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Nawaf H Murshed, MD

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Seating is limited and registration is required.

DATE: Thursday, October 15, 2015

TIME: 6 – 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Beaumont Hospital – Wayne
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Enter at the West Entrance
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A complimentary light dinner will be served.



Omar Ahmad, MD is Board Certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. He completed medical education at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Transitional Internship and Neurology Residency at Henry Ford Hospital. Dr. Ahmad completed his Clinical Neurophysiology Fellowship at Henry Ford Hospital as well.

Dr. Ahmad will be discussing symptoms and types of Dementia.



Nawaf Murshed, MD is Board Certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. He completed medical education at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Preliminary Medicine Internship at St. John Hospital and Medical Center and Neurology Residency at Henry Ford Hospital. Dr. Murshed completed his Clinical Neurophysiology Fellowship at Henry Ford Hospital.

Dr. Murshed will be discussing work-up and treatment for Dementia.

Visit **oakwood.org** to learn more about other classes and events or to make an appointment with a Beaumont physician call **800.543.WELL**.

Beaumont

You can help the Scarecrows return to Downtown

It's that time of year again! The downtown Wayne Scarecrow design contest is upon us, and it's time to get building! Each group or individual that enters will design and build a scarecrow using a pre-made frame and lots of imagination. Be creative! Your scarecrow can reflect your mission, your organization, your business, or your family's imagination and artistic talents. Registration is \$20 for a new frame, or you can reuse your frame from last year for a \$15 registration fee. This will ensure a reserved lamp post, a placard, and entry into the contest. The winning scarecrows will be featured on next year's registration form and its creators will be awarded a small prize and bragging rights! Help us decorate our downtown for the month of October and have fun while doing it!

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 23rd –
Deadline to Sign Up

September 26th –
Drop-off at State Wayne Theater between 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

October 14th 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. –
Scarecrow Reception and Contest Judging at Goudy Park – bonfire, cider and donuts provided!

November 1st – Take down. IF YOU WISH TO KEEP YOUR SCARECROW AFTER EVENT, please pick up by 1:00 PM on November 1st!

To register, please visit our website at: <http://downtownwayne.org/>



volunteer-2/scarecrows/ or come visit us at the Wayne Farmer's Market in Goudy Park on Wednesdays from 3-7pm. If you have questions give us a call at (734) 629-6822!

Evening with Friends

Friends of Community Living Services is holding its annual "Evening with Friends" gala on Thursday, September 17th, at Livonia's Laurel Manor. This event, which is attended by almost a thousand people, is a fundraiser for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Friends of CLS is a non-profit organization, separate from Community Living Services which has made the City of Wayne its home for more than 20 years. Celebrity co-hosts, Fox 2 News reporter Roop Raj and WJR News Anchor Marie Osborne, will host the night's festivities. The evening includes dinner, entertainment, business expo, gift basket raffle and a video awards ceremony. All fundraising dollars go toward pursuing personal and professional goals such as starting a small business, getting connected to the community through memberships, paying for college classes and much more. Tickets are \$50 and all donations can be made online at: <http://www.com-livserv.com/index.php/en/friends/evening-with-friends-tickets>.

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Rouge-A-Palooza Festival Oct. 10th in Goudy Park

River Restorations Inc., Wayne Main Street, Wayne Rotary Club and other Rouge River supporters are planning the 3rd annual Rouge-A-Palooza festival on Saturday, October 10, 2015, in Goudy Park in

Downtown Wayne.

The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of the abundant recreational opportunities the Rouge River offers to the residents of the City of Wayne and surrounding communities. The event kicks off with the Log Jam Classic Canoe Race and the rest of the day features live music, educational displays, great food, games, raffles, a cornhole tournament, and more! Visit www.rougeapalooza.org for more information!



Log Jam Classic Canoe Race kicks off Rouge A Palooza on October 10th.



Build a scarecrow using a pre-made frame and lots of imagination.



Tentative Schedule of Events:

- 10:00 a.m.** Log Jam Classic Canoe Race starts (Reg. @ 9 a.m.)
- 12:00 p.m.** Group Canoe/Kayak Event (Friends of the Rouge)
- 12:00 p.m.** Educational displays, bouncers, food, beer, Civic tents
- 12:00 p.m.** Music by Tyrone Hamilton (Variety)
- 1:00 p.m.** Canoe Race Ceremony
Flute / Xylophone Group
- 2:00 p.m.** Troublesome Creek (Bluegrass)
- 3:00 p.m.** Corn Daddy (Country/Rock)
- 4:30 p.m.** Build Your Own Boat Race
Rubber Duck Race
- 6:00 p.m.** George Bedard & The King Pins (Blues/Rockabilly)
- 7:20 p.m.** Kayak Raffle & 50/50 Raffle Drawing
- 7:30 p.m.** Liquid Monk (Funk/Fusion)

For more information, please visit our website:
www.rougeapalooza.org or call (734) 716-0783.

NEWS BRIEFS

The Friends of the Library Beer Tasting

The Beer Tasting event was held August 21 with 60 tickets sold. Liberty Street Brewing Company provided the beer and a presentation. Toarmina's Pizza donated pizza. The Friends of the Wayne Public Library would like to thank everyone who helped make this event a success.

