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# Hey kids! Halloween opportunities galore

By Carolyn Marnon

Gone are the days when a child wore their costume just on Halloween. Wayne and the surrounding area will help any child get the most wear out of their fantastic costume this year.

Get the low-down here!

## Any Night in October

Cruise on over to Gertrude Street, east of Howe Rd in Wayne and admire the home of Larry Reid. This display will delight revelers young and old. It was designed by 8-year old Ryan Reid. Larry Reid has put up a Halloween display for the past ten years, but he says Ryan is now the brains behind the display. They do it for all the kids. They've never had any problems with anyone tampering with the display. "The kids here respect me," says Larry. Nestled among the lifelike figures is a sports display, the brainchild of Ryan, to make the yard look less scary-hockey sticks, balls (soccer,



Don't miss going to see Ryan and Larry Reid's house on Gertrude Street in Wayne from 8 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. every night leading up to Halloween.

football, basketball, baseball), baseball bats, golf clubs and a nod to the Wolverines.

There are lights and fog streaming near the piano where Larry or

Ryan can serenade you with a tune if they are outside. This is their way of giving back to their community. It's worth a visit any night up through Halloween.

## Saturday, October 15

Westland Historic Village Park will be having a Harvest Fest 3:00p.m.-7:00p.m. Planned activities include games, a petting farm, a produce stand and pumpkin decorating. Le Cakery Bake Shop will be there selling baked goods.

## Friday, October 21

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at Wayne Memorial High School for the annual Spooktacular event for kids 6th grade and under. This free event will have kids trick or treating throughout the halls of the school. There will also be a haunted area. Parents are to accompany all children as this is a family event. Costumes should be school-appropriate. Bring your own trick or treat bag. At 7:00 p.m. the marching band will be performing on the field for the kids to round out the evening. Doors will close at 6:30 p.m. to new trick or treaters to give

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Wayne Bicycle Club getting ready for final ride of the season

Wayne Bicycle Club is a newly formed group where residents can get together every Wednesday evening to ride their bikes throughout Wayne with an occasional stop at local bars. If you would like to join in, meet in front of the State Wayne Theater on Michigan Avenue at 7:30 p.m. with your bike next Wednesday.

On Wednesday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. the Club will hold their final regular ride of the season with a 6-Mile Cemetery Tour. The cost will be a \$3.00 donation to the Wayne Historical Society to join the ride. The ride will start at the State Wayne Theater and head east on Michigan Avenue to Westlawn Cemetery where a 10-15 minute presentation will be given by the Historical Society. The ride will continue west on Michigan Avenue, north on Venoy, west on Glenwood and stop at the Glenwood Cemetery for another 10-15 minute presentation. The final leg will be riding west on Glenwood, south on 4th, west on Ash, south on 2nd, east on Michigan Avenue to the Old Wayne Cemetery for the final presentation. All are welcome and many have turned out for the weekly rides.

### The scarecrows have arrived!

On October 1, Wayne Main Street, with the help of the Wayne Memorial High School JROTC, put up scarecrows that members of the community created for the annual Downtown Scarecrow Contest. You can see them on the light posts along W. Michigan Ave. and Wayne Rd.

### Genealogy workshop

The Wayne Historical Society and the Wayne Public Library are teaming up to present a genealogy workshop. John Mills will teach a workshop on how to do family genealogy. Feel free to bring notebooks, tablets, laptops, and information to the meeting to get working on your own family history. Workshop is Wednesday, October 12, from 6:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. at the Wayne Public Library.



A big thank you to the Wayne Westland Fire Department, the residents of Wayne Tower, Mint Pharmacy, Oakwood Pharmacy and Comcast for their donation to the Flint water drive.

### Verhines benefit dinner and silent auction

The VerHines family, owners of GRAMCO Furniture Restoration Company in Wayne, continues to need support after John and Bill VerHines were hit by a drunk driver and critically injured over a year ago. Both men suffered traumatic brain injuries requiring intense therapy and medical attention. After a year of intense therapies which will continue for years, they are slowly recovering. However, because of their never-ending financial need and uncooperative insurance carriers, the family and business continues to rely on donations to keep going. A benefit dinner and silent auction will be held on Wednesday, October 19, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Tony Sacco's, 1663 North Canton Center Road in Canton. Adult tickets are \$50; child tickets are \$30. Ticket includes dinner, dessert, complimentary entry into prize drawings, entertainment and Silent Auction participation. Child's ticket also includes drink and activities.

