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# 1960 Wayne graduate sets speed record

By Carolyn Marnon

"I'm not thinking about anything," says Dave Spangler, 1960 Wayne Memorial High School graduate. "I'm concentrating too hard on staying in control and ahead of the car. My concentration is so serious, it's like I'm in a trance."

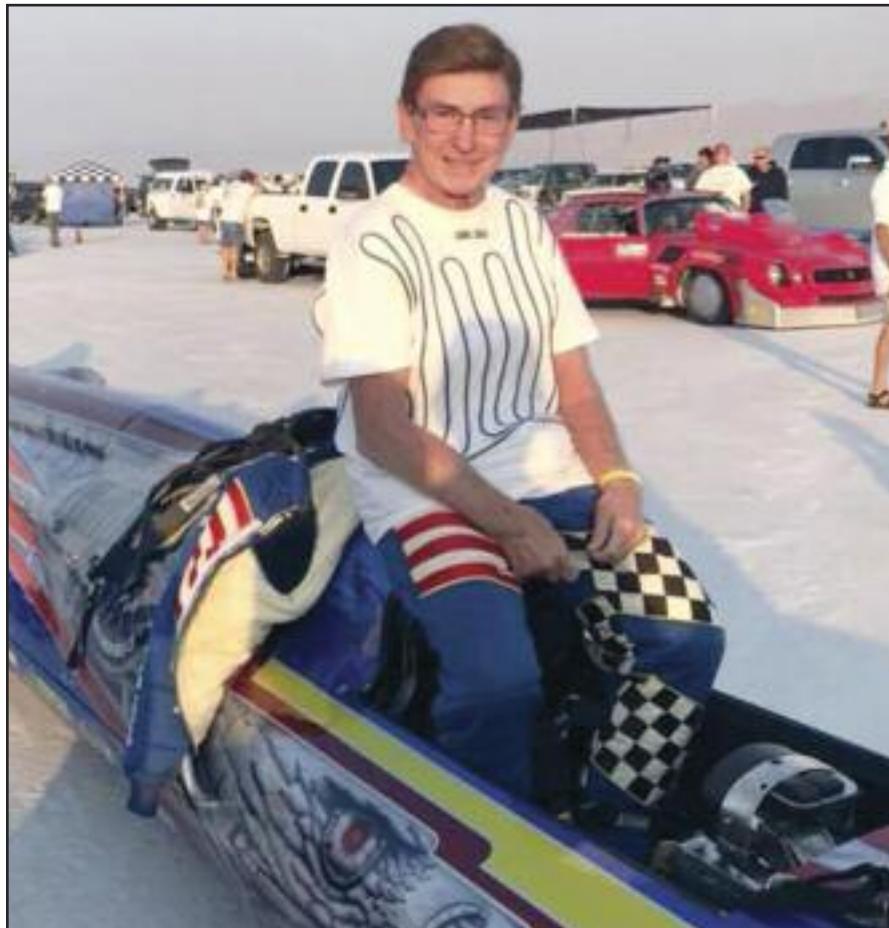
On October 2, Dave drove a record setting 503 miles per hour at the world-famous Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah. To get an idea of how fast that is, Dave covered roughly 2 ½ football fields in a second. A second! Just days before that, Dave and Team Vesco, the group he drives for, drove a record-setting 492 mph.

Dave drives the Turbinator II, a turbine-powered, wheel-driven, vehicle. Dave says the Turbinator II looks like a streamlined airplane without wings.

While in high school, Dave was the captain of the football team. He was also into racing motorcycles and cars. He's raced an array of vehicles, including motorcycles, hydroplanes, ocean-racer boats and bicycles. He says he spent 12 years with the U.S. Cycling Federation.

After high school, Dave went to college, earning an MBA from Michigan State. He worked at Ford Motor Company headquarters in Dearborn for about 3 years. After meeting his current partner, he moved to California to work in the speed equipment industry. In 1970, he started Hooker Headers, dealing with hot rod parts. He sold the brand/company in 2001 and took up real estate management for personal properties.

Rick Vesco is the designer of Turbinator II. Rick worked with Dave at Hooker; they also rode motorcycles together. In 1973, Rick



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moved to Utah. Fast forward a few years to 1977. Rick has now restored the family streamliner and calls Dave to see if he is interested in driving it. Of course, Dave says yes, and he's been driving it ever since.

Driving the Turbinator II so fast doesn't make any noticeable changes to his body, Dave says. He does get a good jolt, though, when the parachutes are pulled for stopping. He estimates it's about 2 ½ Gs of a jolt.

Once the parachutes are pulled, the streamliner will go an additional 2-3 miles before coming to a stop.

At 76-years old, Dave says racing the Turbinator II is not a career since he doesn't make any money from it, but it isn't a hobby either. There is a lot of equipment involved, assets, sponsors and a 20-man crew of helpers that come from all over the United States to volunteer with Team Vesco.

Racing the streamliner is not a year-round activity. There are three events that happen August-October. The biggest of these events is Speed Week in August where there are over 600 entries. There's another event in September and then the World Finals in October.

Dave doesn't follow a particular diet or workout routine to prepare himself for driving the streamliner. He just stays fit. He does, however, have to have an appropriate license to drive. There are licenses that allow you to drive at different speeds until you reach the unlimited license; that means you can now drive over 300 mph. To get the license, one has to drive down the salt flats at whatever speed being tested for while being observed by a licensing official.

The goal of Team Vesco this racing season was to be the first team ever to go 500 mph in a wheel-driven vehicle. 500 mph is a major accomplishment! Next year, the team will try to improve over the 503 mph record they set. It's an incremental process, says Dave. In August, they hit a record 470 mph and then took that up to 492 last month. "We've hit a sweet spot, and we're doing really well," says Dave of the 2018 racing season.

