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Every second counts, plan ahead

By Carolyn Marnon

"Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" is the 2017, theme for National Fire Prevention Week being held October 8-14. Steps to prevent fires should be taken every day as we go about our lives, not just during the month of October which just happens to be Fire Prevention Month.

Join your local heroes at their 20th Annual Pancake Breakfast being held Saturday, October 7, at the fire station. In the 20 years of the event, the price has never changed: \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids (10 and under). The breakfast is held in the fire station bay where the trucks park. There will be tours of the station, gear races, use of fire extinguishers training and more. Wayne Memorial High School cheerleaders will be volunteering their help. The event is activity-based, getting kids involved and learning through that involvement. All money raised goes toward fire prevention education. The fire department would like to thank Wayne Industries/Steel Pro, Costco, and all other businesses that have donated to make the event successful.

All you can eat pancakes, 3 sausage links, coffee, juice or milk will be served 9:00 a.m.-Noon.

Your Wayne Fire Department works hard to educate citizens about fire safety. This education is especially important for children to learn. The fire department is holding a contest for youth during Fire Prevention Week. Kids are encouraged to draw a map of the inside of their home and then share two ways out of every room. The drawing should also include a meeting place outside and



Fire fighters Shaun Pek, Joseph Krogol, Adrian Garduno and Kevin Kimmel take a break in their new convertible after demonstrating the jaws of life at Mark Chevrolet last month. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

the fire department's emergency phone number. You can pick up an entry form at the fire station, 3300 S. Wayne Rd. Forms need to be returned by October 20 to be entered to win a ride on a fire truck with local fire fighters. The fire department wants every kid (and adult) to know what to do in case of a fire.

The fire department visits the local schools every year, focusing on fire safety. Kindergarten through second grade is the focus of the education. "We're trying as hard as we can to get the community behind us," said Deputy Fire Chief Fred Gilstorff.

While the number of fires in Wayne is down considerably, that does not mean they don't happen. They do. It's important to do everything you can to prevent a fire. With

heating season closing in on us, it's time to do a few things around the house that can reduce your susceptibility to fire. Change your furnace filter. Do preventative maintenance on your furnace. Keep everything three feet away from your furnace and water heater. Do not have combustible materials anywhere near the furnace/water heater. Keep clutter down and maintain the walkways through your home. Make sure your electrical cords are not frayed and that your electrical circuits are not overloaded. Space heaters cause many fires. Deputy Chief Gilstorff stresses that a space heater needs to be plugged directly into the wall outlet; do not plug it into a surge protector. Also make sure your space heater has an automatic shut-off fea-

ture that causes it to shut off if it is tipped over.

There is an ordinance in Wayne that every home in Wayne is to have a working smoke detector. Detectors should be in bedrooms, in the hall outside the bedrooms and at the basement landing to the first floor. You should change your smoke detector batteries every fall and spring when you spring forward or fall back with the time change. People are known to disable their detectors because they might go off at the slightest detection of smoke when cooking. It may be an annoyance to hear the detector during such a time, but put up with it. It could save your life later.

For more information about the Wayne Fire Department, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WayneFireDepartment/. The department posts safety information and videos as often as they can along with other information on how they are serving the community.

The Wayne Fire Department is currently asking for donations of gently used shower chairs and wheelchairs.

What are you going to do right now, this minute? I hope you will go check the space around your furnace and water heater, change your furnace filter if you haven't done so already this fall, check your outlets, check your walkways and your space heater, if you have one. Put batteries on your grocery list so you will have them ready when it's time to set the clocks back an hour. Plan for yourself two ways out of every room in your home. As the old saying goes: Better safe than sorry.

The greatest adventure story

The Odyssey

A short talk and a reading in the original now-ancient Greek by Library Director, Steve McGladdery as Homer himself.
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Petitions to recall three City council members and mayor being signed

Wayne City Councilman Christopher Sanders, Councilman Ryan Gabriel, Mayor Pro-Tem Anthony Miller and Mayor Susan Rowe had recall petitions taken out against them. Resident Bob Boertje presented the recall petitions at the October 3 City Council meeting. The petitions were based on the above individuals vote on October 18, 2016 to extend their own city council terms by one year.