To purchase tickets, contact RestoringVerHinesLegacy@gmail.com or (734) 713-8620. This event is supported by Taking Action for Friends, Family and Youth (TAFFY) Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization that strives to improve the quality of life for Michigan families burdened with hardship.

### Craft show looking for crafters!

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne is looking for crafters and artists for their craft

show to be held Saturday, October 29 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The show will feature all handmade items. Table rental is \$20 and is a fundraiser for the church. For an application, please contact Louanne Farmer at (734) 239-3338 or Ginger Cook at (734) 788-9542.

### Businesses sought to hand out candy October 28

HYPE is looking for businesses in the surrounding community who would like to have a table at their Halloween event on Friday, October 28 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00p.m. at Attwood Park. There is no charge to participate.

HYPE would just like you to decorate a table, possibly wear costumes, and hand out candy to the kids.

There will be prizes for the businesses such as best decorated table and best costumes.

For more information, contact HYPE at 721-7400.

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# Emergency financial review denied

By Carolyn Marnon

The State of Michigan Department of Treasury has notified Mayor Susan M. Rowe that they will not conduct a preliminary review of the City of Wayne's finances.

Mayor Rowe sent a letter to the Michigan Treasury Department dated August 9 asking them to conduct a financial review of Wayne as authorized by Public Act 436 of 2012.

Mayor Rowe, City Manager Lisa Nocerini, Police Chief Alan Maciag and Brian Camiller of Plante Moran met with Eric Scorsone, Senior Deputy State Treasurer and Nick Khouri, State Treasurer, on September 22 to discuss the financial situation of Wayne.

In a letter dated October 3, Mr. Scorsone determined that Wayne did not meet any of the 19 conditions identified in Section 4(1) of the Act. The City ended its fiscal year 2015 with a positive general fund balance of approximately \$2.4 million. It was suggested that further cost saving measures that had been discussed to address Wayne's projected decline of \$1.95 million over fiscal years 2016 and 2017 include, but aren't limited to, changing retiree healthcare to a stipend and labor negotiations to address legacy costs.

"We are in charge of our own destiny," said Mayor Rowe at the conclusion of the October 4 city council meeting after she read the letter to those gathered.

## Voters to decide on school funding proposal

Following requests from a majority of local school boards throughout Wayne County, Wayne RESA passed a motion today to place an enhancement millage on this November's countywide ballot that would provide local school districts with more than \$385 per student in additional resources annually for a total of six years.

"Our schools in Wayne County have seen their state funding slashed by more than \$485 million since 2011 and are struggling to provide the services our kids deserve as a result," said Wayne RESA Superintendent Dr. Randy Liepa. "We are asking Wayne County residents to decide whether they want to make this type of significant investment in their future and the future of every student in our communities."

The enhancement millage would provide for two mills to be levied countywide for six years, beginning with the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. The funding would be distributed directly to the local school districts throughout the county to use as each sees fit for their needs. The proposal would cost homeowners roughly \$8 per month per \$100,000 in value of their home.

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**Wayne RESA Superintendent**

"It's always a difficult decision to ask voters for more investment in our schools, but the solutions aren't coming from Lansing so our school boards are asking that Wayne County step up and take on this challenge ourselves," added Liepa. "I look forward to talking to parents, students and the others involved over the coming months about the potential this proposal has for the future of Wayne County."

Liepa added that the Wayne RESA would be making detailed information about the proposed enhancement millage available in the coming weeks for residents to review.



## The Scarecrows are back in town

Please join us for a reception in Goudy Park on **Wednesday, October 12th**, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to welcome the scarecrows to our community! Pick up a ballot at the park and then stroll through downtown to check out all of the entries. Once you've seen them all, rejoin us at the reception to cast your vote for "Best of Show" while you enjoy some complimentary refreshments. Photos by John P. Rhaesa

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# Gave up New York and the world for Wayne

By Carolyn Marnon

Who gives up their jet-setter life to settle down in a quiet neighborhood in Wayne? Jo Ann Hanson did. She had an apartment in New York City and owned a rental property on Long Island. She flew “up, up and away” up until ten years ago when she retired after forty years with TWA.

Jo Ann says she had been burned when she was young and had a visible scar. She didn't think she could ever be a flight attendant. A friend of her mother got her an interview at TWA, the Airline to the Stars owned by Howard Hughes, when she was 17 or 18 to become a ticket agent. At that time, one did not have to go to airline school. She worked as a ticket agent until she was 20. TWA didn't think her scar was that bad and allowed her to fly, so she became a Hostess. That's what flight attendants were called back then.

