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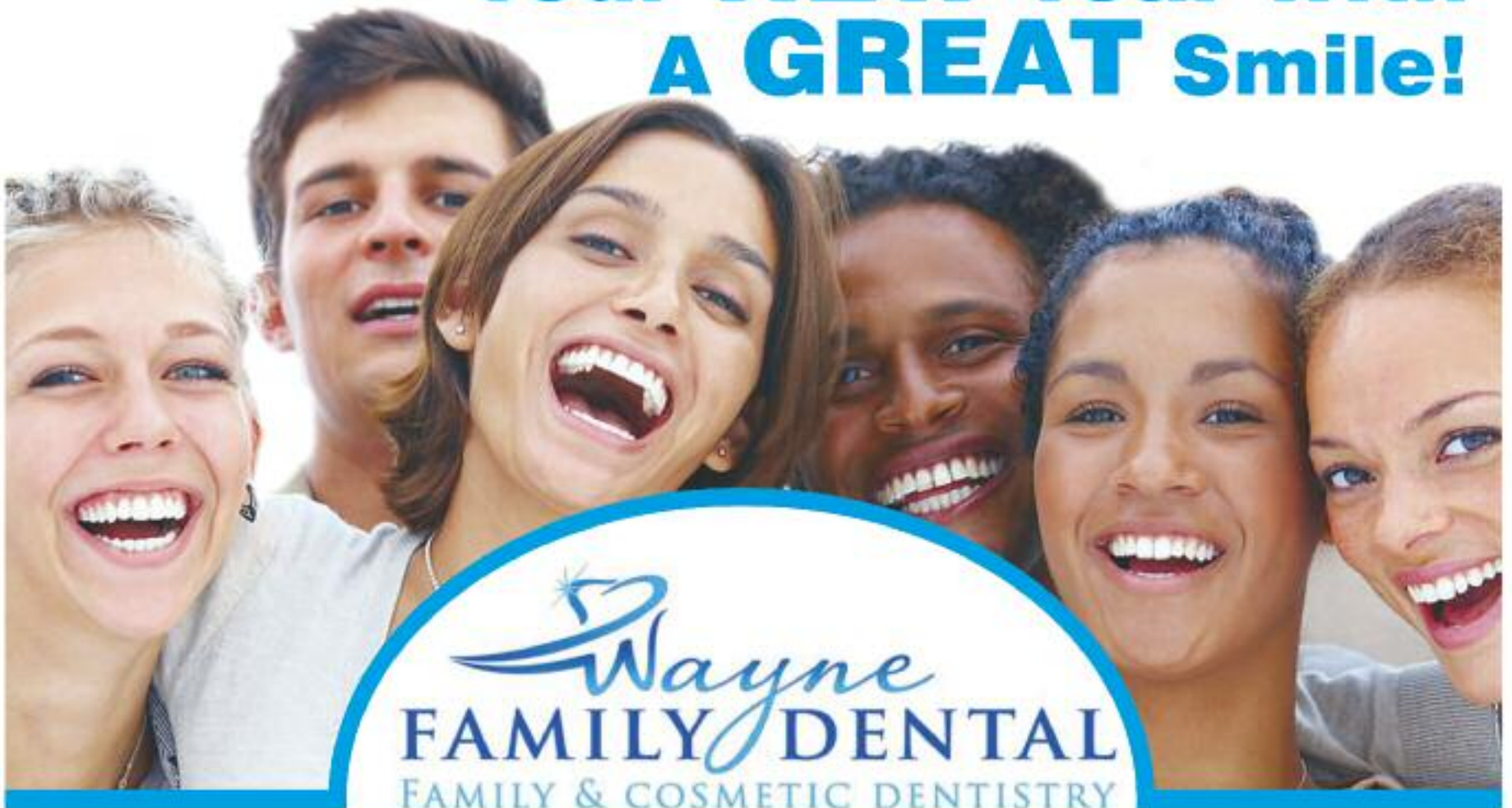
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Kids shopped with a cop for Christmas

Representing the police officer's union at Shop with a Cop at Target, Wayne Police officers fill their carts to help Wayne kids for Christmas. The kids were told they each had \$200 to spend on whatever they wanted. Carts seemed to magically be pulled towards the toy aisles at the back of the store as if something wonderful awaited them there.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Photo preservation lecture

Westland Historic Village Park will be hosting a Photo Preservation lecture on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at their location at 857 N. Wayne Rd.

