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Hometown 'Champion' succeeds at being a champion

By Carolyn Marnon

When she was in 6th grade, Katie Horton was tested and diagnosed with dyslexia. She had been having trouble with reading and went through a long process to get diagnosed. Now a student at Florida State University, it does take her a lot longer to study. She uses tutors and other resources to help her at school. Dyslexia has not affected however, her ability to be a champion volleyball player.

While attending Wayne Memorial High School, Katie played volleyball. Her greatest accomplishment then was winning districts back to back. The first time the team won districts was the first time Wayne Memorial had won districts in 20 years. This became her most memorable high school moment because the team was down 0-2 in sets (the best of 5 sets wins the match, so the other team only had to win 1 more set), and they came back to win. "It was a really emotional win, especially because my sister was a senior that year!" She didn't play any other sports in high school because the club volleyball teams she played for took too much of her time. However, she did find time to participate in the Champions of Wayne program with a goal of keeping her 4.0 GPA.

She came back to her alma mater, Wayne Memorial High School, in December to share with students her college experience and to answer questions that would help alleviate the fears and worries they had about going to college soon. "I was part of the mentoring when I went to Wayne Memorial, and they hosted a luncheon that allowed alumni to come back and talk about their college experience and our overall backgrounds. I talked about being dyslexic and making the best of it, and of course, playing volleyball. I talked to some of the students that were interested in college and about living on campus, scholarships, traveling while managing homework and our busy schedule as student-athletes." When asked what her advice to other students in regards to education is, Katie replies "I would have to say that your work ethic in high school transfers over to how you are in college. So, it is important to establish good habits early."



Katie started her college career by attending Ohio University in Athens, Ohio on a full-ride scholarship to play volleyball. Ohio had a small school and campus. She chose her major of Sports Management because she loved volleyball and knew she wanted to coach after college. "There wasn't a lot to do there (at OU) besides hang out with friends and watching sports." She decided to transfer to Florida State when, while looking for a new college, the coach at FSU, Chris Poole, contacted her to come visit. "FSU is a lot bigger school and there's more to do around here. The football team is a big deal and of course, the beach isn't far away...I left Ohio because the coach I committed to left after my freshman year and I didn't want to stay there."

Before getting into coaching though, her dream is to play professional volleyball. Volleyball is a big part of her life. When asked what she has enjoyed most about her college experience, she said "getting to travel has been a lot of fun, but that has to do with volleyball."

What has been her greatest volleyball achievement? "Becoming the first player (in program history) to reach 1000 kills and 1000 digs at Florida State because no one has done that before," she says. To educate you, a kill in volleyball is when

"you spike the ball and the other team can't dig it. A dig is when you pass the ball when the opponent spikes the ball at you," according to Katie.

Katie ended her senior season by finishing among the top Florida State players in 11 categories including total attacks (1,052-1st), service aces (22-1st), service aces/set (0.17-1st), kills (362-2nd), kills/set (2.87-2nd), digs (416-2nd), digs/set (3.30-2nd), assisted blocks (65-3rd), total blocks (70-4th) and blocks/set (0.56-5th).

"An attack is when one of the players at the net spikes the ball. A service ace is when you serve the ball and the other team can't return it. A block is when you block the ball as the opponent is trying to spike the ball," informs Katie.

Throughout the 2016 season, Katie received her second ACC (Atlantic Coast Conference) Player of the Week honor, first team All-ACC honors, AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) All-East Region team recognition and honorable mention All-America honors from PrepVolleyball.com.

She leaves her mark on the Florida State record books by ranking in five major categories including kills, digs, digs/set, assisted blocks and total blocks. "My most memorable moment for college was being

down 0-2 in sets to our rivals, the University of Florida, at their building and coming back to beat them. This was during the NCAA tournament and it knocked them out." Katie's coach, Chris Poole, has commented that Katie has been one of their best all-around players the last three years and has never backed down from a challenge.

Besides playing indoor volleyball, she also plays beach volleyball. "The club I played for started playing beach volleyball my junior year of high school. I tried it and really liked it."

Last year, her team at Florida State University was runner up at the NCAA Nationals. The beach season has just started for this year. So far, her greatest beach volleyball accomplishment has been making the fourth team and getting to play in the national tournament, making it to finals. She isn't involved in any other activities or clubs because the two different volleyball seasons take up most of her time.

Katie hasn't decided where she wants to live after she graduates. Whether she stays in Florida, comes back to Michigan or moves elsewhere will depend on the opportunities that become available to her. "I am a very family oriented person, and it is hard to be away from home. I facetime home as much as I can!"

NEWS BRIEFS

Community clean-up day

Help make Wayne more beautiful by volunteering to help at the next Wayne Community Clean-Up Day on Saturday, March 25, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Refreshments will be provided and volunteers will receive a free t-shirt. Register today by calling Wayne Main Street (734) 629-6822 or at downtownwayne.org. T-shirt pick up will be at Goudy Park on the day of the event. Parking is available at the 29th District Court parking lot. Participating organizations include Ford, Healthy Wayne, Interact Club, Wayne Rotary, Wayne Chamber of Commerce, Wayne Main Street, Friends of the Rouge, Wayne DPW and Wayne Historical Society.

Lenten Fish Fry

St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne is hosting their Lenten Fish Fry events again this year. The weekly Fish Fry will start on Friday, March 3rd, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and run for 7 weeks through Good Friday, April 14. They are offering \$7 or \$10 dinners. You can choose from fried or baked fish, shrimp dinner or Mac-N-Cheese. Each meal comes with french fries or baked potato, coleslaw, roll and lemonade, water or coffee. For an additional small charge desserts and pop are available. You will have plenty to eat and good conversation with your neighbors and parishioners or you can have your meal ready to take out.

Fashion-inspired Craft and Vendor event

Attend a fashion-inspired craft and vendor event on Sunday, March



Welcome to Wayne

Police Chief Al Maciag welcomes new Officer Christopher Holdwick to the City of Wayne and the Wayne Police Department who was officially sworn in at City Hall on March 1st.

19, from noon-5:00 p.m. at HYPE Recreation Center. This event will feature -LuLaRoe, Abby & Anna, Pappazzi, Premier Designs, Younique, Thirty One, Initials Inc., My Snappy Place, Magnolia & Vine, Mary Kay and many more.

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World War I and how it affected our city

Join the Wayne Historical Society on Thursday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. as they lead a discussion about World War I and its effects on Wayne. April 6 is also the 100th anniversary of the US joining the war. Program is at the Wayne Historical Museum.

