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### **Celebrating 70 years of classic movie viewing**

#### **By Carolyn Marnon**

The State Wayne Theatre is celebrating their 70th anniversary in 2016 after having proudly served the City of Wayne since 1946.

It's hard to miss the bright lights on the theatre at night, beckoning all to reflect on the movie-going experience of yesteryear. In a press release last year, owner Cory Jacobson announced the completion of a project to replace all 1,152 incandescent marquee lamps with new LED style energy-efficient lamps on the theatre's marquee. The marquee is one of the finest remaining examples of a 1940's style movie theatre marquee in Michigan and throughout the country.

Within the last few years, new reclining seating was installed in every auditorium and first run films are shown every week. With all the updates, Puff Dragon still stands guard over one of the auditoriums, an icon for many lovers of the quaint old theatre.

When it was built in 1946, the theatre was considered an art-deco masterpiece. The theatre is a big part of Wayne's downtown history. When the idea for painting a mural in the city came up, the side of the theatre seemed like the perfect place to put it. The mural was designed and painted in an art deco style by David Fichter and Joshua Winer.

Cory and his team have spent the better part of 2016 obtaining photographs chronicling the history of the theatre over the past seven decades. Since it opened, the outside of the theatre has had few noticeable changes. The majority of the changes have occurred inside to accommodate the ever-changing movie industry. The one constant is that the building has remained in downtown Wayne and is a place that everyone knows and remembers.

Walter Shafer was the original owner of the theatre. He came to Michigan in 1921 to manage the original Fox Theatre located on Washington Blvd. He helped direct the building of the new Fox Theatre now on Woodward Avenue. He worked for another theatre company after that before he came to Wayne where he negotiated with the owner of the closed Wayne Theatre building to lease it. The depression came and



The official 70th anniversary of the State Wayne is December 29. The State Wayne website has been collecting stories of remembrance from people who have had some type of interaction with the theatre. Cory Jacobson, Phoenix Theatres-State Wayne owner (above) wanted to put together something that would outlive the theater and have a sense of permanence with the iconic building. He finds that the theater is a part of people's story. "It's like the theatre is its own person!"

Mr. Shafer and his family lost their home in Grosse Pointe. They moved to a log house in Wayne that his children called the "death house." He was broke.

Running the leased theatre became a family affair. He worked hard to grow the business, and by 1939, the Shafer Wayne Theatre was drawing up to 2,000 customers a night. In 1945, he started construction on the new State Theatre in Wayne and ran it in conjunction with the Shafer Wayne Theatre until 1952 when the Shafer Wayne closed.

After 40 years in the theatre industry, Walter retired. The State Theatre was taken over by his two sons, Charles and Martin.

In 1964, Charles and Martin completely renovate the theatre with an oriental theme while creating a new lobby, foyer and snack bar concession stand. The famous dragons seen on the auditorium walls were created by Anton Mom, an artist from Holland.

With the introduction of cable

and videotape making changes in the industry, the opportunity to earn more revenue came. To take advantage of these changes, the brothers split the theatre's single screen into two auditoriums. The pro of this act was that they could show two different movies and thus attract more viewers. The con was that the split made each theater screen smaller and sight lines were impaired. Soon after the splitting of the screen, the brothers sold the theatre to National Amusements.

This is where the story ends until 1991 when the City of Wayne bought the vacant building for \$316,970. The deed prohibited the showing of first run movies. Plans were drawn up to split the theatre into three auditoriums, to renovate the lobby, renovate the former barber shop into new restrooms on the main floor and add a stage area for live performances.

In 1992, Mr. Shafer's company came back to run the theatre for the city and to help coordinate the renovations. A fourth auditorium was added.

On October 16, 2007 the history mural was dedicated and then rededicated the following year after additional panels were completed.

The film industry entered the digital era and 35 millimeter film was becoming obsolete. The city entered into an agreement in 2012 with Cory Jacobson and Phoenix Theatres to manage the theater and coordinate the necessary improvements to digital cinema.

With city finances declining, it became necessary for the city to focus their resources on other things. An agreement was struck between Phoenix Theatres and the City of Wayne to change ownership of the theatre. This switch in ownership allowed Phoenix to invest in reclining chairs for all the auditoriums.

The theatre is profitable and employs over 18 people. It brings stateof-the-art digital cinema to Wayne in a nostalgic way.

If you would like to learn more, visit the website at www.phoenixmovies.net/state-wayne-anniversary. Cory invites you to share pictures of the theatre you may have for a photo gallery on the anniversary site. He also invites you to share stories of your memories of the theatre. If you share your story, it might be selected to be shown on the big screen!