Do you have photo albums or shoe boxes full of negatives? Have you ever wondered how you can preserve them? Kenneth Hafeli, a local historian, will explain how you can preserve your photographs.

Historical fashion presented

The Wayne Historical Society will be hosting Beth Turza on Thursday, January 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Towne Square. Beth will discuss women and children's clothing from 1830-1860. She will show examples of this period clothing from her personal collection. All are invited to this free event. Light refreshments will be served.

High school juniors being sought

The Wayne-Westland Distinguished Young Woman Program will be having their Program Orientation for all interested Wayne or Westland high school juniors, Class of 2020, on Monday, January 28, at 7:00 p.m. The location is 37955 Glenwood, Wayne. The actual program will be March 8.

Applications are being sought at www.distinguishedyw.org. Click on "Apply Now." Information will be forwarded to the Wayne-Westland organizers who will then contact you with Orientation details.

DYW is part of a national program which awards scholarships for young women's achievement. This is a great way to earn scholarship money for college.

Michigan POW camps in WWII

During World War II, Michigan became a temporary home to six thousand German and Italian POWs. At a time of homefront labor shortages, they picked fruit in Berrien County, harvested sugar beets in the Thumb, cut pulpwood in the Upper Penin-



Dowd returns

Kevin Dowd is sworn in to Wayne City Council by long time resident Kathy Rockwell for the remaining term of Mayor Rhaesa's council seat for ward #2.

sula and maintained parks and other public spaces in Detroit. The work programs were not flawless and not all of the prisoners were co-operative, but many of the men established enduring friendships with their captors.

Author Gregory Sumner will be at the Wayne Public Library on Wednesday, February 13, to tell the story of these detainees and the ordinary Americans who embodied our highest ideals, even amid a global war. This free event will start at 7:00 p.m. and is co-hosted by the Friends of the Library with the Wayne Historical Society.

New law in effect

The Michigan Vehicle Code (MVC) was amended recently in regards to vehicles passing bicycles to require a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle going in the same direction to pass at a safe distance of at least three feet to the left of the bicycle or, if that is impracticable, at a safe speed and distance to the left.

MCL 257.636(2) The driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle proceeding in the same direction shall pass at a safe distance of at least 3 feet to the left of that bicycle or, if it is impracticable to pass the bicycle at a distance of 3 feet to the left, at a safe distance to the left of that bicycle at a safe speed, and

when safely clear of the overtaken bicycle shall take up a position as near the right-hand edge of the main traveled portion of the highway as is practicable.

MCL 257.637(3) The driver of a vehicle overtaking a bicycle proceeding in the same direction shall, when otherwise permitted by this section, pass at a distance of 3 feet to the right of that bicycle or, if it is impracticable to pass the bicycle at a distance of 3 feet to the right, at a safe distance to the right of that bicycle at a safe speed.

The new law also states that a vehicle may pass a bicycle in a no-passing zone if it is safe to do so.

There are some exceptions. MCL 257.660a. states that rule does not apply if the bicycle is turning left, continuing straight when in a lane of traffic turning right, passing another bicycle or vehicle going in the same direction, operating on the right-hand edge of the roadway is unsafe or reasonably unusable by bicycles, or operating as near as practicable to the left-hand curb or edge when on one-way highway or street with two or more marked lanes.

Depending on the position of the bicycle and motor vehicle, MCL 257.636 or MCL 257.637 will control how a motor vehicle may pass the bicycle.

Wayne has many bicycle riders, including members of the Wayne Bicycle Club, who take to the streets every day. Please be safe.

New medication disposal box at police department

The Wayne Police Department now has a medication disposal box in the lobby. Residents are encouraged to bring their unwanted/unused medications to the police department to properly dispose of them. Items accepted are pills, tablets, capsules, patches and pet medications. Items not accepted include liquids, EpiPens, creams or gels, needles, thermometers, sprays, vials and inhalers.

The Wayne Police Department would like to thank the Rite Aid Foundation and KidCents for donating the disposal box.

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2019 DOG & CAT LICENSES

The 2019 dog and cat tags are available for sale in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall. All dogs and cats four months of age or older must be licensed (certificate of rabies vaccination required) and wear a collar with current tag attached. Tags obtained by February 28, 2019 will be at a lesser fee.

Fees during annual licensing period ending February 28, 2019	
Regular license	\$18.00*
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Any questions please contact the Clerk's Office at 722-2204.

