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The Wayne Rotary Concerts in Goudy Park are Wednesday nights in Downtown Wayne starting July 17th.

## Your summer concert season has arrived!

### July 17-Major Woody

The 2019 Summer Concerts in Goudy Park will kick off on Wednesday, July 17, with **Major Woody**, a band that has not performed in past summer concerts. This Livonia cover band, formed in 1992, performs pop, rock, Motown and classics. There have been a few member changes over the years, but four of the original founding members are currently in the band. The seven-piece band has male and female front singers; the size of the band allows for a full sound and versatility in song choice. According to Patti Dickson, wife of lead vocalist Glenn Dickson, "Major Woody's greatest asset and reason for their popularity is their contagious fun and enthusiasm. Guaranteed a good time that people can't resist joining in. They also limit the amount of venues they perform, thus keeping them fresh and excited for their performances. They will not disappoint!" Join Glenn Dickson (lead vocals), Carrie

Shelton (lead vocals), Carl Gerhard (lead guitar), Greg Panaretos (rhythm guitar), Mike Wigand (bass guitar), Tim McPherson (keyboard) and Duran Grisa (drums) as they gather to entertain you at the opening concert of the Goudy Park summer series.

### July 24-Theo Gridiron

**Theo Gridiron** is the singer of the Detroit Lions fight song. Theo's life changed when he tried out for the 2004 WDIV Super Singer contest in Detroit where he caught the eye of a Detroit Lion's exec who reached out and asked if Theo would be interested in performing the team's fight song at home games. Born and raised in Detroit, Theo has developed his brand of "soul-stirring, gospel-influenced, pure Detroit soul" from an early age, according to his website. A blue-collar Big 3 worker by day, he brings his passion for singing to the Goudy Park stage on Wednesday, July 24.

### July 31-Live Bullet Detroit

According to the band's Facebook page, **Live Bullet Detroit** "Formed in July 2015. Live Bullet Detroit is comprised of some of the area's top musicians. Lead by the strong vocals and stage performance of Kevin Evans, expect to be entertained by music from the Live Bullet album in its entirety as well as other favorites. Adding to the performance, the members are also dressed in clothing from the 70's to give a complete BOB SEGER EXPERIENCE!"

### August 7-ROCKSTAR

**ROCKSTAR** will be making their 2nd appearance in the Wayne summer concert series, having played here last summer. This 80s hair band will give you the ultimate 80s rock experience. Their repertoire includes hits from Quiet Riot, Journey, Def Leppard, Bon Jovi, Poison, Motley Crue, Cinderella, Night Ranger and many others. According to their website, "ROCKSTAR has had the

honor of sharing the stage with some of the original 80's greats including Steven Adler of Gun's & Roses, Berlin, Foreigner, Brett Michaels of Poison, Sebastian Bach of Skid Row, Night Ranger, Winger, .38 Special, Loverboy, Warrant, Faster Pussycat, John Waite, and many more. Come see why ROCKSTAR is known as 'The International 80's Rock Sensation' by getting the Ultimate 80's Rock Experience!

Concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Amphitheatre in Goudy Park. The concerts are presented to you by the Wayne Rotary Club.

The remaining concerts for August include:

**Steve King and the Dittilies**

(Aug. 14)

**Power Play** (Aug. 21)

**Fifty Amp Fuse** (Aug. 28)

These bands will be highlighted in next month's edition of The Wayne Dispatch.

# Wayne loses community icon and diamond

By Carolyn Marnon

An icon of the community has died. William "Wild Bill" Copland died June 18 after a fight with cancer. He was 81.

As "Taps" played into the sky outside the doors of St. John's Episcopal Church on a warm 81° summer morning, mourners packed the rows of pews, some having to sit in folding chairs, others having to stand at the back of the church. The parking lot was filled to capacity. Overflow parking spilled out onto the front and back lawns and into the school parking lot next door. All had come to pay their respects to Bill and his family and to share stories of how he had impacted their lives.

The Reverend Tom Wilson came from his home in Tennessee to lead the funeral celebration. Rev. Wilson was a former pastor at St. John's; he and his wife became great friends with Bill and Sharron. Sharron says that when Tom heard of Bill's death, he told her he would come to Michigan to officiate at the funeral.

In his homily, Rev. Wilson said he met Bill 47 years ago during the interview process to become the pastor at St. John's. Bill was on the vestry and was part of the process. He spoke of the many church activities Bill had been involved in over the years, including the church bowling league. He told the attendees that Bill had a great love of toys. Those toys just happened to be front-end loaders, snow plows, riding mowers, dump trucks and the like. He spoke about the business's Bill had in Wayne: the party store, the video store and the bike shop. He spoke about Bill's singing, especially during the winter. A favorite? "Every time it snows, it snows pennies from heaven." Yes, Wild Bill had a sense of humor. Unfortunately, the last few months had been hard on Bill. He became frustrated because he was not able to do all those things he'd once been able to do. Most in the community know that Bill seemed to be everywhere. Sharron later commented, "You know Bill. He never stops."

