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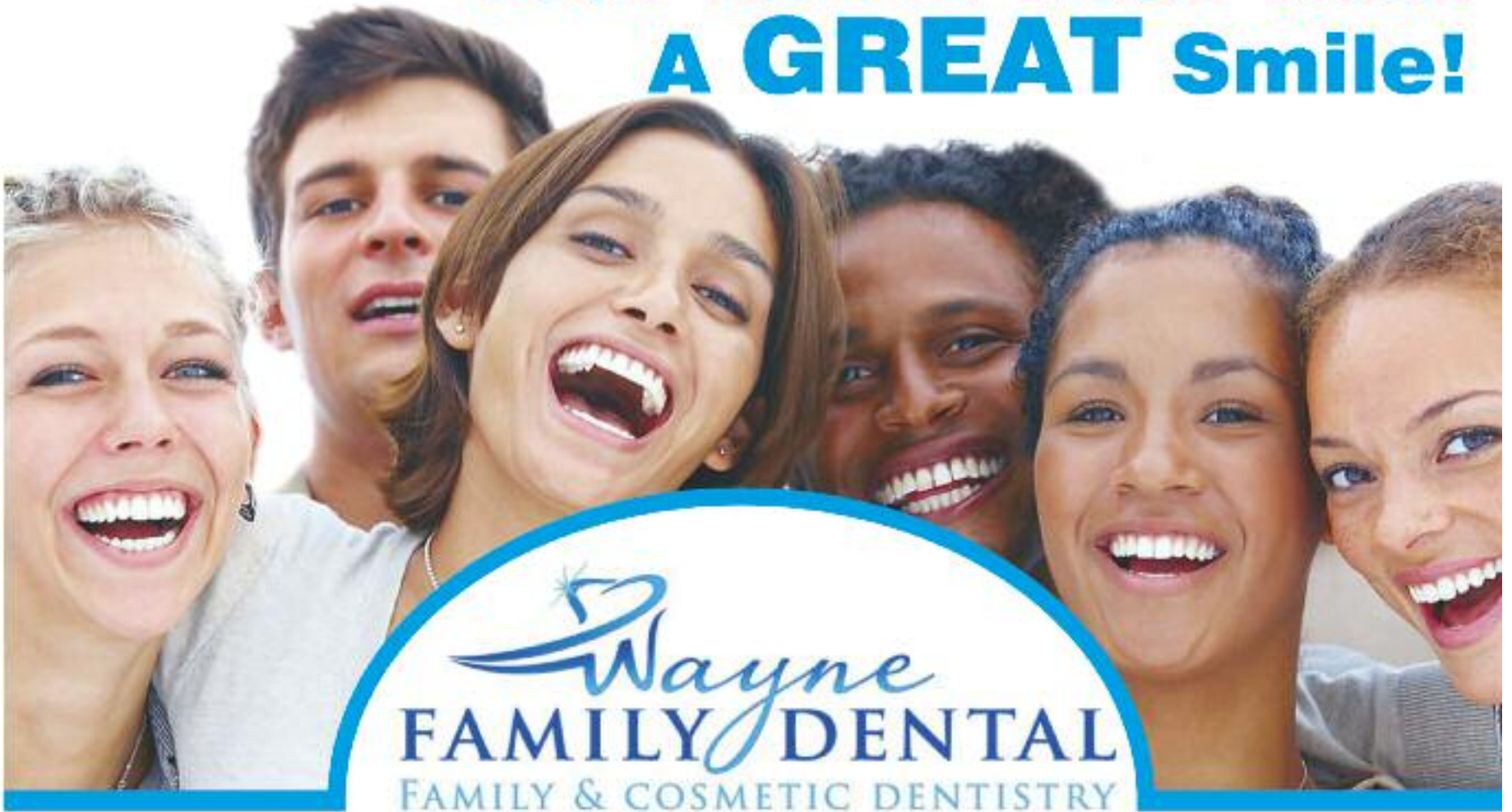
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# Golden beauty joins Police Department

By Carolyn Marnon

The newest copper-haired member of the Wayne Police Department is only three years old and does not require a salary. Zeke, a beautifully coated golden retriever, has been working out of the police department since November.

