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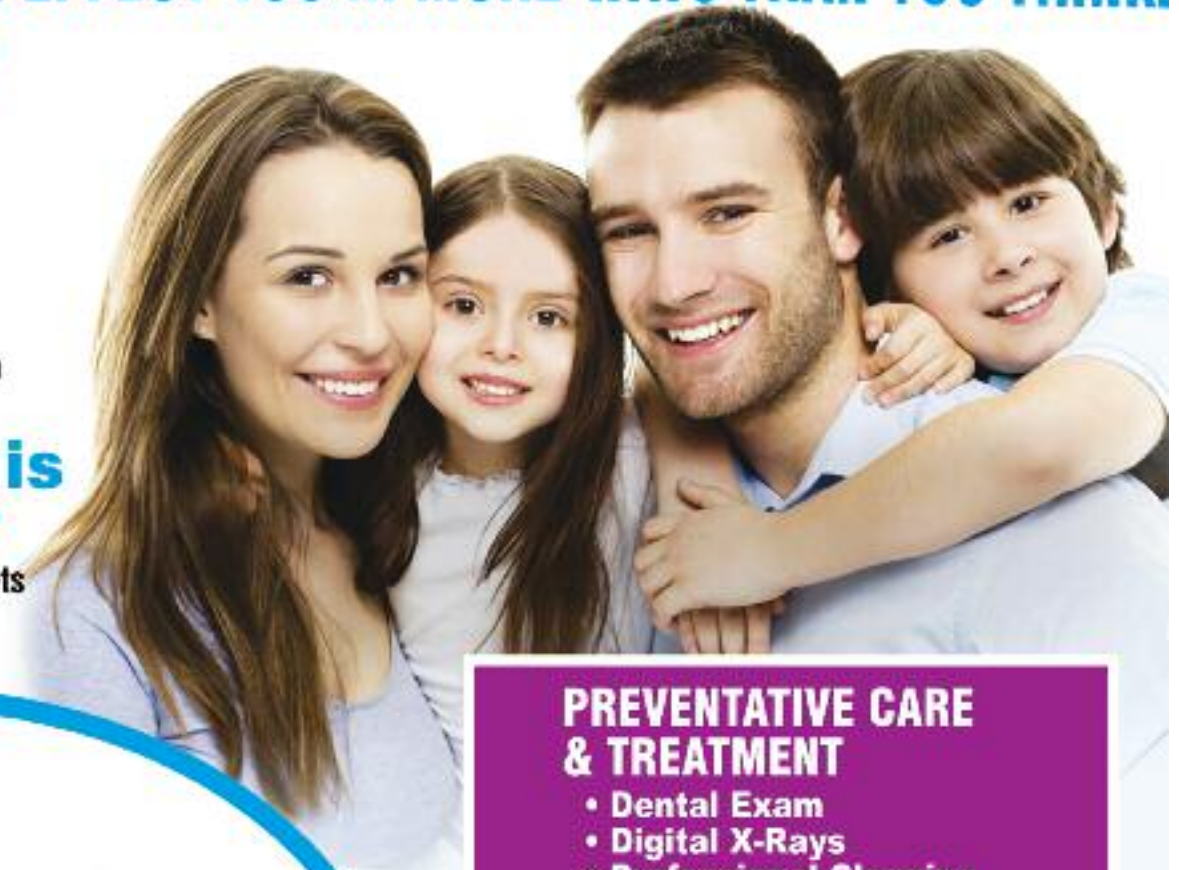
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# “Have Gavel, Will Travel” justice comes to town

By Carolyn Marnon

“Have Gavel, Will Travel” found Michigan Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth T. Clement travelling from her home in East Lansing to the 29th District Court in Wayne August 14 and 15 to interact with people at the lower court level.

The new initiative “is focused on increasing engagement with the community so that public trust in our courts is supported by increased awareness and understanding of local issues and concerns,” reads the Michigan Supreme Court Resolution in 29th District Court Judge Laura Mack’s office. The Wayne court is one of the first courts in the state to participate in the program amongst the 242 trial courts in Michigan. This special program was started because justices at the Supreme Court level only interact with attorneys on cases, not the people involved. Two of Justice Clement’s colleagues were also disbursed to other courts across the state at this time to participate in the travelling gavel program.

“The three Justices have never served as trial court judges, so the experience will be invaluable to understand the day-to-day concerns judges see in their courtrooms, and to appreciate the critical work that is being done in courtrooms from Wayne County to Kent County to Marquette. ‘We are so pleased that the Justices are going to courts across the state to spend time meeting people, learning firsthand about how decisions are made, and helping families facing difficult life decisions,’ said Chief Judge Burton,” in a Michigan Supreme Court press release. Judge Freddie G. Burton, Jr. is the Wayne County Chief Probate Judge.

