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The Class of 2017 from Wayne Memorial High School has earned \$4.5 million in scholarships. Below is the list of the eight valedictorians. Front Row: Kiera Matiska, Rachel Baisa, Melaina Climer and Makayla Carpenter. Back Row: Jacob Clark, Abigail Drake, James Greenshields, Erika Curka and Nicholas Adamson.

WMHS Class of 2017 Valedictorians

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Studying Forensic Science

Makayla Carpenter

Daughter of John and Amanda Buckley
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She will be attending Kettering University
Studying Mechanical Engineering

Jacob Clark

Son of Melissa Clark
Jacob is graduating
with a 4.18 Cumulative GPA
He will be attending Swarthmore College
Studying Linguistics
and Foreign Language



Melaina Climer

Daughter of Steven and Karen Climer
Melaina is graduating with a
4.31 Cumulative GPA
She will be attending the
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Majoring in Mathematics

Erika Curka

Daughter of Hasan and Alketa Curka
Erika is graduating with a 4.36 Cumulative GPA
She will be attending the
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Studying Cellular and Molecular Biology

Abigail Drake

Daughter of Jeff and Tricia Drake
Abigail is graduating with a
4.06 Cumulative GPA
She will be attending the
University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
Majoring in Biology

James Alan Greenshields

Son of Dave and Deanna Greenshields
James is graduating with a
4.0 Cumulative GPA
He will be attending the
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Kiera Matiska

Daughter of Andrew and Tonya Matiska
Kiera is graduating with a
4.125 Cumulative GPA
She will be attending the
University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
Studying Biology

NEWS BRIEFS

CORRECTION:

Retiree health care stipend plan approved

A health plan was approved 4-2 by City Council on April 18 to provide City of Wayne retirees with a stipend for health care while reducing city spending. Pre-65 retirees would receive \$241.50 per month if single, \$508 couple, or \$695.50 for family to put toward a health plan. Post-65 retirees would receive \$128.50 to put toward a health plan. This is expected to reduce deficit spending by \$465,723. This plan will start July 1 with the new City of Wayne fiscal calendar.

Bicycle ride to see art

The Wayne Bicycle Club will be hosting a DIA Inside/Out Display Ride on Thursday, June 8, at 7:00 p.m. All interested bike riders will meet at the State Wayne Theater for the beginning of the proposed 4-mile bike ride. The State Wayne features "Cotopax." The ride will take participants down to Icon Computer Solutions to see "Colonel Montessoro," around to The Avenue for "Syria by the Sea," the Wayne Historical Museum for "Fourteenth Street at Sixth Avenue," over to the Wayne Public Library for "Irises and Calla Lilies," then down to the new Derby's Alley Pocket Park for "Eros Triumphant," "Tiled Niche," and "Princess Sophia." The ride will then head over toward Helium Studios to see "Annunciatory Angel," circle around to City Hall/Goudy Park for "The Fisherman's Wedding" and end back at the State Wayne Theater. A volunteer docent from the DIA will present information on each of the paintings



State Champion

Wayne Memorial senior Anavia Battle ended her high school career as Michigan High School Athletic Association's 100 meter State Champion. Going into states, Anavia was ranked the number one seed. "I have a large stride so I used it to my advantage to take the win. I was extremely happy to end my high school career being a state champion" Anavia said. While her classmates crossed the stage to receive their diplomas, Anavia was crossing the finish line as a state champion.

along the way.

Let's walk together!

Come join a community walk on Saturday, June 17, at 10:00 a.m. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to Attwood Park for the 1.5 mile walk being sponsored by Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Healthy Wayne and the City of Wayne. Strollers and wagons are welcome at this event.

The American Heart Association recommends people walk at least 30 minutes each day. There is no registration fee but a donation to the Fam-

ily Resource Center is being encouraged. Items needed include toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, sanitary items, deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, hand sanitizer, hairbrushes/combs, chapstick, body wash, laundry detergent, new socks, new underwear, new winter hats/gloves/mittens/scarves, new sweatpants (kid's sizes small and medium), and gas cards for families in need (\$25 and under). Water will be provided to walkers. Healthy Wayne will be raffling off a Fitbit at the end of the walk (must be present to win.)