Lunch and learn

October 24th is World Polio Day. Rotary International and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation are working together to end polio in the world. Each rotary club does an event to educate others about this disease. The Wayne Rotary will be having a lunch and presentation at the Wayne Public Library on Tuesday, October 24. The event is at noon, is free and is open to the public. Bob McClellan, a polio survivor and Wayne Rotarian, will be the speaker. He contracted polio when he was 2 years old.

Senior services announcements:

*There was a change in the phone system at HYPE which affects the way you reach the Wayne Senior Services Office. Even though the phone number has not changed, the way in which it is answered has. When you call Wayne Senior Services at 734-721-7460, you will reach HYPE's automated announcement; enter extension 7 and your call is



Homecoming 2017

Congratulations to Wayne Memorial High School's 2017 Homecoming King Luigi Macairan and Queen Reanna Brown-Deacon. Queen Reanna Brown-Deacon plans on attending Michigan State University to get her bachelor's degree. She would also like to get involved in some of MSU's organizations. King Luigi Macairan is in Senate and is the Executive Board Treasurer. He is planning on becoming part of National Honor Society and the Ethics Team this year. He is thankful for the support of his family, teachers and friends who push him to work harder and achieve the best in life. Photo by Nicole Vasiloff

transferred to the Wayne Senior Services Office.

* **Sometimes Travelers trips:** Start saving now! Coming in

March 2018 will be an extended trip: 15 days and 14 nights in Clearwater Beach, Florida. This trip will feature Tigers Spring Training. Deposit holds your spot. Payments can be made.

All trip flyers are available at the HYPE recreation center in the area designated Wayne Senior Services.

HYPE up for Halloween

Get ready for a Spooktacular family fun event Friday, October 27, at Attwood Park. The 2nd annual HYPE Up for Halloween will be 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. There will be a special time of 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. for disabled children to trick or treat.

Wayne Historical Society upcoming events

The final "Made in Wayne Transportation Series" talk will discuss Bendix aviation, Gar-Wood and the Lincoln/Mercury/Ford plant in Wayne. Program will be Thursday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wayne Historical Museum. Light refreshments will be served.

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. Organizers are hoping to have 50 community members bring their best chili to be judged. Awards planned to be given are for best overall, people's choice, most 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. 16 different fire houses from surrounding cities were invited to compete for the best firehouse chili. For more information or to enter, contact Lenny or Christi Powell at (734) 502-5603.

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Wayne resident is one of your fire fighters

By Carolyn Marnon

There are 18 fire fighters working for the Wayne Fire Department. Of those 18, six of them are what are called “grant” firefighters. The City of Wayne was able to hire these six through the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response

(SAFER) Grants program. They are funded until 2018.

Wayne fire fighters work 24-hour shifts. During those hours, they live at the fire station-eating, working, sleeping. But don't be fooled. The sleep they get is not like the deep sleep you may be able to achieve at

night. It's more like the sleep you get when you have a baby or someone in your family is sick. You may be asleep, but you are still listening for anything that sounds “off.”

One of your fire fighters is a Wayne resident. Captain Dave Wylie has been with the Wayne Fire Department for 22 years. When he first arrived in 1995, he lived in Wyandotte. About 3 years ago, he made the move to Wayne. He says living here is convenient and he enjoys being part of the community.

Capt. Wylie grew up in Allen Park. He joined the Marine Corps where he repaired infantry weapons like rocket launchers, pistols and mortars. He travelled to the Middle East, Africa and Europe during his 4-year tour. Because of the paramilitary structure the fire department runs on with routines, structures and command (chief, sergeant, etc), it was easy to transition to a career in firefighting.

