decided to do the exercises I could. I would make the nutritional changes that I could.

The secret is this: lots of little changes lead to big changes. So if you have 100 pounds to lose, focus only on today. Do what you can do. If you have a big project you need to do at work...do what you can do. Chip away at it.

If, like many people in Wayne, you think we need to make some positive changes, then do what you can do! Take care of your property because everyone's property value increases when you do! If you think our city can make better decisions in a certain area, then volunteer in that place!

Join in all the positive things going on in our community! Come down to the farmer's market on Wednesdays! Sponsor planters! Go on a walk on one of our trails!

So you see, it's not a question of whether or not there are negative things...the question is what to focus on! See the good, and do what you can do! There's always more to the story!

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A silent auction showcasing Wayne businesses plus other items will take place during the event. Current auction items include tickets to a Detroit Tigers Baseball game at Comerica Park, a Special Edition 2015 Ford Mustang Diecast Car from Ford Motor Company, a VIP Tour & Tasting for 6 at Chateau Chantal Winery, and more!

Order tickets via Eventbrite at www.jazzattheave.eventbrite.com.

About the band - Award winning drummer, composer, educator, and bandleader, **Jesse Kramer** is one of the most exciting and promising young musicians in the mid-west. Kramer studied jazz at the University of Michigan, where he worked with Ellen Rowe, Michael Gould, Marion Hayden, Andrew Bishop, and Geri Allen.

Glenn Tucker is a jazz pianist from Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan, where he studied privately with Geri Allen. During high school, he studied with Tad Weed and Vincent York.

Originally from Southeast Michigan, **Jordan Schug** studied music at the University of North Texas on scholarship from 2000-2005, studying under Lynn Seaton. He then returned to Michigan and has been continuing his music career here ever since, almost exclusively playing professionally.

For more event info, visit: www.downtownwayne.org

Mary Powers new Youth Coordinator

Mary Powers, a Wayne resident and undergraduate student at University of Michigan-Dearborn, has re-



ceived a grant from the UM-Dearborn's Civic Literacy Program. Powers, a current Main Street volunteer, will be joining Wayne Main Street from May through July as Youth Coordinator. The grant will be used to aid Powers' efforts this summer in her position.

Powers goal is to encourage middle and high school students to participate in civic engagement through volunteering for Wayne Main Street. Wayne Main Street's mission is to revitalize downtown Wayne using the Main Street Four Point Approach®. Powers will coordinate at least one interactive event this summer for the youth to attend that will focus on community based downtown revitalization through economic development and historic preservation.

A Youth Community Visioning Session is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June 10th, at Wayne Memorial High School. There, youth will be welcomed to provide insight into what they would like to see happen in Downtown Wayne and given the opportunity to join a Junior Main Street committee to see their ideas through.

For more information, email Powers at youthcoordinator@downtownwayne.org!

Second Partner Round Table meeting

The Wayne Main Street Organization Committee formally invites you to attend the second Partner Round Table meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2015.

Please join the 30 representatives of service organizations and churches in Wayne, who met during our initial Partner Round Table in January. We will be sharing our activities and calendars from July through the end of this year.

One very exciting initiative we will



share with you is that Wayne has been selected as one of four cities to participate in the Oakwood Healthcare System's "Healthy Communities Leadership Coalition." This is a chance to hear about the new program and how the City of Wayne will be involved.

Wayne Main Street is a positive force working with our community, city government, business and property owners to preserve enhance and promote our historic downtown as a vibrant destination for residents and visitors to gather, shop, work and enjoy. We believe you and your organizations are vital partners for the revitalization of Downtown Wayne.

Please join us! Light refreshments will be served.

Free business workshop

Wayne Main Street is excited to host another FREE business workshop which is scheduled for:

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Peter McInerney, Community Development Director for the City of Wayne will also be presenting information about Wayne's sign ordinance and will be available for questions and discussion at the meeting.

This workshop is free and open to any business in the City of Wayne. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP no later than Friday, June 19th if you plan to attend by calling (734) 629-6822.



From big things at WMHS to even bigger at Harvard

By Sarah Shurge

Swat!

The small yellowish-green ball is ricocheted perfectly off the tennis racquet with such precise accuracy it lands just on the white line, unable to be hit by her opponent.

The heat is radiating off the court. She pulls her black Nike visor down and wipes the sweat off her forehead with the back of her hand. She doesn't hear the coach or people cheering for her. Her mind is clear. She is completely in the zone.

The ball is served and she hits it cross court, right where her opponent doesn't even have a chance to return it. Her signature move. She wins the match.

Janae' Strickland, 17, ended her senior year tennis season with a 17-4 record, she was team captain and won a couple first place medals during tournaments. However, tennis isn't her greatest accomplishment. Strickland will be attending Harvard University in the fall.

Strickland, daughter of Del and

Keith Strickland, younger sister to Jamiel Strickland, grew up in the same neighborhood in Wayne all of her life. Saturday, May 30, Strickland graduated valedictorian from Wayne Memorial High School Class of 2015 with a 4.12 GPA.

