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Air Force veteran speaks at memorial flag raising

By Carolyn Marnon

A large crowd gathered around Wayne's new Veteran's Memorial Wednesday, September 30, for the official flag raising ceremony. The majority of attendees wore masks. Chairs were socially distanced. Many stood encircling the space.

Over \$100,000 was raised over the last four years to bring this dream to honor our military veterans to life. The memorial is accessible year-round. Three benches look towards the memorial to provide space for contemplation. Several parking spaces face the memorial for those veterans who are unable or do not wish to get out of their vehicle. It's a place where veterans can ponder thoughts they can never share with anyone else.

As the Pledge of Allegiance was recited on a cool autumn day, occasional raindrops fell from the sky, like teardrops for all who gave their lives during their military service.

Wayne Mayor John Rhaesa spoke about the courage, pride, determination, selflessness, dedication and integrity of those who have served this country.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Porter, who is a veteran himself, was unable to be at the ceremony as he is fighting his own battle, a private one, with cancer. He did send a message that was read saying in part "It's a place to say thank you to all who served."

Pastor Seth McDonald of Hill Crest Bible Church praised the memorial as a place where future generations will know of the sacrifices made before them.

Retired Air Force Colonel Charles L. Cone, the guest speaker, approached the podium to share his thoughts. "Most of us can hardly move around!" he chuckled to the crowd. Col. Cone wanted to be a naval aviator when he was growing up; his passion was flying. He raised and sold beans to earn the money needed for flying lessons. He grew up and became a Naval Aviator. He later transferred his commission to the Air Force in time to serve in the Korean War. He completed his military tour in Vietnam and retired in 1973. He became an active flight instructor.

In speaking of his service, he choked up and paused for a moment as he shared how he gets a lump in



Retired Air Force Colonel Charles L. Cone, the guest speaker, talks to Mayor Rhaesa about his dad John A. Rhaesa being a veteran. Photos by Doug Bargerstock



Retired soldier U.S. Army Sergeant E8 Paul and Ginger Cook of Wayne listen to Retired Air Force Colonel Charles L. Cone at the Memorial Dedication.



Wayne Memorial High School JROTC before presenting of the Colors.

his throat and a tear in his eye whenever he hears The Star-Spangled Banner and Taps. Taps means a vet has gone to glory, he said. He told the crowd that we cannot accept the burning and disrespect of our flag. Men and women of the armed services are there to protect you, he said. Service members and vets have taken on special responsibilities to maintain our way of life.

Col. Cone remembered eleven of his crew members who were killed in a plane crash as they were preparing to go on leave. One of those killed was his roommate. He had experiences where he had to inform a wife of the death of her husband, and then had to visit the man's parents to inform them. He knew a World War II paratrooper who had a newborn son. He had made jumps in Africa, Italy, Normandy and then was killed in Belgium. He never "met" his son.

In an ironic twist, as soon as Col. Cone was done speaking, the clouds opened up and rain started coming down over the gathered crowd.

Wayne Police Officer and veteran Jordan Arndt, Wayne Police Officer and veteran Joshua Priebe, and Wayne Fire Department and veteran Captain Dave Wylie raised the flags, the American flag and the POW/MIA flag, over the Veterans Memorial to close the ceremony.

The Wayne Memorial High School Zebra Marching Band played an American medley of songs as the skies opened up and a downpour began.



Wayne Police Officer Jordan Arndt (Veteran), Wayne Police Officer Joshua Priebe (Veteran) and Wayne Fire Department Captain Dave Wylie (Veteran) raise the American Flag and the POW/MIA Flag at the Veteran's Memorial Dedication. Photo by Doug Bargerstock

Veteran's Memorial Dedication and Flag Raising Ceremony

The City of Wayne and the Wayne Veteran's Memorial Committee would like to thank everyone who participated or joined us for the Wayne Veteran's Memorial Dedication and Flag Raising Ceremony on Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

Wayne Memorial High School JROTC under the direction of First Sergeant Albert Phoenix: Presenting of the Colors

Members of the Wayne Memorial High School Zebra March Band under the direction of Michael Wolf: Star Spangled Banner, TAPS and Patriotic Medley performances

Wayne Police Chief Ryan Strong, Wayne/Westland Fire Chief Michael Stradtner and Wayne Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Jeremie Schneider: Pledge of Allegiance

Wayne Police Officer Jordan Arndt (Veteran), Wayne Police Officer Joshua Priebe (Veteran) and Wayne Fire Department Captain Dave Wylie (Veteran): Flag Raising (American Flag and the POW/MIA Flag)

Guest Speaker: Colonel Charles L. Cone, United States Air Force, Retired

Presenter: Chris Miller, Citizen, Member of UAW Local 900
Invocation and Closing Prayer: Pastor Seth McDonald, Hill Crest Bible Church

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Candy tips for a healthy Halloween

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Other tips include:

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

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

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

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

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

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Former resident has a horror-fying experience

By Carolyn Marnon

After a stressful move from New York City into their new country home, Lauren and Jerry unwind with their closest friend Megan in the dimly lit cottage. The calm only lasts so long. Megan discovers an ashen little boy in the yard, shivering and alone...or so they think. The three friends act quickly to protect this boy from a frightening man and his gang of drifters who seem intent on getting this child.

