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#### Senior Brigade Series

The Wayne Senior Services Office in conjunction with the Attorney General's Office is offering the Senior Brigade Series. All are free. Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is preferred. For further information or to pre-register, call 734-721-7460.

#### Identity Theft Presentation

**Wednesday, May 13 - 2:30 p.m.**

**Topics:** How to recognize and avoid identity theft. How to protect yourself and what to do if you become a victim.

#### OnLine Safety

**Wednesday, May 20 - 2:30 p.m.**

**Topics:** Email safety tips. Learn to recognize and avoid online scams. Basic computer security measures. Helpful online resources and General online safety tips.

#### Residential Care Choices

**Wednesday, May 27 - 2:30 p.m.**

**Topics:** How to choose a nursing home. How to choose home health-care. How to recognize and report abuse or neglect and ways to keep your loved ones safe.

#### Silver Sneakers

Seniors come check out our Silver Sneakers Classes at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of motion and activities for daily living. Chairs are available for seated or standing support if needed.

#### Silver Sneakers Stretch Yoga

Classes are offered at 5 p.m. on Tuesday and 1 p.m. on Friday at Wayne Community Center. Stretch Yoga offers a variety of safely designed movements to increase flexibility and balance, with breathing exercises to promote stress reduction and mental clarity.

#### Doll House Display

The Wayne Public Library will have a dollhouse on display during the month of April. This hobby has been enjoyed by the Cook family for generations. They are providing the dollhouse to show that this is a hobby that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Stop by and see it.

#### Hospice of Michigan to Offer Variety of Grief Support Groups

Hospice of Michigan will offer a variety of free support groups this spring in Southeast Michigan that are focused on dealing with grief.

Each of the groups will provide a safe and supportive environment for

participants to express their feelings and better understand the grief process as they deal with the death of a friend or family member.

#### Support groups include Grief Share -

An ongoing nondenominational Bible-based grief program that is held weekly 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman Road, in Livonia and 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Romulus Wesleyan Church, 37300 Goddard Road

Hospice of Michigan also offers a series of Living On support groups. These ongoing groups are held on different days in several locations throughout Southeast Michigan, including:

Second Tuesday of each month at Wayne-Oakwood Hospital, 33155 Annapolis, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Advance registration is required for all groups and events. To register, contact 888.247.5701 or visit <http://www.hom.org/our-services/grief-support-groups> for more information.

#### St. Mary Parish and School 4th Annual Fundraising Auction

**Saturday, May 2, 2015.** Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Must be 21 and older. Buffet dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. and is provided by The Avenue American Bistro. Silent and live auction featuring a Channel 4 News Ruth to the Rescue Shadow Day; four Disneyworld Park Hopper passes; tuition raffle; and much more.

Early Bird price of \$35 before

April 19th and \$45 starting April 20th. 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI For more information, call 734-721-1240 or e-mail [auktion@stmary-wayne.org](mailto:auktion@stmary-wayne.org).

#### Community Forum: Understanding the "Roads Proposal"

**Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**, Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI After a brief presentation about the Roads Proposal, by the Michigan Municipal League, city and school officials will share information about the Proposal's impact on the cities and Wayne-Westland Community Schools. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. Sponsored by the City of Westland, City of Wayne, and Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

#### Wayne High all class reunion

Wayne High Alumni Association 30th annual all class reunion banquet is May 15th 5 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at Wayne Tree Manor 35100 Van Born Rd Wayne Mi. Graduates and all those who attended Wayne High School or Wayne Memorial High School and guests are invited to join us. We will be honoring the class of 1965. Tickets are 30.00 each before May 1st and 35.00 after May 1st. For more information contact [wayne-highalumni@aol.com](mailto:wayne-highalumni@aol.com) or Sharon Scott at 734-722-4651.

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Goodfellows Bev Campbell, Lisa Bradford, President Jennifer Gietzen, Chris Gietzen, Vice-President Shawn Bell and Santa show off the 2010 Chevy Camaro to be raffled off at Concerts in the Goudy Park on July 29th. Photo by John P. Rhaesa

## GOODFELLOWS TO RAFFLE OFF CHEVY CAMARO TO HELP WAYNE KIDS FOR CHRISTMAS

The City of Wayne Goodfellows has a long-standing tradition of ensuring that no child in Wayne goes without a Christmas. To raise money, various fundraisers are done throughout the year along with a Christmas party in December. The funds raised during these events are used to help the hundreds of needy children and families at both Christmas time and in the event of a catastrophe or emergency such as a fire. Gift cards are given to the families to provide them with food and toys during the holidays.