With the help of the GI bill, Capt. Wylie was able to earn an associate's degree in fire science. He worked for a private ambulance company in Detroit and was a part-time fire fighter in Taylor. He was eventually offered positions in Allen Park and Wayne. Even though Allen Park is his hometown, he chose Wayne.

Capt. Wylie is a member of the Western Wayne County USAR (Urban Search and Rescue) team. He is trained to help in building collapse, high angle rescue, trench rescue and other major incidents.

Wayne also has two people who are members of the HazMat team. Fire departments send several members to get the training and then if a disaster occurs requiring that spe-



Wayne resident. Captain Dave Wylie has been with the Wayne Fire Department for 22 years.

cialization, a number of fire departments will send their specialists. This distributes among all the fire departments the high cost of training and specialized equipment.

Capt. Wylie enjoys helping people, being part of the community and hanging out with his co-workers. He laughs when he says he once rescued a duck out of a storm drain.

“We do a lot,” said Capt. Wylie. “We're trained highly.”

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Calling all Rosies

By Carolyn Marnon

I am proud to say that I was a Guinness World Record holder. I have the certificate to prove it. I want to be one again, so please help me and Wayne resident Robert Webb by encouraging everyone to roll up their sleeves and help the Yankee Air Museum reclaim the Guinness World Record for Largest Gathering of Rosie the Riveters.

On October 25, 2015, 2,096 people gathered at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti to break the record as the largest gathering of people dressed as Rosie the Riveter. On August 13, 2016 a claimed 2,265 people, dressed as Rosie the Riveter, gathered at the National Rosie the Riveter Park in Richmond, California to set the current record. The Yankee Air Museum is engaged in a spirited rivalry to hang on to the title with the Rosie the Riveter WWII Homefront National Historical Park in California.

"This competition between California and Michigan strengthens women and strengthens the nation. Our first thought was to retake the record this past spring, but when we heard California was having another rally in August, we knew we had to break their record soon afterwards," said State Rep. Debbie Dingell. "Our event will combine meaningful messages and activities for recognizing the power that we, as women, bring to the workplace and the economy."

"With the help of women across Michigan and our region, we are bringing our record back where the original Rosie worked, at our Bomber Plant in Ypsilanti Township," exclaimed Ypsilanti Supervi-

sor Brenda Stumbo. "Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center is large enough to accommodate 8,000 people and the adjoining EMU field is called FACTORY field for a reason!"

"Women of the Greatest Generation did not wait to be counted, they did not wait to enter the defense industry and do the work America needed," stressed Brenda McKinney, Treasurer of Superior Township. "We cannot wait either. In California they are on the move. I call on all women to join us in Michigan. Register now and be with us at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center on October 14."

Everyone is encouraged to bring friends to this FREE event to break the record and to celebrate the "We Can Do It!" attitude of Rosie the Riveter in women everywhere. It will take over 2,500 to beat the current record. All ages are welcome as long as they are dressed the part.

There will be music, fun, prizes, programming and activities.

Register online ahead of time at <http://yankeearmuseum.org/rosie-world-record/>. This will save you time on the day of the event so you can check in and start having fun.

Doors open at 9:00 am. There will be games and activities to keep you busy from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The record count will begin at 11:00 a.m. The official photo will be taken at 1:00 p.m. It is important that you arrive by 11:00 a.m. to be counted.

You will need to wear the official costume to be counted:

1. DARK blue work clothes (jumpsuit or pants with shirt tucked in and sleeves rolled up). Jeans are



On October 14 at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center you can be a part of retaking the Guinness World Record for Largest Gathering of Rosie the Riveters as long as they are DARK.

