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## Church sponsors Walk for needy

The First Congregational Church of Wayne sponsored the Wayne-Westland CROP Walk on May 4.

CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty, and is sponsored by Church World Service. CWS is an international relief, development and refugee resettlement agency.

Totals are not complete but the money raised will be used for food and medical care, disaster relief and self-help development for needy people throughout the world and in US.

Locally donations will be made to the John C. Bolde Food Pantry, Salvation Army, Good Hope Lutheran Food Pantry and the Wayne-Westland FISH Community Food Pantry.

The walk started at the church and proceeded north on Wayne Road to the path along the river to Elizabeth and then up Michigan Avenue, past the mural on State Wayne Theater and back to the church.

This is the 20th annual walk, which has been held the first Sunday in May since 1995.

## Team Red, White and Blue offers services for Veterans

By **Jenny Johnson**

Veterans and their families in Wayne and Washtenaw County have another option to connect to their community. Team Red White and Blue is a national organization that plans social and physical activities for veterans and their families in their local communities.

Team RWB is a national movement to encourage veterans to stay active and inspire others to do the same. Team RWB was founded in July 2010 in Ann Arbor Michigan by current Army Major Mike Erwin.

They host and participate in races, walks, ball games and family events.

Team Red White and Blue believes the benefits of physical exercise can improve a veteran's ability to cope with stress. Studies have shown that exercise is the non-drug alternative for depression and anxiety.

The VA estimates there are nearly 400,000 untreated cases of post-traumatic stress disorder in veterans.

There are 36,000 members in more than 100 communities and

about 500 new members are registering each week. Every day the number of military veterans increases. Nearly 2.5 million American men and women have been deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom since Sept. 2001. Approximately one million military members will retire or separate from the military in the next five years.

But you don't have to be a veteran to join.

"I am a civilian who wanted a way to give back to the men and women who fought to keep this country as great as it is. It is the least we can do to show our appreciation," said Mike Lehnis, Ann Arbor chapter captain. Ann Arbor is the only chapter in Michigan with 250 veterans and 200 community members. Come support Team RWB at one of their upcoming events. They have a weekly running/walking group that meets at 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays at Gallup Park in Ann Arbor.

On June 7 they will participate in the Kona 10 mile run followed by a BBQ and games. For more information on Team Red White and Blue, visit [www.Teamrwb.org](http://www.Teamrwb.org).

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**M**any hands make light work. Many residents, business owners, school children and civic groups are rolling up their sleeves to help make Wayne beautiful. It is the time for spring-cleaning and everyone can play a part. What can one person do to make a difference in their community? A lot.

There is a job for everyone. It can be as simple as picking up litter when you see it to helping plant flowers and remove graffiti.

### Students making a difference

The students at St. Mary Catholic Church celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up their school grounds, Goudy Park and the Wayne Police station. Armed with rakes and garbage bags they cleared leaves, paper and other debris from the lawns and underneath bushes and trees.

Students at Hoover Elementary School recognized Arbor Day by planting two trees on the school grounds. This is an annual tradition that they do in partnership with the Wayne Department of Public Works.



Students at St. Mary Catholic School celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up around their school and the City of Wayne. Sixth grade students cleaned leaves and debris from around the Wayne Police Station.

### Clean-Up Downtown Day

On May 3 The Wayne Ripple Effect hosted their fourth annual Downtown Wayne Clean-up Day. About 50 volunteers spent the morning cleaning the sidewalks along Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue. The Wayne Garden Club raked, pruned and cleaned the plantings around the Veteran's Plaza next to

the Wayne Public Library.

Members of the Wayne Memorial JROTC program not only cleaned the sidewalks but also reset dislodged parking blocks in the Chase Bank parking lot.

Volunteers swept sidewalks, picked up cigarette butts, raked leaves and collected bags of garbage.

"We are starting to see residual effects after four years," said Sherrie

Brindley, Wayne Ripple Effect member. "There is an awareness and it carries over."

The city helped by providing trash bags and the fire department used their hoses to spray down the sidewalks on westbound Michigan Avenue between Second Street and Wayne Road.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Budget study sessions

Wayne City Council will hold two budget study sessions to discuss the FY 2014-15 budget. They will be at 7 p.m. on May 5 and May 15 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne. These sessions are open to the public.

### Farmers Market

The Wayne Farmers Market will be back for another great season from 3-7 p.m. on May 7 at Goudy Park (behind Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd.) every Wednesday through October they will offer locally grown fruits, vegetables, plants and flowers. There will also be a variety of other local vendors, music and kids activities.

### Stamp Out Hunger

On May 10 the National Association of Postal Carriers will conduct their annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Residents are asked to place non-perishable food near their mailbox. Letter carriers will pick it up during their route.

The Wayne mail carriers will be collecting non-persishable food.