Not only did she dedicate her time to tennis for four years – playing number one singles for the past three, she also played volleyball for four year – team captain for a year, basketball for two years and Club Tennis with Livonia Y. for two years, but she was also involved in National Honor Society for two years, Upward Bound for four years, Senate for two years – junior year as Recording Secretary and Treasurer her senior year, Champions for two years and LEDA: Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America her junior year summer and senior year. She also made it on prom court her senior year, although she didn't win.

Strickland always had a love for English like reading and writing, but her junior year she took an AP U.S.



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History class and realized how much she loved U.S. government. She realized she truly loved writing speeches and argumentative pieces. She claims Ms. Pypa showed her her true love for politics, which led her to want to major in Government and Economics.

Originally, Strickland never actually thought she had a chance at getting into Harvard. She applied to the University of Chicago and got an early acceptance. She applied to a few other universities including the University of Pennsylvania, who also accepted her but she was sure on Chicago. Then on March 31 at 5 o'clock pm, Harvard sent acceptance letter and all other plans went out the window.

"I still have love for the University of Chicago but when Harvard says yes you kinda just can't say no," said

Strickland.

Strickland plans to do four years at Harvard. She wants to play club tennis and get involved in their Institute of Politics and the Internations Relations Council which is an umbrella for different groups dealing with different cultures, languages, businesses and relations. Strickland also wants to study abroad in the Middle East during her time at Harvard, specifically in either Israel or Egypt and she might minor in Near Eastern Civilizations and Languages.

After her four years of undergrad, Strickland plans to continue her education at law school.

Strickland said that Harvard costs about \$60,000 a year. However, thanks to financial aid and a few (four or five) local scholarships, almost everything is covered for this upcoming year.

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Geocaching at Nankin Mills

Geocaching uses global position systems (GPS) to locate hidden treasures, also known as geocaches. Come learn about this modern day treasure hunt and participate in a search around Nankin Mills. This program is for ages 8 to adult. Program fee is \$6 per child, \$2 per adult

for Wayne County residents. Pre-registration is required and can be done through the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center park office or by calling 734-261-1990.

Annual Sidewalk Sales

Presented by the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, the annual sidewalk sales in Wayne are scheduled for July 17-19.

Summer Concerts in Goudy Park

Dead in Dog Years (Classic Rock), will kick off the Wednesday night Summer Concert series at Goudy Park on July 29. All concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. Opening night will also feature the drawing for the Goodfellows Camaro Giveaway. Other concerts scheduled include The Blackjack Band (August 5, 70's, 80's and 90's), The BackBeats (August 12, Michigan's #1 Beatles cover band), 50 Amp Fuse (August 19, Music from Your Generation), and

TC and the Katz (August 26, Oldies & Classics). Pack a picnic and some chairs and come enjoy summers evenings in Wayne.

Class of 1990 Wayne Zebra Pride

The Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1990 will be having their 25 year reunion July 31-Aug 2. Events include a free tour of the ol' stomping grounds on Friday night. Saturday night, August 1, will be a Night of Celebration at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The evening will include dinner, a program and dancing. The final event is Sunday, August 2, when class members gather for a Family-Friendly Picnic. Meat for grilling and sides are provided; bring your own beverages. If you have any questions, contact Kathryn Farrell.

Escape the Ordinary

Thursdays are fun at the Wayne Public Library in July. Programs are for all ages and start at 2 p.m. No registration is required.

July 2: Songs with Genot Picor-- Heroes come in all sizes. Enjoy stories and songs about heroes.

July 9: DPW Big Trucks -- Did you ever wonder what the inside of a fire engine looks like or one of the other trucks you see around the city? Come to this event and get a chance to get behind the wheel of one of the city's "big trucks".

July 16: "Science of Super" (Animal adaptations)-- Why do animals do some of the things they do and look the way they do? Find out when Amanda Paige of the University of Michigan comes to visit!

July 23: Organization for Bat Conservation-- Get up close and personal with some of the most common bats in our area. Find out why these flying mammals are so important to the environment.

July 30: Alex Thomas and Friends Puppet Show-- Come meet Alex Thomas and Friends and enjoy a puppet show where the audience interacts with the puppets and become part of the show.



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Interim City Manager named

By Carolyn Marnon

Lisa Nocerini was approved in a 5-2 vote by the City Council on June 2 to take on the role of Interim City Manager immediately at no extra cost. Lisa has been doing grant work, staffing augmentation, communications and economic development for the City of Wayne and will now add the duties of the city manager until a new one can be hired. She addressed the council, "I just want to step in where I can to help. I'm very honored and proud to be asked. I don't want more money in my contract. I think I am getting paid more than fair. I want to help get you where you need to be to hire the best city manager you can."

City Council will be interviewing candidates for City Manager on June 6.



Lisa Nocerini

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Interim City Manager

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