### Calling all former State Wayne Theatre employees

Cory Jacobson, owner of Phoenix Theatres-State Wayne, is looking for former employees of the State Wayne Theatre for a 70th anniversary celebration party to be held on January 11. There will be catered food, entertainment and a special movie. If you or someone you know is a former employee, call the theatre and give your name and address to Cory. He will then make sure you get an invitation in the mail. The phone number is (734) 326-4602.

### **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### **Rotary casino trip**

Join the Wayne Rotary for a day of fun next month. On Saturday, January 14, they will be taking a bus trip to Firekeeper's Casino in Battle Creek, and they would like you to travel with them! The bus will leave the 29th District Court parking lot on Sims St at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person. Each participant will receive \$20 in slot play and \$5 in food credits. You must be at least 21 years of age to travel. The bus will leave Firekeeper's at 9:00 p.m. for the return home to Wayne. If you would like to make a reservation or get more information. contact Trish Hampton at (734) 890-6934.

#### **DIA Inside/Out Program**

The DIA Inside/Out Program, which brings reproductions of art to a city, will be coming to Wayne in 2017. Wayne Main Street applied to bring the program to Wayne. More information will be available after the new year.

#### Santa Brunch

Enjoy brunch with Santa at HYPE Western Wayne Recreation Center on Saturday, December 17, at 10:45 a.m. There will be arts and craft and pictures with Santa (for an additional cost). Tickets are \$8 per adult, \$6 per child and free to children age 2 and under. Tickets are limited to 225 people.

#### **HYPE Café now open**

The Hoops Café inside the old ice rink/new basketball courts at HYPE Western Wayne Recreation Center is now open! Hours are 3:00 p.m.-



### Sworn in

The City of Wayne Police Chief Al Maciag welcomes Wayne's newest officer Michael Bolton to the Wayne Police Department. Officer Bolton was sworn in last month.

10:00 p.m. weekdays and Noon-8:00 p.m. on the weekends.

#### WMS has new director

Wayne Main Street announced that Maxwell Cameron will be the new Executive Director. Maxwell will replace Lindsey Dotson, who moved to Charlevoix for a new position. According to WMS Executive Board Vice-President Juan Bradford, "Max has extensive experience working with nonprofit organizations, and that experience really stood out during the interview process. WMS is still a relatively young organization, and I feel that Max's previous experience will take it to the next level." Maxwell will be starting in his new position December 12.

### 30 hours of Star Wars returns

The State Wayne Theater will be showing 30 continuous hours of Rogue One: A Star Wars Story on Thursday, December 15, starting at 7:00 p.m. and running through the final viewing time during the 30 hour timeframe of Friday, December 16, at 9:50 p.m. In a time of conflict, a group of unlikely heroes band to-

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Father, Prince of Peace." -Isaiah 9:6

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gether to steal the plans to the Death Star, the Empire's ultimate weapon of destruction. This key event in the Star Wars timeline brings together ordinary people who choose to do extraordinary things, and in doing so, become part of something greater than themselves. Tickets are on sale now.

#### New police officer sworn in

The Wayne Police Department swore in Officer Michael Bolton as their newest police officer on November 23.

### Healthy Wayne receives grant

Beaumont Community Health has been awarded a \$35,000 grant from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for their pilot Rx for Health project. Patients at the Beaumont Westland clinic with chronic diseases and experiencing food insecurity will receive a physician prescription to eat more fruits and vegetables. Their family will receive free produce for four months in partnership with local grocery stores. They will also receive nutrition education, recipes, and health coaching and will be invited to participate in the Cooking Matters at the Store program (grocery store group tour led by a dietitian) and Cooking Matters 6-week workshops free of charge. Healthy Wayne is proud to be a recipient of this Health Innovation Grant received through the Oakwood Foundation.



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Annabelle 9 years old, Shelby 4 years old and Joe 2 years old share their special wish with Santa.



Aliyah age 11 and Bella age 7, cuddle some fury new friends on a chilly December night in the petting zoo.



Beka Beresford, Noreen Taylor, Amy Willingham and Emily Dreyer of the Westland Area Jaycees, assist children with fun holiday arts and crafts.



Wayne Historical Society President Ann Zimmerman and volunteer Juliana D'Amico welcome guests to the museum and pass out treats to the children while guiding them on to more of the evening's activities.



Joy age 4 enjoys a ride on Skyla, the miniature horse (also age 4), with her handler Alexus of Chamberlain Pony Rides and Mobile Zoo.