Young Bill started his "career" as a chip bagger at the party store when he was 14. The store was owned by someone else then. The store made their own chips, and Bill bagged



William "Wild Bill" Copland

them up. He later became a bottle-boy and kept working his way up through the positions until eventually, "He owned the whole thing!" exclaims Sharron.

Bill and Sharron were married for 58 years and have lived in the same house in Wayne those entire 58 years. They met while she worked at Leright's. She says he rented a room down the street.

Sometime in her 30s, Sharron had a pulmonary embolism in her leg. One thing after another seemed to plague her health, but she says through it all, "We had a very good marriage. Very compatible. We never fought. He always took such good care of me. You don't find men like Bill anymore."

While Bill was in the Army, Sharron stayed at their home in Wayne. She says he almost went to the Bay of Pigs (a failed military invasion of Cuba). When asked what he did in the Army, Sharron says he was on a boat where the end tips down and the men all run onto the ground.

"What you see is what you got," Sharron says about Bill. She mentions how he would come across a homeless person that he would then take care of-giving him food and shelter. That person would eventually die, and he would get a new homeless person to take care of. "He was such a good Christian. He did what Jesus told him to do," Sharron says. When he owned the party store and

the Greyhound bus stopped there, he would take a passenger who had disembarked wherever they needed to go. Sharron says she didn't like Bill doing this since he didn't know the person, but Bill would do it anyway. It was the type of person he was.

Sharron was a stay-at-home mother to their three children. When the youngest, Linda, went off to college, Sharron had plans for what to do with her new "spare" time. Bill had other plans. He put her to work "for just an hour or two a day, a few days a week" Bill told her. That ended up being all day six days a week. Sharron would tell Bill she didn't know what she was doing, but he told her she would learn in time how to run the party store, the ice cream parlor inside and western union, among other duties.

Bill was a family man according to Sharron. He and his boys raced all-terrain vehicles in competitions. He coached hockey and baseball for the boys. They had horses, so he did things on the horse route.

He loved elephants. There are signs of this throughout his home. It might seem, however, that he might have had a secret way with cats. Sharron tells a tale about Tillie, a cat who lived down the street from the party store. She was constantly following Bill around and loved to get up on his shoulders and sleep on his neck. He would take Tillie home, and she'd come right back to the shop. Sharron says Bill never liked cats but after Tillie met an unfortunate demise, Bill had a portrait of her made that hung in the home.

Once Bill owned the party store, which consisted of two buildings on

the block on Wayne Road between Ash and Elm streets, he went on to own the video store, and then two more buildings that made up the bike shop. He added a garage to the bike shop. He moved into the landscaping business. Bill's intention was to own the entire block. At his death, he still owned the building where Scooters-N-More is located. All the rest of the buildings had been sold.

Because of all his businesses, the Copland's didn't travel much. His favorite place was Alaska where they cruised the inland passage. He didn't like Hawaii. Once, on a Mississippi riverboat cruise at Mardi Gras time, the riverboat staff handed out crepe paper for passengers to make costumes for a party. Sharron and her friend's husband had hurt themselves and couldn't dress up, but her friend Betty was a carrot, while Wild Bill might have been a stalk of celery. "It was something ridiculous," Sharron laughs. There was also a time when they travelled to the Upper Peninsula and after dinner at some greasy spoon in the middle of nowhere, Bill stood outside and did the Tarzan call.

Bill is survived by his wife Sharron, his children William and Linda, his sisters Sharon, Joni, Kathy and Susie, brothers Robert, Butch, John and David, six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents William and Margaret Copland, his sister Barbara and his son, Darrell.

The City Council issued a resolution in memorium of Wild Bill Copland at the July 2 meeting.



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# Community shares memories of “Wild Bill”

**By Carolyn Marnon**

Upon hearing the news of William “Wild Bill” Copland’s death, members of the community shared their condolences and memories of Bill on The Wayne Dispatch’s Facebook page.

He will be missed dearly by everybody that knew him. I was fortunate enough to have known him for almost 50 years. This awesome amazing man helped me out too many times to count with any bicycle part I ever needed and never asked me to pay for nothing when I was in need.

— **Bob Sweet**

Wild Bill was a great fixture in Wayne. He was always so friendly and about the hardest working man that I have known.

— **Martha Pitsenbarger**

Bill always had a smile for everyone.— **Bertie Karll**

A tremendous loss to his family, his friends, his community, and his church. I was honored to consider him my friend.— **Daryl Royal**

He used to come into Brownie’s Diner when I was just a kid for breakfast. Always so upbeat and positive.— **Kimberly Fick**

A wonderful gentleman who was an amazing ambassador for our city.— **Cindy Schofield**

He made a lot of kids’ dreams come true with his fantastic bike shop.— **Michael Gotts**

There’s not one bad thing that one could ever say about this man! I grew up through the years walking with my mom to the party store or renting movies from Bill and his family. That last word is exactly how my family and I felt about Bill and his family; they were our family.