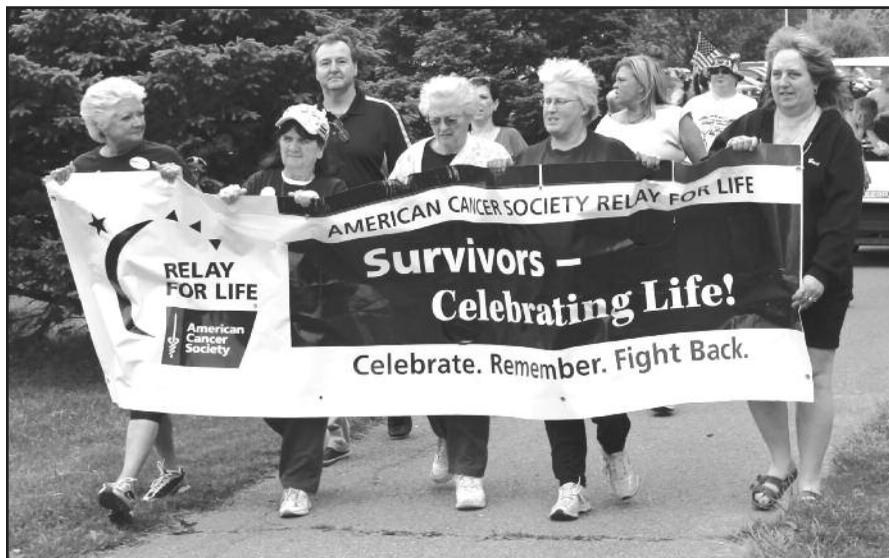
### Good Kids Good Citizens

Wayne has some great kids. Several of them will be recognized at 6:30 p.m. on May 14 at the annual Good Kids, Good Citizens, Good Community reception at the Wayne Public Library.

Students were nominated by teachers, coaches, mentors and parents for going above and beyond. This year's recipients are: Jakob Andree, Kayla Bryan, Megan Cser, Colin Dalton, Crystal Fletcher, Kaylin Hardy, Shaun Hurt, Christina Johnson, Gabriel Jones, Justin Nicolai, Vanessa Prush, Nathan Sentz and Mary Vasely.

### Earth Day planting

In honor of Earth Day fourth grade students at Hoover Elementary School will plant some native plants at Dynamite Park on May 15. Amy Morse, teacher at Hoover Elementary, received a grant for the plants and consulted with Friends of the Rouge River on what would be the best plants for along the Rouge River.



The Wayne-Westland Relay for Life will be June 7-8 at Attwood Park.

### WMHS All Class Reunion

The Wayne Memorial Alumni Association Annual All-Class Reunion banquet will be from 5-10 p.m. on May 16 at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, Wayne, MI. Tickets are \$30 before May 1 or \$35 after. They will be honoring the Class of 1964. For more information, please contact waynehighalumni@aol.com or Tillie VanSickle at 734-595-7806 or Sharon Scott at 734-722-4651.

### Dance, Gymnastics and Cheer Recital

The 2014 Dance, Gymnastics & Cheer Recital will be held on May 16-18 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne. Pre-sale tickets, before May 13, are \$6. After May 14 they will be \$11. Tickets are on sale at the Wayne Community Center.

### Rouge River Clean Up

The Friends of the Rouge are looking for volunteers to help, with the annual Rouge River Clean Up day. If you are able to help please meet at 9 a.m. on May 17 at Goudy Park, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne.

### Budget presented to council

Interim City Manager Ramzi El Gharib will present the 2014-15 budget to City Council and the public at 8 p.m. on May 20 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road. There will be a Public Hearing on the budget.

### Memorial Day Parade

The Wayne-Westland Memorial Day Parade will be held at 1 p.m. on May 25. Line up will be at Town and Country Bowling Alley on Wayne Road and Avondale in Westland. The parade will proceed south on Wayne Road to Veteran's Plaza next to the Wayne Library on Wayne Road.

### Unplug for fun

iUnplug2connect with My Kids, a fatherhood initiative will come to Wayne from 5-8 p.m. on May 30 at Attwood Park pavilion #2.

iunplug2connect with My Kids is an event focused on turning off the electronics and promoting the importance of fathers spending time with their children. This event will feature outdoor activities for the whole family including a water balloon toss, tug-o-war, kickball, basic tool workshop, food, entertainment and information from local resources.

This event is hosted by Judson Center's Building Community Partnerships (BCP) Collaborative to promote physical health and effective family functioning.

### Food Bank

New Dimensions Food Bank at Abundant Life Church of God is now distributing food every Tuesday from 2-3:30 p.m. The Food Bank is located at 2100 Hannan Road in Canton.

### Summer Reading Program

Registration for the Summer Reading Program at the Wayne Public Library will begin on June 10 at the children's desk. The summer program will begin at 10:30 a.m. on June 24 with Grandma Science in the Community Room and the Summer Storytime will begin at 2 p.m. on June 26 in the multi purpose room.

### Kelly Miller Circus

August 9 at 2 and 5 p.m. at Attwood Park. Don't miss the raising of the Big Top with elephant power at 9 a.m. on Aug. 9. This event is free to the public. Tickets for the circus will be available at the Wayne Community Center. For more information, please call 734-721-7400.

### Help Wayne Public Library

Due to the city's budget shortfalls the Wayne Public Library needs some help. They are looking for donations of the following:

- Copy machine Paper
- White and pastels
- Kleenex
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Ink Cartridges:
- CLI-226 Black Ink Tank
- CLI-226 Cyan Ink Tank
- CLI-226 Grey Ink Tank
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- PGI-225 Pigment Black Ink Tank
- HP 05A (CE 505A)
- Laser Jet Black Toner Cartridge
- HP 27X (C4127X) High Yield Laser Jet Black Toner Cartridge
- HP 29 Black Ink Jet Cartridge
- HP 42A Black Toner Cartridge
- HP 98X (92298X) Laser Jet Black Cartridge
- HP 64A (CC364A) Laser Jet Black Cartridge

Donated items can be dropped off at the Wayne Public Library.

### WMHS Class of 1974 reunion

The Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1974 will celebrate their 40th reunion on Aug. 23 at the Avenue Downtown Wayne. Tickets are \$25 each. Casual dress. Members of the Class of 1973 and 1975 are also welcome. For more information contact wmhs74reunion@yahoo.com or 734-397-8196.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Relay for Life

The Wayne-Westland Relay for Life will be June 7-8 at Attwood Park. They are currently looking for teams to join this 24-hour effort. This is the 13th year of Relay in the Wayne-Westland area. They are still looking for teams and volunteers to help FINISH THE FIGHT!