Since Jo Ann grew up in Illinois and attended a French convent school in Evanston, her French education qualified her to work international flights. She had always wanted to fly to Europe, Africa, Asia and South America. Now she was living her dream. Back in those days, hostesses' lipstick had to match the TWA logo, they had to wear girdles, they couldn't be married or have children, they had to maintain a certain weight (not being able to gain five pounds over their hiring weight) and their contract specified they had to quit at age 35. When she retired in 2000, a flight attendant, as they were now called, could be married, gay, have children and/or be a single parent. Equal rights meant that everyone was allowed to be employed.

The first twenty years of her career were the best, she said. Planes had silverware and china. She could fly anywhere as a passenger as long as she got there 15 minutes ahead of departure. Things changed after the 2001 hijackings.

Based in New York, JoAnn had an apartment across from the United Nations. She was thrilled to get out of Chicago and be in the city that never sleeps.

In 1986, she met her fiancé in Cairo. She lived with him in Singapore enjoying the benefits of his job's expense account. He also had a home in Houston. She would fly for



JoAnn Hanson in her garden.

ten days and then have two weeks off to enjoy all that Singapore had to offer. She said it was full of culture then; now it is all modern like Miami is. Jo Ann also says, “I had so many wonderful friends” in Miami. According to Jo Ann, all the ethnicity that made Singapore so fascinating has disappeared. She recalls the houseboy they had; he had parties when they were gone. Sure beats the housecleaning, shopping and errands he had to do when they were there. Alas, the relationship with the fiancé didn't last.

She lived in Paris, the City of Lights, for less than a year. She had become friends with a male pilot with whom she exchanged apartments for that period of time. She says Paris is so much like New York.



JoAnn's TWA graduation photo.

A female friend from Chicago had a cottage in Cotswold that she had inherited when her aunt died. The cottage was built in the 1700s. The friend needed help, so Jo Ann flew in to live there for a while. She says the house needed lots of TLC (tender loving care), but the “boy” next door made it more interesting.

All of her living adventures happened because she was with people. She'd spend a month in New Zealand or Africa then go back to work flying, flying, flying, before she was ready to drop anchor again. At one time, she visited 21 cities in 14 days.

Her favorite spot has been Nairobi, the largest city in Kenya. She went to Africa at least once every year. She had three months of vaca-

tion each year with her seniority and the ability to trade flights.

So exactly how did this lady come to land in Wayne? One week, Jo Ann had a free pass to spend a week with her sister who lives in Westland. She loved coming to town to help her sister open and close her garden each year. She loves gardening. She's even been a volunteer in New York City's Central Park. One May, the sisters were driving around in Wayne and happened upon a house for sale that Jo Ann thought was nice. When she came back to help her sister close her garden in September, she says the house was still for sale. “I was hearing angels sing.” Anyone who knows Jo Ann knows she has a great sense of humor and a way with words.

Other than her sister, Jo Ann knew no one in the area. Jo Ann doesn't drive; she's never had a need to do so. She has always gotten rides from friends or rides the bus or other mass transit. She can ride elephants and camels and she can fly, she says with a laugh.

When it was time to retire, she looked all over the world for a place to land: Costa Rica, Mexico, Europe, Latin America, Lisbon, Paris, England and Key West. None held the allure that the Tudor house in Wayne did. She says Wayne is the “most exotic place I've ever lived.” She doesn't understand why the car rules. “The rest of the world doesn't live this way,” she says referring to the reliance on cars. She only goes to the store once or twice a month, either when a friend drives her or she takes the bus or Uber.

Now that she has settled down in what to her is exotic Wayne, she likes to garden, cook and take care of her house. She is active in the Wayne Garden Club, currently acting as co-president. She cooks every day, mostly fish.

She likes unusual food; she is used to having her steak “blue.” She says most people hurry through their meals and don't enjoy it. She thinks food should be an evening “event” like it is in other parts of the world.

“The people were the surprise, I think. They are just the most wonderful on earth,” says Jo Ann when asked what she likes most about living in Wayne. The people, indeed.

# Her many angles make her a perfect choice

By Carolyn Marnon

Beverly Campbell has many different facets. These facets all come together to form this wonderful woman who was recently named Wayne's 22nd Annual Diamond of the Community. This award recognizes a Wayne resident who is over 70 and actively volunteering in the community. Bev will be recognized at a dinner in her honor. The award is sponsored by Dairy Queen's owners, Mike and Jennifer Petrou.