Last year a progressive raffle was held at Avenue Downtown Wayne which raised several thousand dollars. This year, they are taking it to the next level. The Wayne Goodfellows are raffling off a 2010 Chevy Camaro valued at \$20,000! Tickets are

\$20 each and only 3,000 are available, so get yours quick.

The drawing will be held on Wednesday, July 29th, 2015 during concerts in the park at Goudy Park. Local bands will provide the entertainment for free starting at 7:00 p.m. following the farmers market. The winning ticket will be picked at 9:00 p.m. by a surprise celebrity.

Tickets will be available for purchase starting April 8th at the following locations: Henry's Service Center, Icon Computers, AKA sports, Lobo's Tires, Wayne City Hall, the Wayne Rec. Center and during most Farmers markets. The car will be on display at Henry's Service Center during the month of April - be sure to check it out!

In 2014 The Wayne Goodfellows helped over 300 families because of

the generous support of residents and businesses. With your support of the Camaro raffle, we will be able to help the ever growing number of children families and seniors in need of assistance in 2015.

"We are excited about the Camaro raffle and hope it's a great success. This community event will be fun for the whole family. The money we raise will allow us to help more people, not only at Christmas and during emergencies, but also more scholarships at Wayne Memorial High School and helping other local causes," said Jennifer Gietzen, President of the Wayne Goodfellows.

The elected officers, executive board and volunteers of the Wayne Goodfellows are not paid so 100% of the money raised and donated goes back to the community.

### Elected Officers are:

Jennifer Gietzen, President  
Shawn Bell, Vice President  
Mel Moore, Treasurer  
Cathy Lutkenhoff, Secretary  
Donations can be made online at [www.waynegoodfellows.org/donate](http://www.waynegoodfellows.org/donate).

For assistance from the Wayne Goodfellows, please fill out the forms at [www.waynegoodfellows.org/assistance](http://www.waynegoodfellows.org/assistance). Applicants must be City of Wayne residents.

All applications for assistance must be submitted by Nov. 30.

The completed forms can be dropped off at Henry's Auto Service Center on Wayne Road or mailed to Wayne Goodfellows, P.O. Box 472 Wayne, MI 48184.

The Wayne Goodfellows thank you so much for your continued support!

# Farewell Jake's again

Pam Dobrowolski sends this lovely message about Jake's party. It was held in February at the Moose Hall in Wayne.

"You could tell how many lives Jake has touched over the years by the hundred plus friends that showed up for the fundraiser, which was held for both Jake and Kelly.

The many people who passed through, or were regulars at Jake's and Jake's Again shared stories and memories ---all made at his renowned establishment in Wayne."

I've shared this story before. After my daughter Maureen's wedding reception ended, the whole bridal party ended the gala evening at Jake's. Doesn't everyone wear their wedding dress to the local tavern?

Who can forget the Lenten Fish Dinners, the Jake's Burgers, and the camaraderie?

The closing of Jake's brings an end to an era; The Goodfellows Party, watching Michigan football games on Saturdays, and the very special St. Patrick's Day celebrations, with the ever so delicious corned beef and cabbage.

We send our love and best wishes to you Jake. Thanks for all the good times.

The Ladies' Literary Club will host their annual "Scholarship Donation Evening" on April 21, at 7 p.m. It will take place at the parlor of the Congregational Church. A donation for two women's scholarships, two books and two items of baked goods will be your ticket to a gala evening with friends. You'll go home with a book to read and one of the baked goods.



There will be door prizes and baskets waiting to be raffled, and there will be desserts that are always beyond luscious and yummy.

Books and Food from Around the World is the evening's theme with samples of both.

The two scholarships will be given in May. One will go to a graduate of the Wayne Memorial and the other to a graduate from John Glenn High School.

