

 Find us on
Facebook

THE WAYNE Dispatch

AUGUST 2015

**Still
Rockin'**

TC & the Katz
Gear Up to Rock
Goudy Park August 26th

www.facebook.com/thewaynedispatch

**Concerts Every Wednesday
at 7:30pm in Goudy Park**

August 5 THE BLACKJACK BAND

August 12 THE BACKBEATS

August 19 50 AMP FUSE

FREE PUBLICATION · DIRECT MAILED TO EVERY HOME IN WAYNE! · CIRCULATION 10,000 WAYNEDISPATCH.COM

YOUR SOURCE FOR POSITIVE COMMUNITY NEWS



A day of fun for the whole family can be found on Aug. 22 from 12-5 p.m at CrossPointe Community Church's Annual Family Fun Fest.

10th Annual Family Fest

By Sarah Shurge

Free food, cars, rides, games, attractions, face painting, prizes, trophies, car demonstrations, and did I mention free food? All that along with smiling faces, good attitudes and a day of fun for the whole family can be found on Aug. 22 from 12-5 p.m at CrossPointe Community Church, 36125 Glenwood, for their 10th Annual Family Fest.

Nine years ago, Pastor Phil DiLernia came to CrossPointe and decided to create a Family Fest as a way to reach out to the community. The first year in 2006, 500 people and 23 classic cars showed up. Each year the event became more of a success and the numbers continued to grow. Last year 6,500 people and 425 cars came. This year, DiLernia anticipates 7,500 people and is worried they might not have enough room for all the cars.

Cars start arriving as early as 8 a.m. for no fee registration. The first 500 cars to arrive get a spot on the field.

"Family Fest has been very successful and in order to do this right, we need about 300 volunteers for the event. Right now we have around 350 members for our weekly attendance," said DiLernia. "Our church is growing, but so is Family Fest."

DiLernia says Family Fest is a way for the community to know they are welcome and don't have to pass a test to come to the church. Everyone is welcome.

The church's motto is "all people matter to God" and the people of CrossPointe believe it and act like it. Family Fest will cost around \$20,000 to throw this year and 75% of it is paid by church donations. The other 25% comes from local businesses that sponsor the event. The church is always looking for more sponsors.

"At the end of the day, church isn't about money but without money, you can't reach out to the people. I'm very blessed with how generous the people of my church are," said DiLernia.

Besides Family Fest, CrossPointe has been serving the community for more than 100 years. It was formerly First Baptist Church of Wayne.

Their services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sundays. They also have multiple studies and activities during the week.

The church reaches out to the community through dinners, a clothes closet and food pantry to help the needy, and the youth group goes on mission trips. CrossPointe currently supports 75 kids in Columbia.

"Everything we do is for the people," said DiLernia. "Family Fest is a genuine family fun day with no catch! Everything is free. Everyone is welcome. We don't pressure you to come to our church. The only catch is if you aren't going to a church and one day think to yourself that you want to join, why not join the church that gave you the free food and had the cool cars!"

Fast, friendly, professional service!

TIRE STOP

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

We Sell NEW and USED TIRES and WHEELS \$25.00 and up

We repair Steel, Aluminum and Magnesium custom and factory wheels. We offer custom powder coating through local businesses. Tire Stop can mount and balance 12" - 30" wheels and most off-road applications.

We have the LARGEST variety of USED TIRES in Southeast Michigan.

Our Mechanical Services Include:

- Brakes
- Leak Detection
- Alignments
- A/C Repair
- Suspension
- Heat Repair
- Steering
- Diagnosis

FREE ALIGNMENT with \$400 purchase.

HOURS:
 Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
 Saturday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 Sunday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

WWW.TIRESTOPWAYNE.COM

TIRE STOP

**734.326.4814
734.326.4817**

32449 Michigan Avenue/ Wayne, MI 48184

He's Got a Rock and Roll Heart

A candid interview with longtime Wayne resident and celebrated musician Tim Coshier

By Courtney Conover

"If I keeled over tomorrow, I'd like to do it performing," says self-taught drummer Tim Coshier, whose career highlights include playing with the likes of Mel Tillis, Eddie Rabbitt, and The Kingston Trio.

But Coshier's love affair with performing music is anything but new. As the son of a musician who jammed during the big band era, instruments – and the sounds they make – have been an integral part of Coshier's life for as long as he can remember. Coshier was born and raised in the City of Wayne, he attended St. Mary's Catholic School back when it was K-12, and possesses an extraordinary knack for regaling stories of Wayne during much simpler times.

Here, Coshier, who heads the local rock band TC & The Katz, divulges to The Wayne Dispatch how this city has served as the canvas upon which he has created a unique and gratifying career in music...

TWD: I've heard that your family and this city go way back. Just how deep do your roots go...

COSHER: My family has been here since World War II, they all worked at the war plant at the time. We're originally from Cadillac [Michigan], and I used to go back and forth. Eventually, I stayed here.

TWD: And you're a musician! What genre of music and instruments do you play?

COSHER: I play drums, trombone, trumpet, and whatever else. My father played in the Big Band era, so I had to learn how to play the trumpet. Growing up, I was taught all types of music, and my dad taught me how to read drum lines. We played a lot by ear back then.

TWD: So, tell me, did you find music, or did it find you?

COSHER: I've basically been a musician pretty much since...forever. I started playing the trumpet when I was about five. My dad would go on the road – and I wanted to play drums – but he wouldn't allow it. My mother found me a drum set at a garage sale, and I kept the drums in



TC and The Katz will be performing at Concerts in Goudy Park on August 26th. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

a coal bin so my dad wouldn't see them. He would come home, and my mom would say, 'Make sure those drums are in the coal bin,' and I'd [hurry up], sit at the foot of the stairs, pick up my trumpet, and start playing it...and then my dad would walk through the door [see me with my trumpet] and go, "That's my boy!" But little did he know...

TWD: Ha! That's the best story ever! Now let's switch gears a bit and talk about your band. You currently lead a band called TC & The Katz, but your journey to get to this point has been an interesting one...

COSHER: Our first band – and the first job we played – happened when we were in the eighth grade. We played at the Wayne Rec., which is now Wayne's City Hall on Wayne Road – they held Friday night dances for teens back then – and I made five dollars. We played rock and whatever was current; like [Chuck Berry's 1958 hit] "Johnny B. Goode." And we called ourselves The Silvertones.

TWD: I bet the City of Wayne looked extremely different back

then...

COSHER: Quick story: You know Northside Hardware, right? Well, back then it didn't span down the block like it does now, and right next to Northside was a restaurant called The Northsider. The parents of our band's saxophone player (Lenny Lieberman) owned that restaurant, and our band practiced on the roof.

TWD: Wow! So what came next?

COSHER: We all graduated high school and our band became The Showmen – with the same saxophone, bass, and guitar players from The Silvertones – and we became old enough to drink, so we were playing all the lounges. We remained The Showmen for about 20 years before we all went our different ways, and I opened my own music store here in Wayne, TC's Music Emporium and Coffee House, which I ran with my partner, [the late] Tommy Sparks while still working my nine-to-five job in property management. And I eventually got burned out. But we were way ahead of our time. And then we became TC & The Katz...