Children's Sabbath to Highlight Issues Today's Children Face

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square, is presenting a special Children's Sabbath during the worship time on Sunday, September 13, at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of a Children's Sabbath is to highlight issues that today's children (along with their families) face, particularly in our community.

The special guest speaker that day will be Ms. Mary Browe, Director of the Dyer Senior Center program through Wayne-Westland Community Schools. Mary is a grandparent and has also raised a grandchild. In our community, many families find themselves in this challenging situation due to a variety of difficult circumstances. We hope to begin a grandparent support group as a follow up to the service to lend our support to families. Find out even more at coffee hour following the worship service. Children will be able to make a special prayer bead bracelet right after the service. Any questions, please call the church office at 734-721-4801.

Library Book Sale September 29-October 3

It's that time of year again! The Friends of the Wayne Public Library will be holding their annual book sale during regular library hours starting September 29, and running until the 3rd of October. It has been a good year for collecting used books, so expect a huge selection. In addition to boxes and boxes of adult fiction and nonfiction, there will also be plenty of books for kids and teens. So feel free to drop by September



Red October Run turns 25

On Saturday, October 3, Beaumont Hospital-Wayne will host its 25th anniversary Red October Run, with featured events including a 10K run, 5K run, 5K walk and 1 mile Jr. October for kids 12 and under.

ber 29-October 3 and stock up on some used books. All proceeds go to support the Friends of the Wayne Public Library.

Library Gets Charging Station

The Wayne Public Library has a new addition in the Teen area. A courtesy charging station has been provided by Professional Insurance Associates for library patrons' convenience. It has adapters that will fit just about any device. You will need to keep an eye on anything you are charging. The library will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

Red October Run celebrating 25 years

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This fun and fit tradition caters to participants from under eight to over eighty years of age; from the first time runner or walker to the very fast. (Past participants include Olympic and national record holding athletes, youngsters completing their first mile run, men and women over

eighty years of age completing the 10K run and even our state's fit-minded former governor.)

Perks and festivities include sharp shirts and finish line medals for 10K/5K participants, awards in running and walking events, outstanding refreshments, a bountiful prize drawing, healthy displays and an art activity for kids.

For information or to register visit oakwood.org/redoctoberrun or call 313-586-5486.

Junior Main Street Leads Downtown Clean-Up After US 12 Cruise

The youth of Wayne are taking pride in their community and spearheaded the clean-up of downtown Wayne after the US12 Cruise in July. The day after the cruise, they were out with 25-30 volunteers they had rounded up to clean up the trash that had been left by cruisers. The Executive Board of Jr. Main Street-Michael Lilley (President), Haley Scott (Vice President), Matthew Gruza (Treasurer) and Paige Gruza (Secretary) appeared at a city council meeting in August to inform the council of their success and to encourage other youth to help in the community.

New Rescue Vehicle Coming

The Wayne Westland Fire Association will be taking delivery of a 2015 Taylor Made GM Type III Ambulance/Rescue vehicle in September. It will be located at WWFA Station #5 on Wayne Rd. in Wayne and used by the firemen working at that station.

The Beginnings of Wayne

Darlene Hawley and the Wayne Historical Society will be presenting "The Beginnings of Wayne" at the Wayne Historical Museum on Thursday, September 10th, at 7:30 p.m.

Glenwood Cemetery Walk

The Wayne Historical Society will be hosting a Cemetery Walk on Sunday, October 4 from 1-3 p.m. at the Glenwood Cemetery, 33510 Glenwood Street, Wayne. Come learn about the pioneers of Wayne.

Rouge-a-Palooza Boat and Duck Races

Get ready to race a paper boat, a duck or both! Saturday, October 10 is Rouge-a-Palooza at Goudy Park. You can bring a homemade paper boat or you can build one at the Wayne Rotary table that day. Your boat will then be entered in the race down the Rouge River held in the late afternoon. You can also buy a "duck" chance at the table hosted by Wayne Main Street. Pick a rubber duck to represent you as it races down the Rouge River after the boat races. Other activities during Rouge-a-Palooza include educational stations, music, a kayak raffle, kids' crafts and food. Mark the date on your calendar to enjoy a day out in nature.

The Story of Mulholland's Department Store

Mat Mulholland will be speaking about his family's department store that stood in downtown Wayne. The presentation will be at the Wayne Public Library on Wednesday, October 21, at 6:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Wayne Historical Society and Friends of the Wayne Public Library.

He Remembers When...

Recently recognized for his 50 years of service with the Wayne Lions Club, Bud Hillyard reflects on why he still loves to call the City of Wayne home after all these years

By Courtney Conover

If you live and work here in Wayne, then you can most likely picture in your mind's eye how the northwest intersection of Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue in Downtown Wayne looks right now.

But in the early 50s, the main drag, as it was easily referred to, looked quite different back then.

Just ask Bud Hillyard, a resident of Wayne for 72 years. He remembers all too well.

High School History

As a member of the first class to both attend and graduate from Wayne Memorial High School, Hillyard's school days were quite different than those of present day students. "We'd hang out at Chums restaurant, across from St Mary's on Michigan Avenue," remembers Hillyard, who worked in the school cafeteria. "Kids didn't carry worries they have today, it was really nice."

"O'Brien Drug Store was where the dental office is now; Feisters Restaurant resided where McDonald's sits; Chase bank was formerly A.S. Poole [a mechanic shop] and Gulf gas station and car dealership; and, finally, there was an S.S. Kresge where Designer Warehouse is today... it had a nice counter where people used to sit and enjoy a fountain Coke," recalls Hillyard, 80.