Author Jim Ray Daniels will talk about his new book - "Eight Mile High", 14 short stories about places along 8 Mile Road; The Clock, which is the restaurant that never closes, and Stan's, a store that sells misfit clothing. Daniels' characters wander Detroit and when they stumble, their humor allows them to "dust themselves off and start all over again." Even when they leave town, to Scout Camp, Washington D.C. or the Mythical 'Up North', they take their hard-scrabble working class sensibilities with them.

Mr. Daniels will be at the Wayne Library at 6:30 p.m. on May 26.

Al Damitio tells me the Historical Society will present a program called "The Industrial History of Wayne" at 7:30 pm on April 9 at the museum. It will be presented by Alfred Brock.

Al is really pleased that large crowds are attending the monthly programs. The programs are always free and held at the Historical Museum.

The Wayne "100" Club held its annual meeting in March. The club does such good work and charitable help to those of us who live in Wayne. Some of their recipients were a child who needs medications; a family needing help with funeral expenses; coats and boots for children; St. Mary's Outreach Center; and First Step.

First Step is the agency that houses abused women. It has a handsome building and garden at Venoy and Annapolis.

First Step board member Theresa gave a brief speech on "First Step." It not only houses women and children who have had to leave their homes, but also has counseling and education programs.

If you would like to join Wayne's "100" club, applications can be had at our courthouse on Sims. Judge



Kelly and Jake Davidson

Laura Mack is the Club's Secretary. Other Officers are Tom Daily, Bill Sexton and Dave Carpenter.

We offer our condolences to Beverly Woodard and her family. Bev's husband, Art, died on March 15. He will be missed by family, and his many friends and colleagues.

Please put Tom Dobrowolski on your prayer list. Tom took a terrible fall and broke his shoulder. He had surgery on his hip, but will have to go through a tough recovery period.

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### Leader Dogs

A representative from the Leader Dogs for the Blind will present the process of training these special friends at 6:30 p.m. on April 8 at the Wayne Public Library. A four-legged friend will be on hand to display his/her obedience skills. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Wayne Library. Please call to register 721-7832.

### Coffee with a Cop

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation from 9-11 a.m. on April 18 at McDonald's, 35111 W. Michigan Avenue. The event will provide an opportunity for Wayne city residents to ask questions, raise concerns and get to know Police Chief Al Maciag.

### Trivia Night

SS. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland is hosting Trivia Night at 7 p.m. on April 25. Doors open at 6 p.m. The cost is \$20 per team if you pre-register or \$30 at the door. Maximum of four people per team. Price includes 10 rounds of questions, popcorn, and either a hot dog or pizza. Additional food items and beverages (beer, coolers, pop, water, coffee) available for purchase.

There will be raffles and mystery prizes.

For more information, call Kathy Hansen at 734-716-4436.

### Boy Choir performs

The First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Town Square, Wayne, will host the Boy Choir of Ann Arbor at 4 p.m. on April 26. Admission is complimentary and there will be a free will offering. Directed by Dr. Thomas Strode, the Boy Choir of Ann Arbor offers a wonderfully varied program of sacred, secular, classical, and popular selections. Their 2011 concert at First Congregational Church of Wayne was warmly received and we look forward to their return. The public is welcome.

### AARP Smart

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## Wayne Pride

Wayne Memorial High School JROTC cadets competed in the Brigade Drill Competition in Kentucky last month. They were the runners up in the Academic and Exhibition Drill Competition, next they will compete in the National Championship in Kentucky this summer.

this course. Learn defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies and new traffic laws and rules of the road. Class is for anyone 50 years and up. Offered Tuesday, May 5th & Wednesday, May 6th from 9:30-1:30 p.m.

Upon completion, you will receive a certificate that may qualify you for a discount with your auto insurance.

\$5 AARP member and \$20 all others. Must pre-register by Thursday, April 30th at 734-721-7460.

### CROP Walk

The First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Town Square, is hosting the 21st Wayne-Westland CROP WALK on May 3. Registration is at 2:30 p.m. and the Walk starts at 3:00 p.m.

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

This is the 21st annual walk,

which has been held the first Sunday in May since 1995. Money raised by the walk is used by CWS to provide food, medical care, disaster relief and self-help development efforts for needy people throughout the world, including the United States.