TWD: There's often an interesting story behind how a band acquires its name. How did you discover yours?

COSHER: There was a cartoon on TV called Felix the Cat....so instead of using C-A-T...when I had the girls with me, we were called The Chicks and the Cats, back in the day. But I decided that the cats are anybody who would come in here and play...so, they're players; they're cats. They're cool cats. But I decided to spell it with a K.

TWD: Name an artist who has inspired you, and why?

COSHER: As a drummer, [the late] Gene Krupa was my idol. He did all the stuff for Frank Sinatra...I would just listen to him and say, 'Wow!' He wasn't a banger. He had style and was very relaxed. He just let it flow.

TWD: Describe the feeling you get when you perform live.

COSHER: I get chills. The best part is when you have a captive audience, and when they applaud...people don't understand how many hours you practice just to do that show, which is astronomical.

TWD: So you're scheduled to perform this summer at Wayne's Concert in the Park series...

COSHER: Yes, on Wednesday, August 26, at 7:30 p.m., and this marks the third year we've been invited back to perform. We may do some The Rolling Stones, Four Tops, The Beatles; you can expect good harmonies. We always put on a different show.

Wayne resident Courtney Conover is a mom of two, the wife of former Detroit Lions offensive lineman Scott Conover, and a certified yoga instructor. When she's not on her yoga mat, she's blogging at www.thebrowngirlwithlonghair.com, oversharing on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/thebrowngirlwithlonghair>, and hash-tagging away on Instagram at <https://instagram.com/mrscourtneyconover>.

Out of our past

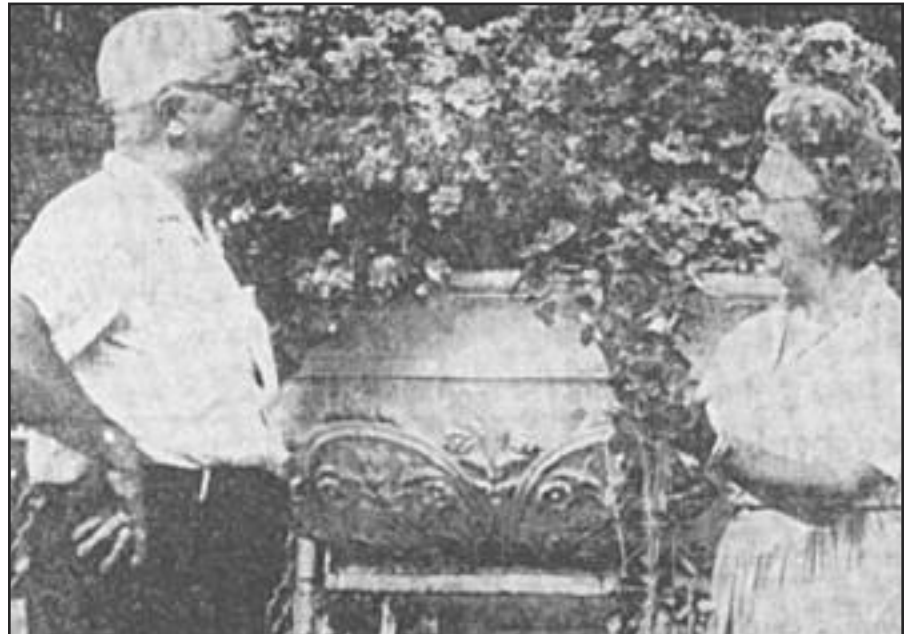
In today's world, it's hard to imagine the horse and buggy as the primary mode of transportation for people in our community. But, that was true in the early days of our little village of Wayne (first called Derby's Corner soon after Ezra Derby bought Johnson's Tavern in 1832 and began building in the area.) Horses were not only important work animals on the farm but they transported the farm families into town to shop, attend church, and visit friends and family. In the picture shown, you see horses lined up outside stores on Monroe Street waiting for their owners to return. There were often watering troughs on the streets of Wayne for the horses to drink from after their trip into town. (A little like today's gas stations on the corners of many streets which fill the engines of our cars!) A very unusual horse watering trough still stands in our city today, a reminder of days gone by. When you drive past our Historical Museum on Biddle Street, you have

Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley



probably noticed the huge urn filled with flowers sitting in front of the building steps. This urn is over 150 years old and has been located at a number of sites in our community over the years. Early on it sat in our Towne Square where it held flowers in bloom. The urn was enjoyed by townspeople who visited the square to picnic, hear band concerts and celebrate holidays. Later it was filled with water and used for many years as a watering spot for horses. In 1924 when the streets of our city were widened and paved, the existing mayor, Jerry Perry, moved the oversized urn to his gas station. In 1954 Zephir Charron, a brother-in-law of Mayor Perry, acquired the urn



In 1954 Zephir Charron acquired the urn and kept it on his yard for many years later to be moved to the Wayne Historical Museum. Photos courtesy of The Wayne Historical Museum

and kept it on his property for many years. When Michigan Avenue East bound was constructed, drivers could view the urn sitting in the Charron front yard as they drove along the road. A few years ago the Wayne Historical Commission ac-

quired the urn for the city and had it repaired, refurbished and painted and placed in front of our museum on the corner of Biddle and Main Streets. Today this beautiful antique continues to link us to our past history.



Downtown Wayne in the late 1800's off Monroe Street notice what is today Greater Than Dreams Church in the background.



Uht
FUNERAL HOME
AND CREMATION SERVICES

Directors:
Harold L. Rediske, Jr.
Harold L. Rediske, II
Robert J. Gilbert
Thomas Loewe Jr.
Ashley Morris

35400 Glenwood Road
Westland, Michigan 48186
Ph: (734) 721-8555 Fax: (734) 721-8999
www.uhtfuneralhome.com

Formerly Kerwin Vision Clinic, P.C.

in FOCUS EYECARE

Michael Warmuskerken, O.D.
Doctor of Optometry

BACK 2 SCHOOL

50% OFF STUDENT EYE EXAM

Offer expires 9/30/15. Not valid with insurance or discount plans.

- Comprehensive, unrushed vision and eye health testing (preschool children to adults)
- Tests for cataracts, glaucoma, diabetes & other diseases
- Treat eye infections & allergies
- Laser vision correction pre & post surgical care
- Designer sun, children and sport eyewear... all price ranges
- FREE exclusive one year frame and lens warranty
- Guaranteed contact lens success program... same day contacts
- Day and evening hours, Walk-ins and Outside Prescriptions Welcome
- Most insurances

www.infocuseyecare.com

FOCUSING on all your family's EYECARE needs.

35119 E. Michigan Avenue • Wayne, MI 48184
(Corner of Eastbound Michigan Ave. and Wayne Road • 3 miles East of I-275)

734-721-5442



BACK 2 SCHOOL SPECIAL

\$99.00

Kid Tough Polycarbonate Single Vision Lenses. Any Frame Up To \$99.00. Children up to 18 years old. Not valid with insurance or discount plans. With Coupon. Expires 8/31/2015.