The cops won't come, and the men don't scare easily. It becomes utterly clear that in the country you are on your own.

The only thing that separates them from horror is a dirty pane of glass or a creaking wooden door. But how long can you keep the wolves out when their prey lies within?

The friends' resilient city mentalities cannot stave off what lingers in the darkness, will not stop the evil at their door. How could they possibly be prepared for what's in the woods? (from www.whatsinthewoodsmovie.com)

The daughter of retired Wayne Police Chief John Colligan and retired Schweitzer Elementary school teacher Pat Colligan dares you to find out.

Maggie Colligan grew up in Wayne and says she's a big fan of the City. Her father, who died 6 years ago and was a former Wayne police chief, was born and raised in Wayne "and worked his way up. By far my biggest idol in life. My grandma worked as a secretary at St. Mary's of Wayne back in the day. My grandpa was a postal worker. My mom was a teacher at Schweitzer Elementary school and won many awards for her



Mikey Dominguez-Beddome, Michel Dominguez-Beddome, and Maggie Colligan joined forces to bring Maggie's dream project to life.

time as a teacher there. One of my sister's (Katie Colligan Krimmel) worked in special education for Wayne-Westland schools; my other sister (Amy Colligan Hamilton) works in communications for the city of Canton. They both are amazing. Many of my friends and family still work as educators in Wayne-Westland schools and are a huge part of the community. What I do pales in comparison to them."

What does she do? Maggie is a screenwriter, living her dream in New York City. She currently lives in Astoria and commutes to her job in a huge warehouse in Queens where she has a large office space and plenty of room to social distance. (A lot of the hit CBS TV-show Blue Bloods that stars Wayne Memorial graduate Gregory Jbara films across the street). She runs TV Boy, a company that specializes in hidden camera tv and reality competition shows. Have you heard of ABC's "What Would You Do?", Food Network's "Worst Cooks in America" or "Beat

Bobby Flay?" If you've seen something that had to do with hidden cameras, her company has probably had something to do with it, she says. They also recently did remote production for Rachael Ray's 30 Minute Meals whereby they put robotic cameras in her house and had camera operators working out of a trailer in Rachael's driveway. "We do all the quirky technical stuff."

Maggie spent 3 years studying for a business degree at Western Michigan University before taking a daring leap and moving to San Francisco where she got a degree from San Francisco State in Screen Writing. "This is what I want to do with my life," she said at the time.

"20/20 hindsight," she laughs at the reference, "Let's just say looking back, now that I am older and wiser, I probably should have finished that degree before going to study film. But I do own a company now, so something worked out."

She was hired by TV Boy as an office manager and field coordinator 8 years ago. Last year, she was promoted to Chief Operating Officer. "It's a really fun time to take over a business." She says that in New York, they call Detroit the 6th borough because sometimes it's easier to hop on a plane and fly to Detroit than it is to take the subway to the Bronx.

"What's in the Woods?" evolved after a very vivid dream Maggie had

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NEWS BRIEFS

The Wayne Historical Society has announced a number of programs coming up later this year. Add these to your calendar now and watch this column for further information. Masks are required at the events. Hand sanitizer will be available. The museum is sanitizing door knobs and surfaces.

**Oct. 8, 7:00 p.m.
The History of Eloise**

Tyler Moll will present the history of this infamous hospital, poorhouse and asylum at 7:00 p.m. This will be a pre-recorded video that will be on Facebook and You Tube. You can find the links through the Wayne Public Library website.

**Oct. 17, 4:00 p.m.
Witches Brew Tea**

A haunted tea party inside the Wayne Historical Museum will feature several Wayne characters in a spooky setting. Event is at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are selling fast, so act now! Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased through the Museum.

**Oct. 24, 8:00-11:34 p.m.
Ghost Hunt at the Museum**

Join the Great Lakes Ghost Hunters as they hunt for paranormal activity in the 140-year-old Wayne Historical Museum. A one-hour spot is \$25. There is a limit of ten people per hour. Masks are required; hand sanitizer will be available.