Judge Mack sat down with Justice Clement at the end of the first day after they had sat next to each other on the bench and heard cases through the Mental Health Court in the morning and landlord tenant issues in the afternoon. They reviewed the Thursday docket together which involved Traffic Court. “Most matters,” said Judge Mack, “take about five minutes.” The two anti-government cases that were last on the docket would probably take longer.

Justice Clement emailed after the Thursday court experience that she



Michigan Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth T. Clement with 29th District Court Judge Laura Mack and her 29th District Court staff.

again sat with Judge Mack. She was able to handle several cases and make decisions on those cases. They involved arraignments, pleas, and sentencing where there was an agreement with the prosecutor.

“I was incredibly impressed with the work that Judge Mack and her team are doing with the Mental Health Court,” she wrote in her email. “I have had the opportunity to visit many of our mental health courts around the state and understand the difficulty working with participants. It requires passion and dedication from the judge and the entire treatment team, and it was very clear to me that the success of Judge Mack’s court is attributable to the amazing team she has in place. Problem-solving courts are not required and the judges that choose to offer a problem-solving court to the public take on a lot of additional work. It also provides an opportunity for the judge and team to be more involved in the cases. That is one of the main differences I personally saw between the first day and the second day when we handled city ordinance cases. We were able to spend more time with each individual during Mental Health Court compared to what was definitely a faster paced more routine docket the second day.”

“My experience with Judge Mack really educated me on the quick pace and flow of cases and while I was comfortable and able to hear and decide certain cases, Judge Mack and I conferred on each case before we

called it to determine if there was anything unique or more appropriate for her to handle. For example, there were some cases that involved city ordinances that I was unfamiliar with or cases where there has been a longer history. Judge Mack knew the background and details of those, and it made more sense for her to handle that case. I heard and decided cases that involved plea deals or were dismissals and was able to sit on those cases myself. After having spent two full days with Judge Mack, I gained a better appreciation for the district court docket that she sees on a regular basis.”

Judge Mack was thrilled to be part of the program. “Trial court judges look up to Supreme Court Justices. They represent the highest rung on the justice ladder, and they sometimes are called upon to correct our legal mistakes. However, because of their lofty position as the head of the judicial branch, there is a perception that they are disconnected from the day-to-day operations of the court. When the Supreme Court reviews a case that has been appealed from a trial court like the 29th District Court, the Justices can only read a transcript of what was said at the trial. They don’t get to see the people testify; they don’t see their demeanor or their attitude. You can get a completely different ‘feel’ for a case if you see the trial in person versus reading the transcript. So this was a chance for a Justice to experience a typical dis-

trict court in action. I believe this is the first time Michigan Supreme Court Justices have done this. I feel honored that our court, in our city, was chosen, and I think the people that came to court on those days felt honored as well. Some of the people thanked Justice Clement.”

“Our Justices care about the trial court judges. They want to truly understand what we do, our challenges and triumphs, and how they can help us,” continues Judge Mack. “More importantly, the Justices care about the people who come to court to resolve disputes or answer to criminal charges. They want to ensure that courts are treating people as they deserve to be treated: with dignity and respect, and that their cases are treated competently and carefully. This program reinforces the notion that all the state courts in Michigan represent ‘one court of justice.’ Justice Clement’s visit energized and inspired me to do more in my court to make our justice system better.”

The two women met while at a court leadership conference that was held out of state several years ago and became friends. Justice Clement says she wanted to come to Wayne because she’s passionate about mental health and is a liaison in the mental health community. According to the Michigan Supreme Court website, “She serves as the liaison to the 188 Problem-Solving Courts in the

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Peace and veterans memorial updates

The Peace Memorial in the courtyard outside the library will be restored.

The Wayne Downtown Development Authority recently approved \$8900 for the restoration of the fountain base. There will be no restoration of the fountain water feature itself. The cost to restore the pumps underground would be astronomical. A crew will be putting an exterior finish on the cement that is left on the fountain base in addition to the lip along the top. It is hoped this will be done this fall.

\$24,474 is in a fund for a Veteran's Memorial that will be located next to City Hall. UAW Local 845 which is moving from Canton into the former Wild Bill's party store location on Wayne Rd has a veteran's memorial in Canton. There could possibly be a collaboration between UAW Local 845 to bring that memorial to Wayne.

### New restaurant and bar coming to Wayne

The vacant building on Wayne Rd formerly known as Jake's Way Sports Bar and Grill has been sold. The new owner plans to make it a restaurant and bar. A new façade on the outside of the building is also being planned along with significant investments on the interior.

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### Customize your backpack

Just in time for school, you can make a designer charm for your backpack with decorative beads, col-

orful string, and other materials that will be provided on Saturday, September 7, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the Wayne Public Library (3737 S. Wayne Rd). You do not have to bring your backpack as your charm will be on a clip. There will be music and snacks to welcome the new school year. Bring a friend or make a new one! Caregivers are asked to stay with any child under age 10. All school age kids are welcome!

