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Celebrating 50 years

By Sarah Shurge

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Harlow Tire and Auto Service began on May 25 in 1965. Jim Harlow, at the age of 21 started it himself. His wife, Margaret was only 19. Harlow's just celebrated the company's 50th anniversary in May.

"We are honest business people who don't sell you what you don't need," said Margaret. "Sometimes we don't even sell you what you ask for because it's not what you need."

Jim always had a love for cars since he was a child. He would spend a lot of his time at the Detroit Drag Way, either racing his car or working on it. He planned on heading to college but after a trip to Kentucky where he got into a car accident and broke his pelvis, his plans changed.

A friend offered him a job changing tires. He worked his way up and became the manager at the Wayne Tires Company. He enjoyed it so much he decided to start his own company.

"We were young and we just jumped in with both feet. I told my husband if we're going to do this, we need to do this now while we don't have kids so if this doesn't work out it's just us who are going to starve. Now 50 years later we have three kids who are all grown up and nine grandchildren and we're still here," said Margaret.

On May 13, the city came and gave a proclamation, Channel 12 also came. There was celebration all day with free food: hot dogs, chips and ice cream.

Harlow's is located at 1845 North Wayne Road, near the corner of Ford Road since its beginning in 1965.



Margaret and Jim Harlow celebrated Harlow Tire and Auto Services 50th anniversary.

Margaret says the company has third generations of customers that have been loyal for years.

One struggle for the company has always been getting good employees but Margaret claims they have some of the best employees. She says they have had a lot of kids working from John Glenn through Co-Op or Vo-Tech.

Harlow works with Advance Auto Parts across the street and buys parts from them.

Speedy Auto Service down the street and Bell Tire are one of Harlow's biggest competitions but the most new competition is the Internet.

"Being in business is not for the faint of heart. It's a lot of hard work," said Margaret.

Harlow's has a big business with classic cars. Margaret claims it's a labor of love for Jim due to his deep love for cars, especially classic ones.

"We have such a gratitude to the people that have supported us throughout the years. We would not be here without them, to be honest," said Margaret.

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By Courtney Conover

If you want to know where Jenn Petrou's priorities lie, look no further than the front passenger seat of her minivan.

"[You'll find] the next Blizzard of the Month poster, an employee schedule, and some Sesame Street and Spider-Man DVDs," Jenn says.

That's because Petrou and her husband, Mike, wear two hats: Not only are they the parents of John, 5, and Emily, 3, but they are also the proud new owners of the Wayne Dairy Queen. Spend five seconds with the Petrous, and the importance they place upon family is evident.

Ironically, it was indeed family that led them to the Dairy Queen: Mike's parents, John and Anna Petrou, have operated the Wayne Dairy Queen for the past 30 years, having purchased it back in the eighties after making good on a goal to one day work for themselves. And when they recently considered selling the business, Jenn sensed a tremendous opportunity.

"It was always on Jenn's radar for

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Jenn Petrou

sure," says Mike, who spent many hours behind the counter during his teenage years. "And she'd bring it up every time my parents mentioned retirement. She and I both have a passion for managing people and customer service."

In the meantime, Jenn, a Food Industry Management major at Michigan State who spent seven years as a sales manager at Enterprise Rent-A-



FOR MIKE AND JENN PETROU, THE OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF THE WAYNE DAIRY QUEEN, MAKING TASTY TREATS AND SATISFYING THEIR CUSTOMERS IS A FAMILY AFFAIR.



Car and three years as a banking center manager at Bank of America, and Mike, who earned his MBA at Wayne State University and went on to spend the last 12 years at Enterprise Rent-A-Car, had always wanted to work together in some capacity.

And then something happened.

Perhaps it was serendipity, or

maybe it was luck; but whatever you call it, the timing was spot on.

"Last September, Mike's dad told him he was going to try and sell the DQ again...so we made an offer," remembers Jenn. "Everything happens for a reason and the fact that that conversation with Mike's dad occurred during the exact time in our

lives when we were in a position to buy and then run our own business... it was meant to be."

From the get-go, Jenn and Mike Petrou put their own stamp on the establishment by implementing changes that are as tangible as they are tasty. With the addition of an oven – something the Wayne DQ never had before, they introduced DQ Bakes on May 1, which includes a bevy of hot baked goods, including cookies, apple tarts, and brownies. Patrons may also order cakes online for the first time ever at DQcakes.com. (Simply type in the zip code 48184, and you'll now see Wayne, MI, as an order option.)