**Nov. 12, 7:00 p.m.
Blacksmithing: The Bert Green Story**

Learn about Bert Green and what life was like as one of Wayne's last blacksmiths. You will also learn how

the company continues today. This event will be inside. Masks are required. Chairs will be socially distanced. The museum will try to record the event for those who wish to stay at home.

**Dec. 5, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Holiday Night at the Museum**

Come out and see Santa, get cookies and hot chocolate, and join in the Christmas cheer as the town Christmas tree is lit. All activities will be held outside. There will not be events inside the Wayne Historical Museum nor at First United Methodist Church.

Notre Dame Hall. 3144 S. Wayne Rd, Wayne, will be hosting DJ Justin Dance Parties. \$5 cover includes a snack buffet. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. with tickets available at the door. You can make online reservations if you wish at www.NotreDameHall.com/events. The next themed night is Disco (October 24). This series of Saturday night dance parties will have you dancing all night long.

Wayne County will be providing free drive-thru covid-19 testing in the City of Wayne November 21 and 22 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The location has not yet been determined. Mark your calendar now if you wish to get tested. No preregistration is needed. Insurance is not needed. A doctor's order is not required. Testing is for ages 5 and up; minors must be accompanied by guardian.

The Ford Bronco made the

cover of the current Car and Driver magazine. The Bronco will be built at the Wayne Assembly Plant soon.

Mill Trail will be getting an upgrade thanks to a \$79,677.13 grant from the Wayne County CBDG (Community Development Block Grant) Program. The grant will cover the costs to replace 27 existing trail lights with 27 60W-LED energy efficient lights; 4 eight-foot heavy duty metal park benches and three 32-gallon metal trash receptacles to be placed along Mill Trail.

Mill Trail is an approximately one-mile walking and biking trail that runs along the Rouge River. Currently, the lighting along the trail is either not operational or has been damaged. Some of the benches are worn out and need to be replaced. Litter has been a problem that will hopefully be addressed with the addition of trash receptacles that can be anchored to the ground with lids attached by a cable. This will likely prevent the occasion of finding trash receptacles and lids thrown into the river.

No date has been confirmed for when the project will begin.

Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini announced that the City of Wayne received \$489,380 through the Michigan Department of Treasury Public Safety and Public Health Payroll Reimbursement Program (PSPHPR). The funding will be used to offset costs for full-time Police and Fire personnel in the way of salary, overtime, healthcare and fringes during the peak of COVID-19.

The City also received \$37,000.00 through the First Responder Hazard Pay Premiums Program through the Michigan Department of Treasury which was provided to communities that currently do not have Hazard Pay in the current union contracts for Police and Fire only. This grant covers 37 employees in both Police and Fire. The maximum the City could request is \$1000.00 dollars per employee which Wayne requested.

The Atwood Park playground is temporarily closed. A new play structure will replace the current structure. Due to safety concerns and the need to prep the area for the new playground, the existing play structure is closed. Construction of the new playground will begin soon.

OBITUARIES

Wayne's oldest resident, 110-year old Winifred Nichols, died September 28 in Wayne. She is survived by her son, Emery Nichols, Jr. and daughter, Patricia (Fredrick) Garber, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Emery Nichols, Sr., father Joseph Eberts, mother Mable Eberts and daughter Joyce Chiodini. Visitation and Rosary were held October 4 at Uht Funeral Home followed by Visitation and Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church on October 5. She was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre in Southfield.



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while living in LA. "It woke me up. It was terrifying. I just grabbed my notebook and wrote everything I remembered." The dream became a screen play which she showed to friends. "If that's a dream," she was told, "I'd hate to see what you have for a nightmare."

One day while talking to co-workers, it was decided they should do a project together. Maggie's friend, Michel Dominguez-Beddome, decided she wanted to direct Maggie's screen play. The screenplay was already 10 years old, so Maggie had to transform it with modern dialogue. Then came the hard parts: finding a location to film, determining how many cast members were needed, creating a budget and doing a fundraising campaign. "All of the not fun stuff. My most hated process (the fundraising) AND the thing I loved about it," Maggie confides, "I'm not comfortable asking for money. I had so much anxiety when we launched it (the fundraising campaign) and put it out there, but the amount of support we got from people, from literally all walks of my life, it blew my



Maggie Colligan, 1993 Wayne Memorial graduate, recently finished filming her screenplay, *What's in the Woods*

mind. It was very humbling. I was just so grateful that people wanted to help me out. One of my favorite things was friends from my childhood I hadn't talked to since middle school donating."

"I've always loved horror movies," said Maggie. "I blame that on my sisters. It was a neat experience to go from all that uncomfortable anxiety to validity of what you are doing."