— **Michelle Tackett-Braden**

I will always remember Bill from high school as a very gentle, soft-spoken and happy boy.

— **DeeAnn Ekman**

A great supporter of community! Bill was a “doer,” a working man who never quit helping people and

causes. Bill cared! Bill loved to help others.— **Sharon Arthur**

Wild Bill was truly one of the nicest people in the world. Always kind, funny and generous. What a giant presence in our community as far back as I can remember.

— **Regenia Higgs**

He touched many lives.

— **Carla Jo**

Bought my first mini-bike from him. Everytime I’ve seen him, he’s always had a kind word.

— **Tom Cahill**

We have lost many important things in the city of Wayne, however none can compare to this loss! I worked with Bill for several years as commissioners on the Wheelfest. There is nothing I can say that hasn’t already been said.— **Nancy Lambert**

The best dad jokes. My business neighbor, a true gentleman, vigorous in his support for Wayne.

— **Kim White-Jenkins**

My first memory of “Wild Bill” Copland is as a little girl when my grandfather walked me up to his bike shop to get me a bike tire. Years later, I was blessed to get to know him through St. John’s Episcopal Church. He was always busily involved with one church project or the other. He was always nice, funny and made you laugh.

— **Margaret Zimmerman**

I first met him while delivering the mail, and he would always give me a wink and a smile when I walked by.

— **Marie Shannon**

I remember Wild Bill when we moved to Elm Street in the mid-fifties. I think he was a stock boy at the party store that he eventually owned and added the bike shop to. He is definitely a true icon of Wayne. And he helped so many people over the years. He cut my mom’s lawn.

— **Beverly Fuller**

He was such a nice man with big energy.— **Matt Rochon**

Bill was the most universally

loved person I’ve ever known. He got joy from helping everyone he knew and those he’d just met.

— **Kathy Darfler**

Wayne will never be the same without him! — **Rayma Hogan**

He did so much for the community that people don’t know about. A true lover of Wayne and its people.

— **Ed McMurray**

I saved up all my chore money when I was 8 to buy a BMX helmet at the bike shop. We used to ride up there and get our tires filled for free like family.

— **Hannah Flores**

He fought a good fight. He was a truly great person to everybody. He has earned his wings.

— **May Williams**

Wild Bill was Wayne. I think we should dedicate a bench or something in his honor.

— **Sammy Willingham**

Really touches my heart because when he ran Wild Bill’s Bike Shop, I was always in there buying bike parts.

— **John Davis**

I absolutely loved him so much! He always kept an eye out for me when I was working at Kirby. When I left late at night when it was dark. I’d say don’t worry about it, get in your car. I see you! Drive safe! Everywhere I see him he always had a smile on his face and was always willing to help out. The world is definitely going to be missing this wonderful angel.

— **Vivian Whisenand**

Bill lived in my street growing up. Not a day went by that he didn’t drive down the street and beep, smile and wave.

— **Jennifer Roach**

I grew up 3 doors from his party store. As a young teenager, I wanted a 10-speed bike. He allowed me to buy one and pay him \$10 a week until it was paid for.

— **Lee Miller**

Wild Bill taught me how to

change a bike tire tube when I was 7 years old at his bike shop. There was a pile of old bikes and parts outside that he didn’t use and would let the kids go into and take parts. Some of us even built a bike with them.

— **Robert Webb**

Wild Bill was a neighbor who liked to have fun. He used to go trick or treat in costume with his kids. — **Kathy Johnson**

His parents lived down the street from me growing up in Wayne. All throughout my life I don’t ever remember him being mean or hateful, always willing to help and always had a smile. Used to see him at the Dunkin’ Donuts on Wayne Rd talking to his cronies. — **Patrick Hill**

He was always around and always helping the city. I can remember buying candy from his store and checking out bikes at the bike shop. I also remember chatting with him when I worked for the city.

— **Aaron Masters**

Bill and I were doing clean up in Wayne, and he was my partner. As we came upon the cemetery he said don’t go in yet. He placed 3 pennies on the step and said no worries now because this will keep evil spirits away. — **Trish Hampton**

I lived on Chestnut street and went to Wild Bill’s Party Store all the time as a child. One day, a friend dared me to take a red penny candy. I was about 7. At the time, they cost 2 for a penny. I was scared and probably really obvious. Bill watched me from behind the counter and gave me a look as if to say you better not be thinking of taking that candy. Well, thanks to Bill, I never did take the candy. I did go home and get some money. I came back and bought the candy. I’m sure he chuckled and probably told my dad.

— **Liz Arthur-Meyes**

He loved everyone he encountered and truly believed in helping everyone he could, and if he could sing a song or say or do something goofy and get a laugh, it made the experience that much better.

— **Alex Copland**



Left to right David Malloy (past president of Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and Novi PD Chief), Wayne Police Chief Ryan Strong, Lt. Kevin Schmidtke and new president of MACP, Chief Terrence McDonnell of East Jordan PD.