Scavenger hunt in Wayne

Wayne Main Street has created a Scavenger Hunt that encourages participants to visit all 10 art exhibits from the DIA Inside/Out program that are throughout the downtown area. Those who complete the Hunt could be entered in a drawing to win some exciting prizes. Created by Rachel Lessard, the map has a question about each piece of art that must be answered. You then need to unscramble the highlighted letters to determine the puzzle answer. Entries then need to be dropped off at either Wayne Main Street/Wayne Historical Museum (if closed, you can drop through the mail slot at the side door) or Helium Studio during business hours. You can download and print a copy of the Scavenger Hunt at <https://waynemainstreet.files.wordpress.com/2017/03/inside-out-wayne-scavenger-hunt-map.pdf> or find one at Helium Studios, City Hall or the Wayne Public Library. Instructions and rules are on the Scavenger Hunt map along with coupons that can be used at select downtown Wayne businesses.

First annual chili cook-off

The first annual chili cook-off will be held at HYPE Recreation Center on October 21 from 4-7:00 p.m. Do you make a great batch of chili and/or cornbread? If so, plan to enter this contest. It is \$10 to enter in either the Chili Only or the Chili and Cornbread category. It is \$5 to enter in the Cornbread Only category. Awards planned to be given are for best overall, people's choice, most

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Lend a Hand for the Rouge

Local volunteers needed for Wayne Rouge Rescue event

There's been lots of good news flowing out of our Rouge Rescue in recent years.

After generations of neglect, the river began to make a comeback a couple decades ago. Municipalities in the Rouge River watershed, like Wayne, began to implement pollution controls to meet federal Clean Water Act rules. As a result, water quality has improved markedly, especially in the Lower Branch, which is the main artery of the Rouge that flows through our city.

Local volunteers also went to work to clean out all of the trash that fouled the Rouge and was a local eyesore. Over the last couple decades, a small army of volunteers has pulled out of the river a virtual mountain of tires, shopping carts, car parts, bathtubs, stoves, barbecue grills, lawn mowers... and just about anything else you can imagine. Even a pop machine. Working in conjunction with City of Wayne officials, the volunteers have really improved the aesthetic of the river, and helped change atti-



Volunteers work to remove debris from the Rouge River.

trash, the volunteers have also been busy opening up all the logjams in the Rouge River through Wayne, so the river can be used for canoeing and kayaking.

City officials jumped on board, applying for a couple of grants in recent years to help make this recreation opportunity a reality.

First, the city received a million dollar federal grant through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to remove the obsolete Wayne Road dam, which impeded passage of both canoes and spawning fish. The project was completed in 2012.

A couple years later, the city received a grant from Wayne County to build a canoe/kayak launch at Goudy Park. The project was completed last year. The Goudy Park launch is now even listed on the Michigan Water Trails website at www.michiganwatertrails.org/location.asp?ait=av&aid=5010.

Wayne has definitely been a leader in the push for recreation along the Rouge. Wayne County and other municipalities have begun to take notice, and now have the goal of adding other launches along the

river, from Canton Township to Dearborn, where the Lower Branch empties into the Main Branch of the Rouge.

Of course, there is still plenty of work to do to make the Rouge River a sustainable source of recreation in our community. And the upcoming Rouge Rescue event on Saturday, June 10, will be an opportunity for local residents to lend a hand.

The event will take place at Goudy Park, which is one of the best places to access the river in Wayne. Not only is the launch located there, but there is also a trail and benches situated along the river where anglers can wet a line or people can just sit back and enjoy a great natural setting that is in the heart of downtown Wayne.

Volunteers are needed to pick up trash in and along the river from Goudy Park and the nearby Mill Trail/Dynamite Park areas, as well as maintain trails, and clean up/refinish some of the benches along the river. Some volunteers will also be in the river opening up logjams for canoeing. So there really will be something to do for people of all physical

abilities.

Rouge Rescue T-shirts and work gloves will be provided to all volunteers. There will be refreshments. Sign-up begins at 9 a.m., and work will take place from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

"This is a great event for Scout



The City of Wayne is working with volunteers to open up the Rouge River to canoeing and kayaking.

groups and students who are looking to complete public service projects. Rouge Rescue is great if you are looking for a way to help improve the community," Kuban said. "So come out and give a hand. The Rouge River needs you."

For more information, contact Kurt Kuban at (734) 716-0783 or kkuban3240@aol.com.



