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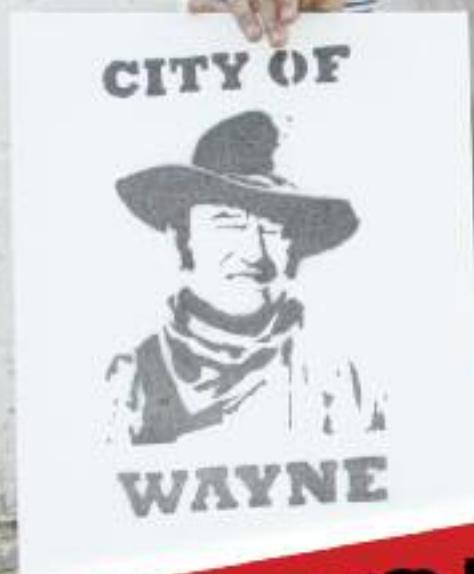
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# Tears monument being unveiled this month

By Carolyn Marnon

9 years ago, Allen (Buddy) and Shelby Shuh lost their 5 1/2 month old daughter, Isabella Harmony Shuh, after she was born with serious complications, including a missing spleen and kidney, and stomach and heart issues. She also had a serious case of spina bifida. It was a difficult time for the Shuh's. They did not have the money to pay for the funeral services. Sarah Slack, the founder of TEARS, a 501c3 non-profit, stated, "Most parents are prepared to pay for a crib, not a casket." TEARS seeks to compassionately lift a financial burden from families who have lost a baby by providing funds to assist with the cost of burial or cremation services.

Allen is now a spokesperson for the TEARS Foundation and has been instrumental in bringing an Angel of Hope Monument to Wayne, Michigan. There are only 4 states with a monument: Washington (where founder Sarah Slack is from), New Jersey, Florida and now Michigan.

On Saturday, October 10, you are invited to attend the unveiling of Michigan's monument at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in downtown Wayne. Dignity Memorial has been a partner with TEARS and Harry J. Will to bring the monument here. The ceremony starts at 1:00 p.m. and is expected to last about 30 minutes and will include many TEARS dignitaries. Sarah Slack, TEARS Founder, will speak. Sheri Blumberg will read her poem which is etched on the monument. The families of the approximately 65 children

whose names are etched on the memorial will be in attendance. After the ceremony, family members will be given crayons and paper on which to etch their baby's name. Most people frame these etchings as a keepsake for the child they lost. Harry J. Will will be providing light appetizers. There is no cost to attend.

The TEARS Angel of Hope Monument stands 5 feet tall and is holding a baby. On either side of it are butterfly monuments which feature the names of the babies who are loved and remembered. There will be benches around the monument so visitors can have a quiet place to reflect and honor the life of the babies who have gone too soon. Work is being done to cut out the curb in the parking lot near the monument to make a walkway with brick pavers that will circle the area. Artman's is providing some plants. The area is being landscaped so that the monument can be added to in the future, if needed.

Anyone who has suffered the loss of a child under the age of 1 can have their child's name etched on the monument. Although the names for 2015 are already engraved, a person can have their baby's name added at a later date. The Michigan monument will have names added once per year in October. You can add a name by making a one-time financial donation of \$250 or signing up to pay \$20 per month for at least 12 months. This money goes into the TEARS Foundation to help pay for funeral services of the newly bereaved.



Allen (Buddy) and Shelby Shuh point to their 5 1/2 month old daughter, Isabella Harmony Shuh's name on the Tears monument.

TEARS pays for current infant funeral expenses and unexpected child funeral expenses. They are not able to help with expenses over 30 days old. Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne, and John N. Santeiu & Son, Inc., Garden City, are approved providers that work with TEARS.

October is Infant Loss Awareness Month. According to Buddy, 1 in 4 women will suffer a miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss.

Allen and Shelby are hoping to expand the emotional support services they provide as Peer Companions. Their goal is to have a TEARS center in Michigan where they can host a monthly support group. They are looking for the donation of an office space to hold the meetings. If you or

someone you know has space to donate, contact Allen by email at 12969@msn.com.

This summer, The TEARS Foundation-Michigan Chapter was awarded a \$1000 grant from Community Financial Credit Union's Summer of Sharing program. There were 327 stories submitted on their website between June 8 and August 28 of which 60 were awarded the \$1000 grants. "I did not know Donna (Kuti) had nominated TEARS for the Summer of Sharing grant. I was very surprised when I received the email saying we had received a \$1000 grant. With that, we will help two Michigan families with funeral expenses for their babies," stated Allen Shuh.

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# Heart for art

## Street Artist no-longer anonymous

By Carolyn Marnon

He could be Wayne's answer to Banksy, the well-known British street artist. Matt Rochon, who grew up in Wayne and is currently a resident of Garden City, is the artist behind the mysterious John Wayne stencil art that has popped up in various places in downtown Wayne over the past couple years.

Matt has always loved art, but it wasn't until some years ago when he saw Dick Tracy art on the ground in an alley in Ann Arbor and thought it was cool that he became an artist. In 2009, he did a stencil of Robert E. Lee for the University of Virginia in different colors. He learned about graphics and found his art calling. "I think anyone can do art. You just have to find your thing," Matt's thing became stenciling. He uses Photoshop and Illustrator to make his street art. His first art showing was at Under the Trees Art Festival in Garden City Park in 2009 where he sold 5 or 6 pieces.

Two years ago, he began making stencils of John Wayne and began putting them up around downtown Wayne. He did it anonymously because he "wasn't sure how the public would react." The once shy Matt is now coming out of his shell to share his art with others. He would one day soon like to show his work in a temporary gallery, something that could happen in Wayne with the right support.

A freelance web designer, Matt works on the Garden City DDA website. He approached Kim Dold, the DDA's director, about putting up

"I want to brighten up people's days." He didn't get paid. He just wants to see "art on the street."

**Kim Dold**

Garden City DDA Director

some art in the city. She agreed and the Don Knott's project began. Matt does his art because "I want to brighten up people's days." He didn't get paid. He just wants to see "art on the street."