### Blue mass

St. Mary's Catholic Church will be holding a Blue Mass on Sunday, September 8, at 11:30 a.m. Members of the police, fire and EMS departments from Wayne, Westland and Inkster are invited to the mass which will honor all first responders. The Notre Dame Council of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting

a light reception after mass. The Wayne Historical Museum will be setting up a pop-up museum.

### The faygo book

The Faygo Book is the story of a pop, a people, and a place. Author Joe Grimm will share stories that will tickle the taste buds and memories of Detroiters and Faygo lovers everywhere. Learn how a family forged a bond of more than 100 years with a city and its residents and became the last company standing in Detroit's "pop alley." The Faygo Book is a Michigan Notable Book for 2019. There might be a "pop" quiz, and there will definitely be Faygo to sample! Join the author at the Wayne Public Library on Tuesday, September 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

### Sears catalog kit homes

The Wayne Historical society will present the program "Sears Catalog Kit Homes" on Thursday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Towne Square. Guest speakers and Kit House aficionados Andrew and Wendy Mutch will show all the ins and outs of Sears Roebuck catalog houses. For many years around the turn of the century you could order an entire house from Sears, and it would be delivered on a railcar for you to build. Many homes in Michigan towns are kit houses or based on similar plans. Come to the presentation to learn more.

### Veteran's Summit

The 10th Annual Veteran's Summit will be held Wednesday, September 18, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty

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# Tropical smoothie cafe opens in Wayne

By Carolyn Marnon

Bringing it's relaxed coastal atmosphere to downtown Wayne, Tropical Smoothie Café opened August 9 in the Rite Aid plaza at the corner of Wayne Rd. and E. Michigan Ave (35131 E. Michigan Ave.)

If you aren't familiar with Tropical Smoothie Café, the franchise promotes eating better to feel better. The menu features toasted flatbreads, pressed sandwiches, signature wraps and bowls, and quesadillas. You can order classic smoothies and superfood smoothies (such as an Island Green made of spinach, kale, mango, pineapple and banana or the fun-to-say Avocolada with avocado, pineapple, spinach, kale, coconut and lime.) Supplements and fresh add-ins are available. There is also an all-day breakfast menu and a kids menu. Don't forget the cookies, sides and beverages.

This is the first Tropical Smoothie Café for owner Walter Bender. When he decided to become a franchisee, he wanted to open a location in the Belleville or Ann Arbor territory. The franchise office asked if he would be willing to open the location in Wayne, which their market demographics had shown would be a growth market. He jumped at the chance. "It was a no-brainer for me. I didn't hesitate." Walter is a member of New Hope Church in Wayne and is quite familiar with downtown Wayne. Although he lives in Novi, he says the 15-minute drive to Wayne provides him time to collect his thoughts and prepare for the new day. The franchise originally steered Walter to the former Biggby Coffee site on W. Michigan Ave. Walter said an agree-



Mayor John Rhaesa along with Wayne City Council, Administration and the Wayne Chamber of Commerce welcome the owners of Tropical Smoothie Cafe Walter and Stefanie Bender to Wayne.

ment with the leaseholder couldn't be made, so he started looking around at other possible locations. He pulled into the Rite Aid plaza parking lot one day and noticed several vacant spaces. He called the property manager and voila! he had his space. The location is a good choice, Walter says, because there is easy access to the plaza from any direction and there is plenty of parking. The Biggby location had limited parking and after he and his employees parked, there would only be a few spaces for customers to park. The plaza landlord gutted the space down to an empty shell which Walter and his crew transformed into the coastal muted warm colors (orange and turquoise) warm wood and metals you'll find when you step inside.

"The community has been very receptive," says Walter. His goals are to

provide quality products in a clean establishment with great customer service. The majority of his staff are high school students from Wayne Memorial and the surrounding area. Most are in their first job. Walter is trying to teach these teenagers what it's like to have a job, the discipline that is needed at a job, how to take direction and respect order.

Walter says he is working on a Happy Hour event for the future and currently runs Military Monday where military veterans can get 25% off their order all day Mondays. A customer must show proof of their military status (DD214) or current military ID card to receive the offer.

With the high standards Walter has set for his business, he is hopeful that problems will be few. If a customer were to have a problem, he asks that they call and ask to speak

with him or the general manager (who happens to be his son.) He would want the details of the situation to make sure it gets resolved immediately.

This goes back to his goal of providing great customer service. Walt speaks so enthusiastically about Tropical Smoothie Café and the fact that he is there all the time (and if he isn't, his son is.) As he spoke about his business, he was opening the door for customers as they entered and exited, greeting customers, and shaking hands, all with a bright welcoming smile.

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state of Michigan, which include drug and sobriety, mental health, veterans, and other nontraditional courts.”

“You want your community to be strong and understand what the court is for and that they’ll be treated fairly,” said Justice Clement. “Mental health is a difficult population.”