If you'd like to see video of Dave racing, visit [www.teamvesco.com/raceresults/speedweek2018.html](http://www.teamvesco.com/raceresults/speedweek2018.html)

The video marked "Achieving Record Speed Week 2018" shows the front and back views as the Turbinator II rockets forward while also showing a view of Dave as he drives. One might say he looks like he's tucked into the streamliner like a marshmallow. Well, he did say something about a sweet spot.

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There will be plenty for kids and kids-at-heart to do in Wayne and the surrounding area as Halloween approaches. It's the beginning of October, but before you know it, it's the end of October. Did we enter a twilight zone where time magically disappeared?

Here is the rundown of what is happening for all the ghouls and gals.

### October 13 Trunk or treat

Westland Christian Union Church, on the corner of Wayne Rd and Marquette, Westland, will be hosting Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 13, at 6:00 p.m. Event will be held in the parking lot. You can decorate your trunk; the best one will win. Dress up in your best costume. There will be chili, cider and donuts available.

### Halloween festival

Wayne County Parks presents Halloween Festival on Saturday, October 13, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Hines Park -Nankin Mills Area. There will be a costume parade at 1:00 p.m., a Princess and Pirates Halloween Show at 1:15 p.m., Ghost and Goodies Magic Show at 2:00 p.m. followed by Trick or Treating at 2:45 p.m.

### Bicycle club cemetery tour

Join the Wayne Bicycle Club on Saturday, October 13, for their Annual Cemetery Bike Ride tour. Hosted by the Wayne Historical Society, the tour will visit 2-3 local cemeteries for 10-15 minute historical presentations about important Wayne people buried there. Come out and enjoy the fun and learn about the founding fathers of Wayne and others buried here in Wayne and help the Historical Society. To help continue the tours every year, a \$5 donation to the Wayne Historical Society is requested. Please bring correct bills as they will not have change. The ride starts at 7:00 p.m. Contact the Wayne Historical Society for more information.

### October 18

Hoover Elementary, 5400 4th St, Wayne, will be having a trunk or



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treat on Thursday, October 18.

### October 20 Trunk or treat

Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Wayne Rd, Westland, will be hosting a free Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 20, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. All ages are welcome for cider, donuts and treats.

### Harvest festival trunk or treat

Jefferson Barnes Community Vitality Center, 32150 Dorsey St, Westland, will host a Harvest Festival Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 20, at Noon.

### The Happening-A Haunted Museum Experience

The Wayne Historical Society is hosting The Happening-A Haunted Museum Experience on Saturday, October 20, from 6:00 p.m. - Midnight. For one night only, history comes alive. The museum will be completely decorated inside and out with live actors, witches and ghosts, as well as some special treats. Groups will be guided through true scenes of Wayne's history with a creepy and ghoulish twist. After the tour mingle with some ghosts, have a funeral cookie or have your fortune read. This event is the first of its kind in Wayne. Admission is \$5 per person, with groups going in every 10-15 minutes. Event is family-friendly, but some scenes may get in-

tense for young children. Tickets are available at [www.eventbrite.com/e/the-happening-a-haunted-museum-experience-tickets-49398072966](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-happening-a-haunted-museum-experience-tickets-49398072966).

### October 27 Trunk or treat

First Congregational Church in Wayne, 2 Towne Square, will be having a trunk or treat on Saturday, October 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m. They are looking for people who would like to open up their car trunks to treats. If interested, contact the church.

### Hype up for Halloween

Hype up for Halloween will be held at Attwood Park, south of HYPE Recreation Center, on Saturday, October 27. From 1:00-2:00 p.m. children 3 and under or children with disabilities will be able to trick or treat. At 2:00-4:00 p.m. trick or treating will be open to all children. Follow a path around Attwood Park while collecting candy and goodies from community partners. Apple cider and donuts will be available while supplies last. Last year, approximately 2000 people attended this event.

### Halloween/zombie ride 2018

Join the Wayne Bicycle Club for their Annual Halloween/Zombie ride on Saturday, October 27, from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Dress in your favorite Halloween costume and let's haunt the streets of Wayne! There will be a

give-away of a \$25 gift card for best costume and \$25 for best decorated bicycle.

### Ride-in Halloween movie

The Wayne Bicycle Club is hosting a Ride-in Halloween Movie at the Wayne Bicycle Shop (35858 W Michigan Ave) on Saturday, October 27, at 10:00 p.m. For more information, call Brian at (734) 722-3672.

### Halloween bash for the "oldies"

For the older "kids," Benders Bar & Grill, 34830 W. Michigan Ave, Wayne, is hosting Sonic VooDoo at their Halloween Bash on Saturday, October 27, 9:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. Special guests will be Top Dead Center. This costume party will have great food and drink specials available, a costume contest, and a rock & roll party. Arrive early; seating is limited.

### Ghost hunting

Join the Motor City Ghost Hunters as they hunt for paranormal activity in the historic Wayne Museum. Tickets are \$25 per person, and a new group of 15 will enter the building every hour. The group will join professional ghost hunters using special equipment designed to contact spirits, and if you're lucky maybe you'll catch a glimpse from the beyond. For tickets, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ghost-hunting-at-the-wayne-museum-tickets-41325295070>.

### October 28

St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Rd, Westland, will host a trunk or treat with s'mores on Sunday, October 28, at 6:15 p.m.

### October 30

Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center, 34801 Marquette, Westland, will be hosting a Boo Bash Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 30, 5:00-7:00 p.m. If you are interested in decorating your trunk for trunk or treating, please sign up at Stottlemeyer in the main office. Stottlemeyer is also accepting treat donations for the event. Anything donated must be individually wrapped for distribution.