When I met Matt, he was getting ready to put up the Don Knott's project in 11 windows of a vacant building in Garden City. The building, owned by the Garden City Moose Lodge 538, is at Ford and Middlebelt. As sweat dripped down our backs from having the sun shining directly on us, we chatted about his art as Matt prepped the windows for stenciling. As he washed each of the windows, he thought it would take him an hour to get all his stencils up. He had already done the stenciling on brown kraft paper he gets at the dollar store. All he needed to do that evening was wash the windows and adhere the stencils with homemade wheatpaste, a mixture of flour and water. Wheatpaste is used often in street art because of its ability to dry hard and thus make the art more difficult to remove. The star of the proj-



The artist behind the mysterious John Wayne posters over the past two years, Matt Rochon.

ect is Don Knotts, for no other reason than "I just like him," stated Matt. "He's goofy."

Several hours later, after the "fun part" of hanging stencils, Matt called it a night. He had adhered two stencils to either sides of the entry doors. I had helped on the second stencil by tearing kraft paper to fill in the window areas not covered by the primary stencil paper. The wheatpaste is applied to the clean window, the stencil (or kraft paper) adhered, and then more wheatpaste is rolled over the paper. As simple as the process is, it turned out to be time-consuming. When we left, Matt had 9 more windows to come back and do. So much for getting it all done in one hour.

Matt also makes signs by recycling plastic-core (a corrugated plastic like that used for political signs) he gets from the parts supplier in Livonia where he works. Their trash is his treasure. He recently donated 2 John Wayne stencil signs to Wayne Main Street to use in their fundraising efforts and would like to do more art for the citizens of Wayne to enjoy.

Although there are street artists

who paste their art to whatever they can find, Matt will not put up his work unless he has permission. He has also done stencils of Alfalfa, Eloise and John Lennon wearing a Garden City t-shirt. You can see more of his stencil art at uncannystencils.blogspot.com. He does not have a personal website at this time, but he is always looking for work as a website designer. As one of his blog posts reads "if you know anyone who needs a website done, just let me know. Email me. Call me. Send a carrier pidgeon (sic). Smoke signals. Bottled message down a river. Bat signal. Banner behind a crop duster. Sky writer. APB. Notes under windshield wipers. Sticky notes on my back. Morse code. Bullhorn. Singing telegram. Serenade at my window in the moonlight. Write me a song, get a record deal, get that song played on the radio and I'll know what you mean as I drive down lonely roads with diamonds on my windshield. Write a message in the sand with a stick. Spray paint a dog with "I need a website" on his side and sic him on me. Carve it in a tree with a heart around it."

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### City Hall is Coming Home

City offices will be back at City Hall on Wayne Rd beginning at 10am on Tuesday, October 6. Please note that the city council meetings will continue to be held at the WABC building until further notice.

### Meet the Candidates

On Wednesday, October 7, from 6:30 p.m. - 7:50 p.m. you can meet the candidates running for mayor and city council at the Wayne Public Library. You will be able to submit questions to the candidates. You can also submit questions by emailing [lwwmail@yahoo.com](mailto:lwwmail@yahoo.com).

Mayoral candidates are scheduled to be available 6:30-7:05 p.m. and the council candidates will be available 7:10-7:50 p.m.

### Free Estate

#### Planning Workshop

CLA Estate Services is hosting a free Estate Planning Workshop Tuesday, October 6, from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Joy Manor Banquets and Catering (28999 Joy Rd, Westland). Attendees will receive a free workbook and information on wills and trusts, how to avoid probate, long-term health care concerns, and tax reduction planning. Please call 1-866-252-8721 to RSVP or for more information.

### Wayne Historical Society Program

The Wayne Historical Society will present "The Wayne Inter-Urban to Plymouth and Northville" by Richard Andrews aka George Pierrot on Thursday, October 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Wayne Historical Museum.

### Pool at Hype Reopened

The pool is now open at HYPE Recreation Center of Western Wayne (the old community center). Pool hours are Monday through Friday 6 a.m.-11 a.m. and 4 p.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Call 734-721-7400 for prices.

### Wayne Farmer's Market

Fall is here and the Wayne Farmer's Market is held every Wednesday in Goudy Park is taking advantage of that. October 14 will be



### Halloween Spirit

Wayne resident Larry Reid helps neighbors get ready for a festive Halloween. Larry has decorated his yard at 33600 Gertrude in Wayne to set the stage for ghosts, goblins and trick-or-treat fun. Stop by and enjoy one of the best Halloween displays in town.

the Fall Fest. Plans include bobbing for apples and having cider, pumpkins and mums for sale along with the usual items offered. Wayne Main Street will be hosting their Scarecrow Reception that day.

Bring the kids for the annual Halloween Costume Contest on October 28. There will be trophy's for the winners in two age groups: 7 & under and ages 8-14. Check in for the contest is at 3-5 p.m. The contest will be held at 5 p.m. For more information, follow the Wayne Farmer's Market on Facebook.

### Wayne Memorial Homecoming Game and Parade

The Wayne Memorial High School Homecoming is Friday, October 16. The Parade will start at 6 p.m. with the Football Game following at 7 p.m.

### Traffic Crash in August

Onika Fields, the driver who allegedly was fleeing a hit-and-run crash at the intersection of Middlebelt and Van Born roads and then caused another accident at Merriam and Van Born roads resulting in a death back in August, waived her right to a preliminary exam before Judge Laura R. Mack in 29th District Court. Her case has been turned over to Wayne County Circuit Court. She will be arraigned on October 7, at 9 a.m. at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

According to the Michigan State Police "2010 Michigan Traffic Crash Facts", more fatal crashes occur between 3:00 and 5:59 p.m. than any other time period, more occur on Friday than any other day and more occur in August than any other month.

### FREE Volunteer Development Training

Please join Wayne Main Street and the Michigan Main Street Center for an evening of training on volunteer development. If your organization wants valuable tips for effective volunteer recruitment and retention, this training is for you! Training will also cover issues like volunteer job descriptions, liability release forms, cultivating a good volunteer, dealing with problem volunteers and more. Feel free to share this information with anyone you know who would be interested. It will be held Tuesday, October 13, from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Wayne Fire Station community room. All are welcome.

### The History of Mulholland's Dry Goods

Join the Wayne Public Library and The Wayne Historical Society as they present "The History of Mulholland's Dry Goods" on Wednesday, October 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Wayne library.