Fish are returning to the Rouge River including this small mouth bass that was caught in Wayne.

tudes about the Rouge.

"Over the years, we have had hundreds of people come out and volunteer -- from school children to seniors who remember playing in the Rouge when they were kids. People really care about the river, and want to see it cleaned up. It's really encouraging to see all the hard work paying off," said Kurt Kuban, who has helped coordinate Wayne's Rouge Rescue event since 2001.

In addition to cleaning up all the

Committed to bringing Wayne together

Beautiful public spaces, a historic downtown, and robust community pride- these are the key ingredients for a vibrant community, and attributes Wayne possesses in abundance. Just as significant, our city has an organization working to bring these amazing qualities together and foster a spirit of collaboration - Wayne Main Street. As Wayne continues to move forward, our Main Street program is actively working on building partnerships and working together to create an even better Wayne.

Community building through collaboration is essential in a smaller community like Wayne, where resources and manpower are often limited. Through partnership, we can create an economy of scale that raises the visibility of Wayne to our surrounding communities, and allows us to create projects that have a larger impact on the quality of life for our residents. Cooperation also takes leadership to drive worthy endeavors forward, while building connections between stakeholders. Finally, partnership leads to ownership. When our community is engaged and involved, collectively we become invested in building the best community we can.

Wayne Main Street fully embraces the philosophy of working and building together. Earlier this year our organization worked in concert with a number of partners on a community clean-up day (March 25). The event resulted in nine organizations, including business, civic groups, and the City of Wayne, and close to 150 volunteers coming together to help clean up our city. Our organization is continuing to work on shared projects.



Downtown Lowdown

Maxwell Cameron

Wayne Main Street is one of the main organizers for this year's Downtown Days event happening from July 13th - July 15th in downtown Wayne.

This event is an expansion of Wayne's annual Sidewalk Sales event and will include family-friendly activities, promotions, and entertainment hosted throughout downtown Wayne. We anticipate that Downtown Days will draw thousands to Wayne.

Our organization is only able to take on a project like Downtown Days by working closely with the Knights of Columbus, Wayne Rotary, and a number of business owners to help make this event a reality for our city.

Working together and embracing the great things about Wayne, as well as collectively taking on the challenges we face is what collaboration is all about. The whole being greater than the sum of our parts means that Wayne's potential lives in our ability to work communally and create solutions that dramatically and positively impact our city. In that regard everyone in Wayne has a role to play, whether that means volunteering for an organization like Main Street, creating a project that benefits our community, or by participating in an event like Downtown Days. Wayne succeeds when we come together.



Wayne Rotary is bringing Steve King and the Dittilies to Goudy Park on Friday, July 14, for a free family concert in celebration of Wayne's Downtown Days and sidewalk sales. Mark your calendar now to remind yourself to come out and support these local events.

About: Maxwell Cameron is the Executive Director of Wayne Main Street. In 2014 Wayne, Michigan was designated as a Select-level Main Street Community. For more information about Wayne Main Street, visit downtownwayne.org or call 734.629.6822.

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Scholarship winners dine with Ladies Literary Club

By Carolyn Marnon

The Ladies Literary Club, established in 1896, is the oldest continuously meeting club in Wayne.

Established by women for women in Wayne who didn't have a chance to be educated back in the late 1800s, the goal was to learn about subjects such as geography and science. Today, the club is about having fun, meeting new friends and still, to learn. Learning takes place through reading, attending lectures, seeing plays,



Hannah Gottman



Megan Buford

and other activities where learning and enjoyment can take place. It is also the goal of the club to give away two \$1000 scholarships to young women each year, one from Wayne Memorial High School and one from John Glenn High School.

Each year, the club invites the scholarship winners to their annual dinner in May, dubbed the Scholarship Dinner.

The girls are chosen by the club's scholarship committee which meets in April to read over the applications that are submitted through the high school counselors. Some years the committee is able to select one girl who rises among the rest. Other years, the committee has such a

hard time deciding who to give the scholarships to that they pick their top 3 and let the high school counselors choose which girl gets the scholarship. The 2017 winners are Hannah Gottman from WMHS and Megan Buford from JGHS.

