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Couple survive royal disaster at sea

By Carolyn Marnon

When they went to celebrate their 18th wedding anniversary, Larry and Dawn Larson “started having a rocky marriage,” Dawn laughs. This is the only time she is heard to laugh during our conversation. The couple attended Wayne Memorial High School and other schools in Wayne. Wayne is their hometown where they were both raised. “It feels like home,” says Dawn. Wayne is their comfort zone where they have friends, family and do business, although it is not where they currently live. They are hoping to move back soon.

Dawn Larson loves cruising. She’s been on 18-19 cruises in her lifetime, enjoying cruises aboard Disney, Carnival and her favorite cruise line, Royal Caribbean. She doesn’t like to fly, so cruising is her way to see the world.

On February 6, Dawn and Larry boarded Royal Caribbean’s newest ship, the ten month old Anthem of the Seas for a seven-day cruise. Dawn had booked the cruise because the ship was technologically innovative. Amenities included a sky-diving simulator, the North Star (a jewel-shaped capsule that ascends over 300 feet above sea level and the ship to 360 degree views of the sea), robotic bartenders (robots that make and serve drinks), virtual balconies at sea (inside staterooms with a screen that shows the sea views), a spa, fitness center, a 220-foot outdoor poolside movie screen, a glass-canopied solarium pool for adults only, an indoor pool with retractable roof, whirlpools, bumper cars, basketball courts, roller skating rink, circus school, casinos, and more!

The itinerary had the ship sailing



Larry and Dawn Larson boarded Royal Caribbean’s newest ship, the ten month old Anthem of the Seas for a seven-day cruise to celebrate their 18th Wedding Anniversary.

from Bayonne, New Jersey to Florida, where there would be a port stop. From there, they’d continue on to the Bahamas and then return to New Jersey. Before setting sail, the Larsons went through the muster drill, a mandatory drill that familiarizes guests and crew with the location of where they are to assemble in the unlikely event of an emergency. Additional safety information, such as where life jackets are and how to wear one, is also given.

The ship set sail. Dawn and Larry started enjoying the amenities that were offered. “The ship was amazing, beautiful,” says Dawn.

The next day, February 7, the captain informed the guests that there was going to be a storm, and the ship was going to speed up to beat the storm. Dawn didn’t think much

of it; she’d been on plenty of cruises already. Dawn and Larry were enjoying an afternoon Broadway show, “We Will Rock You,” when the show stopped suddenly and everyone was informed they had to leave and go directly to their rooms. The elevators were stopped. Larry and Dawn had to manage their way to their room on Deck 13 while the ship literally rocked and rolled.

The torture had just begun. Dawn had wanted to see the pink sand in Bermuda six years ago; that ship had gotten caught in a hurricane coming home with 80 mile per hour winds. That was a piece of cake compared to what they were about to endure. For the next 12-16 hours, they were confined to their stateroom. Things were flying off the counters. Larry says the ship would list about 45 degrees one way and you could hear creaking as it kept rolling to the side. They expected the ship was going to keep right on rolling and turn upside down. Then suddenly, the ship would start rolling 45 degrees in the other direction. More creaking ensued. They thought the ship might fall apart from all the creaking. It got so bad, Dawn called her sister who was watching their four dogs to say goodbye. “We didn’t think we were getting off the ship,” says Dawn. The only updates they got came from the on-board-TV in their room or hourly announcements from the captain.

Soon it got so bad, that the captain didn’t have time to give announcements as he worked feverishly to keep the ship straight.

Water covered the 8th or 9th deck. The Coast Guard had informed the ship “we wish you the best of luck” as there was no way they could help. Larry says it felt like the 1,141 foot, 168,666 gross tonnage ship was “in a washing machine on spin cycle.” Anthem of the Seas is the third largest cruise ship ever built. The in-room TV showed they were in 150 mile per hour winds at one time.

The National Weather Service had predicted winds of 46-57 mph and 23-31 foot seas on Sunday night. There is much talk about why the cruise ship still sailed right into the storm with 4300 passengers and 1600 crew members on board. While the ship was in the storm off the coast of the Carolinas, the guests were informed the ship was going to still head toward Florida. Shortly after that, the captain informed everyone that a second storm was brewing near Jacksonville and to avoid it, the ship would be returning to New Jersey.

Larry and Dawn both said the situation seemed worse than the Titanic. The tilting was so bad and the creaking so loud, it seemed like the ship would break. They were just waiting for it to tip over. Larry said you begin wondering how you are going to die. Am I going to drown? Am I going to be crushed by something? Is a shark going to eat me? The best scenario he hoped for was that the ship would go down and everyone would be electrocuted instantly. And still the creaking continued.