Justice Clement attended Michigan State University on an academic scholarship and graduated in 1999 with a B.A. in Political Science. She graduated from Michigan State University College of Law in 2002 and was licensed to the State Bar of Michigan the same year. Since then, she has been a legislative aid to the Senate Majority Leader in the Michigan Senate; has owned and operated Clement Law, PLLC representing individuals and businesses in family law, adoption, probate, estate planning and criminal law; has served in the Senate Majority Policy Office; has served as legal counsel in the Michigan Senate; has been cabinet secretary, deputy chief of staff and deputy legal counsel in the Governor’s Office; and has served as Chief Legal Counsel for former Michigan Governor Snyder.

Justice Clement is the 11th woman to serve on the Michigan Supreme Court and the 113th Justice overall, having joined the Supreme Court on November 17, 2017 when she was appointed by former Governor Snyder. She was later elected in November 2018 to the 8-year term she is currently serving.

“If I had to pick only one highlight,” of the time she spent in Wayne on the Have Gavel, Will Travel initiative, “it would be the people I met in the Wayne District Court including the staff, security, lawyers, prosecu-



Michigan Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth T. Clement

tors, law enforcement, the mayor, district court judges from Westland, and especially the public. I was welcomed by everyone, had so many great conversations about what everyone’s background and jobs were, what makes Wayne unique and special, and most importantly the incredible passion every single person has for serving the public. Our district courts are the most frequent place the public interacts with the judiciary and from the second you walk through the door and Kevin (who handles security) greets the public, the staff at the front counter, the staff in the courtroom and the judge, everyone was treated with the service and respect they deserve. I am so proud of the hard work they do every single day and so grateful for the opportunity to spend time in Wayne.”

After her visit with our District Court, Justice Clement was headed to a Circuit Court in Kent County and then a Probate Court in Ingham County. Before leaving the courthouse for the day, she said “It’s nice to see the courts working together.”

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

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# Community celebrates 150 years

By Carolyn Marnon

In honor of the City of Wayne's Sesquicentennial (150 years old!) celebration this year, the City recently received three honors: a County of Wayne Resolution honoring the city for celebrating 150 years as a community signed by District 11 Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous; a State of Michigan Special Tribute signed by 16th District State Representative Kevin Coleman, 7th District State Senator Dayna Polehanki, Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II, and Governor Gretchen Whitmer; and a Congressional Record from the Hon. Rashida Tlaib of Michigan in the House of Representatives honoring Wayne's Sesquicentennial. These documents are currently on view at City Hall.

Some facts from these documents include:

Wayne was founded 150 years ago in 1869 as a village. This was 64 years after the Michigan Territory was created and 32 years after Michigan became the 26th state in the union.



Wayne Historical Society President Nicole Conklin and Mayor John Rhaesa unveil the Michigan Sesquicentennial City sign purchased for the community by the Wayne Historical Society.

Wayne was the site of the Sauk Trail and was visited by Native American and French fur traders.

Wayne shares its name with its home county.

Wayne was first settled by George



M. Johnson who built a log cabin that became a popular stop for travelers heading to Chicago.

Wayne had a population of slightly more than 800 people when it became a "village."

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# Turning town teal yields survivor stories

By Carolyn Marnon

For the 7th year, Wayne will be turning teal with ribbons raising awareness of ovarian cancer. The teal ribbons will be placed throughout the city on September 1 by employees and friends of Independent Carpet One in Westland. Cathy Buchanan, co-owner, has spearheaded this local event during National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month to help spread information about this disease that has no early detection test. If detected in the early stages, the survival rate for ovarian cancer is 90-95%.

"I know it has made impact on a number of people's lives" says Cathy, "as I have had contact with and made friends with families who have lost someone to ovarian cancer. Chris Siese from Wayne is doing well after losing his wife Annette two and a half years ago." (Annette's story was featured in The Wayne Dispatch in September 2017.) Kathy Graham has lost a family member to ovarian cancer and struggling herself as a breast cancer survivor. And we constantly,



Teal ribbons were tied along Wayne Road and Ford Road bringing awareness to ovarian cancer.

year after year, talk to people along our route of tying ribbons, about why we are doing this and explaining the symptoms and also hearing stories from people who stop us about members of their family."

"But two months ago while loading my trunk with purchases from Home Goods on Ford Rd in Canton," continues Cathy, "I was stopped by a lady getting in her car. She had seen my license plate that says Carpet One on the front of my car. She came running saying, 'Carpet One lady please stop. Carpet One lady!' I chuckled to myself and stopped and

said, 'hello can I help you?' She said, 'Oh no, I want to come out and give you a hug and say thank you.' I looked at her puzzled a bit because I had never met this lovely lady. She began to tell me, 'I just got off the phone with my sister, and I was telling her that I saw the carpet lady in the parking lot. You know the one who ties the teal ribbons along Ford and Wayne Rd. She's here. My sister told me to tell you thank you. She is an ovarian cancer survivor. We've seen you and your team tying the ribbons year after year and we've wanted to say thank you so many times. It means so much to us. We love to see these ribbons. We love Independent Carpet One.' Tears rolled down my face and we had the best hug."