Hannah Gottman was featured in a story in The Wayne Dispatch last December when she wrote a novel for November's National Novel Writing Month. She will be attending Michigan State to study English and Journalism. She would one day like to share her passion for the English language and journalism by teaching. She shared in her essay, "I've learned that writing, in all its forms, is what I love to do. It began when I joined yearbook and took off from there. In the beginning, I didn't care for it much. I didn't like the stress, the deadlines, and I didn't like writing about topics that didn't interest me. But towards the end of my first yearbook production, I found myself enjoying it. I was no longer the inexperienced writer and I was taking on extra work by editing my peers' pages and writing the pages that were unfinished. I was starting to have fun with the work...I fell in love with rearranging words, syntax, and offering advice to my peers about their writing."

Megan Buford plans on studying biomedical engineering at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. When she said "biomedical engineering" at the dinner, a rush of ohs and ahs went up around the room, impressing the women.



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Seniors living it up with lemons

By Carolyn Marnon

“The Spirit of America” bonds nursing home residents, volunteers, caregivers and staff as they work together each day to encourage independent living for the residents and patients at Maple Manor Rehab Center here in Wayne. To celebrate National Nursing Home Week (held May 14-20 this year), the staff at Maple Manor put together an afternoon celebration for residents to enjoy.

As the residents slowly gathered in the dining room, bright yellow, green and white balloons on strings swayed in the breeze as they decorated each yellow or green tablecloth-strewn table. The majority of residents rolled up to their tables, but a few walked with the assistance of their walkers. There was a lemon tree displayed at the back of the room. The trunk of the tree and branches were drawn on the wall while lemons with the names of residents hung down from the ceiling. The theme of the celebration—“Lemon Up.”



Mayor Susan Rowe center presents Maple Manor Administrator Victoria Bryan and Medical Director Dr. Stella Evangelista and residents Krystyna Pouch and Ruth Dickleman a certificate to celebrate National Nursing Home Week last month. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

Once Mayor Susan Rowe arrived, opening remarks were made by

Anna Duba, who orchestrated the event. She spoke about May being “Older American’s Month” since 1963. Every year, a theme is chosen for nursing homes all over to use as they unite to celebrate the older Americans in their care. Mayor Rowe spoke briefly before the room filled with voices singing “Lemon Tree Song,” the lyrics having been printed and placed at each table and chair.

A resident named Cookie was praised because she was wearing yellow to match the lemon-theme. Residents had been asked to wear yellow. Cookie commented that she wore yellow because it was her favorite color.

The stated goal of Older American’s Month is to provide enrichment for residents and their families.

It is also to assist the elderly in living life to the fullest. However, this is a goal that Maple Manor pursues every day. While helpers passed out lemon treats which included lemon pie, lemon bars, lemon cookies and lemonade, seven staff members volunteered to take part in a “fun” contest. Once they were seated at a table in the front of the room facing the audience, they were given bottles of water and told they would be eating lemons. The three staff members who had the least sour faces while they were eating the lemons, judged by the residents, would win a prize basket of lemon-themed items. Loretta finished her lemons first without a second thought and won the first basket. Rowena was handed the second basket and Chef Jeff took home the third. As he headed back to the kitchen, Jeff was heard to say, “Yeah, I won!” while hoisting his basket in the air.

Anna Duba reported that Maple Manor has a social worker on staff that works with residents to maintain their independence. Independence is very important to people. There are outings and shopping trips planned. Groups come to Maple Manor to provide support and entertainment.

Maple Manor has been offering rehabilitation services and long-term care for 13 years. There are 59 rehab beds and 32 assisted and independent living apartments. There is a mixture of permanent residents living with those who are there temporarily for help rehabilitating after surgeries such as knee replacements, hip replacements, etc. Maple Manor is located at 3999 Venoy Rd in Wayne.

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creative ingredients, best veggie-/vegan, best wild game chili and best fire house chili. Individual tickets will be \$3 or \$12 per family. Each participating chili cooker will have sample bowls at their station that attendees will be able to eat. There will be different firehouses from surrounding cities competing for the best firehouse chili. For more information or to enter, contact Lenny or Christi Powell at (734) 502-5603.

Food truck and fun day

Wayne Main Street will be hosting a Food Truck and Fun Day on Saturday, June 24, from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Derby's Alley (34824 Michigan Avenue West). Activities planned include food trucks, face painting, chalk drawing, cornhole boards and amplified music (noon-3:00 p.m.). This is a great opportunity for families and community members to visit downtown Wayne. Contact Wayne Main Street for more information at (734) 629-6822.