Many residents took a nice leisurely ride on this brisk December evening in a dual-horse drawn wagon. Little Isabella of Karma Coffee and Kitchen (far right) waves goodbye at departure.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Downtown Wayne December 3rd, the WMHS Marching Band trimmed in lights led the way for Santa who arrived by Fire Truck to greet boys and girls of Wayne Eastivities included trac lighting bat again applies that a part ing form nonvides bare drawn wasan rides

of Wayne. Festivities included: tree lighting, hot cocoa, coffee, cookies/treats, petting farm, pony rides, horse drawn wagon rides, face painting, fire pits, pictures with Santa, free drawing for kids, free movie passes and Carols performed by the WMHS Choir. THANK YOU to all of our sponsors and volunteers for helping Wayne families make fun memories. Photos by Natalie M. Rhaesa

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### Main Street announces 2016 volunteer of the year

#### **By Carolyn Marnon**

Wayne Main Street held their 2nd annual Volunteer Appreciation Event last month at the State Wayne Theater. Volunteers were treated to free popcorn and pop while viewing a special documentary, "Urban Century," about the changing face of downtowns over the years. WMS former Executive Director, Lindsey Dotson, made a cameo appearance in the film.

After the film, Juan Bradford, Vice President of Wayne Main Street, announced the winner of the 2016 Volunteer of the Year. As soon as Angie Jarman heard "cookies," she knew she had been selected. "I was surprised," says Angie of her award.

Angle has been the project manager for the Scarecrow Project for the past several years. She works tirelessly to gather the scarecrows, get them up on light poles, and then maintain them throughout the monthlong event.

She also oversees the scarecrow reception where the public votes on their favorite in mid-October and gathers the photos for the online



Wayne Main Street Board Vice President Juan Bradford, Treasurer Cindy Schofield, 2016 Volunteer of the Year Angie Jarman, Secretary Carolyn Marnon and President Cindee McClure. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

facebook-voting contest.

According to WMS volunteer Patt Hartford, Angie is "always willing and ready to help with whatever needs to be done. She has been a blessing since the day she jumped in to help me at Metro Mall with two trays of the best cookies in town for our Main Street confirmation celebration. Then her and Kurt saved me at the first Rouge a Palooza, taking on the job of selling Kayak raffle tickets ALL DAY. Angie has adopted our Scarecrow project and (along with her husband Kurt), has always come through for us. She is hard working and takes a great deal of pride in her projects. I, personally, would be lost without her." Patt also commented that Angie "gives from the heart and enjoys volunteering. She is a good example for all of us and deserves this recognition for all her efforts."

After the cake was served, attendees were invited to stay and watch "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" as an added bonus to thank them for their hard work throughout the year. "It was great getting the WMS volunteers together for the annual volunteer recognition event. Having that many people who volunteer their time freely because they truly care about the future of Wayne gathered together makes you realize how truly special this community is and how valuable the Wayne Main Street effort is to helping the city get back on track," said Juan, Angie is "truly a special person. She is always there with a smile on her face, ready to lend a hand no matter what the project is. Her value to the WMS board and the committees that she serves on cannot be overstated."



### She wrote a novel in 30 days

#### **By Carolyn Marnon**

Writing wasn't always her passion. Hannah Gottman's dad took her ice skating for fun. By the time she was in 3rd grade, Hannah started skating regularly at the rink in Wayne. By 6th grade, ice skating became more intense for her as she started moving through the ranks. In 9th grade, she joined "Allegro" and by 10th grade, she was ice dancing. "That was fun. I really liked it a lot," said Hannah. There was a new coach, the return to an old coach and then trying out for "Allegro" again. By the end of her junior year of high school, she was becoming worn out.

Ice skating is not a cheap sport. There is ice time, lessons, travel to competitions, skates and costumes. among other expenses. Hannah's mom was always there to encourage her to do what she wanted to do. Her mom worked two jobs during that time to support Hannah's passion. Eventually, skating took its toll on Hannah. After being involved in a car accident earlier this year, she had to take time away from skating. She discovered that she didn't miss getting up at 4am to go to practice before school. She didn't miss skating. It took her awhile to finally admit to her mother that she no longer wanted to skate. She thinks it's not because she feared no longer skating, but that she actually feared the change it would bring to her life after 10 years.

After quitting skating, she got a job at Waltonwood to fill her time. Soon after, she would realize what her new passion was and start to pursue it more determinedly.