50% OFF

2nd Pair Lens & Frames

Protective Sport, Sunglasses, Golf, etc.

Not Valid With Insurance or Discount Plans. Some Restrictions Apply. With Coupon. Expires 8/31/2015.

Don't forget to use your Flexible Spending Dollars.

NEWS BRIEFS

Summer Concerts in Goudy Park

Summer concerts continue into August. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. August 5 will feature The Black-jack Band with songs of the 70s, 80s and 90s. August 12 brings Michigan's Beatles Tribute Band, The BackBeats to the stage. Fifty Amp Fuse will bring music of our generation on August 19. The concert series ends with TC and the Katz playing oldies on August 26. Pack a picnic and some chairs and come enjoy summer evenings in Wayne.

Friends, People Helping People

The program, "FRIENDS, People Helping People" was started in 1998 to help a Wayne resident whose home was in need of some "tender loving care". Homes are usually chosen based on the homeowner's inability to handle the work themselves, due to either financial or health reasons. FRIENDS will pair up the selected home with a group of willing volunteers to complete the work. This year's scheduled date is Saturday, September 12. If you would like to nominate a home, donate to the program, sign up to volunteer or would like further information, please call the Wayne Community Development Office at 734-419-0118.

Wayne Farmer's Market

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



The Kelly Miller Circus will roll into town on Saturday, August 8, with performances at 2 and 5 p.m. in Attwood Park. Support the City of Wayne; buy your tickets in advance and save.

like to perform at the market, please contact Olivia at 313-510-7061 or market@growinghope.net.

2 Students receive Police Department scholarships

The Wayne Police Department Scholarship Fund was started in 2001 to assist graduating Wayne Memorial High School students with pursuing higher education in the field of criminal justice. The scholarship committee looks for applicants with strong personal character, academic achievement and community involvement. The 2015 awardees of the scholarship are Kaitlyn Kuder and Nikki Tolentino. They will each receive \$500. Kaitlyn would like to become a Forensic Pathologist while Nikki would like to become a Forensic Psychologist.

Police Department receives grant from Wayne Rotary Foundation

The Wayne Rotary Foundation has awarded a \$4,170 grant to the Wayne Police Department to assist with the purchase of new video equipment to perform court proceedings. The original equipment was purchased in 1999 and is outdated.

The new technology will allow prisoners to be arraigned from the police department. This will save patrol time by keeping officers on the street rather than transporting prisoners to and from 29th District Court daily. The chances of prisoner escape are eliminated and officer safety is improved.

Crafter's Market

The Ypsilanti Crafter's Market will be held on Saturday, August 15 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Wayne Towers in the City of Wayne. Crafts for sale and much more. All are welcome!

Nankin Mills Historical Series

Wayne County Parks presents the Nankin Mills Historical Series program "French Fur Trading" on Saturday, August 29, 1-2 p.m. at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland. Learn about the influence of the French when they arrived in the Great Lakes as early as the 1500s and why Michigan was significant in the fur trade. Cost is \$2 for Wayne County Residents. Advanced registration and prepayment is required. For more information or to register by phone, call 734-261-1990.

Beer Tasting Fundraiser at Wayne Public Library

The Friends of the Wayne Public Library will be having a Beer Tasting Fundraiser on Friday, August 21, 6-9 p.m. Join the Friends for beer, including three specialty beers: Starkweather Stout, Steamy Windows IPA, and Red Glare Ale-provided by Liberty Street Brewing Company. A brewing expert will discuss the craft brewing process as well as how different types of beer are produced. Tickets are available at the circulation desk for \$15.

Library News

A \$5000 anonymous donation was made to the Wayne Public Library to be used for "literacy-specific books." Also, the library will start working with a collection agency to collect overdue fees. If the agency is unable to collect within 120 days, the debt will be reported to the credit agencies and go on the individual's credit report. Once the debt has been repaid to the library, the item will be removed from the credit report. The fee charged to the library by the collection agency will be added to the amount to be collected.

Wayne to Host Circus

The Kelly Miller Circus will be returning to Wayne for an all-new 2015 show.

The circus will roll into town on Saturday, August 8. Everyone is invited to come out and watch the animals being unloaded and fed, witness the raising of the giant big top, followed by a special Tiger Meet & Greet. Activities will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Atwood Park. Guides will be furnished for school groups and anyone attending.

The traditional "old style" circus will present performances at 2 and 5 p.m. Support the City of Wayne; buy your tickets in advance and save. The 2015 season promises to be more exciting than ever with many new acts and entertainers to amaze and amuse you. Come out and enjoy a day of fun-filled excitement at the circus.

See **News Briefs**, page 13

Please help

The credit union's philosophy is "People helping People" and now it's time for us to help our own.



Cecilia Sanford

Our employee Cecilia Sanford is fighting another battle for her life. In December 2013 she was struck by a vehicle and was off of work for over 3 months. Nearly one year after returning to work, in March of 2015, Ceci was diagnosed with Leukemia. As you can imagine the medical bills are piling up, and with no income it will be difficult for her to pay her monthly expenses along with them. Along with your help, we can alleviate some of the stress she's feeling. We're holding a fund-raiser on Ceci's Birthday, Wednesday, August 12, 2015, at Buffalo Wild Wings at 6677 N. Wayne Road in Westland and we hope you can join us! Bring the enclosed flyer with you any time on the 12th and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to her cause. Thank you for your support!

(See insert inside of The Wayne Dispatch feel free to make copies to share with your friends and family).



Pitching in

Trish Hampton of Mark Chevrolet and Paws present the Giants youth baseball team a five hundred dollar check for the Wayne Baseball Association and Westland Youth Athletic Association at Comerica Park. Photo by John P. Rhaesa



National Church Residences WAYNE TOWER



- ♦ Independent living for seniors aged 55 and older
- ♦ Spacious one and two-bedroom floor plans with balconies available
- ♦ Library, community spaces and abundant storage
- ♦ Exercise classes on-site
- ♦ Transportation and meal options
- ♦ Laundry on location
- ♦ 24 hour emergency maintenance
- ♦ Resident service coordinator

LEASING SPECIAL!

**MOVE TODAY
AND WE'LL PAY YOUR
MOVING COSTS. CALL US TODAY
FOR DETAILS!**



35200 Sims Wayne, Michigan 48184
734-721-0660 ♦ TDD: 614-442-4390 ♦ 0925@nationalchurchresidences.org
WWW.WAYNETOWER.ORG



Climbing the ladder to success

By Sarah Shurge

They were ordered to fall into formation. They marched around the building and are now standing at ease. It's a mildly hot day. However, the undershirt, collared shirt, tie and jacket of their uniforms make for no room for air flow.

He stands with his legs shoulder length apart and his hands locked at the small of his back. He is focused, if not on the person talking at the moment, then on something 20 feet off in the distance. He stays as disciplined as possible.

They present arms while the national anthem is played and the flag is raised. This may be the Veterans Day ceremony at Wayne Memorial High School, but he takes it just as seriously as every other JROTC event.