ALL CATS MUST BE LICENSED IN THE CITY OF WAYNE

New church plant moves to downtown

By Carolyn Marnon

There's a new church in town, and it wants you to know it plans to become visible to the community.

Hill Crest Bible Church began worship services on November 4. They rent space at the First United Methodist Church. A grassroots church founded by Lead Pastor Seth McDonald, it's membership already has approximately 100 members from the community and from those Seth knew growing up.

Although he went to Wayne State University for Mortuary Science, Seth felt the calling to become an ordained minister. He grew up in the ministry. His father was the Senior Pastor at a local church for 43 years before he died last April. Seth was the Youth Pastor at that church. After his dad died, Seth says his mother was not treated well which led to Seth starting his own church. His mother now attends Hill Crest Bible Church.

When asked what denomination the church is, Seth replies "I want to be known for the Bible and Jesus Christ."

Members range from two-months young to 84 years old. There are about 15 kids and about 15 teens in attendance each week.

Seth and his high school sweetheart wife, Jerri-Lynne, have two kids. He once worked for Harold Rediske at Uht Funeral Home, which explains why he studied mortuary science for a brief time.

About four years ago, Seth felt God shifted him into a more senior position at his former church and felt called to full-time ministry. He says his dad would preach at 100 funerals every year. Ministry is what



"Our mission statement is to come as you are, serve where you are, and love WHOSE you are. We are a church composed of imperfect people. I want everyone to feel loved when they walk in here."

Lead Pastor Seth McDonald

Hill Crest Bible Church

Seth was familiar with.
Now Seth wants Hill Crest Bible

Church to be a part of the community. To do that, he feels the church

needs to serve the community. Last October, they held a trunk or treat where they gave out free hot dogs and chips. Members served hot chocolate and cookies at the December tree-lighting ceremony at the museum. They also did toy runs, helping with getting toys to kids who won them as part of the festivities that night. He noted that he could see disappointment on the faces of kids who didn't win toys. He is hoping to put together a program where every kid who attends the event later this year will get a toy. He also would like to plan events in the park that the community can attend. He wants to "instill in the hearts of the people we are here to serve."

"Our mission statement is to come as you are, serve where you are, and love WHOSE you are." He goes on to say, "We are a church composed of imperfect people. I want everyone to feel loved when they walk in here." He spoke of a woman who recently came to church who told him she felt loved and not judged during her visit.

He wants to be part of bringing Wayne back together. He would like to have a worship night in the park at some point. For now, various church members come in on the nights that the Wayne City Council meets and pray for the City Council.

Worship times for Hill Crest Bible Church are as follows: Sunday mornings: Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and Worship at 11:00 a.m.

There is also Worship at 6:00 p.m. On Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., there is an all ages Bible Study. If you would like more information, please visit their website at www.hillcrest-bible.com

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Students win auto show awards

Students from the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center designed posters for the 2019 North American International Auto Show contest. There were a total of 753 entries this year from schools in Michigan and Ohio, and 16 prizes were awarded. Students in the Graphics Design program at Wayne Westland School District's William D. Ford Career-Technical Center won two of the awards. Congratulations to Jo Chelar and Tristen Elert. Their posters will be displayed at the NAIAS from Jan. 12-27, 2019 at Cobo Center in Detroit.

Tristen Elert's poster won Best of Show Digital in the auto show contest.



Jo Chelar's poster won 3rd place for 12th graders in the auto show contest.



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Human trafficking awareness month starts here

By Carolyn Marnon

Learning how to recognize the signs of human trafficking is one of the first steps you can take to put a stop to this terrible dilemma that can strike any community. By Presidential Proclamation, January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

You may not realize it, but human trafficking can happen in Wayne. In fact, it has happened in Wayne. The victim? A teenage girl sent to live in what was thought to be the “stable” home of her sister. This home was located in the neighborhood behind the Rite Aid at the Wayne Rd/Michigan Ave. intersection.

Devaun Chandler grew up as the youngest of six children to a single mother, living in Kentucky and other southern states as a child. At the age of 9, she was removed from her mother’s home and sent to foster care because the husband of one of her sister’s assaulted her. Devaun says her foster home was a stable place with two parents in the household. She felt comfortable there.