2. Red socks
3. Dark "work" shoes (no sneakers, flip flops, sandals, or high heels)
4. A red bandana with white polkadots (not paisley)

Bandanas can be purchased in person at the Yankee Air Museum gift shop, or you can buy the fabric at Joann Fabrics. The pattern is called "Lipstick." Dark blue jumpsuits can be found online at Amazon.com as well as in person through Carhartt, at Salvation Army, and at Tractor Supply Company. Dark blue work shirts and pants can generally be found at Meijer and Wal-

mart in the Men's section. Red socks can be found at any sporting goods store that sells soccer equipment. Shoes should be close-toed dark work shoes or boots. Little ones of all ages are welcome. Baby Rosie the Riveter costumes are available by searching online. Make sure the pants are full length and remember to buy red socks.

EMU's Convocation Center is located at 799 N. Hewitt Rd in Ypsilanti. There is free parking.

If you have any questions, you can email rosies@yankeearmuseum.org, or call the museum at (734) 483-4030.

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Detroit Zoo employees remove boatloads of trash from the Rouge

The employees of the Detroit Zoo are well known for the care they provide to the many animals that call the zoo home. But the employees have proved yet again, they also care about the local environment, especially the Rouge River.

The zoo sent 20 of its employees to Wayne on Oct. 4 to remove boatloads of trash from the river. Seriously, they removed boatloads of tires, shopping carts, broken glass, metal including several sewer lids and other trash from the river between Clark Street and Goudy Park. The group, working with Wayne DPW staff and local volunteers, floated boats down the river and filled them with the trash, removing it at the lookout behind the State-Wayne Theater.

In all, the group filled six dump trucks with the trash, which the DPW hauled away. Coincidentally, it was five years ago to the day that the zoo last visited Wayne to do a Rouge

clean-up with about 40 employees. While this year's group wasn't as large, they worked just as hard and pulled out nearly as much trash.

One of the local volunteers who helped coordinate the clean-up with the zoo employees was Wayne resident Mathew Mulholland, who is president of River Restorations, a local non-profit organization dedicated to restoring the Rouge. He said it was great to remove all of the old tires and shopping carts that had been embedded in the river for years. He noted the most interesting piece of trash that was removed during the outing was a rusty, old car door.

All in all, it was very labor intensive work, Mulholland said, and the group impressed with its determination and grit.

"The hard working volunteers from the Detroit Zoo are a perfect example of how organizations can make a difference in the Rouge River watershed. By partnering their em-



Twenty Detroit Zoo employees and Rouge Rescue Volunteers removed boatloads of tires, shopping carts, broken glass, metal including several sewer lids and other trash from the river between Clark Street and Goudy Park. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

ployees with local volunteers for a community service day, the zoo is helping to make recreational opportunities a reality on the Rouge River," Mulholland said.

Friends of the Rouge, another non-profit dedicated to improving the Rouge River, helped coordinate the event. The group organizes an annual group canoe and kayak trip through the same section of the river that the zoo employees cleaned up. FOTR's Sally Petrella noted that, in addition to the trash they picked up, the zoo volunteers also opened up a major logjam under the Wayne Road bridge and made some improvements to the canoe launch in Goudy

Park.

"The Detroit Zoo staff are an incredible group of people who are not afraid of hard work, and there is no doubt that cleaning up this river is hard work," Petrella said. "They pulled 10 tires, 5 shopping carts, a hot water heater, four sewer lids, bicycles, car batteries, a car door and more out of the river. They also reopened the canoe launch and freed up passage under the Wayne bridge, moving heavy boulders and logs. The water trail will be much easier to paddle now, and fish will benefit from the increased flow due to their work. We would love to have them back and hope they return soon."

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Former library director honored

By Carolyn Marnon

It came as no surprise that more than 45 people packed into the little storytime room in the children's section of the Wayne Public Library recently. They were there to honor their friend, mother, grandmother, Red Hat member and colleague, former library director, Paulette Medvecky. Paulette lost her battle to cancer several years ago after a valiant fight. Even after her diagnosis, she continued to be a vital part of the Wayne community.

On September 20, the room where Paulette had once led numerous storytimes as the Children's Librarian, was dedicated in her memory as the "Paulette Medvecky Storytime Room." Chairman of the Library Board, Ed Marman, spoke to those gathered. "Paulette was a very special person, not only as a library director, but as a friend too. She left us too soon."

