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You may see that our waiting room will no longer offer magazines, decorative items and so forth, since those items are difficult to clean and disinfect.

Appointments will be managed to allow for social distancing between patients. That might mean that you're offered fewer options for scheduling your appointment.

We will do our best to allow greater time between patients to reduce waiting times for you, as well as to reduce the number of patients in the reception area at any one time.

We look forward to seeing you again and are happy to answer any questions you may have about the steps we take to keep you, and every patient, safe in our practice.

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Left to right: Salutatorian Hannah Chevalier, Salutatorian Kayla Gray, Valedictorian Brooklyn Climer, and Salutatorian Ashlee Miller, back row: Valedictorian Jazlyn Gatton, Valedictorian Trent Griffith, Valedictorian Edwin Hernandez-Zarate, and Valedictorian Adalia Kirby.

Wayne pride shows in class of 2020 Valedictorians and Salutatorians

There are fewer valedictorians this year than in years past, but Wayne Memorial High School has more salutatorians. Both categories of achievement are determined strictly by cumulative GPA. Valedictorians have GPAs 4.0 and above. Salutatorians have GPAs between 3.93 and 3.99.

Meet the Class of 2020 Valedictorians:

Jazlyn Gatton, daughter of Windy and Joseph Gatton, plans to attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a full-tuition Chancellor's Scholarship to study Pre-Pharmacy. "I was president of the Pride Club for two years, as well as on the Exec Board of both the Mural Club and National Honor Society. I am currently a part of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Additionally, I began a natal chart reading service my junior year. I also won Gold Key in the poetry category of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, plus first place in two categories of the Annual WMHS Library Poetry Contest that same year. By the end of my senior year, I was an AP Scholar with Distinction with five Wayne Memorial department awards (Freshman Year: Algebra 2; Sophomore Year: AP Span-

ish, AP World, and Science; Junior Year: English) and had completed 66 college credits in total."

Trent Griffith, son of Tracey and Jason Griffith, plans to attend Vanderbilt University to study Political Science. His achievements include Varsity swim captain, 9 varsity letters (track, swim, and cross country), member of senate for 3 years, actor in 2 fall plays, and co-founder of the Political Activist Club.

Adalia Kirby, daughter of Rachel and Jahan Kirby, plans to attend University of Michigan-Ann Arbor to study Philosophy and Sociology with a minor in History. Her achievements include Honor Roll, varsity letter, and National Honor Society.

Brooklyn Climer, daughter of Karen Climer, plans to attend Macalester College to study Environmental Studies with a concentration in Design. Brooklyn's achievements include: Distinguished Young Woman 1st Runner Up, 2x Excellence in Art Awards, Vice President of Pride Club, Co-Founder of Eco Club and 2019 Homecoming Court.

Edwin Hernandez-Zarate, son of Rosario and Jovito Hernandez, plans to attend University of Michigan-Ann Arbor to study Economics and Political Science. Edwin was accepted to Upward Bound and accepted to the National History Academy in high school.

Meet the Class of 2020 Salutatorians:

Ashlee Miller, daughter of Michell Catrell, plans to attend Michigan State University to study Neuroscience.

Hannah Chevalier, daughter of Danielle and Brad Chevalier, plans to attend Schoolcraft College. She is undecided on a course of study. Hannah was a part of Senate for 4 years and NHS for one year.

Kayla Gray, daughter of Eugenia Chunn, plans to attend Claflin University to study African American Studies. Her achievements include National Honor Society, Student Government, 3 Academic Award Letters, Varsity Basketball, 3 Honors Awards for outstanding achievements in a subject, Civitan Youth and Diversity Leadership Camp.



Fresh Choice grocery store butcher stocks the shelves daily with fresh meat.

Four essential businesses cope amidst pandemic

By Carolyn Marnon

Four Wayne businesses shared how they have continued to serve the community during the Michigan Stay Home, Stay Safe order.

Fresh Choice is the largest grocery store in the City of Wayne. Manager Lydia Pattah says the store has operated continuously during store hours since the pandemic started. She says they are "staying safe, taking more precautions than we normally do, extra sanitation, wearing gloves all the time, wearing masks all the time, pretty much keeping the customer safe and the employees healthy."

Fresh Choice put up plastic barriers at the checkout counters and taped the front end of the store to keep people the recommended social distance of 6 feet apart.