# Q and A about the upcoming bond proposal

By Carolyn Marnon

Wayne Westland School District has a School Improvement Bond Proposition on the November 6 election ballot asking for residents to provide a \$158,000,000 bond issuance to improve safety and security features at the schools, construction projects, site improvements, and infrastructure and technology equipment.

WWCSD Superintendent Dr. Shelley Holt appeared at the October 2 City Council meeting to address council on the bond proposal. She said it takes \$9,590 to fund a general education child in Michigan. Currently, Wayne Westland receives \$7,871 per child.

The major focus of the bond is on safety and security in the schools. The first project would involve managing who is able to go into and come out of the schools. One way to do this is with Sally-ports, a secure entry vestibule at the entrances. The district wants to be able to direct all visitors directly into the office so visitors don't have access to the hallways. The biggest change will be at Wayne Memorial High School where the entrance will be moved from the side of the building to the front.

The second change would be to upgrade the phone system infrastructure. The current system is antiquated.

Supt. Holt mentioned that the security cameras in the schools don't save after a certain period of time. When an issue arises, staff members have to immediately attend to the security cameras to make sure crucial video footage is saved.

Changes in learning environments need to be made. The beauti-

ful libraries that looked out over the landscape that were remodeled in recent history will now have to have those windows blocked to keep children out of sight.

Energy and operational efficiency needs to be improved. Schools have outdated boilers still operating. The current boilers are about the size of the Wayne council chambers. Boilers have a life expectancy of 25 years. The ones at our schools have been in place an average of 45 years.

Of the 11,000 students in the district, 8000 children are transported everyday. Supt. Holt says 80% of the busses the district owns need to be replaced. They have failing engines and corroded seats and floors. The district has had to borrow buses to meet transportation needs. As buses reach 200,000+ miles or 12 years of use, the maintenance costs and downtime increases greatly.

It is estimated that the cost of the bond proposal would be approximately \$7.33 per month for a \$100,000 market value home.

The bond millage cannot be used to pay salaries/wages, for general operating expenses, repairs or maintenance, for classroom supplies or textbooks or for administrative costs.

The bond millage can be used for the construction and remodeling of facilities, the purchase of technology equipment and accompanying infrastructure, the purchase of equipment and furniture, for site improvements and for the purchase of buses.

The average age of facilities in the Wayne Westland district is 57 years old. There are 23 facilities. The majority of infrastructure is past its use-

ful life.

Questions you might have wondered about were answered by Maria Mitter, Supervisor, Family and Community Engagement for Wayne Westland schools.

**If you don't know what schools are going to close, is it possible schools could be upgraded and then closed?** No, we plan to have Board decision on school closing prior to starting the renovation work.

**Is there a process in place to prevent this?** Yes, we have committed to the community that we will not do any renovations to facilities that will be shuttered, closed or sold.

**Is there a timeline for doing the infrastructure upgrades/roofs/covering windows (libraries)/etc?** Yes. The majority of the bond work must be done in the first five years.

**Will these upgrades be done AFTER it is determined which schools will close?** No, we are planning to start work at the High Schools and Career Tech Center allowing us time to make decisions on the middle schools and elementary buildings. None of the high schools or Career Tech Center will be closed, therefore we know work can begin at these buildings prior to a decision being made about school closings.

**When can people expect to hear which schools will be closing?**

That work will take place in the next year to 18 months.

**When will the new grade configurations take effect?** 2020

**Dr. Holt mentioned a Sally-port?** It's the new safe entrance to the school. Sally-ports, Secure entry, Secure vestibules. We plan on directing all visitors directly into the offices so they don't have access to the hallways or the students.

**Do you know what year the current phone system was put in place?** 2000

**How outdated is it?** Very. We no longer can purchase parts for repairs from the supplier and when we do we have to get them from eBay.

**What features would the new phone system have?**

911 system would give direct access not only to the building but what classroom is calling. Classroom phones would have caller ID, voicemail messages would be transferred over to email messages on the

teacher's workstation.

**Did I hear correctly that a school boiler is the size of the council chambers in Wayne? Or is the room the boiler is in that size?** There are three boilers at Wayne Memorial. They're the size of a caboose on a train.

Wayne Memorial has its own heating plant. The building is just to the west of the tennis courts.

**I know boilers are "big", but I didn't realize they were THAT big. Are they that big because they are ancient boilers?** The Wayne boilers, 2 of them were installed in 1995 and the third was installed in 2004. They are that large due to the size of the campus we are heating almost 400,000 square feet of facility. The two boilers at John Glenn are as large and were installed in 1989.

**Are newer boilers much smaller in size?** Yes. New boilers are much smaller and better efficient.

**If the bond is passed, when can people expect to see changes taking place and what would those first changes be?** Summer of 2019 we could start with roofs, parking lot, and new buses.

**I know Dr. Holt mentioned safety as a priority. Is there an actual strategic plan that says if it passes, we will do this and then this and then this, etc?** Yes, but the first year would be mostly planning and preparing blueprints to get ready for construction. We will purchase new buses, do some low hanging critical needs like roofs, and parking lots.

In summary, the quality of a school system is often one of the components a family uses when they are deciding whether to buy a home in that district. No one can argue that having a thriving school district is important to all residents and the value of their homes.

For more information, attend the October 11 Community Forum at Stevenson Middle School at 6:00 p.m. You can also contact Jenny Johnson at Johnsonje@wwcsd.net or (734) 419-2001 or Maria Mitter at Mitterm@wwcsd.net or (734) 419-2036.

You can also attend the State of the District Address at John Glenn High School on October 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Be sure to vote on November 6.

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# Candy tips for a healthy halloween

Dr. Bhavani Swarna, owner of Wayne Family Dental, shares tips on keeping your teeth healthy during the sweet Halloween season.



Dr. Bhavani Swarna, owner of Wayne Family Dental.