John Willet, 17, will be going into his senior year at WMHS and his fourth year in JROTC. He holds the position of Alpha Company Commander at the Wayne Memorial Battalion and his rank is C/1 Lieutenant. He just recently was awarded two JROTC awards from JCLC (JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge): Top Male for Echo Company and also Top Male Cadet in the State.

When Willet first joined JROTC his freshman year, he was Let 1, Cadet Basic for about two months but then quickly began climbing the ladder as he began to be promoted. First to Cadet Private, then after a few more months, to Private First Class. Then after another few months, Willet had to go to the Promotion Board, which promoted him to Corporal. Near the end of his first year, he had to go to the board again



John Willet

and was promoted to Sergeant.

Upon entering his second year as a Let 2, after a couple months, Willet had to go to the Staff Sergeant Board and was promoted to Staff Sergeant. After about five months, he was promoted to Sergeant First Class.

About five months into his junior year, as a Let 3, Willet was commis-

sioned as an officer of Wayne Memorial JROTC Battalion to the rank of Second Lieutenant. After about another two months, he was promoted to First Lieutenant, where he stands now.

Willet states you can always tell the difference between a normal student and a JROTC student. A main focus of JROTC is leadership and discipline. In order to climb the ranks ladder you must excel in your class. "When I first joined, I strived to be as good as I am today. I wanted to be high up. I'm a leader, I can't help it," said Willet.

JROTC is not only physically demanding, it is also mentally demanding and time devotional. Every Friday, JROTC has PT (physical training) and twice a year they get testing through Cadet Challenge and APFT (Army Physical Fitness Test).

Some of the students also go to Alpena Combat Readiness Training

Center Camp for eight days over the summer. There the students practice rappelling, rifle marksmanship, drill, water safety, math and science, river rafting and land navigation.

At camp, Willet's team won the Land Navigation Certificate of Achievement Fastest Team. Willet has also won a Commendation Medal, Junior JROTC Leadership Award and an award from Reserve Officers Association of the United States.

John Willet, son of James and Dorothy Willet, younger brother to Lorissa Willet, however, has much more to offer than just his impressive JROTC accomplishments.

Willet has been bowling since he was six years old and is on WMHS Varsity bowling for going on four years. His high school bowling average was 180, but in the league he bowls for now, its 212. His high score is 299. This year, WM's team won the Division 1 State Championship. Willet also won Third place in doubles with teammate Brandon June, along with an award of recognition.

However, Willet's true passion lies with his soccer talent. He has been playing since he was three years old. He's played for WMHS for three years. Willet is an all-around player, although striker is his favorite position.

"I grew up playing it. It's been my everything since I could remember. My dad's coached me for forever. I'm following my cousin's footsteps," said Willet. "Soccer's more like a get-away place from everything. When I'm on the field it's just me, my team and the objective. Everything else just goes away."

Willet has won many tournaments and trophies since he was little, and while he has been on WMHS' team, they won their 1st conference game in many years.

Not only does Willet excel in JROTC and sports, he is also an honors student with a 3.2 cumulative GPA. He's currently taking game design at Votech and after high school he plans to either attend Lawrence Tech for game design or join the military.

"I'm just so proud of him," said Dorothy.

Our Lowest Prices Guaranteed!

LOBO TIRES

HOURS: Monday-Saturday 8:30am-6:30pm

32606 MICHIGAN AVENUE - WAYNE

SUSPENSIONS / ALIGNMENTS / BRAKES & STRUTS

We Repair CRACKED and BENT Rims!

New & Used Tires, Rims & Accessories

734-728-0777 www.lobotires.com

Concerts in Goudy Park every Wednesday night in August

Blackjack Band - Wednesday, August 5

By Sarah Shurge

On Wednesday, August 5, Blackjack Band will perform at Goudy Park. The band will arrive at 6:30 p.m. and the concert should start at 7:30 p.m.. They will be performing two sets. It is free admission for the public. There will be tents with concessions.

The band consists of five members: Clint Burke and Joe Toth on vocals, Ken Mack on guitar, Dr. D on bass, and Keith Johnstone on drums, along with their manager, Carol Mack.

The Blackjack Band is a well-known Metro Detroit's classic rock band that has been performing for



15 years.

They do covers such as Foreigner, The Eagles, The Doors, Eddie Money, Aerosmith, Billy Squier, Alice Cooper, Journey, Black Crowes and more.

Blackjack Band is endorsed by WCSX and WOMC radio.



FiftyAmp Fuse - Wednesday, August 19

By Carolyn Marnon

Fifty Amp Fuse has a loyal following. According to their Facebook page "whether rocking the USS Midway in San Diego, the House of Blues in Las Vegas, the Experience Music Project in Seattle or Ford Field in their hometown of Detroit, Your Generation in Concert™ is the ultimate live music experience." Wherever they play, the fans follow. It is thought they will be following the band right into Goudy Park on August 19th when the band appears for the Summer Concerts in the Park.

"Your Generation In Concert™ is the name of the show. We are transitioning from Fifty Amp Fuse, the band that performs the show. We will soon eliminate Fifty Amp Fuse alto-

gether, to be known solely as Your Generation In Concert™ stated manager/producer Steve Trudell.

Your Generation in Concert™ featuring Fifty Amp Fuse is a live multimedia spectacular celebrating 6 decades of American and British pop/rock hits. The group is an international favorite for the celebrity set, corporations, festivals, casinos and private events. Led by a 9 piece band, Your Generation in Concert™ transports the audience on a musical journey through the soundtrack of their lives. Your Generation in Concert™ is the nation's greatest tribute show, come join them as they rock the world. Come join them as they rock Wayne's world on Wednesday, August 19, at 7:30 p.m. in Goudy Park.

The BackBeats - Wednesday, August 12



By Carolyn Marnon

They look like The Beatles. They sound like the Beatles. They are The BackBeats, considered the #1 Beatles tribute band in Michigan. They'll be the #1 tribute band in the City of Wayne on August 12th as they perform on stage at Goudy Park as part of the Summer Concerts in the Park series.

When the Beatles released their

video game "Beatles: RockBand" in 2009, The BackBeats were hired to represent the band for the game's release in Michigan. They have performed at the famed Cavern Club in Liverpool, England. The ultimate goal is to present the music as accurately as possible, keep the audience dancing, clapping and laughing and transport people on a Magical Mystery Tour of yesteryear.

TC and The Katz - Wednesday, August 26

CARNIVAL of SAVINGS!

Tried & True Thrift Store

10% OFF

Entire Purchase With This Coupon

One coupon per visit per customer. Not valid in conjunction with sale items and promotions. Valid through August 31, 2015. WD

35004 MICHIGAN AVE. W. • 734-728-9777

HOURS: MON. - SAT. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM / SUN. 12 Noon - 5:00 PM

Get all your seed starting supplies here!

GROW YOUR OWN

HYDROPONIC & ORGANIC GARDENING SUPPLY

734-722-1285

34236 MICHIGAN AVENUE / WAYNE

20% OFF ALL SEED STARTING SUPPLIES

(Seed Trays, Humidity Domes, Etc.) Offer Expires August 31, 2015

5TH ANNUAL
WESTLAND
★ ALL AMERICAN ★

Blues BREWS & BARBECUE



and
Bikes too!