Make no mistake about it, Hillyard knows Wayne.

He also knows the importance of dedication and philanthropy.

For 50 years Hillyard, who moved to Wayne with his family during WWII when he was just eight years old, put his heart and soul into serving the community as a member of the Wayne Lions Club, an organization that he characterizes as a 100-percent club.

"We do not take any administrative costs," says Hillyard. "All of the money we raise goes directly to the charities."

And those charities are aplenty.

Through the years, the Wayne Lions Club has taken multiple charities under their wing, including the Penrickton Center for the Blind and



Bud Hillyard volunteered for the Wayne Lions for 50 years.

Leader Dogs for the Blind. The club also funds three yearly scholarships for deserving students at Wayne Memorial High School, John Glenn High School, and William D. Ford Career-Technical Center. There was even a time when the Wayne Lions Club paid for the eye examinations and eye glasses for Wayne-Westland Community Schools students who didn't have the money for the services.

"[We did this because] nurses would notify parents that their kids needed glasses, but parents couldn't afford them," recalls Hillyard. "I remember a time when there were half

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Bud Hillyard

a dozen blind patients at Eloise [hospital], and we brought them incidentals, too. We did that for years."

Hillyard is quick to recognize that the Wayne Lions Club couldn't have done all this on its own and that the community has played an integral part in supporting the club's efforts, particularly its on-going white canes campaign, which solicits donations and create awareness for the blind. (The club also sells candy canes at Northside Hardware during Christmas time.)

"Wayne and Westland residents have been very good to the Lions over the years," he maintains.

Hillyard is quite passionate about community service, yes; but he admits that his decision to join the Wayne Lions Club was actually influenced by his then profession.

"I had just left the Jaycees," explains Hillyard. "I decided to join the Lions because they meet at night – and the Rotary held lunch meetings, which I couldn't attend. I worked with autos, so I would have needed to go home and shower before at-

tending one of those meetings."

Hillyard, who worked with cars his entire life, took over the Wayne business established by his father. Built in 1947, Hillyard & Strader was a two-bay gas station located on Michigan Avenue at Winifred. Hillyard owned the station from 1975 through 1999. (The station now possesses a new name and is under different ownership.)

"It wasn't an easy life, but the best thing about it was the people. I saw a lot of people grow up over the years...kids became adults who now have families of their own," says Hillyard, who has three adult children and five grandchildren with his wife of 60 years.

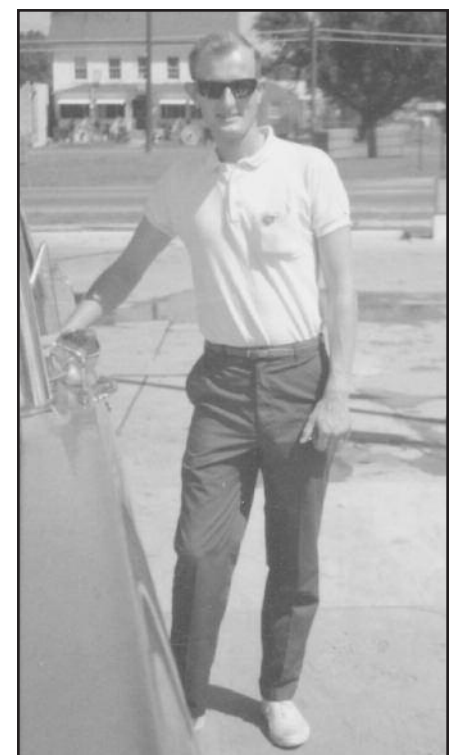
Although Hillyard has retired from the Lions Club, he will remain active as a member of the Wayne Housing Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Says Hillyard, "I've lived here [in Wayne] and have made a good living...you have to give back to your community."

The Wayne Lions Club is excited about welcoming new members. Contact John Goci at (734) 637-1430 for more information.



Bud use to own Hillyard's Mobile service station at Winifred and E. Michigan Avenue.



Main Street brings benches to downtown

By Carolyn Marnon

Wayne Main Street held a dedication ceremony on August 21 for 8 benches that were placed along Michigan Avenue in downtown Wayne. The benches had been obtained from Belleville several years ago at a discount. After getting permission from MDOT to place the benches on Michigan Avenue (not an easy process), project manager Cindee McClure was able to obtain the help of Boy Scout Troop 1736 of First Congregational Church, Dale Webb of Plymouth Plating Works, John Rowland of Jack's Sport Center, Dave Tompkins of Tompkins Sandblasting, Mary and Jeff Powers, Dan Hamann and the City of Wayne DPW, Mike Buiten and Kevin Hardy of City of Wayne Building and Engineering, the City of Wayne council and administration and Tim McClure to get the benches taken apart, refinished, put back together and installed. There had originally been 9 benches, but one didn't make it through the refinishing process. It was a time-consuming project, but in the end, there are now 8 benches that can be used to stop and relax while walking in Wayne.