All that Larry and Dawn had available to eat was what was in the minibar in their room—candy, chips and liquor. They were told they could eat whatever was in their room for free. Dawn got a bloody lip, her teeth were sore, and her whole body ached. She had to sit on the floor to protect herself. They couldn’t sleep. Dawn says it felt like she had acid poured into her eyes with toothpicks holding them open. There were no life jackets in the rooms. They couldn’t do anything but be trapped in the



The ceiling on the 14th floor collapsed.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Class of 1966 50th reunion

Join other classmates from the Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1966 on Saturday, May 14 for the 50th reunion celebration. The reunion will take place at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Rd, Westland from 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$40 if you register before April 16. April 16 – May 1 the cost goes up to \$45. A cash bar will be available. To make reservations, please go to www.waynehighalumni.com and click on Additional Reunions. If you are interested in attending a Golf Outing on Saturday, May 14, please contact Don Farmer at 734-968-4466.

JROTC team to compete in National Championship

After advancing through two phases of online competition, the Wayne Memorial High School JROTC Leadership Team will compete in person at the Championship event in Washington, DC. The 2016 Army JROTC Leadership Bowl Championship will be held on the



Television star from the hit series Blue Bloods Greg Jabara was in town last month and posted this message on facebook, "Just grabbed my eggs, crisp bacon, cheddar, tomato on rye toast breakfast sandwich TO GO at My Place Coney Island Restaurant in Wayne, Michigan! Thanks Freddie and Linda for making the best!"

campus of The Catholic University of America, June 24-28. The event is

sponsored by the Army JROTC and is conducted by College Options Foundation.

The Wayne Memorial JROTC team earned top scores out of the 1,378 Army JROTC teams that competed from around the world. They placed first in the Region of 7th Brigade (Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee). The team is one of only 40 Army JROTC Leadership Bowl teams in the nation to advance to the Championship event in DC. During the two fast-paced preliminary rounds, cadets were tested on their knowledge of current events, leadership values, and leadership skills.

All class reunion banquet

The Wayne Memorial High School All Class Reunion Banquet will be held on Friday, May 13 at the Wayne Tree Manor on Van Born in Wayne. They will be honoring and launching the Class of 1966 Reunion celebration. Make your reservations at www.waynehighalumni.com.

Volunteer mixer event



You're invited! Downtown Volunteer Mixer Event on April 6th – 6:00 p.m.

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Remembering Mulholland's downtown

Last fall, Mathew Mulholland, the youngest child of Bill and Phyllis Mulholland spoke at a meeting of the Wayne Historical Society in our historical museum at 1 Towne Square in Wayne. The meeting was well attended by members of the Society as well as the public. All were eager to hear Mat's first hand story about his family's business which was a landmark in our community for many years. Anyone who grew up in Wayne or lived here during the years that our village/city had a thriving downtown area with every kind of retailer you could imagine, will remember Mulholland's Dry Goods Store. Everyone in town shopped at Mulholland's. They had everything you needed in the line of clothing, material, shoes, uniforms, baby clothes, purses, hats, suits, ties, dresses and

Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley



much more. Mat shared information about how his grandfather started the business, his father grew up in the business and he and his nine sisters and brothers worked in the store as they grew up. It is a wonderful story about a family's dedication to their store, its employees and the people of Wayne.

William R. Mulholland Sr. was born in 1888 in Hanover, New Jersey. As a boy he worked in ware houses and as a young man was a

traveling yard goods salesman. He joined the Navy in 1917 and served during WWI until 1919. He then migrated to Michigan where he had a cousin who had a store in Birmingham. Mulholland then settled in Wayne where he liked the community and recognized a need for a dry goods establishment. On March 29, 1919, he opened Mulholland's Dry Goods Co. He employed one clerk to assist him. The store was in the "Hoops Block", a large brick building built in 1908 by Frederick, John and Edward Hoops. It was located at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Monroe Street. The roads surrounding the store were dirt and hitching posts stood out front to accommodate horses and buggies. Mulholland borrowed money to get the store started. He saved all of the



William R. Mulholland Sr.

women's department and a babies department. A men's department followed in 1924 headed up by Mr. Fred Newbrough. During the 1930's and 40's the service philosophy did not change but self service displays and merchandising techniques started to transform the dry goods store into a true department store. As the store grew, it expanded by moving into other parts of the Hoops Building, replacing other stores. The basement was opened where merchandise was sold, including boy scout and girl scout uniforms.

Mulholland passed along to his family not just his business philosophy but a real love of the community of Wayne and its people. He was totally committed to Wayne. In those days there were many large clubs and organizations that served the community. He served as a member and or officer of such organizations as Wayne Rotary, The American Legion of Wayne (Post 111), The Chamber of Commerce, The Knights of Columbus, The Elks, The Board of Directors of Wayne Bank, and The Michigan Retailers Association. He was very active in the St. Mary's Parish for many years. William R. Mulholland Sr. retired in the mid 1950's after turning the business over to his son. He died in 1959.

Mat's father, William (Bill) R. Mulholland Jr. started working at his father's store when he was twelve years old. He emptied trash cans,



Ribbon cutting at the new Metro Mall location in 1970 with Mayor Pat Norton, Mr. and Mrs. James Collins (General Manager) and the Mulholland family.

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boxes from stock shipments for six months because people told him that the store would never survive and he would have to send goods back. But the store thrived. At that time all stock was kept behind the counter and shown one piece at a time to the customer by a clerk. Mulholland believed in giving the customer special attention and treating everyone the way he wanted to be treated. The staff knew customers by name and let people charge items (before credit cards) and pay later.