Additionally, the Wayne DQ is extending their season and will now be open from February 1 through December 1.

But the Petrous haven't stopped there.

"We just did the glass block windows, removed the bars, and we're

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Broome Auto Parts celebrates 60 Years

The year was 1955. Ray Kroc opened his first McDonald's in Des Plaines, Illinois. Disneyland first opened it's gates in Anaheim California. Gunsmoke and Captain Kangaroo first aired on the CBS network. James Dean died in a horrific car crash. The 1st Ford Thunderbird was manufactured in Dearborn, MI. Gordie Howe and the Red Wings won their 7th Stanley Cup. And in Wayne, Michigan, Frank Broome created Broome Auto Parts.

Frank and his brother Oliver Broome started the business at Clinton and Walker Street on July 26, 1955. Today, 60 years later, the business is still operating at the same location by the 2nd owners, Pat and Terry Morski. "Our Dad took it over in 1975. It's hard to believe we've been here 40 years," says Pat. "We grew up here, learning about cars, and selling parts." Pat added, "and any day we weren't in school, we'd be coming here to help the family business."

With Ray Morski passing away in 2013, Pat and Terry have been continuing business operations at the original store on Walker, and the salvage yard on Annapolis Street. "It's very competitive these days", states Pat. "In years past, there was just a handful of people that did what we did. Now you can buy a radiator for your car from your smart phone," jokes Pat.



Broome Auto Parts in the late 50's.



Broome Auto Parts owners Terry and Pat Morski celebrate 60 years of serving the City of Wayne. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

Broome's offers new and used auto parts, they purchase salvaged vehicles, and have been used car dealers since 1967. "If we don't have it, we'll find it!" Pat mentioned how he sold a door for an 07 Caravan, and then a minute later, a drive shaft for a 71 Coupe de Ville. "I'm still amazed at what I drum up in the yard." Visit them at BroomeAutoParts.com, or give them a call at the same number all these years, Parkway 1-4006.

Come join Broome Auto Parts in celebration of their 60th anniversary on Saturday, July 25, at McCaughy Creek Park from 12 to 5pm with burgers, dogs, soft drinks, etc. "Our way of saying Thank You for 60 Years!"

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NEWS BRIEFS

Kelly Miller Circus

The Kelly Miller Circus, "America's One-Ring Wonder" is coming to Attwood Park in Wayne on Saturday, August 8 for two performances: 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Each performance lasts approximately 2 hours. Tickets obtained in advance are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children ages 2-11, and free for children under 2. You can purchase tickets at the Wayne Community Center, Westland City Hall, Professional Insurance Associates, Jack Demmer Ford, Mark Chevrolet, Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union and at the Wayne Public Library. There will be acrobats, elephants, clowns, tigers, zebras, aerialists, camels, jugglers, llamas and dogs. Children may also enter a coloring contest by going to http://kellymillercircus.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Hey_Kids_Col_or_Me.pdf.

Bring your entry (one per person) to either performance for a chance to win a Circus souvenir. There are two age groups: age 7 and younger and ages 8-11.

WMHS Class of 1975 Reunion

The Class of 1975 will be congregating at Avenue American Bistro on August 8 at 6 p.m. to celebrate their 40th reunion. Tickets are \$25 per person and include dinner. A cash bar will be available. Contact Kathy (D'Pulos) Cardy at 810-275-2098 or Amy (Manning) Schmitt at 734-218-2258 for more information.

Rotary Picnics

The Rotary Club of Wayne will be hosting two summer picnics in July. The first will be at Rotary Park I on July 15, 6 p.m.-7 p.m. The second will be July 22, 6 p.m.-7 p.m. at Rotary Park II located at Chamberlain and Stellwagen. There will be hot dogs, chips, pop, games and a drawing for a family of four to attend the Kelly Miller Circus on August 8.

Cruisin' US12

It's time to cruise US 12 (Michigan Avenue) in downtown Wayne on July 11 from 10 a.m.-midnight. This is a free family event with live music



The Concerts in Goudy Park will kick off Wednesday night July 29th with Dead in Dog Years featuring a drawing for the Goodfellows Camaro Giveaway. (Above), 50 Amp Fuse will be performing at Concerts in Goudy Park on August 19th covering music from Your Generation.

and classic cars. Visit Icon Computer Solutions to see classic hearses and visit the Casketeria Grill. There will be free face painting and kiddie cones for children under 10 at McDonald's. Ronald McDonald will be appearing 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. WCSX will be broadcasting from the parking lot and giveaways are planned. The Michigan Rocky Horror Preservation Society will have a show at the State Wayne Theater that night. They plan to have a kissing booth in front of the theater during the day and evening. Rocky Horror that night will have a Sock Hop theme.

Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sales

The annual sidewalk sales will be held July 17, 18 and 19. Northside Hardware will be having their annual hot dog and soda for 25 cents sale and other events on Saturday only. See the full article elsewhere in this paper.

Ice Cream Social

The Wayne Historical Society will be hosting an ice cream social at the Wayne Historical Museum on Satur-

day, July 18 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. There will be cool treats and hula hooping with Irene Ivanac. Tour the Museum while you are there, and then hit the sidewalk sales.

Jazz at the Avenue - Evening with Wayne Main Street

Drink, dine & gather on Avenue American Bistro's newly finished outdoor patio while supporting Wayne Main Street's efforts to revitalize Downtown Wayne at the 1st annual Jazz at the Avenue-An Evening with Wayne Main Street on Wednesday, July 15 from 6-8 p.m. Sample craft beers and Michigan wines while enjoying local fare to the sounds of an acclaimed jazz trio. \$50 ticket price is all inclusive and seating is limited! Tickets are available online at www.downtownwayne.org.

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.

Miracle Treat Day at Dairy Queen

Buy a Blizzard at the Wayne Dairy Queen on Thursday, July 30, from 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. and Wayne Dairy Queen will donate \$1 for every Blizzard sold to the Children's Miracle Network to help children in need.

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 and 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 Kat(hryn) Farrell.

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currently undergoing a renovation that will include an updated DQ logo, signage, new paint, etc. It's most definitely in line with the beautification of Wayne," says Jenn excitedly.

Philanthropically speaking, the Petrous have remained just as active in the community, having participated in Wayne's Adopt-A-Planter Program, among other causes. The DQ is also a huge supporter of the Children Miracle Network, which increases funds and awareness for local children's hospitals. On July 30, the Wayne DQ will donate one dollar for every blizzard sold that day in celebration of Miracle Treat Day.

All of the above supports one mission.

"We don't have to be the biggest," says Jenn, "But we have to be the best."

And the Petrous have assembled the right staff to do so. Having inherited six employees, the Petrous also hired seven more since April. But their tiniest helpers can barely reach the counter.

Says Jenn, "Our kids helped with

the large school groups we hosted in May and June by passing out ice creams and napkins."

In fact, being the parents of small children has only perfected the Petrou's approach to serving even the youngest of customers: The Petrous have those fun candy eyes they put on the kids' cones and cups; they offer the mini Blizzard, which is a great portion for small kids; and,

most importantly, they aren't stingy with their napkins.

"Speaking from personal experience, we understand that one napkin may not be enough," says Jenn with a laugh.

But if there's one thing Jenn and Mike want their customers to know, it's that they live and work by the same philosophy that has driven Mike's parents for years.

"We know the term "under new ownership" can feel cold sometimes," says Jenn, "And it may leave a community feeling unsettled. But we are all in, and we're here to give you the best service, the best ice cream, and the best experience we possibly can. Every customer, every time."

And if you need a second napkin – or third – they won't hesitate to give you that, too.



WAYNE DQ BY THE NUMBERS

Ever wonder what it takes to run a Dairy Queen – and satisfy its ice cream-loving customers?

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Northside Hardware is making big improvements

By Carolyn Marnon

Several months ago, Northside welcomed brothers Sam, Sal and Bashar Yono as its new owners. The trio also own two other True Value Hardware stores, one in Detroit and one at the Detroit/Dearborn border. They are Iraq Christian Chaldeans who have lived in Northville since they came to the US from Iraq in 1978. "We build our business on customers and customer service," stated Sal Yono. "We do it all."

Because they had success with the two other stores, the time was ripe for growth. The opportunity to own Northside became available, and they took it. They have not had any challenges since stepping in. They have spent their time merchandising, working with the inventory, cleaning up the store and making it brighter. Additional improvements and changes will be made as they go.

Seven days a week, at least one of the brothers will be at the store, working hands-on, during store hours. They won't be sitting in the backroom at their desks all day. They will be out on the floor, cleaning, dealing with inventory, helping customers, doing whatever it takes to please those who shop there. They are working to make the store customer friendly, such as when they removed the turnstile near the entrance, and widening the aisles. They've also removed endcaps from some aisles and are bringing in new products.