Twenty-five percent of the money raised at the walk will be donated to local organizations, which include St. Mary's Outreach (Bolde Food Depot), Salvation Army, Good Hope Lutheran Food Pantry and the Wayne-Westland FISH Community Food Pantry.

The Walk is open to everyone, including all churches, all groups, and families, as well as individuals; and pets are welcome.

The walk will go through downtown Wayne.

If you need further information, please call the church at 734-729-7550 or visit [www.fccow.org](http://www.fccow.org).

### St. Mary School open enrollment

St. Mary Catholic School in Wayne is accepting applications for

preschool through eighth grade students. Call 734-721-1240 to make an appointment to visit the school, meet teachers and the principal, view classrooms and see work done by students. Registration and tuition information for the 2015-2016 school year will be available. Families may also inquire about Tuition Assistance Programs. St. Mary is a diverse school, which offers a multitude of enrichment programs that students can explore beyond the core curriculum including student council, National Junior Honor Society, choir, bells, band, scouting programs, sports, Academic Olympics and before and after school care. For more information, email [schooloffice@stmarywayne.org](mailto:schooloffice@stmarywayne.org).

### Outdoor Recreation

Spring is coming and there are lots of activities to enjoy at the Wayne Community Center. The skate and bike park and the tennis courts will be open and free. There is a one-mile walking, running or biking track around Attwood Park and kids of all ages enjoy Planet Playscape.

### Senior Services

#### News Briefs

The following programs are offered by the Senior Services office at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne. For more information on any of the programs, please call 734-721-7460.

#### Tai Chi Class

The Wayne Senior Services is looking to start a new beginners Tai Chi class on Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

Sessions are for 10 weeks and the fee is \$65 per session.

This no impact exercise program builds balance and strength without the soreness of the usual exercise programs.

Great for memory as well. No equipment or special clothing to purchase.

#### Rummage Sale

The First Congregational Church of Wayne will have a Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on April 23 and 24 and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on April 25. Bag Day is April 25.

# Wayne Main Street hosts Building Basics Workshop

The Wayne Main Street Design Committee announces the upcoming application period of the Wayne Main Street Design Services program. An information meeting for business and building owners who are located in the Main Street district will be held on Monday, April 13th, 5:30 p.m. at the Wayne Fire Station. Wayne Main Street's Executive Director, Lindsey Wooten, will present information about the Design Services program and show the "Building Basics" webinar by the Michigan Main Street Center.

The program is one of the services offered to Wayne Main Street as a Michigan Main Street Select Level community.

In the first five years of the program, Wayne Main Street will receive design training and consultation services by the State Historic Preservation Office to help maintain and enhance downtown Wayne's historic integrity. Individualized design assistance for façade improvements of downtown buildings is part of the



**Downtown  
Wayne  
Main Street**  
Lindsey Wooten

Main Street Design Services. Wayne Main Street will award up to three services per year for five years, with a maximum of 15 services. Services include a site visit by the Michigan Main Street Design Specialist, meeting with the property owner, schematic drawings detailing the proposed façade improvements, paint samples, example photographs, and additional information needed to complete the work. Each service is valued at \$2000-3000 each.

The application deadline for Design Services is May 22, 2015. To be eligible for this service, the property owner/business owner must attend the Building Basics Workshop. The



Workshop will educate attendees on the Main Street program and its Four Point Approach® to downtown revitalization. This will be the only time this webinar will be presented this year. Information will also be given on how to apply for design services and what must be included with the application. US 12 Bar and

Grill, Dairy Queen and one other property on Wayne Rd were awarded design services last year.

If you would like further information, contact Wayne Main Street Executive Director Lindsey Wooten at 734-629-6822 or visit during open office hours between 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.



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# SWEET Tradition Draws Crowd

When the fog lifted from Attwood Park, Wayne's 36th Annual Marshmallow Drop was underway. Children and adults of all ages gathered to watch massive amounts of marshmallows drop from a helicopter. Children ran out to collect the marshmallows which they exchanged for a goodie bag of candy and treats generously donated by Cross Pointe Community Church of Wayne who also sponsored the event.

Following the Marshmallow Drop was the popular "Bunny Breakfast" which sells out every year. Participants received pancakes, sausage, juice, fun crafts for the kids and of course an opportunity to have their photo taken with the Easter Bunny. The Wayne Community Center really knows how to put on a great family event. With their friendly staff and organizational skills, many Wayne residents enjoyed a fun-filled day amongst family, friends and neighbors.