National Walking Day

In celebration of National Walking Day, Healthy Wayne community coalition will be sponsoring and participating in a national day of walking on Wednesday, April 5th, at noon.

They will announce the exact location soon for the event, but mark your calendar now. National Walking Day is an effort by the American Heart Association to encourage everyone to bring their sneakers to work and get in 30 minutes of walking a day.

Urban Renewal in Wayne

Join the Wayne Historical Society on Thursday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. as they give a presentation about Urban Renewal in Wayne. From 1962-1972 the federal government paid the city to widen and divert Michigan Avenue. Along with this, the city used urban renewal dollars to demolish 77 acres of buildings and houses. Come learn about Wayne before, during and after the Urban Renewal program. Presentation is at the Wayne Historical Museum.

Sidewalk Sales and Cruise are coming and you can help!

Planning is underway for the annual sidewalk sales and Cruisin' US12 event being held Thursday, July 13, to Saturday, July 15. Business owners and community members are coming together to make this annual event bigger and better than it has been. It is hoped that retail businesses will participate by setting up outside their stores and that non-retail businesses will participate in some other way-perhaps sponsoring a clown, face-painting, cotton-candy machine, popcorn machine, music, etc. The next planning meet-

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Rotary Club picture taken in mid 1950 's with 60 plus members.

Rotary: Service above self

Last month, on February 23, an organization called "Rotary International" celebrated its founding 112 years earlier. It took place in Chicago with a man named Paul Harris who served as the first president. (In later years, Paul Harris Awards would be given to a Rotarian or community individual who demonstrated outstanding service to our community.) Today, Rotary International is found in cities and towns in every country throughout the world. Wherever you travel in the United States, you will see Rotary Club signs posted at a town's entrance with the weekly meeting day, time and location. If you are a Rotarian, you know you are welcome to attend these meetings. If you travel to countries around the world, the same is true.

Wayne is fortunate to have a Rotary Club in our community which has been active for many years. Beginning in the 1920's a number of service clubs began to form in Wayne with programs and projects to improve the lives of its people, organizations and community. Wayne's downtown business district and industries were growing as was its population. By the 1940's and 50's there was a long list of men's service clubs such as Rotary, Jay-cees, Civitans, and Lions as well as women's organizations who had service projects

similar to the mens. (Rotary-Anns, Kiwani-Kweens, Jay-shees, Felions Soroptimists and Business and Professional Women). Many of these clubs were active for many years until a time came when membership began to drop and programs scaled back.

Today, the Wayne Rotary Club is still actively making a difference in our community. It all began in the fall of 1919 when invitations were sent out to area business men to attend a dinner meeting held at the old Roosevelt School with the purpose of organizing a civic group of business men to provide for the betterment of the community. This group of 25 members soon became called the Wayne Noon Lunch Club. They met weekly and from the inception, the plan was to become a Rotary Club. Meetings were conducted using the rules laid down by the Rotary International Organization. Eventually, application was made to Rotary International but was rejected because of the size of our community. Towns smaller than 5000 people were not eligible.

In the summer of 1920, Allen Alberts, a past President of Rotary International, came to Wayne to speak at a Chautauqua. (A meeting usually held in the summer for lectures, programs or entertainment.) He was invited to the Club lunch and heard

the plight of its members concerning rejection to Rotary. Mr. Allen informed the group that he was attending the next convention in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1921 and would introduce a resolution to change the rule as to population. He did and it was approved. Wayne received its Charter in January of 1922. We were the very first Rotary Club in a town with less than 5000 people!

For those who grew up in Wayne, many familiar faces can be found in the picture of Rotarians accompanying this article taken sometime in the 1950's. Just listing the first ten presidents of the club, we recognize businessmen and leaders of our community long ago. (LaRue, Reiser, McMurtry, Uht, Mulholland Sr., Tinkham Sr., Gerbstadt, Jamieson, Poole and Hilliard) To list all of the men and women who have served this club over the years would be a lengthy task. Two notable men are Alex Moore who was president in 1942-43 and then elected to the position of District Governor for 1930-31 and David Carpenter, a past president and active member today who was elected to the position of District Governor for 2006-07.

From the beginning, the object of Rotary International was to "encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise." The



motto has always been "service above self". In the early 1930's the weekly luncheon meetings were held at the Congregational Church where the women prepared their meal for 40 cents a person. (It was during the depression and paying for meals and collecting dues became a problem. Dues were dropped for a few years.) When the Congregational women could no longer prepare meals, Rotary moved to the lobby of the Wayne Hotel on Michigan Ave. (The hotel rooms were located on the second floor above the store portion of the old Shafer Theater building.) Owners, Mr. and Mrs. Blocker, served meals to the 18 members of Rotary for a number of years until membership grew and the club had to move to the Episcopal Church on Newberry St. Mrs Blocker continued to serve meals there and at the Recreation Building on Wayne Rd. when Rotary moved there in 1947. In later years Rotary met in restaurants, the Community Center and the Wayne Library where they meet today.

Over the years, Rotary has worked to offer fellowship and social activities to its members. Many of today's members will recall years of summer picnics for planning, power lawn mower races, lobster and steak roasts in the fall, Christmas Brunch and trips to other communities to join with other Rotarians. Many of these activities are still being enjoyed today.

Women joined Rotary in the mid 1980's and have become an important part of the club as they take on leadership roles. Pat Rice is serving as a co-president with Bill Wild at present.

Wayne Rotary has supported our community in many ways for 95 years. Funding their many projects was a challenge but always offered club members and the community an opportunity to socialize and have a good time. One early fundraiser was known as "The White Horse Show". In 1947 members of the Club

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Karma is back with great food menu

By Carolyn Marnon

Karma Coffee and Kitchen opened on Michigan Avenue in November 2016. You may remember Karma Coffee when they occupied the space next to Dairy Queen on Wayne Rd. Although the owners are the same, Dave and Jennifer Romero, the business is not the same. The city welcomed the first edition of Karma Coffee back in February 2010. They had cozy couches and tables to sit at. They offered free Wi-fi and had musicians to entertain the crowd. At that time, Jennifer told The Wayne Dispatch that the name Karma came from them wanting to share the good things that had happened to them with others.

What you will find now is a different atmosphere. Gone are the couches, the musical entertainment, the free Wi-fi. There is now a kitchen where freshly made food appears.