## Officer Schmidtke receives prestigious Chiefs award

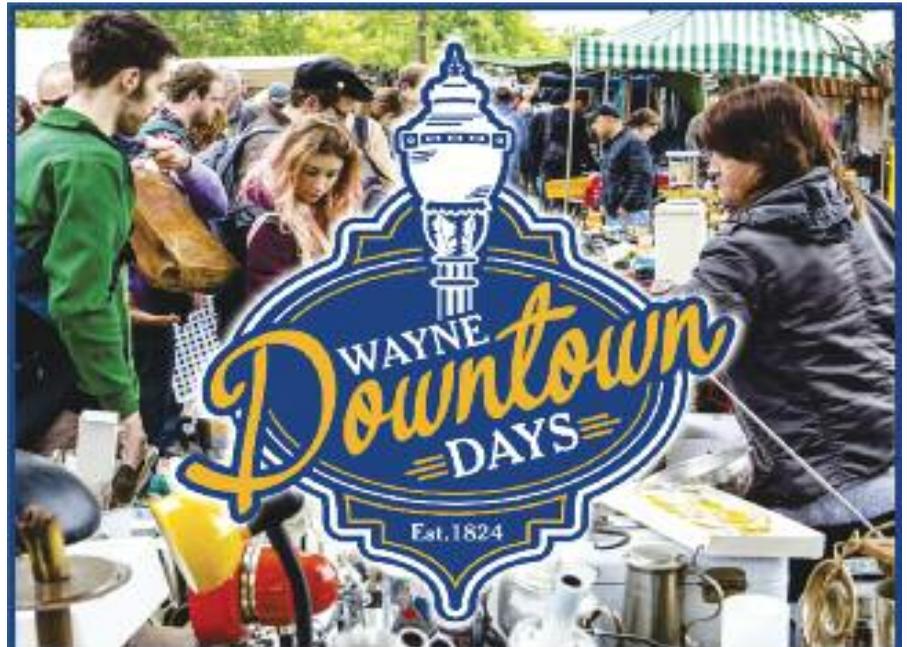
Only one or two police officers from the entire state are selected for the award each year. On June 25, Lt. Kevin Schmidtke of the Wayne Police Department received the prestigious Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Distinguished Service Medal. According to the Wayne Police Department, "This is a state-wide award for 'exceptionally meritorious service in the performance of an assignment of great responsibility. The excellence of such performance distinguished both the officer and his/her department.'"

Recipients of the award are selected by a panel of police chiefs from across the state.

The Wayne Police Department also reports that "Lt. Schmidtke received the award for his tireless efforts to identify a cold case serial rapist. Lt. Schmidtke took a report about the original incident when he

was an officer in training in 2001. He followed the case since then and eventually identified the suspect through stellar police work. The case was turned over to then Detective Perez, who obtained a warrant for the suspect's arrest. The suspect is now serving a lengthy prison term. In his original recommendation to the awards committee, Chief Strong wrote, 'Without Lt. Schmidtke's dedication to the case, the suspect would have continued to commit sexual assaults, and the victim would have never received justice. I strongly believe that Lt. Schmidtke's actions prevented numerous sexual assaults.'"

According to Chief Strong, no one in his 20-year career in the Wayne Police Department has won the award. He believes the last award to a Wayne officer was about 30 years ago.



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# Playscape rises with community help

By Carolyn Marnon

“One of the first things I tell the group is ‘I’m really good at playgrounds, but I’m really bad at names,’” said Wayne resident Juan Bradford, Community Build Supervisor for Miracle Midwest, Miracle Playscapes that manufactured the new playscape at Rotary Park II located on Chamberlain between John and Stellwagen streets in Wayne.

Volunteers from throughout the Wayne community came together on Friday, June 28, and Saturday, June 29, to construct the new playscape that officially opened Monday, July 1.

“My job is to go out and assist groups that purchase playground equipment with the intent of installing it themselves with volunteers. I typically end up working with schools, churches, municipalities, HOA’s and I will travel anywhere in Michigan, Indiana, or Ohio,” said Juan. “The most challenging part of my job is taking a group of people whom I have just met that day and



Mayor John Rhaesa and the City of Wayne, along with community volunteers, thanks Beaumont Regional Affairs Manager - Eric Woody and Beaumont Hospital for their generous gift of new playground equipment for Wayne Rotary II Park on Chamberlain.

quickly evaluate their skill level, stamina, and ability to work as a leader or follower. There truly is a job for everyone and I do my best to find them that job. That and remembering everyone’s name.

Friday, the Wayne Department of

Public Works (DPW) prepared the ground while volunteers unloaded the playscape components and moved them to the areas where they would be installed. Posts were then dropped in preparation for assembly.

Saturday, the playscape was as-

sembled. This consisted of lifting parts and bolting them together.

“One of the most satisfying parts of helping a group build a play structure is seeing people smile and be proud of themselves after assembling something when earlier that day they didn’t even know a ratchet wrench worked,” said Juan.