In 1921, Mulholland added a

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room with little to eat, no sleep, and feeling physically drained.

After 16 hours of terrifying horror, the passengers were allowed to leave their cabins. The ceiling on the deck above the Larson's deck had collapsed. The glass railing around the ship was broken. There were piles of glass everywhere. Patio furniture was mangled. People wandered around, taking photos and video and talking to each other. Dawn says everyone was so nice to each other because of the experience they had all been through. "It changes you," she noted. "It should never have happened," noted Larry. On the way back to New Jersey, half the ship was shut down, but nobody felt like



doing anything anyway. The ship tried to keep the passengers entertained, but people just preferred to stay quiet and talk to each other.

The ship was scheduled to pull into port in New Jersey at 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 10. The time was later changed to 9:00 p.m. Dawn and Larry think it is because the crew needed time to clean up the ship and that darkness could camouflage and make it harder for the newscasters and helicopters to see the damage when the ship pulled in. Those who did not have a place to stay were invited to stay on the ship for the night and leave in the morning. Many chose to leave that night.

The simple things really matter in life. It was "a life changing experience."

Dawn Larson

Dawn says the waiting time to get off the ship that night was four hours. They chose to spend the night in their room and leave in the morning.

Why did Dawn choose this ship when she was planning their cruise? She said it was because Royal Caribbean always has adventurous things to do, the Anthem of the Seas was new, and it was very techy. This time, it "went beyond adventurous. We're happy that we're alive."

"It's an experience," said Larry. "But not the experience we were looking for," added Dawn.

"Somebody should be held accountable," Larry expressed.

Dawn had already made reservations for a Canadian/New England fall colors cruise to be taken in September. She is now cancelling it after this recent ordeal.

Royal Caribbean has announced that all passengers will get a refund and a voucher for half off a future cruise. The Larson's would rather the cruise line have kept the money and provided them with a good vacation. They haven't received their refund yet. They still hear the creaking, and they now look at weather differently after being aboard a floating city in the middle of a spin cycle.

"The simple things really matter in life," concluded Dawn. It was "a life changing experience."

The Anthem of the Seas set sail again on February 13 with another group of passengers. Let's hope they didn't have such an adventure.

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washed windows and swept the floors. (All ten of his children would take on these chores at the store when they were of age.) When he was in high school he worked at the store in the summer making 50 cents a day. After high school, like his father, he joined the Navy and served his country during WWII. Following the war he attended the University of Detroit and graduated with a business degree in 1950. Bill then became a full time employee of Mulholland's Dry Goods Store. He was often quoted as saying, "The experiences (of growing up in the retail business) teach the way to run a store, but education helps in learning to make decisions." Bill Mulholland ran the business after his father retired and followed in his footsteps, becoming involved in many clubs and organizations in our community as well as St. Mary's Church. He ran the business until 1970 when an early morning fire broke out and caused extensive damage to the store, merchandise and building. The store would have to move. Urban renewal eventually demolished the Hoops building, but Mulholland's Dry Goods Co. lived on. In 1971 Mulholland moved the store into the new shopping mall built on Michigan Ave. and Elizabeth Street a block west of the old store. Metro Place Mall eventually housed other downtown stores some of which were closed due to urban renewal. Gladstone Shoes, Lazar's, Shifren Williams Jewelers, A&P Grocery Store and others filled the Mall. Things were changing for downtown retailers but service to the people of Wayne was still offered. Many store employees moved to the new store



Original Mulholland's location on Monroe Street in the Hoops block.

and served customers there. Long time residents of Wayne will remember Fanny Eberline, Janet Cooper, Margaret Kelly, Jim Collins, Opal Tanner, Terry Warden, Darleen Willis, John Jeeter, Virginia Livingston, Marie Wilson and Bill Johnson, all devoted employees of Mulholland's store. In his speech at the museum, Mathew closed by saying "Employees were part of the family. William Mulholland Sr. and Bill Mulholland Jr. would both tell you that the store was successful because of the quality of our staff as much as the quality of our inventory. Our staff and our customers made us successful." Many of you who remember shopping in downtown Wayne years ago have fond memories of Mulholland's. The wooden floors, the many departments, the displays, the friendly faces of the employees. And then the new store

in the new mall came along! Same quality of inventory, just the right gift from the baby department for a new baby, a varsity jacket for a high school student, material and thread for a new dress. Mulholland's was successful in the new mall for 15 years. The store closed in 1986.

Bill Mulholland and his family continued to live in Wayne and support the community. Bill passed away in 2009 and is fondly remembered by the community he served and loved. His wife Phyllis and a number of their children still live in the area, including Mathew who, like his father and grandfather, is committed to his community. He served on our City Council as well as on many local committees. He has been very active in the care and cleaning of our Rouge River through the Rouge Rescue Program and Friends of the Rouge. Each year he

helps organize the community event "Rouge-A-Palooza" which celebrates our city and the Rouge River which runs through it. He is also a member of Main Street and is soon to be on their Board of Directors. Mathew is on the finance committee at St. Mary's church and serves as MC at their annual Trivia Night Fund Raiser. He is a real champion of the City of Wayne.

