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Square Pegz rocked at Goudy Park in July. Photo by Ryan Wright of SonderImage.com.

Wonderful Wednesday night concerts in the park

By Carolyn Marnon

What are you doing on Wednesday evenings this summer? The Concerts in the Park music series is going on at the Goudy Park amphitheater while the summer nights are heating up.

We have already grooved to the tunes of Steve King and the Dittilies as part of the Downtown Days. They had a young lady singing onstage with them this year. Whiskey Fixx crooned to the audience as the first country music band to play in the summer concert series. Residents are in front of the stage shaking their groove things while those in the seating area are enjoying the tunes.

Angie Garmin of Kurt's Caps has been popping popcorn. Wayne Rotary has been selling beer. The Wayne Memorial High School cheerleaders are selling wooden roses. There are even a few food trucks where you can get some snacks.

The upcoming schedule for August includes:

Toppermost (August 1): Take "The Long and Winding Road" and "Come Together" with your neigh-



Jason Clark of Your Generation in Concert dances with tappin' Mary at last year's show. They will be back again at concerts in Goudy Park, August 8th. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

bors to "Twist and Shout" to the "Revolution" that is Toppermost, the Beatles tribute band making a return visit to the stage in Wayne on August 1. "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da," "All You Need is Love."

Your Generation in Concert (August 8): Back for another year is Wayne's most popular Goudy Park band, Your Generation in Concert,

featuring Wayne resident Jason Clark! Get to the park early on August 8 as the amphitheater fills quickly. Be careful if you choose to sit in front of the stage as it will soon be crowded with people dancing to the infectious music this band produces. The 8-piece band plays pop, rock, dance and R&B that will soon have you in front of the stage dancing

and if not, perhaps you will just be dancing in your seat. Either way, this concert is one not to be missed.

Rockstar (August 15): Get ready to listen to all the hits of the 80s "Hair Bands" when you come to this show by the members of ROCKSTAR. Hits of bands like Quiet Riot, Journey, Def Leppard, Bon Jovi, Poison, Motley Crue, Cinderella, Night Ranger and many others will be rocking Wayne.

Magic Bus (August 22): Put on your 60s attire and come out to see Magic Bus bring their Woodstock era music to Wayne for the second year in a row. Be transformed back in time to Woodstock, Haight-Ashbury or wherever you might have been in the 1960s.

Elevation (August 29): This International U2 tribute show comes to you all the way from Toronto, Canada! It is said they are as good as the real U2. Come out and hear for yourself!

Thanks to the many sponsors who have helped put this event together, including Mark Chevrolet (Wayne, MI) and Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union.

NEWS BRIEFS

Free yoga

Beaumont Healthy Wayne presents Yoga in Downtown Wayne on Tuesday, August 14, and Tuesday, August 28, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Goudy Park. All are welcome to attend this free class, but it is most appropriate for those 9 years and older. Certified yoga instructors will lead the classes. Please dress in active-wear or loose-fitting clothing. Please also bring a yoga mat, beach towel or blanket.

Exhibit items requested

The Wayne Historical Society would like to present an exhibit of St. Mary Catholic Church and School as the community celebrates the history of the parish and to mark the closing of the school. St. Mary Catholic Church was founded in 1862; the school was founded in 1924. The project is being overseen by Museum Director Tyler Moll and by Nicole Conklin, a St. Mary parishioner, school parent, and school staff member. The exhibit will be displayed at the Wayne Historical Museum, the St. Mary Alumni Association Reunion in the fall and after a mass during a fall weekend. The museum will be collecting memorabilia as either donation or loan. If you have any items, pictures, yearbooks, old uniforms or other memorabilia, please call Tyler Moll at the museum (734) 722-0113 on Wednesday (10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.) or Thursday (10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

The museum hopes to raise \$700 to prepare the display boards and develop a well-constructed exhibit. If you would like to support this project, please contact Nicole Conklin at (734) 756-8536 or NicoleConklin@att.net for more information.

Metro Storage construction delayed

According to Community Development Director Lori Gouin, the construction of Metro Storage on Michigan Avenue has been delayed. Tim Judge, owner/developer of the project, is over budget by \$1 million due to increased construction and labor costs. Several options are being considered including outside investors and scaling down the proj-



This year's winning photo by Ryan Wright in the 2018 Window on Wayne Photography Contest, part of Wayne Downtown Days. After 1200+ Facebook votes that determined the top 10 photos, 172 in-person voters determined the top three photos. The winners were: \$100 First Place: Ryan Wright (47 votes), \$75 Second Place: Summer Dye (38 votes), \$50 Third Place: Tina Worden (24 votes).

ect. Work on the project may not begin until next spring. Increased construction costs have plagued other projects across the state.