City councilman John Rhaesa told the crowd, "I really appreciated Paulette's friendship. She's greatly missed as a Rotarian and as a librarian in our city. I am grateful for the time we had with her."

Current Library Director Steve McGladdery noted that he had been asked if it was a significant day when Paulette hired him at the library. His response? "Was it a significant day when Moses



Paulette's daughter Jennifer, grandchildren Jessica and Matthew, and son Michael unveil plaque on the Paulette Medvecky Storytime Room at the Wayne Public Library. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

talked to the burning bush?" Former Library Director (prior to Paulette) Lois Van Stipdonk informed everyone "I had the pleasure of hiring Paulette." She said that Paulette had a great sense of humor and was fun to be with. She also said that Paulette didn't give gifts; she gave experiences to remember. This was in reference to Paulette's final Christmas with her family when she took them on a Polar Express excursion.

After being hired by Lois, Paulette spent ten years as Children's Librarian. Many remembered how she had been the storyteller for their children; now those children are grown and were perhaps reading those same stories to their children. When Lois retired, Paulette became Library Director. She served in that position for another ten years at the library.

Paulette's children and grandchildren attended the ceremony. Jennifer, her daughter, said that when Paulette died, people didn't tell her the stories about the shenanigans in the parking structure, the leaky roof, or the bathroom disasters. They told her how Paulette had read to their children and about how she was their library hero. "My mom was about sharing the love of reading and the love of books." She'd read the latest children's book aloud to Jennifer. In response to the dedication of the storytime room to her mother, Jennifer said, "This is her legacy. We are humbly here to accept this in her honor."

The cast bronze plaque outside the storytime room was unveiled by Paulette's grandchildren. There were plenty of smiles and laughter as the children tore off the paper covering the plaque. At the bottom of the plaque, it reads "Children's Librarian, Library Director, Great Storyteller, and Lover of Groundhogs."



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The Family Resource Center, located at Adams Upper Elementary School, 33475 Palmer, Westland, is a resource that all families in Wayne-Westland Community Schools can use. It serves students in all buildings in the district by providing resources and referrals to local community agencies and services throughout the community. Some of these resources include parenting classes, tutoring, food and clothing assistance.

The Family Resource Center (FRC) has partnerships with local non-profit organizations and businesses who can provide help and support to our students and families.

Many generous donors helped provide back-to-school supplies to our students. The Westland Goodfells purchased over \$3,000 of assorted school supplies and backpacks. Also, they have allocated \$2,000 to purchase toiletries for FRC for students in need.

Jack Demmer Ford employees have supported the FRC for many years too. They delivered a variety of



Employees from Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne donated back-to-school supplies to the Family Resource Center.

school supplies and backpacks for students and cases of paper for teachers.

St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Plymouth Canton Church of Christ, Ford Motor Company Michigan As-

sembly Plant Employees and Advantage Living Center donated back to school supplies also.

So far, over 400 WWCS students have received supplies they needed for the school year.

Individuals also donate items for students. Vickie Garrets knitted scarves and hats for students to have this winter. Dawn Wrybkowski delivered assorted school supplies, backpacks and shoes for students in need.

The Family Resource Center appreciates the support from the community. They are currently collecting the following donations: new toiletries, winter hats, gloves, and scarves, school supplies, backpacks, new socks, and underwear. They also accept monetary donations.

The goal of the FRC is to partner with families, community and WWCS to positively impact the success of every Wayne-Westland student to meet their social, emotional, physical and academic needs.

Families can call, email or visit the Family Resource Center. For more information on the FRC, visit <http://www.wwcsd.net/schools/family-resource-center/>, call Family Resource Center Director Amanda Dybus at 734-419-2709 or email Amanda at dybusa@wwcsd.net.