Household hazardous waste collection

There are three more household hazardous waste collection events being held this year in Wayne County. The next one will be June 10 at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. There will also be one August 12 at the Westland Shopping Center and one October 7 at Wayne County Community College-Downriver Campus in Taylor. This is your opportunity to get rid of your unwanted household chemicals, cleaning products, automotive fluids, paints and stains, and old electronics to be properly disposed of for free. They will also be collecting lawn products, fluorescent light bulbs and pharmaceutical waste. For a complete list of acceptable items, please visit www.WayneCounty.com.

Townsend tea

Join the Wayne Sometimes Travelers as they head out on their next bus trip Wednesday, July 12. They will be visiting Cranbrook House and Gardens in Bloomfield Hills to see some of what the over 40 acres



On Thursday, May 18, 2017, a student coordinated voter registration drive took place at Wayne Memorial High School. Led by students from the Champions Program and Mr. McGovern, World History Teacher at WMHS. Matthew Miller, Wayne City Clerk, and Richard LeBlanc, Westland City Clerk, registered over 80 students. The City of Wayne registered 31 new voters, Westland registered 26 new voters and the remainder were sent to the appropriate City Clerk where the student resides.

holds, including formal, woodland and naturalistic gardens. Next will be the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham where lunch and tea is included in the trip price.

Everyone will get a scone, five finger sandwiches (one of each kind) and four miniature pastries along with tea or coffee. The final stop will be Henry's Farm Market/Greenhouse in West Bloomfield where there will be a tour and then shopping. The trip will leave from the Westland Friendship Center at 8:30 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m. Trip is \$89. For more information or to sign up, call the Wayne Senior Services office at (734) 721-7460.

Remember when...

The Wayne Sometimes Travelers will take a trip to Wyandotte during their Remember When...bus trip on Wednesday, August 16. They will

start with a lunch at Smokies Restaurant and Bar where you will have a choice between three restaurant favorites along with two side dishes, dessert and a beverage. After lunch, take a two-hour narrated cruise on the Diamond Jack River Cruise where cruisers will see the new, exclusive community of waterfront mansions, accessible only by ferry, that now dot Bob-Lo Island. Other sites of interest that you'll cruise by include Calvert Canada Distillery, Fort Malden, Kings Navy Yard Park, Stony Island, Livingstone Channel and the Grosse Ile Lighthouse. After the cruise, there will be time for shopping in downtown Wyandotte. This trip is \$74. For more information or to sign up, call the Wayne Senior Services office at (734) 721-7460.

Citizens save a life

On April 20, a male subject

walked to the Michigan Avenue overpass with the intention of committing suicide. Ian Klosner followed the subject to the overpass and observed the subject place an extension cord around his neck. Christopher Chupa went up to the railroad tracks to assist Klosner. Chupa was able to distract the subject while Klosner was able to tackle the subject to the ground. Steven Chase, upon learning of the incident, instructed his wife to call 911 and climbed the embankment in case assistance was needed. He also assisted police officers in getting up the steep hill. Their actions saved this man's life and were commended by the Wayne Police Department with a Life Saving Award at the May 16 city council meeting.

New renovations

On May 16, the City Council approved the redevelopment of the Beydoun/Save-a-lot site on Michigan Avenue W. The 24,427 square foot building will have façade alterations done and will create leasable space downtown. The planning commission is requiring that some deferred general maintenance be done including the removal of tree limbs and brush on the lot, repair of the privacy fence at the rear of the building and the removal of old fence posts, scraping all loose paint on the building, light poles and signs and painting them, removing the Salvation Army parking signs, replacing the "fire lane" signs, sealcoating and striping the parking lot, replacing the boarded up windows and repairing the lighting on the front façade.

Gateway to Lenawee

Join the Wayne Sometimes Travelers as they venture on a trip Friday, June 23, to Lenawee. The trip, departing from the Westland Friendship Center at 7:30 a.m., will take you to 755-acre arboretum and botanical garden, Hidden Lake Gardens in the Irish Hills for a narrated tour, lunch at JR's Hometown Grill and Pub (9-oz sirloin steak, pan-fried tilapia or pineapple bourbon chicken), free time shopping in Tecumseh, a tour of Cabela's-World Foremost Outfitter (along with shop-

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ping), and a stop at Russell Stover Candies for an ice cream sundae. The bus will return at 6:30 p.m. Cost of the trip is \$69. For reservations and information, contact the Wayne Senior Services Office at (734) 721-7460.