When she was 11, Devaun was returned to her mother. She missed the stable life she had been living in foster care. She started acting out against her mother. By the time she was 12 or 13, it was decided that Devaun would move to Wayne, Michigan to live with her sister who was nine years older and her “husband.” Devaun calls him her brother-in-law, but he and her sister were never married. He was here from another country trying to get his citizenship.

Her time in Wayne started out well. They bought her nice clothes. She says her brother-in-law was incredibly nice to her. That didn’t last long.

About three months into her stay, little things began to change. She was told to change the way she dressed. Surprisingly, it wasn’t to wear less, but to wear more. Her brother-in-law, let’s call him Bill from now on, wanted her to cover up her body and to respect her body. This respect was part of his religious beliefs. Because she was young and eager to please, she did what she was told.

Slowly, Bill began to become verbally abusive. Things were in the wrong place, she did the wrong thing,



Devaun Chandler

whatever it would take to start tearing her down. He would tell her she was beautiful and then later, she was overweight.

Then the next step, the physical abuse, started. She recalls how she jokingly called him a jerk. He pulled her hair back hard and told her she needed to be put in her place. While this happened, her sister did nothing. Devaun says Bill was loud with her sister and kept her sister in her place. Devaun would be bit and pinched hard, leaving bruises.

Eventually, Bill started wrestling

with Devaun. She says it was playful wrestling at first. He told her he wanted to make sure she could fight for herself. Although she had been scared when it started, she was now feeling proud that he wanted that for her, to fight for herself!

The wrestling would progress to feeling parts of her body. One night, he came into her room where she shared bunkbeds with her elementary-school aged niece. He told her if she woke up her niece, he would do what he was doing to Devaun to the little girl. “How could you do this to

your sister?” he asked, meaning his “wife.”

Feeling bad, she went to her older sister and explained what happened. Her older sister promised her it wouldn’t happen again.

The second time it happened, her sister again told her it wouldn’t happen anymore. The third time, her older sister got aggravated. Devaun didn’t say anything more. Over the span of the next year, the sexual assaults increased.

A month before her 14th birthday, Bill declared he wanted to throw a big party in her honor. He said he wanted to share her beauty. He called it her “coming out party” and took her shopping for new clothes. They weren’t the clothes Devaun envisioned. She says he took her to the lingerie shop down the road. She remembers the saleslady looking very uncomfortable while Bill picked out “clothes.” Imagine seeing a 30-year old man buying lingerie for a 14-year old girl. Devaun says the woman asked her if she was okay. Not wanting to upset Bill, she said she was. After buying approximately \$300 worth of lingerie for Devaun, they left.

The night of her birthday party, an upstairs bedroom that had been used for storage was now equipped with a desktop computer with webcam, water, and the various outfits purchased for Devaun. She was introduced as the “guest of honor” to a gentleman she referred to as The Doctor. The Doctor checked her blood pressure. He gave her pills to take. She now says it was to keep her medicated. She says she was scared at the time because she had no idea what was going on.

Down in the living room, there were so many people “you couldn’t see the furniture,” Devaun recalls. Her sister played hostess, passing out drinks and snacks.

As the first man came into the room and picked an outfit for her, Bill gave her a hug, told her he was proud of her and left the room.

More men took their turns with her. In between men, The Doctor would come into the room, check her blood pressure and make sure she was not hurt. She was crying so

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Police Chief Maciag retires

By Carolyn Marnon

After 21 years serving with the Wayne Police Department, Police Chief Alan Maciag retired on December 21, 2018.

At the city council meeting on December 18, Chief Maciag said he had met many great people in the community during his 21 years in the Wayne Police Department. He was proud to have led the group of men and women who worked for him. "They've had tough times over the last four years," he said. He also expressed love and appreciation for "the greatest person I know," his wife June who was able to be with him at the council meeting.