Over time all things change. One event that dealt a blow to many small town retailers across our state and country was the opening of huge indoor malls housing a large variety of small specialty stores as well as large department stores and national retailers. They were built outside of cities along large highways making them easy to get to and offered one stop shopping for everything on your list. People were still banking in their small towns and going to church and their barber shops, but they were shopping in the giant malls. Over the last few years technology has changed our lives and continues to change the way we shop. Many people shop on line and have products shipped to their door. We shop by phone and order products we see demonstrated on TV, we can order groceries and have them delivered or order hot food delivered by restaurants. Some are even talking about having drones deliver goods to our homes!!! Who could have imagined it a few years ago! But, regardless of how we shop, people still look for what the Mulholland's Dry Goods Store offered - good friendly service and quality products.

(Thanks to Mathew Mulholland for the information in this article and for taking the time to answer my questions.)

Community to vote in August to restore public safety in Wayne

By Carolyn Marnon

The City of Wayne and City Council have been looking at options to improve the financial status of Wayne. One possibility is to join the South Macomb Oakland Regional Services Authority (SMORSA) or join with another city to form their own public service authority. On February 3, the council chambers was packed as community members gathered to listen to Steve Duchane, City Manager of Eastpointe, and Edward Klobucher, City Manager of Hazel Park, educate them on the authority they set up to help the budgets of their respective cities.

SMORSA is a joint-collaborative public financing organization, founded by the cities of Eastpointe and Hazel Park in 2014 and approved for funding in February 2015, for the sole purpose of funding public safety, and wherein money stays in the community in which it was raised; each city maintains independent operations of their police and fire departments.

Public Act 57 of 1988 provides for the incorporation by two or more municipalities of certain authorities for the purpose of providing emergency services to municipalities, to provide for the powers and duties of authorities and certain state and local agencies and offices; to guarantee certain labor contracts and employment rights in regard to the formation and reorganization of authorities, to provide for certain condemnation proceedings, to provide for fees, to provide for the levy of property taxes for certain purposes, and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies.

SMORSA utilizes the funding op-

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Wayne Police Chief Al Maciag

tions for emergency services that are made through PA 57, an existing law in the State of Michigan. SMORSA will collect an annual millage of 14 mills in each municipality, and then contract fire and emergency services back to each respective city. In addition to primary fire and rescue services, services and activities such as joint equipment purchases, specialized arson investigation and joint training, may be provided by SMORSA if unanimously agreed upon by each city and the SMORSA board, which currently consists of the city manager from each city and a county treasurer seat that will rotate annually between Macomb County and Oakland County. If Wayne were to join SMORSA, this configuration could change to keep the odd number of board members.

SMORSA has benefitted Eastpointe in several ways. Eastpointe has hired three new firefighters, they've had the funding to hire two new police officers, they were able to replace old police vehicles and they've been able to perform critical capital maintenance as needed.

If Wayne wanted to join SMORSA, the first step would be to get Council approval. Once Council approves, the voters must be informed on what

SMORSA is, how it works, associated costs, and the benefits of membership. After that, it's all up to the voters. To become a member, the majority of voters must approve the SMORSA millage.

SMORSA guarantees that all money raised in a city stays in that city. Members keep and manage all funds raised in their city through the 14-mill tax levy. The tax-levy will remain in effect until 2035, which means long-term public safety security for all member cities.

How does this affect the Wayne-Westland Fire Association? Westland does not benefit from this if Wayne joins. The money from Wayne's millage would go only to Wayne.

The hiring of an Emergency Manager for Wayne is not beneficial to Wayne. An EM would come in and cost the city approximately \$150,000 for their salary. Wayne would have to pay for lawyers and accounting firms that the EM would also bring in. All this, Ed Klobucher remarked, "just for the privilege of being managed by someone who doesn't know what they are doing."

When Ed and Steve were trying to pass the millages in their cities, they did not spend any taxpayer money

on the campaign to inform voters. They talked about what they wanted to do at council meetings. They had town hall meetings to educate voters. They put the word out on social media. They also had employee unions and other volunteers willing to knock on doors and talk to people.

If Wayne were to try to join SMORSA, Mayor Susan Rowe said the City Council would aim for the August primary ballot to pass the millage and then levy the millage on the winter taxes. City Manager Lisa Nocerini reminded the audience that if the City does nothing, Wayne will be broke at the end of 2017. This is not the only solution for Wayne. Steve and Ed came to present a solution that has worked for them. They don't care whether Wayne joins SMORSA or not; they do not benefit in any way if Wayne does decide to join them. However, "This can be a community builder," said Ed. It's up to Wayne to decide what they will do.