Bev doesn't volunteer for just one organization. Oh no! She volunteers for a handful: Wayne Goodfellows, Wayne Civitans, Wayne Main Street, and the First Congregational Church right now. She's volunteered for Wayne Wheelfest, the Jaycees and as a Wayne Business and Professional Woman in the past. Comments that were included on the form nominating her for this gem of an honor said she was always volunteering for something, that she attends many city events even if she's not volunteering and that she has a wonderful family.

Bev was born in Detroit. Her family moved to Westland when she was small. Eventually, she graduated from Wayne Memorial High School and married her sweetheart the following year. The bride and groom (his name is Jim) moved to Wayne where they raised two daughters, Julie and Leslie. She is now the very proud grandmother and great-grandmother to 10 children ranging in age from 3-34.

When she was told she was the 2016 Diamond, Bev says she was embarrassed. She thought "Why me? There must be somebody more worthy." Bev downplays her efforts. She says she volunteers because "I want to. I enjoy being with people. This is my city. I've been here 55 years." Bev's mother always volunteered while she was growing up and helped others at their church. "She'd give anybody the shirt off her back."

This made an imprint on Bev as one day, somebody admired the shirt Bev was wearing. Although Bev really liked the shirt, she ended up later giving it to the admirer. Just not right at the moment it was liked.

Remember Wheelfest? Bev volunteered at Wheelfest when it first started back in the 1980s. She ran

"If somebody has spare time, there is always someone out there who can use you. Don't be afraid. You'll never know who you might meet. There are a lot of good people out there."

meetings and would do whatever needed to be done. She remembers doing that for 15 years with Bill Copland, a former Diamond of the Community.

Although she doesn't attend First Congregational Church in Wayne, she does volunteer to help in their kitchen during events.

She's volunteered with the Civitans for 35 years and has been their president twice, secretary and treasurer over the years.

She's also volunteered with the Goodfellows for about 35 years. With the Goodfellows, she has handled correspondence, helped raise money at the annual Christmas party fundraiser and works with the distribution of gift cards at Christmas for the children.

She was an early volunteer with the Wayne Ripple Effect, which is now Wayne Main Street, has served on the Board and is now a member of the promotions committee.

In the 1990s, she received the James Poplin Award for being involved in parks and recreation.

Recently, she has started helping her daughter Julie and son-in-law Don who are both master gardeners, with picking up food left over from the food show held at Suburban Collection Showplace to donate to Forgotten Harvest.

As if volunteering weren't enough, at one time, Bev owned Julie's Next to New, a resale shop, with her daughter Julie for four years.

Bev has always enjoyed camping and now likes to spend her spare time at the permanent campsite she and Jim have in Howell. They try to go most weekends from April through November. She used to help plan and volunteer for events at the site with other campers. Now, they just relax, enjoy the other campers, play cards and drink wine. She also



Beverly Campbell selling raffle tickets for the Wayne Goodfellows.

likes to make puzzles.

Bev belongs to a senior bowling league at Woodland Lanes in Livonia to pass the rest of her time.

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there is always someone out there who can use you. Don't be afraid. You'll never know who you might meet. There are a lot of good people out there."

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# Abicht gives the Zebras a leg up on the football field

By Dave Merchant

Sometimes learning to play a high school varsity sport your senior year can be difficult and sometimes all it takes is practice and a few kicks. Wayne Memorial High School Zebra senior Gillian Abicht has played soccer almost her entire life. When she heard the Zebra football team needed a starting place kicker she decided to try out.

With the urging of one her friends who is a captain on the team she tried out and now kicks for Wayne. Wayne Coach Donald Anderson couldn't be happier with the talent he got.

"She came out and she has worked very well with the team," Anderson said. "I think she has only missed two out of seven on the season and they both hit the uprights (by Sept. 30th)."

Since she still is playing soccer she cannot attend every practice.

"We work with her and her schedule," he said. "We try and get her at least 20 kicks a day. I have seen improvement in her all season. Anderson said she is a joy on the team."

"She is a good girl," the fifth year coach at Wayne said. "She fits right in. I like her attitude and I wouldn't mind a 100 of her on the team."

Abicht admits soccer is her sport but says she really loves football and has always been a fan.

"I have played soccer for 13 years," Abicht said. "This is such a different kind of sport."

For her, managing the two sports and her time is very important and it keeps her very busy. Her parents have been totally supportive of her playing football.



Senior Gillian Abicht kicks an extra point for Wayne Memorial High School.