Families Against Narcotics

Opioid addiction is on the rise and affects more than just those who are addicted. The Westland Police Department would like the public to know about the Families Against Narcotics (FAN) chapter that has been formed in Wayne County. FAN is dedicated to eliminating the stigma associated with addiction and providing families struggling with the disease the support and resources they need.

Meetings of the Wayne County FAN chapter are the first Monday of the month 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at LifeChurch Annex located at 6900 N. Haggerty Rd. in Canton. These meetings are open and free to the public. If you need help, please take advantage of this free program. For more information, please visit www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org.

Charity car show coming soon

The Wayne Masonic Temple is hosting a Charity Car Show on Saturday, June 10, at the lodge located at 37137 Palmer Rd in Westland. The event is 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Anyone who has a car they would like to show off is welcome to participate; a classic car is not required. The fee will be \$15 to park and show-off your car; you will also receive a goodie bag. All you have to do is show up that morning, pay the fee, park and enjoy the day sharing your car with others. For those who like to admire cars, admission is free to walk around and talk to car owners.

Parking for viewers will be across the street. Proceeds from the event will go toward programs for the Demolays and Rainbows, the youth groups of the Masons.

Steve King and the Dittilies

Wayne Rotary is bringing Steve King and the Dittilies to Goudy Park on Friday, July 14, for a family concert in celebration of Wayne's Downtown Days and sidewalk sales. Mark your calendar now to remind yourself to come out and support these local events.

Wayne neighborhood watch helps community

The Wayne Neighborhood Watch group continues to patrol the neighborhoods of Wayne as a deterrent to crime. Recently, neighborhood patroller Vern Amos, a proud 45-year resident of Wayne, was able to help Wayne police by locating an elderly woman who had wandered away from a care home. If you would like to become a patrol member or donate coffee or gas gift cards or cash to help with gas, please see Brian at Icon Computers. Vern advises all residents that "if you see something, say something."

50th class reunion

The Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1967 will be holding their 50-year class reunion on August 26 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Wayne. Contact Sue Egbert at (248) 910-4980 or by email at s.egbert67@att.net with your name and address information. If you have address information for any of your classmates, please give that to Sue also. The Reunion Committee includes Sue Egbert, Vicki Porter, Bob Vickers, Bev (Johnston) Fuller, Dick Martin, Chris (Sadley) Baron and Mallory (Masterson) Newton.

Build a better world at your Wayne library

By Carolyn Marnon

Come to the youth desk at the library and register for the Youth Summer Reading Program that begins Tuesday, June 6.

Readers and "Read-To-Me" readers will keep track of their reading time and earn points that they can use to trade for prizes. They can also pick a prize just for registering. If registered by Friday, June 24, the reader can get an entry to win the Giant Goody Guessing Jar! Each reading group wins a jar.

Earn one prize for every 10 hours read; two prizes for 20 hours; and three prizes for 30 hours. There is also a grand prize entry for each 10 hours of reading. The more a child reads (or is read to), the better the chances to win! Earn a Certificate for completing all 30 hours. All logged reading time must be turned in by Friday, July 29.

Every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. from June 21-July 26, a Family Storytime will be offered. Stories, songs and movement will be included in this one-hour program. If weather permits, time can also be spent outside using sidewalk chalk, a parachute or other outdoor fun.

Programs for youth include:

Tuesday, June 20, 1-3:00 p.m.: Tattoos and Face Painting in the Library

Tuesday, June 27, 2-3:00 p.m.: Animal Magic with Mark Rosenthal

Tuesday, July 11, 4-5:00 p.m.: Magic with Baffling Bill

Thursday, July 20, 1-2:00 p.m.: Legos with Building Blocks

(Registration for this Lego program begins June 27, and it is limited to 20 children)

Tuesday, July 25, 6-7:00 p.m.: Build a Bunch of Fun at the Library!

Teen summer reading program

Sign up starts Tuesday, June 6, at the adult reference desk for the 2017 Teen Summer Reading Program at the Wayne Public Library. The theme this year is Build a Better World.

For each book read, teens will note in a reading log the name of the book and its author, how many

pages are in the book and the date the book was completed. It is a good idea to check in at the library's adult reference desk every few weeks to have a librarian initial the reading log and update the teen's progress in the library's records.