**BACK BY
POPULAR
DEMAND!**



SATURDAY 8:00 p.m.

The Soul Men

(Blues Brothers Tribute Band)
with the Paradise Band

August 14-15

Friday, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

**Thomas H. Brown Central City Park
1901 N. Carlson, Westland**

★ ALL AMERICAN BBQ ★
THROWDOWN!

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE CROWNED
WESTLAND'S BBQ CHAMPION?



MUSIC LINE UP:

Friday

6:00 p.m. - Dirty Basement Blues
8:00 p.m. - Randy Brock Group

Saturday

12:00 p.m. - Front Street Blues
2:00 p.m. - Alligators
4:00 p.m. - Broken Arrow
6:00 p.m. - Boa Constrictors
8:00 p.m. - The Soul Men (Blues Brothers
Tribute Band)
with the Paradise Band

For more info, visit www.cityofwestland.com

Partial event proceeds go to local non-profit organizations

Come enjoy some Great Blues Music, Craft Brewed Beers and Amazing BBQ

SPONSORED BY:



Wayne
County
Community
College
District



Camaro Winner is a Wayne resident

By Carolyn Marnon

Carol Bevard thought her neighbor was playing a joke on her when she received a call at 9pm on July 29th. A voice she didn't recognize was telling her she won the 2010 Camaro RS the Wayne Goodfellows had been selling raffle tickets for. The phone number showing up on her display was that of her neighbor. It wasn't until she was asked if she didn't want the car that she thought maybe it wasn't a joke. She did want the car. The whole time this conversation was going on, the Goudy Park amphitheater was full of people who had attended the first summer concert listening in as the phone was put on speaker and held to the stage microphone for all to hear.

Within minutes of her win, she was at the park posing for photos with her new car. The next day, Carol received the keys to the car from Jennifer Gietzen, President of the Goodfellows, at Henry's Service Center. The dark blue Camaro is the first sportscar Carol has ever owned. She has always driven a car or truck. "I have a car I can put in the show now," stated Carol, referring to the car show held during Crosspointe Church's Family Fest being held August 22. Carol also plans to take her new car to the Woodward Dream Cruise. She has cruised in someone else's car before. This time, she has her own car to show off and "now I can do it myself."

When the car was displayed at the Wayne Rec Center in late April/early May, Carol bought two tickets, one for herself and one for



Carol Bevard gives a thumbs up after winning the Wayne Goodfellows Camaro Raffle.

Photo by John Rhaesa

her mom. She thought the money was going to a good cause, but she never thought she would actually win. Her mom is now teasing her that the winning ticket was actually mom's ticket.

Carol has been a resident of Wayne since 1978. She retired from the Navy in 2005 after serving a number of years in the Navy Reserve and from the U.S. Post Office in 2012. She thinks it's important to give back to her community, and since her retirement, she looks for ways to do that. She volunteers with the literacy program at Hoover Elementary, during the Family Fest at Crosspointe Church, and she leads a ladies Bible study. She gives thanks to God for winning the car.

Approximately 1300 raffle tickets

were sold by the Goodfellows for the Camaro. They fell short of their goal of 1500, but they have learned from this year's event. They plan to do another raffle next year with the winner drawn at the end of August to take advantage of the summer concerts

and cruise events to sell more tickets. They are also hoping to partner with a local dealership for next year's raffle vehicle. Tickets were sold to people as far away as Florida and Arizona. Proceeds raised help the Goodfellows provide "No Child Without a Christmas" festivities. The Goodfellows would like to thank Henry's Service Center and ICON Computers for allowing them to park the car at the business during the US12 Cruise and sell tickets. The Lawn Ranger in Wayne and AKA Sports for also selling tickets.

Jennifer was nervous when it came time to pull the winning ticket from the barrel. She says she felt around the barrel and made sure no tickets were stuck to the insides. She didn't want to take from the top or the bottom, so she stuck her hand into the middle. She felt around and played with the ticket several times to make sure she didn't have more than one stuck together. In the end, only one ticket came out of the barrel and it belonged to Carol Bevard, Wayne resident.



Henry's SERVICE CENTER
Serving the community for over 40 years!

Congratulations CAROL BEVARD of Wayne

City of Wayne Goodfellows CAMARO RAFFLE WINNER!

Henry's SERVICE CENTER
Serving the community for over 40 years!

AUTO DETAILING AVAILABLE!

GIETZEN FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED
734-721-8721

FREE LOCAL SHUTTLE SERVICE
HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

BRAKES • SHOCKS • OIL CHANGE • BATTERIES • TIRES

3041 S. WAYNE ROAD • WAYNE, MI 48184

Wayne Community Center update

The City of Wayne has been working diligently to identify ways the Community Center can remain open without continuing the constant drain that it has placed on the budget. Over the past nearly 60 days, the Interim City Manager, City Attorney, the Finance Team and City Council have been working with HYPE Athletics on an agreement that would have the organization both leasing the facility and managing the programming.

Because the City has bonds on the building, simply putting a management agreement in place was not feasible. In order to keep the bonds on the facility tax-exempt, the City had to shift its focus from just management to a lease on the building. This changed the entire process. Additionally, the City needed to identify the most cost-effective way to make this work with HYPE Athletics and assure that those who utilized the services were getting the best options.

This past week, a new offer was made to the City of Wayne by HYPE

Athletics to both lease the building and manage the programming. While a majority of the details are complete, there are still some minor details that need to be added to the new contract which may take a few more days into the week of August 3rd. Therefore, the City Council is voting on Tuesday to approve a deal contingent on the finalization of the lease to be worked out between the City Attorney and HYPE Athletics. The City has remained in negotiations with HYPE Athletics since June and that is the reason the center remained open an additional month.

What does this mean moving forward? If the agreement is approved by the Council, the Community Center will remain closed for approximately 10-14 days beginning on August 3rd for the transition that will start after the agreement is signed next week. Anyone who has a current membership has several options. First, they will be credited for the time the center is closed by extending their current contract; and current members will have full ac-



The Wayne Community Center.

cess to the HYPE facility in Dearborn Heights during the period the facility is closed.

Also, if approved by City Council, under the new agreement, Youth Services and the Senior Department will remain at the Community Center. Banquet events that have been scheduled will be managed by HYPE Athletics once the agreement is signed as well. Additional details will be discussed at the Tuesday, August 4th, City Council meeting where the

City Attorney and Plante Moran will be on hand to answer questions. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting on August 4th to learn more about the agreement.

Additionally, if an agreement is reached and approved by council the pool will finally re-open and the ice arena will be transitioned into basketball courts.

An update to this story will be on www.thewaynedispatch.com after Tuesday's Council meeting.



Your #1 Fans . . .

Auto-Owners Insurance and your local independent agency have been a winning combination since 1916. We'll work with you to insure your home, auto, business and life and keep everything you value Safe. Sound. Secure.®

For all your insurance needs call us today!



PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATES
Dave Steinhauer • Matt Steinhauer • Phil Steinhauer

3028 S. WAYNE RD • WAYNE
734-722-3500

SPECIAL RATES FOR: SENIORS • MEA TEACHERS • CONTRACTORS

Auto-Owners Insurance



Downtown businesses speak and Main Street listens

Over the past year volunteers on Wayne Main Street's (WMS) Business Empowerment Committee have been conducting in-person surveys at all of the downtown businesses located in the Main Street district.

The purpose of the survey was to not only introduce the Main Street program to the business community, but to learn how the Main Street program can best serve the small businesses located in Downtown Wayne.

WMS would like to thank all businesses involved in the survey for co-operating; it has provided important insight that is highly valued! To read the complete results, visit <http://downtownwayne.org/business/surveyresults/>. Please note that all responses were the voices of the business community and may not represent the opinions or views of Wayne Main Street.

How can Wayne Main Street help you with your business?

- Promotional events
- Cooperative advertising
- Help with gaining more support from the municipality
- Fill vacant buildings
- Assist with facade improvements
- Increase foot traffic
- Slow down vehicle traffic
- Downtown cleanups

What types of seminars or training would you be interested in attending?

- Social media (27 responses)
- Business incentives (14)
- Grants (9)
- Retail assistance (8)
- Help with understanding ordinances (1)

What type of new business would you like to see in Downtown Wayne?

- Coffee shop
- Retail
- Winery
- Nice restaurants
- Health food store
- Upscale consignment
- Franchises
- Mom & pop shops

In response to information gathered from this survey, WMS has been working towards catering to the local business community's needs. Last November, WMS hosted the first annual Small Business Saturday event and plans to continue this effort each



year to promote shopping locally for the holidays. The first annual Holiday Window Display Contest was another success last year that helped light up Downtown Wayne for the holiday shopping season.

In March WMS hosted a business workshop called "Let's Put Wayne on the Map!" in partnership with Google to increase business' web presence on Google Maps. The next business workshop took place in June of this year featuring Jacob Schroeder from Pure Michigan Business Connect and the City of Wayne's Community Development Director Peter McInerney to answer questions about Wayne's sign ordinance. Business workshops are open to all businesses located in Wayne!

Efforts to fill vacant buildings downtown are multifaceted, but one project that recently took place was an event called "I Wish This Was..." to showcase a vacant building and host a mini community visioning session inside or near the property during the Wayne Sidewalk Sales. It is likely that this event will be held at another vacant property soon.

Another program that Main Street launched this year is the Facade Grant Incentive Program available to property owners in the Main Street district to "bring history back to downtown storefronts" while encouraging private investment. The first year of this program saw two applicants, and the grant was awarded to the owner of 3023 S. Wayne Road in the amount of \$9,957.50.

Downtown Clean Up Days have been planned over the past few years by Wayne Main Street, and more are sure to come! This year WMS strayed from the Spring Clean Up because another group expressed interest in spearheading the effort. Our newly formed Junior Main Street Committee recently organized a downtown clean-up after the Cruisin'



The Wayne Main Street has relocated to the Wayne Historical Museum. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

US12 event with much success - over 30 people came to lend a helping hand!

Needless to say, there is still plenty of work left to do. Wayne Main Street is a completely volunteer driven, non-profit organization that depends on community support through financial commitments and time given.

Wayne Main Street's Executive Director, Lindsey Wooten, is happy to answer any questions you may have about this article or the Main Street program. Feel free to call (734) 629-6822, or stop by the Main Street Office located inside the Wayne Historical Museum (1 Towne Square Street).

Wayne Main Street has moved

In what is expected to be a mutually beneficial move, Wayne Main Street will be relocating to the Wayne Historical Museum.

The program currently has an office in the Wayne Activities and Banquet Center. The Wayne City Council voted to approve the concept so a

contract can be developed.

"We envision a similar agreement to the one that allows them in this building," Wayne Community Development Director Peter McInerney said.

The museum had been open six hours a week recently — 1-4 p.m. Thursday and Fridays. Museum manager Richard Story resigned in June.

"The museum is not closed. It's open by appointment. People who need to be there, we'll get them in there," McInerney said. "We hope to have more hours for the public."

Part of the agreement with Wayne Main Street would include the program providing the basic public service formerly provided by the museum manager, he said.

Wayne Main Street's Executive Director is working closely with the Wayne Historical Commission and Historical Society to develop a museum docent program and would eventually like to see hours of operation expanded. For now the museum will remain "open by appointment" until volunteer schedules are finalized.

THE WAYNE Dispatch
A John P. Rhaesa LLC Publication

John P. Rhaesa
Publisher
jpr@thewaynedispatch.com

Writers: Courtney Conover, Carolyn Marnon, Sarah Surge
Columnists: Buddy Shuh, Darlene Hawley, Dee Ryan

P.O. Box 156
Wayne, MI 48184
info@thewaynedispatch.com
734-641-8550

Natalie Rhaesa
General Manager
natalie@thewaynedispatch.com

The Wayne Dispatch is a monthly publication direct mailed to the entire City of Wayne.

NEWS BRIEFS

Harry J. Will Funeral Home supports Camp Erin

In cooperation with local Dignity Memorial Funeral Homes, Harry J. Will Funeral Home donated \$5,000 to Camp Erin, a weekend camp for grieving children.

Camp Erin-Detroit is an annual, overnight, weekend camp for children and teens who have experienced the death of someone close to them. It is offered free of charge and is facilitated by professional staff specializing in grief and trained volunteers from Henry Ford Health System's Sand Castles Grief Support Program.

Grief is a normal, natural response to death and children need to be supported in order to begin to heal. Camp Erin offers that support and provides grieving children the opportunity to experience a fun camp experience, as well as normalize their grief with peers through grief related activities.

Children entering first grade through 12th grade who have experienced a death are welcome to participate. Call Sand Castles at (313) 874-6881 for further information. Camp enrollment is on a first come, first served basis, so register early.

City Hall Roof

Due to the wet weather Wayne experienced in May and June, delays occurred in roof work on City Hall. Better weather has arrived and the contractor has been able to open up the roof and start making repairs. City Hall is now expected to reopen in October.

Michigan Avenue Bench Dedication Ceremony

Join Wayne Main Street on Friday, August 21, at 5:30 p.m. when 8 benches will be presented and dedicated in downtown Wayne. The ceremony will take place at "Bench #1" located at the SE corner of Michigan Ave. and Wayne Rd by the Welcome to Downtown Wayne sign. There is still time to sponsor a bench and get a plaque with your or your business's name for \$500. Contact Lindsey Wooten at 734-629-6822 for more information.



Pictured (L to R) : Tracy Spiess, Assistant Manager; Jaclyn Mills, Program Coordinator; Tom Lynch, Manager; Peggy Nielsen, Manager and Camp Director, and Kevin Bullock, General Manager.

Rouge a Palooza

The 3rd annual Rouge a Palooza will be held in Goudy Park on Saturday, October 10. The event will include a canoe race, kayaking, wildlife and environmental displays, a bounce house and other fun activities. The Wayne Rotary will have supplies available for attendees to make boats to enter in the boat race. Wayne Main Street will have duck-related activities for children in addition to selling "ducks" for the duck race. WMS also has two kayaks they will be raffling off to two winners. There will be food and drinks available for purchase. St Mary's will be hosting a beer tent, and there will be music throughout the day. Check out the website rougeapalooza.org for more information as the event gets closer.