Water assistance program

Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) is available through Community Action Alliance. Benefits include assistance up to \$1000 per household per year, home water audits, home repairs up to \$1000 per household to fix minor plumbing issues, water saving kits and consumer training classes. Participants must have income at or below 150% of poverty threshold, provide proof of residency and income, provide renter's proof of responsibility for water on lease and stay current on monthly bill payment. For more information, call (313) 386-9727 or visit www.waynemetrol.org/wrap.

Cadillac apartment update

The dilapidated building known as Cadillac Apartments on east-bound Michigan Avenue has been issued a misdemeanor blight violation. Questions of ownership and blight remediation are currently part of court proceedings.

Family fest and car show

The 13th annual FREE Family Fest and Car Show will be Saturday, August 25, from 11:00 a.m.-4:00

p.m. at Crosspointe Community Church, 36125 Glenwood Rd, Wayne. There will be hundreds of cars on display, games, food, activities, giveaways, crafts and much more, all free! Classic car parking begins at 8:00 a.m. and is limited to the first 400 cars. The food court opens at noon. It is requested that only service animals come on the grounds. There is free parking for the general public across the street from the church. If you haven't been to this event before, it's an awesome display of community as volunteers man the various areas and everything is free. A perfect family outing which doesn't cost anything. Bring the kids for free nachos, cotton candy, snow cones, hot dogs and more.

People helping people

The City of Wayne 2018 FRIENDS (People Helping People) are looking for volunteers. FRIENDS will take place on Saturday, September 8 (rain date, September 15). The goal of this program, which began in 1998, was to help a Wayne resident whose home was in need of some tender loving care and they are not able to handle the work due to financial or medical reasons. The day (usually about 6 hours) starts at 8:30a.m. with a continental breakfast at the HYPE Recreation Center. Material, equipment, t-shirts and lunch plus refreshments are pro-

vided on site.

Youth groups are welcome, with one adult for every five youth volunteers.

It's a great way to give back to your community. If you would like to volunteer or would like further information, please call the Community Development Department at (734) 722-2000 or email FRIENDS chairperson Albert Damitio at damitioalb@gmail.com.

Eastern Market farm stand in Wayne

Eastern Market will have a Farm Stand at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. thru October 4. The Farm Stand will be located at the Surgery Center Entrance, facing Annapolis Rd, east of the main entrance.

Summer camp at HYPE

Are the kids getting bored already? Consider sending them to summer camp at HYPE. For \$150 per week for a non-member of HYPE, your kid could be kept busy 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Each week of camp has a different theme.

August 6-10 Challenge Week
August 13-17 Outer Space Week
August 20-24 Around the World Week
August 27-31 Anything Goes Week

The indoor and outdoor fun emphasizes fitness, arts and crafts, and academic programs. Register at the front desk at HYPE, 4635 Howe St, Wayne or call (734) 721-7400 for more information.

Hazardous waste collection

Westland Shopping Center will be the drop-off location for the next Wayne County Hazardous Waste Collection day on Saturday, August 11. This service is free to Wayne County residents. Household chemicals, clean products, automotive fluids, paints and stains, old electronics, lawn products, pharmaceutical waste and fluorescent lightbulbs will be accepted from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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\$20,000 bowling tournament coming to Wayne

By Carolyn Marnon

“The tournament you don’t have to win to make a profit” is coming to Wayne Bowl in January 2019. Mike Lucente’s Hamtramck Singles Classic found a new home for its 69th season when Hazel Park Bowl permanently closed its doors at the end of July. First place winner of the 2018 tournament, which ended last month, is guaranteed \$20,000. Mike Lucente, an owner of the Singles Classic and of Wayne Bowl, says the prize money might increase in 2019.

The tournament is expected to bring people into Wayne who will then spend money in the city. Area restaurants, bars, hotels and car washes can see increased business. About 5000 bowlers from places like Illinois, Ohio, New York and Tennessee will come to town for a weekend to compete against “the board” as Mike put it. They will also bring their families with them.

