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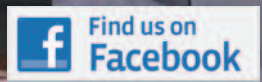
Cindy Schofield
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V. Sanghi, MD holds board certification in Internal Medicine. He completed his Internship at Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, Residency at Henry Ford Hospital – Internal Medicine and Fellowship at Detroit Receiving Hospital – Endocrinology. **Dr. Sanghi will be discussing diabetes management.**



Naushad Pervez, MD holds board certification in Internal Medicine (Nephrology). He completed his Internship at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center – Internal Medicine, Residency at University of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ – Internal Medicine and Fellowship at State University of New York College of Medicine – Nephrology. **Dr. Pervez will be discussing diabetic kidney disease.**



Chandrakant Pujara, MD, FACC holds board certification in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease and also holds Certification from the Council of Nuclear Cardiology. He is board certified by the Cardiac CT Board. He completed his medical training and fellowship at Sinai-Grace Hospital. **Dr. Pujara will be discussing how to assess and reduce cardiovascular risk.**



James Armstrong, DO, holds Board Certification by the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery, American Osteopathic Board of Surgery (Critical Care) and American Osteopathic Board of Surgery (Thoracic/Cardio). He completed his Internship at Garden City Hospital – General, Residency Garden City Hospital – General Surgery and Fellowship at Ingham Regional Medical Center – Greenlawn Campus – Thoracic/Cardiovascular Surgery. **Dr. Armstrong will be discussing the impact of diabetes on the vascular system.**



Kamal Gupta, MD, holds Board Certification by the American Board of Ophthalmology Medical Education from the University of Nottingham, Internship Royal Victoria Hospital – Medicine/Surgery, Residency Queen's Medical Centre – Ophthalmology SUNY Upstate Medical University – Ophthalmology and Fellowship New York University Medical Center – Medical Retina. **Dr. Gupta will be discussing diabetes and your eyes – how to prevent vision loss.**

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Wayne becomes Main Street Community

By **Jenny Johnson**

The city got good news from Lansing. Gov. Rick Snyder announced three communities were selected to Select Level of the Michigan Main Street program.

In addition to Wayne the cities of Three Rivers and Grayling were also chosen by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). There are 18 communities in Michigan that are at the Select or Master level.

As part of the Select Level of Michigan Main Street, these three communities will receive five years of intensive technical assistance, with a focus on revitalization strategies designed to attract new residents, business investment, economic growth and job creation to their central business districts.

"The Michigan Main Street program will help these three communities create opportunities for redevelopment, placemaking and economic growth just as it has in downtowns throughout Michigan for the past 10 years," Snyder said. "Vibrant communities and downtowns are critical as we look to attract new investment, help local businesses grow and retain and attract the talent that is needed to reinvent Michigan."

The underlying premise of Main

Main Street Celebration

Please join the Wayne Ripple Effect, city officials, members of the Main Street Committee and the community for a Community Visioning Session and Kick-Off Party from 6-8 p.m. on March 25 at Towne Square Plaza, formerly Metro Mall.

This event is open to the public. Michigan Main Street and National Main Street representatives will facilitate the community Visioning session from 6-7:30 p.m. They are looking for input from residents, business owners and other stakeholders in Wayne.

"The community will have an opportunity to express what they would like to see in their downtown area. It is from this session that the Main Street priorities will be determined," said Cindy Schofield, WRE member. "The program is only limited by the community's vision and the volunteer manpower the community generates. It is for this reason that we encourage all community members to come out on March 26 and be the future of Wayne."

After the visioning session there will be a presentation of the official Main Street Banner. The public will be able to get more information about Main Street and sign up for one of four committees: promotions, organization, design and economic restructuring; or volunteer for projects like Clean Up Day and Scarecrow set up.

Light refreshments will be served.

Please email waynerippleeffect@gmail.com if you are interested in helping. For more information about the Main Street program, visit www.michiganmainstreetcenter.com.

Street encourages community economic development in four areas:

Organization: Getting everyone working toward the same goal and assembling the resources to implement a Main Street revitalization program.

Promotion: Selling a positive image of the commercial district and encouraging people to live, work, shop, play and invest in the Main Street district.

Design: Getting the downtown into top shape, capitalizing on its

best assets, such as historic buildings and pedestrian-oriented streets.

Economic restructuring: Strengthening a community's existing economic assets while expanding and diversifying its economic base.

"This is such great news for the City of Wayne and we are ecstatic to learn that the city was chosen. I want to thank the Ripple Effect for all of their hard work and efforts over the past three years to make this possible," concluded Mayor Al Haidous.

Wayne is the first Select Main Street Community in Wayne County and the only urban community selected to date.