Although they do not yet have

Clorox or Lysol wipes in stock, Lydia says everything else has been successfully stocked throughout the pandemic. She says there were only a few days when they didn't have toilet paper, the holy grail of shoppers everywhere. She says they now have "tons of it." The hardest to get item has been yeast, "which is a very odd thing since everyone started baking their own bread. It's finally started to come in," said Lydia. She also shared that the top selling breads, like white and wheat, along with hamburger and hot dog buns have been easy to get, but the specialty breads have not been as easy to stock.

Northside Hardware, the long-time institution of tools and paint in Wayne and the favorite hardware destination of many, has continued

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Be the light in someone's life


By Carolyn Marnon

The "Be the Light" project was initiated by the Wayne Memorial High School Athletic Department to honor the Class of 2020 athletes and the rest of the senior class. According to Athletic Director Jason Malloy, the department wanted to do something that brought light to the seniors who were devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on their senior year. Other school districts across the state were doing similar projects. Athletic Director Malloy went out to the football stadium for three consecutive Thursdays at 20:20 (8:20 p.m.). "I let the lights shine for 20 minutes for the Class of 2020."

As he was at the stadium, he filmed short videos to share on social media with the seniors. "We have light on in the stadium to represent you guys being the light," Malloy said on the first Thursday. The following week he shared, "When I look at our track, I think about endurance and how when you run you have to finish the race, and so as we are faced with this pandemic, I encourage you all to finish the race." The final night's message: "Be the light for someone else."



WMHS Zebra Stadium is lit up at 20:20 (8:20 p.m.) to remind the Class of 2020 to Be the Light. Photo by Ryan Wright



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City of Wayne receives \$296,756 in grant funding

The City of Wayne, Michigan received notification from the Michigan Department of Treasury Revenue Sharing and Grants Division that the City's application submitted in December of 2019, to the Fiscally Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships grant Program has been selected for a grant award in the amount of \$296,756.

The grant funds will be used to replace critical information technology infrastructure, most of which is over a decade old. "I am incredibly excited about this grant announcement as this has been one of my priorities since becoming a Wayne City Councilmember and now serving as the Mayor," said Mayor John Rhaesa. "As the use of technology continues to expand in our everyday lives, this grant provides an opportunity to deliver better service at the municipal level to our residents, and it will streamline many of the outdated processes that currently exist, creating more efficiencies for the employees," the Mayor added.

On February 19, 2019, the Wayne City Council unanimously selected a bid from the Plante Moran Public Sector Technology and Operations Consulting Division to provide a city Department-wide information technology and cybersecurity assessment (\$19,800 IT Assessment/\$10,000 cybersecurity assessment).

The assessment was completed in September of 2019 and identified significant risk exposure associated with obsolete technology infrastructure. The grant funding provides the city with an opportunity to mitigate a majority of the issues highlighted in the assessment and move towards a much more sustainable and updated information technology environment that fits today's world.

"Plante Moran's Public Sector Technology and Operations Consulting Division was privileged to be part of the City's commitment to make strategic technology investments, produce tangible savings, while delivering modern, sustainable public services. Through a continuing col-

laboration, Plante Moran and the City's Team identified significant financial savings achieved by addressing the City's critical IT needs and jointly authored the grant application," said Christopher Blough, Plante Moran Public Sector Technology & Operations Consulting.

- The application identified key technology investments saving the City over 6,000 staff hours or \$300,000 annually by digitizing hardcopy records and making them digitally accessible.

- The investment mitigates significant risk exposure associated with obsolete infrastructure serving as a backbone for 41 business systems supported by the City's 20+ year old fiber network, 10-year old switches, and an end-of-life phone system.

- The grant funds will modernize the City's firewall, telecommunications system, fiber, network switches, camera systems and key business applications including building permit software, time and attendance software, security access

controls, and provide Microsoft 365's application suite to all City staff.

- Cybersecurity measures will ensure services delivered with the necessary security, access, and delivery controls to provide online services to citizens so they receive accurate, timely, and complete information. The City also received a \$5000 reimbursement check from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Agency to cover 50% of the \$10,000 spent on the cybersecurity portion of the assessment.

"I want to thank the State of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Treasury Revenue Sharing and Grants Division for this grant award. The City of Wayne is struggling financially and does not have the funds to make these necessary and in some cases, critical investments. This grant will go a long way when it comes to transforming local government efficiencies and promoting sustainable service delivery," said Wayne City Manager, Lisa Nocerini.