You might notice that guns are no longer sold, although ammunition is available. There is a brightly-colored aisle with 20 feet of kitchen gadgets: red, orange, yellow and green baking and cooking accessories to entice the cook in the city. They are trying different things, wanting to be flexible when it comes to their customer's needs. They feel they are able to compete with the big box stores because they are able to give immediate customer service. Whatever your needs, they will show you right where it is in the store. If they don't have it, they will get it for you. Customer service and price are important to them. If they can't get something for you at a lower price, they will match the price of a competing store. A sign in the office states "I fought the big box and won." The brothers certainly have the enthusi-



Sam Yono, Jordan Montgomery, Bashar Yono, Ken Dahn and Jim Cox in the new and improved houseware department at Northside Hardware. Photo by John P. Rhaesa



Brandon Tesner and Shonda Martin work in the newly updated paint aisle. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

asm to help you, no matter what you need.

If you stopped in the store this spring, you might have noticed they were selling hanging baskets and flats of vegetables. They plan to expand their selection next spring. The rewards program that ended several years ago will be introduced once again. If you were a rewards member in the past, you can give the cashier your phone number and they should be able to activate you again. If you were not in the rewards program, you can sign up the next time

you come in. Another new policy will be discounts offered to military veterans. The parking lot will be redone and when it is, there will be two spots just for veterans along with the customary handicapped parking.

The plumbing section has been redone. Drywall and 4x8 sheets of plywood are now available. There is a bigger stock of generators. They rekey locks. A Pepsi machine has been installed at the front of the store and a snack machine is planned as a later addition.

You can meet Sam, Sal and

Bashar on Saturday, July 18th, when they celebrate the Grand-Reopening of Northside during Wayne's annual sidewalk sales. They are only having the sale on Saturday so they can make it a huge celebration. There will be doorprizes, including a lawn mower and a grill, given away. Radio stations 94.7 WCSX (Detroit's Classic Rock) and 101.1 WRIF (The RIFF) will be there with giveaways. WCSX will be there from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. followed by WRIF until 4 p.m. A grilled hot dog (a change from the steamed hot dogs of the past) and a soda will be 25 cents. There will be blow out deals and raffle prizes. Doors will open at 8 a.m. with the sales being found inside the store. Sam, Sal and Bashar want you to come into the store and see all the new merchandise they have acquired and the special deals they'll have for you.

Jim Cox, Manager, mentioned that people have thought Northside was going out of business for the past several years because of low inventory levels. Come inside and you will now find the inventory growing. The paint selection has increased.

We're just "humble, hardworking people", Sam wants residents of Wayne to know. Come see for yourself July 18, or sooner if you are able.

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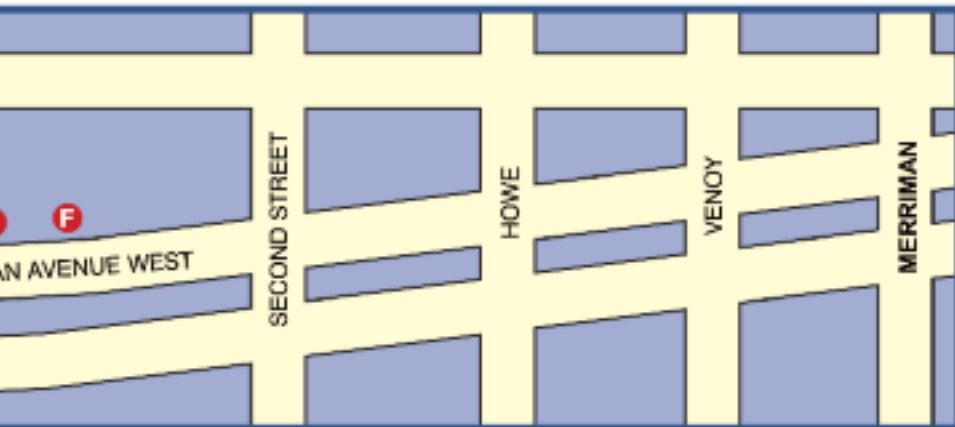
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Airport disaster and preparedness training exercise

By Carolyn Marnon

On June 3, a plane crash scenario impacting the entire metro Detroit area required the use of Oakwood Hospital-Wayne's facilities as part of a regional disaster drill that was held in partnership with the Wayne County Airport Authority and numerous other health and public safety organizations. A disaster drill of this magnitude is conducted every three years. 60 "victim" volunteers were evaluated and treated for problems ranging from mild injuries to severe trauma.