"I believe in the City of Wayne. But I also realize that my hometown has a bit of an image problem, which has led to its decline during the last couple decades. Both as a result of poor planning and economic conditions beyond our control, the city has certainly endured its share of struggles and continues to do so today," said Wayne Resident and Rouge River advocate Kurt Kuban. "Despite our challenges, however, I think the city is poised for a great comeback, and is in fact already taking big steps in that direction. We have all the right ingredients in place, beginning with a rich history that dates back to the

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NEWS BRIEFS

City sells fire truck

City council voted to sell the Wayne fire department's aerial ladder truck to the Inkster Fire Department. They are using an \$800,000 grant to pay for it. The city owes just over \$800,000 for the truck.

"This will be just about revenue neutral," said Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy.

Because Reddy is also the fire chief in Inkster until June 30, Wayne and Westland will still have access to the aerial truck.

Food Bank

New Dimensions Food Bank at Abundant Life Church of God has reopened. They will distribute food every Tuesday from 2-3:30pm. The food bank is located at Abundant Life Church, 2100 Hannan Rd. (1 block south of Palmer) in Canton. For more information, please contact Pastor Dan Smitherman at (734) 664-5848 or the church at (734) 722-7688.

James J. Poplin Award

Nominations needed for the James J. Poplin Distinguished Service Award. This award is presented by the Wayne Recreation Advisory Board to an individual who is an individual supporter of the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department. To qualify for this award the candidate must have spent at least five years in volunteer activities with the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department. Nomination forms are due by April 1 and are available at the Wayne Community Center or online at ci.wayne.mi.us.



The Wayne Rotary Club will host a Dueling Piano Party at 7:30 p.m. on March 14 at the Wayne Community Center.

Rocky Horror Picture Show

On March 8 the Rocky Horror Picture Show will be back at 11:30 p.m. at the State Wayne Phoenix Theaters. It will feature Wayne's very own shadow cast from the Michigan Rocky Horror Preservation Society. Tickets are available online at www.phoenixmovies.net.

Dueling Piano Show

The Wayne Rotary Club will host a Dueling Piano Party at 7:30 p.m. on March 14 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Rd., Wayne. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each or \$180 for a table of 10. Food and drinks will also be available for purchase. All proceeds will go to support the Lighted Holiday Parade.

Board of Review dates

On March 17, 18 and 19, the Board of Review will hear appeals on 2014 assessed value and/or tentative taxable value and/or property classification. The Board will also hear appeals for 2014 Poverty Exemptions.

Please call the Finance Department at 734-722-2000 to schedule an appointment.

Site plan approval

City council voted 7-0 to approve the site plan for AK Auto Parts, an automotive parts distributor shop that will be located on the corner of Second Street and Forest.

The current structure will be removed and a new 5600 sq. ft. building will house the new and used automotive parts.

WMHS hosting Spring Fling for the community

Wayne Memorial High School is hosting a Spring Fling night for all Wayne Westland Community School students, parents and community members. This free event will be from 5-6:30 p.m. on April 11 at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth Street, Wayne.

Come enjoy a Bunny Pancake Dinner, cookie decorating, an obstacle course, music, crafts, games and an Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny will also be available for photos. After the Spring Fling stay for the Wayne Memorial High School performance of Shrek the Musical. Tickets for Shrek can be purchased at the box office of Stockmeyer Auditorium. Tickets are \$10.

Help fill Empty Bowls

The William D. Ford Career Technical Center and art students at Tinkham Center are hosting an Empty Bowl luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in April 15 at the Career Tech Center on Marquette in Westland. The bowls, designed by students will be available to purchase. Guests can make a donation and enjoy the luncheon prepared by Chef Tony.

Baseball registration

The Wayne Baseball Association is looking for baseball and softball players from age 3-18. There will be a one-day registration at Mark Chevrolet, 33200 Michigan Ave, Wayne, MI from 7-8:30 p.m. on March 6. The deadline for registration is March 15. Registration forms at waynebaseballassociation.org.

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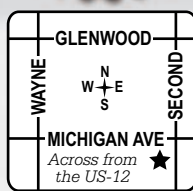
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WMHS recognizes Champions

By Jenny Johnson

There are 139 students at Wayne Memorial High School who are \$200 richer. They are Champions' students who achieved their first semester goals. At the awards banquet several students shared their experience and how Champions did more than just help them raise their grades. The mentoring program is a positive and supportive influence in their lives.

Champions is an innovative and unique educational program for students that involves adult mentoring, customized academic goals and financial incentives. It was started in 2008 by WMHS staff and has been financially supported since 2009 by Richard Helppie, a 1974 WMHS graduate and a local entrepreneur and philanthropist.

More than 2,000 students have participated in the Champions program and nearly two-thirds of participating students have shown an increase in their academic achievement.

Recently 1984 WMHS graduate and local businessman Jeff Styers has offered financial support to the program too.

Most of the staff members at Wayne Memorial are mentors to two or more students. They are trying to make a positive difference in the lives of their students.

At the banquet student Champion Leo Winbush shared his story.