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to be open “through the good, the bad and the ugly” owner Sam Yono said.

The biggest challenge at Northside involved getting help to work. “That’s basically about all the challenges we’ve had,” said Sam. He said the plumbing section is staffed by older retirees who didn’t feel comfortable working during the major health scare. With COVID-19 numbers trending down now, those employees are starting to come back to work.

Sam says Northside has taken all the necessary steps to follow the state and government guidelines. There are plexiglass barriers at the checkouts, signs up advising to wear masks, and customers have been offered gloves if they don’t have them when they walk in. Other than that, business has “been about the same, to be honest with you.”

Sam did say he was unable to get sanitizing sprays as whatever the companies are producing are going to first responders. He has been able to stock hand sanitizers and wipes



Northside Hardware continues to stock their shelves with essential household items.

when they are available and he can get them. As far as anything else goes, “we’ve been in business so long and built a reputation with vendors, not only locally and across the country, they make things accessible to us,” said Sam.

Sam wants to thank all their customers for being patient and understanding. “We thank everybody who supports us through this whole ordeal. We thank everyone for being patient with us through this whole ordeal. We can’t wait to go back to normal.”

K&S Auto did close their doors

for the whole month of April. Owner Ray Krull says they didn’t have to close down, but there was a situation with a customer who had been diagnosed with COVID-19. “By law, we could have been open, but we closed because we had a scare,” said Ray. He said nobody got infected because they had been using precautions, but to be on the safe side, staff at this family-owned business quarantined themselves.

Ray allows only one customer in the office at a time. Employees wipe down the cars before working on them. They also wear masks. Other than that, it is business as usual.

The biggest challenge Ray has faced has not been the ability to get the auto supplies and parts he needs. It is the amount of time it takes to get them. “Deliveries are not as quick as they used to be because there are still people off in the delivery system because they make more money staying at home.”

“We were considered an essential business, so we were able to stay open,” said Matt Gietzen, owner of **Henry’s Service Center**.

“We were affected quite a bit. Our

car count was down maybe 40%.” The business has tried to go touchless, utilizing a drop box so people would not have to come into the small waiting area. A shield was installed at the front counter and disinfecting and cleaning has increased. Work is done by appointment only.

Matt says he’s “very cognizant of what’s going on out there (in the waiting area). I try to never have more than one person in my waiting room, preferably no one.”

The guys wear rubber gloves and use seat covers and steering wheel covers before working on cars. They wash their hands often and there are hand sanitizers all around the building. “We’ve been fortunate not to have any issues,” said Matt.

Matt says delivery of auto parts has slowed way down because supply places are having a hard time with drivers right now. Getting supplies, he said, has slowed down from 15 minutes to several hours.

Matt attributes business being down 40% due to many of their older clientele doing the right thing by not going out. “That has affected us a lot,” he said.






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The Blue Star Memorial Garden is in front of Harry J Will Funeral Home between the two Michigan Avenues. Photo by Joe Suda

Helping Wayne bloom

By Carolyn Marnon

The Wayne Garden Club maintains four garden sites around downtown Wayne: the Blue Star Memorial Garden on Michigan Avenue, the Clock Garden at E. Michigan Ave and Wayne Rd, the Hosta Garden along the Riverwalk in Goudy Park and the enclosed garden at the Wayne Public Library.

Although garden club members were not able to attend scheduled monthly meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they were able to help spruce up the various gardens for summer enjoyment. According to Wayne Garden Club Vice President Joe Suda, who himself is a Master Gardener, interested members will usually spend a Saturday morning

or two weeding, trimming and putting down wood mulch.

The club has also collaborated with Wayne Main Street to plant and maintain the four planters in Derby's Alley. Members Joe Suda and Lynn Higgs generously donated their time recently toward the project.

When not ordered to stay home due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wayne Garden Club usually meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, March-November at 12:30, at the Wayne Public Library, unless a field trip has been planned.

If you would like more information about the Wayne Garden Club, please contact Joe Suda at smokingjo@att.net or Club President Mary Baryo at baryo@att.net.

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Patricia "Pat" Tallmadge, née McSweeney, 86, Wausau, formerly of Wayne, Michigan, died peacefully on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

She was born April 30, 1934 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Louis J. and Lucy (Hicks) McSweeney.