For more information, visit their website at [relayforlife.org/westlandmi](http://relayforlife.org/westlandmi) or their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/RFLWestlandWayne](http://www.facebook.com/RFLWestlandWayne).

### City loses long time volunteer

Art Quintal, 76, a dedicated member of the Wayne Rotary passed away on April 14. He was born in Detroit and is survived by his wife, Patricia, children Sheri, Kimberly and William, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Visitation was at Uht Funeral Home. He was cremated and his ashes were interred at Cadillac Gardens West Cemetery in Westland.

### Join Rotary

The Wayne Rotary Club is looking for new members who are looking to be involved in the community. They meet at 12:05 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne. They have lunch, network and have guest speakers. For more information, visit their website at [www.waynerotary.org](http://www.waynerotary.org).

### St. Mary's Open Enrollment

St. Mary Catholic School in Wayne is now accepting enrollment for the 2014-15 school year for students in PreK- 8th grade.

St. Mary Catholic School offers the highest qualified teachers to educate to both Catholic and non-Catholic students. The school scores consistently in the top 25 percent nationwide on the Iowa test. Grades 6th-8th use the "Middle School Model" for preparing students for high school. St. Mary is a diverse school, which offers a multitude of enrichment programs that

students can explore beyond the basic curriculum including Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, Scouting, Choir, sports and before and after school care.

For more information, contact [schooloffice@stmarywayne.org](mailto:schooloffice@stmarywayne.org).

### 21 Guns Salute to honor Memorial Day

Do you have what it takes to support the Red, White and Blue? Join the 21 Gun Salute, a free workout from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on May 25 at Anytime Fitness, 761 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Or you can workout and make a \$10 donation to Team Red, White and Blue. For \$35 you can get a t-shirt too.

WOD with Warriors is a workout specifically designed to honor our nation's warriors and build communities around our veterans.

All proceeds directly support Team Red, White & Blue, whose mission is to enrich the lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical

and social activity. Register today at [www.wodwithwarriors.com](http://www.wodwithwarriors.com).

### Holmstrom Signing

Former Detroit Red Wing Tomas Holmstrom will have an autograph session at the Avenue Downtown Wayne to benefit the Wayne Goodfellows.



There will also be a special surprise guest. Check The Wayne Dispatch Facebook page for specific dates.

### Goodfellows Raffle ending

The Wayne Goodfellows progressive raffle is every Thursday at 9 p.m. They will have their last drawing on May 22 at the Avenue Downtown Wayne. If the jackpot is not won prior to that date, we will keep drawing tickets that night until someone wins.

Tickets are available at Henry's Service Center, AKA Sports or The Avenue.

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"It changes the way people feel about their community if they help," Brindley said.

Wayne Ripple Effect members Pat Rice and Bill Copland cleaned out the flowerbeds on westbound Michigan Avenue near Second Street.

**Un-tag Wayne**

There will be an Un-Tag Wayne day at 10 a.m. on May 24. A group of volunteers will meet at JR3's Beer Town, 4502 S. Wayne Road. Johnny Roehrig of JR3's Beer Town is spearheading this event. There is a Facebook page [www.facebook.com/JR3-store](http://www.facebook.com/JR3-store) that has sign up information.

Roehrig stated on the page:

"The time has come to take the City of Wayne back! I am not alone when I say that I am sick of the nonsense around here! Here is our opportunity to actually come together as an entire City and make an enormous positive change."

He ends by stating, "I planned this the weekend before Memorial Day so we can have the City ready in Honor of our Veterans!"

Un-tag Wayne will focus on some of the areas in Wayne that have been violated with graffiti.

He encourages people to abide by the "broken window policy" which means if something is broke, fix it immediately before it turns into a bigger problem.

Some of these areas include the First Congregational Church next to the Wayne Historical Museum, the wall of the Chamber of Commerce, Goudy Park picnic tables and the Second Street Bridge facing Goudy Park.

**Rouge River Clean Up**

Join the Friends of the Rouge



(Above) Rouge for Rouge River Clean Up Day will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 17 at Goudy Park, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. (left) Un-Tag Wayne day will be on May 24 at 10 a.m.. A group of volunteers will meet at JR3's Beer Town, 4502 S. Wayne Road. (Right) Volunteers sweep the walk way by the Wayne Chamber of Commerce.



River for the 28th Annual Clean Up Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 17 at Goudy Park, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. This is a family friendly event that needs many helpers. Volunteers will pick up trash in the river and park, help with trail maintenance, manage woody debris and remove invasive plants.

Please note this date is earlier than usual.

"We had to move the date up a few weeks due to deadlines for the grant that funds Rouge Rescue," said event organizer Cyndi Ross, River Restoration Program Manager for Friends of the Rouge. "Our fear is that volunteers who have been participating in the event for years may not know about the change."

Helpful hints for Rouge River volunteers: Wear long sleeves and pants and boots or sturdy shoes. Also bring a hat, bug spray and sunscreen. Gloves will be provided to all volunteers.

Friends of the Rouge is a local non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration of the Rouge River. Great strides have been made in Wayne along the river. The dam has been removed and dedicated volunteers spent countless hours removing debris and logjams. Canoe and kayaks are beginning to be seen floating through Wayne.

"The Rouge River provides natural beauty and recreation opportunities throughout the region and is no longer thought of as an open sewer

and a place to dump waste," Ross said. For more event details, visit [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

**Flower planting**

The Wayne Ripple Effect is coordinating the Adopt-a-Planter program. Businesses, organizations and families can sponsor a flower planter that will be placed in the downtown area. WRE members will prepare and place the planters downtown but sponsors are responsible for purchasing and planting flowers and plants for the planters. In addition, sponsors have to water, weed and maintain the planters from May through September. For more information on the program, visit [www.downtownwayne.org](http://www.downtownwayne.org).