He started the school year by going to school 12 hours a day. After a full day at Wayne Memorial, including a seventh hour, he took night school classes at Tinkham.

"But I knew that if I was going to be able to reach my goal of graduating on time, the first semester was going to be very critical. Make it or break it....all or nothing.

Of course, my long term goal is



Champions' supporters Richard Helppie and Jeff Styers congratulated all 139 students who met their first semester goal.

graduation...but in working towards that, I had to reach my short term goal," he said. "My Champion, Mrs. Rose, really helped me get through the rough stretch, on those days when I felt like it was almost impossible to reach my goal. My goal for the first semester was to pass seven classes, but with the help of my Champion and the strong support system around me, I was able to pass ten classes in one semester. "

He made up all of his necessary classes and was reclassified as a full senior.

"I feel that one of the reasons that I was chosen to get up and give a speech tonight was not because I was this all A student who never got into trouble. Anyone who knows me knows that I've had my fair share of struggles," he said. "But it's because despite what I went through, I've never given up. I've always tried to put my best foot forward.

So to everyone out there: Especially those still in school and struggling or going through a tough time and trying to reach a goal: Yes, it isn't easy, but it is always attainable.



Leo Winbush

So know that you should never give up."

Danielle Jones is the oldest of six kids and born to a 17-year-old mother. In 2005 her baby sister Patience died. In middle school she ran into trouble.

"I was hanging out with the wrong crowd of people," she said. "The drinking, partying, smoking, disrespecting my parents, lying, stealing and skipping school continued."

By the end of 9th grade things got worse. Danielle was being bullied and school psychologist Bill Gray convinced her to join the Champions program.

"However the bullying never stopped, I had an altercation with some of the boys and got suspended from school for 180 days. I started to go to Inkster High School. When I got to Inkster, I continued to be wild and rebellious. As it came toward the middle of my 11th grade year, I started to go to school more and focus on getting an education for myself," she said.

It was April 24, 2013 when her

life changed.

"As fast as you and I can blink our eyes I was a victim of attempted murder. An automatic .38 behind the hands of a careless murderer had my life in their hands. I was shot three times that night, and didn't even shed a tear, once in my chest, once in my right thigh and lastly in my left ankle," she said. "The fact that I am here today to share my experience with you is a true miracle. When the doctor came into my hospital room and explained to me that out of his 50 years of life and 23 years of being a top surgeon he has never seen such a miraculous outcome in my situation. He told me that with every wound I received I should be paralyzed, handicapped, or dead. That day I opened my eyes and realized there's a reason I'm here today and I'm going to do everything in my power to find my destiny."

Because of the Champions program she learned to not make excuses, set goals and do everything to reach them.

"In the end I have to look myself in the mirror and ask did I do my best, and with the help of the Champions program I have been successful this past semester in doing my absolute best," she said.

Today Danielle is a student at Tinkham. She is also attending classes for 12 hours a day just to graduate on time.

"I have managed to average an A- in every single class. Not only has my experience taught me a lesson but has also given me courage to believe I can do anything," she said.

"My goal, in this maybe short or possibly long life I look forward to living, is to try my hardest to make my peers, the young children of our community, my family, and as many other people as possible understand that anything can happen today and tomorrow is not promised. My dream is to change people's lives. You have to be able to accept your imperfections, learn from your lessons, guide yourself to the better, set goals and go get them to be a true champion."

To see the list of all of the Champions students who made their first semester goal, please visit our website at www.thewaynedispatch.com.

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early 1800s, and residents who are as loyal as they come.”

It has been three years of hard work by the Wayne Ripple Effect, the non-profit group of volunteers who worked hard to make this happen.

Since 2011 the Wayne Ripple Effect has spearheaded downtown spring clean-up days, spring flower planting and the annual scarecrow display. With the help and support of Main Street, they will now be able to expand in the downtown area to other projects.

Getting Started

Representatives from the Michigan Main Street Center will visit Wayne March 25-27 and do a Baseline Assessment. They will tour the downtown area, meet with Wayne Ripple Effect and committee members. They will also meet with downtown business and property owners and city officials and other community stakeholders.

After receiving everyone’s input they will outline the priorities and help develop a plan for the downtown.

The WRE board, along with the help from the Michigan Main Street Center, will also hire a Main Street Manager by May so they can go to the national Main Street Convention in Detroit.

They are in the process of developing a job description and posting the job. The Main Street Manager will carry out the goals from the baseline assessment.

Fundraising is also on-going. They Wayne Ripple Effect is seeking grants from foundations, financial or in-kind donations from local businesses and financial support from current and former residents. Main

Street is a five-year program and it will cost \$60,000 per year to operate the program successfully. Donations can be made at www.wayne500.com

What can Main Street do for Wayne?

The tools that will be available from the Main Street Center will be able to help Wayne make the changes they need to reinvent the city.