"The drill provides Oakwood hospitals, our employees, physicians and volunteers the chance to practice what it would be like to treat multiple survivors with varying degrees of injury," said John Cargill, RN, trauma and emergency management coordinator, Oakwood Hospital-Wayne. "Drilling is the best way to work with your partners and drilling is the best way to know how you will respond as an individual facility or hospital." Victims of the scenario were assessed by ground



crews at the Airport and transported to the emergency departments located in Dearborn, Taylor, Trenton and Wayne. All four Oakwood hospitals were practicing a mass casualty drill with patient tracking systems in place. Oakwood Hospital-Wayne was the only site using live actors and the Beaumont Health System helicopter to reenact victim arrival, transport and triage services. In addition to the live actors, some patients were simulated using bags for the body and a balloon for the head.

"The drill is designed to improve hospital and community preparedness while improving communication and cooperation between the agencies," said Cargill. "This training session also tests how officials work together to respond to a disaster scenario such as this one."

During a disaster, workers wear fluorescent yellow vests clearly marked with their role: EMS, triage, charge nurse, etc. Emergency Department Specialist Michael Salliotte had been a paramedic for 12 years.

Now he helps facilitate where patients go in the mayhem of a disaster and controls family members and media. As a burn victim arrived, Michael helped her out of the vehicle and into a wheelchair.

Although the action outside the emergency room seemed slow immediately after the disaster, Michael attributed it to the magnitude of the disaster. If a large disaster were to occur, everyone could not be accommodated at once. Patients would be triaged in the field and prioritized for movement to a hospital. There aren't enough ambulances available all at once, so someone could be at the disaster location for a long time before being brought in.

One entry is used to control the patients coming in. Once at the door, each patient has their triage tag looked at and then he/she is directed to a pod for treatment. As one patient was wheeled to the door, she was asked, "Ma'am, do you know where you are?" "A hospital?" was the reply as she was directed to Bed 24 in Trauma.

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Don't miss out on helping the Goodfellows and have a chance to win a Camaro!

Goodfellows to raffle off Chevy Camaro

By Sarah Shurge

The City of Wayne Goodfellows are known for their goal that no child in Wayne goes without a Christmas. In 2010, the Goodfellows assisted over 300 families throughout the year and supported various local organizations who provide support for others in the community. The newest fundraiser the organization has taken up, is raffling off a Camaro. The Wayne Goodfellows will be raffling off a 2010 Chevy Camaro valued at \$20,000 on July 29. The car is always on display at Henry's Service Center.

Tickets are \$20 each and only 3,000 were available to start although only half are probably left because they are going quick. Tickets are available for purchase until the day of the raffle at the following locations: Henry's Service Center, Wayne City Hall, the Wayne Rec. Center, Icon Computers and AKA sports. Be sure to buy yours before they run

out.

The drawing will be on Wednesday, July 29, during the Goodfellow's Christmas in July concert at Goudy Park. A local band out of Garden City, Dead in Dog Years, will provide the entertainment for free starting at 7:30 p.m. The winning ticket will be picked at 9:00 p.m.

"We are most excited about the money that is going to be raised. We will be able to help many more people, which is what this really is all about," said the Goodfellow's President Jennifer's husband, Chris Gietzan. "Plus it should be a fun event."

The Goodfellows is a non-profit organization so 100% of the money raised is donated back to the community. Gift cards are given to the families during the holidays or their time of need to provide food, toys, and emergency assistance.

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Visingardi wins first façade grant in downtown

Wayne Main Street's board of directors approved Paul Visingardi's application for Wayne Main Street's Façade Grant Incentive program. The Façade Grant program was developed by the Design Committee to help improve the appearance of buildings in Wayne Main Street's downtown district.

The Façade Grant is funded by Wayne Main Street and reimburses up to 50 percent of the project's total cost to the recipient with a maximum of \$10,000. Interested candidates must submit an application to the design committee for review. Grants are provided on a first-approved, first-funded basis. The funding cycle begins on Jan. 1 of every year.

Visingardi, building owner of 3023 South Wayne Rd., was approved for a \$9,957.50 grant. He will receive the reimbursement check after construction is completed and a final inspection has been conducted. Planned Home Improvement of Westland, Mich. has been hired to complete the project. Wayne Main Street previously awarded Visingardi design services through the Michigan Main Street Center, which will be implemented in the construction process. Design services provide business owners with recommendations on how to improve the exterior façade of their building to increase curb appeal while adhering to the Secretary of Interiors Standards for Rehabilitation of historic buildings.