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# Farmers Market opens for season

By Jenny Johnson

Get ready for fresh and local grown plants, flowers and produce. The 2014 Farmers Market is back for another season. From May 7 until Oct. 29 the Farmers Market will be open every Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. at Goudy Park, behind Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road.

This year the market will have over 25 vendors providing Michigan-made and Michigan-grown products. The Farmers Market is a great opportunity to shop local.

In addition to all of the fruits and vegetables, visitors to the market can also get homemade soap, candles, garden art and other crafts.

Over the past few years the Wayne Farmers Market has become a popular downtown destination. There are different activities for kids each week and a variety of musical performances.

The goals of the market are to make fresh, nutritious local food available to local residents, enhance

the sense of community in the city and offer local businesses the opportunity to sell their goods and services.

With music, shopping, food and kids' activities the market is a great way to spend an evening in Downtown Wayne.

Parking is available in the parking lot behind City Hall, in the 29th District Court parking lot on Second Street or the city parking lot at Sims and Wayne Road.

On May 21 the Wayne Farmers Market will host Flower Day. Local flower growers and florists will sell flowers and plants and Northside Hardware will have topsoil and gardening tools available for purchase.

Mark your calendar for Oct. 29. This will be the annual Trick-or-Treat event at the Wayne Farmers Market.

For more information about the Wayne Farmers Market or the schedule of events, visit [www.waynefarmersmarket.com](http://www.waynefarmersmarket.com).



The Wayne Farmers Market will be open every Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. at Goudy Park, behind Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road until Oct. 29.

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# Honoring our heroes

By **Jenny Johnson**

May is a time of year that we remember all of our heroes.

What is a hero? Heroism is often defined as someone who willingly risks their life to help or save someone else or for the greater good.

The City of Wayne has a history of heroes who have protected the city and the country. Since the Civil War soldiers from Wayne have fought bravely to protect America. Some came back. Many lost their lives.

The City of Wayne will host the Wayne-Westland Memorial Day Parade at 1 p.m. on May 25 honoring all current and former military heroes. The parade will begin at Town and Country Bowling Alley on Avondale and Wayne Road in Westland. It will march south on Wayne Road into Wayne and end at Veteran's Plaza next to the Wayne Public Library. There will be a brief ceremony after the parade.

Here is information on some of our local heroes.

## Civil War

The following soldiers from Wayne served in the Civil War.

**Clark Chase**, 37, of Wayne

**Dr. Alexander Collar**, 40, was an assistant surgeon and was wounded at Gettysberg.

**Orson B. Curtis**, 21, was in a hospital injured when he heard firing on Rappahannock. He marched 14 miles and met up with the 7th Michigan Infantry and crossed Rappahannock with them in boars. He helped clear the enemy from the rifle pits. He was wounded and left his amputated arm on the field.

**Almon Houston**, 22, was a blacksmith and prisoner at Gettysberg.

**William H. Houston**, 19, was a blacksmith and died at Gettysberg on July 1, 1863.

**William H. Jackson**, 20, was a laborer and wounded on Laurel Hill.

## World War II

World War II was a 5 ½ year battle that ultimately defeated the Nazi Party. These Wayne residents lost their lives on their tours during World War II. This is not a complete list but the most comprehensive that was available at the Wayne Historic



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Museum.

**Sgt. Gordon Brown** was killed in action in Germany on Feb. 23, 1945. He was in the Infantry, 102nd Division, 9th Army. He was a 1940 graduate of Wayne High School.

**Lt. James D. Cooney** of Wayne was a prisoner of war in 1940.

**Corporal Tom Hawley, Jr.**, 19, died on April 9, 1944 as a result of wounds received in the Luzon campaign. He was with the 5th Air Force. He was a 1943 graduate of WMHS.

**Lt. Bruce R. Handyside** died as a result of injuries received during the fight as the American Armies were entering Germany. He was a 1935 graduate of Wayne High School. In high school we was a state finalist in tennis.

**Cpl. Jimmie O. Lovelace** died in action on Oct. 9, 1944 in Obach, Germany as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning. He entered a German pillbox, which his unit was blowing up and was overcome by the fumes.

**William G. McClaughry** of the

Navy was killed July 26, 1944. He was on the Wayne High School's basketball team.

**Sgt. Jay McPhee** and 9 other men on Army B-17 were killed in a crash over northwestern Germany on Oct. 8, 1944. He was a 1938 graduate of Wayne High School.

**Sgt. William J. Canaday**, 24, died on Aug. 24, 1945 abroad a B24 over the India-China line.

## Vietnam War

For the nine years of the War there were 50,000 Americans and 2,500 Michigan residents killed. They were sons and husbands, brothers and friends. They were all loved and they are all missed.

**Vietnam Veteran's** from Wayne that were killed in action in South Vietnam are:

**Edward James Bova**, Corporal U.S. Army Infantryman, was killed in action in Longan Province South Vietnam on Feb. 6, 1968.

**Leo Martin Bruno**, Private First

Class, U.S. Marine Corps, was killed in action in Thua Then Province, South Vietnam on June 25, 1966.

**Gerald Wilbert Durtka**, Sgt. First Class, U.S. Army, Cannon Crewmember was killed in action in Quang Duc Province, South Vietnam.

**Glenn Jesse Ford II**, First Lt., U.S. Marine Corps pilot, was killed in a non-hostile helicopter crash on March 21, 1968. His body was not recovered. He was the son of former Wayne Deputy City Clerk Geneva Ford. Before his death he was awarded 29 Air Medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

**Alfredo Guzzo**, 21, Corporal U.S. Army Artillery, was killed in hostile gun fire and died of his wounds on June 20, 1968.