“The City of Wayne’s business owners need help learning how to grow their businesses while vacant building owners need to be taught how they can remodel or improve their facilities to make them more attractive and functional for a new enterprise,” said Mayor Pro Tem Jim Hawley.

They will help with a market study to help the businesses, administration and residents understand the market for the commercial district. With that knowledge they will be able to create opportunities for more business development.

The goal is to draw retail businesses like destination restaurants, unique retail and specialty shops. Attracting more businesses will also make it possible to bring more jobs to Wayne.

“The City of Wayne is ripe for some entrepreneurs to build some great restaurants. This town is ripe for a new beginning!” said Sandy Dorda, Wayne Resident.

Another way Main Street can help is by helping the city’s stakeholders understand the process of community initiated commercial real estate development.

Wayne has several empty buildings and lots that have been vacant for years. For Wayne to succeed it is imperative that the vacant lots be developed and the vacant properties be rehabbed, presenters told the Main

Street committee during their presentation in Lansing.

They told the board they needed training to understand redevelopment models to bring downtown Wayne to its full potential.

“I believe a Main Street designation will indicate to potential businesses that Wayne has a solid core and has a lot of upside. This town could be a great bargain by opening a business on the ground floor, so to speak. I think Wayne could be a great opportunity to start a business. Get in now while the getting’ is good,” said Wayne resident Ron Roberts in part of the Main Street presentation.

Main Street can also be helpful with existing businesses by providing training for retailers to help improve their stores and the look of the downtown.

The design services offered by Main Street will help improve display windows, façade and other exterior features of downtown buildings.

“Having a professional design house assist in the revitalization of our downtown, would provide us with an outsiders view as to what is needed to catch the eye of those visitors to our city,” said Councilwoman

Susan Rowe.

“It would be very valuable to Wayne to give a fresh and updated look to our historic city. We are old and that is the beauty but could use a face lift to attract new business,” said Anna Petrou, owner Wayne Dairy Queen.

The Main Street program will help Wayne carve out its own identity and unique image to let surrounding communities and passing traffic know what is so special about downtown Wayne.

“The Main Street training has a track record in past years of helping cities achieve success beyond their expectations,” said Pat Rice, Wayne Ripple Effect president.

Excerpts from the Main Street presentation

You’ve heard why Wayne needs Main Street. You’ve seen pictures of our town from the distant past when Wayne was the place to be. You’ve seen pictures of our recent past when even in the good times commercial development of our downtown passed us by. We believe that

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City asks state for help with budget

Help could be on the way. City Council voted 5-2 to have the administration contact the Office of Fiscal Responsibility with the State of Michigan. This is an interim step before bringing in an emergency financial manager.

This does not mean Wayne is hiring an emergency financial manager said Interim City Manager Ramzi El-Gharib.

"This is for us to work with (them) and the city will do all of the decisions. We want to do this internally and not have an emergency financial manager come in from the state as an accountant to balance the books. We have to work to preserve city services."

The Office of Fiscal Responsibility will help the city come up with long-term solutions for their budget problems. City council will still make all decisions on any amendments to the budget.

The city has \$1 million to cut from their current budget and in excess of \$3 million to cut from the 2014-15 fiscal year budget.

"The forecast provided is showing a very dismal picture. It is my assessment that what you have is the standing for a financial emergency," said budget consultant Vince Pastue. "You are looking well in excess of \$3 million on a \$14 million budget."

Contacting the office of fiscal responsibility is a good first step before requesting the state come in and do an evaluation, he said.

The city is looking at a negative fund balance at the end of the fiscal year.

"You are going to need to take dramatic action over the next four months to the budget," he said.

It will take efforts like layoffs and wage and salary reductions to balance the budget.

"The City of Wayne must cut 1.3 million dollars from this year's budget. That is over \$10,000 per day and getting larger every day that passes. It is now about making choices to reorganize our community before someone else does it for us. Our future depends on it," said Councilman John Rhaesa.

Mayor Al Haidous and Mayor Pro

"You are going to need to take dramatic action over the next four months to the budget."

Vince Pastue

Tem Jim Hawley voted no.

Hawley said, "I don't agree with this process. I think we are going to have to come up with the solution ourselves. I am ready to sit down and start working on a resolution and the cost difference. I think we are wasting our time going to the state. We are in trouble and we know we are in trouble we need to start solving some problems here and now."

Councilman Skip Monit said, "I couldn't disagree with you more Mr. Hawley. We aren't going to stand pat. We have to get our feet dirty and make it happen. The Office of Fiscal Responsibility is going to validate our scenario. We are not going to wait for anyone to tell us we are in a financial emergency. We are going to make cuts and get the ball rolling on this." Pastue said, "I'm not sure you can cut fast enough to continue to provide the essential operation and you have to find additional revenue. If you don't find additional revenue it is hopeless. It is that bad."