What happened to the Romero's when the first Karma Coffee closed and the new one opened? It appears that much happened. Dave went to culinary school at Oakland Community College. The couple had a baby, the now 4 1/2 year old Isabella. You'll find Isabella at the business, wandering around the place or sitting quietly at a table with her own entertainment.

Karma Coffee and Kitchen has more square footage than the previous location. There had been no kitchen at the other store. The new location provides more exposure to the traffic that passes by on Michigan Avenue each day. The Romero's say this building has more character evidenced by the tin ceiling overhead. They have chefs onsite now.

Fresh-baked goods are baked onsite by Steve Berry or Dave and make their way into the pastry display. Walnut Turtle Cake was a recent offering. Karma serves both lunch and dinner.

Karma does not want to be known as a coffee shop. They are trying to reinvent themselves as a restaurant or café. Dave and Jennifer plan to give back and be a part



Dave Romero has another order up at Karma Coffee and Kitchen.

of the Wayne community. They want you to come into their establishment, unwind and enjoy the people you are with. There is no Wi-fi or music because they want to minimize distractions. They want you to enjoy healthy, homecooked meals made from scratch. Think of Karma as a comfort-food café. Try the meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, fried chicken

water not made by Karma Coffee but that just happened to have the serendipitous name Karma.

Theme weeks have been implemented. The menu changes each week with new bakery items and

sandwiches. If there is something you would like to have that is not on the menu, but the individual ingredients to make it are, they will make you that something. Just ask.

Last month, Karma hosted a Valentine's Day dinner that reached capacity and went very well. Attendees were able to choose between chicken with champagne sauce, steak in a red wine sauce or vegetarian lasagna. All were served with a potato that was sliced like a rose, asparagus and strawberries with a balsamic vinegar and for dessert, chocolate cake with strawberries in the middle topped by a brownie frosting.

Karma's is open Thursday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Sunday is reserved for private parties. Karma also caters events. If you are interested in having them cater your event or want to reserve the restaurant for an event, contact them at (734) 589-0304. Karma Coffee and Kitchen is located at 35634 W. Michigan Ave. Check them out one day soon!



Karma has a new grilled ham and cheese sandwich on a cinnamon roll. Photos by John Rhaesa

or the soups that are made fresh every morning. They recently started offering hand-cut fresh French fries and sweet potato fries. They have vegetarian options on their menu. If you have kids, they also serve peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, grilled cheese and chicken nuggets. Besides hot beverages, a customer can get a smoothie, a glass bottle of pop or even a Karma Water (a flavored



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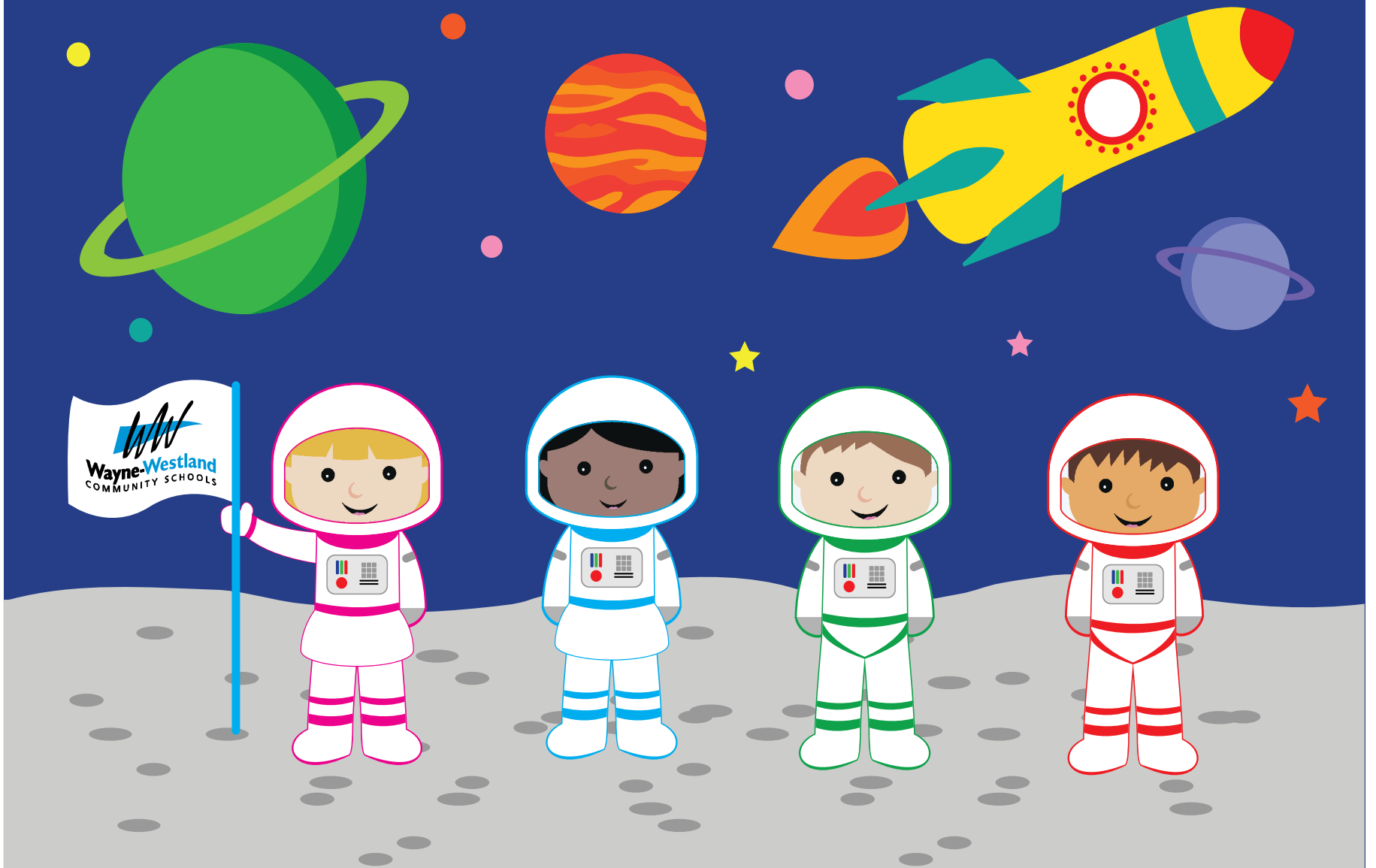


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Series of budget meetings continues

By Carolyn Marnon

The most recent budget meeting of the Wayne City Council was held Tuesday, February 28, at City Hall. Although it is an open meeting, very few residents were in attendance.