"And that moment made everything reality of why we do this. It's making a difference. It's touching lives. When people think they're all alone in this struggle, they realize they're not alone and people care. We do care, and we will do this year after year even if it makes one per-

son realize that their life matters to us. Because it does."

www.turnthetownsteal.org informs site visitors of potential symptoms of ovarian cancer which include:

- Bloating
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- Difficulty eating OR feeling full quickly
- Urinary symptoms (urgency or frequency)
- Unexplained changes in bowel habits
- Unexplained weight gain/loss
- Ongoing unusual fatigue
- Back pain
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# Bionic Zebras set goal to raise \$15,000

By Carolyn Marnon

Team 313: The Bionic Zebras of Wayne Memorial High School have set what might seem like a lofty goal of raising \$15,000 this year. This would cover competition entrance fees, the costs associated with designing, building and programming an industrial-sized robot to use in competition, along with other costs such as travel, food and team shirts.

Kaden Brown is a sophomore this year. He is the team's Business Captain. He has always been interested in gadgets. He enjoyed taking broken toys apart and seeing how they worked. He joined the Bionic Zebras his freshman year for the opportunity to build things, make new friends and for the help with schoolwork he could get through the robotics team. He says the team has had a 100% graduation rate over the last 20 years.

Two years ago, Wayne Rotary invited the Bionic Zebras to set up a tent at the Wednesday night concerts in Goudy Park. The team arrives



A few of the the members of the robotics team show off last year's robot at Concerts in Goudy Park.

each week to show off their current robot and talk robotics with interested concert-goers. "Spacer" has been rolling around this summer at the park with Team President Dallas McIntosh, Safety Captain Sara Bellavance, Kaden and Team Mentors J.J. Johnson and Eric Cleereman.

members who helped build it written in various places.

During the six-week building period each team is allowed, Kaden says the team works on the robot from 2:00-8:00 p.m. every day after school.

The team is looking for sponsors. Kaden says they really want to have community sponsors. They would be especially grateful if a local business sponsor was in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) field. They have had bottle drives to raise funds. They are currently selling Zebra Stock. For \$10, you can own a Zebra Stock Certificate which signifies you as an investor in the Wayne Memorial Bionic Zebras FIRST Robotics Team. You would be entitled to investor-only emails on team progress and important event information as well as invitations to team open house and team build days.

The 2020 competition theme is Infinite Recharge. The FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics website indicates Rise: The Force is Building, powered by Star Wars: Force for Change. There are sound files for Star Wars ambient sounds, R2-D2 beeps and BB-8 noises. Star Wars fans should be interested in seeing what transpires when these high school students get the specifics for the competition season and "rise" to the occasion.

If you would like to purchase "stock" in the Bionic Zebras, become a sponsor or donate to the team, please email Kaden at frcteam313@gmail.com. May the force of Wayne be with them.



For \$10, you can own Zebra Stock as an investor in the Wayne Memorial Bionic Zebras FIRST Robotics Team.

"Spacer" is the team's 2019 competition robot for Destination Deep Space. It got its name because team members kept losing spacers inside the robot. "A joke name," says Kaden. "Spacer" has an elevator system that can go 8-feet up, a drive train that can make 360 degree turns, an electronic panel, can move 15 feet in a second, and has the names of team

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Rd. in Livonia. This event is FREE to all military veterans, friends, family and caregivers. Register at [www.CantonFoundation.org](http://www.CantonFoundation.org) or call Beth at (734) 495-1200.

### Police community meeting

The next police community meeting will be Thursday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m., at Wayne City Hall. Learn what is happening in Wayne and get your questions answered.

### Class of 1979 40-year reunion

The Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1979 40-year reunion will be held on Saturday, September 28, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [www.wmhsclassof79](http://www.wmhsclassof79) or call Terence Duncan at (313) 205-7933.

### Toast Wayne returns in new location

Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 3, as Wayne Main Street will be hosting their annual fundraising event Toast Wayne. This year's event will take place at an exciting new location, the former site of St. Mary's School (34530 W. Michigan Avenue, Wayne MI 48184) next to St. Mary's Church in downtown Wayne.

Toast Wayne is a strolling, evening event that features live music, a complimentary bar, a curated silent auction and unique appetizer stations sponsored by Wayne-area restaurants. Guests have the opportunity to sample numerous food offerings and bid on amazing silent auction packages all for a great cause!

Pre-sale tickets are on sale now for \$35 each or 4 tickets for \$100. To purchase tickets, visit [www.downtownwayne.org](http://www.downtownwayne.org) or call WMS at 734-629-6822.