Pat, a resident of the Detroit area for 63 years, attended Detroit Public schools and graduated from Northwestern High School, June 1952. Following graduation, Pat worked at Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Import - Export Division, Detroit until her marriage to Walter H. Tallmadge on March 22, 1957.

Pat is preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, and their two daughters, Mary Louise Allen, and Julia Ann Tallmadge. Other losses include five half-brothers, two half-sisters, a nephew, and her special friend and companion of 10 years, Earl W. Chrudimsky, formerly of Aniwa and Eland, WI. Earl passed away at their home on February 9, 2010.

While raising her family in Wayne, MI, Pat enjoyed homemaking, the PTO, being a leader in Girl Scouts, golfing with her husband, and socializing with family and friends. She worked at Nankin Hospital, Carpenter Hospital, Eudaly and Weston Insurance Agency, all located in the Wayne area; but her real calling was politics. In the early 1960's, after being involved in a Teamster sponsored educational program D.R.I.V.E. (Democratic Republican Independent Voters Education), Pat spent the next 30 years working and managing the District Operations of U.S. Representative William D. Ford (D - Tay-

lor, MI), retired and deceased. While serving Congressman Ford, Pat was a charter member and officer of the 15th Congressional District Democratic Org., the Wayne Democratic Party, and the Michigan Democratic Party. She proudly served as Delegate and Alternate to several National Democratic party conventions.

Following her retirement from federal service, and the untimely death of her husband in 1993, Pat began a seven-year hitch volunteering as parish secretary at St. Mary's of Wayne Catholic Church. In late October 2000, Pat moved to Wisconsin to be near her daughter and grandchildren. It was there she met Earl and they soon began their life together. Summers were spent traveling around Wisconsin and winters were spent enjoying the Gulf of Mexico near their home in Donna, TX. She also found time to enjoy the slots and casinos as they traveled around the country.

Pat is survived by her son-in-law, Elmer R. Allen, Wausau; granddaughter, Jennifer (Dennis) Mark, Pensacola, FL; and grandson, Jason (Jennifer) Howells, Wausau. She is also the proud great-grandmother of Cailee Anne, Carter Mitchell and Chloe Michelle Howells, and Ayla Renee Mark. In the Detroit area, she leaves many nieces and one nephew, Gary M. Scott, Washington, MI.

Private family services are being held at a later time. Pat will be laid to rest at Glenwood Cemetery in the City of Wayne, MI. Brainard Funeral Home and Cremation Center is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be shared at www.brainardfuneral.com.



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Phoenix Theatres announces re-open plan

Phoenix Theatres' humble beginnings took root in the late summer of 2000, and in the two decades since they have risen above more than their fair share of difficult challenges that are typical to a small business. However, none of these problems have been as serious as the current COVID-19 Pandemic.

"This challenge was completely unexpected, and affects literally everyone in the world," explained Cory Jacobson, owner of Phoenix Theatres. "We have faith in the human need to interact with one another and the art we present at the movies. It is unique to our American experience, as movies are one of our greatest cultural contributions to the world. Our business is both local and very social by nature and uniquely disadvantaged in a pandemic crisis."

The movie industry is not only closed at your local theatre, but all production has stopped on new feature films as well. The film studios have responded by literally rescheduling all films beginning later this summer and in some cases 2021. As the film industry grapples with these unprecedented problems, Phoenix Theatres decided to proactively shift their focus to offer solutions that could make a difference.

"Our management group has spent the past few months working on developing a comprehensive plan with CDC guidance to carefully reopen our theatres," Jacobson said. "We are hopeful that all of our locations will be able to open by July 1st to support the return of Hollywood's summer blockbuster movies to the big screen."

Phoenix Theatres was founded in Southeast Michigan 20 years ago, and 2 years ago opened a location in Dubuque, Iowa -- where on May 22nd Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds made the announcement that movie theatres could reopen with restrictions. Phoenix Theatres however, decided to wait and utilize this time instead to train local management and employees on their new protocols and make upgrades to their ticketing system that will allow the computer to automatically practice social distancing inside each auditorium by implementing reserved seating.