Hannah is a senior at Wayne Me- life. She writes about the year and morial High School. In November, she participated in NaNoWriMo, otherwise known as National Novel Writing Month. Writers are encouraged through various online groups to write a 50,000 word novel by the end of the month. That amounts to 1,667 words written per day. As of November 15, Hannah had written 21,000 words. She was at 38,000 words on November 28. On November 29, Hannah made her goal by writing over 50,000 words with one day to spare!

Although most people set out to write a novel during NaNoWriMo, that is not the subject that interested Hannah. She prefers to write about her emotions, about life, about her experiences. Kevin English, Hannah's Champions of Wayne mentor, encouraged her to "be a NaNoWriMo rebel and write what you please." said Hannah. Mr. English had been her teacher last year and encouraged her to write a novel at the same time he was having his creative writing class write novels. Her name was included in the wall chart that was made for the class that listed student's names and what their goals were. It was inspiring to see where others were in the process as the chart was filled in as students progressed with their word counts.

Write what you please is exactly what Hannah did. She started writing a personal narrative about herself and what it has been like growing up. She's writing it as a gift to her mom. She was homeschooled for preschool and kindergarten before she started attending public school. Each chapter is a year in her

then she ends each chapter with a letter to her mom. She wants her mom to know how things have affected her throughout her life and how they've shaped her as a person.

As a participant of Champions of Wayne, Hannah set her goal for the semester: to have a 4.0 GPA and to write a 50,000 word novel in a month. She writes a lot on her own time. She says her mom is one of the most important people in her life. Hannah's parents are divorced, so she and her mom have been super close.

Hannah didn't always enjoy writing. She was on the staff of the Yearbook her sophomore year. She hated it at first, but she says she kept getting called out on having some of the best pages. Mr. English was her favorite teacher and he taught a creative writing class, so she took that class last year. She learned about writing short stories, crot essays (sections or pieces of writing that are assembled to create an essay and can make sense in any order), black out poetry (where you take a page of writing and black out most words while leaving others to form your poem) and every Friday there was a writing mentor project to be completed. Hannah's writing mentor was Jacqueline Woodson who wrote "Brown Girl Dreaming," a poetic memoir. Hannah wrote 60 pages of poem about her life. "I realized that I have something to write about."

Hannah is considering Wayne State University. Wherever she does go to college, she wants to live on campus. She has also been accepted



Hannah Gottman

at Michigan State University; she finds the Living and Learning communities there interesting because students live together that share the same passions. She's not sure where she will go, but she mostly just talks to her grandpa about the subject. She thinks it scares her mom to think about Hannah going away to school somewhere. She does know she wants to major in English/Journalism.

As Vice President of the Senior Class, National Honor Society member, Representative of the Superintendent's Steering Committee, Yearbook Editor and next semester, newspaper staff member, Hannah knows she would like to pursue leadership scholarships as that is where her strengths lie.

As she was nearing the end of November, she was at 38,000 words.

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### Inspiration, drive, determination: Journey to leadership

#### Story by Staff Sgt. Lance Pounds U.S. Army Africa

VICENZA, Italy – In most tales of adventure, discovery or heroism the main character faces many challenges throughout his or her own journey. Good, bad, right or wrong, each choice he or she makes will ultimately determine how others perceive them.

Often times the character will come across mentors who offer inspiration, identify drive or focus determination to help them see the potential within themselves. For example, when Qui-Gon Jinn takes in young Anikin Skywalker as an apprentice in Star Wars: Episode 1 – The Phantom Menace.

In the film, Qui-Gon said to Skywalker, "Your focus determines your reality," and although they are fictional characters, some meaning can be taken from this statement.

On Nov. 17, one Soldier's focus to become a leader was realized when the U.S. Army's most senior enlisted leader, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey, promoted him to the rank of sergeant.

Sgt. James Sheridon, a driver for U.S. Army Africa's commanding general, Maj. Gen. Joseph Harrington, stood before his friends, coworkers and fellow Soldiers as Dailey welcomed him to the coveted Noncommissioned Officers Corps in front of the USARAF Headquarters on Caserma Ederle.

Dailey was here to discuss his Army-wide leader development initiatives with the Soldiers assigned to U.S. Army Garrison-Italy tenant units.

"By being here today, it is saying something. He is setting an example for all NCOs to follow," Sheridon said.

Sheridon also celebrated his tenth year of military service, of which the last three years have been active duty. The halfway point marked an important achievement in his journey, which is to continue his family's legacy of military service.