The meeting started with an overview of upcoming water and sewer capital projects presented by Mike Buiten and Ed Queen. Buiten informed the council that Wayne starting having a water system in 1920 for fighting fires. In 1921, the system for potable water and sanitary sewer was put in. In the 1940s, sewers were placed east out towards Merriman Rd while the area out west towards Hannan had sewers placed in the 1960s. He said a few areas are in bad condition now and need to be taken care of, indicating on a city map where those areas were.

Queen told the council that the state requires the city to clean and televise a certain amount of the sewer system each year. He presented a video of a camera following a cleaning machine through the sanitary sewer showing damage to pipes on Biddle, Clark and Laura. He explained how sliplining is the way to repair the damage. This is a process where a long tube is fed from one manhole to another manhole and then inflated. A resin is then used to form a seal. By using this method, the road is not disturbed.

It was also mentioned that the city would not need to purchase a new Vactor sewer cleaning truck for a couple of years.

Brian Camiller of Plante Moran addressed the council on the city's budget. He mentioned that the city



had not done much in the way of forecasting revenues and expenses in the past so now the city is triaging their budget. Camiller said he doesn't have a crystal ball to foresee situations with the budget for the next five years, but he did have 12 "very, very rough" and basic assumptions he used in making a five-year forecast. These included stipend as originally approved that replaces retiree healthcare; all pension multipliers for current employees reduced to 2.25 from 2.75 and 2.85, estimate a 20% reduction in contribution for 2018 and future increases at 7% per year; Fire Department Ladder Truck is sold; and Recreation Center is sold, recreation debt services reduced by 33%. His Roll Forward Assumptions include property tax decline stops, annual increase of taxable value of 0.5% per year; state shared revenue increases 2% per year; all other budgeted revenues increase 1% per year; wage budget increases 1.5% per year; healthcare budget for active employees increases 8% per year; other budgeted insurances increase 3% per year; all other budgeted expenses increase 1% per year; and City will continue to spend 3.8% less than budgeted,

consistent with the actual results for fiscal year 2016.

Although Wayne's 2016-17 budget is in the hole \$1.6 million (only \$900,000 if the city spends 3.8% less than budgeted), Camiller believes the City would still have a fund balance in five years. He said he was very pleased with this as it tells him the City has been doing the right things. They are in charge of their own destiny, and if they keep their eye on the ball, they can get out.

A small group of city officials will be meeting with Ford soon to discuss tax abatement and other issues.

Tony Saunders, former Benton Harbor emergency manager, shared his observations and opinions with the council. He thought they had done some creative things so far. He noted that the OPEB (Other PostEmployment Benefits) per resident is rather large for a city of Wayne's size and that he thought some of Camiller's budget assumptions were too "rosy." If things aren't modified with health care and pensions, the city will be insolvent very quickly. City Manager Lisa Nocerini, when questioned by council, said the City was at a standstill with the retiree health representatives as they have not yet picked up their FOIA request.

The meeting wrapped up with Community Development Director Lori Gouin speaking about the Wayne Community Development Department and its functions including program and project management, CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) programs, public relations and marketing, the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) and economic development planning

and strategies. She noted the partnership with Wayne Main Street has been wonderful, that there is now only one contact for new businesses (herself) and that there are weekly planning meetings.

The department has focused on business attraction and retention while streamlining the permit process. There was \$5.1 million invested/reinvested in Wayne in 2016 (including Arby's, Wendy's, Rizzo, Wayne Industries and Senior Alliance) and so far in 2017, \$3.2 million. There are For Sale signs on city-owned commercial and residential properties. The next step is obtaining a commercial realtor through an RFP (Request for Proposal).

The property which used to house Save-a-lot and Salvation Army on Michigan Avenue and Second has been bought by the owner of the Dorsey Schools. He is planning to white-box the interior to prepare for future tenants. There are no other specific plans for the building at this time.

Gouin said the City needs to take steps to become a Redevelopment Ready City. There is a lot of work that is involved with this process including reviewing zoning, ordinances and the master plan.

City Hall and the Wayne Historical Museum were recently appraised for sale. The HYPE building will be next.

The next budget session meeting will be the last Tuesday of the month, March 28, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. All are encouraged to attend to learn more. The planned topic will be what the City departments are looking for in the budget.



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bought a talented albino horse owned by Warner Brothers Studios and featured in Life Magazine. They planned a huge extravaganza for the community using this talented horse in a circus style show which drew so many people that traffic was stopped on Michigan Ave. On the last night of the show, the horse and all the trappings and a Ford Super Deluxe Tudor were given away as prizes. Other fund raising projects over the years include: annual chicken barbecues, rummage sales, garage sales, art auctions, dueling piano programs, euchre tournaments (one which vied for the Guinness Book of



The Rotary Club in front of the Graham-Paige Motors Corporation.

Records fame for most euchre players in attendance), bus trips to casinos and many more too numerous to mention.

Our community has benefited over the years from these fund rais-

ers. The money Rotary has given to help and support the people of our community has made a real difference in the quality of life for many. One of the clubs first projects was to build a community swimming pool

near the original Wayne High School on Michigan Ave. It eventually had to be abandoned due to a water shortage. To name all of the club projects would be impossible. To name a few: sponsoring Wayne's traditional Christmas parade for many years, funds to help restore the Rouge River, sponsoring and care of two of Wayne's community parks, dictionaries presented to all third graders in Wayne area schools, sponsoring exchange students from around the world and providing them with homes while they attended WMHS, years of scholarship money to graduating Wayne Memorial High School and John Glenn seniors, help for special needs children, opportunities for teens in leadership camps and Interlochen, First Step support, support of homeless shelters, financial support of WMHS Vocal Dimensions, back packs and supplies for Iraqi children, the purchase of an athletic field scoreboard at WMHS, five years of financial support to the Main Street Program and sponsoring a youth court program at Wayne Memorial High School to educate students on our court systems.

Our Wayne Rotary Club has also been active in working with Rotary International in improving the lives of people around the world. Wayne Rotarians gave funds to and traveled to Honduras a number of times to work at building water filters to improve the quality of the water needed in villages as well as build classrooms and orphanages. They support many other Rotary International Programs such as the world wide eradication of polio and other health issues.