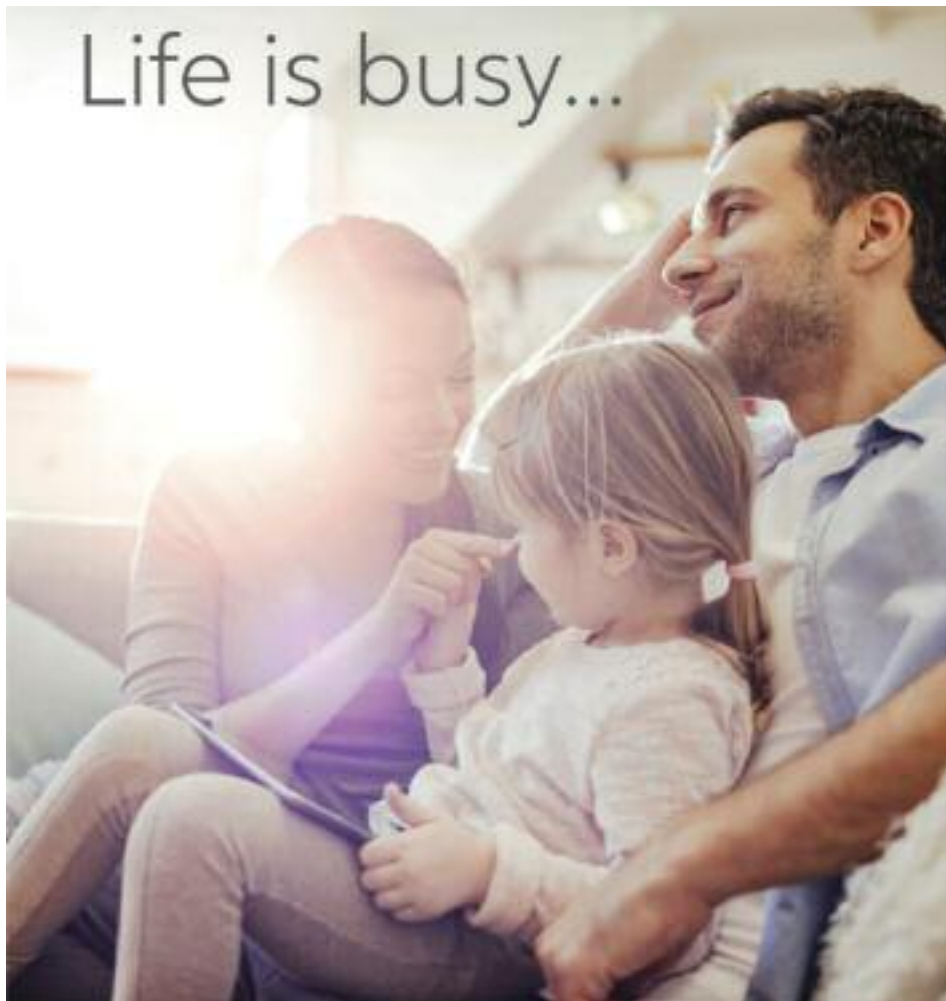
The Mayor John Rhaesa presented him with a plaque in appreciation of his years of service in the City of Wayne. Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous also presented him with a certificate while acknowledging Chief Maciag's passion for serving the community and rising up through the ranks. Of the certificate, Mr. Haidous said, "Let it remind him of us every time he looks at it."

Chief Maciag's "retirement" days were shortlived as he started a new position as Police Chief for Northville on December 26.

Wayne Police Department Lieutenant Ryan Strong has been appointed Acting Police Chief.



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Murder outside Rec Center details learned

By Carolyn Marnon

Sixteen year-old Antoine Perry, Jr. was in 29th District Court on December 28 for allegedly murdering a 19-year old outside HYPE Recreation Center on November 26, 2018. Antoine faced four charges: homicide-felony murder, armed robbery, and two charges of felony firearm.

Three Michigan State Police cars and three City of Wayne police cars were seen outside the courthouse while police officers filled the halls outside the courtroom.

The Honorable Judge Laura Mack presided over the court proceedings. She instructed those present that no pictures were to be taken of the defendant's face or of any minor testifying before the court. She also made it clear that anyone who was testifying that day or who would testify in downtown Detroit was not allowed to view the proceedings.

The first witness was a 16-year old girl who said Antoine had been her boyfriend for a few months before the incident occurred. She said he had told her via Facetime that he was going to "jug" something. According to UrbanDictionary.com, "jug" means to steal.

Later that day, she and Antoine were hanging out in a garage with other friends where "we play music and converse." While they smoked weed, Antoine pulled a gun out and started playing with it. The witness said she told him he was trigger happy and that he needed to chill out.

Plans were made to get more weed. She said he told her he was going to take the weed from the weed guy.

The group pulled up behind HYPE where Antoine and another friend got out of the car. Antoine took her phone with him to text the weed guy. A bit later, the friend is running back to the car, shaking, saying "Twain really blew that nigger" because he didn't give him the weed. Antoine then shows up at the car, and she sees the gun. She testified they were all scared. Her sister, who was driving the car, takes off and then stops in front of Franklin Middle School. She said Antoine had dropped her phone and she wanted it back.