Many long-time Wayne residents remember Mulholland's department

store, a fixture in the community for decades. Mathew Mulholland, whose grandfather William opened Mulholland's Dry Goods store in 1919, presents a history of this venerable local institution.

### Help Take Back Rosie the Riveter Guinness World Record

Help take back the World Record for the Most Rosie the Riveters on Saturday, October 24, at Willow Run in Ypsilanti. The Rockin' Rosies of Richmond, California beat Willow Run's original record of 776 Rosies by gathering 1,084 Rosies in August, 2015. Doors open at 10am. Check-in tables close at 1 p.m. Fun activities and entertainment will be provided from opening time until photo Staging Call at 1:30 p.m. The Official World Record photo will be taken at 2 p.m. If you wish to participate, go to <http://www.savethebomberplant.org/rosie-world-record/#flyer> to sign up. You will be asked to pre-register and print out and sign a waiver form to bring with you to the event. The website has the costume guidelines you must follow to be counted as a Rosie. It is suggested you shop early as items might be harder to find closer to the event date. It is also recommended that you arrive by noon or earlier to allow time for check-in procedures.

### Do You Need Volunteer Help?

The Westland Jaycees are ready to work with local civic groups to do whatever is needed. They are willing to help clean parks and help in the community. The Westland Jaycees build leaders. They already do a Veterans Day 5K in Westland. They appeared at a recent Wayne City Council meeting to introduce themselves and their willingness to support and be involved in Wayne.

### Friends, People Helping People Event A Success

Seventy six volunteers were involved with the annual Friends, People Helping People event on September 12. The volunteers helped paint a senior's home. Al Damitio reported that the home now looks fantastic.

# Making a difference around the world

By Sarah Shurge

Twenty-eight men and women proudly wear their burgundy graduation cap and gown. Yellow tassel dangling against their infinite amounts of smiles. This was the day they had waited and been working for, the day they get ordained into ministry.

Pastor Larry Mack proudly stands on the stage and congratulates them all on how far they've come spiritually.

This was the Making of a Champion 2015 International Ministers' Conference sponsored by TRIGA (The Redeemed International Gospel Assembly).

In a matter of two weeks, Mack traveled from Ghana, to Lagos, Nigeria, and then to Halifax, Nova Scotia for a two day conference in each location. The main purpose of the conference was to strengthen pastors and leaders. During the two days, the pastors are fed, given rest and taught discipline and leadership, along with spending lots of time in prayer.



Pastor Larry Mack

Mack spoke to all the attending pastors twice a day, along with doing a radio show. "You really have to study hard to actually be able to teach them something new," said Mack.

Mack also hosts Power Hour Campus Bible Studies at Wayne

State University on Tuesdays at 1:45pm, at Eastern Michigan University on Wednesdays at noon, and at the University of Michigan on Thursdays at noon. He hosts five television shows on TCT (Total Christian Television) which is seen all around the world, he is a spokes-person for the organization HOPE and his radio/TV messages reach eight million people. You can download his messages "Greater Life with Larry Mack" on iTunes. Over 20,000 people already have.

Throughout his time in ministry, Mack has helped plant five churches, almost completed building a school in Owerri, Nigeria, and has been preaching in third world countries for 24 years, including Russia, Germany and Jamaica, but it all had to start somewhere.

Originally, Mack was in the medical field and also a part of the military. He spent a lot of time in prayer until one morning when he was 23 years old, God spoke to him and called to him to become a pastor and to preach. "When he visited and his

presence was around me, like a real presence that would lead you to cry tears of joy was around me for two days and in the midst of those two days is when he spoke to me" Mack recalls.

Next, Mack will be heading off to Dallas, Texas in September and South Africa next year.

There is a team of ministers that plan out trips. These trips generally take around three to four months to plan and usually cost \$10,000.

Even though Mack spends a decent amount of time away from home, his wife and two children are very supportive of his trips, one of which wants to do missions when she is old enough. Mack occasionally will take a Sunday off to speak somewhere, but his first priority is his local church.

Mack preaches Sunday services at 10am and 4pm at Greater Than Dreams Church which is located on 35118 W. Michigan Ave. If in need of information, call (734)812-9896 or visit [greaterdreamschurch.com](http://greaterdreamschurch.com) or [larrymackministries.com](http://larrymackministries.com).

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# English teacher named to 30 under 30 list

By Carolyn Marnon

Kevin English, 25, is an innovative young leader fighting illiteracy in Michigan. The Wayne Memorial High School English teacher was named to the International Literacy Association (ILA)'s first 30 under 30 list. This global list included non-profit leaders, classroom teachers, authors, volunteers, researchers, technology startup founders and entrepreneurs working in 13 countries to close the literacy gap. The ILA is a global advocacy and membership organization dedicated to advancing literacy for all. The aim of the list is to highlight the next generation of literacy leaders who are stepping up to the challenges of today's evolving literacy landscape.



Kevin English

Kevin was nominated for the list by friends, Beth Shaum and Brian Wyzlic. He met them two summers ago at nErDCamp, an education conference for those who teach reading and writing in the classroom. Brian stated, "When I first heard of the International Literacy Association's 30 Under 30 List, Kevin's name immediately came to mind. The work he has done for education, specifically English education, at such a young age, is admirable. From what I knew about him from our face-to-face encounters as well as from his social media presence, I knew ILA needed to take a close look and consider him for such a list. Quite frankly, if a 30 Under 30 list didn't include Kevin English, I'm not sure I would have faith in their methodology."

What inspired Beth to nominate Kevin? "A mutual friend texted me one evening and told me I should nominate Kevin for this award. I had never heard of it before, but once I

read about it, I knew Kevin was a perfect candidate. When I first met Kevin, I was surprised at how wise and put together he was given that he was only in his second year of teaching. Looking back at my own experience, I certainly didn't have it that together in my first couple of years. Not only that, but the fact that he was elected to a school board position in Van Buren at the age of 19 made me stand up and take notice."

"This new generation of champions plays a critical role in the future of literacy at a time when the literacy landscape is evolving rapidly," said Marcie Craig Post, Executive Director, International Literacy Association. "For that reason, we are eager and honored to be able to highlight the important contributions and commitment of these leaders through what will become our annual 30 Under 30 list."