What would Wayne be like today if that small group of business men hadn't banded together to form a club to give service to their community? In the words of Rotary International President, John F. Germ, "the world is a far, far better place now than it would have been without Rotary. The world needs Rotary more than ever. It needs our courage, our optimism, and our idealism. It needs the voice of tolerance, cooperation and hope that Rotary can offer."

We owe a huge debt to the men and women of Wayne Rotary for their commitment to "service above self" and all they have given our community. (Material for this article comes from the Wayne Historical Museum. Thanks to David Carpenter for his help with information.)

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Look at my ability, not my disability!

A one-day exhibit debuts celebrating March as National Disability Awareness Month.

Canton resident Sarah Palk is not messing around when she looks you in the eye and wants to tell you something. She will continue eye contact with you to engage you in asking questions. If the answer is yes, she will look up and if the answer is no, she'll look down.

Sarah has a developmental disability, uses a wheelchair and communicates on a laptop with the touch of a button she controls with her head. It's a pretty cool piece of technology, and that's why Sarah wants to share her knowledge about disability-related fun facts at the debut of her "Possibility and Disability Exhibit" at the Wayne Historical Museum on Wednesday, March 15th from noon-3:00 p.m.

"I want to show the community the positive aspects of having a disability," said Sarah. "There is so much information out there, and I have always wanted to share it with people so I thought creating a "disability exhibit" would be the best way to do it."

The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, will focus on four main areas: The History of Special Education with a special focus on McGrath Elementary in Wayne (one of the first special education schools in the county), People's Accomplishments and Technological Advancements. The fourth area is Sarah's favorite because it displays information on Service Dogs. "My service dog is my employee, he works for me and people should know how to be around a working dog," said Sarah.

Sarah receives assistance from Community Living Services. CLS is a non-profit, 501 c3 organization providing support and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. CLS is funded through the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority and Macomb County Community Mental Health. For more information contact them at (734) 467-7600 or visit their website at www.comlivserv.com.



Sarah Palk with her service dog, Mikey.



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4th graders reach out to homeless

By Carolyn Marnon

Friday, February 17, was National Random Acts of Kindness Day, a day that is celebrated by individuals, groups and organizations nationwide to encourage acts of kindness. It also happened to be the day that Kelly Weber's 4th grade class of 26 students at Taft-Galloway ventured out in 35° temperatures on a field trip to distribute at various spots in Wayne fleece scarves they had made in class.

What led up to this adventure? "At Christmas time, we were discussing ways to bring joy to others after watching a Kid President Youtube (video) about Joy! We talked about the men we often see around the McDonald's on Michigan Avenue and Wayne Road who look like they could use some help. Through reading some posts on the Wayne Neighbors Discussion Page, I found out that there were many homeless men and women in the area. We decided as a class we wanted to help. Then I read an article online about Scarf Bombing and thought we could do that!" says Weber.

It was just a coincidence that the class delivered the scarves on Random Acts of Kindness Day. "I had no idea! I just really wanted it done before we went on break! It took us a long time to get things rolling and talk to the right people to get a bus. The district covered the cost for us."

Weber tried to choose spots where she has seen many people out and about such as bus stops and the downtown area. The first stop was near the Kroger at Merriman and Michigan Ave. The second stop was at Dynamite Park where the kids walked along the path at Mill Trail Park and tied scarves to the lightposts. There were splotches of ice covering the path, frozen areas of water in the woods and the trees were bare. A purple scarf had a tag, like all the scarves did, saying "Take this scarf if you are cold, and it will help you to be warmer! Love, The Taft-Galloway Tigers." The third stop was near Michigan Ave and Wayne Rd where scarves were tied near the McDonald's and near the eastbound Michigan Avenue bus stop where a homeless man had recently died. His death was thought to be caused by the cold although that hasn't been



On National Random Acts of Kindness Day Kelly Weber's 4th grade class of 26 students at Taft-Galloway ventured out to distribute fleece scarves they had made in class through the city. Photo by John P. Rhaesa



Taft-Galloway students tie fleece scarves to poles on Mill Trail for the homeless.



confirmed. The final stop was at the police station.

The scarves were all made in the classroom by the kids. "They were fairly simple to make and only required cutting," said Weber. "We are a LEADER in Me school, and we try to instill leadership in everything we do. The kids took the lead and showed each other how to cut the scarves and pushed me everyday to finish our project."

"I love helping others! I wish we could start an afterschool club so we could go out and do nice stuff for people who need things," said Madison. "It was awesome to help other people," said Alexis. Mario said, "It was fun to make the scarves and hang them. It made me feel good to help!" "It sounds like I need to start a club now!" said Weber as she listened to her students.

The class also tries to do things in the building. Recently, they made a bulletin board about the 100 reasons they love Taft.

As quoted by author Scott Adams, "Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end." Let's hope this ripple started by the kids can turn into a wave of kindness throughout Wayne and beyond.

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ing is Wednesday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. and is hosted by the Knights of Columbus, 3144 S. Wayne Rd. "The key to this is everyone working together," said Brian Ewanciw, owner of ICON Computer Solutions. If you have ideas on how to make this annual event better, come to the meeting and be prepared to participate.

Wayne Garden Club meetings begin

The first Garden Club meeting of the year will be Wednesday, March 8, at 12:30 p.m. at the Wayne Public Library. The afternoon's program will be presented by Maxwell Cameron, the new executive director of Wayne Main Street. There will also be a representative of a clothes closet for young women. All are welcome to attend and learn more about the Wayne Garden Club and their upcoming events.

Another craft and vendor event

Attend the craft and vendor event being held on Sunday, April 2, from noon-5:00 p.m. at HYPE Recreation Center. Confirmed vendors and crafts include C&F Styles, Tupperware, Paparazzi, Abby & Anna, Thirty One, Origami Owl, Scentsy, Initials, Inc., Perfectly Posh, Mary Kay, LulaRoe, Pure Romance, Brockadoodle Treasures, Usbourne Books, Jamberry, Bestitchin, On The Rocks, Gold Canyon Candles, Tastefully Simple, It Works, Jennah's Wine & Wood Décor, Memorable Moments, Crafty Concoctions, Marissa's Creations, Edwin Lytle, Purple Door Studio and Kiss and Makeup by Stefany {Lipsense}.