The State Wayne is Phoenix Theatre's company jewel. Photo by John Rhaesa

"Prior to our re-opening, we will be traveling to our theatre locations in Iowa, Massachusetts, and Michigan with our small specialized training group to individually work with every employee in the company," said Sheena Hohman, Director of Employee Training and Development. "This will ensure a complete understanding of the importance of following our newly established guidelines for operations. By providing our employees with the tools and training necessary we can establish a safe movie-going environment for both our employees and guests."

Phoenix Theatres plans to incorporate both CDC and our local government standards on how a theatre should safely operate. Working closely with the National Association of Theatre Owners and with the help of theatre management and employees, new safety protocols have been established for every aspect of the theatre:

- There will be social distancing guidelines in all the common areas and most importantly in the theatre auditoriums. The seating layout will

automatically be configured within the reserved seating computer software, so that customers will not be within six feet of other guests not in their family group.

- Each employee will wear masks and other protective equipment.

- Transactions will be streamlined at the ticketing and concession stand to further minimize touch points.

- In between each showing, a food grade disinfectant spray will be used on all seats that removes 99.99% of all viruses on surfaces within 30 seconds.

- This disinfectant spray will also be used on high touch points throughout the building including the restrooms and concession areas.

- Hand sanitizer stations will also be provided for customer use throughout the theatre.

Detailed Video Re-Opening Plan: "In order to help easily demonstrate these new policies, we developed a video to help illustrate what you can expect to see during your next trip to the movies," said Tearis Reid, Vice President of Operations.

"The cinema has always been a way for people to escape reality for a few hours. It is our job now more than ever to provide this experience to our guests while keeping them safe."

To view Phoenix Theatres re-opening video plan and a complete listing of safety protocols, please visit the web site in advance at: www.phoenixmovies.net/covid

Coming Attractions:

In the past several weeks, the movie industry has received some very hopeful news with Solstice Studios announcing a July 1st opening for their new Russell Crowe film "Unhinged," with Warner Brothers following with their new Christopher Nolan film "Tenet" on July 17th and Walt Disney Studios opening their long awaited "Mulan" on July 24th.

New Online Store:

The past few months have also been a time of great creativity and several very technically talented employees have worked together to develop a new Phoenix Theatres Store on the website that for the first time will allow customers to purchase gift cards on line (in increments of \$25, \$50, \$100) and are available by visiting on the web at Phoenix-movies.net. As this is the only area of the business that will be open for many weeks, Phoenix Theatres would certainly appreciate your support. The gift cards can be used for any film and concession items once the theatres reopen for business.

There is no doubt that the coronavirus has wreaked havoc on the movie industry in ways that are visible to us. However, theatre owners all over the country remain hopeful.

Just like in the past, with a determined effort we will prevail, again," Jacobson said. "It is our sincere hope that our society can safely return to a normal routine of enjoying our lives and love of movies. The experience of living through this crisis has certainly been very humbling for all of us. I want to personally thank many of you that have called us and took the time to send us letters of support. These little niceties are just a little more appreciated than ever and proves to us that it's incredible customers who have supported us the last 20 years."

Seniors roll on to next phase of their lives

By Carolyn Marnon

The Class of 2020 is a unique one. They went to school one day in March, just like they did every other school day since kindergarten. Only when they went home that day, they didn't know they would not be coming back to walk the halls of high school ever again. Just like that, school as they knew it was over. Senior year. Over. Done. No prom. No graduation ceremony celebrated at Eastern Michigan University like all the classes before them.

What happens next is that people

On Friday, June 12, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m., WMHS Class of 2020 Seniors can drive a preselected route on their high school campus starting at the Senior Lot on the corner of 4th and Ash. Seniors can decorate their cars if they wish.

start getting creative. Front doors decorated to celebrate the senior student living there. Shout outs on the school marquee. The football field lit up at 20:20 (8:20 p.m.) for 20 minutes to honor the Class of 2020.

School social media highlighting and paying tribute to various seniors.

At this time, it is unknown what graduation will actually look like for the Wayne Memorial High School Zebra Class of 2020. One thing is

known. On Friday, June 12, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m., WMHS Class of 2020 Seniors can drive a preselected route on their high school campus starting at the Senior Lot on the corner of 4th and Ash. Seniors can decorate their cars if they wish. As they drive the campus, honking and waving, staff, teachers, and administrators will be there to cheer them on what would have been the last day of school. If you aren't doing anything that afternoon, perhaps you will go cheer on our Class of 2020!

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