This event is Wayne Main Street's signature fundraiser and enables the organization to continue its mission of building a revitalized and vibrant downtown Wayne. We hope to see you at Toast Wayne this year!

### Downtown Wayne Scarecrow Show

The scarecrows will be back in town.

School is in, nights are shorter and that means scarecrows are back! Every year residents, downtown businesses and community groups get together to create scarecrows that are displayed around Downtown Wayne.

During the month of October, Wayne Main Street hosts a Facebook voting contest, in-person contest (October 16) and a Judges' Choice Award. Get the most votes online, in-person, or be crowned the Judges' Choice winner and you will receive a \$100 cash prize!

Here are the important dates for this year's contest:

Now - September 21 Register to participate. Go to [www.downtownwayne.org](http://www.downtownwayne.org) or call Wayne Main Street at 734-629-6822 to sign up. If you already have a scarecrow frame, registration is \$15; registration is \$20 if you need a frame.

September 29 Drop off your scarecrow at the Wayne Historical Museum. Wayne Main Street volunteers will install your scarecrow in Downtown Wayne for the month of October. If you would like to drop off your scarecrow early, please call the WMS offices at 734-629-6822 to make an appointment.

October 1 - October 16 Facebook voting takes place.

October 16 The Scarecrow Reception will take place from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in Derby's Alley. Participants can cast their vote for the in-person contest. Facebook, in-person, and Judges' Choice winners will be announced at 7:00 p.m. Cider and donuts will be served.

### Credit union giving back with blood drive

Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union (WWFCU) is hosting a community blood drive with the American Red Cross on Friday, September 13. For more information or to make an appointment to donate, call (734) 721-5700 or sign up online at [redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive](http://redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive). Type in zip code 48186 and search

by the date of the drive.

"Hosting a blood drive ties in with WWFCU's core values of giving back to the community," said WWFCU CEO Thelma Dasho. "With a simple blood donation, we can help save the life of someone who could be a coworker, loved one or neighbor." Blood is a perishable product that can only come from volunteer blood donors. With someone in the U.S. needing blood every two seconds, blood products must be constantly replenished, according to the Red Cross.

"The short amount of time it takes to donate can mean a lifetime to a patient with a serious medical condition. We urge all eligible donors to join us in the selfless act of giving blood." Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, B negative and A negative. According to the Red Cross, type O negative is the universal blood type that can be safely given to anyone and is often used to treat trauma patients.

### Teen book club

The Teen Book Club at the Wayne Public Library will be meeting Tuesday, September 24, 3:30-4:30 p.m. The book will be "Every Heart a Doorway" by Seanan McGuire.

Nancy tumbled once, but now she's back. The things she's experienced... they change a person. The children under Miss West's care understand all too well. And each of them is seeking a way back to their own fantasy world. But Nancy's arrival marks a change at the Home. There's a darkness just around each

corner, and when tragedy strikes, it's up to Nancy and her new-found schoolmates to get to the heart of the matter.

This book is a winner of the 2017 Hugo Award, the 2017 Alex Award, the 2017 Locus Award and the 2016 Nebula Award. For more information about the Teen Book Club, please call the library (734) 721-7832

### Book club for 4th, 5th and 6th graders

The Wayne Public Library hosts a Book Club for 4th, 5th and 6th graders. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 26, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Read "The True Story of Red Riding Hood" by Liesl Shurtiff and then come for the hour-long discussion and treats. Registration is required. Call (734) 721-7832 Ext. 623 or stop by the Youth Reference desk.

### Pumpkin spice and everything nice

Teens! Are you a pumpkin spice lover? Then join the team at the Wayne Public Library as they help you make a few pumpkin spice snacks of your own! The recipes don't require any baking, and you will be supplied with recipe cards if you want to make the treats again at home.

You will need to bring a microwave-safe coffee mug; everything else will be supplied. Must be age 12 or a teenager for this program. No sign-up required for this event on Wednesday, October 16, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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# Strong communities make for strong recovery

By Carolyn Marnon

National Recovery Month is a national observance held every September to educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with a mental and/or substance use disorder to live a healthy and rewarding life.

Tony Perry has been on recovery road for the past 10 ½ years. Born and raised in Westland, he struggled with ADHD (Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder), dyslexia and slow-learning. Addicted to drugs since the age of 15, he sold drugs and became caught up in the system. He's had his home raided and been convicted of felonies.

When he got off probation for his felonies, Tony says he was a dope fiend who had lost everything. His dad had been killed by a drunk driver when Tony was 19. He had no friends. No one wanted to hang around him. He says he wanted to die. While sitting in his father's basement, "I felt like I had no option to live." He tried to kill himself while telling God he couldn't live like this anymore. "It didn't work," he says. His family found him, and his life changed.

Tony went to church, got saved, and started the 12-step program at the church. Now he does community service with the Saved by Grace ministry at CrossPointe Community Church in Wayne. This ministry exists to help those who are seeking God's help in ridding their lives of addiction and drawing closer to Him.