Sheridon hails from a long line of service members that dates back to the 8th Commanding General of the United States Army, Gen. Philip Sheridan, who was noted for his rapid rise to general during the American Civil War.



U.S. Army's most senior enlisted leader, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey, promotes a junior enlisted Soldier, Spec. James Sheridon, one of U.S. Army Africa's command drivers, to the rank of Sergeant, Nov. 17, 2016, in front of the USARAF headquarters on Caserma Ederle in Vicenza, Italy. The promotion to sergeant marks a pivotal role change in a Solider's career from one who is given tasks to one who gives tasks. On this day, Sheridon also celebrates his tenth year of military service, which includes 3-years as active duty and a combined 7-years with Michigan's Army and Air National Guard. U.S. Army Africa photo by: Staff Sgt. Lance Pounds

"Timing was perfect," Sheridon said about the day's events being so close to Veterans Day. "It felt like they were with me."

Sheridon said as a child growing up in Wayne, Michigan, located on the outskirts of Detroit, he always knew he wanted to be in the military.

"I was that kid, always playing soldier," he said. "When I saw a person in uniform I knew they were someone special... I was drawn to them." Sheridon is the youngest of his

siblings; so much so that he said he might as well have been an only child. He admits that he was spoiled to an extent, but was still expected to earn the things he wanted by doing chores.

This simple transaction was Sheridon's first taste of responsibility and served as the foundation of a strong work ethic that he carries with him to this day.

Another character trait he picked up in his youth was a "never give up attitude" something that his football and powerlifting coach, Craig Hnatuk, instilled in him while attending Wayne Memorial High School.

"I was 115 pounds playing varsity football against 200-plus pound guys," Sheridon said. "I literally got the crap beat out of me... but I just kept getting up."

Sheridon said coach Hnatuk trained and mentored him, both on and off the field. That investment of time in another person was something he placed in his mental tool kit.

In 2004, Sheridon competed in his first powerlifting competition, but was disqualified for not performing the event to the specified guidelines of the competition. With the never give up attitude he learned from his coach, Sheridon returned the following year and took 1st place in his weight class at the Texas National Powerlifting Championships.

Hnatuk, who currently teaches at Stevenson Middle School, was the first to mentor and influence Sheridon, but he would not be the last. Sheridon said he knew he wanted to join the military, but became hesitant upon graduating high school.

According to mythologist Joseph Campbell's breakdown of a hero's journey, this hesitation could be attributed to the "Refusal of the Call" phase. First described in Campbell's The Hero with a Thousand Faces (1949), this phase is the moment in time when the hero realizes his or her mission, but doubts whether or not he or she is up to the challenge.

On Nov. 17, 2006, nearly a year after graduating high school, Sheridon joined the Michigan Army National Guard. There he would serve for five years until the unit he was in deactivated. This did not sway Sheridon, who was fully committed to his journey; so with his never give up attitude he transferred to the Michigan Air National Guard.

There he would meet his next mentor, Capt. Robert Mclean, commander of the Michigan Air National Guard's 127th Wing. Sheridon described Mclean as a leader who could inspire others to achieve more.

"He took me to a whole different level of thinking," said Sheridon, comparing his experiences at both organizations. "He showed me how to look beyond the mission and ask myself what more could I do."

According to Sheridon, Mclean's one-on-one mentorship style of leading significantly contributed to a positive work environment. Sheridon said this too went into his mental tool kit.

Mclean would prove to be so inspirational that in 2013 the young guardsman decided to go active duty and enlisted in the U.S. Army in pursuit of a prestigious green beret.

"I wanted to be a green beret," Sheridon said. "Special Forces!"

Sheridon got his wish and began training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Unfortunately, Sheridon said he was unable to make it to the selection phase.

"I got injured and the doctors told me that I had done enough," Sheridon said.

Disappointed he would not be able to continue on his current path, Sheridon recalled the advice of his former coach and did not give up.

### **CITY COUNCIL BRIEFS**



### Termination of shared services fire department agreement with Westland

The city council approved the termination of the current Shared Services Fire Agreement with Westland effective February 1, 2017. Nothing negative had transpired to pursue the split. With the city's finances in the shape they are in, City Manager Lisa Nocerini said Wayne needs to look in new directions to fund the Fire Department. Wayne and Westland will still share Fire Chief Michael Stradtner, but Wayne will have their own deputy fire chief.