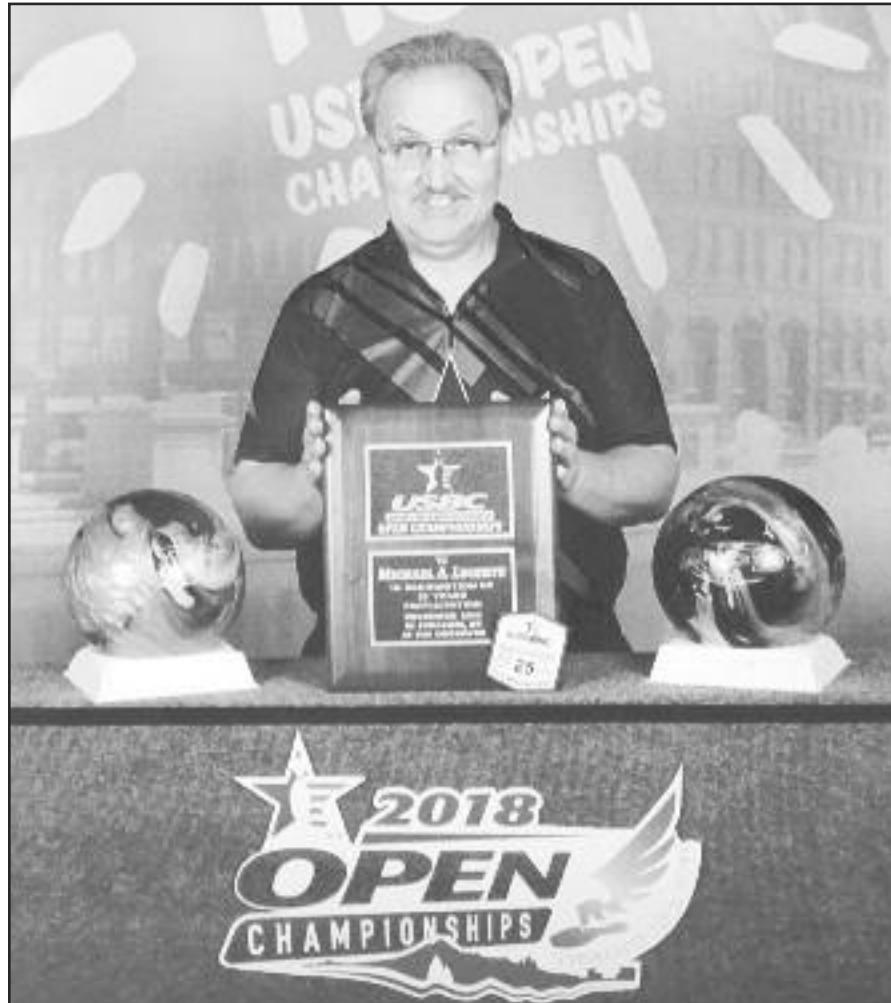
On the final weekend of the 2018 tournament at Hazel Park Bowl, 550 bowlers were registered to compete.

Mike Lucente has owned Hazel Park Bowl and the tournament since 1996 and Wayne Bowl since 2002 along with his business partner, JoAnn Taylor. JoAnn is one of the top Tournament Directors in the country as she oversees the logistics of the event.

Mike and JoAnn met in 1972 at Chandler Lanes when they were in



JoAnn Taylor is the Hamtramck Singles Classic Tournament Director.



Mike Lucente at the 2018 Open Championships.

high school. They were both involved in youth bowling programs. JoAnn says she was dating a boy who bowled and hung out at the bowling alley. The staff there got her involved working at odd jobs while she was there.

In 1994, Mike, JoAnn, their respective spouses, children and friends leased Harbor Lanes in St. Clair Shores. In 1996, they were

given the opportunity to lease Hazel Park Bowl with an option to buy. They bought it in 2000.

The seven-month long tournament sees mostly local bowlers during the earlier, colder months (January-April) while the bulk of the out-of-town bowlers will come May-July.

In the 1970s, the tournament would have 14,000-15,000 bowlers.

The 1971 bowling nationals was held at Cobo Hall in Detroit. In the best years before the 2007 recession hit, Mike says he had about 8800 bowlers. While there are about 5000 this year, the numbers have been increasing. Hazel Park has 24 lanes. Wayne has 40 lanes; they can run more bowlers through the tournament here.

For a non-bowler, some of the lingo involved with the tournament can get confusing. Mike explained that this is a 4-game event with moving lane pairs. One could compete in the ladies, the seniors (50 and over), the mens and other categories. There will be on-the-spot opportunities to win cash. A bowler can enter the tournament as many times as he/she wishes as long as the entry fee is paid each time. As you bowl, you are trying to outdo your last 4-game score with handicap. The 2017 prize fund was approximately \$203,000.

JoAnn no longer bowls. Mike is still a professional bowler who bowls on the PBA (Professional Bowlers Association) tour. He participated in the Super Senior Classic in Las Vegas in June, coming in 24th place and winning \$975. He’ll be participating in two events later this month in Wyoming.

Of bowling and the tournament they own, JoAnn says “It’s been very kind to both of us.” Mike follows up, “We’ve worked hard.”

For more information on how you can participate in the 69th Hamtramck Singles Classic next year, contact Wayne Bowl at (734) 721-7530. As the tournament has just closed out its 68th year, more information on the 69th probably won’t be available until closer to January.