Halloween is around the corner, which for most children means bags of free candy and a chance to build a stockpile of sweets. The sugar in those treats can play some unwanted tricks on your teeth if you're not careful. Here's why: The bacteria in your mouth are probably more excited to eat Halloween candy than you are. When the bacteria eat the sugar and leftover food in your mouth, a weak acid is produced. That acid is what can contribute to cavities.

To help you sort through the trick-or-treat bag loot, we have a run-down of some common candies and their impact on your teeth:

**Chocolate** is probably your best bet, which is good because it's also one of the most popular kinds of candy handed out on Halloween. Chocolate is one of the better candies because it washes off your teeth easier than other types of candy. Dark chocolate also has less sugar than milk chocolate.

**Sticky and Gummy Candies:** Be picky if it's sticky. These are some of the worst candies for your teeth. This candy is harder to remove and may stay longer on your teeth, which gives that cavity-causing bacteria more time to work.

**Hard candy** are also ones to watch on Halloween. They can actually break your teeth if you're not careful. You also tend to keep these kinds of candies in your mouth for longer periods of time, so the sugar is getting in your saliva and washing over your teeth.

**Sour Candy:** You might want to pass on things that make you pucker – especially if they are sticky and coated in sugar. Sour candy can be very acidic, and that acidity can weaken and damage the hard outer shell of your teeth, making your teeth more vulnerable to cavities. It's OK to eat that candy on Halloween as a splurge as long as you have a plan.

**Other tips include:**

Time It Right: Eat Halloween

candy with meals or shortly after mealtime. Saliva production increases during meals. This helps cancel out acids produced by bacteria in your mouth and rinse away food particles.

**Have a Plan:** It's tempting to keep that candy around, but your teeth will thank you if you limit your stash. Have your family pick their favorites and donate the rest.

**Drink More Water:** It can help prevent tooth decay. If you are looking for an added boost to keeping those gums and teeth healthy, try coconut water or adding coconut oil to your water. Coconut is a natural alternative to fluoride, which you frequently find in city water.

**Brush Twice a Day** for two minutes with fluoride toothpaste or a toothpaste with fluoride alternatives, like neem oil or tea tree oil. Remember, replace your toothbrush every three or four months, or sooner if the bristles are frayed. A worn toothbrush won't do a good job of cleaning your teeth.

**Clean Between Your Teeth:** Floss your teeth once a day. Decay-causing bacteria get between teeth where toothbrush bristles can't reach. Flossing helps remove plaque and food particles from between the teeth and under the gum line that sometimes your toothbrush cannot reach. Regular visits to your ADA-member dentist can help prevent problems from occurring and catch those that do occur early, when they are easy to "treat."

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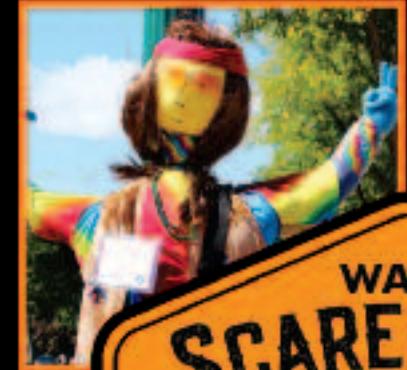
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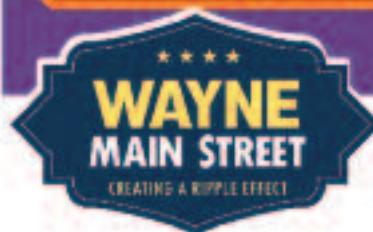
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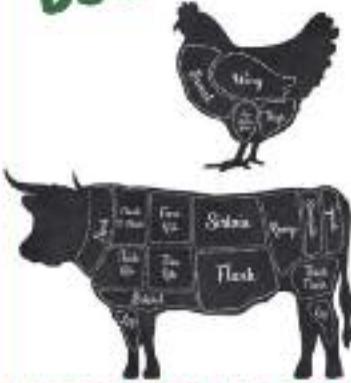
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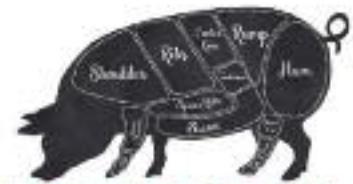
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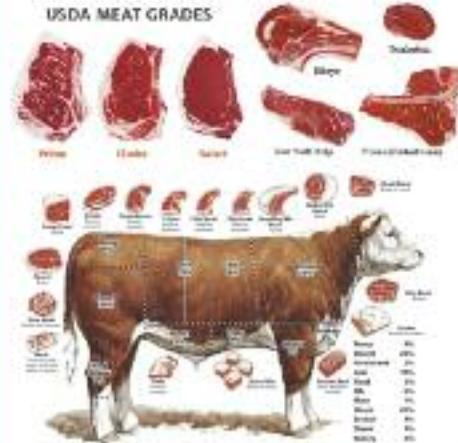
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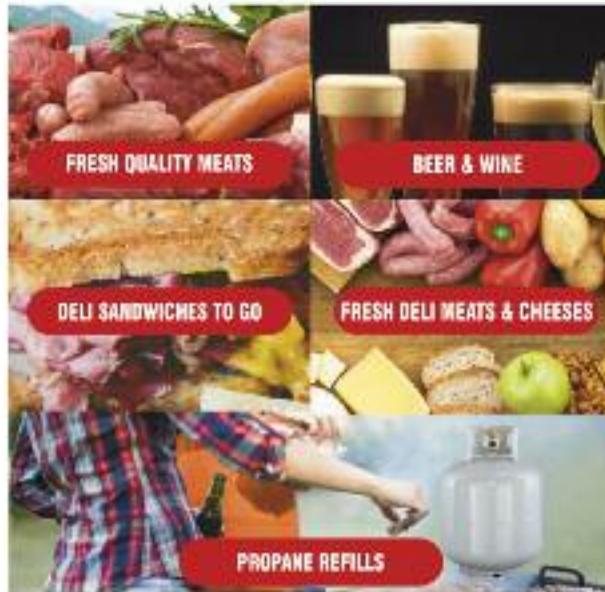
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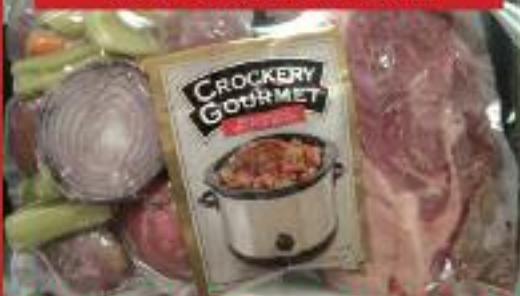
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# 2018 Diamond of the community named