Maggie gives a lot of credit to Michel and her husband, Mikey Dominguez-Beddome. "It started

with Michel, our director, saying I want to do this, let's do this and then her husband Mikey saying yea and the two of them just, the project happened because of the two of them. Those two gave me the help and motivation to make something."

"The one rule of production is hope for the best, plan for the worst, and it's still all the unexpected things that happen," said Maggie as they prepared for the weekend during which the film, which is 15-minutes long, would be shot. It turns out it was a challenging weekend.

"Literally anything that could go wrong did go wrong." The truck carrying the gear got a flat on the way to the location, a tree farm in Pennsylvania that was closed for the season. Another car got stuck in the mud because it was raining so hard. "I haven't slept in five days. This is great," she laughingly recalls about that weekend in November 2018. "People don't understand how many people it takes to put something together. You just have to have the right team. I am very grateful I had so many connections to so many talented people to help us out."

A few weeks after filming, they

started watching footage they had shot and piecing it together. Maggie got slammed at TV Boy, so Mikey and Michel started editing and putting it together. "I was worried when we shot it that we lost so much time. We didn't get everything we wanted to shoot. I am really happy with the final product."

The film was completed earlier this year. A screening for cast and crew, friends and contributors was planned with a party at a Brooklyn venue for Friday, the 13th. March 13th. And as things should go with a horror story, New York Governor Cuomo declared that he was locking down New York on March 10. The screening had to be postponed. No one has seen the film yet except for Maggie, Michel and Mikey.

What's in the Woods is an official selection for the Fall 2020 Oregon Scream Week happening this month. It's also a selection for the Indie Memphis Film Festival, appearing later this month.

"When I think of my first love of movies as a kid, it was the State Wayne Drive-in on Michigan Avenue. My parents would take us to the drive-in, and I have good memories,"



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Tips on staying safe from covid-19 this Halloween

By Carolyn Marnon

The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) recently released information on how to celebrate upcoming holidays in ways which will lower the risk of COVID-19. It is recommended that safer, alternative ways to celebrate Halloween are used.

If you have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in any in-person activities nor should you give out candy to trick or treaters.



Stay safe this Halloween.

Moderate risk activities

- Participating in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard)

- If you are preparing goodie bags, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after preparing the bags.

- Having a small group, outdoor, open-air costume parade where people are distanced more than 6 feet apart

- Attending a costume party held outdoors where protective masks are used and people can remain more than 6 feet apart

- A costume mask (such as for Halloween) is not a substitute for a cloth mask. A costume mask should not be used unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and

doesn't leave gaps around the face.

- Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.

- Going to an open-air, one-way, walk-through haunted forest where appropriate mask use is enforced, and people can remain more than 6 feet apart

- If screaming will likely occur, greater distancing is advised. The greater the distance, the lower the risk of spreading a respiratory virus.

- Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples, wearing masks is encouraged or enforced, and people are able to maintain social distancing

- Having an outdoor Halloween movie night with local family friends

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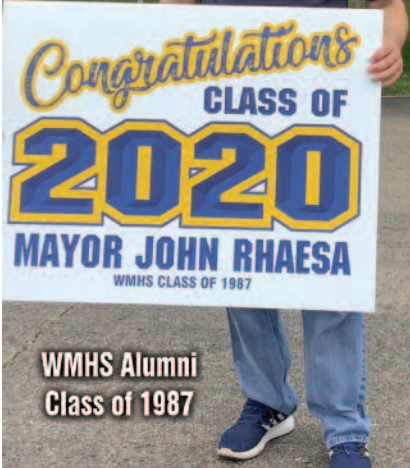
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New coalition seeks to increase citizen engagement

By Carolyn Marnon

When the Wayne-Westland Coalition was formed, the original intent was to increase citizen engagement. Members found that registered voters weren't voting in their local elections. The group wanted to overcome the disconnect they felt existed between the community and local school board members.

The new student-run coalition consists of students from both Wayne Memorial High School and John Glenn High School. Counselors at both schools were asked to refer students who were interested in social advocacy or politics to become board members. Anyone is allowed to join the coalition.

The coalition uses Twitter, Instagram and Facebook to increase community engagement. Board Member Khushi Patel, a senior at Wayne Memorial, encourages community members who want to get involved with the coalition to reach out via social media. Committee members gather once a month to talk about



Wayne-Westland Coalition

If you would like to learn more about the Wayne Westland school board candidates, you can visit the group's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/waynewestlandcoalition>.

projects they are launching. Meetings are currently being held on the Zoom platform to practice safe social distancing.

The coalition recently concluded its first project that had members individually interviewing the Wayne Westland School Board candidates. The interviews were then posted to the social media accounts as a way to disseminate information about each candidate. Khushi says the group came up with a set of ques-

tions that could be asked of each candidate, but it was up to each student who conducted the interview what questions were asked. The coalition had also encouraged community members to provide questions they wanted answers to. One candidate was unable to meet via Zoom for an interview, but she did provide a written response to questions. To remain transparent, all candidates were given a list of the possible questions to be asked

ahead of time; no one was surprised.