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Nashville-based New Legacy Project will be performing a free concert on Wednesday, August 8, 7 pm, at the West Wayne Freewill Baptist Church.

Nashville quartet to give free concert

Ground-breaking Nashville-based New Legacy Project will be in concert on Wednesday, August 8, 7 pm, at the West Wayne Freewill Baptist Church, 4040 S John Hix Road. This is a non-denominational event and admission is free.

Formerly the Blackwood Legacy, they are best known for their intricate harmonies, true Southern Gospel sound, and homespun humor. They were recently honored with nomination for both Fan Favorite and Breakthrough Artists of the year at the prestigious AGA awards show in Nashville.

New Legacy is led by Rick Price, who spent much of his 40-year career with the Grammy and Dove

Award winning Blackwood Brothers, and who was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame with the legendary quartet. Price says "In 40 years of Gospel music, this is the finest group I have ever been a part of. Not only are they great singers and musicians, they are wonderful Christian men." New Legacy is currently charting on radio with their latest singles "God of the Empty Grave" and "Come To The Water." Their latest musical project, Doxology, is also being met with rave reviews across the U.S.

We recommend you come early for best seating. This is a non-ticketed event.

Diamond being sought

The Wayne Commission on Aging is searching for its next Diamond of the Community.

Do you know a Wayne resident who is 70 years or older and is still actively contributing to the Wayne community through volunteered services? If so, nominate that person to be the 2018 Diamond of the Community.

Nominations must be submitted by Tuesday, August 14, to the Senior Services office at HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Rd. Nomination forms are available at City Hall, the Wayne Public Library and HYPE Recreation Center.

A beautiful engraved plaque and cash award of \$75 will be presented on Tuesday, September 18, at a dinner honoring the 2018 Diamond of the Community at HYPE Recreation Center.

After dinner, the recipient attends the City Council meeting where he/she will be presented with a City Resolution.

Senior Services Director Nancy Wojewski-Noel urges you not to miss this opportunity to recognize a deserving friend, neighbor or relative who gives of their time.

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Other Groups benefitting because of Bill's efforts:

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A rose by any other origin would be just as sweet

By Carolyn Marnon

“A rose by any other name would smell as sweet” goes the William Shakespeare quote. However, what could be sweeter than Wayne Memorial High School cheerleaders selling roses?

Every Wednesday throughout the summer concert series at Goudy Park, the cheerleaders will be behind the stage selling roses to concert goers. What makes these roses so special, besides the girls who are selling them? They are wooden roses which means they won't wilt and die a few days after you buy one, two, or however many.

\$1 gets you one rose, but \$5 can get you 6 and \$10 can get you a dozen! They come in 19 different colors with a few new colors that were added this year. Wooden roses were chosen as a fundraiser because they had “never seen anyone sell the wooden roses and unlike real flowers, these can last a lifetime. The rose sale at the concerts in Goudy Park sold very well last year, so we decided to bring them back this year.



Wayne Memorial cheerleaders Sarah Lauer, Savannah Gridley and Brianna Sextonsold wooden roses at a recent concert in Goudy Park. Photo by Ryan Wright of SonderImage.com.

We also have a few new colors that we have added this year,” said Cheerleader Booster Club Public Relations Chair Jennifer Sexton. That brings the total available colors to 19 this summer.

Money raised from the sale will be used to help purchase items the cheerleaders need throughout the season.

“A dozen wrapped up makes a beautiful gift for someone. Our cheer-

leaders will help in choosing the perfect color scheme, then wrap them up and finish with a pretty ribbon!” encourages Jennifer. Make sure you stop by their booth during the concert series.

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The Wayne Professional Fire Fighters give Wayne City Manager, Lisa Nocerini a check for \$250.00 to help the Wayne Animal Shelter.

Citizens rally behind Wayne Animal Shelter

By Carolyn Marnon

Many who follow City Manager Lisa Nocerini and/or any of the Wayne-oriented groups on social media know how much Lisa's beloved dog, Jack Bear, was her "child." Jack Bear died August 30, 2017.

In honor of Jack Bear, a fundraiser was set up to benefit the Wayne Animal Shelter located at 4000 Biddle St.

In her posting, Lisa wrote:

"In Memory of my Beloved Jack Bear: (and in lieu of birthday gifts this year) The Wayne, MI Animal Shelter is in dire need of repairs and upgrades. For instance: the shelter needs to have cracks repaired, it needs to be painted, the floors need to be resealed/recoated, the openings for the dogs to go in and out need to be fixed (the concrete is deteriorating around the openings), a new sink/laundry tub needs to be installed to replace the current one, we would like to add an awning over the dog run to reduce rain and snow that falls into the dog run and for providing shade in the summer. And we can always use more food, bowls etc. Thank you so much. Every little bit helps." The goal was to raise \$5,000.