Visingardi is hoping that the new improvements will attract potential tenants to the building. The improved façade of Visingardi's building will be great improvement for downtown Wayne. The improvements will be made with respect to preserving the historic elements of the building.

Individuals interested in learning more about the Façade Grant should



visit the website, www.downtownwayne.org/business/grant, where the application and more information can be found. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Live Jazz - Tickets Available

The sounds of jazz will fill the air at Avenue Bistro as part of a fundraiser for the Wayne Main Street program.

Drink, dine and gather on The Avenue's recently finished outdoor patio from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, while supporting Wayne Main Street's efforts to revitalize downtown Wayne.

"Jazz at the Avenue: An evening with Wayne Main Street" will consist of a strolling buffet dinner with craft beer and wine pairings, silent auction, photo booth, and the sounds of acclaimed jazzmen Jesse Kramer, Glenn Tucker and Jordan Schug. A private cash bar also will be available.

Among items in the silent auction is a VIP tour and tasting for six people at Chateau Chantal Winery on Old Mission Peninsula in Traverse City and autographed memorabilia donated by the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Red Wings.

Avenue American Bistro is located at 3632 Elizabeth St. at Michigan Avenue. Seating for "Jazz at the Avenue" is limited. Tickets are \$50 per person and are available at jazzattheave.eventbrite.com.

The event is being sponsored by

the Ford Motor Co., Chateau Chantal Winery, American Jetway Corp., Wayne McDonald's, Wayne Community Living Services and Appliance Avenue.

Wayne Main Street, a Michigan Main Street program, is a volunteer-driven nonprofit dedicated to creating a more vibrant, inviting and visually appealing downtown Wayne where residents enjoy spending their leisure time and businesses prosper. For more information, call 734-629-6822.

Volunteers needed for Clean-Up Day

Downtown Clean-Up Volunteers needed! This is a great way to have an impact on your downtown with immediate visible results.

Sunday, July 12th 10:00 AM - meet at office of Wayne Main Street (35000 Sims Street).

Volunteers will help clean up downtown after the Cruisin' US12 event. The goal of the day is to dispose of litter that has been left on the sidewalks and in the grass from the day before. Volunteers must be able to bend over and cover at least one block of town.

Coordinator:
Lindsey Wooten,
(734) 629-6822.

Time Commitment:
2 hours maximum

Gloves and garbage bags will be provided. Wear comfortable clothes, sunscreen, and walking shoes!

To volunteer, please call (734) 629-6822 or email director@downtownwayne.org.

Local Advocate

Receives National Award

Lindsey Wooten will participate in "Walkable Communities" training program.

America Walks, a national advocacy organization that promotes walking and walkable communities, announced last month that Lindsey Wooten of Wayne Main Street has been awarded a Walking College Fellowship.

The Fellowship will enable Lindsey Wooten and 24 other advocates from around the country to participate in a five-month training program designed to strengthen local efforts to make communities more walkable and livable. "We are delighted to welcome Lindsey Wooten as a member of our inaugural Walking College class," said Ian Thomas, State and Local Program Director with America Walks, "This program was developed in response to the finding, from our recent survey of 532 local walking organizations, that access to technical assistance and a national peer network are among the most pressing needs for these groups."

The Walking College curriculum has been designed to expand the capacity of local advocates to be effective community change agents. Topics include the science behind the benefits of walking, evaluation of built environments, as well as communication skills and building relationships with stakeholders and decision makers. At the conclusion of the Walking College, Fellows will develop a Community Action Plan for implementation over the following 12-months.

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Have you ever wanted to give your opinion on what a vacant building in Wayne should become? If so, come to the first "I Wish This Was..." event sponsored by Wayne Main Street. On Saturday, July 18th, come to the vacant building at 3023 S. Wayne Rd. Wayne Main Street will have stickers available for you to complete with your response; they will then be displayed in the window for a limited time. You'll be able to see what your neighbors think. This is an interactive community event. After several weeks, the responses will be given to the building owner to use in marketing the vacant building. This is an opportunity for you to let your voice be heard about what you want in your community.

Hospital-Wayne Opens New Cath Lab

Oakwood Hospital-Wayne held an Open House on June 25th to show the community its renovated and expanded Cath Lab. \$1.2 million brought in new state-of-the-art equipment that will help serve Oakwood's patients, including electrophysiology equipment for the EP ablation program—a new program at OH-W. Cardiac ablation is a procedure that is used to scar small areas of the heart that may cause heart rhythm problems. This can prevent the abnormal electrical signals or rhythms from moving through the heart. Cardiac catheterization services were expanded to better accommodate patients and emergent procedures. The second cath lab designation addresses two concerns:



Northside Hardware now has two parking spots for Military Veterans.

necessary equipment updates and a back-up for overflow emergent cases.