### Retiree healthcare changes made

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Because the city has had to explore various cost-saving options as they address a future budget deficit, council members were asked whether to continue the current premium insurance through Priority Health where the city pays 70% of the cost and the retiree pays 30% or whether they would like to offer retirees a stipend. Meeting attendees who were allowed to comment on the issue voiced how the city is disgracing retirees by not living up to their end of the agreement that was made at retirement. Still, council voted to approve giving retirees stipends. A retiree 65 or older will get \$110 per month to put towards healthcare. A pre-65 retiree single person will recieve \$175, a couple \$400, and a family will receive \$485. These changes to the health care system will save the community \$805,060.

### Police dog Zeto is sold

Wayne Police Department K-9 Zeto's handler, Officer William Mangan, left the department last month after serving with Zeto for four years. According to Police Chief Alan Maciag, it cost the city \$10,900 to obtain the purebred German Shepherd in 2011. Because police K-9s are trained to respond only to their handlers, the city sold Zeto to Officer Mangan for \$1.

#### **City property sold**

The city council approved selling 2.3 acres of city-owned land along Michigan Avenue east of the police department to Metro Storage for \$1. Certain conditions applied: the purchaser will need to invest \$3 million in developing the property within 18 months of the sale's closing unless council approves an extension. According to Community Development Director Lori Gouin, it is expected that the completed state of the art storage facility with climate-controlled storage, post office boxes, UPS shipping services and moving supplies available for sale, will be assessed at \$2.8 million dollars. This will generate about \$101,000 in taxes per year.

### Wayne County sheriff's department will be patrolling in Wayne

A resolution empowering the Wayne County Sheriff's Department's Municipal Support Enforcement Unit to issue traffic citations under the Wayne city code for traffic offenses committed in their presence and criminal offenses that have occurred on the streets and roadways of Wayne was approved along with a resolution to allow the mayor and city clerk to sign an intergovernmental agreement.



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She still had her junior and senior years to write about. She thought there would be more to write about because she really enjoyed the last two years and had lots of experiences. When asked how she would end her book, she thought about ending it on her 18th birthday, which is the day I met with her. She wanted to write a letter to her mom about turning 18 and her transition into adulthood.

Hannah sent me an email on November 30: "I wrote about 10,000 words today. I just surpassed my goal... 50,090 words. I didn't even notice and I still have much more to finish. I am only into senior year now."

What a wonderful gift Hannah's mother will receive when Hannah considers the book complete.

Hannah included in her novel this poem she wrote when her grandma passed away:

### Somewhere Between Here and Heaven

You're halfway there and here. Your eyes are looking up and waiting, while your body is here and giving in.

You've said you've seen His angels. You've said you've seen Him. You've said to let go, so that you can finally let go.

You've said you've seen the bluer skies and the brighter yellow. You've seen the better part of this life that you've been given. You've seen it all, but you're still halfway here.

The part of you that's here won't seem to let go. The cells living inside of you are holding onto their last limb, because they know that soon their time is gonna come, and that you'll win and be happy again.

Their days are coming to end while yours are just beginning.

You won't be halfway there and halfway here anymore. You'll be there with Him, finally living the life that was actually given to you, forever.

Eternally and happy, you will be there.

### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN EX REL. KYM L. WORTHY WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTOR, Plaintiff, 3rd Circuit case: 14-004907-CF Vs. Hon. Robert J. Colombo Jr.

REAL PROPERTY with all contents AT: 32413 MICHIGAN AVE., WAYNE, MI 48184 (D.B.A. THE WAYNE EXCHANGE); AND MISC. PROPERTY SEIZED IN MICHIGAN STATE POLICE – WESTERN WAYNE TASK FORCE CASE#: WWC-351-13, ET AL,

Defendant Property, And

CARLOS A. DAVILA: AND ANY UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OR OWNERS, OR THE HEIRS, DEVISEES OR ASSIGNEES THEREOF, ET, ALIA,

Defendant/Claimants.

### NOTICE OF ORDER AND CONSENT JUDGEMENT FOR RETURN OF CERTAIN DEFENDANT PERSONAL PROPERTY TO CERTAIN NON-PARTY PUTATIVE OWNERS

WHEREAS, on or about March 14, 2014, a search warrant was executed at the Defendant Real Property at 32413 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI 48184, known and doing business as "The Wayne Exchange," resulting in the seizure from the Wayne Exchange of numerous items of personal property by the Michigan State Police – Western Wayne Narcotics Task Force (case WWC-351-13), held as the Defendant Personal Property for purposes of litigating this forfeiture and nuisance abatement matter and disposed of by the Court in this matter (Third Circuit case 14-004907-CF);

WHEREAS, there may be non-party putative claimants who still claim legal title to some items of the Defendant Personal Property held in this matter by seizing agency;

WHEREAS the herein described manner of service of process is reasonably calculated to give any non-party putative claimants actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard and it is in the best interest of justice to bring resolution to this matter.