The Wayne Westland Coalition is currently trying to raise awareness of the importance of voting in the upcoming election. Members also plan to reach out to community members directly to ask about concerns they have about the school district's virtual education program. They plan to collect responses and present them at a future school board meeting.

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Current board members from Wayne Memorial are Khushi Patel and Lauren McKeney. Representing John Glenn are members Erin Knappe, Jillian Downey, Karina Vazquez, Kathryn Bigelow and Shannon Blevins. The board is rounded out by Wayne Memorial alum Nikita Bhangu who is currently attending Michigan State University.



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High risk activities

Avoid these higher risk activities to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19:

- Participating in traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door
- Having trunk-or-treat where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots
- Attending crowded costume

parties held indoors

- Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming

- Going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household

- Using alcohol or drugs, which can cloud judgement and increase risky behaviors

- Traveling to a rural fall festival that is not in your community if you live in an area with community spread of COVID-19

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Memo from the Great Lakes Water Authority

REGARDING: Disinfection and Flushing on Glenwood Road (Newburgh to Venoy Road)

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is currently working on disinfecting and flushing our 24-inch water transmission main along Glenwood Road between Newburgh and Venoy.

The disinfecting and flushing of this 24-inch water transmission main is required prior to making any connections into the water distribution system.

Our construction contractor has ¾-inch water hoses connected to the 24-inch water transmission main in various locations along Glenwood Road to flush the water out of the transmission main. These water hoses are extended above our man-hole structures to allow the water to drain to the closest sewer.

There are "Wet Pavement" signs set-up along Glenwood Road to provide warning to the drivers that they are entering a wet pavement area.

The water used is coming from GLWA's water distribution system or a fire hydrant. If a fire hydrant is being used, the construction contractor has a water meter connected that calculates how much water is being used to allow the City to bill the contractor.

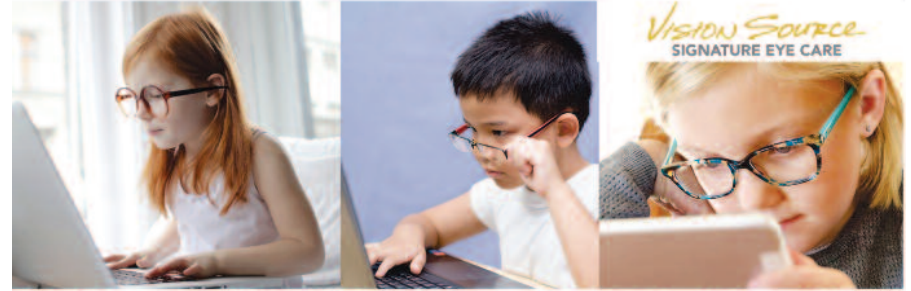
This disinfection and flushing along Glenwood Road should be completed by October 16, 2020.

This process is required to allow GLWA to continue to provide water of unquestionable quality in southeast Michigan. The project will ultimately improve service reliability and redundancy to the area.

The citizens of Wayne are not going to see any increase on their water bill due to Great Lakes Water Authority work on this main.

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2020 LEAGUE OF WOMEN'S VOTERS QUESTIONS FOR

WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION RACE – VOTE411.ORG

Biographical information and experience. Explain why you are running for this office.



John Albrecht

I have been married to my wife, Esther for 49 years. We have 5 children and 11 grandchildren. I spent 25 years in education prior to retiring. I was a secondary math teacher in Detroit Public Schools and Wayne-Westland Community Schools. I have served as an assistant principal and principal in high schools withing Wayne-Westland Schools. I also held the position of Executive Director of Student and Legal Affairs. And for the last 4 years of my time in the district, I held the position of Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.

I have lived within the community of Wayne-Westland Schools since 1980. All 5 of our children received their education here. I have a deep desire to continue to build upon the strengths of the district and to help to move it to a 21st century educational entity.



Daniel Beier

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Eric Cleereman

I have two children in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools District. I am a substitute bus driver within that district. I have mentored a high school team.

I care deeply about this district, the success of its students, staff, and families of both. I think my involvement, skill set, attitude, and experience make me an ideal person for this opening.