Westland Youth Assistance Executive Director Paul Motz says Tony was "awarded the Spirit of Giving Award for his willingness to share his story with our program participants." Motz went on to say "Tony had a difficult childhood to say the least. Like many victims of trauma, Tony coped by engaging in reckless behaviors. His choices created dangerous situations for himself and for others. He eventually reached a point of deciding to live or not. He chose to live. He also chose to help others and he has done so successfully. He has been a phenomenal speaker for our at-risk youth and their families. He speaks approximately six-eight times per year sharing his vulnerabilities and road to recovery in a very im-



Tony Perry has been in recovery for over 10 years. He says his life has changed significantly since he made the decision to leave a life of drugs behind.

pactful manner. He speaks of help being available and most importantly of hope. He encourages our young people to take advantage of opportunities that he did not have when he was young. Tony is a giving young man with a huge heart. He is a good friend that you can count on and has been a tremendous asset to the Westland Youth Assistance Program."

Tony also gives back to the community by his outreach work in the Norwayne community. In the span of 10 years, he has married, has two children and a house.

According to [recoverymonth.gov](http://recoverymonth.gov), "The 2019 Recovery Month theme, Join the Voices for Recovery: To-

gether We Are Stronger, emphasizes the need to share resources and build networks across the country to support the many paths to recovery. It reminds us that mental and substance use disorders affect all of us and that we are all part of the solution. The Recovery Month observance will highlight inspiring stories to help thousands of people from all walks of life find the path to hope, health, and overall wellness. During the 30th anniversary of Recovery Month, communities across the nation will reflect on their positive strides and their plans to make recovery support services more accessible so people can live meaningful and productive lives. Over the years,

recovery-oriented organizations have also played an essential role in states, cities, towns, and neighborhoods to help countless people start and sustain their recovery."

Also, "Strong communities make for strong recovery. Community members—including families, neighbors, employers, educators, charitable organizations, and faith-based institutions—are the backbone of communities that foster recovery among its residents. Research shows that peer support services can provide a valuable approach to guide individuals as they work to maintain recovery."

Helping others in recovery is what helps Tony. "It's a daily process," he says, "but it can be done." His advice for others who want to recover? "Go to meetings and listen to those who've been around for awhile. Take that energy you used to get high and put that energy into recovery."

Tony says there is a recovery meeting every Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. at CrossPointe Community Church, 36125 Glenwood Rd. Wayne. All are welcome to attend.

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# Wayne Zebra fall sport season underway

By Ryan Wright

The Wayne Memorial High School varsity football team faced the Plymouth Wildcats in the first game of the 2019 season on August 29. With new coach Jari Brown, who was hired over the summer, the Zebra's lost 43-0.

The Wayne Zebras did show they could have a promising future under Coach Brown. They showed a lot of toughness and willpower up until the last second of the game. Coach Brown has told reporters that the football program needs a solid foundation on which to rebuild the team from the ground up.

Wayne Memorial offers more than football for family sports entertainment. Not every sporting event has a cost to get in, but if it does, it's \$5 a person from ages K-62.

A student at WMHS can get a sticker on the back of their I.D. when they pay once at a sporting event and get in free the rest of the year. Here are some notable upcoming events at Wayne Memorial.



Wayne lost 43-0 in their first home game of the season. Photo by Ryan Wright

**Football:**

- Sept. 6 vs. Fordson
- Sept. 27 vs. Belleville
- Oct. 4 vs. Livonia Stevenson (Homecoming)

**Soccer:**

- Sept. 12 vs. Livonia Churchill
- Sept. 19 vs. John Glenn
- Sept. 26 vs. Fordson

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- Sept. 10 vs. Dearborn
- Sept. 19 vs. Plymouth
- Sept. 24 vs Livonia Churchill

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# Hall-of-fame hockey player subject of movie that will raise funds for Champions of Wayne program

By Carolyn Marnon

Champions of Wayne is partnering with Phoenix Theatres for the Annual Premier Red Carpet Fundraiser and an exclusive private screening of "Willie" on Wednesday, September 25. Tickets are \$50 per person and are available at [www.championsofwayne.org](http://www.championsofwayne.org). Please reserve your ticket by September 16. Included in the ticket price is a catered VIP Red Carpet Reception, beer and wine, an opportunity to meet the cast and crew, and entertainment by Don Swindel.