## Meeting the Easter Bunny

Luke Boggs, Katrina Radke, Nicole Kaminski and Addison Helmer.

Photo by John P. Rhaesa



# State Champions

## Wayne Memorial Bowling team wins State Championship

By Samantha Tillman  
WMHS sophomore

The Wayne Memorial High School boys bowling team finished with a first place win at the state championship on March 6 and 7, being the first boys' bowling team to win states in the history of Wayne Memorial.

Coach Bob Jawor (whom the players call "Jaws") said that the team played strong from the very start of the day, and continued to try and improve, even as the competition was taking place.

Jawor has been the coach for the team since the program started nine years ago, and has only seen one other high finish, in 2009, when the team placed second.

"I couldn't be prouder of my team," Jawor said. "I wasn't really surprised when they won. They all bowled so well."

The boys were thought to be underdogs by many of the teams who participated in the event, including local rival Canton, who Wayne beat early on in the competition, even though Canton had beat Wayne in every tournament leading up to the championship.

"It started out as a really good day. Our first game was really strong. I shot a 288, and all the other guys did incredible, too," senior Brandon June said.

The team beat out Saginaw Heritage, a high school known to do well in bowling, 1,281 to 1,228, in the division one final on Friday.

"I knew we had it in us," June said. "I could see it. Our mindsets were just to get in there and bowl, and that's exactly what we did."

Many questioned how the team was going to pull out the first place win with the rocky start of the actual season, not having as good a record as they'd had in the past, but the boys went into the competition with an abundance of confidence.

"We all had moments of greatness," June said. "So many people had fantastic scores throughout the day, especially Conner (who scored a 231 on the last game)."

The members who took part in the championship match were Ty



The Wayne Memorial High School State champion bowling team (Front) Brandon June and Conner Weber (Back) Jarrett O'Chel, Brennen Maladonado, Coach Bob Jawor, John Willet, Brenden Przeklasa, Zachary Fightmaster and Ty Weber. Photo by John Rhaesa

**"It's something you can't forget.  
It can't be taken away from you. I did it for the  
seniors and all my other teammates as well."**

**John Willet**

Weber '17, John Willet '16, Conner Weber '16, Jarrett O'Chel '15, and Brandon June '15, who said the boys often say "live and die with the five," referring to how they bowl together.

The team members got warm welcomes when arriving back to school, some even getting applause as they went into classrooms.

Willet was applauded when walking into his first hour on Monday

morning, and he could not be more satisfied with the way he and his team were able to bring pride to the school.

"It's something you can't forget. It can't be taken away from you. I did it for the seniors and all my other teammates as well," Willet said.

"When I realized the boys actually did it, it was such a great feeling," Jawor said. "All their hard work paid off, and they really did earn and de-

serve that win."

Though Jawor was very proud of his team, no one was prouder than the bowlers themselves. "It was so unreal," June said. "Since it's my last year, it meant so much to me that we'd won. It was our goal since the very start of the season, and it was such an amazing feeling to be able to experience it with my team."

Coach Jawor said his favorite part about the experience was seeing how happy the guys were when they were given their medals and trophy. "They were so excited. When I knew it was over and that they'd won, it was such a fantastic feeling."

Though the winning was great, it wasn't June's favorite part.

"I just loved spending time with my team," June said. "I wouldn't change a thing about that day."

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## City to Host Public “Budget Kickoff” Meeting April 11th

The City of Wayne is hosting a budget kickoff from 9-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 South Wayne Road. The public is invited to hear from Plante Moran, the City’s auditing firm, who will provide an overview of the current budget followed by a public question and answer session.

“The City is facing significant fiscal challenges that, if left unresolved, will lead to a financial emergency. The objective of this meeting is to provide an overview of the financial issues affecting the 2015-2016 budget, and give attendees an opportunity to ask questions,” Brian Camiller from Plante Moran.

Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin promptly

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**Brian Camiller**  
Plante Moran

at 9:00 a.m., concluding by 11:30 a.m. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact the City of Wayne at 734-722-2000. We hope to see you there.