Each bench was sponsored by an individual, family or business. You can find who sponsored the bench



Gordon Jones prepares to cut the ribbon on the bench sponsored by American Jetway in Downtown Wayne with the other bench sponsors looking on. Photo by Carolyn Marnon

on the plaque adhered to the bench back. The 8 benches were sponsored by American Jetway Corporation, Uht Funeral Home, Wayne Rotary Club, Tried and True Thrift Store, in memory of Norm Stockmeyer, the Copland Family in memory of Darrell Copland, Noella and Jack Russo Family Foundation, and an anonymous Wayne citizen.

After the dedication, the bench outside Kicks and Tried and True was especially busy. Anthony Cook appeared to be resting on the bench after shopping at Puffer Red. He was

able to get into the picture that was being taken of Tried and True representatives with their sponsored bench. Also helping to inaugurate the bench were Amanda Thompkins and John Kurliak, Wayne residents who had just gotten engaged earlier in the day.

Now when you want to walk around in downtown Wayne, you will have a place to sit and rest or to just people-watch. The benches were situated to face the buildings to actively engage people to interact with each other rather than staring out at traffic.

Turning the Town Teal

Have you noticed the teal ribbons tied around the poles along Wayne Rd? Have you wondered why they are there? September is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, and the teal ribbons help raise awareness about this cancer.

Many insurance companies and doctors don't provide or cover the simple tests that can detect ovarian cancer. The symptoms can be easily overlooked-bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, trouble eating or feeling full quickly, feeling the need to urinate urgently or often. Women can experience these symptoms on a weekly or monthly basis and brush them off as flu symptoms, aging or something they ate. This program tries to bring awareness of ovarian cancer and its symptoms to the public in a visual way.

The teal ribbons were tied to light poles and trees by the staff of Carpet One on the last Friday of August.



Cathy Buchanan ties ribbons on downtown poles for National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

The store closed from 9 a.m.-noon so the staff can perform this service to the community.

Cathy Buchanan, owner, states "if tying ribbons throughout our city helps save one life, then I've done my job keeping a family together. I've met some amazing people from starting this campaign, and I look forward to every September where we can once again teal up the streets of Wayne and Westland."

Thank you residents of Wayne for supporting the 2015 Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month!



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Lois VanStipdonk named Diamond of the Community

By Carolyn Marnon

"Making 'Wayne a Great Place to Live' is what this award is all about, and that is what we strive to be all about as we start our future in this community. Continuing to support this program is our way of recognizing the hard work and unwavering commitment the recipient and so many others everyday give to Wayne," said Jenn Petrou and Mike Petrou, new owners of Wayne's Dairy Queen and sponsors of the annual Diamond of the Community Award.

Lois VanStipdonk has been a Wayne resident since 1976. Prior to that, she and her husband, John, lived in Pennsylvania. John worked for Allstate and was offered a position in Detroit, so they moved and have been here contributing to the community ever since.

Since coming to Wayne, Lois has been involved in many organizations. She is currently Co-President with Trish Hampton of the Wayne Rotary; she was also President in 2000-2001. She is on the Wayne Friends of the Library Board, on the board of



2015 Diamond of the Community
Lois VanStipdonk.

the Library Network Cooperative, Co-President of the Wayne Garden Club, a Literacy Corps volunteer in the Wayne/Westland schools, a choir member at St. Mary's, Wayne Main Street volunteer, Wayne Historical Commission volunteer and a mem-

ber of the Women's National Book Association. She also belongs to an 11-member book club, The Book Divas, who meet monthly September through May.

In her free time, Lois enjoys reading mysteries and thrillers, sewing (she's currently working on American Girl doll clothes), knitting, and sailing.

Lois and John have 3 sons, Michael (Pittsburg), John (Ft. Worth) and Brian (Seattle) and 7 grandchildren.

"It was a total surprise," Lois stated when asked how she heard about winning the award. She thought Nancy Wojewski-Noel, Senior Services Director, was calling her about a tai-chi class. Instead, she was told she was the 2015 recipient of the award. "It feels pretty awesome. I'm kind of still amazed. I feel very grateful. I think John (her husband) should share in it because he's been with me every step of the way. He's a diamond also."

Although she spearheaded the campaign to get the Little Free Libraries in Wayne, her favorite activity has been going to Honduras to work with Rotary. She helped build and furnish a school there. Rotary members buy the school supplies in Hon-

duras to help support the country's economy. She's been back there 5-6 times since her first visit. The Rotary has a special relationship with the girls at Casa de la Nina, an orphanage for girls. Helping the girls has been gratifying for Lois.

Lois is most active with the Rotary. They meet once a week. The rest of her groups meet just once a month. Once school starts, she will be back to literacy tutoring at PD Graham where she meets with a group of 3-5 kids several times a week who read to her.

While in Wayne, Lois has worked at the Romulus Public Library, the Library for the Blind in Dearborn, the Dearborn Heights Library, and was Library Director at the Wayne Public Library when she retired in 2006.

The Diamond of the Community Award goes to a Wayne resident aged 70 or older who is active in their community. Previous award winners have been Phyllis Stein, Darlene Hawley, Miriam Shurlow and Wild Bill Copland.

The Wayne Commission on Aging is hosting a dinner to honor Lois at the HYPE Athletic Center, formerly known as the Wayne Rec Center, on September 15 at 6pm.

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Wayne Recreation Center now HYPE Athletics

By Carolyn Marnon

When the Wayne City Council approved the 2015-2016 budget, they voted to close the Community Center due to funding constraints, effective July 1. In August, an agreement was reached with HYPE Athletics to keep the building open. HYPE Athletics has now moved into the building and has started renovations to improve the facility.