By Carolyn Marnon

"I was forced to do a Mother-Daughter project by a mother that would not take "no" for an answer," says 2018 Diamond of the Community Patt Hartford about her first experience volunteering. The event was put on by the Washington School PTA. "I was scared to death, but she also recruited two assistants, and we managed to pull it off. That was a start, and I did PTA projects for years while my four kids were at the school."

Patt had moved to Wayne from Romulus in 1963. She graduated from Wayne Memorial High School. She had four children, Diana Bentley, Ilona Zigman, Donald Hartford and Derek Hartford who all attended Wayne-Westland schools. She now has 10 grandchildren and has been with her partner, Ron (Corky) Hays, for 24 years.

Once the kids were out of school, Patt started looking for other projects to keep busy. Her first job was at Jack Demmer Ford. She spent 12 years working at Wayne County Airport until retiring.

Over the years, Patt has met lots of people and made lots of friends. "I keep a pretty full schedule with my various groups but have a hard time saying "no" to a project that peaks my interest. I love all the different activities since its fun and rewarding, not work."

Over the years, Patt has volunteered with the Euchre group at Jake's, with the Wheelfest Committee and Civitans, ran a women's golf league and also currently volunteers making scarecrows for Wayne Main Street. "Being this year's Diamond really surprised me," says Patt. "Es-



2018 Diamond of the Community Patt Hartford (center), with event sponsors Wayne Dairy Queen owners, Jenn and Mike Petrou.

Photo by John Rhaesa

pecially since I have not been able to be active this summer due to some issues with a fall. I look forward to getting past this and back to my usual schedule next year."

Patt was honored by the Wayne Commission on Aging at a community dinner held last month. The Diamond of the Community has been sponsored by Wayne Dairy Queen owners, Mike and Jenn Petrou, for several years. Mike's parents, John and Anna Petrou, were longtime sponsors when they owned the ice

cream shop.

"The dinner and program was extremely nice with lots of friends and family attending. I was honored to see so many people, and I truly enjoyed the evening in spite of being 'under the weather'," says Patt. "I had several family members in attendance. Of course, Corky Hays was there along with two of my sisters from the Brighton/Hartland area. Su Hale and her husband Bob, Roxanne Righetti and her husband Ernie, my granddaughter, Allison

Bentley with her friend, Jeremy, and also my son, Don, who flew out from Atlanta to join in. It was nice to see several of Corky's family, the Fantos, and many of my friends that I made from various projects."

"I will remember that night always. Volunteering over the years has made up the stories of my life. Volunteering is a rewarding way to make friends, improve your community and have fun in the process. Getting this award for having fun is way more than I needed."



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Stained glass mosaic class

Helium Studio is hosting a class with glass mosaic artist Michelle Guernsey on Saturday, October 20, at 9:30 a.m. at Helium Studio, 3127 S. Wayne Rd. You will create an 8x10 framed stained glass mosaic. Class is limited to the first 12 paid students. \$45 includes all supplies. You will complete the glass design in class, and Michelle will grout your piece afterwards. Completed work will be ready for pick-up the following week. Contact Helium Studio to sign up: (734) 725-3811.

### Rusty trike flea market

The Second annual Fall Rusty Trike Flea Market in Downtown Wayne hosted by the Notre Dame Council 3021 of the Knights of Columbus will be Saturday, October 13, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Come and find that one-of-a-kind item you never knew you wanted or needed. The Notre Dame Lounge is located at 3144 S. Wayne Rd. Food and drink will be available. The free travelling DIA (Detroit Institute of Arts) museum will be onsite. Also come listen to the 1960s Folk Revival Trio. They will perform three times during the market starting at noon.

### Harvest dinner

A Harvest Dinner will be held on Friday, October 19, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Wayne. A complete turkey dinner will be served, including beverage and dessert. Adults: \$11.00; Ages 5-12 \$5.00; 4 and under free. Carry out is available. Rada cutlery will also be for sale, and there will be

a bake sale, craft sale and silent quilt auction. Proceeds will support the mission work of the United Methodist Women. Questions? Call the church office (734) 721-4801.

### Free one-stop health screening

Beaumont Community Health will be at HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Rd. on Tuesday, October 16, from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Anyone 18 and older is welcome. Screening includes: blood pressure, cholesterol (no fasting), and glucose (diabetes). Screening is free and is on a walk-in basis. No appointments taken.

### Quilt show

The Quilted Tree Quilt Show is being held October 19-20 at First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn, 600 N. Brady, Dearborn. 125-130 quilts will be on display, made by the members of the General Henry Dearborn Quilting Society. Admission, good for both days, is \$8. Children 10 and under are free. Parking is free, and the church is handicap-accessible. Show hours are Friday, October 19, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 20, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

There will also be a raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. First prize is a full/queen bed quilt made with origami cranes that each member helped sew. Second prize is a twin bed quilt of maple leaves. Each member helped make the leaves and then one of the members put the entire quilt together. Third prize is a stained glass hanging.