Birth and death certificate fees increase

Official records of births and deaths occurring within the city limits of Wayne are on file in the City Clerk's office. Effective March 1, the fee for copies of these birth and death certificates will increase from \$15 for the first copy and \$5 for each additional to \$20 for the first copy and \$5 for each additional copy. This fee covers not only the cost of the



Nine young women are participating in the 2017 Wayne-Westland Distinguished Young Women Program on Friday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. at Stockmeyer Auditorium, Wayne Memorial High School. Front: Madison Lago, Irisa Lico, Katherine Iwanka and Olivia Smith. Back Row: Danielle Deel, Alexis Parsell, Ashley Socia, Hailey Hayward and Sariah Bolden.

service but also the eternal retention of the documents.

Catholic school week

City officials and the police and fire departments were thanked for their service to the Wayne community by the students and staff of St. Mary's Catholic School. As part of their Catholic School Week celebration, the school hosted a luncheon on January 31 during which time the departments had an opportunity to spend time with and talk to the students.

Into No Man's Land

Join author Irene Miller in discussing her new book *Into No Man's Land: A Historical Memoir* on Wednesday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Wayne Public Library. Irene Miller, a Holocaust survivor, will take you on a survival journey little written and known about. You will sleep in the winter under an open sky on the no man's land; you will freeze in a Siberian labor camp where the bears come to your door front. In Uzbekistan, you will live on boiled grass or broiled onions, and shiver with malaria. When this is over you

will wonder how a child with this background grows up to become a positive, creative, accomplished woman with a joy of living and love to share. To register for this free program, please call the adult reference desk (734) 721-7832 ext 630.

The Last Hobo

Join Detroit native and local author Dan Grajek in discussing his new book *The Last Hobo*. In the summer of 1979, 19 year old Ted acts out his dream of being a hobo by hitchhiking (and hopping a train) across the U.S. Ted's fantasy-fueled trip often collides with reality. The re-

sults are hilarious, nerve-wracking and inspiring. Based on a true story, *The Last Hobo* is a colorful portrait of America and its people during the dramatic transition from the seventies to the eighties. An older-and-wiser Ted narrates the tale with a unique perspective: He's from Detroit, the icon of America's highest dreams and its worst nightmares. To register for this program which will be held at the Wayne Public Library on Tuesday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m., please call the adult reference desk (734) 721-7832 ext. 630.

Cooking Matters Extra for Diabetes

This free workshop is a 6-week commitment of fun, interactive sessions presented by trained culinary and nutrition instructors. Hands-on presentations demonstrate the link between nutrition and health, the affordability of healthy eating, healthy meal planning and cooking tips. Free groceries and cookbooks are included to practice new skills at home. This workshop provides specialized recipes and information for adults living with diabetes and their caregivers. It is appropriate for people who are newly diagnosed as well as those who have been living with Type 2 diabetes for years and those with pre-diabetes. Registration is limited to one class and is open to adults who have not previously enrolled in a Cooking Matters course. The free workshop will run from Tuesday, April 11, through May 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-543-9355 or visit

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www.beaumont.org/classes-events to register. This workshop is offered by Wayne Senior Services and sponsored by Beaumont, Ford Motor Company and Gleaners.

Sometimes Travelers Group

Join the Wayne Sometimes Travelers as they take a guided tour of Historical Detroit on Tuesday, March 14. The tour includes the Detroit Historical Museum, lunch at Andiamo Riverfront, and Hitsville USA (Motown Historical Museum). Cost is \$78 per person. Contact Wayne Senior Services to register at (734) 721-7460.

Getaway to Niagara Falls

The Wayne Sometimes Travelers will be travelling with Bianco Tours to Niagara Falls for two days Monday, April 24-Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Price of \$186 per person/double oc-

cupancy includes round trip motor-coach transportation and one-night stay at the Clifton Victoria Inn with breakfast. There will be shopping at White Oaks Mall with lunch on your own. You will have a free day to explore Niagara Falls. Since the tour will be going into Canada, US and Canadian passengers are required to present proof of citizenship-passport, passport card, enhanced drivers license or certificate of naturalization. For more information or to make reservations, please call Wayne Senior Services at (734) 721-7460.

Yamasaki in Detroit

Best-known for the World Trade Center in New York City, Japanese American architect Minoru Yamasaki (1912-1986) worked to create moments of surprise, serenity and delight in distinctive buildings around the world. In his adopted home of Detroit, Yamasaki produced many important designs that range

from public buildings to offices and private residences.

In Yamasaki in Detroit: A Search for Serenity, Detroit Free Press columnist and author John Gallagher presents both a biography of Yamasaki and surveys select projects spanning from the late 1940s to the end of Yamasaki's life. This program will be at the Wayne Public Library on Tuesday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. Call the library at (734) 721-7832 for more information.

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 15 and March 22, 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.

Notre Dame Lounge invites you to join them

Come to Notre Dame Lounge located at 3144 S. Wayne Rd (near Jack's Sporting Goods) for dinner and drinks. The Lounge is open to the public every Wednesday and Friday. An event called "An Evening With Barry Manilow" will be held on March 11. Wednesday nights feature a Euchre Tournament at 7:00 p.m. The Hall is also available to rent for private events. Call (734) 260-3238 for more information.

Inspecting and copying public records

All assessing records for the City of Wayne are located at City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. City Hall is open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Assessing staff is on site during the days and hours of Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. to assist the public in the inspection and

copying of public assessment records. When assessing staff is not on site, the inspection and copying of public assessment records is the responsibility of the Finance Department's office staff. Additionally, the public assessment records are available online through the City of Wayne's website through the Finance Department section.

St. Patrick's Day event

Head over to US12 Bar and Grill for their annual St. Patrick's Day Bash on March 17. Starting at 10:00 a.m. green beer is 25 cents with progressive pricing as the day wears on. Have some corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew, shepherd's pie, or corned beef reuben and fries. The live band "If Walls Could Talk" will be performing as well as DJ Mark EP Miller. There will even be a live bagpiper!

St. Paddy's Dueling Piano Party

The Wayne Rotary is presenting their annual St. Paddy's Dueling Piano Party on Saturday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. at HYPE Recreation Center. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. There will be food available for purchase, a cash bar, 50/50 raffles and lots of fun.

Tickets are \$20 each or you can get a table for 10 for \$180. For more information, contact Gayle Rediske at (734) 502-3202.

Tickets are available at Henry's Service Center, the Wayne Public Library and at HYPE. Proceeds from the event will benefit Wayne Rotary and the Wayne Police Department.

Marshmallow Drop

Wayne's annual marshmallow drop will be held on Friday, April 14, at 10:00 a.m. The event will be at Anderson Field in Attwood Park.