Hype Halloween event to be bigger this year

By Carolyn Marnon

Last year, approximately 1750 children lined up to trick or treat at the 1st Annual HYPE Up for Halloween Walk in Wayne. According to Brian Haddad, Facility Manager, "We did not expect the turn out that we had last year. Although we were very excited with the attendance, my staff and I were very overwhelmed with the amount of people. This year we have a better expectation of the event and we plan on having food trucks for the people that are waiting in line so they are able to go and grab some food while they wait."

On October 27, HYPE Recreation Center will be holding their 2nd annual event and are planning for a much bigger crowd. The event is a safe environment for kids and families to come trick-or-treat. New this year will be an added hour before the event for children 3 and under and children with disabilities to trick or treat. This will occur from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m., the regular trick or treating will begin. Radio Station



93.1 NASH will be doing a live broadcast from the event. "The radio station was Lenny Powell's idea and he ran with it," said Brian. "He contacted many different stations throughout metro Detroit, and 93.1 was the first to respond. Lenny has been a HUGE supporter of HYPE since we took over back in 2015. He has helped HYPE market and promote many different events in the community. Lenny has also helped get vendor tables for these events as

well. Without the help from Lenny in all aspects, our events would not be well attended like they are now."

Lenny says he took into account that a lot of people would just be getting off work. They wanted to help people waiting in line by bringing in food trucks. He says they will have the awesome BBQ truck, Smokey Rhodes BBQ, that was at the concerts in the park a few months ago. Hard ice cream, shaved ice and Heavenly Hot Dogs with freshly squeezed lemonade are also scheduled to be there. "We want to thank all our corporate sponsors such as Mark Chevrolet, Fresh Choice Grocery store and Meijer of Westland. We would not be able to do this event without all the community businesses and all the corporate sponsors. Thank you!"

There are drop boxes around the city for donations of unopened bags of candy to be used during the walk. These locations include HYPE (Annapolis/Howe Rd), Henry's Service Center (Wayne Rd), Happy's Pizza (Vanborn/Howe), Jouli's Coney Is-

land (Wayne Rd), Metro PCS (Glenwood/Wayne) and AKA Sports (Michigan Ave).

The event will end at 9:00 p.m.

If you would like to help out with the event or reserve a table for the event, email Brian Haddad at bhaddad@hypeathletics.org.

Other Halloween events in the Wayne area

October 21: The Wayne Historical Museum is hosting a Ghost Hunting event. The event is currently sold out.

October 28: A family-friendly Halloween party will be at the Wayne Historical Museum 2:00-4:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Wayne Historical Society and the First Congregational Church, there will be crafts, games, costume contests for both adults and children and a parade around the block at 3:30 p.m. to end the festivities. There will be a charge of \$2 per family. All money raised will be used for improvements at the museum. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. The museum is located at 1 Towne Square in Wayne.

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City of Wayne job opportunities

Maintenance Specialist-Part Time

The City of Wayne is currently accepting applications for the purpose of establishing a Maintenance Specialist-Part Time eligibility list. This is a part time position with the salary range \$13.25-\$14.39 per hour up to 28 hours per week. This position is responsible for general building and minor automotive maintenance within the Police Department. Applicants must possess a valid State of Michigan operator's license with no more than three (3) points on current driving record and must pass a comprehensive background investigation. Applications are available at the Personnel Department and the City of Wayne website. Completed applications must be received in the Personnel Department. The City of Wayne is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

Crossing Guard

Starting Pay Rate: \$9.28/hour. This position works only during the school year, late August through June. Must be 18 years or older.

Substitute Crossing Guard

Starting Pay Rate: \$9.28/hour. This position works only during the school year, late August through June. Must be 18 years or older.

Identity theft

The Michigan Department of Attorney General will be presenting a program on Identity Theft on Wednesday, December 6, at 11:00 a.m. The program is hosted by the City of Wayne Senior Services and will be held at HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Rd. Learn the signs of identity theft and fraud, how to protect your personal information online and off, and what to do if you become an identity theft victim. To pre-register or for more information, call 721-7460 x7.