At the City Council meeting on March 1, Jill Lezotte-Kates represented the Community Financial Task Force and recommended that the council put the 14 mill tax levy on the August ballot. The council then unanimously approved a resolution for the City of Wayne to become a participating member in SMORSA. Wayne Police Chief Al Maciag believes that "The passage of this millage is essential in rebuilding our understaffed police department. Currently, the Wayne Police Department's staffing levels are well below that of a safe, proactive department. The safety of the community and of my officers is my number one priority."

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Wayne 100 club still silently helping citizens

By Dave Merchant

Whoever said the people of Wayne do not help each other is sadly mistaken. There is club in the city that has been helping people for nearly 23 years.

The good people of the Wayne 100 Club have been helping fellow residents for quite some time by awarding \$500 grants on a need basis. One hundred dollars a year is donated by 100 people each year to raise the money to help residents in need.

The group meets once a year and this year it is on March 16. The group is always looking for new members who want to donate \$100 a year and want to remain anonymous. Anyone interested can contact a board member to get an application.

Dave Carpenter is the grants chairman for the organization. The person who oversees the grant requests and ultimately issues the checks.

"We got started on October 26th, 1992," Carpenter said. "It has been



quite a while that we have been around."

It was incorporated by John (Jack) Demmer, Thomas G. Daily and John R. Ryan as signing members.

He said some of the grants written have helped with basic needs, tires on vehicles (where the ones on the vehicle were deemed unsafe and even immediate needs after a fire. Evictions, medication, food, glasses and other basic necessities are other

emergencies that the Wayne 100 Club will consider funding.

The grants are given in \$500 increments. One grant is the limit per person per situation and they can be given for less than \$500 but not for any more.

"If someone in school breaks their glasses and needs a new pair but can't afford them, we can help," he said. "Just recently we helped someone with the DTE bill so it would not get shutoff."

Carpenter said application can be found at schools in Wayne as well as churches in the area.

The application for a grant must have the referring person, name and address and a brief description of the need. "Three or four years ago we were overwhelmed (with applications)," he said. "It was a sign of the revering economy. The last two years have not been quite as bad."

He stressed that not everyone who applies gets a grant. Some of the grants are for smaller amounts depending on the need.

They have funded wheel chair ramps, funeral expenses and immediate needs in the community. They accept third party request only (no direct application) and the executive committee considers by consensus whether to approve the request and to the extent, limited by the group's \$500 maximum.

The current officers as of Feb. 2, 2016 are Ron Hays, president, Laura Mack, secretary, Bill Sexton, treasurer and Carpenter as grant chairperson.

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March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

By Carolyn Marnon

President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation declaring March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month back in 1987. He urged "all Americans to join me in according to our fellow citizens with such disabilities both encouragement and the opportunities they need to lead productive lives and to achieve their full potential."

To encourage Michigan residents to understand developmental disabilities, Governor Rick Snyder has also proclaimed March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Michigan.

The City of Wayne plays an important role in the lives of citizens with disabilities. The city has made great strides in making street corners accessible to those in wheelchairs and usable to those with visual deficits. Wayne has a state of the art accessible playground, Play 4 All, at Soroptimist Park that includes smooth surfaces, ramps and visually impaired play components.

Wayne also has some of the best disability service providers available in the state.

Community Living Services (CLS), located in downtown Wayne, is one of the largest non-profit agencies in Michigan. CLS supports individuals of all ages with physical, intellectual and developmental disabilities. According to CLS's website "prior to 1978, children and adults with developmental disabilities were placed into large institutional settings.

Most of the individuals spent the

majority of their lives, from childhood until death, on the grounds of the institutions. The few children who attended school were taught in classrooms on the grounds. Medical issues were addressed in the institution's infirmary, and most other needed services were provided in the wards where the individuals lived. There was little or no contact with the outside world unless the individual's family chose to take them home on the weekends." Now, CLS provides support so individuals can exercise control and authority over their own lives.

Professional Outreach Counseling Services (POCS), now located at 34841 Veterans Plaza, is a combined behavioral, medical and pharmaceutical operation that works with a variety of individuals and families. They provide psychiatric and psychological assessments, and individual and family counseling services.

Services to Enhance Potential (STEP), 35000 Van Born Rd, and their Tried & True Thrift Store, 35004 W. Michigan Ave, bring vocational opportunities and more to individuals with disabilities. STEP serves over 1300 individuals in Wayne County. Tried & True opened in June 2007 in Wayne. It serves as an opportunity to train and employ individuals with developmental and mental disabilities.

"Wayne has a lot to be proud of as we recognize the important contributions our fellow citizens with disabilities make to our community," says David Bourque, Resource Center Director-Western Wayne, STEP.

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St. Patricks events in Wayne

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Deuling Piano Party-Get into the pre-St. Patrick's Day mood by attending St. Paddy's Dueling Piano Party on Friday, March 11. The event is presented by the Wayne Rotary Club with proceeds benefitting Wayne Rotary Club scholarships. The musical repertoire will range from classic rock to country, hard rock to R & B, oldies and show tunes to the newest Top 40 hits. The audience is the star of the show-sending up requests, singing along, bantering with performers and just having a good time. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the show starting at 7:30 p.m. There will be a cash bar, food available for purchase, 50/50 raffles and fun! Tickets are \$20 each (or \$180 for a table of ten) and can be purchased at Henry's Service Center, The Wayne Public Library and HYPE Recreation Center. The event will be held at HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Rd. Buy your tickets now before they sell out and support Wayne Rotary Club!