Part of the budget problems are that for the past seven years Wayne has had declining property values and tax revenues while retiree pension and healthcare costs continue to rise.

Mayor Haidous said before the city brings in the state he would like to go back to every contract holder and union and see what they can contribute to find a solution to this financial problem. He also wants to pursue going back to the community and having them pass a millage to increase revenue.

Councilman Jim Henley said, "We don't take these decisions lightly. We can't look at where we've been. We are to a point where we are out of options. I don't know how much worse it can get. This is about changing the way we do business. We would close if we were a business. We need to restructure our city."

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Serving lunch to those who serve

By Jenny Johnson

They eagerly stood at the door waiting to greet their guests. The Student Council at St. Mary Catholic Church was excited to welcome the Wayne Police and Wayne-Westland Fire Department to their school for the second annual "Bagged Lunch."

Even with being postponed because of a snow day, the luncheon was a success.

The Student Council made up of sixth, seventh and eighth grade students, hosted the event as part of Catholic School Week, which was celebrated Jan. 26 to Feb. 1. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.

After the great turnout for last year's luncheon the Student Council decided this was something they wanted to do again. This is their biggest community service project of the year.

Morgan Smith, an eighth grader and Student Council secretary, said

"We are honoring them for all they do."

"We want to thank them for all they do. They serve us every day so we wanted to serve them," said Hannah Dinnell, an eighth grader and Student Council vice president.

They held bake sales and sold Tootsie Pops to raise money to treat the City of Wayne police officers and firefighters to lunch. They raised about \$200.

On the menu was a bagged lunch with a sub from Tim Hortons, chips, a cookie and soup, with water, coffee or hot chocolate.

The police officers and firefighters sat with the students in the lunchroom and mingled with the students.

"It's great for students to interact with the police," Hannah said.

In addition to lunch the police officers and firefighters were offered student-led tours of the school.

"They get a chance to see what Catholic school is like," Morgan said.



Rob Puckett enjoyed visiting with St. Mary students during their lunchtime.

The students were thrilled to get to eat lunch with their guests and ask them questions about their job.

Kindergarten student Bethany asked Police Chief Jason Wright if he had handcuffs.

Another student asked Officer

Abe Hughes if he had a gun and other students asked how old the officers are and if they catch the bad guys.

Mayor Al Haidous and Acting City Manager Ramzi Gharib also joined the students for lunch.

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Wayne resident competes in Death Race

By Jenny Johnson

Jason Hood doesn't have a death wish but he is competing in the Death Race. Billed as part Survivor and part Jackass the 48-70 hour outdoor race will start on June 27 in the woods in Vermont.

"I found out just searching different obstacle races online and came across the Spartan Race series," he said. Hood grew up in Westland but moved to Wayne after high school. Since 1994 he and his wife have lived in Wayne and raised their seven children.

Hood has a couple of good reasons for doing the Death Race.

"First my son is in the Army deployed to Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain division. He is part of Task Force Spartan 3BCT10MTN. His unit is on the final deployment for this brigade who will be deactivated due to budget cuts," he said. "It's an historic deployment and I'm so proud he gets to be a part of it. I feel that by doing a race of this caliber it would be an honor to him especially since he is a true Spartan."

The second reason is, "I want to do it for myself as a personal test to really see what my limits are mentally and physically. It has a very low success rate of finishers, roughly 10-20%. I want to be one of them!"

The Death Race allows 300 elite athletes to take them out of their comfort zones and challenge themselves to their ultimate limit. It is designed to present competitors with the unexpected and test them both mentally and physically.

The obstacle and challenge-driven race requires competitors to complete numerous grueling mental

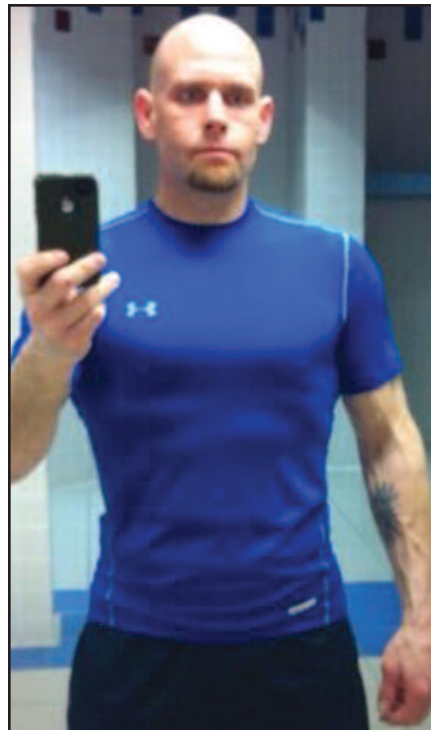


Jason Hood will compete in the Death Race- a 48+ hour endurance race that mentally and physically challenges competitors.

and physical challenges throughout a 40-mile course. Competitors may be asked to chop wood for two hours; complete a 30-mile hike with rocks and weighted packs; build a fire from scratch; cut a bushel of onions; or after 24-hours of racing, memorize the names of the first 10 U.S. Presidents or a Bible verse, hike to the top of a mountain and recite them back in order. If they miss a word they have to do it again.