One Friday last fall, Police Chief Ryan Strong brought his dog, Zeke, to the police station to keep him company while some staff had the day off. That also happened to be a day that on-duty police officers had responded to a particularly traumatic call. When they came back to the station, says Chief Strong, they gravitated toward the dog. Zeke was thrilled with the attention, and the officers were able to have a calming moment with him. It was at that moment that Chief Strong decided to sign Zeke up for classes to become a certified therapy dog. "It's like my dog got a job!" exclaims Chief Strong.

Since Zeke was already Chief Strong's dog, he was under the care of a veterinarian and was being fed and cared for. There would be no costs to the City involved in making Zeke a therapy dog. The costs of the training and certification were covered by Chief Strong.

Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD) provides support to those who use dogs to visit nursing homes, hospitals, schools and other facilities where a canine can provide smiles and joy to others. According to ATD, therapy dogs can reduce stress and anxiety, provide companionship, and ease loneliness. They help people get through emotionally trying times. A therapy dog does not need specialized training because their only goal is to provide comfort and support. However, a therapy dog does need to have the temperament to be around new people all the time, have good manners, and be friendly.

Zeke underwent 24 weeks of obedience training before being given an obedience test. After that, he underwent a series of observations by ATD while visiting various public places, such as a hospital and a psychiatric facility. He was also observed at the police department.

A larger wellness program is being instituted at the police department under the command of Chief Strong. Being a police officer is a



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Chief Ryan Strong

Chief Strong's dog, Zeke, in his bed at the Wayne Police Department.

very stressful job. Murders, horrible accidents, and seeing people on the worse days of their lives can wear on an officer, especially when these events happen continuously over the career of the officer. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), nearly 1 in 4 police officers have thoughts of suicide at some point in their life. In the smallest departments, NAMI says the suicide rate for officers increases to almost 4 times the national average. More officers die by suicide than in the line of duty. Having Zeke in the police station can help provide a form of stress-relief to the officers. This is just one step that Chief

Strong has implemented as part of a larger wellness program. In 2020, the department is partnering with Hegira Health who obtained a grant to provide additional wellness programs for the Wayne officers.

Zeke's Coffee, a family-owned neighborhood small batch coffee roastery in Baltimore, was part of the inspiration for Zeke's name. Chief Strong loves their coffee. The other part of the inspiration came from Zeke the Wonder Dog who catches frisbees during halftime at Michigan State University football games.

After the holidays, Zeke will head out into the community and start

meeting the community for which he now serves. The police department has already received requests for visits from the high school, the courthouse, the dispatch center and a domestic violence shelter. "The community feedback has been overwhelming," says Chief Strong. "So much positive feedback. People have already stopped into the police department to meet Zeke." Zeke enjoys the attention he has been getting and sharing golden moments with others. Zeke will be worth more than his weight in golden opportunities to serve the men and women of the Wayne Police Department and the community at large.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Judge set to retire

29th District Court Judge Laura Mack will be retiring effective March 1, 2020. Judge Mack has served the City of Wayne since 2004. Because Judge Mack is still at the beginning of her time, her replacement will be appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer. Her replacement must be a lawyer in good standing who lives in Wayne at the time of the appointment and who has at least five years of experience as a lawyer. The replacement will have to run on an upcoming ballot to be affirmed by the voters. If affirmed, that person would serve until the end of Judge Mack's current term which ends in 2024.

### Lunar new year dinner

Karma Coffee, 35634 W Michigan Ave, will be bringing in the Lunar New Year with their Saturday Supper Club on January 25 at 7:00 p.m. The four-course meal will include egg rolls, steamed dumplings, fried rice and more. Tickets are \$25 per person. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call (734) 589-0304 to reserve your table.

### Daddy daughter dance

HYPE Western Wayne Center, 4635 Howe Rd, will be holding their Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance on Friday, February 7, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Dinner and refreshments will be served. Pictures are an additional cost. Tickets are limited to 225 people and are \$25 per couple plus \$7 for each additional child. Call for tickets (734) 721-7400.