“Thankfully, we didn’t have any last-minute surprises like not enough volunteers or bad weather. Even though it was around 90° and humid each day, everyone did a good job of keeping hydrated and taking breaks when needed. We don’t want anyone working harder than they are able to, that’s how people can get hurt and we definitely don’t want that. I want everyone who was there to look back in a month or a year and remember how much fun they had,” continued Juan. “As a former City of Wayne employee who worked for the Parks and Recreation Depart-

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ment for 28 years, it was a great feeling for me to get to come back and do a community build playground in my hometown.”

According to Beaumont Hospital-Wayne’s Vice President of Operations Jose M. Kottoor, “Playscape is a project to keep the families and children to be active and encourages them to be outdoors. With Beaumont Community Health Assessment implementation strategy to build healthier lives and communities, there couldn’t be a project better than this. We also see this project as promoting health in our community and population health. It also increases our visibility in the neighborhoods.” Jose states, “Beaumont is interested in the health and wellbeing of the communities around our campuses. We practice what we advocate for – healthier communities.”

The project could not have happened without Beaumont Health and Healthy Wayne who donated the new playscape. Northside Hardware donated any wood needed for the project. David Steinhauer and Professional Insurance donated breakfast (coffee, donuts and bagels) both days. Captain Nemo’s donated submarine sandwiches for lunch both days. Happy’s Pizza donated pizza both days. Fresh Choice donated water, Gatorade, pop and chips both days. The volunteers did not go hungry!

Children would not be enjoying the playscape right now without the many volunteers who gathered to help. Volunteers came from Beaumont Hospital, Healthy Wayne, Wayne Main Street, Friends: People Helping People, Wayne Parks and Trail committee members and their families, and members of the Wayne community. Volunteers also came from DPW, Wayne Fire Department, Wayne Police Department, members of the City Administration, Mayor John Rhaesa, Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Porter, Councilman Jeremiah Webster, Councilman Kevin Dowd and Councilwoman Kelly Skiff. All these people endured temperatures in the high 80s/low 90s while they worked to bring this playscape to life.

There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate everyone who came together as a community to provide a special place for kids to play. The date has not yet been determined.

# Rosie the Riveters honored by Wayne Historical Society

By Carolyn Marnon

As a bagpiper played "Amazing Grace," people attending the dedication of the new Rosie Rose Garden in front of the Wayne Historical Museum milled around the lawn. At the predetermined time, Wayne Historical Society Immediate Past President Ann Zimmerman welcomed everyone, including several original Rosies, the Wayne Mayor and several councilpersons and members of the Wayne Garden Club for attending.

This past spring, the American Rosie the Riveter Association (ARRA) planted 100 rose bushes across Michigan. Each rose bush honors a World War II Rosie. "Like it's namesake, this rose bush is strong, hardy and beautiful," said Jeannette Gutierrez of the Rose Bush Project team, ARRA-Willow Run Chapter, referring to the special roses called Rosie the Riveter floribunda. Five of these rose bushes were planted in the new garden in front of the Wayne Historical Museum.

"A lot of people don't know that my grandmother Wilda Hauser, who was a Wayne resident, worked as a riveter at Willow Run also," Mayor John Rhaesa told those assembled on June 18. "And she got hurt early on in her career doing that and wound up after that doing dog tags for the soldiers." This statement was the first that led up to the many ways women helped in the war effort in the 1940s.



Wayne resident Robert Webb's granddaughters Emily and Skylar celebrate the new Rosie Rose Garden in front of the Wayne Historical Museum.

"Rosie wasn't just a riveter," said Jeannette. "Rosie the Riveter is an important figure in our nation's history. She was any woman who stepped up to do a man's job during World War II while the men and boys were off to war. Rosie was a factory-worker, a farmhand, she was an elevator operator and a streetcar conductor. She was an office worker, a clerk, even a pro baseball player and a big band musician.

Rosie the Riveter also represents the many American women who volunteered: the Red Cross

workers, ... the nurse cadets, USO entertainers, and more. America and her allies could not have achieved victory in World War II without the Rosie the Riveters and the millions of planes, ... guns and ships that they produced."

Wayne residents Alice and Robert Webb were thanked for sponsoring each of the bushes in the new rose garden. Robert's mom was a Rosie at Willow Run. Also thanked were the Wayne Historical Society for providing a home for the garden and for preserving the legacy of Rosie for future generations and the ARRA planting team. "We have proved once again that We Can Do It!" exclaimed Jeannette.

Three original Rosies attended the ceremony. Anna Timmerman worked at Stinson Aircraft in Wayne making little planes they called grasshoppers. Clara Doutly worked at Briggs Manufacturing in Detroit on the B-29 bombers. Jane Biestek worked at the Ford Rouge plant making parts for the B-24.

Each rose bush throughout the state recognizes an individual Rosie. Family members and friends of a Rosie came up to speak about each of the women the rose bushes were dedicated to at the conclusion of the ceremony.

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9:00 pm - 11:00 pm - The Detroit/Dixie Connection

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## Oil under Wayne – The Imperial Oil Co.