Kevin was featured in the Septem-

ber/October 2015 issue of Literacy Today, ILA's bi-monthly magazine, and across ILA's platforms. He will also be invited to participate in upcoming activities that support the shared cause of advancing literacy for all. When he saw the biographies of the other winners, Kevin thought, "I'm not necessarily one of them, starting organizations. This (teaching) is ordinary work, but it's good work."

Kevin has been on the Van Buren School Board, where the school district is about half the size of Wayne/Westland Community School District, for 6 years. He is currently Secretary. His fiancée is also a teacher, teaching 2nd grade in Belleville. Teaching at Wayne Memorial is his first full-time job. He currently teaches 9th and 10th grade English and is in his 4th year teaching here. He did teach part-time briefly at Washtenaw International High School in Ypsilanti back in 2012.

Kevin bubbles over with enthusiasm when he speaks about all the programs he is involved in and

about teaching English. He thinks fast and he talks even faster.

Kevin says there are different ways to read and that is one of the things the English teachers at Wayne Memorial are trying to teach their students. It takes a different mindset to read social studies vs. science vs. English. They want students to think about what they are thinking while they are reading. Kevin is in his 2nd year as a leader for Reading Apprenticeship Improving Secondary Education (RAISE) teachers. In every subject, high school students must read and understand complex text—now more than ever. Teachers have lost the option to teach "around" the text. Reading Apprenticeship helps teachers make this game-changing transition.

Kevin is in a research group with 11th grade and AP English teacher, Dave Kangas. They are trying to come up with the best way students will understand what they are reading and what teachers doing to help that.

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# 2015 Wayne election everyone votes for wards

By Carolyn Marnon

Tuesday, November 3, is Election Day! It is time to review voting processes, especially since Wayne now has a ward system in place. This year, Wayne residents will be voting for the mayor, an at-large council person and council persons at-large from wards 1, 2 and 3. Elections are held every 2 years, in the odd-numbered year, to fill 3 council seats and the mayor's seat.

You can vote by going to your precinct on election day between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. If you aren't able to make it on election day, you can vote by absentee ballot. You must request the absentee ballot before 2 p.m. on October 31. You would then return the absentee ballot to City Hall before November 3.

**Susan M. Rowe, Bob Boertje** and **Lenard Fisher** are running for mayor of Wayne. Len Fisher is a write-in candidate, while Susan and Bob's names will appear on the ballot. There are special procedures to use for a write-in candidate, so please continue reading.

**Anthony Miller and Lucietta A. Miles** are running for two year at large council person. Their names are both on the ballot.

Wards 1, 2 and 3 will be four year terms for the council people selected. **All voters will be voting for one candidate from each ward on the ballot.**

Ward 1 has **Christopher Sanders, Alfred Brock** (write-in) and **Allen (Buddy) Shuh** (write-in) running. Christopher's name will appear on the ballot.

Ward 2 has incumbent **John P. Rhaesa** running unopposed. His name is on the ballot.

Ward 3 has incumbent **Lorne (Skip) Monit** and **Tom Porter** running. Both names are on the ballot.

Because there are 3 write-in candidates in our upcoming election, it is important for you to know how to vote for them, if you wish. You will need to write in the candidates legal name in the correct Ward and then you will need to fill in the circle! City Clerk Matt Miller stresses that you

need to fill in that circle once you write in your candidates name. If you do not, the vote does not count.

On election day, all versions of the names of write-in candidates will be recorded. However, just because you wrote in your candidate's name a certain way doesn't mean it will be counted.

Write-in candidates legal names are:

Mayor: **Lenard Fisher**

Ward 1: **Alfred Brock**

**Allen Shuh**

If you want to vote for any of these candidates, it might be helpful to write down their names and their wards on a card and take it with you when you go to vote.

If you would like to run for an office, there is still time. You have until October 23 at 4 p.m. to file a "Declaration of Intent" to run as a valid write-in candidate.

The results that are reported on election day are "unofficial" until the Board of Canvassers has certified the election. They are supposed to complete the certification by Novem-

ber 17. This could be important in this election where Wayne currently has 3 write-in candidates.

In 2017, Wayne residents will be voting for council people in Wards 4, 5 and 6. If you think you might like to run for office then, you must reside in that ward for one year prior to the election.

If you have any other questions about voting November 3, please contact City Hall.

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## Precinct 2 and Ward 2

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# Third Time's A Charm

## Rouge-A-Palooza features music, food and paddling on the Rouge River

It was three years ago when a group of volunteers decided to throw a community celebration to recognize how far the Rouge River has come - not in miles, but in water quality and as a recreational resource. A lot of hard work and effort has gone into cleaning up the long-neglected river, especially in the City of Wayne where you often see people fishing or even kayaking on the Rouge.

And so, Rouge-A-Palooza was born. Now in its third year, the one-day festival located at Goudy Park in downtown Wayne will take place from noon-10 p.m. on Saturday, October 10. The event, which is put on by the non-profit River Restorations, will feature live music, food trucks, a rubber duck race, a build your own boat race, youth activities, environmental education booths, paddling trips on the Rouge, and more.

One of the big highlights of the festival is the annual Logjam Classic Canoe Race, a three-mile canoe sprint that ends at Goudy Park. Winners will take home a cash prize, as well as trophies made of wood cut from an actual Rouge River logjam. Last year's winners, Rich Lauth and Mike Garon, finished in 27 minutes, 55 seconds. They beat 2013 champs Steve Landfair and Michael Parsons by about five minutes. Will you be this year's champ? Do you have what it takes? Contact Kurt Kuban at (734) 716-0783 to sign up.