Although those who are members of HYPE Athletics will have priority for use of the facilities, there is discussion within HYPE to possibly provide day passes for certain features, such as the swimming pool and the basketball courts.

New resistance-training and cardiovascular equipment has been installed in the cardio room. This is a co-ed fitness area. For the uninformed, some pieces of equipment do have instructions showing you how to use that piece of equipment. Ali Sayed, CEO of HYPE Athletics, wants people to ask if they need help learning how to use something. There are cam and pulley machines, dumbbells and barbells, treadmills, elliptical trainers, spinners, stairmasters and more.

The swimming pool is scheduled to open in early October. Water aerobics classes, youth swim lessons, and lap swimming will be offered. Life guards will be on duty. Birthday parties can be held at the pool once again.

Plans are being made for group fitness classes including co-ed, women's only, age 50 and above and youth. Classes will be offered free to all members. A fitness calendar will be provided on a monthly basis.



Long time recreation member Ron Hays is takes a break from his workout to take a picture with CEO of HYPE Athletics, Ali Sayed. Wayne Dispatch photo by John P. Rhaesa

HYPE has invested in their membership and is excited to launch the newest gym addition. The HYPE FitXtreme class includes a custom built Crossfit Rig with elevation monkey bars, TRX bands, slam balls, rubber plates, weighted battle ropes, kettlebells, resistance bands, and more. The FitXtreme room will be open to members during non-class hours.

Work is currently underway renovating the old ice rink into professional grade hardwood basketball courts. The children and adult courts will be available daily except during holidays and special events.

The locker rooms in the ice rink are being remodeled into classrooms for the afterschool programs and into a nursery. Members will be able to use up to 2 hours of free childcare daily (ages 1-5) while they workout.

The warming room in the ice rink will become a café offering sandwiches, burgers, wraps, salads, tea, coffee and fresh smoothies and protein shakes.

There will also be personal training available, a mixed martial arts studio and adult and youth educational resources available at HYPE Athletics. In addition, banquet room rentals will still be available.

HYPE is currently evaluating the use of the wallyball and racquetball courts. If they don't get enough use by members, it is possible they will be turned into something else.

The men's locker room in the back of the building is currently being remodeled with new tile and other upgrades to give it a fresh look.

There are currently 13-15 employees. Of those, 9 former employees of the rec center applied and interviewed for positions and were hired. Not all former employees applied for jobs with HYPE.

HYPE currently has about 600 members—400 of those are existing members of the former rec center. 200 are new members in the last few weeks.

Ali Sayed, HYPE CEO, plans to be at the building a lot during the first few months of operation. He wants to be involved in everything and get to know all the members. After that, he will be working between the Wayne center and the HYPE Athletics center in Dearborn Heights.

New employee, Irene Ivanac, is excited about all the changes. She is the new Community and Corporate Relations person. "Our boss is right here in the trenches," she said. "I don't like to be called the boss. I'm just Ali," responded the CEO. Irene will be out in the community promoting HYPE and all it has to offer the residents of Wayne.

Membership at the Wayne HYPE will also get you access to the Dearborn Heights HYPE. HYPE is currently offering tours of the Wayne center so you can see all that they will be offering starting in early October.

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KICKS brings home gold, silver and bronze

By Carolyn Marnon

At the United States of America Tae Kwon Do National Championships held last July in Austin, TX, the KICKS competition team brought home 10 medals. From the youngest team member (aged 7) to the oldest (aged 40), the team of state competition medal winners had an outstanding season.

Thirteen team members had qualified at the state Tae Kwon Do competition in March to attend Nationals. Of those, 8 members added at least one national medal to their collection. Alexander Weinberg, age 7, earned bronze as a blue belt in his age/rank/weight category. Aubrey Evans, age 10, won bronze in her blue belt category. Maverick Kelly, age 16, won a gold as a red belt. Cassandra Rigor, age 17, won gold as a green belt. Briahna Kitchen, age 18, won 2 golds as a blue belt. Julia Saferian, age 19, won a gold and a silver as a yellow belt. Gautham Thyagarajan, age 34, won a gold and a bronze as a red belt. Lisa Johnson, age 40, won gold as a red belt. That's a total of 7 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze.

The team is taught by 5th degree black belt Master Mike Rose, head coach and 4th degree black belt Master Imali Kent, associate coach.

The competition is broken down into the different age, rank and weight categories. An individual competes against someone in their same categories. There are two areas of competition-sparring and forms. Forms is a defined pattern of defense-and-attack motions. Sparring can be considered reflexive responses to an unplanned attack. Points are given for punching the



KICKS competition team brought home 10 medals. Front row: Tina Johnson, Alexander Weinberg, Jonathan Floare and Josh Rigor. Back Row: Master Mike Rose, Briahna Kitchen, Cassandra Rigor, Lisa Johnson, Julia Saferian, David Clark II, Aubrey Evans, Gautham Thyagarajan, Master Imali Kent and Grandmaster Ron Rose. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

body, kicking the body, spin kicking the body and kicking the head (with a light touch). There are sensors in the chest protectors that tally points to the chest while referees on the sidelines tally the points for the other kicks and punches.

The Austin Nationals lasted 7 days. There were 18 rings in which competitions were held all day. The referees of the event worked 10-14 hour days.