### Fire department receives grant

The Wayne Fire Department receiving two positive pressure ventilation fans through a grant from Firehouse Subs. Kudos to Fire Fighter Carl Peters, Community Development Director Lori Gouin, and the Plymouth Firehouse Subs owner Brad Wilson for making this happen!

### "Christmas spirit" at First Congregational Church

The First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square, is hosting their 72nd Annual Christmas Fair, "Silver Bells" from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. November 8-9 at the historical church in downtown Wayne next to McDonald's.

Delicious à la carte lunches are served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and dinners from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Turkey dinners with all the trimmings are \$10 for adults and \$4 for children.

Shops are open all day and include a country store, Attic Treasures, a boutique, Christmas shop, used books store, handmade goods, coffee shop, specialties shop and a homemade candy booth. Shoppers will find beautiful Christmas decorations, canned fruits, jams, jellies, candy, Precious Moments collectibles, hand-sewn and knitted items and plenty of Christmas gifts! Come join the fun !!!

Parking is on the west side of the building with elevators available at the south entrance.

### Girls in aviation day

The Yankee Ladies Chapter of

Women in Aviation International is excited to present the 4th Annual Girls in Aviation Day Saturday, October 13, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This year the Yankee Ladies are excited to partner with the Yankee Air Museum and the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum along with the Leslie Science & Nature Center.

Middle school and high school girls are welcome to enjoy a morning of exploring history, aircraft, aerodynamics and the excitement of aviation as well as hands on activities. There will be pilots, flight attendants, aviation managers, and various other aviation professionals available to answer questions and talk about their careers. Lunch will be provided.

The event will be held at Hangar 1 at Historic Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti. It is free.

If you have questions, please email yankeeladiesgiad@gmail.com

### New bookstore open in Wayne

Books on the Avenue recently opened in Wayne. It is open Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Books on the Avenue is located at 35622 W. Michigan Ave.

### Donation accepted

Chairman of UAW Local 900 Greg O'Neil, UAW member and Wayne resident Chris Miller, and Ford Motor Company recently made a generous \$1000 donation to the City to purchase new dog beds at the Wayne Animal Shelter. After extensive research, it was found that these new beds will be easy to clean.

## OBITUARIES

Ryan, Dolores Ann – 85, of Wayne, Michigan died September 11, 2018. Beloved wife of Kerran Ryan. Cherished mother of Meghan (Ken) Ryan-Akelis, Jamie (Brian Hanson) England, Anne Riopelle, Robin (Yves Rosenberg) Ashton, Julie (Don) Rothermel-Osugi, Maureen (Tim) Gravarrd, the late Jeffrey Ashton, and the late Brynn Ashton. Loving grandmother of thirteen grandchildren. Great-grandmother of nine. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home on Saturday, September 15, 2018. The family suggests memorial gifts to the Wayne Public Library. Please view memorial at [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com)





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# Voting for mayor and wards 4-6 Nov. 6th

**By Carolyn Marnon**

It is hoped that residents of Wayne will come out to the polls on November 6 and make their choices known with their votes. Polls are open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Along with various state and county seats up for election, the City of Wayne will have several positions up: Mayor and three councilpersons, one each to represent Wards 4, 5 and 6. All residents who are registered voters can vote for the mayor and one person in each of the wards. You do not have to live in wards 4-5 to vote for a representative from those wards.

Below is information that was taken from the website [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org). To see if there is updated information, you can visit the website at any time.

**John Rhaesa - Mayor**

John has served on the City Council for the past 7 years. He is a Wayne Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board member, Nankin Transit chairman, planning commission liaison, member of Wayne Rotary, Downtown Days committee member, organizer of the Wayne Concerts in the Park, Beaumont Hospital Community Advisory board member and Wayne 100 Club board member.

"I am running for Mayor to change the contentious climate that currently exists. I believe it can be immediately quelled or greatly minimized by me being mayor. I plan to maintain a constant flow of communication with council members, the city administration and our citizens. I see a lot of positive things on the horizon for Wayne.

"I am truly humbled and honored to have had an opportunity to serve on the Wayne City Council the past 7 years. I am hoping to achieve even more as Wayne's next mayor and make us a city that truly works for everyone. There is much more progress ahead and I feel very confident that I can continue to pursue some of those goals and lead the way to accomplish what had not yet been accomplished while I was on Council. • Continue to stabilize the financial outlook for the community • Increase Public Safety • Better communication amongst the mayor and council is incredibly important. (There has been a void the past several years.) • Look for ways to fix deteriorating roads in the neighborhoods. • Create and build more relationships to help make things happen in our community that could not happen due to the current financial situation. • Continue to build and bring back Downtown Wayne."

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**Brian Ewanciw - Ward 4**

"As a business owner for the last 14 years, I have managed a successful IT company that has worked with many Fortune 500 companies over the years. I have overseen cost-saving changes in every aspect from new software deployment to converting over to cost-saving LED lighting systems. We need new ideas and true leaders on our City Council. I hope my expertise in business management can aid in moving our City forward.

"We have slashed our services to the bone as we tried to stay afloat. We have laid off employees and cut departments down to bare minimum. As property taxes are increasing we still need to bring in new revenue. We have many empty lots in our downtown and throughout our City that need to be redeveloped. I would like to find a developer to create first floor retail buildings with upper story apartment, bring in more retail shops and restaurants into our existing buildings. Our emergency services have taken a serious hit over the years and it's time to focus on bringing our city back."