Sixteen year-old Antoine Perry, Jr. leaves 29th District Court on December 28 for allegedly murdering a 19-year old outside HYPE Recreation Center on November 26, 2018.

The second witness was in the HYPE parking lot, getting ready to work out. He said he noticed two African-American men standing by the corner and didn't think anything of it. He went about gathering his workout gear and water bottle when his attention was then diverted back

to the men. A car had pulled up to them. One went up to the driver's side door and then he said the car took off at a high rate of speed with the person holding onto the door while it was being driven. The person tumbled from the car while firing several times at the vehicle

driving away before running toward the corner of the building.

The final witness was Officer Michael Bolton of the Wayne Police Department. He says he received a report of a shooting. The victim was in the main lobby of HYPE bleeding from his stomach. Outside, he found three bullet shell casings and a phone about 3 inches away from the casings. Officer Bolton said the defendant walked up saying he was looking for his girlfriend's cell phone. The defendant was detained at that time.

During testimony, sobs could be heard in the courtroom.

Judge Laura Mack said testimony showed probable cause. The defendant was placed at the scene of the crime with a gun. The witnesses were credible. The case was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court.

On January 4 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in downtown Detroit, Antoine Perry stood mute as a plea of not guilty was entered by the court. The court ordered a competency evaluation. The competency hearing is scheduled for March 1.



Officer Michael Bolton of the Wayne Police Department testifies before Judge Laura Mack.

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hard by the time the 6th man came into the room, he broke her nose.

Bill was angry. He took Devaun into the bathroom, cuddled her against him and then cleaned her up. The Doctor set her nose. The birthday party was over.

The next day, she says she woke up sore, bruised and with black eyes. Bill was very excited about how successful the night had been. The Doctor gave her more medications. She missed school until her face cleared up.

Every weekend until she was 16 1/2 the "party" continued. She had "regulars." She says Bill had some other friends that apparently threw the same kind of parties. She occasionally went to other homes to "work."

When she first moved in with her sister, Devaun says her sister and Bill both worked. Soon, her sister no longer worked outside the home and Bill did not work either, saying he had hurt his back. As she looks back, she says "No way we could afford everything we had." She was promised a car for her 17th birthday.

One day she was walking home from school with a male friend. She hugged the friend before she got home. Bill saw the hug and called her a slut for hugging the male. His punishment? Not letting her work that weekend. He locked her in her bedroom from Friday to Sunday with a bucket to use as her bathroom. All weekend, she could hear the sounds of a new girl upstairs.

At school Monday, a friend saw her covered in bruises during gym class. She told the friend she was going to call her other sister who happened to live nearby in Westland. She did call the other sister, telling

Indicators of Human Trafficking

From the Department of Homeland Security website

Recognizing key indicators of human trafficking is the first step in identifying victims and can help save a life. Here are some common indicators to help recognize human trafficking:

- Does the person appear disconnected from family, friends, community organizations, or houses of worship?
- Has a child stopped attending school?
- Has the person had a sudden or dramatic change in behavior?
- Is a juvenile engaged in commercial sex acts?
- Is the person disoriented or confused, or showing signs of mental or physical abuse?
- Does the person have bruises in various stages of healing?
- Is the person fearful, timid, or submissive?
- Does the person show signs of having been denied food, water, sleep, or medical care?
- Is the person often in the company of someone to whom he or she defers? Or someone who seems to be in control of the situation, e.g., where they go or who they talk to?
- Does the person appear to be coached on what to say?
- Is the person living in unsuitable conditions?
- Does the person lack personal possessions and appear not to have a stable living situation?
- Does the person have freedom of movement? Can the person freely leave where they live? Are there unreasonable security measures?

Not all indicators listed above are present in every human trafficking situation, and the presence or absence of any of the indicators is not necessarily proof of human trafficking.

her Bill was hurting her, and she wanted to go home. The sister said she'd pick her up after school. In the meantime, the gym class friend had gone to a counselor about what she saw. Devaun was called to the office to see the counselor. She told the counselor she was not being hurt. The counselor repeatedly asked her if she was being hurt. Devaun had

visible burn marks and bite marks. Devaun says the counselor then reached out, touched her hand and said, "Let me help you."

The police soon arrived and gave her to the other sister who lived in Westland. She says she apologized to her older sister, saying that she didn't start all this.