By Tyler Moll

Did you know that for over 100 years there has been oil coursing under the ground on the west end of the city? Did you know that the oil that came through Wayne helped the US win WWI and WWII? Lets start at the beginning. In 1899 the company headquarters of Imperial Oil moved to Sarnia, Ontario where Standard Oil had a huge refinery. To supply this refinery, crude oil was brought in by ship across the great lakes, but this was slow and subject to interruption. In 1913 it was decided to build a direct pipeline to supply the refinery. The route was to be 155 miles from Sarnia to Cygnet, Ohio which at the time produced much of the U.S. oil. A six-inch wide pipe was laid at a cost of \$1,000,000, and two pumping stations were built. One at Cygnet, and one halfway along the line at Wayne, Michigan. The Wayne pumping station was built in the summer of 1913 on the south side of the Michigan Central Railroad Tracks, west of the junction, along Treadwell. Several brick pump-houses and outbuildings were built, and a large pond was dug to provide

fire protection. The pipeline opened February 25, 1914 and was the first pipeline to ever cross an international boundary. The oil from this line supplied a majority of the fuels used by the military during World War I and later World War II. By the 30s the pipeline was connected to more productive oil fields in Oklahoma over 1,000 miles away, and by 1939 the pipeline was pumping 23,000 barrels of oil per day to Sarnia. The Wayne pumping station had five-100 horsepower pumps to keep the oil flowing, and by 1954 was pumping 45,000 barrels per day. It is unclear when the original lines were replaced and improved, but Wayne is still a pumping station today on the original 1913 site. Today the pumping station is still at 4400 Treadwell road and is operated by Buckeye Pipeline. From Wayne two 12-inch lines run south to Toledo, and two 8-inch lines run north to Novi and Flint. In aerial views the original fire protection pond from 1913 is still visible on the site, though it looks like most of the buildings have been changed over time.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Kite building and decorating

Come to the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Rd, on Tuesday, July 2, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. for a kite building and decorating workshop for children ages 4-11. Take the kite home and enjoy hours of flying!

### Knit and crochet night

The Wayne Public Library is starting a casual monthly knitting and crocheting night. Bring any of your knitting or crocheting supplies and enjoy a casual meet-up with fellow crafters. The next Knit and Crochet Night is Thursday, July 11, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., but you're free to drop in at any point during that time to get to know other attendees and to work on your projects. This is an adult program, but teens are welcome to join in as well! The library is located at 3737 S. Wayne Rd.

### Historical museum events this summer

July 11 - Railroad Cabooses 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker Anthony Rzucidlo, President/CEO of the Michigan Railroad Club will give an overview of the history of cabooses, why they were developed in the 1840's, who rode in them, and present-day utilization of cabooses.

### Family fun day

The Wayne Historical Museum will be hosting a Family Fun Day on Saturday, July 13, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the museum, 1 Towne Square. There will be children's



### Cruisin' in Wayne

John Goci Realty and Mark Chevrolet present the annual Cruisin' US12 car cruise on Saturday, July 13, from 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. This is a free family event in downtown Wayne with live music and classic cars. Knights of Columbus Council #3021 will be holding its First Annual Notre Dame Car Show from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Notre Dame Hall, 3144 S. Wayne Rd.

crafts, games and activities, classic cars, museum tours, food and refreshments and entertainment by Harmony Town Barbershop Men's Chorus.

### Car show

The Knights of Columbus Notre Dame Lounge will be hosting a car show on Saturday, July 13, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Notre Dame

Lounge, 3144 S. Wayne Rd. Food and drink will be available. A free concert will follow the car show.

### Wayne bicycle show and bbq

The Wayne Bicycle Shop, 35858 Michigan Ave W, is hosting their 2nd Annual Wayne Bicycle Show and BBQ on Saturday, July 13, from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Bring out your Classics, Customs, Ratrods, and store-bought bicycles; all are welcome. \$5 registration for each bike entered into the show for your

chance at the coveted Wayne Bicycle Shop trophies. They will judge for Best Classic, Best Custom, Peoples Choice and new this year Best Store-bought. Registration starts at Noon; judging takes place at 3:00 p.m. Food, fun, music, and games all day long. There will be cruises throughout the day down Michigan Ave.

### Space stories

Children of all ages and their families can come to the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Rd, on Tuesday, July 16, at 3:00 p.m. to listen to stories and sing songs about space, planets and the universe.

### Celestial mobiles

Come to the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Rd, on Thursday, July 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m. to build a mobile of the sun and planets. This event is for children ages 5-11.

### City receives grant funding

At the quarterly meeting of the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Council hosted by the City of Wayne, the recipients of the grant funding under the new allocation format were revealed.

The City is pleased to announce that the Grant request it submitted to remove the wood play structure at Attwood Park, replacing it with a newer and much larger structure, was approved. The cost of this project and grant amount awarded is \$227,741.00.

The County also approved the request for \$20,000.00 for Code Enforcement.