Her parents are Jeff and Lisa. She has four sisters with her in the middle. From oldest to the youngest are Kristen, Maddie, Gillian, Allie and Adrien.

Allie is a sophomore at the school and plays in the band and is able to see her sister play football every home game. Adrien is in eighth grade and also plays soccer.

Abicht has some good advice for high school athletes to succeed.

"Manage your time with your school work and your sports," she recommends. "That motivates me to get everything done. I always plan out my day on a schedule."

She not only played in the homecoming game against Livonia Franklin but she was also on the Homecoming Court which was a big deal to her and her family.

"It was a lot of fun," she said.

Much of her practice is with the special team's coach. They work on the perfect technique and not making many mistakes.

In the homecoming game, be-

cause it was so rainy they talked about if a bad snap happened and the holder pitched her the ball if she would run it in the end zone.

With a smile she replied she wouldn't mind doing that in fact she said she might like it.

Her number one goal at school is academics.

"I would like to go to school to be a physical therapist," she said. "That is number one but if I can go to

school and play soccer that is great, otherwise I can play intermural soccer."

Having had a few sports injuries in her playing career like her knees has been a major reason why she would like to be a physical therapist.

"At the University of Michigan facility I went to, everyone was great," she said. "I want to help people and I think getting helped myself would help me as a physical therapist."

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everyone a chance to get candy before the marching band performance.

### Sunday, October 23

Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middlebelt will be having a Fall Harvest Festival from 4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. There will be hot dogs, hot apple cider, hot chocolate, chips and more (only a free-will offering is asked for).

There will be trunk or treating and pumpkin decorating. All "trunks" are welcome to participate. This event is appropriate for all ages; nothing spooky. Pre-registration is requested to help avoid long lines. Online registration is available at [www.gardencitypresbyterian.org](http://www.gardencitypresbyterian.org).

### Wednesday, October 26

Stop at Dairy Queen for their 1st Annual End of Season Halloween Bash! Those in costume will receive a free small Arctic Rush. Furry friends in costume will get a free dog treat.

Dairy Queen will award a free Halloween photocake to the person



Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Friday, October 21, at Wayne Memorial High School for the annual Spooktacular event for kids 6th grade and under. This free event will have kids trick or treating throughout the halls of the school.

wearing the best costume. Details for judging were being worked on when we went to press. The DQ event will be 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and there will be discounts on all menu items during this time.

### Friday, October 28

St. Mary's will be having a Trunk or Treat event in their Sims parking

lot from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

HYPE presents HYPE Up for Halloween, a spooktacular family fun event.

Trick or treaters will be able to follow a path around Attwood Park and collect candy and goodies from community partners. Cider and donuts will be provided. This event is 6:00 p.m.-8:00p.m.

### Saturday, October 29

Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union will host Trunk or Treat in their parking lot on Wayne Rd from 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

### Sunday, October 30

Abundant Life Church, 2100 Hannan Rd. in Canton, will be having Trunk or Treat at 5:30 p.m. There will be fun, free food and fellowship.

### Monday, October 31

The Wayne Masonic Hall, located at Palmer and Newburgh, will be hosting Trunk or Treat at 6:30 p.m.

As with all things, be sure to practice good safety when out on Halloween. Travelling in groups, carrying flashlights, staying on sidewalks, crossing only at marked crosswalks and not going inside homes are all common sense strategies to make the night safe for all. If you are out driving on Halloween, be extra cautious. No one wants to hit a little ghost or goblin or fairy princess because they didn't expect them to suddenly be in front of them.

With all the activities, it is sure to be a sweet Halloween!



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### City Manager contract approved

City Council unanimously approved a four-year contract for City Manager Lisa Nocerini to continue to lead Wayne. The council commented that Lisa has the creativity and the resources to try to overcome the issues that the city is dealing with.



The Peace Pole outside First United Methodist Church.

### Peace pole erected

On September 25, a second Peace Pole was erected outside First United Methodist Church in Wayne. The original Peace Pole was dedicated on June 10, 1990 and included English, Russian, Japanese

and Arabic. The newly dedicated Pole has the phrase "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in English, Spanish and Korean. The fourth side of the Pole declares "May Peace be in our Homes." Attendees were given a handout showing ways they could practice peace in their lives. The ceremony concluded with the singing of "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

### Installation of security cameras at Attwood Park

Video security cameras have been installed at Attwood Park to record areas of the park. The police department will have access to the system and the recordings. This will help the department with investigations of incidents taking place at the park. The entire system and the cost of the installation was donated by Brian Ewanciw of ICON Computer Solutions in Wayne.