### Step back in time

Inspire Theatre, 33455 Warren Rd, Westland presents "Suite Surrender" January 10-26.

In the play, it's 1942 and two of Hollywood's biggest divas have descended upon the luxurious Palm Beach Royale Hotel -- assistants, luggage, and legendary feud with one another in tow. Everything seems to be in order for their wartime performance...that is, until they are somehow assigned to the same suite. Mistaken identities, overblown egos, double entendres, and a lap dog named Mr. Boodles round out this hilarious riot of a love note to the

classic farces of the 30's and 40's. For tickets, visit [www.inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com](http://www.inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com)

### Dueling piano party

Wayne Rotary Club presents their annual St. Paddy's Dueling Piano Party on Saturday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. Held at HYPE Western Wayne Center, 4635 Howe, this evening of musical entertainment includes a cash bar, food available for purchase, 50/50 raffles and fun. Tickets are \$20 each. Proceeds will benefit Wayne Memorial High School Rotary College Scholarships. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with show starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Henry's Service Center, Kurt's Cap and HYPE. For more information, contact Linda Gable at (734) 751-2302 or email [linyet2b@yahoo.com](mailto:linyet2b@yahoo.com)

### Wayne Memorial to host 8th grade parent night

Wayne Memorial High School will be hosting an 8th grade parent night for those transitioning to 9th grade or interested in getting more information about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2020-2021 school year. Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to attend. The event will be held on February 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium. Topics covered will include: scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extra-curricular activities, and much more. All are welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. Any additional questions should be directed to the Counseling Department at (734) 419-2215.

### Michigan poorhouses

The Wayne Historical Society invites you to History of Poorhouses: Eloise on Thursday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne Historical Museum. Guest speaker Adam Oster from the Library of Michigan will give a presentation on Michigan poorhouses, especially our local

Wayne County one, Eloise.

### Coffee Hour

Join your state legislators for coffee and conversation. Representative Kevin Coleman and Senator Dayna Polehanki will be eager to hear your questions and comments on any and all state issues. Join them at the Wayne Public Library on Thursday, January 23, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

### Attention Wayne seniors!

Are you interested in a paid membership to the Dyer Center or Friendship Center? Both offer a number of wonderful opportunities tailored for individuals 50 years and older. The City of Wayne will pay the annual membership for you to join ONE of the centers. All you have to do is sign up at one of the locations; they will bill the City of Wayne.

Since July 1 over 50 Wayne Seniors have signed up for a membership at the Friendship Center joining over 100 of their friends and neighbors who were already members.

The Friendship Center is located at 1119 Newburgh in Westland. The Dyer Center is located at 36745 Marquette, also in Westland.

Both centers offer a variety of programs including but not limited to:

- Daily congregate meals; travel programs; blood pressure and diabetes screening; health screenings; flu shots; massages; legal aid; educational seminars; access to tax consultation; alterations; Zumba; Tai Chi; movie days; chorus and choir; game night; shopping and casino excursions; quilting; line dancing... and much, much more. Unfortunately,

the City of Wayne cannot cover memberships for both centers, but the City is pleased to offer one to you.

If you are already a member of the Dyer Center or Friendship Center and paid your dues for the year, you cannot be reimbursed. However, the City will cover your new membership for 2020 using the same process above. The Romulus Senior Center is also offering FREE memberships to Wayne Seniors. This center is located at 3625 Bibbins Street in Romulus. If you have any questions, please call (734) 722-2002.

### Martin Luther King Jr. celebration and freedom walk

The City of Westland has invited Wayne to join in with the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration that will take place on Monday, January 20 at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Rd. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. and a shuttle bus will be provided from City Hall to the Westland Public Library where the Freedom Walk to signify unity will begin at 9:00 a.m. The walk will take place down Central City Parkway and end back at Westland City Hall. The MLK Ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m. Please join the celebration of the life and legacy of one of America's most extraordinary men, Martin Luther King, Jr.

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# Small town boy to international traveler

By Carolyn Marnon

"We're gonna read books out loud as a family," said Phil Cousineau's dad after kicking their Philco TV down the stairs one day long ago. Phil was growing up on Eastlawn in Wayne where he eventually went on to graduate from St. Mary's.