Unlike other endurance races that offer a detailed map, Death Racers have no idea what to expect next as the course map and list of challenges are kept secret.

"Just like life, the Death Race is



doing a full marathon in April.

His physical training consists of lots of distance running, carrying heavy objects for distance, chopping wood, exercising in all inclement weather, cross-fit style workouts and practicing sleep deprivation. Mentally he meditates and practices breathing exercises.

He is also preparing for what he will take to the race.

"I can take whatever I think I need to survive for a week in the woods, changes of clothes, food, splitting axe, five gallon bucket, headlamp, basic survival kit," he said. "The race does require a list of mandatory items to bring and that list usually goes out to all a week before the race, it's unknown until then. The rule is what you bring must be carried the entire race, average weight is 50-70 lbs of gear."

What makes the race intriguing is that no one knows what to expect.

"Past races have had people carry logs up and down the mountain, lift heavy stones for hours on end, crawl through barbed-wire culverts, translate Greek writings, climb to the top of a mountain to look at a block of Legos put together in a certain order and then have to swim to the bottom of a pond and retrieve a bag of Legos to assemble the same way and then have to repeat the task if not done correctly," he said.

With the odds stacked against him what does Hood hope for from the Death Race?

"To be an official finisher and be awarded the coveted DEATH RACE SKULL so I can give it to my son when he returns from his deployment."

designed to push and aggravate people to such a point that even the most stoic eventually fail," said Joe De Sena, co-Founder of the Death Race and the Reebok Spartan Race Founder. "Only those people possessing incredible discipline under the most insane and even delusional circumstances can call themselves a finisher. These athletes are willing to complete the journey at all costs. The fact that people endured for 70 hours to see what they are made of, is just remarkable and awe-inspiring." While this is the first time he will do this competition he has competed in a Tough Mudder, 5K races, 10k's, half-marathon, and he will be

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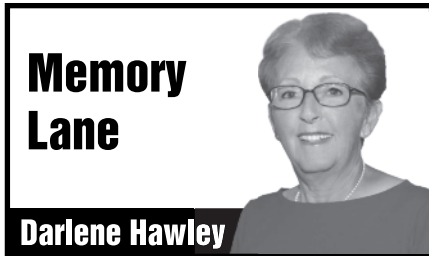


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Last words on our old Wayne cemetery

Life was difficult in the early years of our community. Our cemetery tombstones and grave markers display the great number of deaths of men, women and children at very young ages. While modern medicine and better diets have increased the life expectancy for people today, there were a number of people buried in our Old Wayne Cemetery who lived well into their ninetieth years. Cornelia Hawley, born in Vermont in 1802, taught school, never married, and passed away at the age of 91 in 1893. Jean Beeman, wife of Archibald Beeman, was born in Scotland in 1813, immigrated to the United States, bore 9 children, and lived in Nankin Township until she passed away in 1906. Other early settlers who lived into their nineties were Laney Brockway (1768 – 1860) from Connecticut, Hannah Bogardus (1803 – 1897) from New York, and Charlotte (Hall) Alexander, a doctor's wife, born in 1825 and died in 1915.

The Wayne area was a melting pot of settlers who were born in many eastern states such as New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Maine. Wayne also welcomed a number of immigrants from Europe who pursued new lives in this growing community. Many came from England like Henry Stokes, an English sailor who settled in our area in



Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley

1840 and became a farmer. Ireland was the birth country of many Wayne area citizens such as the Crawfords, McKillops and the Killens. The Scots were well represented in Wayne with Dr. Thomas Morrison who settled here in 1861 and James Dawson who came to Wayne in 1840. Also, Robert and Isobelle Hosie lived in Wayne by the 1860's. They were the parents of James Hosie who founded the Standard Bank and was a city councilman in 1900. A number of families came from Germany such as the Schaible's, Sawslayer's, Schrader's, Buhner's and Muller's. Some of the old tombstones hold epitaphs written to memorialize loved ones and were all written in German. Some settlers came from as nearby as Ohio and Detroit. Mitchell Raymo was born in Detroit in 1813 and is buried in the Old Wayne Cemetery. His family tree can be traced back to France in 1630's and his ancestors first settled in Montreal, Quebec. We have Raymo's who live in Wayne today. Early Wayne settlers were truly a mix of people from all over.