### Public hearing scheduled for October 18

There will be a public hearing on October 18 regarding the issue of moving city elections to even years. This measure may save \$40,000 by eliminating the primary and the November election being held in odd years.

### Police community meeting changes

The police community meeting, which was held monthly, has now changed to a quarterly event. The next meeting will be at the Police Department on October 27, at 7:00 p.m. All in the community are invited to attend, learn about Wayne's crime statistics and what is currently trending and have their questions answered by Police Chief Alan Maciag or his staff.



Pat Cantrell, Ann Stacho, Bev Wensko, Joan Watson and Mary Carney show off some of the handmade items that will be for sale at the 70th Annual Christmas Fair.

## Silver Bell Christmas at First Congregational Church

The First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square, is hosting their 70th Annual Christmas Fair, "Silver Bells" from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on November 3rd and 4th at the historical church in downtown Wayne next to McDonald's.

Delicious a la carte lunches are served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and dinners from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Turkey dinners with all the trimmings are \$10 for adults and \$4 for children.

Shops are open all day and in-

clude a Country store, Attic Treasures, a Boutique, Christmas Shop, Used Books Store, Handmade Goods, Coffee Shop, Specialties Shop and a Homemade Candy Booth. Shoppers will find beautiful Christmas decorations, canned fruits, jams, jellies, candy, Precious Moments collectibles, hand sewn and knitted items, and plenty of Christmas gifts! Come join the fun !!!

Parking is on the west side of the building with elevators available at the south entrance.

## Congratulations to Mr. Watson on becoming the new principal at Wildwood Elementary School.

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# Wayne Ladies' Literary Club celebrates 120 years

Last week, the Ladies' Literary Club of Wayne celebrated their 120th year of meeting and offering programs to women of our community and surrounding communities. A dinner meeting was held at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth to begin this 120th year and to review the history of this club that has been active in our community for so many years. Today, the club has 52 members who meet monthly to enjoy meetings on a variety of topics including book reviews, speakers, crafts, plays, concerts and outings to name a few. They also continue the long tradition of raising funds to offer scholarships to local young women from Wayne Memorial and John Glenn.

The club was organized in 1896 by a small group of women in Wayne whose original mission statement stated "home and society demanded of the women of today the broadest culture, and being well assured that our usefulness and enjoyment will be increased by such culture, believe also that the interchange of thoughts and a unity of purpose will stimulate our mental growth". They therefore united themselves "for the sole purpose of study and mental improvement." The 24 women who were the original members were women who spent their lives caring for their home, husband and children. Cooking, cleaning, sewing, gardening and caring for their many children filled their days. Most often, they did not have the opportunity to go to school or to prepare for a career outside the home. Literary Club gave them the chance to learn about the world they lived in by studying history, geography, music, authors and many other



In 1926, a group of women from the Wayne Ladies' Literary Club presented a play titled "Mrs. Coolidge, Gives a Tea" with each of the women dressed in period costumes of a president's wife.



topics. They met weekly in each others homes and brought their pencils and paper with them to take notes and do their "lessons". They took turns preparing and presenting the programs. They loved to hold debates on the issues of the day. (Some of the topics they debated were; "Should suffrage be given to women?", "Are Clubs detrimental to the home?", "Should bachelors be taxed to support unmarried

women?" "The Skyscraper, is it necessary?" They also wrote poetry which they read at club meetings and often had members sing or play instruments after they completed their studies. Refreshments were served on their best linens and china and silver tea sets were used. Over the history of the Literary Club, members of every decade enjoyed putting on plays. In 1926 several women presented a playlet entitled "Mrs. Coolidge Gives a Tea". It was held at the home of Mrs. George Stellwagen. (Some well known names in early Wayne such as Stellwagen, O'Brien, Coville, and Truesdell are found listed as participants in this play. Some of the descendants of these women live and are active in our community today.)

Over the years, Literary Club became very social and held "publics" or receptions on New Years Eve. They also held Valentine parties in February. Many townspeople were anxious to receive invitations to these highly popular events. In later years they became a service club. Membership had grown and the desire to help their community became an important part of their outreach. They collected food, medicine, clothing and household items to send to northern Michigan during the devastating forest fires in 1908. They made bandages during the Civil War and sent the largest shipment of medical supplies from Wayne to Belgium during World War II. They supported the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts and sewed clothing for needy children. They held meetings on issues of the day and invited other clubs to join them in helping solve problems facing society. The Humane Society came from one of these meetings. They invited speakers from all over the state and across the country to enlighten them and the community on various topics.