## Police Department to host monthly meetings

Wayne Police Chief Al Maciag and his department will begin hosting monthly meetings to hear concerns of the residents and business owners. The first meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, at the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center located at 35000 Sims Avenue, Wayne, Michigan 48184.

“It is my goal that these meetings will provide the community with an opportunity to ask questions or discuss concerns they may have with the Wayne Police Department. We also want to discuss ways we can work together to keep the homes and businesses in Wayne safe,” said

Police Chief Al Maciag.

The department will also provide an overview of current operations as well as recent crime trends and other valuable information.

“The feedback that we receive from these meetings is tremendously important in helping us to improve upon the work the department does on behalf of our residents and businesses. We look forward to a high level of participation,” said Maciag.

The meeting will be on the last Thursday of each month. For more information, please contact the City of Wayne Police Department at 734-721-1414.

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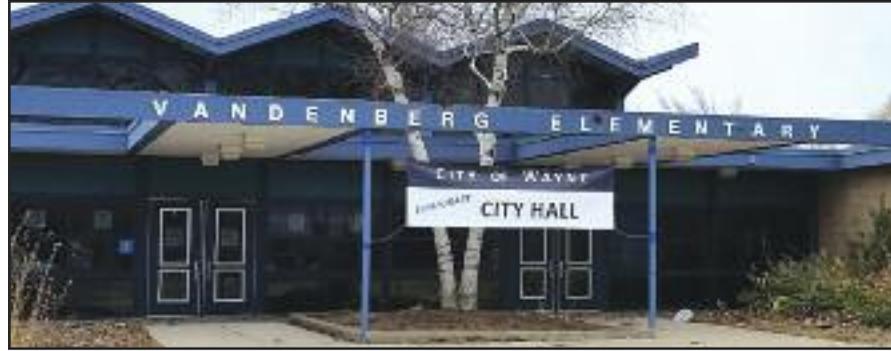
### City Council election

Wayne residents who are interested in running for City Council in the November election have until 4 p.m. on April 21 to submit their paperwork. Nominating petitions are available at the City Clerk's office at the temporary site of City Hall, Vandenberg School, 32101 Stellwagen. Petitions must be submitted with a minimum of 25 but no more than 50 signatures of persons registered to vote in the City of Wayne. Also, candidates may not be in monetary arrears to the city.

### May Ballot

Voters will have three issues on the May 5 ballot. They are:

**State Proposal 15-1**, is a proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales tax from 6% to 7%. The funds generated from this increased tax would go to the School Aid Fund and local governments. It would also provide addi-



### City Hall relocates

Wayne City Hall has temporarily moved to Vandenberg Elementary School. They will operate out of the closed elementary school for the next 60-90 days while the roof of city hall is repaired. When the city is done leasing it, the school will be demolished and the district will put the land up for sale.

tional money for roads.

The City of Wayne will also have two proposals on the ballot.

**Proposal No. 1** will ask voters to amend the city charter so that police officers and firefighters are excluded

from the retirement system effective July 1, 2015. If approved, they would become members of a separate retirement system under PA 345. The accumulated contributions to the current employee's retirement system made by or on behalf of police officers and firefighters would be transferred to the Act 345.

**Proposal No. 1** is will ask voters to approve up to 3 mills (\$3 per \$1,000 of the taxable value of all property in the city) for five years. If approved, it will generate \$1,068,000 per year.

**Proposal No. 2** will ask voters to adopt an Act 345 retirement system for police officers and firefighters. If approved, there will be a board of trustees to manage and operate the system. These funds would be separate from the city's general fund.

### Fire Dept. seeks SAFER Grant

Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy updated city council on the possibility to add more firefighters to the city.

"We applied for a SAFER (Staffing

for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant again for six firefighters," he said. If the grant is approved the six firefighters for Wayne would be fully funded by the federal government with no cost to the city.

Westland has also applied for 13 firefighters. If both grants were approved, this would bring the Wayne-Westland Fire Department staff to 90 firefighters.

"Wayne has a better chance because of its financial situation," Reddy said. "Wayne has a better shot but we applied in both cities."

If Wayne receives the grant and Westland doesn't the firefighters will still go to the Wayne Fire Station.

The grant will provide for the firefighters for two years. They city does not have to commit to keeping them after if they cannot afford it.