**Lance Corporal Peter Bodo Lehmann**, 19, U.S. Marine Corps Rifleman, was killed in action on June 15, 1967.

**Specialist Four Frank Leprone**, 19, U.S. Army Armor Crewman, died on Jan. 29, 1969 in non-hostile gun-

fire.

**Specialist Fours Calvin Carl Morgan**, 23, U.S. Army, died in action on Feb. 26, 1967. He was killed on Highway TL-8A northeast of Cu Chi in South Vietnam. Twenty-four other soldiers were killed at this time.

**Corporal Donald Erwin Nelson**, 20, U.S. Army, was killed in action on Aug. 26, 1969. He was reported missing in action on Aug. 26. He was serving with Company C, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Americal Division. He was a 1967 graduate of WMHS.

**Lance Corporal Len Everett Nixon**, 21, U.S. Marine Corps, was killed in action in Ngai Province on April 1, 1970.

**Private First Class Steve Orris III**, 19, U.S. Army, was killed in action on Nov. 8, 1965. He was the first Nankin resident to die in the Viet Nam War. He left WMHS in January 1964 when he was a junior to join the Army. His parents were notified via telegram of his death.

**Staff Sgt. Gerald Paul Porta**, 25, U.S. Marine Corps, was killed during a fire fight on Charlie Ridge in the Ho Chi Minh Trail on April 8, 1969.

**Private First Class Ronald Walter Sanders**, 18, U.S. Marine Corps Rifleman, was killed by hostile gunfire on May 8, 1967.

**Specialist Fourth U.S. Army 23 RD Infantry Division Terry Lee Sanders**, 19, died on May 18, 1970 of wounds sustained in Tay Ninh Province.

**Specialist Fourth U.S. Army Infantryman Donald W. Vincent**, 21, was killed in action in the Binh Doung Province on Dec. 9, 1965. He was the father of a baby he never met and a 1962 graduate of WMHS. According to news stories at the time Vincent was riding in a military vehicle when it ran over a mine near Saigon.

### The fallen who have served Wayne

The city has felt the loss too. One Wayne Police Officer and one Wayne-Westland Firefighter have given the ultimate sacrifice serving Wayne.

#### Leonard J. Anderson

In May 1974 the Wayne Police Department lost **Officer Leonard Anderson**, 23, in the line of duty.

Anderson responded to a suicide attempt call on April 10 and the suspect shot him in the face with a shotgun. He was in the hospital in a coma for six weeks and died of respiratory failure on May 25.

He was shot at point-blank range by William Caceres, 27, when he entered the back door of his residence. The three other officers who responded engaged in gunfire with Caceres for 20 minutes before they could reach him.

More than 200 police officers from all over Michigan lined the streets of Wayne to pay their respects. Anderson was married with two children at the time of his death.



Leonard Anderson

His funeral was at Uht Funeral Home and he was buried at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. He was the only Wayne Police Officer killed in the line of duty since the department was organized in 1926.

Anderson joined the Wayne Police Department as a cadet in 1969 after graduating from John Glenn High School in 1968. He was promoted to patrolman in 1971.

The baseball fields at Attwood Park are named after Leonard J. Anderson.

Last year the Wayne-Westland Fire Department lost their first officer in the line of duty.

#### Brian Woehlke

Wayne-Westland firefighter **Brian Woehlke** died in the line of duty on May 8, 2013 while he was fighting a fire at Marvaso's Grill and Electric

Stick on Wayne Road in Westland. He was hired in July 2012 and was one of the first responders to the scene.

At 8:17 a.m. a call came in about a fire at Electric Stick. Station 1, on Ford Road by Westland City Hall was dispatched to the scene. Five firefighters including Brian Woehlke entered the building about 10 minutes after the call came in.

Brian was married. He and his wife of four years, Jennifer have one daughter, Ava. Woehlke was a Dearborn resident and was a 2001 graduate of Lutheran High School in Westland. In 2008 he graduated from the fire services program at Schoolcraft College.

The fire was ruled an arson and Woehlke's death is currently being investigated as a homicide.

A statement made by Fire Chief Michael Reddy just after the incident said, "Brian's family would like to pass on to the community that Brian loved going to work every day and he worked his whole life to become a firefighter. Brian was proud to be a Wayne-Westland Firefighter. He was an excellent employee and was helpful sharing his knowledge with others. He always had a smile on his face."



Brian Woehlke

There are many heroes around us everyday. Please take the time this Memorial Day to remember all of veterans, current military service men and women, police officers, firefighters or anyone who selflessly helps and serves others. Also remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

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## Council approves City Manager contract

Joseph Merucci will be Wayne's next city manager. At a special meeting City Council voted 5-2 to approve a three-year contract with him. Councilman James Henley and Councilwoman Susan Rowe voted no.

Merucci will make \$99,200 per year and the city will make a 10 percent contribution to a retirement plan for him. He is also entitled to a six-month severance if he is terminated without cause. He will also have seven sick days and two weeks vacation available immediately.

Merucci is currently city manager in Lincoln Park.

## Proposal to save Senior Services

The Wayne Senior Services Department may be able to keep their program running after July 1. City council agreed to accept a budget proposal and discuss it at their budget study sessions this month. Initially council voted to cut the senior services department from the 2014-15 budget. But Senior Services Director Nancy Wojewski Noel presented council with a plan to save the program.

The \$33,148 budget would no longer come from the city's general fund. Instead Community Development Block Grant and another grant from The Senior Alliance would support the program.