It is difficult to acknowledge all of the contributions to the women of our community as well as the community itself that this club has made over the past 120 years. It is also amazing that the club continues when many organizations have dwindled in size or ceased to exist. Maybe their motto, a quote from Shakespeare, which was stated in their earliest records of 1896 says it all, "Tis well to be amused, but when amusement does instruction bring, 'tis better". Maybe that combination keeps them going!



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# Amended ordinance approved by city council

By Carolyn Marnon

An ordinance to amend chapter 610 of the Wayne City Code was approved on October 3 by city council. This ordinance defines and restricts the tethering of domesticated animals. It is now unlawful in Wayne to:

1) Continuously tether a domesticated animal for more than three hours per day;

2) Tether a domesticated animal on a tether made of anything but a coated steel cable more than ten feet in length;

3) Use a tether that weighs more than ten percent of the animal's body weight or due to weight, inhibits the

free movement of the animal within the tethered area;

4) Tether the animal on anything except a buckle-type collar or harness, or tethering on a choke chain or around the animal's neck, or tethered to training collars such as choke or pinch-style collars, or in such a manner as to cause injury, strangulation, or entanglement of the animal on fences, trees, or other man-made or natural obstacles;

5) Tether the animal without access to shade when sunlight is likely to cause overheating, or appropriate shelter to provide insulation and protection against cold and damp-

ness when the temperature falls below 40, or to tether the animal without securing its food and water supply so that it cannot be tipped over by the tether;

6) Tether the animal in an open area where it can be teased by persons or an open area that does not provide protection from attack by other animals;

7) Tether the animal in an area where bare earth is present and no steps have been taken to prevent the surface from becoming wet and muddy;

8) Tether the animal that is less than four months old;

9) Tether more than one animal to a single tether;

10) Tether the animal to a stationary object which would allow the animal to come within five feet of any property line; and

11) Tether the animal without a swivel attached and/or equipped on both ends.

Also part of the ordinance is that a police officer or animal control officer or their designee, may, at their discretion, order a more restrictive tethering requirement if circumstances require and it is not detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the animal.

## Regional Transit Authority proposal on November ballot

The Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) was established in 2012 by the Michigan legislature to work with local transit providers to coordinate and invest in rapid, reliable, regional public transportation services. The idea was to connect over 2,600 square miles, 4 million residents and 1.9 million jobs that exist in the four counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw.

The proposal on the upcoming ballot would authorize the RTA to levy within the four counties a property tax assessment. The assessment would be at a rate of 1.2 mils (\$1.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for 20 years beginning in 2016 and ending in 2035. The assessment may not be increased, renewed, or used for other purposes without direct voter approval and it would be used for the purpose of construction and op-

eration of a public transportation system connecting the four counties, including bus routes across county lines, specialized service for senior citizens and people with disabilities, commuter rail, airport express service and other public transportation purposes permitted by law, consistent with RTA bylaws and subject to the limitations of the Regional Transit Authority Act.

Part of the Regional Master Tran-

sit Plan is to develop regional rail from Detroit to Ann Arbor with one of the stops being in downtown Wayne.

For more information on this issue, visit the RTA webpage and view the Master Plan at [www.rtamichigan.org](http://www.rtamichigan.org).

To see a sample ballot for the November 8 election, go to the City's webpage at [www.ci.wayne.mi.us/pdf/sample\\_ballot\\_nov2016.pdf](http://www.ci.wayne.mi.us/pdf/sample_ballot_nov2016.pdf).

## Funding will be used for park and recreational improvements



Councilmembers Anthony Miller, Richard Sutton IV, Christopher Sanders, Representative Robert L. Kosowski, Mayor Susan Rowe, Councilmembers Ryan Gabriel, John Rhaesa and Thomas Porter.

Last month, State Representative and Democratic Whip Robert Kosowski (D- Westland) presented checks to the cities of Westland and Wayne to help with development of the cities' parks and recreation systems.

"I am proud that I was able to bring home this money to my dis-

trict," Representative Kosowski said. "By working across the aisle in a bipartisan manner, residents in my district will benefit from having improvements done to our parks and recreation department."

In total, Kosowski was able to secure \$200,000 in the 2016-2017 budget cycle. \$100,000 of that will

be allocated to the City of Westland. Specifically, the money will be used for recreational opportunities in the Historic Norway District at Lincoln Field.