"They get hired for two years and then can be laid off. We don't need to keep them on for an additional two years," Reddy said.

The grant has been submitted and is moving forward to the review process. The grants will be awarded in July and cities will immediately receive the funds and can start the hiring process.

Wayne currently has 12 firefighters and is incurring daily overtime costs. The grant would provide \$1.2 million for the firefighters and reduce the overtime costs.

### Crosspointe Church ministry addition

CrossPointe Community Church is planning a 5,000 sq. ft. addition to their building. The new addition will be used for a Children's Ministry Center.

Pastor Phil DiLernia said they would be able to offer more services to the community and the youth. CrossPointe currently has about 350 members.

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# In memory of my daughter, Isabella Harmony Shuh

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At about 8 a.m. on March 8th of 2006, my phone rang. It was Children's Hospital in Detroit. They told me that it was time, and that I probably needed to hurry. You see, they knew that my wife and I wanted to be present when our five month old daughter passed away.

We made it in time. When we entered the NICU, it was the first time we had seen our daughter free of tubes and wires in months. My wife sat in the rocking chair and held her. I hugged them both. And we said goodbye to our daughter.

Later that day, the pain was compounded. As I sat across from the funeral director, I cannot tell you how horrible I felt as he told me how much money I needed for my daughter's funeral. (I want to interject here that they were definitely not going to make any money. They were being exceptionally kind. But these things do cost money) I did not have any money at that time. That moment almost crushed me.

Then the most amazing thing happened! Family, friends, and church members called each other and started taking up a collection! Within two days, we had all the funds we needed to pay for the funeral. It was overwhelming, and I vowed that if I ever had the chance, I would help those in a similar situation.

That chance came. When I was on the show Biggest Loser, I shared about my daughter. It was part of my weight gain story, because I gained 100 pounds after my daughter's death. In the episode where I talked about my daughter, a woman named Sarah Slack was watching in the state of Washington.

Sarah's story is similar to mine. She lost her son, and needed help to bury him. She started a non-profit called the TEARS Foundation. This organization raises money to pay for infant funerals when people cannot afford them. (Most young families that lose a baby are saving for a crib, not a casket)

Sarah was able to find me through a mutual acquaintance, and



we began talking about starting a Michigan chapter of TEARS. Two years ago, my wife and I officially launched this state-wide chapter!

This year, we have INCREDIBLE NEWS. The state of Michigan has been selected to be the fourth state to receive the Angel of Hope Monument. Three pieces of granite that cost \$30,000 have been donated to help people honor their children that they have lost.

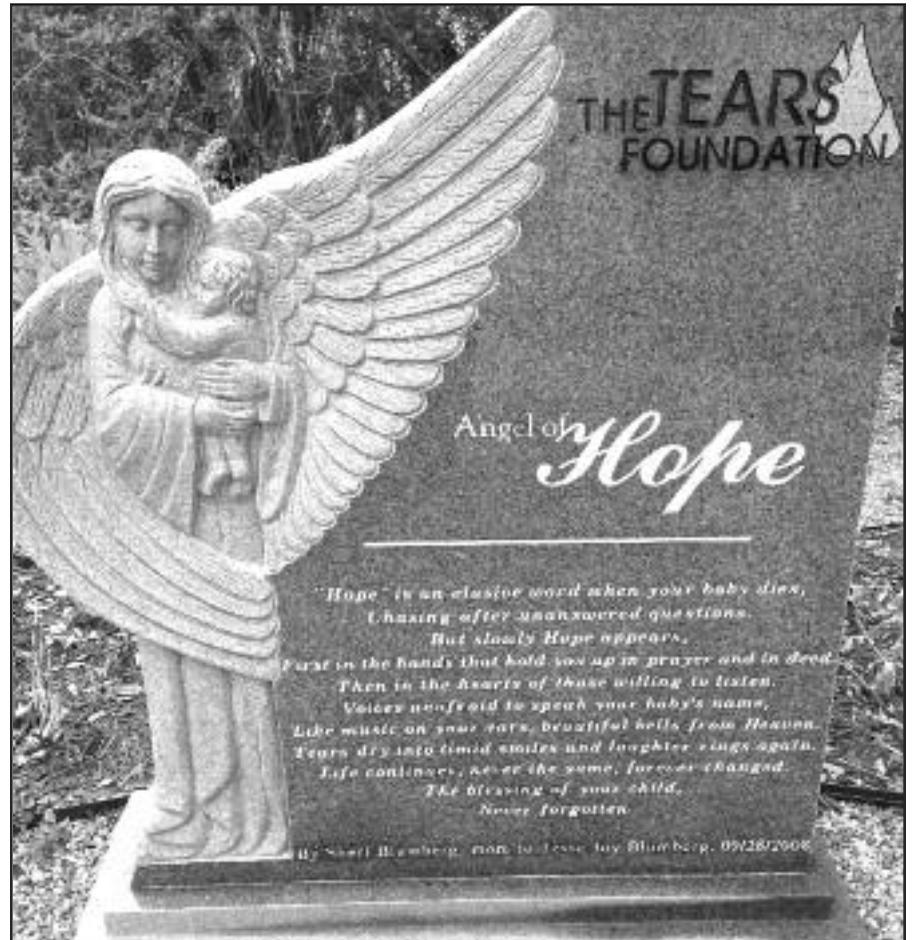
The middle part of the monument has an angel carved into it, as well as the Angel of Hope poem, written by a bereaved mom specifically for this monument. The two side pieces are carved into butterfly wings, and people can have their baby's name etched into them.