In addition, Friends of the Rouge ([www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org)) will be hosting their annual group canoe/kayak trip through the Lower Rouge Parkway in

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
	
10:00am	Log Jam Classic Canoe Race starts (Reg. @ 9am)
12:00pm	Group Canoe/Kayak Event (Friends of the Rouge)
12:00pm	Educational displays, bouncers, food, beer, Civic tents
12:00pm	Music by Tyrone Hamilton (Variety)
1:00pm	Canoe Race Award Ceremony
1:15pm	Troublesome Creek (Blue Grass)
2:00pm	Corn Daddy (Americana)
3:00pm	Chris Bathgate (Indie folk)
4:30pm	Rubber Duck Race (Wayne Main Street)
	Build Your Own Boat Race (Wayne Rotary)
6:00pm	George Bedard & The King Pins (Rock and Roll)
	Corn Hole Tournament starts (Reg. @ 5:30pm)
7:25pm	50/50 Raffle, Kayak Raffle Drawing (Wayne Main Street)
7:30pm	Liquid Monk (Funk, fusion, jam)

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### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

One of the goals of the event is to educate the public about the Rouge River and ways people can help continue the clean-up efforts. With that in mind, there will be a number of environmental and nature exhibits. Families will learn about the fish and animals that call the Rouge River home. Some of the groups that will be present include: Huron Clinton Metroparks Mobile Learning Center,

National Park Service, Wayne County Parks, Friends of the Rouge, Michigan Audubon, U.S. Coast Guard and Wayne County Environmental Services Group.

New this year will be the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Mobile Learning Center, which is a hands-on, interpretive educational experience, as well as the National Park Service, Michigan Audubon and the U.S. Coast Guard. Others, like the Friends of the Rouge, have been involved since the first Rouge-A-Palooza three years ago.

"Rouge-A-Palooza helps further the mission of Friends of the Rouge because it reconnects people to the Rouge River. No other community in the Rouge River watershed has worked this hard to open up the river for paddling or embraced the

river in the way that the City of Wayne and its residents have done," stated Sally Petrella, a longtime FOTR staff member who organizes the group paddle trip.

### MUSIC

For those with an appreciation of live music, the Rouge-A-Palooza lineup is expanded this year. Well-known George Bedard and the Kingpins are back. If you like rhythm and bluesy swing, surf, cheap garage thrill music, blues, rock and roll, and a group that is meticulously true to these genres, you'll love George Bedard and the Kingpins.

An exciting new addition this year is Chris Bathgate, an American indie folk singer-songwriter and musician. He is prominent in the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti folk music scene in Michigan.

Also playing the festival for the first time will be Liquid Monk, a metro Detroit-based funk/fusion/jam band that will close the festival, taking the stage at 7:30 p.m.

The eclectic, rootsy line-up also includes Rouge-A-Palooza staples Corndaddy (Americana, roots), Troublesome Creek (bluegrass) and Tyrone Hamilton, a well-known local performer that will open the show at noon. In addition, fly-fishing folksinger Alan Cayne and the Huron River Flute Circle will perform on a second stage.

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Palooza. Food truck fare will be available. The Mean Weenie (<http://www.themeanweenie.com>) features gourmet hotdogs, while the award-winning Hickory BBQ & Grill (<http://hickorybbq.net>) whips up some of the best barbecue around. There will also be a beer garden area featuring a variety of beer and other beverages.

Many community groups are involved in the festival. Wayne Rotary will once again organize a build-your-own boat race for the kids. Wayne Main Street, an organization spearheading improvements to downtown Wayne, will raffle off two kayaks, host a rubber duck race and have fun duck-related activities available for the kids.

“Wayne Main Street is thrilled to be involved in this wonderful event because it celebrates one of the unique assets of our downtown - the Rouge River,” said Executive Director Lindsey Wooten. “This year we’ve been more involved to do our best to make sure the event’s success continues to grow. We believe in the cause and love being able to participate with our rubber duck race. This year, we are adding more duck themed children’s activities for a day full of family fun.”

There will also be several free inflatables for the kids, as well as face painting and many other activities.

**CORNHOLE**

New this year will be a cornhole tournament sponsored by Smitty Builders. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the bags will start getting tossed at 6 p.m. Cost is \$50 per team. There will be a 50-team cut-off. Cash prizes. To secure a spot in the tournament, call Nick Smith at (734) 657-5579.

“We think the event will be better than ever. We’ve added a lot of new features. We’re really trying to get people to embrace the Rouge River. It is a wonderful recreational resource. We want more people to discover it,” said Mathew Mulholland, of River Restorations, who grew up along the Rouge. “We hope the community will come out and support the event, have a great time, and learn about our river.”

For more information, visit [www.rougeapalooza.org](http://www.rougeapalooza.org) or find Rouge-A-Palooza on Facebook.

# Rouge A Palooza welcomes Bathgate

Chris Bathgate is a singer-songwriter based out of southeast Michigan. His bruised yet beautiful aesthetic, poetic lyrics and distinct voice have garnered reverent fans across the globe. His songs ruminate on the existential, and celebrate the ephemeral with an earnest delivery that is both vulnerable and powerful.

## FREE Performance

**3:00 PM - Saturday, October 10th  
Goudy Park Amphitheater**

Chris Bathgate was born in Ames, IA on April 21st 1982. His early childhood was set in Iowa and Kentucky, with the majority of his adolescence spent in Illinois. After moving to Michigan to attend U of M's School of Art and Design in 2001, Chris emerged from the Ann Arbor local music scene. This strong local presence led to the attention of locally based label Quite Scientific and their release of A Cork Tale Wake (2007). This album began Chris'



foray into high fidelity audio, and bore one of his widely heard songs, "Serpentine". This song garnered the release of A Cork Tale Wake on UK label One Little Indian, and saw significant airplay on BBC Radio 2. This success beget several European solo-tours and a fast growing international visibility. Since, Chris has released 5 additional albums with Quite Scientific, including his most recent and prominent album to date —Salt Year (2011). This release saw Chris touring extensively across the US, performing for NPR (Tiny Desk Concert) and receiving bold attention at SXSW. For more artist info, visit



Chris Bathgate

[www.chrisbathgate.org](http://www.chrisbathgate.org).

## Scarecrow Voting Reception

**Oct. 14th Wednesday, October 14th 3:00 - 7:00 PM** during the Wayne Farmer's Market at Goudy Park.

Join Wayne Main Street at the Wayne Farmer's Market to cast a vote for your favorite downtown Scarecrow! Once your ballot is submitted, voters will receive complimentary

cider and donuts. Both winners of the contest will be announced that evening at 7:00 PM. Do not miss this fun competition! This year, two winners will be awarded a small prize. The scarecrow that receives the most votes during the reception and the scarecrow with the most "likes" on the Wayne Main Street Facebook page. To participate in online voting, please visit: [www.facebook.com/-WayneMainStreet](http://www.facebook.com/-WayneMainStreet) and find the 2015 Scarecrow Show photo album!