Phil's dad worked in public relations at Ford Motor Company's "Glass House" in Dearborn. Everywhere the Cousineau's went became a history listen. "Did you know...?"

Now living in San Francisco, Phil is a prolific author with 19 books listed on his website philcousineau.com, many of which can be found at the Wayne library. He recently made an appearance at the Wayne Public Library to talk about his work and career at "Words, Wanderlust and Wayne."

While guests were arriving at the library event, it was like a class reunion unfolding. Many of the attendees were classmates who came to reminisce with Phil. One of Phil's



Phil Cousineau is host of his own show on PBS called Global Spirit. His most recent guest was Carlos Santana.

English teachers appeared to see what must have been one of her fa-

vorite students. One of the class members shouted, "Cousineau, have you found yourself?" Phil replied, "I haven't found myself, but I'm still looking."

Growing up, Phil loved sports. He says most jocks don't read, but he would play ball and frequent the library. While in high school at St. Mary's, Phil covered sports for the yearbook. Roger Turner, editor of the former Wayne Dispatch, was looking for a sports reporter who could cover the local area. The principal asked the 17-year-old Phil if he was interested. At the interview, Roger, wearing a fedora with a cigar in his mouth blowing smoke and lounging back in his chair with his feet up on his desk asked Phil "So kid. Do you

think you can write?"

Back in those days, papers were cut and pasted together. As a high school junior, Phil says he would call all the coaches for their scores and noted who their best players were. He'd have to write it up because he was taught there was "no story without the notes" and as his mentor Roger would say "Cousineau, it ain't real till it's ink." That's when Phil knew he wanted to write for the rest of his life.

While studying journalism at the University of Detroit, Phil worked in a steel factory. Authors like Bill Bonds, Joyce Carol Oates and Elmore Leonard would come speak in his classes, inspiring him further to pursue a career in writing and the arts.

After earning his degree (he thinks he is the first Cousineau to get one), Phil went off to Europe for three months to "see the world." He found the art and literature in Europe fascinating and despite having a job as a cub reporter at the Detroit Free Press lined up and waiting for him upon his return, he decided to keep travelling. Europe had music, street cafes, art and much more that celebrated beauty. He says at the time, Detroit was considered the murder capital of the world. He didn't have much interest in that.

"I'm never bored because I'm interested in everything," exclaimed Phil. For the next seven years, Phil did construction work in California while reading a book a day. Opportunity came along for Phil to help write "The Hero's Journey: The World of

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# Ford Motor Co. to make huge reinvestment

Ford Motor Company is investing more than \$1.45 billion in two south-east Michigan manufacturing facilities and adding 3,000 new jobs to strengthen its leadership in trucks and SUVs and support the company's expansion into electric and autonomous vehicles.

Ford is investing approximately \$750 million and adding 2,700 new direct jobs at its manufacturing facility in Wayne, Mich., during the next three years. Ford will install new equipment to support production of the all-new Ford Bronco and Ford Ranger as well as create a new modification center at the Wayne location.

Employees at Ford's Autonomous Vehicle, Bronco and Ranger modification center in Wayne will complete Ford's first autonomous vehicles starting in 2021, including installing the vehicles' unique self-driving technology and unique purpose-built interiors. This will be the first center of its kind for Ford and will drive synergies with the company's existing AV research functions in Dearborn and Detroit. At that same location, Bronco and Ranger will be

**"At Ford, we are investing aggressively in building on our strengths today – including trucks and SUVs – while at the same time expanding our leadership into electric and autonomous vehicles,"**

**Joe Hinrichs**

President, Automotive for Ford Motor Company

modified for customers.

At Ford's Dearborn manufacturing site, Ford will add 300 jobs and invest about \$700 million to support production of new electrified variants of its F-150 truck, producing both a F-150 hybrid and fully electric F-150. Ford will also create a new operation in Dearborn where battery cells will be assembled into a battery pack for the F-150 hybrid and all-electric F-150.