Avenue American Bistro-Come

out anytime from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, and enjoy the fun at The Avenue. There will be prizes, Irish festivities, a DJ, outdoor live music, food and drink, and of course, green beer. 89XRadio, Detroit's New Rock Alternative, will be there with Cal Cagno (host of Cal & Co. Mornings) from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. You could pick up a free official Cal & Co. limited edition 89X St. Paddy's t-shirt while you're there along with other 89X swag. No cover charge.

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US 12 Bar and Grill-Enjoy live entertainment all day along with beer that will start at 25 cents at the beginning of the day and progressively increase as the day goes on. There will be authentic Irish food available including corned beef, Irish stew, shepherd's pie and corned beef reubens. Live Band Mr Cheapy, Dj Mark EP, Bag Piper. And lots of free giveaways from Jamison Guinness Miller light and Bud and no cover.

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Showing off

The Wayne Rotary Club donated dictionaries to every third grader at Hoover, Taft, Schweitzer and Roosevelt-McGrath elementary schools. The Wayne-Westland Fire Department also helped pass out some of the dictionaries. Corrigan Tsurui, Noah Parker and Chelsie Van Hooser show off their new dictionaries.



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Gone with the Wind

Join local *Gone with the Wind* expert, Kathleen Marcaccio, as she shares insights about this legendary novel and film. Learn about author Margaret Mitchell, her real-life inspiration for Rhett Butler, and other intriguing background information. The presentation will also include a treasure trove of GWTW memorabilia. This program is presented by the Friends of the Wayne Public Library and will be Wednesday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Wayne Public Library. Please call the Adult Reference Desk, 734-721-7832, ext. 630, to register.

Used book sale

Do you love to read? Do you love a bargain? If so, head over to First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Towne Square, Wayne on Saturday, March 12, from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Hardcover books will be \$1 each, while paperbacks and children's books will be 50 cents each. The sale will also be held after church on Sunday, March 13, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Class of 2029

Do you know a child who will be 5-years-old on or before September 1, 2016? If so, tell them about Kindergarten Round-Up being held at 1:00 p.m. on March 22 at all K-4 elementary schools in Wayne-Westland. Kindergarten Round-Up is for incoming kindergarten students and their families. They will have a chance to meet the teachers and principals, tour the school and visit a kindergarten classroom. Parents will be able to register their student, while the student gets a free t-shirt and backpack. Parents also have the option of doing most of the enrollment process online before attending the Kindergarten Round-Up by going to <https://registration.wwcsd.net>.

Historical Museum gift shop opens March 10th

The Wayne Historical Society has been busy preparing a brand-new gift shop that will open on Thursday, March 10th, to kick off their spring speaker series. The gift shop will sell museum t-shirts, Wayne history



Marshmallow drop

Wayne's annual Marshmallow Drop will be on Friday, March 25, and is free. There will be three drops: 10:00 a.m. for children up to age 4; 10:15 a.m. for ages 5-7; 10:30 a.m. for ages 8-10. The drop will be at Anderson Field in Attwood Park. There will also be a Bunny Brunch at HYPE after the drop for a fee. Call HYPE for more information. The drop is partially sponsored by CrossPointe Community Church.

books, cross-stitch patterns, and more! Be sure to stop in on Thursday, March 10th, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. to check it out and stick around for the first program of the season starting at 7:30 p.m. For more information, about the Wayne Historical Museum please call (734) 722-0113 or visit the museum on Wednesdays from Noon - 3:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Main Street at Wayne Library on March 15th

On Tuesday, March 15th, at 6:30 p.m. join Lindsey Wooten, Executive Director of Wayne Main Street, as she shares information about recent efforts to revitalize the City of Wayne's downtown area. Learn about Main Street's accomplishments to date and hear about its vision for the future. Ms. Wooten will also speak about her work at the Wayne Historical Museum. To register for this program, please call the Wayne Public Library Adult Reference Desk: (734) 721-7832, ext. 630.

Wayne Golden Hour Club

The Wayne Golden Hour Club is a social group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Senior Services office at HYPE Recreation Center. There is a potluck luncheon at 11:00 a.m. followed by cards, games and socializing. Anyone 50 years and older is welcome.

Sometimes travelers

The Sometimes Travelers at the Wayne Senior Center have a trip planned to visit Detroit's historic churches on Wednesday, March 16. Stops include: Sweetest Heart of Mary, lunch at Andiamo Riverfront, Old St. Mary's Church, and Ste. Anne de Detroit Catholic Church with a final stop at La Gloria Bakery in Mexican Town. Trip is \$67 per person. Call 734-721-7460 for more information. Anyone 30 years and older may join the travel group. Membership is \$5 per year (July-June). Day, overnight and extended trips are offered. Travel is in a luxurious motor coach.