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# Healthy Wayne kicks off

Over 30 community members gathered at HYPE Athletics Wayne on September 23 for Oakwood/Beaumont Hospital's Healthy Wayne Initiative Kick-Off. After enjoying a breakfast of fresh fruit, yogurt, granola bars and water, attendees listened to a presentation by Betty Priskorn, Corporate Director of Community Health and Outreach as she explained what this program involves. Wayne is one of four cities participating in the Healthy Communities Initiative. Trenton, Taylor and Dearborn are the other three.

The Healthy Wayne Initiative will support and promote health, wellness and healthy lifestyles. Of the 83 counties in Michigan, Wayne county ranks the lowest in the state in health outcomes and health factors.

The steering committee for the Healthy Communities Initiative determined that the priority health needs for our communities are cardiovascular, diabetes, obesity and access to care (including health insurance and having a medical home).

What is a Healthy Community? First, there is an emphasis on shared responsibility for the health of the community. Second, it is recognized that each community has its own distinct culture, resources, dynamics, as well as different economic and social landscapes. Third, the strategies and programs developed will fit the unique assets and needs of the specific community. Finally, mayors, city councils, school superintendents and boards sign a memorandum of understanding that health will be considered in all decisions.

The Healthy Community guiding principles are to:

- Create a compelling vision based on shared values.
- Embrace a broad definition of health and well-being.
- Address quality-of-life for everyone.
- Engage diverse citizen participation and be citizen-driven.
- Foster collaboration and partnerships with healthcare, government agencies, education, organizations and businesses.
- Acknowledge the social determinants of health and the interrelationship of health and other issues.
- Address issues through collaborative problem-solving.
- Focus on system change.
- Recognize and develop assets and resources in the community.
- Measure and benchmark progress and outcomes.

Oakwood/Beaumont wants to get businesses involved in the health of the community. A healthy Wayne would include walkability and access to healthy and affordable food. Oakwood already sponsors the Farmer's Market. They also have cooking classes called "Cooking Matters" and a grocery store tour program where an individual can learn how to read labels, find healthy food and at the end of the tour, get a \$10 challenge card to buy food. Eventually, Oakwood wants to have program for all ages. "We want to make Wayne a desirable community to live in," Betty Priskorn stated.

The next Healthy Wayne meeting will be October 22 at HYPE. Plan to be there to learn more and share your ideas on how to make Wayne healthier.

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# Celebrating fall in early Wayne

October brings cooler days and nights, shorter days with the sun setting earlier and rising later and the changing of the color of the trees and bushes. Green leaves become brilliant shades of red, yellow, orange and rust. Tourists and residents of our state travel from afar to enjoy autumn in Michigan and witness the glorious view of stands of trees and forests that line our highways and back roads from Detroit to Traverse City and beyond to the northern reaches of our upper peninsula. Fall is a wonderful time to travel north to "see the colors" as well as enjoy community events. Visiting local cider mills and buying fresh cider, apples and fresh doughnuts is a must. Shopping at a mum farm to purchase pots of mums to decorate our yards and porches and visiting roadside farm markets to select foods the local farmers have harvested from their fields is another fall activity. Many small towns and communities have fall festivals for all to enjoy such as Wayne's Rouge-a Palooza. What a wonderful event for families and townspeople to participate in.

Our forefathers enjoyed fall in many of these same ways. One autumn event that took place here in our village years ago was making maple sugar. Indians in the Northeast taught early settlers how to tap into the syrup of maple trees in the fall to make maple syrup or maple sugar. Early settlers who arrived in our area found sites where the Indians had made a habit of tapping the maple trees. Gradually our village

## Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley



boasted of a number of sugar bush operations in the area. Some farmers used open kettles much as the Indians had while others used more complicated and precise methods. Art Carpenter, a long time Wayne resident whose family owned the land bounded by John Hix, Hannan, Michigan Ave. and Glenwood, tells of the family sugar bush on their property. (Art's father Irving built Carpenter's Lake off of Hannan Rd. by damming the Rouge River and building a tourist camp in the early 1900s which drew vacationers from far and wide.) Many farmers built sap houses where the maple sap would be boiled until it reached the correct stage for either syrup or sugar. Syrup was usually made first with later runs, sometime only the last run, being made into maple sugar. In the early 1900s maple syrup sold for \$2.50 a gallon. Children loved to get an opportunity to share a pan of maple sugar when the process was complete. A picture on Wayne's history mural on the side of the State Wayne Theatre shows just such a scene. Maple sugar became an important crop in Wayne as did mint for peppermint. Unfortunately, a storm hit in 1911 that destroyed 42



Harvesting maple trees on the Carpenter property.

maple trees on the Carpenter property and another sugar bush lost 140 maple trees. That, along with the harvesting of wood, eventually brought the local sugar bush and tapping of maple trees to an end. Today, much of our maple syrup and maple sugar comes from the northeast and Canada. Although, there are still individuals who enjoy this

practice as a hobby and look forward to fall and making maple syrup for family and friends. It connects us to our past and provides us with one of nature's sweet treats. Life is good in the fall.

(Some of the material for this article was taken from the book, "The City of Wayne", published in 2003 by Valerie Latzman.)



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# Tragedy on Chamberlin

By Carolyn Marnon

At approximately 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, September 26, the Wayne Police Department was dispatched to an address on Chamberlain Street. Upon arrival, police officers found 58 year old Dan Dart deceased at his residence. He had suffered multiple injuries. Dart's 26 year old step-grandson, Jesse Wayne Gunderson, was taken into custody by police.

Dart is a retired Ford employee. He had taken Gunderson to a Tigers baseball game and to other activities and outings while Gunderson was living with him and his wife, Gunderson's grandmother. He tried to be a mentor and parent-figure for Gunderson. "He was such a good guy," brother-in-law, John Phillips, said of Dart. "He would just give his shirt off his back not only to take his family members in ... but to get them on their feet. And he was trying to do that for this young man as well."