At the time the online fundraiser



Lisa and Jack Bear officially ended, the goal was surpassed by \$60.

There are still other improvements to make, so if you would like to donate, you can drop off or mail your donation to Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. If you are using a check, please make it out to "City of Wayne" and write "Wayne Animal Shelter donation" on the check. An account has been specifically designated for the shelter donations. You will be issued a receipt.

Former resident promotes “rising stars”

By Carolyn Marnon

Matt Arnett lived in Wayne until he was 22-years old. He left Wayne for Rochester in 2005 when he took a job as a TV producer for the Detroit Pistons, eventually winning an Emmy award. He recently returned to Wayne with the Uganda, Africa soccer team he coaches through Rising Star Ministries, a ministry he co-founded with his wife.

“It was exciting,” says Matt about his visit. “I love coming home. I have been traveling to Uganda for 10 years telling people about my home, so it was a surreal experience to be able to bring our team. I loved every bit of it.” With plane rides totaling 20 hours, plus adding in layovers, the trip from Uganda to Dubai to Chicago to Detroit took approximately 35 hours for the Rising Star team.

In 2008, Matt and his Nebraskan wife, Brecka, moved to Uganda to work with a child sponsorship organization. “While there, we began using soccer as an outreach and started an afterschool tutoring and reading program. The program awarded kids by allowing them to play soccer if they completed goals educationally,” commented Matt in an email. “My wife had the idea for many years to start a sports and education program. She thought maybe it could be done in the inner city, but then while in Uganda, we felt the calling was to keep it going there.” Rising Star Ministries was born.

Matt and Brecka lived in Uganda from 2008-2010 before making the move to live there full-time in May 2015 with their two children. “There is poor infrastructure there, lack of hospitals and poor schools. Electricity and water are not always available. Security is not good, so we, being from a western culture, are targets for thieves and robbers.”

As Executive Director of Rising Star Ministries, Matt is the head of the organization. His position requires doing a little of everything including managing staff, leading training sessions, teaching, implementing systems, coaching soccer and most recently, arranging a trip to the U.S. for the Ugandan soccer team he coaches. Matt was a member of the first soccer team at Wayne Memorial High School back in the 1990s.



Matt Arnett recently returned to Wayne with the Uganda, Africa soccer team he coaches through Rising Star Ministries, a ministry he co-founded with his wife, Brecka.

No matter where they grow up, kids typically have the same dreams. They want to grow up to be professional athletes, doctors, lawyers and other “dream” careers, says Matt. The only difference between kids in the U.S. and Uganda appears to be their access to some things. Ugandan kids may not be able to play video games as much or go to the mall to hang out. Instead, they hang out with their friends by going to the soccer field.

Ugandan children come to Rising Star from the neighboring community; some come as far as four miles away by walking. According to the Rising Star website, 60% of primary-aged kids in Uganda are illiterate. Because all government testing materials are in English, Rising Star puts a major emphasis on reading in their educational programs.

The Ugandan soccer players from Rising Star that came on this trip were very excited about coming to the U.S. and about everything they experienced while here. “They were excited to play and meet teams from all over the world. We met teams from Norway, Brazil, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii and more,” says Matt.

Their first U.S. stop was in Wayne where they practiced on the field at

WMHS before their first game against the Michigan Tigers Futbol Club in Ann Arbor. During their time in the U.S., the team also traveled to Minneapolis (Minnesota), Omaha (Nebraska) and Dallas (Texas). “In Minneapolis, we played in the Schwan’s USA Cup which is the largest soccer tournament in the western hemisphere. We reached the semifinals in two tournaments played there. In other cities, we played against local teams,” wrote Matt. With a successful U.S. soccer tour behind them, the team eagerly awaits making the trip back next summer.

Most of the team had never trav-

eled to the U.S. before. They had the chance to go to the Mall of America, tour the Big House in Ann Arbor, visit the African-American History Museum in Detroit, view the animals at the Omaha Zoo, just to name a few exciting things.

Rising Star Ministries help children in Uganda grow spiritually, academically and physically in a safe and caring environment. The Arnett’s will begin a new web series this month on life as a missionary. If you would like to help Rising Star Ministries by making a donation or just want more information, visit the webpage at www.risingstarministries.com

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Beware of construction

By Carolyn Marnon

The portion of Wayne Road that runs from Michigan Avenue to Glenwood Road will be undergoing construction now through November.

The road is undergoing an asphalt resurfacing, concrete pavement repairs, sidewalk ramps, structure epoxy overlay, guardrail, signing and pavement markings.

Construction began July 16 and is expected to be completed by November. While two-way traffic will be maintained, lane closures are expected and intermittent stoppages in traffic may be encountered.