2015 was one of the largest nationals with over 5000 competitors from all over the US. To qualify for Nationals, one must place at the state competition.

The team is at KICKS 4-5 times a week training. One day they work on strength and conditioning, the next

is targets and the third day is for hogu drills (with the chest protector on). The other two days they work on their moves. There is a weight room available for training also. Competition season begins in September and culminates with Nationals in July. Team members are allowed to train less in August before picking up again for the next season. Tae Kwon Do is an amateur sport.

Although each team member is responsible for their own expenses to attend Nationals, the team has held bottle drives, a pancake breakfast, a car wash, and sold Little Caesar's pizza kits to help defray costs.

Grandmaster Ron Rose, owner of KICKS, is a 9th degree black belt. To become a Grandmaster, he had to at-

tain 7th degree black belt and be the head of a Tae Kwon Do organization. In 1977, he opened KICKS Tae Kwon Do and Fitness Center. It has been housed in several locations until it came to its current location at 35004 W. Michigan Ave in January 2000. Most of Ron's time is involved in refereeing. He does referee seminars all over the country. He has also hosted the 2008 Nationals at Ford Field in Detroit.

Other members who qualified for Nationals but did not place are 2nd degree black belt David Clark II, age 16, red belt Bianca Rosado-Riffle, age 9, red belt Tina Johnson (daughter of Lisa Johnson), age 9, blue belt Jonathan Floare, age 9 and blue belt Josh Rigor, age 9.

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First Sgt. LaHaine honored by U.S. Army

By Carolyn Marnon

The U.S. Army has honored Wayne Memorial High School's JROTC instructor, First Sgt. Steven LaHaine. He has earned the Gold Instructor Award and the Senior Army Instructor of the Year Award.

LaHaine's commitment to excellence has motivated his cadets to excel in community service learning projects, competitions and overall program success. He was recognized as a role model for all other JROTC instructors across the nation. The Wayne Memorial High School JROTC program has been nationally ranked for many years. The students and staff in the Zebra Battalion exemplify Wayne Pride.

The Gold Instructor Award was received for demonstrating the highest degree of excellence as a JROTC Instructor. LaHaine was recognized for his ability to integrate and apply the techniques and standards necessary to develop a successful program.

He was selected as the Brigade Senior Army Instructor of the Year for 2014-15 for his professionalism, technical proficiency, dedication to duty, and service to the students at Wayne Memorial High School. His overall success has established Wayne Memorial High school JROTC as one of the elite programs in the nation. LaHaine is a leader for all JROTC instructors in the 7th Brigade.

LaHaine has been with the Zebra Battalion JROTC since it was



First Sgt. Steven LaHaine

formed on July 1, 2004. Prior to that, he was the Senior Army Instructor for Finney High School in Detroit.

"My success as an instructor is due to my Army training. I was taught the Seven Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage as a young soldier at Fort Sill, OK. Adherence to these values served me well throughout my Army career and have transferred over to my civilian career. These values help me guide our young cadets to be better citizens, graduate from high school, and become successful adults," said LaHaine.

First Sgt. LaHaine will be recognized at the Sept. 21 Board of Education meeting.

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More than Words

Thanks to Beaumont Wayne staff, Speech Program for children has never been stronger

By Courtney Conover

Individualized speech therapy isn't cheap.

In fact, it's quite the opposite: Just one private 60-minute session can cost around \$80.

So imagine the delight of parents when they learned that the total cost to enroll their child into Oakwood Hospital's (part of Beaumont Health) seven-week Summer Speech Program was only \$100, a mere fraction of what the program is worth.

"It's about taking the pressure off parents and allowing kids to just be kids, have fun, and receive the best speech therapy possible," says Dipti Christian, who has served as the hospital's manager of Rehabilitation Therapy Services since 2006.

The objective of the Summer Speech Program is to bridge the gap created by summer school recess by providing a continuum of high quality customized speech language therapy to children who need it most. The program, which services participants ranging in age from 2 to 13 years old, boasts 14 one-on-one 30-minute sessions with one of Beaumont's trained and certified speech language pathologists.

And just when parents thought things couldn't get much better, they did.

Because when parents and their children arrived for the first day of therapy, they received incredibly wonderful news: The program would be free – not the \$100 they had orig-

inally been told. The entire program wouldn't cost a dime, provided participants met two requirements: They must achieve perfect attendance and attend the summer speech party.

"I don't think there's anything in life that's free anymore," said Rebecca Johnson, whose three-year-old met both requirements and participated in the program for free. "Insurance doesn't cover most speech programs, unfortunately, and this program's worth is invaluable."

The reason for the program's reduced rate is twofold.

First, a grant from the Oakwood Healthcare Foundation covered \$250 of the \$350 cost (per child) to attend the program this summer, which initially left parents responsible for the remaining \$100.

But what many don't realize is that the foundation is funded largely by the charitableness of hospital staff.

"Employees contribute on their own free will on a yearly basis, and then the foundation receives the entire account," said Christian, who is grateful for the support of Eric Widner, Division President of Beaumont Hospital Wayne, and Jay Bonnell, the hospital's controller.

Christian credits both men with bringing in the additional funds that ultimately resulted in the program being offered free of charge. "One week before program started, [Jay and Eric] informed me that the pro-



Oakwood Summer Speech Program.

gram would be totally free," she said.