**Anthony Miller - Ward 4**

"I am an invested Wayne resident of 31 years. I take deep pride in this community. I believe with an inclusive mind set of innovation, vision and people skills, I have demonstrated in working with the administration and council, with the primary drive for the betterment of the entire community. In the last 4 years, we have made significant progress. Maximizing our land use to improve our tax base for basic services. Marketing and branding our community for new investment. Highlighting in restoring our community pride with the Wayne Museum and library. Rein-

vigorating with Wayne Main Street, Rouge a Palooza and the Wayne Garden Club community volunteerism. Our progress continues in reorganizing our financial picture and actions in municipality reform. Improving the quality of life for seniors as we move into a future sustainability in a millennial future.

"Priority one is our law enforcement. Our police department is the foundation of this community I strongly believe we must reinvest in protecting our residence and investments in our community. Future reorganization and stepping it up in marketing and branding in rebuilding our tax base. Improving our recruitment and retention policies within all our municipalities services. Expand on educational tools and processes be made available for all department leads. Build on cross training of personnel. Another area I believe that we need to address is the culture within our municipality. I believe we need serious reform in checks and balances in accountability and quarterly reviews. I believe we must take up the task of restoring trust and confidence with our residence and business community. Rebuilding our population growth and investment is our key in funding basic services for the future."

**Eric Cleereman - Ward 5**

"Improving things which matter to me, my family, and my community is important to me. If I can make something better, I get involved and I do so. I am active with park cleanups, mentoring, committees, non-profits, and other volunteer work.

A proactive approach to issues which affect us is critical. It allows these issues to be addressed when it is most effective to do so. I actively look for, attend, and involve myself with meetings for issues such as these.

I am frequently sought out as a resource to perform root cause analysis, problem solving, process improvements, and project management. I deal with complex problems quickly and effectively, implementing solutions which work for a majority of stakeholders involved.

I believe in the City of Wayne. I believe being on our City Council will

allow me to make an even more positive impact on my City and the lives of our citizens.

Retiree benefits, first responder budgets, and park operations are always at the top of the list.

Wayne relies heavily upon the generosity of its citizens and neighboring communities to contribute in areas where the City needs help. It is great that it can do this, but it must be able to function well if that help were to stop.

Wayne's Michigan Ave corridor spans over 4 miles, the single longest road in Wayne. It is used by many travelers from neighboring communities and is their first and, too often, only impression of Wayne.

There are many vacant properties along this route, many of these are blighted. This draws criminal activity and discourages development. We want to attract more businesses into our area, as this expands our tax base.

I will continue to lobby for blight remediation, cleanup initiatives, and neighborhood events to make this a draw rather than a liability."

**Kelly Skiff - Ward 5**

"I am a 1987 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. I have a Bachelors degree in Psychology which I obtained from William Tynedale College in 1999. I have been a resident of Wayne since 2001. I am running for City Council, Ward 5, in the City of Wayne because I want to see the political climate changed in our city. Our city is facing several challenges right now and it is important to have a Council that, despite their differences, can work together for the common good of the city. I am hoping that the good people of Wayne will provide me with the opportunity of serving them in this way to move our city forward as expediently as possible.

The main priority issue our city right now is our City Budget. This has seemed to have taken a back seat due to the drama that we have and are currently experiencing. I would like to see the focus once again returned to this issue. I applaud the success that the previous Council and City Manager have

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# Doing the monster mash on Harroun

By Carolyn Marnon

Take a drive by 34815 Harroun between now and Halloween and see the “Monster Mash” lighting up Wayne residents Steve and Debbie Gush’s house.

“Holidays on Harroun” was started by Steve about 4 years ago. The inspiration for it actually came about 6-8 years ago when Steve’s youngest son showed him a musically decorated house video on YouTube done by Kevin Judd. An electrician by trade, Steve told his son “I can do that!” and set off on the adventure of learning how to do it.

His first animation was a singing Halloween face that he put out for Halloween four years ago. It had an LOR (light o rama) controller. A few months later, Steve had 2 LOR controllers and a pixel controller for a Christmas display.

Although he started with hi-voltage bulbs, he stepped away from that to low voltage bulbs in which every bulb is controlled individually. Every light bulb can be any color Steve wants it to be because each bulb has an RGB (red, blue, green) LED. He can control whether the bulb is on or

off, what color it is, and how bright it shines. He says each bulb costs about 18-25 cents. He estimates he currently has about 6000 lights.

Steve also does the light show at Christmas. The great thing about his lighting system is that he doesn’t have to take down all the Halloween lights and put up new Christmas lights. He can use the same ones. All he has to do is change out his props. He wouldn’t want to use tombstones or spiderwebs at Christmas. He will add more lights this winter, and he is hoping to add a mega-tree to that display.

This hobby has got Steve ensnared in its embrace all year. In January, Steve is thinking, thinking, thinking what he wants to do in that new year.

How does he do it? Steve uses a specialty program of free open-source software called X Lights. He imports a picture of his house into the program on his computer, draws lines out where he wants lights, and creates a sequence for the lights. Sounds as simple as pie, right? Well, yes, because a raspberry pi runs the whole show now. For those not famil-

iar with computer programs, a raspberry pi is a tech gadget, not a slice of delicious fruit pie.

It takes Steve 200-300 hours per song to sequence the lights. “I’m a tech nerd,” he says. He wants each sequence to be unique and wants to do a little bit for everybody. He likes to use a mix of classic, old and new music. Although, he says, sequencing a song can take much less time than he puts in, he likes to spend more time “because it’s my show.”

The Halloween display will have 10 musical numbers it will rotate through. “Monster Mash” and that old favorite “Thriller” will be part of the line-up. Steve sets an auto-timer for the show to start and end and then can sit back and enjoy the show. The show starts at dark and after the 10 numbers are done, the display will take a 5-minute intermission before the loop starts again.

It takes Steve about 1 ½ weeks to set up the display in September. “It’s fun.” After Christmas, all the lights come down and are stored for the following year.

The show is set to start at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. weekdays.



Steve Gush’s house is decked out for Halloween.