Devaun's mother suddenly

showed up from Kentucky or whatever southern state she was living in at the time. Mom told the police that Devaun was rebellious, that she didn't want to follow the rules, that her bruises were from falling because she was an alcoholic. She told police Devaun was a runaway. Police took Devaun back to live with her older sister and Bill. She says she slept in a corner of the room. Her mom said she was being dramatic. To this day, Devaun believes her mother was getting financial gains from Bill and her sister.

The police were at school again the next day. The first part of the nightmare was over.

Devaun started speaking about her ordeal about ten years after she was removed from the situation. Her husband didn't know the details of her past. She had three kids.

One of Devaun's friends had a heart for the issue of human trafficking and heard of an event called SOAP (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) she wanted to go to. She dragged Devaun along. "It was very emotional. I felt sick, but relieved too. It was an epiphany to me," she said of hearing SOAP founder Theresa Flores speak of her own story.

Not wanting the guilt anymore, Devaun wants to help everyone she can. She runs the Metro Detroit chapter of SOAP, one of the most successful chapters, she says. She tries to help survivors of human trafficking. Most human traffickers, she says, are husbands, boyfriends, and uncles. Of the approximately 200 survivors on a Facebook group she's involved with, only two were abducted into trafficking. Major outreaches of SOAP occur locally during

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Former children's librarian hired as library director

By Carolyn Marnon

In her free-time, she likes doing triathlons where she swims, bikes and runs!

She has lived in Michigan all her life, except for a short period of time spent in Wisconsin.

She loves reading Young Adult novels and social science non-fiction books.

She was recently certified as a scuba diver and prefers warm water on her vacations.

And she lives in Northville with her yellow lab, Einstein.

Who is this woman? She is Jody Wolak, the new Library Director at your Wayne Public Library.

After a 10-year career in marketing, Jody decided to switch careers. While working full-time in marketing, she worked on obtaining her Master in Library Science. She enjoyed problem solving and being creative, but she also always loved libraries and literature.

Her first library jobs were both part-time jobs as Children's Librarian at the Rochester Hills library and at the Wayne library. She moved on to full-time employment at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland as the Teen Librarian.

Before coming back to the Wayne library as its director, Jody spent less than two years as the Youth and Teen Director at the Chelsea library.

The job as Wayne Library Director has turned out to be more than she expected. "I knew I loved work-



Jody Wolak, the new Library Director at your Wayne Public Library.

ing with children and loved reading and books since I was a young child," said Jody. "I enjoy doing library programs for children to adults and seniors. I think my marketing

background has been very helpful in promoting the library and our services and making connections in the community. I'm looking forward to doing more of that here in Wayne."

She goes on to say, "Libraries are so much more than books and reading. We're a place for the community to gather, a place to see your friends, and a place to expand your horizons!" Jody and the approximately 16 employees of the library are here to serve the needs of the community. The library recently conducted a survey to learn what the community felt the priorities were for the library after a ballot measure was passed in August giving the library 1 mil in additional funding. The most urgent issue to address is the leaking roof. Although expanded library hours, more programming and additions to the collection (books/DVDs/magazines) are being considered, the library board wanted to know where to focus their efforts and where the biggest impact could be made using the feedback they receive from the surveys to inform their decisions.

The library board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Surveys were collected through January 3. The board will be able to look at the surveys at their January meeting. Jody expects the library board and staff will have their initial plans ready to share with the community in February or March. Until then, stop into the library and welcome Jody back to the Wayne library.

"We're entering a period of growth where we'll be able to expand our services," said Jody. "Please come check us out if you haven't been here in awhile."

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the International Auto Show and the Dream Cruise.

What happened to her sister and Bill? Devaun kept in touch with her sister for about five years; after Devaun left the household, she says her sister asked her for signs that her niece might be trafficked. Her sister eventually went to prison for being an accomplice in helping a new boyfriend flee the country. Although Bill fled the country after Devaun was rescued, she says he is currently back in the country.

She now has no contact with her mother or older sister.

Devaun has several tips to share. If you see lots of traffic around a home with men going in and out all weekend, make a call. If someone has money but has no known source of income, make a call. She says she used to wear long sleeves all summer, even in the heat, to cover her bruises and marks. Don't be afraid to call in tips. If you think someone is in immediate danger, call the police. Otherwise, you can call tips in to the human trafficking number at 1-888-373-7888.



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