IT HAS BEEN HEREBY ORDERED BT THE COURT IN THIS MATTER that any person (non-party putative claimant) who may have claim and legal right to any item of Defendant personal Property seized on or about March 14, 2014, fro the Wayne Exchange at the Defendant real Property at 32413 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI 48184, and the remains held by the seizing agency as a result of this matter, may make their claim thereto within 30 days of the publishing of this Notice as follows:

a. File your claim to said item(s) by contacting the Michigan State Police – Western Wayne Narcotics Task Force property manager regarding case WWC-351-13 (Third Circuit Court Case 14-004907-CF) at 734-397-0090 or P.O. Box 87921, Canton, MI 48187;

B. Provide in filing your claim, as instructed by seizing agency:

I. Your name, address, phone number or other contact information.

li. Description and information to be able to sufficiently identify the claimed item(s).

lii. Documentation to sufficiently show your legal right to the claimed item(s).

c. Any person (non-party putative claimant) filing a claim within 30 days from the publication of this Notice and attached Order with the seizing agency as noted above may enter into an out of court settlement with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office or consent judgement entered with the Court regarding their claims and the items within 30 days from the date of their claim with seizing agency.

d. If you fail to file a claim within 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, you may file an answer to this action within 60 days thereof;

e. If you fail to provide sufficient documentation to identify the item and substantiate your claim and right to it as informed by the seizing agency, you shall file an answer to this Third Circuit Court action with the Third Circuit Court under the case number 14-004807-CF within 30 days from the date you filed your claim with the seizing.

f. Any person who fails to file a claim or file an answer to the Third Circuit Court action as set forth herein above shall be defaulted and lose or waive any rights to the items in this matter. Any items not claimed within 90 days from the date of the Order shall be FORFEITED to the seizing agency by default judgement or other order of the Court against any non-party putative claimant(s) who may have been able to claim ownership or rights thereto.

g. A copy of the complaint and this corresponding order in this matter can be obtained at the Clerk's Office at the Wayne County Circuit Court, Coleman A. Young Municipal Center or by contacting the Attorney for the Plaintiff as noted herein.

Approved as to form, content and substance on 10/31/2016 by: /s/ C.S. Davis CHARLES S. DAVIS (P-51405). Atty. For Plaintiff Wayne Co. Asst. Prosecuting Atty., Forfeiture Unit (FFN: 12103) 1441 Saint Antoine, 12th Fl., Detroit, MI 48226 Telephone: (313) 224-5843

#### **Sheridon**, Continued from page 10

He reclassified from special forces candidate to infantryman and was assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Italy.

While assigned to the 173rd Sheridon was placed on a 6-month driver's detail, which he said turned out to be a blessing in disguise; describing it as if fate had parted the heavy fog of self-doubt and earlier career disappointment revealing the path he was meant to be on.

Nearing the completion of the detail, Sheridon found out that he would remain in the position as a result of his professionalism and dedication to the task he had been given. He has since laterally transferred from the 173rd to his current position as one of USARAF's command drivers.

"I like USARAF," said Sheridon. "When I started this position, I was driving for (former USARAF commander, Lt. Gen. Darryl Williams) and he was all about dignity and respect."

"You respect your Soldiers and they will respect you," he added. "That is what we have here in US-ARAF."

Sheridon said the benefits of

"It is an absolute pleasure and a big deal to me when we promote someone to the rank of noncommissioned officer, because we are investing in the future." Daniel Dailey Sgt. Maj. of the Army

being in USARAF go far beyond a positive work environment.

"I have had opportunities here that I didn't even know I wanted," he said.

Sheridon, upon William's request, traveled to Tanzania, a country in eastern Africa, in support of the 2016 African Land Forces Summit.

"It meant that (Williams) trusted in me and that I could handle what needed to be done," said Sheridon. He added that being a part of such a high-profile event, where 37 land forces chiefs came together to discuss regional problems and solutions, would be an experience he would never forget. Being a part of this organization is important because it is an opportunity to be part of something bigger, he added. A sentiment shared by the sergeant major of the Army.

"Every time we send our Soldiers to train with our foreign partners is an opportunity for leader development and to build relationships internationally," said Dailey. "I have talked to Soldiers who have been to Africa and they are overwhelmed with the experience."