The show will end at 10:00 p.m. on weekends. He keeps shorter hours in respect to his neighbors. “No one’s complained yet,” Steve says. He acknowledges that his next-door neighbor will sometimes open his garage and play the FM music station on his stereo. As for the son that introduced him to that lightshow on YouTube? “He wants nothing to do with it,” says Steve. And that’s okay with Steve. His enthusiasm alone will keep powering him along.



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made thus far. They have done their due diligence and kept us from an Emergency Manager coming in and taking over. It is important that this continue so the best interest of the citizens of Wayne be kept locally. I would work with the City Council, City Manager and Community and Economic Development Department and find creative ways to overcome our budget challenges.”

**Christopher Gietzen - Ward 6**

“I was born and raised in Wayne and am the youngest of 9 children. My wife and I have spent the majority of our years raising our 2 children in Wayne also. I attended St. Mary's school and graduated with honors from John Glenn High School. My work experience is diverse and includes owning a lawn service (The Lawn Ranger) since

1996, managing Henry's Service Center (an auto repair shop in Wayne) from 2010 to 2016 and currently I am a metallurgical lab technician/shift supervisor at a GM factory. I was also a Reserve Police Officer in the City of Wayne for several years.

I am running for city council as a way to give back to a community that has been good to me and my family. I feel my good judgement, professionalism and life experience would be an asset to the city.

There are many issues currently facing this office. It is important that council moves past all the external distractions so they can actually focus on city business. Like many Michigan cities, budget problems are a main issue. Continuing to attract new businesses and holding vacant property owners responsible are pieces of the puzzle to address this problem. Limited Police, Fire and DPW staffing is another concern to be addressed as quickly as possible.

Adequate emergency and city services are vital for Wayne to thrive again.”

**Phillip A. Wagner - Ward 6**

“I have been running a window treatments business for over 10 years. As a business owner I am used to looking at numbers and setting goals. In my business I have faced the need for more revenue without the ability to raise my prices. This parallels what Wayne is facing right now. The need for more revenue without the ability to raise taxes. City property taxes are at the maximum allowed by the State. I am running for city council first and foremost because I love my city and want to do my part to make it a great place where my kids can grow up. I believe the city of Wayne is at a point where it needs to have some goals set, both short term and long term. One short term goal needs to be how are we going to raise tax revenue without raising taxes. One long term goal should be how are we going to reinstate our retirees' health care.

The biggest issue is the budget. The city has avoided a \$700,000 deficit by screwing the city's retirees out of promised health care. We need

to figure out how to increase tax revenue without increasing tax rates. One way to do this is to make sure the economic development director and the DDA continue to have the resources they need to market Wayne to businesses. Another way to increase revenue is to reprioritize the budget to make our crumbling roads a higher priority. We will not be able to fix all the roads at once, but we can fix them little by little. Our roads are so bad in some places that they are having a big negative effect on property values. Other big issues include the funding of emergency services. Wayne Police and Fire are running skeleton crews, and some of their vehicles are old. The underfunding of emergency services comes back to revenue. We must increase revenue.”

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**ALL WARDS VOTE Nov. 6th**

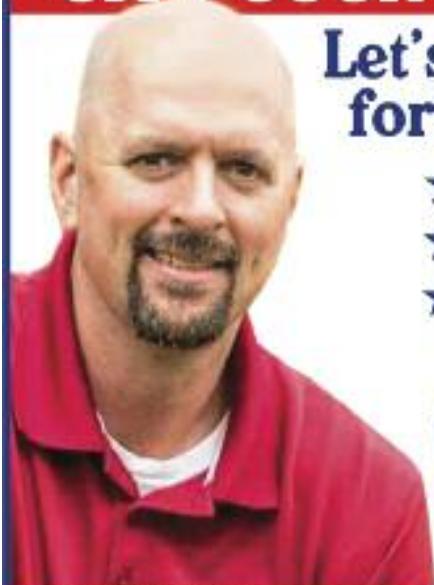
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**Together we can take back our city**  
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**★ VOTE Christopher Gietzen**  
**CITY COUNCIL ★ WARD 6**  
**Let's move the city forward together**  
 ★ **Honest**  
 ★ **Hard Working**  
 ★ **Respected**  
**★ VOTE Christopher Gietzen**  
**Tuesday, November 6, 2018**  
**for Wayne City Council**  
**CITY WIDE ELECTION - ALL WARDS VOTE**  
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**PHILLIP ★★ ★ WAGNER**  
**FOR CITY COUNCIL**  
 ★★ ★ WARD 6  
**I'm Phil Wagner and I'm running for City Council for Ward 6. I am asking for your VOTE on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH.**  
 My wife Victoria and I have been married a little over 5 years. We have 2 kids, Nathaniel is 4 and Vivian is 2. When the weather is nice, we love going to Civitan Park.  
 I am a business owner of Aria Onsite, a window treatments company. I feel like public service is in my blood. Both my Grandfather and Uncle were councilmen and mayors in Belleville.  
 I attend council meetings regularly and volunteer around the city (Downtown Clean up Day, Friends of Wayne etc.) in an effort to make Wayne a great place where my kids can grow up.  
**Here are some of my goals as a councilman:**  
 • Explore new ideas to increase revenue without raising taxes  
 • Work with our city attorney and the DPW to develop an aggressive plan to go after bad landlords and get them to "clean up."  
 • Market our city for new events  
 • Consider additional cost saving measures that will not impact our quality of life.  
**ENDORSED BY:** Pat Rios, Bob and Lynn Borja, Lenny and Christi Powell, Jeremiah Webster, Alfred and Bernadette Brock, Vern and Debbie Amos, Kelly Skiff, Roger Koromos, Jim Davis, Robert Shirin, Chris Miller, Keith Butkovich, Bob Schmitzer, Al Damico and of course most important of all Victoria Wagner!  
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