Sheree Conn

I am a long-term Westland resident & a product of WWCS. My husband and I are the parents in a beautiful blended family that we continue to nurture. Together, we have 2 adult children who have started their own families. We also have 3 children still at home, 2 of which are students in WWCS with our 7-year-old son attending another district as a second grader. I am the co-president of the Westland Goodfellows, a Healthy Westland Coalition member & civil service commissioner on the city of Westland's Parks and Recreation Advisory Council. I am an advocate for making sure children are supported by their communities, public services, and their schools, and I am running to continue the fight for social, educational, and economic equity by representing WWCS on the school board. I believe the school board is an important institution for community-based decision-making.



Timothy Gilbert

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What are the priority issues facing this office? What actions would you take to address them if elected?

The greatest priority for a trustee for WWCS is the responsibility to move the district more toward an education that utilizes technology to individualize education for each student. The world in which we were all educated utilizing scope and sequence in addition to pacing charts is no longer applicable in a 21st century world. Children need to be prepared for careers and jobs that do not even exist today. We need to provide adaptable curriculum, assessments, and tools that motivate children to explore things and test ideas. We need to move toward a process that encourages imagination rather than quash it.

Next, we must find ways to influence the populace to return to a time when education was funded adequately. Educators are professionals who will need to adapt to new ways of teaching and learning, and they need to be compensated as professionals.

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There is a lack of equity in education, remote learning/Covid crisis, communication, student & instructor retention. Fundamentally, public schools provide a standard for education with equal funding for EVERY student. Yet under the current plan, MANY families are being left behind because many them do not have the internet. The backseat of the family car is not a suitable learning environment and I believe we owe them better. We need to grow partnerships with parents: We must create additional ways for parents facing economic or social barriers to participate in their children's education. Some of our best staff and students are being poached by other districts and charter schools. We need to INVEST in them. We MUST be competitive. I will work with district administration to ensure the shift and focus is where it needs to be: on our stakeholders.

Here are two of the issues I believe are facing our school district:

1)Transparency In Our School System: Improving the hiring process for the superintendent process, as we have failed our students with our past superintendent. We need to ensure the background process has been done completely and to our satisfaction. Review of the budget with a focus on effective use of funds, with student input. In addition, on what jobs were created that are no longer needed or an important part of our children's learning.

2) Accountability In Our School System: We need to hold ourselves accountable as we have neglected in the past. This goes without saying as I have already identified over \$18,000.00 of school funds that were misappropriated.

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Melandie Hines

My name is Melandie Hines and I am running for re-election for the Wayne Westland Board of Education. I have served as the Vice President of the Wayne Westland Board of Education and the Board Secretary for two years. I have enjoyed my six years on the Board of Education and I am seeking another 6-year term. I have been a lifelong member of Wayne Westland Community Schools and I graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in 1997. My son is a Junior at John Glenn High School. I come with a strong business, insurance, financial services, banking, human resources, law enforcement, sales, and marketing background. I received my Bachelor Degree in Behavioral Arts and Science from Saginaw Valley State University. I also received my double Master's Degree of Business Management/ Human Resources Management from the University of Phoenix and graduated with honors. I am a certified Board Member.



Angela Jackson-Irvine

My husband Mike and I have been married for 26 years. We were both Wayne-Westland students and we chose to bring our kids up here as well. My son Nathaniel is 23, has a Bachelor's Degree in Biochemistry from Saginaw Valley and works at Pfizer. My son, Christiaan is 21, has an Associate's Degree in CAD from Ferris and is finishing his Bachelor's Degree in Manufacturing Engineering. I started teaching in 1995 and have spent the last 20 years in Livonia Public Schools. I am running for School Board because I believe that the district is full of great leaders and that we have the potential to restore our district to what it was not that long ago. I find the people who are invested in our children's education to be kind, caring individuals. I am a mom, educator, an involved member of the community and I want to help the district rise up again.



Susan Lachhman

My name is Susan Lachhman and I am running for Wayne-Westland school board. I am a mom to three teenagers. I am a special education teacher that just started my 7th year of teaching. I feel that my current teaching position gives me a perspective that is important for the school board. I also feel that being a parent to current WW students is an important perspective to have on the board.



Kimberly R. May

I am a resident of Westland, and have been for twenty years. I have a son who is a senior within the Wayne-Westland Community School District. I am a graduate of Wayne State University, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, a Masters of Education in Educational Leadership, and Educational Specialist degree in Reading. As an educator of 24 years, I have served in the capacity of classroom teacher, Title I Coordinator, Reading Coordinator, Academy Director, Principal, and Central Office Administrator. I have worked in both public and charter schools as well as urban and suburban school districts. I am running for this office to ADVOCATE for children in a different capacity in the field of education. It is my responsibility as a member of this community to give back using my education and expertise to improve the school environment for all stakeholders.