"At Ford, we are investing aggressively in building on our strengths today – including trucks and SUVs – while at the same time expanding our leadership into electric and autonomous vehicles," said Joe Hinrichs, Ford's president, Automotive.

"As America's No. 1 producer of automobiles, we are proud of our commitment to invest in manufacturing here in Michigan."

The company's investments are supported by Ford's strong partnership with the UAW, as well as with federal, state, county and local governments.

"The UAW is proud of Ford's commitment to manufacturing in the United States and in Michigan," said UAW President Rory Gamble. "This is a direct result of the 2019 collective bargaining process, providing additional jobs – and job security – for UAW members in Southeast Michigan."

In the 2019 UAW-Ford contract,

Ford pledged to invest \$6 billion in its U.S. factories, creating or retaining 8,500 jobs. Ford is proud to be America's No. 1 producer of vehicles and the largest employer of UAW-represented autoworkers.

**New 2020 F-150, F-150 hybrid and all-electric F-150 expand Ford's truck leadership**

In 2020, Ford will debut the all-new F-150 and F-150 hybrid. The fully electric Ford F-150 is coming soon after and will be part of the company's more than \$11.5 billion global electrified vehicle investment. Dearborn Truck Plant will build these Ford F-150s, part of Ford F-Series, America's best-selling truck for 42 straight years.

**All-new Bronco returns**

The Ford Bronco will be revealed in the spring of 2020. This all-new off-road SUV will be built alongside the Ford Ranger at Ford's Michigan Assembly Plant. As one of Ford's icons, Bronco represents where the company is expanding and where it's playing to win.



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Joseph Campbell,” a documentary discussing the nature of the hero in mythology. “Over and over,” in his career says Phil, “I was in the right place at the right time.”

He would spend his days writing, reading and working, fitting in 3-4 hours sleep before starting all over again. “I came to love life. There’s so much out there.” He now has books, documentary films and has worked at movie studios, including Warner Brothers.

Phil currently hosts “Global Spirit,” a PBS series that explores global issues ranging from sacred music and spiritual activism, the search for ecstatic experience, forgiveness, and attitudes toward death and dying. Some of his guests have included Carlos Santana, Deepak Chopra, a prominent figure in the New Age movement, and Robert Thurman, an expert on Tibetan Buddhism (and father of actress Uma Thurman).

Phil makes it a practice to thank everyone who has helped him along. “It’s very important to be grateful for all the people who help us along,” he



A montage of Phil Cousineau's many books created by his wife, Jo Cousineau.

said.

Before his visit to Wayne, Phil spent the previous month as the 2019 Writer-in-Residence in Columbus Ohio at Thurber House, the historic home of author, humorist and New Yorker cartoonist James Thurber. Using this solid month, he

worked on his book “Who Stole the Arms of Venus DeMilo?” an Indiana Jones type story covering art, mythology, sculpture and travel. During his residency he also did public events, met with local residents, and did readings.

In April, Phil will be leading an 11-day tour “La Dolce Vita: The Sweet Life of Mythic Italy” to experience the art and architecture of Italy.

According to Phil’s website, he has had other eclectic jobs including “playing semi-professional basketball in Europe, harvesting date trees on an Israeli kibbutz, painting 44 Victorian houses in San Francisco and teaching screenwriting at the American Film Institute.” He has also worked with The Doors drummer John Densmore on his autobiography “Riders on the Storm: My Life With Jim Morrison and The Doors.” At a book fair in 2003, he was promoting his book “The

Olympic Odyssey” with Dr. Ruth at the table on his left and his boyhood hero Ray Bradbury at his right.

Phil appreciates that he has been able to write and tell stories for 50 years. With the Detroit work ethic in his bones, he is able to work 12-14 hours daily, inspired often and grateful for the lucky breaks he has had along his career journey. Books and libraries “teach you how to think for yourself,” said Phil.

From a small-town boy to international traveler to big city resident, Phil has many experiences to share. For more information, visit his website [www.philcousineau.com](http://www.philcousineau.com) or check out his books available at the library.

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Phil Cousineau with Carlos and Cindy Santana.