As you walk through our cemetery, you learn a great deal by reading the names, dates and epitaphs written on the tombstones and grave-stones. An epitaph is a phrase on a marker that is the final "word" on a person's life. It can be as simple as "Gone Home" or as complex as any number of lines of biblical or other known texts. It can be as common as "Gone but not forgotten" or "At Rest," or it can be an original phrase that the deceased chose during his life as a representation of his life, personality, and served as an eternal remembrance to the passerby. The most original and personal epitaph in the Old Wayne Cemetery is that of John Tinkham:

*"John Tinkham is my name,
America is my nation,
Michigan is my dwelling place,
And Christ is my salvation."*



Many epitaphs come from the Bible and other books and many were words of comfort to the family and friends. But, sometimes the most simple and straightforward can be the most heartfelt. Michael Schaible's family noted that "We miss him at home." And the parents of John M. Snyder, who died at 3 years and 4 months, simply told the world that "We loved him." Take a

walk in the Old Wayne Cemetery one of these days and see what you can learn about our early ancestors. (You might want to wait until the snow melts!!!!)

(Material for this article was taken from the pamphlet "A Guide to Old Wayne Cemetery" published by the Community Development Department of the City of Wayne.)



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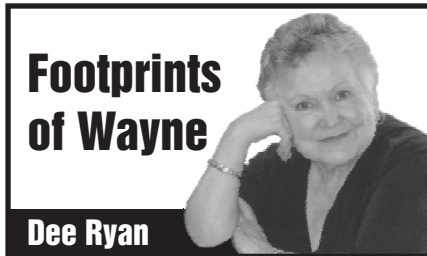
After 40 years in Wayne, I finally met "Mr. Northside Hardware," Mr. Phil Kaplan. He's owned the store for 58 years. Built in 1930 and at one time owned by Harley Smith, Mr. Kaplan bought Northside from John Valance. In 1983 the store underwent a major renovation and enlargement.

Although ACO was across the street for many years, it didn't have as large an impact on Northside's business, as Lowe's and Home Depot--the 'big box' stores. What really helped was the store's affiliation with True Value, plus attention to service and merchandise. Northside offers many choices for tools--a less expensive type for the average household, or a better quality for your job.

Northside Hardware has a slogan..."We have everything you need--and if we don't have it--you don't need it."

Phil Kaplan was the youngest of 5 siblings. His parents emigrated before the First World War, from what is now Ukraine. Mr. Kaplan studied Mechanical Engineering at Wayne University--which is now Wayne State. He and his wife, Diane, were married when just teenagers, and have two sons, a daughter, and many grandchildren. Mrs. Kaplan, Diane, retired as a Detroit schoolteacher. She spent many years as a volunteer at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Together they've traveled the world.

One of my questions for Mr. Phil was going to be--"why are you so



Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan

good to our Library?"

But after talking to him for a few minutes, I knew--he's an intellectual, very wise, very interested and knowledgeable about our world and all its events. When he started quoting Voltaire, there was no doubt--definitely an intellectual.

When asked if he remembered Dave Young, he answered, "Dave Young was one of the finest gentlemen I ever met."

When he was just starting Northside Hardware, Dave Young came to the store, introduced himself and offered any help he could give. At the time the Young family owned D & D Hardware at Annapolis and S. Wayne Rd.

An award that Phil Kaplan is proud of and that he keeps at his desk is a tribute from the Wayne's Rotary Club. "Phil Kaplan--Rotary recognizes your 56 years of Community Service and Leadership. Honorary Member--November 2007."

Although Mr. Kaplan is 88, his biggest joy is coming to work each day. In his words--"My biggest thrill is seeing my customers."

My final questions were about the



Phil Kaplan

fateful day in December 2010. The day of the explosion at Frank's Furniture. He remembers driving down Chestnut St. when it occurred. The blast was so intense that his new car received \$15,000 dollars' worth of damage. But mainly he feels sadness at the death of two valued employees, the injuries that Paul Franks endured, plus the loss of a great store.

Each time he comes to work and looks at that vacant lot he remembers the awful day in 2010.

I think we all do Mr. K. I think we all do.

The Wayne Garden Club extends an invitation. John Blair will tell us how to start a butterfly and hum-

mingbird garden using a variety of plans. So please join us to hear his advice and view his photography. It will be March 12, at the Wayne Library. Time: 12:30 p.m. There'll be refreshments and we can all think spring.

The Wayne Historical Museum will present "Old Wayne before Urban Renewal" See the slide show at the Museum on Thursday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m.

May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more--and nothing but happiness come to your door.

Happy St. Paddy's Day.



Dave (center holding certificate) and his family (sons Matt, far left and Rob (not pictured), and ex-wife Janet (back right)), welcomed Navy buddies, Keith Hurley, Jimmy Kernels, Mike Kelly, Bear Kennets, Bob McAllister, Marty Martin, Bobby Piriak, John Potts, Bill Anderkin, Rick Phillips and their families.