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# After pressure from the community, school board acts

By Carolyn Marnon

On June 14, the Wayne-Westland Board of Education received a written complaint from a former District employee regarding the conduct and actions of the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Shelley Holt. Dr. Holt has been in the position for two years, succeeding Dr. Michelle Harmala, who took a new position with Madonna University in 2017. The Board had also received similar complaints about Dr. Holt that have been expressed by members of the community at school board meetings.



Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Shelley Holt

A special Board of Education meeting was called for Thursday, June 20, to determine whether an investigation should be initiated into the allegations against Dr. Holt.

School Board President David R. Cox tried to start the meeting by hearing from students and recent graduates who had gathered at the meeting. A five-minute recess had to be called when Dr. Holt's attorney tried to speak at the podium out of turn before the first student had a chance to speak. "Let the kids talk," came from somewhere in Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium which was almost filled to capacity with concerned citizens.

One of the student speakers told the Board to act on the community's behalf and not "on your personal opinion." During the five-hour meeting, there were claims that the superintendent had given the board a 44%

pay increase, therefore members had a reason not doing anything to investigate any claims. The board was questioned as to why former Wayne High School Principal Kevin Weber was immediately removed from his position when allegations were made against him (details were not given), but allegations against the superintendent were not being immediately investigated. Another speaker claimed the children were being used as pawns. There was a claim that Dr. Holt's husband served in the military with someone related to the school board and that another school board member was a sorority sister of Dr. Holt. One speaker called out Dr. Holt on smirking and eye-rolling during board meetings. Another five-minute recess was called when Anthony Adams, Dr. Holt's attorney, tried to once again address the Board out of order. A mother of a 2019 graduate and a freshman said that Dr. Holt has been a transformational leader in the two years she's been in the District and that she's a model leader. A woman read an NAACP statement. A gentleman who had been a substitute teacher spoke about witnessing Kevin Weber being escorted out of his office. A principal said Dr. Holt has been the best superintendent she's worked with in 15 years. A woman said an investigation needed to be done to determine what's factual and what's rumor otherwise the rumors will continue. She said if nothing is wrong, the issue should be put to rest. A gentleman agreed, saying an investigation would determine what did and didn't happen so Dr. Holt could get her life back. It was also mentioned by a district employee

that not all administrators supported the written complaint that had been made. Another speaker said "If she's (Dr. Holt) done nothing wrong, she has nothing to hide." The president of the teacher's union said the union has no position on the matter before the Board.

The School Board, consisting of Tom Buckalew, David R. Cox, Melandie Hines, Carol Middel, Mark Neal, Frederick L. Weaver and Shawna Walker, voted 4-3 to have the allegations fully investigated to determine their validity or lack thereof. The investigation will be conducted by the attorneys of the Lusk Albertson law firm; the findings shall be reported to the Board.

After the resolution to go forward with the investigation was passed, the Board continued to take comments from those who remained in the audience. After the vote, about 1/3 of the attendees chose to leave. A teacher said trust needed to be rebuilt between all parties. A Westland councilwoman addressed the board about alleged corruption in Westland. Another person requested that the report, when ready, be released to the community. An administrator asked for a fair investigation while keeping the district moving forward. Another person said the issue at hand was not about race, faith or character but about the allegations. A rising senior at Wayne Memorial spoke to the "children" in the audience (in reference to students), "Don't let adults influence what you say or do or that you don't know what you are talking about." A plea was made to bring Lindsay Rousseau, former Assistant Principal at Wayne Memorial, back to her position. She was recently reassigned to Marshall Upper Elementary as its Principal. A gentleman spoke about how he had addressed the school board last year about his concerns when many staff members from central office retired or left the district. A woman commended the students who had spoken earlier on the way they conducted themselves better than adults; she also demanded Ms. Rousseau be offered her former position back.

After the vote, Superintendent Dr. Shelley Holt was placed on administrative leave. She will remain on paid administrative leave until the Board

determines that the concerns regarding her conduct have been resolved and/or addressed. During her leave, Dr. Holt is not allowed to be on school grounds, act as a representative of the school district, engage in any activities related to the performance of her duties, or communicate with any school district employee without first obtaining permission from the school board president, David R. Cox. Dr. Holt was directed to participate in all aspects of the investigation including, but not limited to, appearing for and participating in any requested interviews.

While Dr. Holt is on leave, Ms. Jennifer Curry, Assistant Superintendent of Standards, Learning and Innovation, was designated by the Board as the Interim Superintendent.

In a letter released by the school district after the meeting, Board President David R. Cox stated "The Wayne-Westland Board of Education believes that a strong responsive public school system is essential to the health and vitality of the community we serve. To carry out our mission of educating and preparing all students to be knowledgeable, responsive, contributing members of a global society, we must provide an environment of trust within our buildings that is safe and secure for all to work, learn and grow."

The letter continued, "The Board has recently been presented with serious allegations lodged against the Superintendent of Schools. The allegations contend, in pertinent part, that a culture of fear, favoritism, and intimidation has been perpetuated by the Superintendent, resulting in adverse impacts on staff and, ultimately, our school community."