Councilman Albert Damitio said, "This plan saves our Golden Hour." "I worked hard so we can save it," said Wojewski-Noel.

If council approves the plan, this would make it unnecessary for Wayne residents to use Westland's Friendship Center for senior programs.

## Mayor runs for Wayne County Commissioner

Wayne Mayor Abdul "Al" Haidous filed paperwork to run for Wayne County Commissioner of the 11th District in the Aug. 5 primary election. The 11th District includes Belleville, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, Huron Township, Romulus, Wayne and a portion of Westland.

Haidous will face Jeremy R. Cady of New Boston and William Collop of Westland on the ballot.

Kevin McNamara currently holds the position but has filed to run for Wayne County Executive. Haidous has been mayor in Wayne since 1993.



Mayor Abdul "Al" Haidous



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# HYPE makes offer for Community Center

By Jenny Johnson

HYPE Athletics of Dearborn made a presentation to city council on May 6. Their proposal was to take over the management and operations of the Wayne Community Center. They plan to continue to offer recreational opportunities to youth, seniors and families.

"HYPE will provide state of the art amenities, programs and facilities for youth, adults and seniors," said Ali Sayed, president HYPE Athletics.

They have proposed a 10-year agreement with a 6-month notice required if either party wants to opt out.

## Monetary requirements

HYPE is asking the city to secure a \$500,000 bond that HYPE would make the payments on. This money would be used to update the Community Center and turn the ice arena into a multi purpose area with a wood floor. It would be used for basketball, special events and other classes.

"We have determined the city would receive a bond for \$500,000 to make improvements and HYPE would assume responsibility to repay it over 10 years. In addition to that a \$500,000 request we also request a \$120,000 a year annual subsidy to help provide staff for center and 18 parks and senior services," Sayed, said.

The \$500,000 would be a bond the city acquires and would not cost the taxpayers anything, said Interim City Manager Ramzi El-Gharib.

The \$120,000 is needed to help offset the Community Center's current low membership and program



rates, Sayed said. HYPE is requiring an annual subsidy of \$120,000 from the city. HYPE would bring membership fees up to the current rates of their Dearborn Heights location.

HYPE would take care of routine and minor building maintenance but major maintenance and repairs in excess of \$10,000 would remain the responsibility of the city since they will maintain ownership of the building.

Councilwoman Susan Rowe said, "If we are floating a \$500,000 bond to do all of these capital improvements, I don't understand what could fail that could cost over \$10,000 and we have to pay."

Sayed said that refers to the roof and parking lot and other major infrastructure requirements.

"The parking lot is in very bad condition due to time and wear and tear.

The building will still remain an asset of the city and if the parking lot needs to be replaced we will have to lean on the city to replace it since it is their asset," he said.

## Membership policies

Current Community Center members who have paid in full for memberships would still be able to use the center at no additional cost. When their memberships expire they would have to register with HYPE.

"The reality is the membership division needs to become the number one source of revenue to fund the center and currently it is not," Sayed said. "This center has so much more value and it is currently being undervalued."

Current monthly membership is \$29 a month for 18-58 year olds at HYPE. It is \$25 at the Wayne Community Center.

"We offer over 100 free fitness classes per month included in the fee. We can offer childcare, free after school homework assistance and tutoring and maintain better hours of operation until about 10 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. and weekends stay open later," Sayed said.

Community center members who currently have paid in full member-

ships can continue to use them until they expire. Then they will have to buy a HYPE membership.

## Employee retention

Current employees of the Wayne Community Center would be considered for employment with HYPE.

Councilman Skip Monit said, "On page two of the agreement it says you would consider hiring current city personnel. I would hope you would make that a stronger term. Our employees have a real invested feeling for what they do here."

"There isn't an interest in coming in and cleaning ship," Sayed said. "We have every hope and desire to retain all of the current staff but all employees have to be reevaluated on their strengths and weaknesses and placed by those."

HYPE would maintain longer hours of operation in accordance with their Dearborn Heights facility and have more programming so there would probably be a need for additional employees.

## Decisions

"No decision has been made yet," said Mayor Al Haidous. Council did not take action on the proposal. They will discuss it again at their next meeting.

"We need to come to a decision that benefits the whole community," Haidous said.

"We can't predict the future. All we can do is work together to keep these doors open," Sayed said. "We can share the burden. All we can promise at HYPE is we can commit to serve the public and provide the best that we can do."

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# National Peace Officers Day

The Wayne Historical Museum will observe National Peace Officers Day, which is May 15, 2014. The Museum will host a display honoring the Wayne Police Department in the month of May, 2014.

In the year 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation that designated May 15 of each year as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which the day falls as National Police Week.

The Wayne Police Department was founded on Oct 1, 1926 and has continued to serve the citizens of Wayne for 88 years.

The display at the Wayne Historical Museum will feature photographs of the Wayne Police Department over the years, and the equipment used by the officers will also be on display.

The display will also honor the memory of Wayne Patrolman, Leonard Anderson. He was killed while on duty 40 years ago. Officer Anderson passed away from gunshot wounds on May 25, 1974. He was 23 and the only Wayne Officer killed in the line of duty.

The Wayne Historical Museum would like to thank the following Wayne Police Officers for their help with this display: Police Chief Jason Wright, Deputy Police Chief Al Maciag, and Lt. Patrick Lindberg.

The Museum is open Thursday and Friday--1p.m. to 4p.m. The admission is always free.

The Garden Club's Ruth Wenzel gave us this information. The Wayne Garden Club became aware of the

## Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan



Blue Star Memorial Marker about two years ago and it for the kind of project we like to do. The memorial is designed by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and is only available to local garden clubs. The Memorial honors all past, present, and future military personnel.