Use caution when driving through work zones. City Attorney Breeda O'Leary reminds citizens that fines are double in construction zones.

Wayne County, which owns Wayne Road, has been coordinating with the Wayne Fire Department to make sure there is access into and out of the fire station during this time.

City Manager Lisa Nocerini commented at a recent City Council

meeting that it costs approximately \$1 million to redo a mile of roadway. The City of Wayne's portion of the costs is estimated to be \$69, 442. The rest will be covered by Wayne County and Michigan Department of Transportation.

If you need additional information, call the 24-hour customer service center at 1-888-ROAD CREW or visit www.WayneCounty.com.

Non-motorized mobility issues addressed

While Wayne Road is getting updated, questions have arisen as to whether crosswalks, bike lanes and other improvements could slow down traffic along Wayne Rd. Businesses have long lamented how fast cars speed along Wayne Rd. Residents were more aware of the so-called deficiencies of the area during Downtown Days when the only places to legally cross the road were at the light at Glenwood and the light at Sims. Any event happening between those areas made it harder for



Construction of Wayne Road is scheduled to be complete by November. Photo by Maxwell Cameron

pedestrian traffic to get around.

The goals of Wayne County and Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT-which owns Michigan Avenue) are to convey traffic as efficiently and effectively as they can, according to Mike Buiten of Wayne's Building and Engineering Department.

"If I could convey anything to the residents of Wayne, it is these two

things," says Mike. "First, the County doesn't have the same view of streets as the city. They are looking at traffic flow. Bikes and pedestrian crossings slow that down. Second, the city manager has been determined in putting issues in front of the County and to get their ear on City concerns. She's very determined. I love the city manager for that."

When meeting with the County for the current Wayne Rd project about 1 1/2 years ago, City Manager Lisa Nocerini was able to tell the County officials what Wayne would like to see along this stretch of road. The County, at that time, was able to give her reasons why those things wouldn't work in Wayne. "I credit Lisa for getting it out there how we feel as a city," said Mike, despite nothing coming to fruition. Resurfacing this portion of Wayne Road has been in the planning stages for approximately five years.

Citizens of Wayne can be very determined when they want something. By becoming educated on the subject and doing research, Wayne can become that vision of an even better family-friendly hometown.

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Wayne resident will turn 108

By Carolyn Marnon

Winifred Eberts was born at home in Wyandotte almost 108 years ago on August 18, 1910. When she was 2 years old, her parents moved to a small produce farm in Taylor, otherwise known as a “truck farm” because fruits and vegetables from the farm were trucked to market for sale.

Like most children in the early 1900s, Winifred attended a one-room schoolhouse from 1st grade until 8th grade, the last grade she attended. She had to walk 2 miles each way to school in all kinds of weather. It’s not known whether that was uphill both ways.

Winifred helped out at the 40-acre family farm. She and her mom would wash and bushel the produce and get it ready for sale. Winifred and her dad would then pack up the Model T pick-up truck and head down to Western Market (located on Michigan Avenue at 18th St.) in Detroit. According to an article on Curbed Detroit about the “sister” to Eastern Market, “Western Market was almost entirely erased by the Fisher Freeway in 1965.” The \$3,000-\$4,000 they earned selling produce during the summer is what sustained them for the rest of the year.

The Ebert family sold the farm and moved to Romulus just before the Depression when farms were selling for large sums. However, the family only got about half the amount of money because of the Depression.

Although she was an only child, Winifred says “I had fun.” She hung out with her cousin Ruth who was the same age. They had a close bond all their lives. Ruth died seven years ago at the age of 100.

When she was 20-years old, young Winifred met Emery Nichols. “That was quite a story,” says Winifred from her bed at Maple Manor in Wayne. Her cousin picked her up, she met Emery and “that was it.” They married and had three children: Joyce Chiodini, Emery Nichols Jr, and Pat Garber. Winifred stayed home to take care of the children while Emery worked.

Emery and Winifred had been married about 31 years when Emery died. She was about 50. Her cousin



Wayne resident Winifred Nichols will be celebrating her 108th birthday August 18. Emery Nichols Jr. says his mother looks like a movie star in this photo when Winifred (Eberts) Nichols was 18.

**To send Winifred a Birthday card, mail to:
Maple Manor of Wayne C/O Winifred Nichols
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was a veterinarian who knew a doctor at Nankin Hospital (located at Michigan Avenue and Elizabeth St). The doctor helped Winifred get a job in the kitchen where she did things like pass out trays. When the hospital closed, she went to work at a couple different convalescent homes. It was hard to find work with an 8th grade education. When she finally reached 62, she stopped working and applied for social security. Those days, she received more from social security than she had received when she was working.