For every 100 pages that are read, teens are entered in a drawing for a chance to win gift cards and a brand new Kindle Fire! The teen who reads the most pages wins a \$10 Barnes & Noble gift card.

Programs that are planned include:

Friday, June 16, 2-4:00 p.m.

Henna Tattoos-Henna is a natural dye that temporarily stains the skin. The tattoos can last anywhere from 1-3 weeks.

Wednesday, June 28, 2-4:00 p.m.

Upcycled Planters-Using recycled objects, craft materials, and some pictures for inspiration, teens can make planters that will be perfect for houseplants. Those that sign up ahead of time will also receive a plant to put in their new planter.

To register for any or all of these programs, sign up at the adult reference desk or call (734) 721-7832, ext. 630. Reading logs need to be turned in at the adult reference desk by Saturday, July 29, at 4:45 p.m.

Piracy on the Great Lakes

Chris Gilchrist from the National Museum of the Great Lakes will be at the Wayne library on Tuesday, June 13, to present the history of piracy on the Great Lakes. Piracy was a serious problem on the Great Lakes from the 1800s up to the 1920s. Pirates would steal from shipping freighters and sell the goods on the black market. Common targets were lumber, venison and illegal alcohol. To register for this free program, call the adult reference desk at 734-721-7832, ext. 630. The event starts at 6:30 p.m.

Library hours

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Downtown days coming to Downtown Wayne

Downtown Wayne will host the first annual Downtown Days event July 13th thru the 15th. The event will feature a slate of activities and promotions meant to draw people into downtown Wayne. While Downtown Days may be new, the event is an expansion of the Sidewalk Sales activities that has taken place in Wayne for over a decade.

Downtown Days will consist of three components. Family-Friendly Activities, Entertainment, and Sidewalk & Vendor Sales. This event is an unprecedented collaboration between Wayne's civic organizations and the downtown business community. Kim White-Jenkins, co-owner of Helium Studio comments "Wayne has a number of cool retail establishments, a historic downtown, and beautiful green spaces. This event will give people a reason to explore all that Wayne has to offer as well as showcase our downtown as a destination. We would love to make our downtown your downtown!"

Some of the events and activities that will be featured in this year's



event include:

Thursday, July 13th

- Sidewalk Sales begin on Thursday, July 13th, through Saturday, July 15th
- 5-8 p.m. – Knights of Columbus Lounge (3144 S Wayne Rd, Wayne MI 48184) Evening Tea Event with Victoria's Tea

Friday, July 14th

- 8 p.m. – The Wayne Rotary

Club presents a Free Concert in Goudy Park with Steve King and the Dittlies

- DIA Inside I Out Scavenger Hunt (throughout downtown)

Saturday, July 15th

- 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. – Hot Cakes and Hot Cars breakfast will be at Harry J. Will Funeral Home (34567 Michigan Ave.)
- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. – Flea Market at Helium Studio (3127 S. Wayne Rd. Wayne MI 48184) Featuring local pickers, recyclers/upcyclers, artists and makers.
- 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. – DIA Drop in Art Workshop at the Knights of Columbus
- Shuttle service throughout the day will also be offered on Saturday, July 15th to help participants get around town.
- 11 a.m. -4 p.m. – Antique & Collectables Show & Sale at the Notre Dame Lounge (3144 S Wayne Rd Wayne, Michigan).
- 11 a.m. – Gate Way Classic Car Show (2945 S. Wayne Rd. Wayne MI

48184).

- Icon Computers (35858 W Michigan Ave) will host the Just Hearse'n Around Car Club with their Casketeria BBQ grill.

- Northside Hardware (2912 S Wayne Rd) will be continuing their tradition of offering sidewalk promotions and .25 cent hot dogs and pop throughout the weekend.

The event is being held the same weekend as the US-12 cruise, which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, July 14th, beginning at 12-noon, with entertainment scheduled on the US-12 American Bar & Grill patio (34824 W Michigan Ave, Wayne, MI 48184) throughout the day.

John Rhaesa, Councilman for the City of Wayne, says "It's great to see our downtown business community, and community organizations working together to build an event that will help bring people into the downtown. I am excited to be involved in the planning of this year's activities".