And, like Christian, Bonnell acknowledges that the program wouldn't be what it is today without the unyielding dedication of speech staff. "Dipti has made the program her priority, and therapists Kelly Franckowiak, Kellie Woehlke and Kathy Collop work with the children and their parents to provide on-going communication of progress and recommendations for home practice," said Bonnell.

Since its inception approximately eight years ago, the Summer Speech Program has continued to expand – and has doubled in the last year from 22 enrollees in 2014 to 45 in 2015.

The staff's collective approach to therapy is what makes the program so unique.

Each therapy session features play-based activities that include games, role-playing with puppets, and even hands-on activities that hone fine motor and social skills. And each class concluded with the child selecting a treat – a piece of candy, a small toy, or other treat – from a treasure box in the waiting area.

At the end of week 13, speech

staff hosted a pirate-themed party for program enrollees and their siblings, which the staff began planning for in February. The outdoor funfest boasted a bevy of activities, including an obstacle course, face painting, a create-your-own pirate hat station, and a complete lunch – all of which was complimentary.

One thing is for certain: The time and energy that the staff put into this program did not go unnoticed by parents.

"This program was exceptional, from the front desk to the therapists to the party afterward. I found everything very open-door, very inviting," said Johnson. "I can't even say enough about it...it was absolutely incredible."

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/the-browngirlwithlonghair>, and hash-tagging away on Instagram at <https://instagram.com/mrscourtney-conover>.

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Healthy Wayne Kick-off

The Oakwood Healthy Communities program will be kicking off its Healthy Wayne initiative on Thursday, September 24, with breakfast at 8 a.m. and the kick-off at 8:30 a.m. Representatives of Oakwood want Wayne residents to be engaged in this initiative and have it be resident-driven. The Oakwood Healthy Communities program is a multi-year initiative designed to address priority health needs, especially obesity, diabetes, access to health care and heart health. Please come to the HYPE Athletics (formerly known as the Wayne Rec Center) to learn more and provide feedback.

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.

City Hall Roof

The City Hall project is slated to be complete by October 1 with City Hall services moving back the week of October 5. The roof is complete. They are now focused on the inside of the building. The rain delays in early summer slowed the project significantly.

Wayne Farmer's Market

Upcoming events at the Farmer's Market: September 16 is a Fall Food Drive. Please bring non-perishables to donate and be entered into an awesome raffle. September 30 is Fall Fitness Day. Come for fitness tips, demos, and the special bike blender smoothies. There will



The voice of both Stryper and Boston, Michael Sweet, had added The Token Lounge in Westland to his solo acoustic tour. The standing-room only crowd knew every word of the 18-song set that spanned his stellar career so far, including Calling On You, Soldiers Under Command and Honestly (Stryper), Amanda and Peace Of Mind (Boston) and Dying Rose from his latest project with George Lynch (Dokken, Lynch Mob, KXM). Closing out with an acoustic version of To Hell With the Devil was just right, especially for a guy who's seen the full Stryper arena shows several times over the last 25 years. The strength of Sweet's songwriting came through Loud and Clear. This show definitely put The Token Lounge on my radar, as they continue to book both legendary national and promising support acts. Check out their website for upcoming shows at thetokenlounge.com

be even more autumn-themed events in October.

The Wayne Farmer's Market is every Wednesday! 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 be-

hind 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.

Greektown Casino Fundraiser

Wayne Rotary is hosting a bus trip to Greektown Casino in Detroit

on Saturday, September 12. The bus will leave at 2 p.m. and return to Wayne by 9 p.m. Cost is \$30, but you get \$25 back in casino credits. You must be 21 (I.D. required) to participate. If you want to sign up or have any questions, please call Trish Hampton 734-890-6934.

Historical Museum Volunteers Needed!

The Wayne Historical Museum is re-opening to the public on Wednesday, September 2nd, and needs your help! Are you looking for a way to give back to the community?

The following positions are available for two shifts (Wednesdays 12-3 p.m. and Thursdays 4-7 p.m.) :

GREETER – This person will welcome guests as they walk into the building. They may also have to answer the phone and take messages. This person will need to know basic history of the building and where everything is located (displays, restrooms, wheelchair lift, exits etc.). The greeter will feel comfortable talking with guests and helping them feel welcome in the Museum.

RESEARCH/ARCHIVIST – The important reason to have the Museum is to house artifacts and the written history of Wayne. This person should be knowledgeable about the Museum's Records and show care in their handling. They could be recording and organizing donated artifacts and/or written historical information donated to the museum and helping answer requests for historical information on the People, Businesses, Buildings, Churches, Schools, Roads, Farms, Industry, etc. from Wayne's past.

TOUR GUIDE – This job requires a general knowledge of the City of Wayne and its neighboring cities and their history. An enthusiasm for history is required. This person should be comfortable talking to groups of people of all ages and backgrounds. This person should be very willing to learn about many areas of Wayne's history.

If you would like to volunteer, you can go to the website downtownwayne.org/2015/8/21/museum/ and complete the form indicating your interest or you can call the museum at 722-0113.

Making fresh donuts daily for the community

I thought I knew 'good donuts.' Then I went to "Chum's Donut Shoppe.

Located at 34300 Glenwood, it's right across from Wayne Memorial High School.