Bunny Brunch

After the marshmallow drop, head over to HYPE Recreation Center for the Bunny Brunch on Friday, April 14, at 10:45 a.m. Brunch tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for kids ages 3-11. Pictures will be available for an additional fee. Tickets go on sale mid-March at HYPE.

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Zebra basketball heads to playoffs

By Dave Merchant

The Wayne Zebras boys' varsity basketball team has plenty to be proud of this season. The team coached by Nkwane Young has done something the school has never in history been able to do.

Earlier in month they defeated Walled Lake Central 47-44 to win the school's first ever Kensington Lake Valley Association Championship.

"It was a close game to the wire," Young said. "They were up by 11 but we game back late in the fourth and matched them bucket for bucket.

Rashard Williams led Wayne in scoring with 25 points (most of them in the second half). Kevin Epps grabbed 16 boards to help guide his team to victory.

"I was really excited after the win for the whole Wayne community," he said. "We won the division, the conference the whole thing.

"It gives us a big momentum taking a win into district."

In the middle of the second week of March they play the winner of Lincoln Park and Allen Park at Allen Park in the Class A district semifinals for the right to battle for the district title.

This team currently holds a 17-3 record going into post-season play. Some of the big names on the team include junior Rashard Williams who averages 23 points a game and Epps who averages 18 points a game and will be playing for Eastern Michigan University in the fall.

"The main thing is to keep it up," he said. "Be level headed and do something the school has never done before. It is very huge and we want to win a district."

Other keys to the team are junior guard Terance Williams, sophomore Isiah Lewis and Travis Nyk.

"We also have the guys off the bench like Coby Price," he said.

Two other keys according to Young are Natier Bryant and Xavier Moore.

"We have a young team that is winning," he said. "It isn't really about stats. We work hard and we win. I have my guards and a lot of players coming back next year."

Young said this team he has for Wayne reminds him of the 2014

team he coached at Fredrick Douglas.

"We had three guys go Division 1 and seven players all together who went on to play college ball."

That team lost in the State Semifinals.

Wayne's post season journey begins March 8th and they will determine their own destiny.

Girls' Basketball



Makailah Griggs-Zeigler drives the lane.

Photo by Ryan C. Wright

Winning isn't everything for Wayne Zebras' head girls' basketball coach Jarvis Mitchell but it sure is nice. The Zebras captured their first ever Class A district title on March 3 with a resounding win over Romulus 65-27.

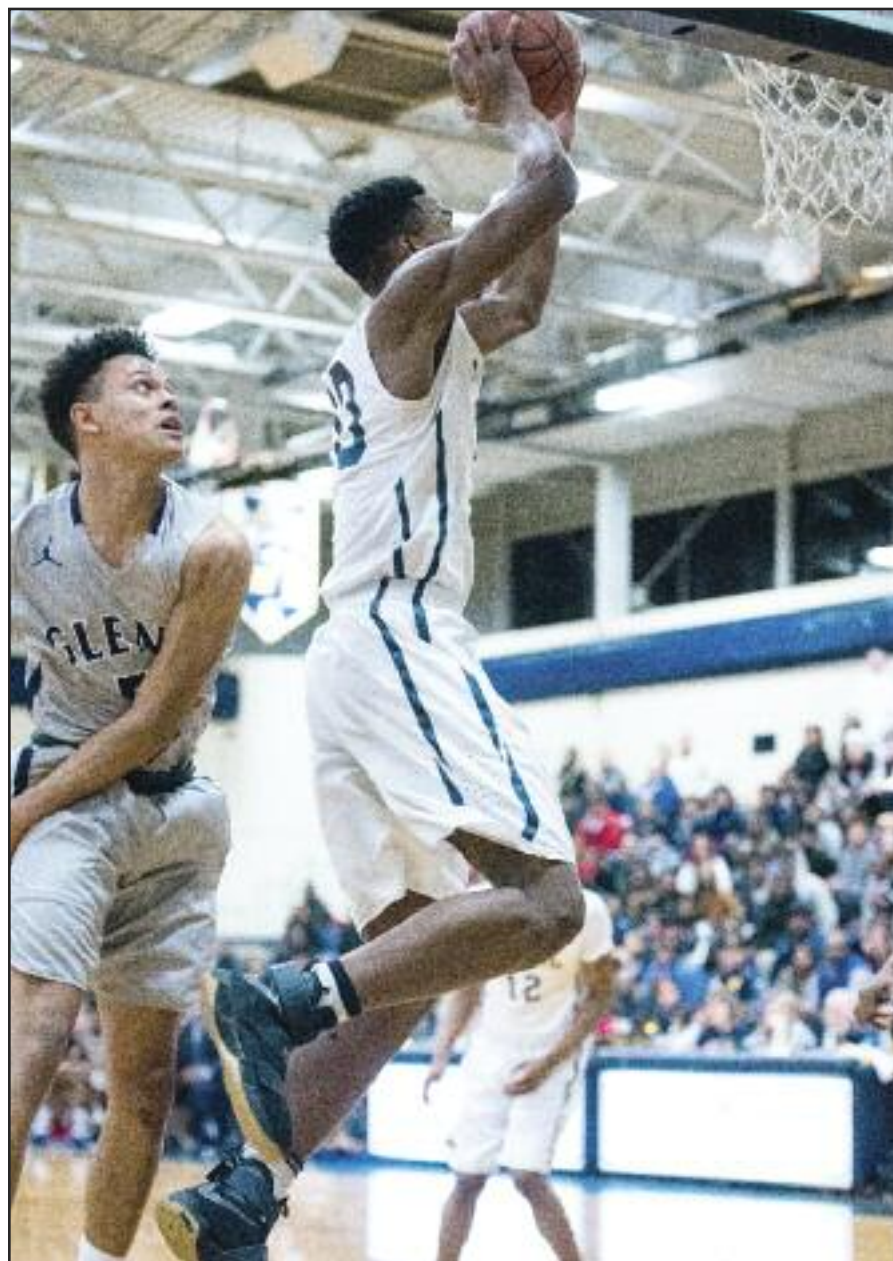
Believe it or not the score was knotted at four after the first quarter.

"We missed over 20 layups in the game," Mitchell said. "There was a lid on the basket. The girls just used a lot of energy and worked through it."

Mitchell said the girls have never won a district or had a banner. Now they get both. Scoring for the game was led by sophomore sensation Jeanae Terry and junior sensation Camree Clegg who each had 19 points.