Three children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren round out her family. Her son tries to visit every day at supper time to help her eat while her granddaughter, Susan Patterson, comes to visit 3-4 times a week. The others also visit.

Winifred has been active in several groups. She attended St. Mary’s Catholic Church; the church now comes to her. She was also active in Wayne’s Golden Hour Club. The members of the group traveled all over the world, including Europe and many places in the U.S. “Even

went to Spain,” she pipes up from her bed. Her son says Hawaii was another big trip. “Oh yeah” she responds. Don Ho and luaus were highlights of that trip. Prior to traveling, she had spent most of her life within a 50-square mile area.

She never collected anything. She didn’t have many hobbies. She did like to play cards and loved card parties. She enjoyed watching Lawrence Welk. Now, she loves her little transistor radio. When asked about com-

puters, she utters “I don’t know nothing.” She was asked what she thought of cell phones, but she had no response except to say she liked party lines because you knew what everyone else was doing.

It was mentioned that when she was 20, she went for a ride in an open-air cockpit plane. Jets were still a thing of the future.

She’s lived at Maple Manor for a little over 2 years. She came there when her son, Emery, could no longer care for her at the home she had lived in on Woodward since marrying Emery Sr. She loves having her nails done. She also enjoys watching the Detroit Tigers on her TV.

She never thought she would live this long. Her father died at about age 50 while her mother lived to be about 85. Asked what her secret was to living so long, Winifred said “Just live...eat...sleep.” She never smoked. She ate eggs, roast, cakes and pies. In fact, the whole family did. That’s how they lived all their lives...eating whatever they enjoyed.

Her smile captivates her visitor. As she nears her 108th birthday, Winifred still has her teeth! She lost one or two over the years, but she even still has some of her original fillings. Her son says she has had a pretty good life. “I grow up and see a lot of different things,” Winifred says. “It didn’t bother us. It was how we were raised.”

As our interview came to a close, Emery told me about some of the aches and pains plaguing his 80+ year old body. “It’s hell getting old,” he sighs. “You tell me!” quips Winifred.

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The Titanic - A historical presentation

Join the Wayne Historical Society on Thursday, August 9, at 7:00 p.m. as a Titanic aficionado tells the story of the doomed liner, shows pictures and answers questions. Light refreshments will be served at the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Towne Square.

Senior services upcoming trips

Tuesday, August 14: Take a trip to Detroit for the Underground History Tour and explore the secrets of the underground history of Detroit and Windsor. \$100 will get motor coach transportation, lunch at Lilly Kazilly's, a two-hour narrated river cruise and the underground tour. Proof of citizenship is required as the tour will be going into Canada.

Wednesday, August 23: Join the



Paul Kennedy the owner of All Saint's, Inc. officially broke ground on the former Frank's Furniture property. A new office building will be constructed on the site. Mr. Kennedy was joined by City of Wayne officials, family and friends.

Wayne Sometimes Travelers Club as they attend a Detroit Tigers game from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The game starts at 1:10 p.m. Cost is \$88

for lower baseline box, section 112. Included in the price is a meal voucher ticket at the baseball stadium for lunch. The Tigers will be playing the White Sox.

Wednesday, August 30: The Wayne Sometimes Travelers Club has a trip planned to Cornwell's Turkeyville for lunch and Nonsense Amen!, a male musical comedy. Cost is \$90 with motorcoach included.

For more information on any of these trips, contact Nancy at (734) 721-7460.

Yearbooks needed

The Wayne Historical Museum is looking for yearbooks to add to their collection. The following are the years they are in need of from Wayne Memorial High School: anything before 1940, 1984, 1986, 1995, 1996, 1998-2003, 2016 and 2017. They need all years from John Glenn High School. They need all years from St. Mary's school.

Swim night for women

HYPE Recreation Center is hosting Women's Only Swim Nights on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. Cost is \$6 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Girls and women must be age 13 or older. No children under 13 and no boys allowed. HYPE is located at 4635 Howe Rd. For more information, call 734-721-7400.

HYPE aquatics center

Ages 2 and up can swim at HYPE this summer with a \$5/day pass. Visit the website www.hypeathletics.org or call (734) 721-7400 for pool hours.

Fire department receives grant

The Wayne Fire Department recently received a \$14,799 grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to purchase two ventilator packages with accessories. A portion of any purchase made at Firehouse Subs goes to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to be used to provide lifesaving equipment to first responders. The closest Firehouse Subs to Wayne is at 35579 Warren Rd in Westland.

Red October Run

Beaumont Hospital's annual Red October Run will be Sunday, October 7, at Greenfield Village, Dearborn. There will be a 5K run, 5K walk, and kids' Junior October 1 mile. Red October Run supports youth fitness and nutrition education programs in conjunction with Beaumont's Healthy Communities Initiative. Registration is limited to 1500. Register at www.beaumont.org/redoctober-run.