The letter concludes "Importantly, the action to place the Superintendent on administrative leave while an investigation is conducted is not disciplinary, nor does it represent any accusation of wrongdoing. It is a necessary procedural process required to determine the validity or lack of validity of these allegations. Completing this process fairly, quickly and professionally with respect to all parties involved will be essential to the resolution of this issue and the return of focus to our central mission - the education of our students."

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Wayne Main Street will be hosting a flea market and community garage sale in Downtown Wayne's Veterans Plaza as a part of the 2019 Downtown Days festivities happening August 9 and 10.

Wayne Main Street is pleased to announce that the 2019 Downtown Days event will feature a flea market and community garage sale. The market will feature vendors from all around the Detroit area. Organizers anticipate that numerous antique, vintage, and collectible stores will participate in this year's event. Individuals and community members are also invited to get in on the excitement. Space is being offered for garage sale and craft vendors.

## Spaces still available

While space is available, the event is filling up fast. Organizers are planning to have close to 50 vendors each day. The market will operate during all hours of Downtown Days, from Noon-9:00 p.m. on Friday, August 9, and 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 10. The market will feature various antiques, collectibles and artwork for sale. "Our flea market is an excellent way of keeping the community members engaged throughout the event and provides a wealth of opportunity for our individuals and vendors to display their unique wares," says Paul Sposite, Board Member for Wayne Main Street and Chair of

Downtown Days. Booth space is available for \$15 for one of the two days or \$20 to rent space for both days. Vendors can find out more information and purchase space by calling the Wayne Main Street office at (734) 629-6822.

## About downtown days

Downtown Days was started in 2016 and since then has become our organization's signature summer event. In 2019 Downtown Days will be held Friday, August 9, and Saturday, August 10, at Veteran's Plaza (34841 Veterans Plaza, Wayne, MI) in the heart of downtown Wayne.

This year's event is especially significant to the City of Wayne as 2019 marks our sesquicentennial anniversary. To help celebrate this important milestone, Downtown Days will feature a 150th Birthday Celebration hosted by Mayor John Rhaesa. Downtown Days 2019 will feature an exciting lineup of family-friendly live music entertainment, food vendors, the flea market/community garage sale, and a number of art-focused programs, including our Second Annual Art-O-Motive car hood contest, the Third Annual Window on Wayne photography contest, and the Detroit Institute of Art's Drop-In workshop. We estimate that Downtown Days will draw 4,000-5,000 festivalgoers from Wayne and its surrounding communities.



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# Doctor celebrates 25 years in Wayne

By Carolyn Marnon

Celebrating 25 years of practice in Wayne this month, Dr. Kevin Crawford specializes in Orthopedic Surgery. According to Dr. Crawford, "The City of Wayne has been and remains a diverse and hard-working community with a strong civic identity." Dr. Crawford embraces those values of a hard work ethic and commitment to his community.

He has stuck to his roots in southeast Michigan and embraced Wayne and the surrounding communities. When asked about his experience in Wayne, Dr. Crawford stated "I have been extremely happy with my decision to practice in this area. My gratification from the countless patients that I've treated has certainly exceeded my expectations. The appreciation that myself and my staff are shown by these patients is incredible."

As the only board-certified orthopedic surgeon in Wayne in the past 25 years, he estimates he has had over 100,000 patient visits during that time and has performed over



Dr. Kevin Crawford is inviting the community to celebrate his 25th anniversary in Wayne with an Open House on July 24.

15,000 surgeries.

Dr. Crawford's primary hospital affiliation is with what is now known as Beaumont Hospital-Wayne where he has been a primary factor in helping it to evolve into a well-respected community hospital. For 25 years he has maintained his office adjacent to the hospital. He trained at Michigan State University.

According to a statement from Dr. Crawford, he "participates in general orthopedics, although he does have specialty qualifications in knee and hip reconstructive and regenerative techniques. In fact, he was the first practitioner to perform stem cell treatment in Michigan and has a thriving portion (of) his practice that is devoted to the treatment of degenerative hips and knees with stem cell therapy.

Dr. Crawford stated that he has plans to continue his commitment to the Wayne area by moving his office location to downtown Wayne in the future. No details are available at this time on the move.

Come celebrate the 25th anniversary of the business with Dr. Crawford and his staff during an Open House being held on Wednesday, July 24, from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. "I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet with many of my patients and other members of the community during that open house," says Dr. Crawford. "It will be nice to spend time with former patients and members of the community in a setting that doesn't involve broken bones or knee and shoulder problems," he chuckles.

Dr. Crawford's office is located next to Beaumont Hospital-Wayne at 33000 Annapolis, #120. There will be light refreshments served. There will be some giveaways, including a stem cell giveaway valued at \$6000. Office worker Renea Callery writes that "Stem cells regenerate lost tissues, including cartilage, to help heal the damage of arthritis in a joint such as the shoulders, knees or hips. This allows for a safe, effective and nearly painless treatment that allows a patient to avoid a total joint replacement."





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