"Dan is a person everybody on this street loves," said Robert Porter, Gunderson's uncle. "Everybody who knows him knows him as a happy go lucky guy and loved his grandson

with all his heart. They got along real well and never had issues. We don't have any idea about the whys yet. Only God knows why. We trust that the Lord is going to get us through each day to answer these questions for our side and the rest of Dart's family because they want to know too."

"It happened extremely fast. Quiet. There was no indication this was going to take place. These were two people that loved each other," Porter said. Reports are that when Dart went into his backyard, Gunderson hit him on the head with an ax.

On Tuesday, Gunderson was arraigned at 29th District Court in Wayne on charges of Homicide-First Degree Murder-Premeditated. A not guilty plea was entered on his behalf, and he is being held without bond. When Judge Laura R. Mack asked "Do you understand what you are being charged with?" Gunderson replied, "No." The Probable Cause Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, and the Preliminary Examination is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13. Both will be held at the 29th District Court.



Dan Dart

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Kevin is involved with the Eastern Michigan Writing Project, a community of professional educators that provides opportunities to collaborate, improve, enhance and celebrate literacy in classrooms and communities throughout southeast Michigan. He was a fellow 3 years ago. This year, the theme is Total Contact Literacy and will be held at Eastern Michigan University Saturday, October 24, from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. This free EdCamp will be an unconference where attendees decide what they want to discuss and learn. "Teachers are the best teachers of teachers," commented Kevin. Right now, more than 40 people have signed up. If you are interested in attending, go to <http://edcampemwp.blogspot.com/> for more information.

For the first 10 minutes of class, students in Kevin's classroom can read whatever they want. "If they

aren't reading with you, they're not reading without you," says Kevin. Students then write in their notebooks everyday. Kevin writes too. "If you teach writing, you should actually write."

Kevin believes it's important to provide choice of reading materials to the students and provide access to books. 9th grade student Darnell O'Neal III said, "I didn't really like reading." Now he is reading basketball books and Sports Illustrated because basketball is what interests him.

Kevin is always searching for grants and ways to bring literacy to his classroom. He was awarded \$4000 in books from Book Love Foundation. The Book Love Foundation is dedicated to teachers who inspire a love of reading. They provide classroom libraries of hundreds of books carefully chosen to meet teenagers where they are and lead them to the deep rewards of reading.

They put those books into the hands of teachers who demonstrate a commitment to enrich reading lives for all students.

Kevin has also received a grant from the National Council of Teachers of English. He was able to extend his stay at the Minneapolis ALAN (Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of NCTE) conference. He was able to meet with YA (young adult) authors, learn more about YA literature in the classroom, and received books that were given away. He has received a grant from the Wayne Westland Foundation for the Improvement of Instruction to use for book groups and to have literate conversations with peers.

How does Kevin find all these grants? He says he reads and researches a lot. "If I want something, I have to find a way to make it happen." Outside of teaching, Kevin enjoys reading YA literature, talking about books to raise awareness of reading, professional development activities, learning, playing with his 4 year old niece and travel. "School is fun for me."

Ms. Patti Ball sponsors a reading and writing club for students who want a safe place to write what they want to write. She is working on a book club for the students. Kevin helps wherever he can. He is also the Class of 2017 co-sponsor with

Mrs. Chelsea Birchmeier.

Teachers in the English department at Wayne Memorial have signs outside their doors with the cover of a book they are currently reading.

You might think that Kevin English became an English teacher because of his name. Not true. It was his 8th grade history teacher who inspired him to become a teacher. He never read a book for fun while he was in high school. Reading books was something you were forced to do. In college, Kevin minored in history, but later decided he wanted to be an English teacher.

"Kevin is not just a phenomenal teacher, but he is also someone who advocates for our profession. He is willing to speak up and speak out where and when it matters, a trait that is rare in teachers these days, as many fear for their jobs if they speak out. I'm still trying to convince him he needs to run for Congress someday since we need more educators in politics. He says he's committed to staying in the classroom though," Beth Shaum stated.

If you have Young Adult books you no longer want, consider donating them to Mr. English's classroom. He does not mind having more than one book of a certain title. Contact him at [englishk@wwcsd.net](mailto:englishk@wwcsd.net). If you are aware of any grants for English teachers, let him know that also.

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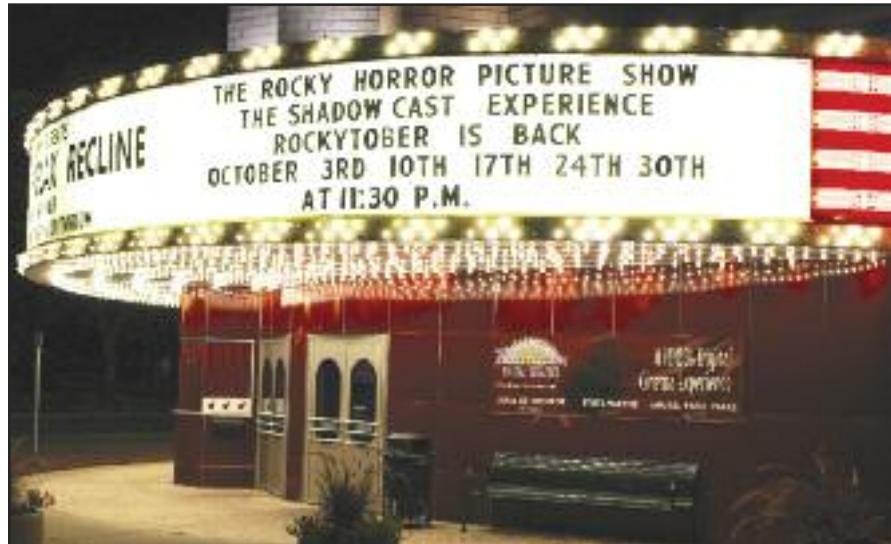


# 40th anniversary for the cult movie classic

By Carolyn Marnon

The Rocky Horror Preservation Society celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the “Rocky Horror Picture Show” the last weekend of September with a convention in New York City.