The many types of donuts are truly impressive. They offer jelly donuts, cream or custard filled donuts, nutty donuts, and just about every kind of donuts you can think of. And all those wonderful donuts are made fresh every day.

The shop owned by Larry and Veronica Stockwell, is a continuation of donut making started by Larry's Dad, Chalmer Stockwell. The elder Mr. Stockwell sold donuts at Belleville and Ecorse Rds. That was in 1941---when the Bomber Plant was in production. Chum's then moved to Michigan Ave. across from St. Mary's Church. That store lured donut lovers until 1966, when Urban Renewal forced another move, to its present location.

At one time Larry Stockwell visited each elementary school in Wayne-Westland and showed the

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



young students how donuts are made. Veronica Stockwell's maiden name was Brothers. Her uncle was the legendary Tom Brown who was so instrumental in forging Westland out of Nankin Township.

She was delighted to show me a letter found in their store mailbox. "A few months ago you helped me out when I had no cash---only credit and debit cards. You gave me the donuts with the intention to pay you when I returned to the area." Along with the letter was his payment for those donuts.

Lynn Higgs had a wonderful summer vacation. I asked her to tell you all about it. So in her words...

I recently completed an amazing

European vacation with my husband Jerry and joined by my daughter Maureen and her husband, Bob. Their home is in Richmond, Virginia. The trip was a guided two week tour through Italy, France, Spain and Monaco that took us to some of the historical and artistic highlights of those areas.

The trip began in Rome. The highlights of Rome for us were the Coliseum, the old marketplace known as the Forum, a trip to Vatican City where we were able to see the Swiss Guard in their traditional dress and the Sistine Chapel.

After Rome we stopped by Assisi. Assisi is a beautiful Italian town known as the home of St. Francis. The rose garden outside the original chapel of St. Francis contains a special type of rosebush that grows nowhere else in the world and is said to be thornless. However, when we went out to investigate this amazing plant an Italian gardener very sternly told us that nobody was allowed in the garden (hmm - is this bush really thorn less?). In Florence we saw

the giant cathedral known as Il Duomo (the dome) and the home of Dante. Pisa, naturally, involved a trip to the famous leaning tower and like every other tourist there we took the obligatory photo where we feigned holding up the tower to prevent it from falling.

Congratulations to Lois Van Stipdonk. She is Wayne's Diamond of the Community. She deserves the honor. Lois is a real jewel.

The Wayne Historical Society's next program will be "The Beginnings of Wayne" by Darlene Hawley.

It's on Thursday, September 10th ---7:30 p.m. at the Museum.

The Library isn't just for reading anymore. Witness the fine turn-out for the recent beer tasting evening. The Library Friends send a big "Thank You" to Craig Lowery and Toarmina's Pizza. Their donation of 4 huge pizzas were delicious and so appreciated.

Library's Used Book Sale---Starts on Wednesday, September 30.



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Jason Clark (green jacket) of Fifty Amp Fuse, now known as Your Generation in Concert™, performed at Concerts in Goudy Park in August. Photo by Jeff Mack

Fifty Amp Fuse rocks Goudy Park

By Carolyn Marnon

When Fifty Amp Fuse, now known as Your Generation in Concert™, came to Goudy Park for the Concerts in the Park series last month, the crowd was the largest of the 5 week series. The group brought an energy to the concertgoers that had people crowded around the stage singing and dancing along. An aerial drone took pictures overhead. A young lady walked slowly back and forth in front of the seated attendees with a poster proclaiming "Smile" on one side and telling all that Jason was a Wayne resident on the other side. Turns out she is his neighbor and their daughter's play together.

Jason Clark, vocalist with Fifty Amp Fuse, is a Wayne resident and has been for 8 years. He has previously lived in NW Detroit and Northville and studied Fine Art at Wayne State University.

Before joining Fifty Amp Fuse, Jason was with another band, The Wrong Numbers. They played what is called "Northern Soul", old 60s soul covers. Besides what most would consider Motown music, there are many other songs from Motown that have a hidden popularity and are collected by people from as far away as Great Britain. Jason is gifted with a higher vocal range that made him catch the ear of Fifty Amp Fuse's management. He was invited to sit in with them and sang his way into membership.

Your Generation in Concert™ is

transitioning from its former name, Fifty Amp Fuse, because the group is no longer a bar band but a show band. "In a way, it's like a 3-ring circus," said Jason. The group plays many corporate events in places such as Florida, San Diego, Las Vegas and Kansas City. They have a bigger operation than most bands with Remy Lambert and Steve Trudell producing the show. Like all things, it will take time for people to make the name change.

The name Fifty Amp Fuse comes from a Rolling Stones hit, "You Can't Always Get What You Want." The lyrics include "we're gonna blow a Fifty-amp fuse." Jason's weekends are booked throughout the summer while he performs with the band. He says the group performs 3-5 times a week, mostly around the Michigan area. He does odd jobs to supplement his income. Some of Jason's best moments are when the group is onstage and the crowd reaction they receive. There can be so much energy in the crowd that the band feeds off of that and then the crowd gets even more excited and the cycle continues. The other moments are when the group is traveling around the country. There is so much camaraderie between members.

Jason is proud to be a Wayne resident. He sees so much potential in the city. He also hopes that Your Generation in Concert™ (more popularly known as Fifty Amp Fuse) will be invited back to perform next summer at Goudy Park.



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