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Downtown Days a Wayne success again

By Carolyn Marnon

The 2nd official “Downtown Days”, held last month in downtown Wayne, was a huge success once again. It just got bigger and better than last year and all indications are that next year it will grow even more!

If you were unable to make it downtown, here is a brief recap of the highlights:

The 2018 Window on Wayne Photography Contest, with an automotive theme to honor the history of Wayne transportation, was won by Ryan Wright with his photo of a Buick Skylark parked atop the Wayne parking garage. He commented that he and his friend sat and waited for two hours to get the perfect shot. Ryan commented on Facebook that his friend told him the car had been used in a Bob Seger music video for “Detroit Made.” Second place was a photo of the State Wayne Theater with blurred tail lights taken by Summer Dye. Third place was by Tina Worden who submitted a photo of a graffiti-laden train passing over the underpass on westbound Michigan Avenue. There were over 1200 Facebook votes to determine finalists and 172 in-person voters that determined the top 3 winners.

The 1st Annual Art-o-motive contest, a car hood art installation held at Derby’s Alley, had seven entrants. The winner was Margarita Beal with “Majestic Path.” Second place went to “Power of Pattern” (a hood with an elephant painting) done by InPro Enterprises of Wayne. Third place went to “Thank you for your service” an homage to those who serve done by Lenny and Christie Powell.



The Wayne Bike Club rolls down Michigan Avenue, Elvis performs downtown and Harry J. Will opened their parking lot to classic cars during Downtown Days.

The Rocky Horror Preservation Society held a sock hop outside the State Wayne Theater on Saturday along with other activities, including a kissing booth and a late-night showing of The Rocky Horror shadowcast movie.

The Wayne Bicycle Club had a great turnout for their 1st annual Bike Show and BBQ held at the Wayne Bike Shop/ICON Computers. They had 118 bike riders come out with 44 bikes entered in the bike show.

Free BBQ was available while it lasted. Founder of the Wayne Bicycle

Club Brian Ewanciw said they went through 20 pounds of pulled pork and 10 pounds of macaroni and cheese in an hour and a half. He said the show was great, lots of people came out to look at the custom bikes and they were able to sell some bikes and parts.

The Knights of Columbus Notre Dame Council had a successful turnout also. The Day and Knight Concert Series was a great success; each night they were full to capacity for the indoor concerts. Paul Sposite said they sold over 1200 sliders, raised over \$500 for the charities

they support, and donated 250 pounds of food brought in by community members to the St. Mary Outreach Center.

The Wayne Historic Museum had multiple activities on Saturday. Museum Director Tyler Moll reports “the biggest attractions were the old engines we had on site, and we probably had over 500 people come through the area and see the museum.”

If you didn’t make it to the 2018 Downtown Days this year, it is hoped that you will come check it out next summer.

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Women win awards at state program

2019 Distinguished Young Woman of Wayne-Westland Alanah Rudd and 2019 Distinguished Young Woman of Wayne Fatima Herrera competed last month at the Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program held at Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Fatima was a Scholastic Winner Winner and Alanah was a Spirit Winner.

Book sale

The Friends of the Westland Library will be holding a book sale next month. Thursday, September 13, will kick off the event with a Preview Sale from 3:00-6:00 p.m. There is a small entrance fee to this event. Everyone is invited to the open sales on Friday and Saturday, September 14-15, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 16, will feature the \$4 bag sale from Noon-3:00p.m.

Donations requested

St. Mary Catholic Church Outreach Center is looking for the following items: canned fruit, cereal, Hamburger Helper, jelly, Manwich, pasta, pasta sauce and tuna. You can drop off your donation Monday and Friday 9:30a.m.-1:00 p.m., Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-11:00a.m. and Thursday 9:00a.m.-Noon.

Credit union now open on Wednesdays

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"Celebrity" dinner shows coming up

The Knights of Columbus Notre Dame Council 3021, 3144 S. Wayne Rd, present several upcoming evening dinner and a show options.

September 22: A tribute variety show featuring Greg Jaqua's tribute to Elvis Presley, Dean Martin, Willie Nelson, Tom Jones and many more

and Charlie Nova's country music review.

October 20: Brandon Stryker's tribute to Frankie Valli along with a Broadway show review. Tyrone Hamilton will be performing as Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder and Ronnie Milsap.

Auditions coming up

Auditions for Inspire Theater's "The Addams Family" will be August 14-15 at 6:30p.m. Please arrive before 6:30p.m. and plan on staying the entire time. This is a cold reading. You will be taught a portion of the song, "When You're An Addams." Wear comfortable clothing.

The theater is at 33455 Warren Rd, Westland.

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