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 all kinds of 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 why do they 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 and our health.

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.

Wayne Memorial High School Baseball Camp

Wayne Memorial High School will be holding a baseball camp for kids ages 8-14 at the Wayne Memorial baseball field. Dates are July 24, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. and July 25, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The \$40 camp fee will include a t-shirt. The camp, run by WMHS coaches, will feature pitching, hitting, infield, outfield and base running. For more information, contact Kerry Johnson at 734-718-2649. Registration form and fees must be mailed by July 10 to guarantee a spot.

Vacation Watch

If you are planning on being away on vacation, you can inform the police department. Officers from the police department will make periodic checks of your home while you are away. Obtain a Vacation Watch Form. Complete the form with as much information as possible and return the completed form to the police department. The police department requires that the homeowner requesting the vacation watch return the form in person to the police department.

Police Community Meeting

Attendance is growing at the monthly community meetings held by Police Chief Al Maciag at the WABC building. 32 citizens attended the most recent meeting on June 25. Sargeant Spooner updated the audience on the crime rates. Recent crime trends are damage to the Little Free Libraries recently installed at 5 locations throughout Wayne and catalytic converter thefts from 3 vehicles on Hayes street. Chevrolet Malibus and Cavaliers appear to be the targets as they contain larger amounts of platinum than other converters. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 30, at 7 p.m.

Wayne Farmer's Market

This season, Farmers Market has something for everyone every Wednesday! 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 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.

Parking is available in the lot behind the Courthouse off Second Street, in the Wayne Activity & 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@growinghope.net.

Kids Bowl Free

Select bowling centers and schools around the country are participating in the Kids Bowl Free program. This program is designed by bowling centers to give back to the community and provide a safe, secure, and fun way for kids to spend time this summer. Children whose age does not exceed a limit by a participating bowling center are eligible to register for 2 free games a day, all summer long, courtesy of the participating bowling centers along with the schools and organizations. Westland Bowl and Town N Country Lanes are participating.

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Five Little Free Libraries are now around Wayne

Lois VanStipdonk sends this information: Perhaps you noticed little boxes on poles filled with books. The Wayne Rotary has been busy installing five Little Free Libraries around Wayne.

Each is filled with donated books. The Libraries were built by students at the Wm. D Ford Vocational Center and painted by students at Wayne Memorial High School.

Borrow a book from the Little Free Library and return it or another book, or books you'd like to share. The Wayne Rotary only asks that you treat the books gently.

The Little Free Libraries are at Monroe Commons/Rotary Park, Roosevelt-McGrath School, Wayne Memorial High School and Civitan Park on Glenwood.

We are waiting to see if our Community Center will really close on July 1st. Everyone is hoping for the best. We've talked to long time employees, Cathy Broge is really hoping the Center will stay open, and has

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



made no decisions about her future. Linda Herman teaches Yoga and will continue teaching at Westland's Dyer Center, in Plymouth and soon will teach at Schoolcraft College. Jamie Strange is an Accountant and will pursue that career path. Rob Strutz is looking forward to some well-deserved time off.

Erin Davis calls herself "A Jack of all Trades." She is in charge of Wayne's Summer Day Camp.

She has been involved in Wayne's Youth Theater and also the Softball Team. Erin graduated from WMHS in 2005.

Wayne's Summer Camp schedule for July 6-10 themed Magic Week,

with a Field Trip to Rolling Hills Water Park. "Western" is theme for week 5---July 13-17. The Field Trip goes to Sterling State Park. Week 6 is Robot Week ending with "Pump it Up." July 27-31 The Theme is Animal Planet and has a wonderful field trip to the Toledo Zoo.

For more information, stop at the Community Center and ask for Summer Day Camp information packet. You may call (734) 721-7004. That's the phone number for Youth Services.

Across the hall from the information desk is the Senior Service Office. Nancy Wojewski-Noel is the dedicated Senior Director. She is also waiting to find out what the future holds for her Senior Services, but will definitely be on hand for the Senior Olympics, August 10 -14.

Although like many of the Community Center employees, Ms. Wojewski-Noel doesn't have insight into future plans for the Center, she does take comfort in the fact that her job

has a place in the new budget.