Wayne Rotary Foundation President Patricia Rice presents The Wayne Main Street Board and Director Maxwell Cameron with a \$10,000 check towards Main Street for the fourth year in a row at their Jazz on the Avenue event. Photo by Natalie M. Rhaesa

Historic Wayne theaters

Join the Wayne Historical Society for a presentation on Wayne's historic theaters, including the Palace Opera House, Alsieum Theater, Old Wayne Theater, the Drive-in and the State Wayne. Presentation starts at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 9 at the Wayne Historical Museum. Light refreshments will be served.

Who should you trust?

The State Bar of Michigan will be offering a free program titled "Who should You Trust? Avoiding Estate Planning Mistakes." This informal seminar will offer important information for seniors by Michigan-licensed lawyers. The seminar will be approximately one hour. There will be a question and answer period. Attendees will also receive a free specially designed folder containing essential estate planning information, forms and other materials for effective estate planning. Information will also include how to avoid estate planning mistakes and annuity insurance scams. This program is hosted by the Wayne Senior Services office.

No registration is required, but it is preferred. Presentation will be at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, on Wednesday, October

11, at 1:00 p.m. To register or for further information, please call Nancy at Wayne Senior Services, 734-721-7460 x7.

Community clean-ups!

Are you or your organization interested in doing an organized clean-up? If so, the City of Wayne is delighted to receive the help. They only ask that you contact the Department of Public Works Assistant Director Ed Queen at 734-721-8600 so that he can coordinate with you on the pick-up of any litter or debris that was collected and assure it is discarded in a timely fashion. Thank you for stepping up to help keep our city clean.

Together, we are better!

Free fall fitness classes

During October, everyone is invited to attend fall fitness classes being held in Derby's Alley, 35005 W. Michigan Ave (the space next to G. I. Surplus.)

*Cardio Drumming with Erin Moore and Kelli Barker will be Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Classes will be held on October 10, 17, 24 and 31.

*Soft Tae Kwon Do (Tai Chi Style) with KICKS Tae Kwon Do will be Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Classes will be held on October 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Classes are free. RSVP is requested to either (734) 629-6822 or www.downtownwayne.org/derbysalley. Refreshments will be provided.

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Hanging around downtown Wayne

By Carolyn Marnon

It's time for the Annual Scarecrow Show in downtown Wayne. Individuals and groups purchased a t-frame from Wayne Main Street and have spent the past month or two (or maybe just the past few days) creating a scarecrow that advertises their business or a cause they believe in, a well-known character or some delightfully made-up concoction. Remember the scarecrow that was blowing in the wind last year?

The Scarecrow Show will be prancing up and down Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue West until November 3. Community members are encouraged to visit each of the more than 70 installations while exploring Wayne's historic downtown. Residents and visitors will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite Scarecrows later this month. Wayne Main Street is hosting a Voting Contest & Reception in Derby's Alley (35005 W. Michigan Ave) on Thursday, October 19, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. The 2017 Scarecrow Contest Winners will be announced at this event.



Wayne Memorial students help put up scarecrows in Downtown Wayne with Wayne resident Robert Webb with his Rosie the Rivetor scarecrow.

Launched by Wayne Main Street in 2012, Wayne's Scarecrow Show has become a signature event for Downtown Wayne. Angie Jarman, Wayne Main Street Committee Member and Scarecrow Project Manager, comments "Scarecrows is a great community building activity. Our goal is to get everyone in Wayne excited and involved in the things that

are happening in Downtown Wayne". Each year this project draws thousands of visitors to Downtown to view the over 70 scarecrows installed throughout Wayne's commercial district.

Enjoy the fall weather and take a little trip around Wayne to see the scarecrows. It's a fun and relaxing activity that can be shared by all.



St. Mary's Girl Scout Troops flower pot scarecrow can be found at the corner of Wayne Road and West Michigan Avenue.



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