Beginners Tai Chi Class

If you'd like to get back into exercising, but have limitations, please consider Tai Chi. Tai Chi is a weight-bearing and moderate intensity cardiovascular exercise composed of gentle, graceful movements that strengthen without over-stressing your cardiovascular system or joints. Practiced on a regular basis, Tai Chi can help improve balance and reduce falls, increase strength and flexibility, reduce pain, improve cardiovascular function and produce a general feeling of well-being. The

Wayne Senior Services office is looking to start a beginners class on Tuesday, September 15, at 9 a.m. Session is 10 weeks/\$65 per session. For further information, please call Nancy at the Senior Services Office, 734-721-7460.

I Wish This Was...

Forty different businesses were mentioned during the community visioning session Wayne Main Street hosted during the Saturday Sidewalk Sales last month. Members of the Promotions Committee asked people what they would like to see the vacant building at 3023 S. Wayne Rd. become. Toy store was the most frequently mentioned along with a place that children could go to to have fun. The other top vote getters were a music store of some type, a game store and a bookstore. Other suggestions included places to eat (diner, deli, Mexican or a "destination" restaurant). The suggestions will be given to the building's owner to aid him in marketing the building once he has completed façade improvements in the coming months.

Wayne/Westland Backpack Giveaway

Are you a family with limited resources and need help providing your children with a new backpack and school supplies? Do you live in

the Wayne/Westland or Garden City school districts?

If so, you can register to receive a backpack from Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church in Westland. On August 12 from 3-6 p.m., you can sign your children up. You will need to show a Medicaid card for each child to establish need.

There will be a Backpack Blessing and Picnic on Sunday, August 30th, at which the backpacks can be picked up. For more information, contact Kirk of Our Savior at 728-1088.

Wayne Main Street Moves to Wayne Historical Museum

On July 23rd, Wayne Main Street moved their offices from the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center to the Wayne Historical Museum. With the resignation of the former museum manager, the city asked Wayne Main Street to operate out of the museum. The arrangement benefits both entities.

WMS is no longer in a temporary office, and the city now has someone with a degree in historic preservation situated in the building 5 days a week. Although Executive Director Lindsey Wooten will not be running the museum, she will be assisting the city by partnering with the Historical Commission and Historical Society to coordinate an active docent program.

Eventually, the museum will be open longer hours than it previously had. In the meantime, anyone looking to do research can call the museum at 722-0113 to make arrangements to access the archives.

Operation Chill®

For the second year, Wayne police officers are participating in Operation Chill®, 7-Eleven®'s community outreach program designed to reduce crime and enhance relationships between police and youth. Operation Chill allows law enforcement officers to "ticket" kids they observe doing good deeds or exhibiting positive behavior. The ticket is actually a coupon good for a free 12-oz. Slurpee® at any participating U.S. 7 Eleven store.

Multiple event highlights from July

June 17th was the terrible tragedy in Charleston. Nine innocent people were shot at Emanuel AME Church.

On Sunday, June 21, Pastor Chris Richards of the Congregational Church, asked Pastor Virgil Humes of New Hope Baptist Church if he, and members of their Church, could join New Hope's Sunday Service.

Pastor Humes and his congregation welcomed the visitors with great warmth and open arms.

Our Mayor, Jim Hawley, and his wife, Sue, along with Pastor Richards, joined New Hope's worshipers for the service. Our former Mayor, Al Haidous, was already in the church when the Congregational Church members arrived.

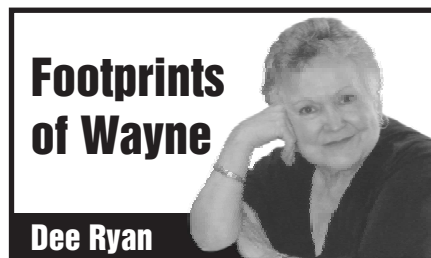
Pastor Richards gave a brief talk and offered a prayer. Mayor Hawley and Commissioner Haidous spoke to the New Hope parishioners in a comforting manner, and I, for one, hope that this type of ecumenical coming together will continue.

JoAnne Stark tells me about the passing of Jim Goosby. Mr. Goosby was the longtime owner of Flanagan's Pub. Flanagan's was on the corner of Niagara and Michigan Ave.

It has had many names since. The last name being "Wayne's Bar and Grill."

Jim Goosby lived on Chestnut St. while raising his family, but in later years his home was on Clinton St. He was born on February 25, 1935 and died of Parkinson's disease on June 13 of this year.

He has 3 sons, Mark, Tim and Paul; 4 granddaughters, 1 grandson



Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan

and 2 great grandchildren.

Mr. Goosby was a long time member of the Mason's and the VFW, and JoAnne Stark worked for him at Flanagan's from 1991 to 1997.

The Friends of the Wayne Library will host an evening of beer tasting on Friday, August, 21. It will feature beer from the Liberty St. Brewery. The Brewery will present 3 specialty beers---Starkweather Stout, Steamy Windows, and Red Glare Ale. There will be yummy snacks for your enjoyment throughout the evening.

Tickets for the beer tasting are \$15.00 and are available at the circu-

lation desk of the Library.

The Wayne Historical Society announced their new Board of Trustees. They are John Mills; Ron Morgan; Ann Zimmerman; Kathy Kovelesky; Albert Damitio; Lindsey Wooten; Brenda Ozog; and Gloria Rowland.

The Society thanks Richard Andrews for his time on the board, and tells us that Al Damitio has lined up wonderful speakers for the Museum's Fall/Winter Calendar.

"Cruisin..." on a sunny afternoon. It was in the parking lot East of Tim Horton's that our daughter, Maggie, let out a shout and said "there's my car." Of course we stopped and talked to the proud owners, Gwenn and Keith Wells. The car, a beautiful 1973 Buick Riviera "Boat Tail" was gorgeous.

Mr. Wells told us of driving past Jeff Benson Car Co. on Michigan

Ave. and seeing the "Boat Tail" and immediately falling in love with it. He stopped and talked to Mr. Benson, saying "I only have \$100.00 dollars with me---can you hold it until I get the rest of the money?" And Jeff Benson did just that. So Gwenn and Keith Wells got their gorgeous car and we have the knowledge that it really is good to 'shop in Wayne'.

Further west on Michigan, we saw a 1968 Chevvie, eye popping red. The chassis had been shipped to the Philippines where the body was hand crafted.

We saw street rods and rat rods and a VW bug with a chevy V4 engine in front. There were many handsome cars at McDonald's, along with Ronald McDonald and WCXS providing the music.

The world's largest Hearse Club was at ICON Computer's parking lot, just as they were last year. "Just Hearse N Around" is their name and they're based in Hell, Michigan. In 2011 they broke the Guinness World Record for having the longest hearse parade. One of the hearses is named "Stay Creepy" and its license plate reads MORBD 1. Frank Hedeem is the proud owner of the "Casketeria," a BBQ grill made from a large casket.