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People lined up outside Karma Coffee and Kitchen to kick-off Small Business Saturday before the holidays.

## Small business Saturday an overwhelming success

Downtown Wayne was abuzz Saturday, November 30, as businesses throughout the district welcomed customers looking for holiday gifts and great deals. Sam Rainey, Wayne Main Street Interim Executive Director, comments "Small Business Saturday in downtown Wayne is more than just shopping for your holiday gifts; it's about bringing that small community feeling to the surface. The business owners in Wayne know their customers; everyone is a familiar face. Small Business Saturday is

a national movement to raise awareness about the importance of supporting local businesses."

To promote Wayne's Small Business Saturday efforts, Wayne Main Street held its Annual Small Business Saturday kick-off event at Karma Coffee & Kitchen (35634 W. Michigan Avenue, Wayne, MI 48184). More than 100 shoppers attended the event which included free coffee and "Shop Small Business" tote bags, as well as a random gift card in every bag.

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# A new kind of “house hunters” near you

By Carolyn Marnon

Did you know there was a time when you could buy a kit through a catalog and then build your own home? Last September, Novi residents and kit home experts Andrew and Wendy Mutch came to the Wayne Historical Museum and spoke about their own kit house, a 1926 Sears Hamilton, the history of kit houses and an overview of some kit houses found here in Wayne.

Kit homes got their beginnings in the early 1900s in Bay City, Michigan. The Aladdin Company, owned by two brothers, Otto and William Sovereign, was one of the longest-lived manufacturers of mail-order, or kit, homes. Several years after the Sovereign's introduced kit homes to the nation, Sears, Roebuck and Company and Montgomery Ward entered the market. Aladdin and Sears, the largest companies, sold thousands of kit homes per year in the 1920s. The 1930s brought decreased kit sales. The final Sears Modern Homes catalog came in 1940 and the last home kit was sold sometime around 1944.

A potential buyer of a kit home would find a postcard in a newspaper or magazine. The postcard would be mailed to the company requesting a catalog. The catalog would be mailed to the person who would then go through it and find their new home. They would send an order into the company noting any changes they might like to make, upgrades or additional items like windows, trims, furnaces. Once the company got the order, they would pack it into a railcar (or two, depending on home size) with all the components needed for the new owner to build their own home (or have someone build it for them.) It would be shipped to the closest railroad station to the owner. Once it arrived at the local station, the owner was notified that he would have 48 hours to come and unload the railcar. He would then take all the components to his land where he would have already, hopefully, put in the foundation for the home. A kit home saved a homeowner money and time. The instruction book that came with the kit might be 75 pages long, but at least the wood pieces were all pre-cut to size. The pre-cut house with fitted pieces would take about 352



Andrea Graham owns The Hathaway model from the Sears catalog of kit homes. This English cottage-style home in Wayne was built around 1928.

carpenter hours to build as opposed to 583 hours for a conventional house, a time reduction of 40%.

When the Mutch's bought their home in 2003, the previous owner gave them a binder full of information about their house and about Sear's kit homes in general. It wasn't until about 2012 when they decided to investigate whether there were other "Hamilton" homes in their area. Their first discovery was another Hamilton in Ypsilanti found through a Sears archive of homeowners. The kit housing hunt was on. Since then, the Mutch's have become a local authority on the subject, giving presentations at many of the library's throughout Michigan.

Attendees of the presentation at the Wayne Historical Museum were able to ask questions and make comments. One attendee, Andrea Graham, pointed out that a red house in Wayne that appeared on screen during the Mutch's presentation happened to be her house. She had purchased the home in 2005. She spoke to those gathered about the details that were put into the homes. She had discovered that not only was there wood trim framing the doorways of her closets, but she had stepped inside a closet one day to clean it out and discovered that the

same attention to detail was used on the inside of the doors where people might not think to look.