For 2 ½ years, the State Wayne has brought the “Rocky Horror Picture Show” to life on the big screen regularly. The 50th performance featuring the Michigan Rocky Horror Preservation Society was on Saturday, September 12. They presented their unique live “shadow-cast experience.” “‘Rocky Horror’ and the enthusiastic shadow cast truly make this show the most unique, fun and memorable night you can spend at the movies,” said Cory Jacobson, owner of Phoenix Theaters and the State Wayne. “We had a crazy idea to try to capture this classic movie-going experience over two years ago. More than 7000 patrons have descended to Wayne for twice-monthly special showings from throughout Michigan and as far away as Chicago to relive a film from their youth or discover it for the very first time.”



The State Wayne will be celebrating “Rockytober” by presenting the show almost every Saturday in October: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and a special show on “Devil’s Night” October 30.

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“The Rocky Horror Picture Show Experience is something we pride

ourselves on offering to our audience,” said co-executive producer Faith Duede. “The movie is full of great songs and great dialogue, but to truly appreciate it, you really have to be a part of the entire experience. We are very fortunate to be able to provide that with a full shadow cast

performing along with the movie, and the use of the props you all remember, like throwing toast, cards, toilet paper, and using squirt guns. We also have pre-film videos and a pre-show dance party. It’s an amazing atmosphere!”

What about Saturday, October 31st? On that evening, the MRHPS will be at Skateland West in Westland. They are teaming with Hush Haunted Attractions to present the live shadowcast experience beginning at midnight. Doors will open at 9:45pm and the pre-show fun will begin around 10:30pm. General admission tickets will be \$10. For \$30, you get the Ultimate Rocky Horror Experience with reserved front of house seating, an exclusive event t-shirt, the interactive prop bag and a pair of glow light-up glasses. Attendance is limited to adults. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

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## Rapid Transit along Michigan Avenue

Building Equitable Sustainable Transit (BEST) will be holding a fall public meeting in Wayne on Monday, October 12, 4-7 p.m. at the Wayne Historical Museum. BEST: Michigan Avenue is a planning study to evaluate a wide range of transit options to connect Wayne and Washtenaw counties with safe, modern and efficient public transportation services along Michigan Avenue.

This community meeting is being held to obtain input from residents, businesses and major institutions. This community input will have a key role in shaping the study's recommendations. According to Michael Ford, CEO,

Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan, "We need to know what you want. The transit plan for Michigan Avenue won't work without your suggestions and ideas. This is really going to be the people's plan."

If you are interested in transportation along Michigan Avenue as it flows through Wayne, attend this meeting. Give your ideas and feedback. This is an excellent chance to make your voice heard before the plan goes forward. Don't be the person who complains because a bus stop was put in spot X when you really thought it should have gone in spot Y. Come out and speak up!



Lucille Cobenaw, Brenda Armstrong, Kathy Kovalski, Miriam Shurlow, Mary Carney and Veronica Hoops show off some of the wreaths that will be sold on November 5th and 6th at The First Congregational Church.

## "Christmas Bells A' Ringing" at First Congregational Church

The First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square, is hosting their 69TH annual Christmas Fair, "Christmas Bells A' Ringing" from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on November 5th and 6th at the historical church in downtown Wayne next to McDonald's.

Delicious 'a la carte lunches are served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and dinners from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Turkey dinners with all the trimmings are \$10 for adults and \$4 for children.

Shops are open all day and in-

clude a Country store, Attic Treasurers, a Boutique, Christmas Shop, Used Books Store, Hand Made Goods, Coffee Shop, Specialties Shop and a Homemade Candy Booth.

Shoppers will find beautiful Christmas decorations, canned fruits, jams, jellies, candy, precious moments collectibles, hand sewn and knitted items and plenty of Christmas gifts!

Parking is on the west side of the building with elevators available at the south entrance.

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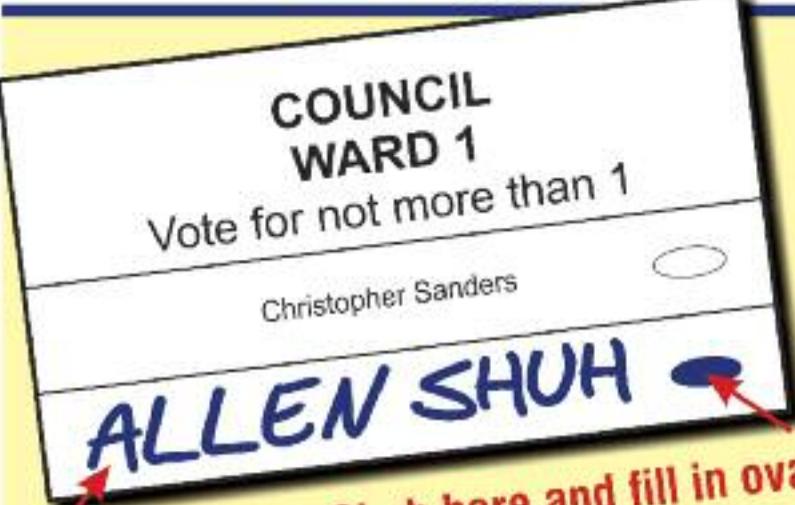
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**Write-In Candidate for Ward 1**

**Allen "BUDDY" SHUH**

**★ FOR WAYNE CITY COUNCIL ★**



**Write-In Allen Shuh here and fill in oval.**

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Committee to Elect ALLEN SHUH  
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**How to vote to write-in ALLEN SHUH:** Two things you must do.

1. Write-In **ALLEN SHUH** in **COUNCIL WARD 1** under Christopher Sanders' name. Be sure to spell his name correctly, **ALLEN SHUH**.
2. Fill in the oval next to where you wrote-in **ALLEN SHUH**.

\*Only write-in candidates who have registered with the city clerk are eligible, so please only write in names of registered write-ins.

**Endorsements**

Mayor James Hawley + Mayor Pro-Tem Lorene "Skip" Monit + Councilman Albert Damitio  
Councilman John Rhaesa + Councilman David James + Former Councilwoman Pam Dobrowski  
State Representative Robert Kosowski + County Commissioner (Dist. 12) Richard LeBlanc  
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**I respectfully ask for your WRITE-IN vote on Nov. 3rd**