At the same parking lot, Linda Viik was selling Goodfellows tickets for the Camaro being auctioned off. Linda's daughter, Alisha Schroder, graduated from WMHS in '06 and was awarded a scholarship from the Goodfellows. She supports the organization because "they do so many good things for others."

"Cruisin"---a fun day in Wayne.



Streets of Downtown Wayne were full of spectators for Cruisin' US 12.

Stottlemyer
Early Childhood Center
Preschool Programs
WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
www.stottlemyer.wwcsd.net/
34801 Marquette • Westland, MI 48185

**Friendly Environment
Where Learning
is Fun!**

- ★ Great Start Readiness Program • 734-419-2640
- ★ Head Start • 734-419-2630
- Sparkey Preschool • 734-419-2640
- ★ Special Education • 734-419-2645
(★ free programs if you qualify)

State of the Art High Tech Equipment

734-419-2630

Kurt's Caps

Tell your family and friends...If they need a CAP, Kurt's got you covered!

FREE TAILGATE SEAL
WITH PURCHASE OF LEER PRODUCT

LEER **734-895-9902**

35760 W. Michigan Ave. / Wayne, MI 48184

Truck Caps and Tonneaus M-F: 9am-6pm / Sat: 9am-1pm / Sun: Closed

\$50.00 Discount on LEER CAP for Active & Retired Military

AD WITH THIS AD

World Trade Center steel presented to Carpet One

By Carolyn Marnon

Who could imagine running back into New York City to help wherever you can during the horrors of 9/11 and then 14 years later, you are presenting a piece of steel from that wreckage to thank someone for their generous support of the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation's Building for America's Bravest program. On July 1st, retired Battalion Chief Ed Breen did just that. A specially-designed shadowbox containing 9/11 steel from Ground Zero was presented to Cathy Buchanan, owner of Carpet One in Westland.

Carpet One Floor and Home, along with their manufacturing partner Mohawk, have committed to providing flooring materials and installation for 46 "smart homes" for service members returning from war who have been catastrophically injured. "We are truly humbled and honored that the Tunnel to Towers Foundation and members of the FDNY—who were actually at Ground Zero on 9/11 and during its aftermath—are traveling all the way from their home base to visit us and express their gratitude to us," says Cathy. "In fact, we are the ones who are thankful to them for their dedication and service. That is why we are so thrilled to be part of this impactful program that helps military heroes who have sustained the most devastating injuries."

The program Cathy refers to is Building for America's Bravest. The program raises funds to build custom designed, specially adapted homes for the most catastrophically injured American service members. Each injured service member's



Cathy Buchanan, Frances Francavilla, owner, and Robert Francavilla receive a piece to the World Trade Center from retired New York Battalion Chief Ed Breen. Photo by John P. Rhaesa



needs are different; the smart home is catered specifically to that member's needs. Features available include automated doors and lighting, wider doors and special showers to accommodate wheelchairs, cabinets and counters that can be raised and

lowered, and central heating and air conditioning systems that can be controlled by iPads.

In June, Sgt. (Ret.) Eric Lund received the keys to his new smart home in Ludington, MI. In 2012, Eric was deployed to Afghanistan for his first tour of duty. He recalls being in a Military All-Terrain Vehicle one day that May, but he doesn't recall hitting the IED that injured him. He lost his right arm on the scene, and his left arm was amputated the next day. He also suffered multiple other injuries. Cathy was at the Welcome Home Ceremony for Sgt. Lund. After you meet these men "you want to continue learning, to continue helping," Cathy said.

There will be over 950 Carpet One stores with steel. Building for America's Bravest started presenting the steel in April and hopes to get to

all the stores within a year.

Chief Ed Breen worked in Tower 2 during 9/11. He had also been a fire fighter when the World Trade Center was bombed back in 1993. At that time, he worked at the crater blast. He now volunteers with BFAB to deliver the steel shadowboxes along with others volunteers. There is a van they drive from place to place. When one volunteer is done, he leaves the van in a location for the next volunteer to pick it up and continue on the journey.

Carpet One Westland is selling pins for \$5, taking donations of any amount for certain carpet remnants and plans to have a wine tasting and painting event in the fall to continue to help BFAB. Cathy tells others, "Get involved in your community. You never know when you might need help."



Compassionate Pricing for Difficult Times

HARRY J. WILL *Serving the community for over 30 years*

FUNERAL HOMES

Your Life... Your Memories... Our Priority.

34567 Michigan Ave. • (734) 721-5600

www.HarryJWillFuneralHome.com



Tom Lynch

Celebrating 30 Years!



Come in today!

- A/C Service
- Brakes
- Engine Diagnostics
- Oil Change
- Shocks/Struts
- Tires
- Towing
- Tune-Ups



Ray & Jim Kull
Certified Mechanics
Wayne Memorial High School Graduates

K&S AUTO SERVICE, INC.
4614 S. Wayne Road • Wayne, MI 48184
(Wayne & Ann Arbor) • Monday - Friday 8AM - 6PM
Serving Wayne Since 1984

734-595-1550

FREE Concerts in GOUDY PARK
DOWNTOWN WAYNE, MI
 BEER TENT BY THE WAYNE ROTARY
 August 5 • 70's • 80's • 90's
THE BLACKJACK BAND
 August 12 • Michigan's #1 Beatles Tribute Band
THE BACKBEATS
 August 19 • Music from Your Generation
50 AMP FUSE
 Food Vendors August 26 • Oldies & Classics
TC & THE KATZ
GOUDY PARK AMPHITHEATER
 3355 S. Wayne Road / Wayne (Behind Wayne City Hall)
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30 P.M. AFTER FARMER'S MARKET
 Sponsored by: City of Wayne DDA, Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union, Jack Demmer Ford, American Jetway, Mark Chevrolet, Wayne Rotary, Bill Johnson Henry's Service Center, Icon Computers, Papa Ramone's, Wayne Civilians, Wayne Goodfellows, Wayne Main Street, WCA Assessing Services, Uhl Funeral Home, Northside Hardware, Professional Insurance Associates, State Representative Robert Kosowski, The Wayne Dispatch and the Wayne Westland Parks and Recreation

THE WAYNE Dispatch

P.O. Box 156 · Wayne, MI 48184

PRSR STD
 U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
 ROYAL OAK, MI
 48068
 PERMIT #792
 Postal Customer

POSTAL CUSTOMER

THIS
COULD'VE BEEN
YOUR AD
 For more information on ADVERTISING in
THE WAYNE Dispatch
CALL: 734-641-6550

10th Annual STILL ALL FREE FAMILY FEST
August 22, 2015
www.crosspointecommunitychurch.org
Saturday, August 22nd
NOON - 5:00PM
FAMILY FEST
 is our annual community-wide event! Come experience an awesome day of fun!!!
 - GAMES
 - BOUNCE HOUSES
 - HAY RIDES
 - KID'S CRAFTS
 - FOOD / BEVERAGES
 - PONY RIDES
 - MUSIC
 - CAR SHOW
...AND IT'S ALL FREE!!!
LOCATION: CrossPointe Community Church / 36125 Glenwood / Wayne