Raising the funds for its purchase was accomplished by selling the "Recipes in Bloom Cookbook" The club members submitted their favorite recipes. Alicia Marnon and her committee went to work producing a wonderful cookbook. Cookbooks are still available for \$8 through the garden club and will be available the day of the ceremony. We are planning a dedication for the Blue Star Marker at 2:15 p.m. on May 25th. Following the annual parade. The ceremony and memorial will be in Veterans Plaza, adjacent to the Wayne Library.

Everyone is invited and we especially welcome all the veterans and military personnel from the area.

In this way we have an opportunity to say "Thank You."

The Ladies' Literary Club held their annual Scholarship Donation evening. It was at the Congregational Church on April 15. And as in other years always a fun night.



Wayne Police officers check out the Police display at the Wayne Historical Museum featuring photographs of the Wayne Police Department over the years, and the equipment used by the officers. The Museum is open Thursday and Friday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The admission is always free.

The scholarship donations will go to two young women. One will be from WMHS and one from John Glenn. Each will receive \$1,000 for college.

About 50 women were on hand. At our table: Gloria Rowland and two of her daughters--Kathy and Linda. Kathy Koveleskey and daughter Ann, who was visiting from Aspen CO.

Also sitting with us was Jane Elery and Jan Teague.

Each table was devoted to a particular author. Ours was Irish writer Maeve Binchy. And her books were reviewed for us by Judy Howton.

There were gift baskets and yummy refreshments, but the best part was seeing old friends like Shelby Szukaitis, and meeting new ones, such as Cheryl Kuban and Pam Wright.

Everyone went home with a

lightly used book and a packet of baked goods. We'll all meet again in May when we gather for dinner at Roses Restaurant in Canton. That's when we'll meet our 'Scholarship' graduates.

A big "Thank You" to the good men of Wayne's DPW, who came out and chopped up and took away a huge tree limb that had come down in last month's wind storm. Thanks again, we really appreciate it.

Condolences to the Smoes and Gilbert families. They are our Bidle Street neighbors. Gary Smoes lost his Mom and Ron Gilbert, his Dad. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy. Condolences also to Phyllis Stein, whose son, Mark died in CA. Phyllis is a treasured member of Wayne's Garden Club and a Friend of the Library.

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# City asks for 2 mills from DDA

By Jenny Johnson

City administrators have asked the DDA to levy two mills to help support the deficit in the city's general fund. In a joint DDA and DACC meeting they explained the need for the funds.

If city council and the DDA adopt the proposed millage it will increase property taxes for parcels in the DDA by 2 mills. The money will go to the city's general fund. This would generate about \$350,000. About \$190,000 would be paid by Ford Motor Company with the balance paid by other businesses in the DDA area.

"The 2 mill levy is the main reason we are having this meeting tonight," said Community Development Director Peter McInerney.

David Steinhauer, owner of Wayne Professional Insurance asked, "Is this legal? My concern that the 2-mill levy is for special projects. Is it even legal to do something like this?"

"Legally, any city expenditure in the DDA can be charged to the DDA,"

said Finance Director James Ghedotte. The DDA is one-third of the city.

Cindy Schofield, DDA member said, "I am concerned too because the DDA Authority 197 says you should have a development plan for some sort of a project. You have to have a reason to be asking for the two mills."

McInerney said that the law reads the DDA can levy the tax as they choose to do so.

"The purpose of the authority is pretty broad," he said.

The 2-mill tax has never been used in the 30 years of the DDA.

Ghedotte said if the city kept things the same, with no cuts or changes, there would be a \$3.6 million deficit this year.

The proposed budget still has almost a \$1 million deficit.

"We are at our taxable limit-20 mills for operating," he said.

"At the current time we are struggling with balancing our general fund budget."

Currently the city levies 15 mills

for operating purposes, .9620 mills for retirement, .9999 mills for recreation, 1 mill for public safety, 1 mill for police, 1 mill for the road program, .9999 mills for library purposes, and 2.9073 mills for Solid Waste.

Some of the proposed changes in the 2014-15 budget include assessing the full cost of street lighting to residents this year. Currently the assessment is for 60% of the street lighting cost.

It is also proposed that 14 full time positions be cut from police, fire and public works departments.

The 2-mill levy would go on summer taxes and would be about an eight percent tax increase for business owners. It will be assessed for one year.

"City council has to approve it year by year," said McInerney.

The proposed plan is to transfer \$933,000 into the general fund from the DDA and \$394,000 be used for debt owed on the fire station.

The DDA will no longer provide funds for the State Wayne Theater, Wayne Public Library or Wayne Farmers Market.

There had been a request from the Main Street Program for \$50,000 from the DDA. The recommended DDA budget included \$10,000 for Main Street.

Schofield asked, "By transferring \$933,000 into the general fund, does this solve the general fund problem or is this just a piece?"

Ghedotte said, "It is just a piece."

"We have a \$3 million problem. Even if the \$350,000 were to happen it is only about 10% of the solution. There are still some very difficult de-

terminations for the elected officials," McInerney said.

Wayne resident Ron Roberts said, "How does this spur and create economic development in downtown? It seems to shore up the budget. When you look at the TIFA plan it talks about doing something about the deterioration of downtown."

Mayor Al Haidous said in the past when we have a project for downtown revitalization like streetscape, lights, banners and flower planters. They were paid for by DDA.

"And anytime if there is a project to enhance the downtown area physically. If something is on the table it is a priority to spend money. If you don't have a project then use the money to balance the budget," he said.

Councilman John Rhaesa said, "We have a \$50,000 project presented to us. Are we going to look at that? That should be on the agenda next time."

Haidous said, "There are too many questions about how balancing the budget will help the downtown. It will help."