"Italy has extended us a hand... I encourage you to get out and enjoy the culture," Dailey said. "I think this is one of the best duty stations."

Since his transfer to USARAF, Sheridon has earned a SCUBA diving certification in Croatia, learned to snowboard on the mountains of northern Italy, and traveled to Rome, Naples and Germany.

"Being here has ignited a passion for traveling I didn't know I had," he said.

Sheridon said he is grateful for the opportunities that have been afforded to him to include being promoted by the sergeant major of the Army.

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wherever she went. She and Dave had a passion

for travel and visited a different part of the world

sioned officer, because we are investing in the future." Daily said.

Following the promotion ceremony Sheridon gave thanks to all those who had helped him over the years.

"This day would not be possible if I didn't have great leadership and great mentors," he said.

It was an honor to have Dailey take time from his schedule to be here, said Sheridon. He added that by doing so, Dailey showed him how NCOs should treat their Soldiers.

"If the sergeant major of the Army can make the time, we can too," he said.

"(Dailey) set the example. Now I have to set the example," Sheridon said. "And the last thing I want to do is fail a Soldier." He described the whole experience as that moment when the Jedi master Yoda shows Anakin's son, Luke, the ways of the force in Star Wars: Episode 5 – The Empire Strikes Back.

"Do. Or do not. There is no try," said Yoda when teaching Luke that even the largest of objects can be moved if the mind is focused.

According to Sheridon, the promotion did not mark an end to his journey; it was the beginning of the next episode.

### Elizabeth H. YOUNG (nee

**Smith)** – 94, of Cape May, NJ passed away after a brief illness on Thursday, November 17, 2016. Born in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Canada, Betty has been a resident of Cape May for the past eight years after moving here from Wayne, MI where she lived for over 62 years. She and her husband, Dave, owned Young Hardware and later D&D Hardware for 40 years.





Church of Wayne, a lifetime member and proud former president of the Wayne Garden Club. She was also on the board of the Wayne Library, a member of Rotary Anns and active in the Chamber of Commerce.

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Betty was a cheerful and inquisitive conversationalist who made friends

every year, returning often to their favorite country, Portugal. In Wayne, Betty and Dave were active within a community of dear friends who took bicycle trips, organized church events and charity projects. She and Dave spent many school breaks and summer months in Cape May with their grandchildren teaching them card games and helping them get around to activities and jobs. After moving to Cape May in 2008, she was al-

ways curious about and supportive of local small businesses and came to know many of the owners and business people on the mall. She actively embraced the role of "roving reporter" for the Victorian Towers Ladies Social Club. She kept up many friendships with her friends in Wayne and made many new friends in Cape May. Her neighbors fondly remember her for her singing voice and her many different styles of hats.

She is predeceased by her husband, David B. Young (2005); daughter, Patricia Ann Young (2014); and her three siblings, Anne McBride, Arthur and Max Smith. Betty is dearly missed by her loving family, which includes her daughter, Kathleen (and William) Finneran and her two grandchildren, Lesley and John Finneran. Betty adored her daughters and grandchildren.

Betty's memorial gathering is scheduled for Saturday, November 26, from 11am to 12 noon in the Spilker Funeral Home, 815 Washington St., Cape May for a time of sharing thoughts and memories. Interment is private and at a later date. To share condolences visit spilkerfuneralhome.com

#### **Mary Lourdes Moreno**

June 20, 1921 – November 24, 2016

"Grandma Kitty" as she was known was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother who resided in Mission Viejo, CA. Born in Detroit, Michigan to Porfirio and Josefina Cruz. Married to Louis Moreno for over sixty years and survived by her daughter Teresa Moreno Fullerton, grandson Scott Fullerton and her beloved cat "Chula." Funeral Mass to be held at San Francisco Solano Catholic Church at 10am on Saturday, Dec. 3 and graveside service follows at Ascension Cemetery Lake Forest, CA.

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Franklin Middle Schools students check out the Dodge Viper.

### Challenged to participate in Young Inventors Contest

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The goal of this contest is to inspire young people to develop a passion for building things. Middle School students who are in the Education Technology classes at Franklin and Stevenson were invited to the kick-off program, which featured keynote speaker Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) Engineer David Bailey. He was the engineer for the Dodge Viper.

After the presentation, the Viper was shown to the students as an example of what can be created when you Think Bigger.

Students will think of something they want to create and present their concept to their teacher. Teachers will select five finalists from each school. The top finalists will be invited to the Young Inventors Showcase in January at Schoolcraft College. Students will explain their idea for their invention to an audience.



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