Gayle Nicholson

I have been involved in education for most of my life. Starting as a substitute teacher for Wayne-Westland & Livonia Schools in 1977, I went on to teach for many more years, including at NMSU-Carlsbad. I have been a teacher, a teacher of teachers, a school volunteer, & supported schools as a volunteer by providing supplementary science programs. Moving back to Michigan in 2001, I entered the corporate world as a Customer Service Manager, & later as General Manager of a company doing marketing, graphic design, & publishing two local community publications. I am also the V.P. of the Westland Library Board. I believe that my unique combination of skills & background will be a tremendous asset to the District, with the goal of guiding our schools into the future.

What are the priority issues facing this office? What actions would you take to address them if elected?

The priority issue of this office currently is to keeping our staff and students safe during Covid-19. We must make sure that our students have one to one technology and access to computers and internet. We also have a 100% free and reduced lunch in the district and we must be able to still provide food to our students during this epic pandemic. We must also tackle inequity in education for the students in the Wayne Westland Community Schools. Per pupil funding will always be a priority. We must also make sure that are children are career ready, life ready and college ready. We must prepare our students to be productive members of society. My accomplishments as a Board Member was; able to get a \$158 million bond passed, give teachers and staff a long overdue pay raise, and approve millions of dollars in technology to provide chrome books to every student in the district during Covid-19.

The school board members will need to work for continuous improvement with communication and keeping the families involved in what is happening in their children's schools. The public should be aware of our successes and challenges. Financial responsibility is also an area that must be addressed. We need to spend money effectively and in the right places. Priorities will change along the way and making informed decisions is our responsibility. It has to be about the kids first. I am also of the belief that transparency should be a top concern. We should have nothing to hide! I feel it is a responsibility of the board to check in and find out what is going on in the schools. We need to be informed and be present wherever possible. If you don't talk to those involved, to see how things are working, I don't feel that you would be doing your job as a school board member.

We have a district with a lot of potential that needs a fresh voice to help move towards being the best in the area. We need someone that can represent current teachers and parents and fight for our students. We need someone with a current, personal stake in the success of the district. We need to strengthen our offerings in the areas of academics and extracurricular activities. We also need to focus on attracting and retaining the best and brightest teachers.

Currently, the priority issue facing the district is educating students during a pandemic. This includes caring & providing for the whole child. Many issues such as food insecurities, trauma, & academic inequities have been magnified during the pandemic. As a board member, I would not shy away from difficult conversations and resolutions to ensure ALL children are receiving what they need in order to have a successful school experience. Funding is another priority issue. As a board member, I will work with district administration to ensure funds are being spent wisely to provide support for both students & staff. My experience as the Director of State & Federal Programs allows me to share a wealth of knowledge regarding the use of funding to enhance educational opportunities for all students. I will also lobby for equitable funding for public education with state legislators.

Covid-19 and the aftermath is going to provide the greatest challenges. How do we make sure that all students have the proper access to the tools they need during this time when instruction is occurring remotely? When is the correct time to return to in-person instruction? How do we facilitate this safely? How do we get students back up-to-speed after leaving online instruction? In addition, we need to look at the things we've learned during the online instruction process. There must be ways to use the lessons & tools from that time to enhance instruction in the future. This is a great opportunity to enhance the educational experience. Additionally, with all of the financial turmoil that has occurred in 2020, there are going to be financial issues to deal with. My first goal will always be students & teachers, as they are the reason we are here. They must never be shortchanged.

Fire safety; be ready for the unexpected

By Carolyn Marnon

Fire Prevention Week is October 4 through October 10, 2020. The National Fire Protection Association theme this year is "Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen."

Wayne Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshall Jeremie Schneider reminds the community that "overloading electrical circuits, ignoring frayed cords and running extension cords as a permanent source of power are common hazards. Extension cords should only be used temporarily and never used for kitchen appliances. Be sure to al-



ways unplug charging cords when not in use."

Five tips for preventing a residential fire:

- Install smoke detectors throughout the home.
- Install fire extinguishers.
- Teach children about the dangers of fire.
- Create a plan for escape in case of fire.
- Have a family communications plan set.

There are several common causes of fire in the home: clothes dryers, flammable liquids, smoking, children and pets, electrical appliances, portable space heaters, fireplaces and cooking.

In other Wayne Fire Department news:

All staff members of the fire department have fully recovered from COVID-19 (over half the staff were quarantined early in the pandemic).

After 23 years, the Wayne Fire Department will not be holding their Annual Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast has been a way to bring the community to the fire station for fellowship and fire prevention messages. In 22 years, the breakfast price has never been raised. Because of the pandemic, the department is trying to get their message of safety out in socially safe ways. The Wayne Public Library is holding a virtual fire safety message and will have packages provided by the Fire Department that can be picked up for the kids.