A Celebration of Life

On Feb. 8 several Vietnam Veterans were honored by Angela's Hospice Veterans Organization for their service to the Navy over 40 years ago. The group formed such an extraordinary bond of brotherhood that they came together in Wayne from all over the United States for a pre-wake to celebrate the life of William (Bone/Dave) David Wilson.

Dave was diagnosed with late stage lung cancer in the summer of 2013, which has since metastasized to his bones. Dave thanks the doctors and staff at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor for the absolutely wonderful care he has received during his battle.

Dave (center holding certificate) and his family welcomed Navy buddies, Keith Hurley, Jimmy Kernels, Mike Kelly, Bear Kennets, Bob McAllister, Marty Martin, Bobby Piriak, John Potts, Bill Anderkin, Rick Phillips and their families at their home in Wayne. The group served together in Navy Assault Craft Unit 1 stationed in the home port of Naval Amphibias Base in Port Coronado, CA from 1970-1975.

Churches needed for food program

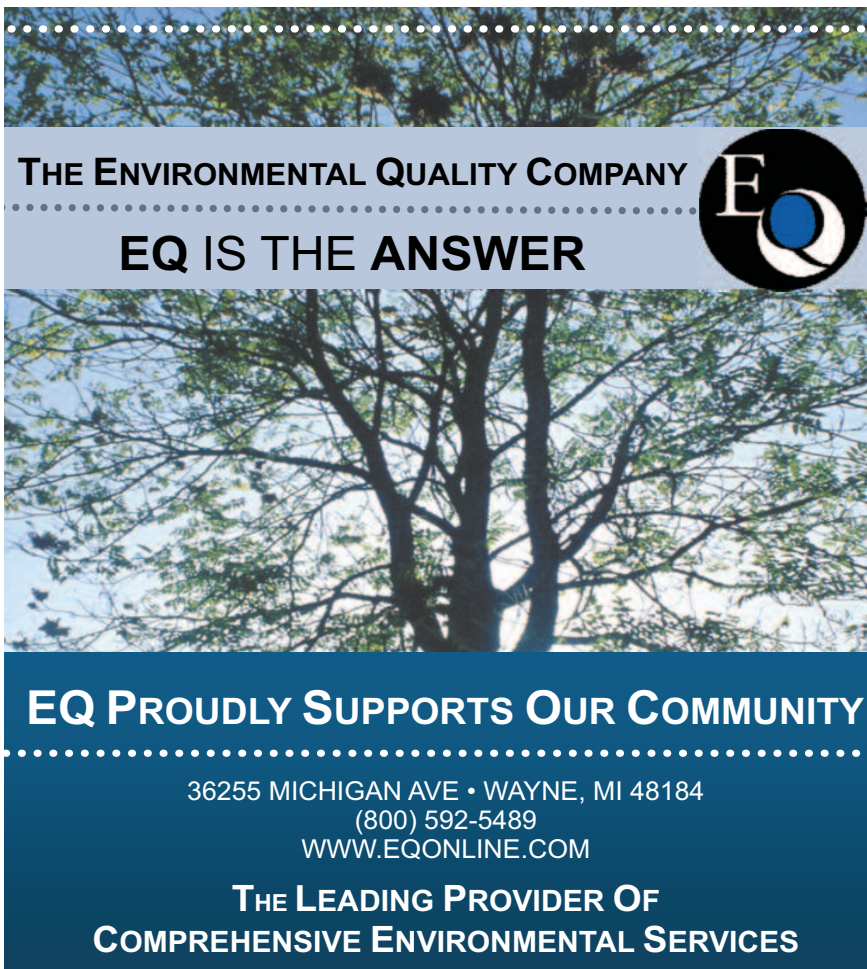
The Wayne-Westland Fish Organization is looking to add new churches to participate in their food pantry program. Wayne-Westland Fish provides food on a one-time emergency basis to individuals and families in the Wayne-Westland area. The program's goal is to provide food to those in need with respect, dignity and compassion. This is a local program that has served residents of Wayne and Westland since 1974.

There are three local churches that support this Wayne-Westland Fish Organization: First United Methodist Church of Wayne, St. Michael Lutheran Church of Wayne, and First Congregation Church of Wayne. The number of requests for help in Wayne and Westland continues to grow, and in order to keep this food bank going the present member churches are seeking a fourth partner to help serve the com-

munity.

How does "Fish" work?

Wayne-Westland Fish Organization receives referrals from local social service organizations. Wayne and Westland residents seeking food assistance call the number for Wayne-Westland Fish Organization and leave a message. Someone from the church handling that month's requests returns the call, fulfills the request from their food pantry and arranges a time for the resident to pick up the food donation. No deliveries on the part of the church are required; those requesting food help show up at the participating church at an arranged time during business hours. Interested churches may contact Bill May at the First Congregational Church of Wayne at 734-729-7550 or Lois Mathe at the First United Methodist Church of Wayne at 734-721-4801.



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