Andrea's home, the Sear's Hathaway model, stands like a tall red sentry on the corner of Chestnut and Third. The open-air front porch that wraps slightly around the entrance corner has the original ornamental trellis detailing. This English cottage-style home, according to a page from a Sears, Roebuck and Co. catalog advertising the model "is a striking example of this style of architecture in frame construction and wood shingle siding. It makes a home suitable for suburb or country. The treatment is unique and artistic, the result

being achieved at comparatively small cost. The ornamental trellised porch is a typical English feature. It is cozy and graceful and the colonial and French windows with their flower boxes make this type of house at home in any American community. The proud possessor will quickly avail himself of the special advantages which an artistic grouping of shrubs and flowers will secure. Vines or ivy on the trellis and side walls will transform this house into a bower of beauty."

Andrea's home was mentioned in Matt Miller's column "Rearview Mirror" in the June 2009 issue of The Wayne Dispatch. Andrea was tickled because he called it "the most charming house on Chestnut." This 3-bedroom, 1 bath home is thought to have been built around 1928. Andrea says some records say 1926, but the 3-bedroom model doesn't show up in catalog information until 1928. It is thought the original home was owned by the brother of a former Wayne mayor; Andrea thinks she is the fourth owner.

"When I walked in here," she says about the first time she saw the home, "it spoke to me. It had detail. It was charming. It had a fireplace, the wood floors. I had never seen anything like this before. It said Andrea all over it."

The living room and dining room share an open-air concept. Plan drawings in the Sears catalog ad appear to show a wall dividing the two areas. Andrea thinks the builder never put up those walls. The original oak floors are in place. A previous owner had covered over the

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windows on the west side of the house with paneling; Andrea is not sure why because the now-uncovered windows let in plenty of light.

Although the basic layout of the kitchen and the woodwork and ornamental details are still in place, the kitchen was remodeled by a previous owner due to some perceived fire hazards. Andrea added new paint and retro-inspired tile. With her updates, she says she got her style while still paying homage to the original home. She points out the details she discovered inside the doors of the pantry closet. One couldn't help but be surprised to see a window in the tiny closet that added natural light to the pantry.

Each step on the stairs leading to the upstairs bedrooms gave a long creeeeek and moooooaaan. It was the kind of sound old-house lovers appreciate, a testament to the many years of use and the aging of the wood. The stairs and the floors on the upper level appear to be maple. Andrea says the more expensive wood was used where company might tend to gather while the less

expensive wood would be installed in the more private areas of the home. At the top of the landing is a window with its original lead glass, called wavy glass by historic preservationists, that distorts the images outside of it. Some might be bothered by the waves, but others, like Andrea, find the charm. The bedroom doors are original to the house and have the original hardware knobs complete with skeleton keys.

Outside the house, Andrea points out the coal chute as part of the foundation that has since been sealed over. A nearby area of the foundation has wood covering it that Andrea says she has not removed to investigate what is behind it. The home now has energy-efficient windows, but the details around the windows have remained. When she bought the house, the side yard was fenced with chain link. She found it difficult to mow around, so she had the fence removed. All that remains is the stand-alone gate at the walkway. She said in the old days, homeowners would leave their gate open meaning they were accepting visitors. If the gate was closed, it meant they weren't available. She chuckles when

she recounts how someone passing by one day noticed the "fenceless" gate, smiled and whipped out his phone to take a picture.

According to John Mills, a member of the Wayne Historical Society and volunteer at the museum, 13 Sears model kit homes and 2 Montgomery Ward model kit homes (known as Wardway model homes) have been identified in the city of Wayne.

According to Andrew Mutch, "Most of the houses (in Wayne) were found by Wendy and I driving the streets of Wayne. When we spot possible houses, we note the address and take photos of them and comparing the possible houses to the models shown in the catalog. A few of them were found by other kit house researchers who did the same virtually using Google Streetview or who spotted possible kit houses in real estate ads. A group that I work with does maintain several databases for houses from different companies that have been identified and authenticated across the United States. I did reference those to see if there were any other houses in Wayne that we had missed. We also

heard from several residents who reached out in advance of the program to let us know about potential houses."

How can you tell if your home is a kit home? You can look at the style of the home paying special attention to the roofline and the chimney placement, and compare it to catalog photos. Also look at window arrangements, columns and eave brackets. Is the home near a railroad? (Remember the kits were delivered to the town via railway cars.) Talk to neighbors or others in your community who might know something about your home's history. Check the county Register of Deeds to trace the chain of ownership of the home. You will need the legal property description which could be found on a property tax bill. You can even check for stamped lumber, fixtures and joiner trim blocks, copies of blueprints and shipping labels.