For more information about upcoming trips and programs, stop in her office and pick up a copy of "Ka-boom." The phone number for the Senior Service is (734) 721-7460.

Wayne's DPW has been busy on Washington St. One of our almost 100 year old trees had to be cut down and that was a big undertaking. First many limbs need to go, then the huge tree trunk was cut up and finally the remaining stump and roots were ground down. It was a week long mission. The DPW workers who take care of our Roads and City Properties are: Eric Bates; Mike Wicker; Brian Smith; Joe Bledsoe; Barb Rose; and Fred Covell. The Water and Sewer Crew were busy in other parts of our city---they are Craig Krzmenski; Chuck Hannah; Mike Shuell; Steve Curley; Bill Wagner; and John Conyer.

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Marker and Walk keep Garden Club busy

By Carolyn Marnon

The Wayne Garden Club started June off with their annual salad luncheon held at the First Congregational Church of Wayne on June 10. Immediately following the lunch, club members, city officials and other interested citizens headed over to the little parcel of land across from the Harry J. Will Funeral Home where Michigan Avenue splits to attend a brief dedication ceremony for the new Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker that was recently placed there.

The Blue Star Memorial Program, administered by the National Garden Clubs, honors all men and women who have served, currently serve or will serve in the US Armed Forces. There are two types of markers: a highway marker which can be placed along highways and at highway rest areas and a memorial marker that can be placed at cemeteries, parks, gardens, and other appropriate civic locations. A Blue Star Memorial Marker was dedicated at the Veteran's Plaza outside the Wayne Public Library in 2014. The Wayne Garden Club obtained the second marker by happenstance. When the original Memorial Marker was ordered in 2014 for the Veteran's Plaza, the club received a highway marker by mistake. Rather than destroy that marker, the club was instructed to keep it and use it. The club allowed some time to pass before coordinating with city officials to have the second marker installed.

Ruth Wenzel worked diligently to obtain the first marker and then to get the second marker installed and dedicated. She was assisted by Alicia



Members of the Wayne Garden Club stand in front of the new Blue Star Memorial Highway marker on Michigan Avenue in the median in front of Harry J. Will Funeral Home. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

Marnon who collected recipes from club members, put together a cookbook, and sold it at Farmer's Market and other events to raise the funds to purchase the first marker. Mike Buiten, Engineering Manager, was important in locating the place for the marker and Dan Hamann, Assistant DWP Director, and his crew helped get the marker in the ground. Cookbooks are still available for \$10 and proceeds will now be used to further other garden club projects.

Wayne is the only city in Michigan that has 2 Blue Star markers.

Rain showers could not stop the garden club's biannual garden walk on Saturday, June 27th. Seven gardens were featured this year along with a stop at Brenda's Butterfly House at Barson's Greenhouse in Westland. Della Danielson's garden featured different chairs displayed with flowers. This year, she also displayed a late 1800s wooden wheel-chair topped with a pot of flowers. John and Sheri Blair invited guests

into their yard that featured a large butterfly garden. Last year, John was able to attract 26 different species of butterflies. In the spring of 2012, the garden was officially certified as a Monarch Waystation for migrating Monarch butterflies. The garden was also featured in the August 2014 issue of Fine Gardening magazine.

Jean Goring thinks of her garden as a "social gathering" because so many of the perennials used throughout her garden were given to her by friends and family or were from some event in her life like a wedding, mother's day or birthday. Her yard is a certified natural wildlife habitat. She accents her garden with pieces of art she designs--gazing balls, butterfly baths, feeders and bird spas. Enter Cheryl Zilka's garden through a garden trellis/gate and enjoy the koi in her pond. Her home is along Second Street where construction is taking place. She even had a planter of flowers along the corner curb to dress the area up.

Lynn Higgs and Carol Darin share a garden that divides their properties as neighbors. Lynn's garden is all shade in the backyard, much of it planted with hostas. She has a large bunny rabbit figure that sits in the midst of her plants. Carol's garden features a pond. The area behind her garage became her vegetable/fruit garden with a path.

The final garden of the walk was at Maureen Davidson's in Westland. She had a 1500 gallon pond and split waterfall which takes up most of her backyard. There is no grass. Although day of the walk ticket sales were slow, the rain didn't deter approximately 80 avid gardeners who set out to see what possibilities existed for their own gardens.

If you have a garden you want to share with others, contact Carolyn Marnon to be put on a list for consideration on the next garden walk in 2017. She can be reached at 734-721-7660 or by email CarolynMarnon1@gmail.com.



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