Matter of balance program

The Senior Services Office is offering a free workshop that teaches seniors ages 60 and up who are concerned about falling ways to improve balance. Practical strategies to reduce the fear of falling, setting practical goals for increased activity, making environmental changes to reduce fall risks at home and practicing exercises to increase strength and balance will be taught. The Matter of Balance program will begin Tuesday, March 22, and goes for 8 weeks until May 10th. Classes are each Tuesday 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The class is free; pre-registration is required by calling 734-721-7460 before March 15.

2015 free tax services

If your annual household income is less than \$54,000, you may be able to get your taxes done free through the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency. Services will be available at the Wayne Public Library on Wednesday, March 16, and March 23, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Walk-ins are accepted, but an appointment would be preferable. Call 734-284-6999 or 313-388-9799 for more information or to make an appointment. You must bring social security cards for yourself and all claimed dependents and a valid picture ID. Call to get the full list of additional items you will need to bring.

Health expo at Hype

HYPE Recreation Center-Western Wayne is still accepting vendors for their upcoming Healthy You Health Expo on April 2 sponsored by Wayne Senior Services and Beaumont. They are looking for anything health-related that relates to wellness-physical, social, occupational, environmental, intellectual, emotional or spiritual. Vendors may sell items, but they also must have something to give away for free to attendees. The public is invited to attend the Health Expo for free. Beaumont will be doing health screenings, including blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose, providing nutrition and diabetes education and possibly more. For further information, contact Irene at HYPE 734-721-7400.

Check out the businesses on the south side

You've heard the old saying "When one door closes another opens." Something like that happened in Wayne. We were lamenting the closing of our Kroger store—but hallelujah! Pizmo's Market opened. We are all very happy.

The spotless store is run by Todd LaCoe and Matt Toyas. Together they have upwards of 40 years in the grocery business.

Pizmo's offers just about every type and cut of meat, along with fish selections. Their fresh meat counter takes up one very long wall in the store.

Let me tell you what's available. We'll start with the prepared pan ready hamburger choices. They have a burger mix of Peter Lugar Steak Sauce and green onions—a Wayne Burger named in honor of all the residents who have been so supportive of Matt and Todd and Pizmo's. It has sautéed mushrooms, green onions and Swiss cheese.

Along with every type of roasts and steaks, stir fry strips from premium beef are also in the meat department.

You ask about fish? There are salmon burgers and potato encrusted cod. They have crab stuffed with portabella mushrooms and if you want cooked shrimp you'll find it there.

Selections of chicken include chicken breasts, kabobs and wings. Plus a delicious chicken salad which is made in house.

There are other salads such as deviled egg potato salad and a huge selection of deli lunch meats.

Pizmo's offers a deli tray, a wide

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



variety of cheeses, staples such as eggs, orange juice and your basic fresh veggies. Also featured are oven ready meals such as pot roasts and meals to go.

Each week Pizmo's has a selection of their meats etc. on sale. These are itemized on a flyer which you can pick up at their front counter. Every Tuesday is senior discount day. If you're 65 or older, a discount of 10% will be taken off your bill. The store also accepts EBT Bridge Cards.

Now for some important information—Pizmo's is at 4308 S. Wayne Road between Annapolis and Clinton. The phone # is (734) 895-9600. The store is open Monday through Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you call ahead, you can place an order and pick it up, say when you leave work.

Although I had bought some nicely rare roast beef for sandwiches, my husband, Kerran, went back and bought four of their already made up hamburgers—two of the smoked gouda cheese and mushrooms and two BBQ and bacon. I have a feeling he might do some more shopping at Pizmo's.

Heading South on the block we pass Grace African Hair Braiding. It features a large variety of braids and



Todd LaCoe shows one on the fresh cuts of meat at Pizmo's Market.

twists and welcomes Walk-Ins—(734) 326-7113.

Next is Metro PCS which offers cell phones and wireless for all—(734) 641-0202.

In the middle of the block is the 7 Star Party Store. Owned by Amy, she tells me they've been in business at this location for 3 years. In addition to stocking your favorite beverage, the store has a wide selection of food. You could say "everything from soup to nuts" with room for sundries and T-Shirts. On the side of the store is Capt. Nemo's Subs offering a yummy menu of subs. They open at 10:00 a.m. except on the weekends when they open an hour later. They have luncheon specials for \$5.00. Phone (734) 729-3330.

Still traveling South we meet John Roehrig, who along with sister, Christie, own the "Craft Beer Store" (formerly JR3's). They stock 400 Michigan beers as well as 100 to 200 other brands. They have 10 varieties of Mead—which is a honey wine, 10 different types of Cider, 300 types of

wine – 100 of which are from Michigan.

Hard Soda (Pop) is now in demand. So John shows me the two shelves stocked with "Hard" Root Beer, Cranberry, Double Chocolate Stout and Ginger Ale. The "Hard" sodas also have names like "Banana Bread" and "Apple Pie." Christie and John occasionally host beer and wine tasting. They will also give you a discount on cases and have keg service on request.