If you know that you live in a catalog kit home, Sears, Wardway, Aladdin, Sterling, or Lewis, please contact the museum. You can call (734) 722-0113, email waynehistoricalcalsociety@gmail.com or stop by the museum, 1 Towne Square.

## Class of 2021 young women wanted

The Distinguished Young Women Program is looking for young women who are high school juniors (Class of 2021) to participate in their annual scholarship program.

Program orientation for interested young ladies is Sunday, January 26, at 4:00 p.m. (32807 Manor Park, Garden City MI 48135). DYW is looking for ladies for the Wayne-Westland program, but is also excited to introduce a new additional program being launched-Wayne County Distinguished Young Women.

If you know a young lady in the Class of 2021 who is involved in school and/or community activities, is outstanding in academics, leadership, athletics or the arts and is interested in earning scholarships for college, this program would be ideal for her. It's free to participate. Girls can make new friendships, learn life skills like interviewing and public speaking, have fun putting on a showcase of her achievements, plus help pay for her college education.

There will be a showcase that will combine all young ladies from both the Wayne County and Wayne-Westland Programs which will take place on March 6, 2020 at Wayne Memorial High School. To register, simply go to: [www.waynewestland.mi.distin-guishedyw.org](http://www.waynewestland.mi.distin-guishedyw.org) or [www.WayneCoun-ty.DistinguishedYW.org](http://www.WayneCoun-ty.DistinguishedYW.org) and click on "Apply Now."

Distinguished Young Women of Wayne / Westland is part of a national scholarship program that promotes and rewards scholarship, leadership and talent in young women. Cash scholarships are awarded at the local level and millions in college-granted scholarships are available (\$1 billion nationally). And local winners will advance to the state program in Canton, Michigan where they give away more than \$4,000 in cash tuition scholarships.

## OBITUARIES

Larry "Chum" Stockwell, 80, owner of Chum's Donut Shop in Westland, passed away Thursday, January 2, 2020. Larry was born on February 13, 1939 in Detroit to Chalmer C. "Chum"



and Helen Marie Stockwell, the youngest of their five children. He grew up in Belleville and graduated from St. Mary's High School in Wayne in 1957. Larry was a U.S. Army veteran. Larry's father started the donut business in 1941, Larry opened his Westland shop in 1966. Mr. Stockwell was known as "Coach Stockwell" to many football, basketball, baseball and softball players. They benefitted from his sports knowledge and leadership for St. Mary's teams for over 40 years. Larry was also a member of the Knights of Columbus #3021 Notre Dame Council.

Larry is survived by his wife of 58 years, Veronica; children, Troy (Lynne) Stockwell, Todd (Sandra) Stockwell, Craig (Jill) Stockwell, Robin (Larry) Small, and Traci (Bryce) Wilson; grandchildren, Ashley Wiczorek, Sierra, Na-

talia, Shane, Cory, Ryan, Chaneil, Maria (Brandon) Mullins, Marguerite, Duncan, and Veronica; great-grandchildren, Jade and Nathan. Also survived by sister, Sally (Neal) Hannan and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Larry was pre-deceased by his siblings, Anthony "Tony" (Dorothy) Stockwell, Suzanne Schwein, and Mary Lou (Leo) Sheehan.

Visitation was at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, on January 6, 2020 (with a Rosary Service at 7:00 p.m.). On Tuesday, January 7, 2020, visitation continued at St. Mary Catholic Church. Interment services with military honors occurred at Great Lakes National Cemetery on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. Memorials in honor of Larry may be made to: American Diabetes Association P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215 ([www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)), American Heart Association Greater Midwest Affiliate, 3816 Pay-sphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674, ([www.americanherat.org](http://www.americanherat.org)), National Kidney Foundation, 1169 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 ([www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org)), Michigan Medicine (U of M Hospital) 1000 Oakbrook Drive-Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.





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