The team which improves to 18-4 will play in the Class A regional against Belleville at Lincoln Park on March 7th.

The girls finished 10-1 in the Kensington Valley Association with the only lost to Canton. The Zebras won the Conference Championship defeating Novi. In the overall Championship, they fell to Hartland 61-48 to finish in second place overall in



Kevin Epps beats the defender to score and led his team to victory. Photo by Ryan C. Wright

the league.

Terry averaged 17.7 points a game and was named all-league.

"She played our number one guard and made a lot of shots in transition," he said. "She was the most versatile player. Against Kennedy in the districts she had 27 points and 12 steals and Clegg was also named all-conference as a point guard and leads the team with a 26.7 points per game average. She has an offer on the table to play at Clemson.

The two seniors on the team Marwa Chikwe has an offer to play at Youngstown State and Mya Garrett (six-foot, three inches) averaged nine points and 11 boards has an offer from Mississippi.

Sophomore Jayah Hicks who played small forward averaged seven points and nine boards. Another

very talented player for the Zebras was Makailah Griggs-Zeigler who played small forward.

"This is my third-year coaching here," he said. "I have been grinning. This team is more identical to me. I have never been satisfied."

Mitchell said winning a division title was nice but that is not his goal as a coach.

"I am showing them different avenues that you can use basketball as a life lesson," he proclaimed. "I work as a translator to be a bridge and a mentor."

He said his whole approach is to have trust and love in the game with passion. Both Wayne girls' and boys' basketball teams have made history so far. Let's see how much further these talented young athletes can take it.

Teacher wins Creative Writing Educator of the Year

Wayne Memorial High School teacher Kevin English has been selected by the Michigan Council of Teachers of English as the 2017 Touchstone Award Recipient (Creative Writing Educator of the Year).

This award recognizes high school creative writing teachers. Kevin Weber, Wayne Memorial High School principal, nominated English for the award.

Weber noted English's dedication to children, equality, reading and excellence in teaching creative writing.

"I think my favorite thing about Creative Writing at Wayne Memorial has been getting to craft real pieces alongside students. Every day, we talk about genre, audience, and purpose. We're analyzing writing for their content and their craft, and we're studying mentor texts every day to learn from other writers," English said. "We're also trying hard to develop the lifelong habits that so many writers have in common by writing every day, by sharing our writing and receiving feedback, and by taking real risks and seeing what

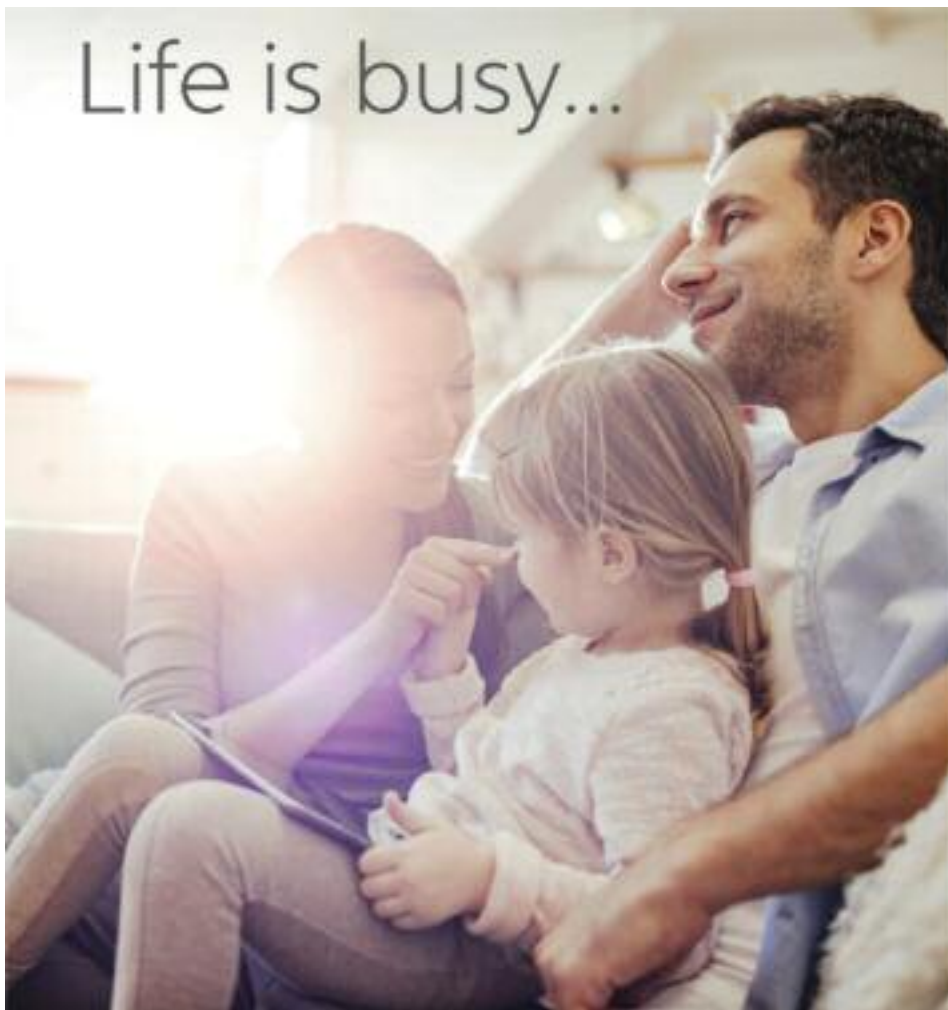
happens. I see this award as a celebration of the sometimes grueling work that writing is, and I'm hoping to encourage more students to sign up for Creative Writing in the future. Writing is more than just a thing we do; it can be part of our identities!"

English is in his fifth year of teaching at Wayne Memorial High School. He has taught English 9, English 10, Science Fiction & Fantasy, and Creative Writing. During his time at WMHS, he has served as a teacher leader for his building's Reading Apprenticeship team, as a building representative for the Wayne-Westland Education Association, and most recently became one of the directors of his building's mentoring program, Champions of Wayne. He is one of the inaugural members of the International Literacy Association's "30 Under 30" list, and he received a classroom library from the Book Love Foundation in 2014. He is currently working on planning a summer writing camp for teens with two of his former students.



English is an English teacher at Wayne Memorial High School.

English will be honored at the Touchstone Award Ceremony at the Kalamazoo on May 19, 2017. He is also a candidate for Michigan Teacher of the Year and Michigan Youth Arts Festival in Kalamazoo.



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