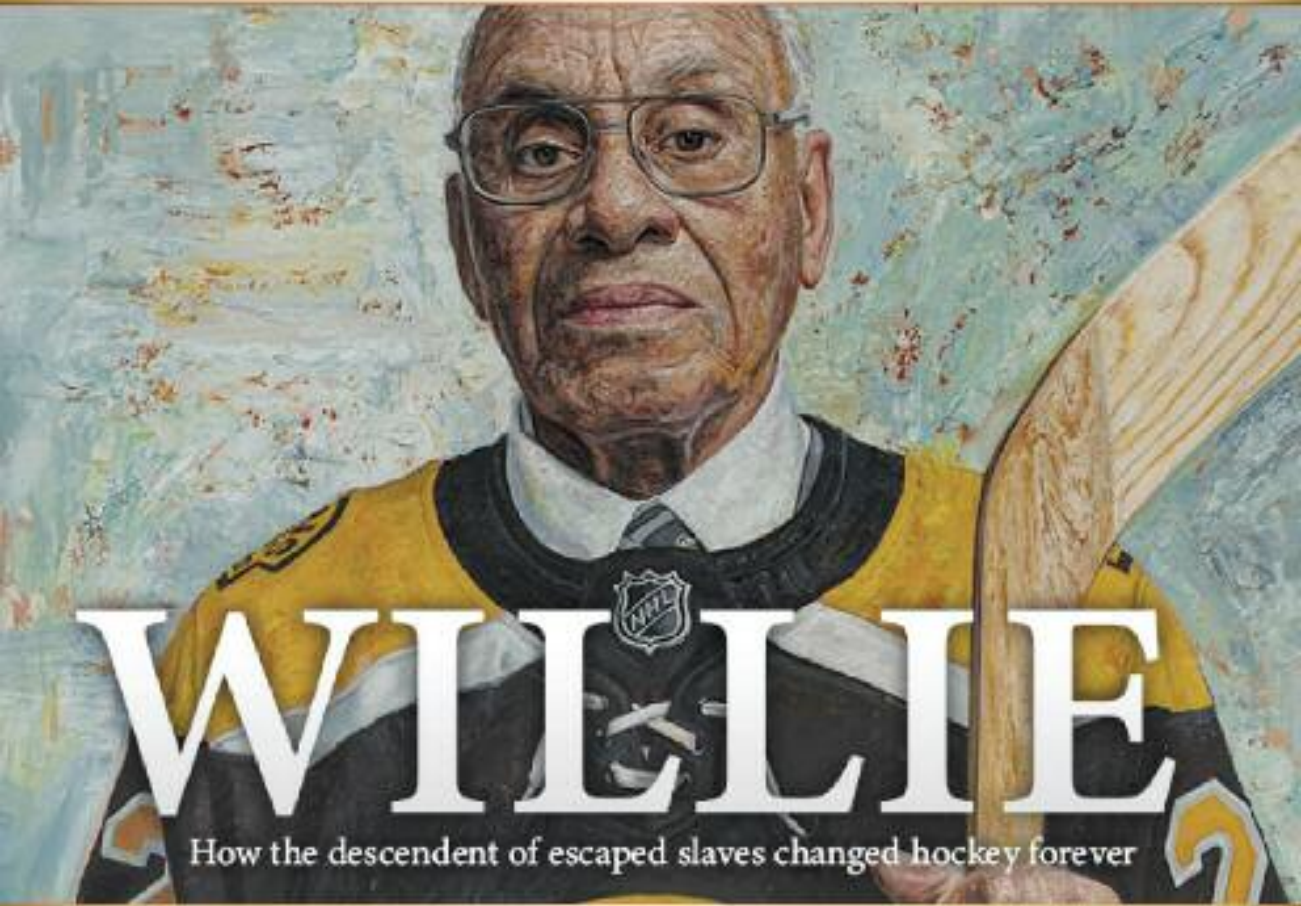
"Willie" documents the amazing life of Willie O'Ree, the first black player in the National Hockey League who broke the color barrier in 1958. The documentary follows the incredible story of Willie's family from his great-grandfather's escape from slavery and flight to Canada, to Willie's ascent to hockey's highest honor-induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame on November 12, 2018. Willie's life transcends hockey-it is a journey in pursuit of an opportunity to blaze new trails and inspire people of all races, both historic in its sweep and scope, and relevant to our current day.

According to Willie, he set two goals for himself when he was 14 years old-to play pro hockey and to play in the National Hockey League. He says it never occurred to him that he was opening doors and breaking down barriers for players of color. Willie was the first negro to play in the National Hockey League. No one knew at the time that he was blind in one eye. He played 45 games in the NHL and played 21 years as a pro. "I think you have to have the courage to take that one step beyond and follow your dream," says Willie in a 4-minute video on the NHL.com website.

According to Champions of Wayne Executive Director Deborah Vigliarolo, Willie does a lot of volunteer work for underprivileged children. The screening of this film at Phoenix Theatres State Wayne is the major fundraising event for the champions program whose principle mission is to transform student obstacles to success by way of an incentive-based mentoring system so that each student graduates in the best way possible.

"Willie" will also be screening at the Windsor International Film Festival that runs November 1-30. Tickets for that are available starting October 10 at [www.windsorfilmfestival.com](http://www.windsorfilmfestival.com).

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