Have you heard of "Michigan Vinegar?" They have it. There's Michigan Cranberry, Pineapple and Fennel Seed and Beet and Carrot juice. These are usually mixed with other beverages to make unique drinks.

Rounding out my travels, we find "Spotless Detailing." Owned for 30 years by Vincent Yurgelatis and his family. They promise a high quality service.

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ANNIVERSARY

February 9, 2016 marked the 70th wedding anniversary of Henry and Emma Timmermann, both active members of the Wayne Historical Society. They were married in 1946.

Henry was born in Germany. His parents emigrated to the United States when he was just two years old. They lived in an area that is now Canton. When Henry was six, the family moved to Wayne. They attended the German Lutheran St. John's Lutheran Church. The church was located where Tubs and Tumblers is today off Elizabeth St.

During the Depression, Emma's family moved from Florence, Wisconsin to the Detroit area. During World War II, her family relocated to Wayne. Emma and her family started attending St. John's Lutheran Church also.

Henry and Emma met during a young adults outing offered by the church. After knowing each other about a year and having dated for three months, Henry proposed to Emma.

Emma worked the soda fountain inside Cunningham's which was located at Venoy and Dorsey. Henry would drive his old Buick over to see her many times each week after work. He was a carpenter; he helped build the Wayne Drive-In and many



Emma and Henry Timmermann

other structures in Wayne County.

After they married, Emma stayed home to raise five children. Henry worked at the Ford Wixom plant; he retired in 1987. It took ten years to build the house they currently live in on Manila St. in Westland.

They still attend St. John's Lutheran Church, but now it's located by Uht Funeral Home. They are active within the church and volunteer their time among many groups. They have 18 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Fundraiser to help replace aging and outdated Fire equipment

To show how important the Wayne Fire Station is to the community, Wayne residents Sammy Willingham and Bernadette Brock came together with the support of the fire department and City Manager Lisa Nocerini to plan a fundraiser that would help raise money to replace or update equipment used by the Wayne Fire Station.

"Saving Lives Is Their Mission, Saving Their Equipment Is Ours" is the name of the 2-part bowling fundraiser to be held on Saturday, April 16. Held at Wayne Bowl, 36900 Michigan Ave, there will be glow bowling for kids and free face painting from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. for \$10 per person. That evening, from 8:00 p.m. -

11:00 p.m. there will be adult bowling for \$15 per person. Also planned are gift baskets and a 50/50 raffle. The money raised will help buy a new Jaws of Life and other equipment that should be replaced due to age.

Come out and support our fire personnel. They have done, and continue to do, their very best with the equipment they have. They shouldn't have to make do using aging equipment in a life or death situation.

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Hero wall unveiled at Beaumont Hospital

As the controller at Beaumont Hospital – Wayne, Jay Bonnell works behind the scenes to fulfill the needs of staff and physicians so they can provide the best in care to the community.

So when it came time for Bonnell to be recognized for his own philanthropic efforts, it was no surprise to those who know him that he opted instead to defer that recognition to others. As an Oakwood Foundation President's and Legacy Society Member, Bonnell took his naming opportunity to honor the exceptional team at Beaumont – Wayne. The result was the Hero Hall, named in honor of site president Eric W. Widner and dedicated to showcasing the staff and physicians who provide exceptional care to patients.

"Jay has made a tremendous impact on the programs and services we provide at Beaumont Hospital – Wayne," said Michelle Anderson, interim executive director of the Oakwood Foundation. "He has made this

impact in the most humble and unassuming manner."

His gifts have helped provide equipment for the Beaumont Breast Care Center – Wayne, supported the Summer Speech Therapy Program and more. Bonnell offered a challenge grant that matched Spirit of Giving Campaign contributions by management at the hospital and he has also made arrangements through his estate plan to make a significant gift to support patient care.

"Jay has taken significant personal action by making charitable investments in areas that impact patient care, and, challenging our staff and leadership to do the same," said Dr. Neelam Kumar, Oakwood Foundation, Chair and Physician Supervisor of Pathology at Beaumont – Wayne. "The wonderful thing about Jay is that he sees the personal side of things. He speaks directly to our physicians, our patients, their family members and staff each day. I think that Jay has a unique perspective



Division President Eric W. Widner and Jay Bonnell, corporate controller of Beaumont Hospital Wayne.

into the impact of charity and philanthropy."

The wall is prominently located in the hallway behind the main lobby. The photos of team members who have gone above and beyond to impact the lives of patients are displayed on a gray background under special lighting. It's already full.

"I can see the impact each day I come to work," said Bonnell.

Widner said even though Jay chose to honor him with the naming of the Hero Hall, it's Jay's spirit that reverberates through the hallway.

"Jay's enthusiasm and his pas-

sion for this hospital, for our coworkers, the physicians and for our patients, radiates from him," Widner said. "This hallway is designed to celebrate the caring heroes on our team, but it really demonstrates Jay's commitment to excellent patient care and the community. We are so fortunate to have him as a partner, as a colleague and as an investor in our efforts. I think this is a fantastic way to honor the dedicated staff members and physicians who go above and beyond to provide exceptional care to our patients and their families."



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