The remaining \$100,000 will be apportioned to the City of Wayne, for repairs that are needed in the parks and recreation system.

"I look forward to seeing the projects as they unfold," Representative Kosowski said. "One of the greatest things about being a legislator is being able to have a direct impact on your constituents' lives. Hopefully the residents of Westland and Wayne will enjoy these improvements to our recreational areas."



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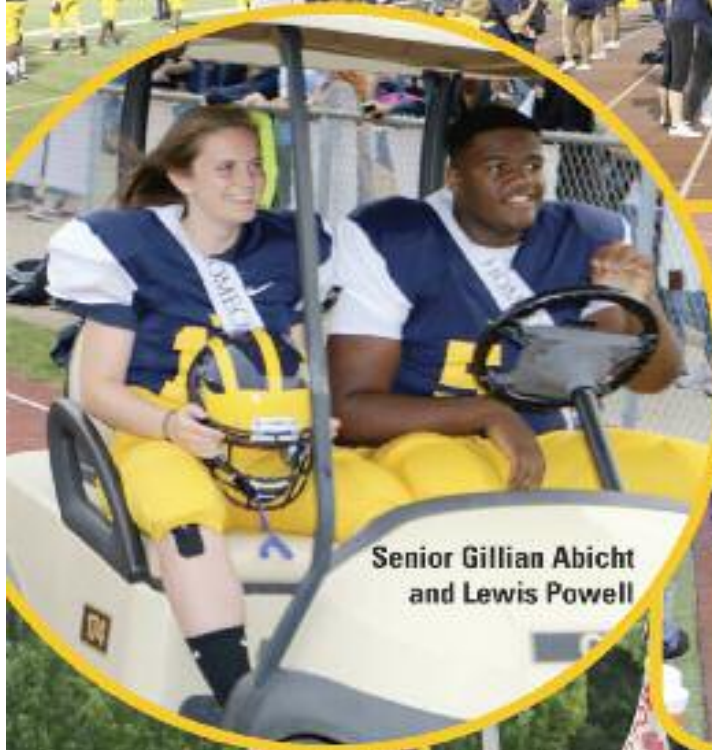
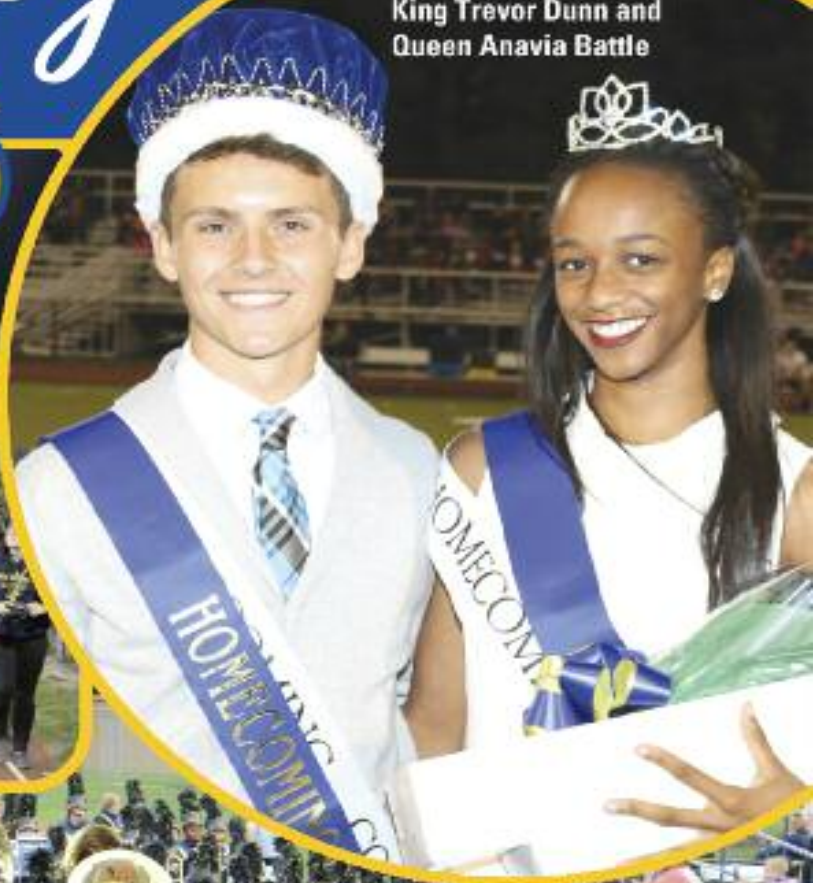
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