If the city is broke and has to invite the state to intervene the state only cares about two line-expenditures and revenues. They don't care how it happens, he said.

"It should not scare us how painful it is," Haidous said.

There will be a public hearing at 8 p.m. on May 20 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne to discuss increasing taxes by 2 mills in the Downtown Development area.

Council will also discuss the 2014-15 budget.

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# A fresh start

I have heard it said that a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. The only thing is, the journey is not over after one step. And if you're like me, you've made that first step countless times and sometimes it seems like it's a backwards step. You start progressing, but then you fall off the track and then wind up back at the starting point, or sometimes even worse.

For me, the struggle is keeping a healthy lifestyle. For others, it might be developing good financial disciplines, or maintaining healthy relationships with other people. Recently, I've felt like I've been slipping, and that I need a fresh start. Today I'll be sharing my thoughts about how I plan to get back on track.

The first thing I always address when I'm starting anew is the mental side of things. I remind myself of the costs and benefits associated with the journey I'm about to embark on. I realize that I'll have to invest time, energy, and resources to get healthy so I convince myself that it is really worth it. It is the path that I want to walk down.

The next thing I do, once I'm convinced of the right direction, is to develop the plan that will help me get to my destination. For my health journey, I use myfitnesspal to monitor my diet and I also come up with an exercise regime that I plan to adhere to.

Lastly, I contact a couple friends. I confide in them that I feel like I've been slipping and I tell them my



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plans to make things right. I find that people are more supportive than you think and having the support of some people really helps motivate you to keep going towards your ultimate destination.

A journey of a thousand miles may begin with a single step (if you really plan on walking it) but it also consists of many of those same steps. My encouragement to myself, and to you, is to not overvalue any one step. If you had a good day, great! Use it to motivate yourself to have another one! If you had a bad day, just give yourself a fresh start and go towards your goal!

There is a passage of scripture that motivates me. It is Lamentations 3: 22, 23 and it says: "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." I love the part about the newness every morning. I try to remember that each day I have another chance, another shot, a fresh start.

I hope you get your fresh start. I hope this summer is a great season for you and you take many steps towards your healthy destination!

**Meet a Tiger and help kids**

Former Detroit Tiger Craig Monroe will be at The Village Bar at 5 p.m. on May 10 for an autograph signing, photo opportunity and auction items from current Tiger players. The cost is \$10. All proceeds will go to the Wayne Baseball Association. There will be raffles for batting practice with Monroe and spending a day at FOX SPORTS DETROIT with Monroe. Other special guests may make appearances too.

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The Downriver FAN has a new faith-based Family Support Group that meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at Riverview Church of God, 15633 Pennsylvania Road, Riverview.

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## OBITUARY



**Harry H Kendall** a long time Wayne resident died April 21, 2014. He was born in Port Huron, Michigan on May 21, 1924. He was pre-deceased by his wife, Helen McColl (Alexander) and son, Lorne. Harry served in WW II, attended Hillsdale College, was a Boy Scout leader, Wayne Rotarian (President 1978-1979), and President of Langworthy-Kendall Insurance until his retirement.

He is survived by children, Lynn Carpenter (David), Duncan Kendall (Flor), Judith Rader (Bill), Michelle Kendall-Williams, Melissa Riser (Jim), grandchildren and two great grand children.

There will be a memorial service at Grace Episcopal Church, 1213 6th, Port Huron, MI 48060 at 10:00 a.m. on May 24, 2014.

**Norman Wayne Snook**, 71, of Wayne passed away on April 23. He is the beloved husband of Ruby. He is survived by 3 children, Norman Jr (Wendy) Snook of Belleville, Scott (Tracey) Snook of Maybee and Brian Snook of Romulus, 3 step-children, Yolanda (Robert) Earl, Mary (Charles) Gawn and Brian (Rebecca) Gooch. He is the beloved grandfather of Chiara (Justin) Morcom, Dean Snook and Lucas Snook. Norman is also survived by two sisters, Patricia Childers and Arlene (Troy) Pruitt. Preceded in death by his parents Charles and Zenith Snook, wife Janice (Klicker) Snook, sister Beverly Wallis and brother in law Jerald Childers.

Norman retired from the Ford Michigan Truck Plant in 2000. He was an Army Veteran. He is a member of UAW Local 900, American Legion Wayne Post 111, and the Woodman of the World Society. He loved to play cards and bingo. Some of the families favorite memories of Norman was the time spent in the woods hunting and playing cards.

Visitation to be at Uht Funeral Home in Westland MI on April 26, 2014 11am – 9pm, and at Reece Funeral Home, Ottumwa, IA on April 28 from 2pm – 8pm. Services to be held on April 29th at 10:30 am at Reece Funeral Home. Interment will be at Ottumwa Cemetery immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family is suggesting donations to the American Red Cross or the American Cancer Society.



Four of the trusses on the City Hall roof have been compromised due to the large amount of snowfall this winter. The council chamber is currently closed while engineers inspect the damage.

## Council Chambers repair

By **Jenny Johnson**

On March 5 City Hall was evacuated because employees saw smoke coming from a heating duct. While firefighters were investigating the cause of the smoke they noticed damage to the roof above council chambers.

All four trusses that support the roof have some distress in them, from deflection and minor cracks and splitting to a complete fracture in the main truss over the council's chamber, said Interim City Manager Ramzi El-Gharib.

City Hall reopened for business but the council chambers have been closed while the roof system assessment, design and cost of repairs are being reviewed by a structural engineer.

The damage was caused by the excessive snowfall this winter.

"We don't currently have any estimate of repairs and or a timetable of when the repairs will be completed," Gharib said.

City council meetings are currently being held at the Wayne Community Center.



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