For more information regarding all activities, please visit downtownwayne.org/downtowndays.



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New child identification phone app rolled out in Michigan

By Carolyn Marnon

Michigan Masons have stepped up to help with a comprehensive child recovery and identification program. The Michigan Child ID Program provides parents a "Child ID Kit" that contains all the vital information necessary to expedite law enforcement efforts to locate a missing child. The kit includes a photo ID card, color photo, digital fingerprints, recorded interview to capture speech characteristics, dental impressions, DNA, and a complete Amber Alert profile.

Recently, the Dearborn Masons were at Willow Creek Co-operative Preschool in Westland to introduce the program to the parents there. Paul Johnson, the MI Child ID program regional coordinator, said this program helps the parent provide information to the police to do an Amber Alert in the case of an abduction or missing child situation.

In the past, information collected was downloaded to a CD. An EZ Child ID mobile app is now available which saves the information to a parent's phone. The parent also gets a



Michigan Masons working with The Michigan Child ID Program that provides parents a "Child ID Kit".

flashdrive with pertinent information about their child on it. This mobile app was being rolled out in Michigan for the first time last month. It can be used on both androids and iPhones.

At the preschool event, parents were able to have their child sit with an EZ Child representative to record

information that was needed by police in the event of a missing child. Still photos are taken of the child which can include full face, left side of face and right side of face. Children hold a microphone and are asked a short series of questions. By answering these questions, a recording of their voice and speech characteristics is captured. Fingerprints of each finger are captured through a fingerprint device attached to the computer. Data about the child is entered into the computer program. When done, the information is saved to a flashdrive for the parent. The parent can also download all the information to their smartphone. Once it is downloaded and the flashdrive given to the parent, the information on the computer is wiped clean. Nothing is saved. There is no child ID database. If a child goes missing, it is up to the parent to send the information to the police through the app or by giving police the flashdrive. According to the EZ Child ID website, "To help protect from identity theft, our software was written so that no information from the child is

saved on the computer. Once you start over, all of the data is permanently erased. The parent is the only person who retains their child's information."

The Masons also provided a Bite Plate Kit so the parent can get a dental impression at home. The parent is instructed to put on gloves, heat the bite plate with warm water and then have the child bite into it. The child's bite also provides the child's DNA which is why the parent is instructed to use the gloves so as not to contaminate the bite plate with their own DNA.

The Masons hold 25-30 Michigan Child ID programs throughout the year. Anyone can hold an event at no charge.

If you go to the website Michigan-ChildID.org you can view a calendar of all events statewide. The next local event will be held at Ford Field on the corner of Farmington Road and Linden Street in Livonia during the Livonia Spree Festival June 23-25. Times are as follows: Friday: 4:00-8:00 p.m. Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Sunday: Noon-8:00 p.m.

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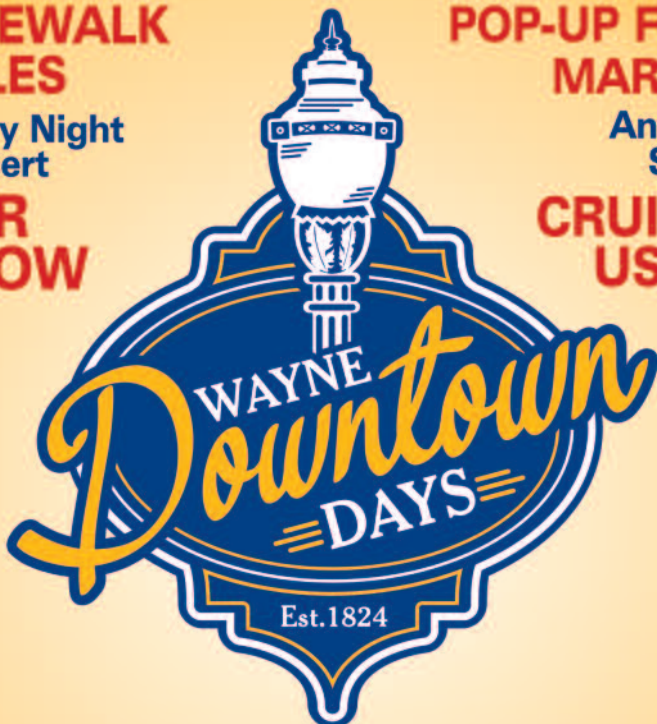
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