The Wayne Fire Department has

a new mailbox that can be used by kids to submit coloring pages available on the departments Facebook page. The coloring page is a way to get kids to think of the Fire Department and fire prevention. Kids can color the page and put it in the mailbox. The department will hang the pages up for firefighters and Facebook friends to see.

The Wayne Fire Department is also currently accepting applications for Fire Fighters. Applicants must be US citizens, have a high school diploma or GED, and possess a current, valid Michigan driver's license and an excellent driving record with no more than three points on current driving record. Applications and more information is available on the City of Wayne website.

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Mack, Jr. appointed to national mental health task force

State Court Administrator Emeritus, Milton Mack, Jr., has been appointed to serve on a national task force to assist state courts in more effectively responding to the needs of court-involved individuals with serious mental illness. The 40-member group includes four state supreme court chief justices, four state court administrators, and a wide range of experts from across the nation.

"Given that our justice system is all too often the default mental health system, the work of this task force is timely, essential, and lifesaving," said Chief Justice Bridget M. McCormack. "Milt's incredible experience and knowledge on this challenging issue will help courts become the catalyst for diverting individuals to treatment instead of jail or prison."

Since spring of last year, Mack has co-chaired (with Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul Rieber) a national advisory committee funded by the State Justice Institute to improve the justice system

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Bridget M. McCormack**

response to mental illness and co-occurring disorders, and this new task force is a direct result of that work. Key challenges faced by the task force include:

- Jails are the largest providers of mental health services in the nation and 44 percent of jail inmates have been told they have a mental health disorder.

- An estimated 70 percent of justice-involved youths suffer from a



State Court Administrator Emeritus,
Milton Mack, Jr.

mental health disorder.

- People with mental illness are 16 times more likely to be killed than other civilians when approached or stopped by law enforcement.

In the report of the advisory committee, "The Future is Now: Decriminalization of Mental Illness." Their reform plan is based on these key principles:

- A community-by-community approach with statewide leadership.

- Use of the Sequential Intercept Model to promote early access to

treatment.

- Development of best practices, research, and data.

- Education and training for judges and court personnel.

- Building on the important work already done to address the opioid epidemic.

A probate court judge for two decades, Mack is the former State Court Administrator, chair of the Governor's Mental Health Diversion Council, and has long been an advocate for mental health reform, promoting early intervention and treatment instead of incarceration. Mack will be joined on the task force by Washtenaw County Sheriff Jerry Clayton and Kent Batty, who previously served as the court administrator for the Washtenaw County trial courts and Third Judicial Circuit Court. Michigan has more members than any other state.

Mack is a resident of Wayne and husband of former 29th District Court Judge Laura Mack who retired earlier this year.



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Former recalled City of Wayne Councilman and accomplice charged with false report of a felony

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Christopher James Sanders, 51, of the City of Wayne, Michigan and Jimmie Lee Chandler, 28, of Van Buren Township, in connection with the alleged planting of a starter pistol and fake drugs in a city employee's car.

It is alleged that on October 16, 2017, at the behest of now former Wayne City Councilman Defendant Christopher James Sanders, and after being paid to do so, Defendant Jimmie Lee Chandler broke into the vehicle belonging to a female employee of the City of Wayne and unbeknownst to her, planted a starter pistol and fake drugs in the her car. It is further alleged that after watching the woman leave her office parking lot, Defendant Chandler placed a 911 call to police to report a false road rage incident and identified her vehicle. She was never stopped by the police and, when she discovered



Former recalled City of Wayne Councilman Christopher James Sanders

the pistol and suspected narcotics in her glovebox, she reported the finding to the City of Wayne Police Department. Investigation by the Michigan State Police led to the ar-

rest of the defendants. More complete facts will be placed on the record in court during the Preliminary Examination.

Sanders and Chandler have each

been charged with False Report of a Felony, Conspiracy to Commit False Report of a Felony and Attempted False Report of a Felony. Last week, Defendant Sanders was arrested and arraigned. His Probable Cause Conference was held October 2, 2020 in 35th District Court in Plymouth. He received a \$10,000 personal bond.

Last week, in a separate hearing, Defendant Chandler was arrested and arraigned. He received a \$1,000 personal bond. His Probable Cause Conference was held on October 2, 2020.

Note: 29th District Court in the City of Wayne has been recused from this case. The exam will take place in Plymouth in front of 35th District Court Judge Jim Plakas on October 16, 2020.

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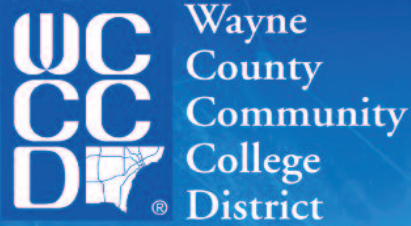


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