There is a cost involved if you or someone you know wants to have a baby's name added to the monument.

You can pay a one-time fee of \$250 or you can sign up to have \$20 automatically withdrawn from your account for a minimum of a year. If you are interested in this, you can sign up online at: <http://www.thetearsfoundation.org/page.php?id=31>. Go to that URL and then click on the Michigan link to fill out the form.

Of course you are curious as to where this monument will be placed. It will be right here in Wayne!! This monument will be placed on the property of Harry J Will Funeral Home right on Michigan Avenue. The official unveiling of the monument will be on 10/10/2015 at 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend this event!

Please help me in getting the word out about this monument! If you know someone who could benefit from adding their child's name to the monument, please have them email me at [buddyshuh@me.com](mailto:buddyshuh@me.com).



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# Sweet treats for Wayne

As March arrives and winter wanes we begin to look for signs of spring and an end to the cold snowy weather of January and February. Of course the 20th of March is the official first day of spring but there are other signs we look for. Robins gathering in our yards, windy days blowing kites across the sky, snow piles melting, crocus and forsythia blooming, buds on bushes and trees. These are all signs that spring is on the way. But, the most important and visible sign of spring is the opening of the Dairy Queen on Wayne Road on March 1st. That's the beginning of the spring season in Wayne!

Our Dairy Queen has been in Wayne for 66 years. In 1948, Dale and Eileen Rockwell bought a piece of land on the corner of Wayne Road and Chestnut Street from a Mr. Moses Dupont. The Rockwells had the Dairy Queen building built and it opened for business in 1949. It was one of the first Dairy Queens in Michigan. Mr. Rockwell built the Dairy Queen sign that sat on top of the building. Their daughter Gayle attended Wayne Memorial and worked making cones at the family owned business while she was a teen. Their son Delvyn helped by transporting the supplies for making the ice cream from the family home where they were kept to the Dairy Queen. He also waited on customers. His wife Kathie, who lives in Wayne today, remembers being out on a date with Delvyn and having to go by the business so that he could help clean the ice cream machines, the counters and floors and lock up the building for the day. (Wayne's own "Wild" Bill Copeland, a longtime

## Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley



business man in Wayne, got his first job at the Dairy Queen when he was hired by the Rockwell family.)

In 1959 the Rockwells sold the Dairy Queen to Peter and Eileen Lekas. The Lekas were the proprietors for the next 29 years. In 1988 they sold the business to Peter's nephew John Petrou and his wife Anna.

John and Anna were thrilled to buy the business from their Uncle Peter even though it was a costly venture and they had two children, ages 12 and 14, to consider. The children helped with the business and a few years later another child was born. It became a real family affair. Anna remembers making a bed in the back room of the store for the baby to sleep in while the family worked to serve customers. In the early days they would open at noon and often stay open until after midnight. "As long as there was someone in line at the window, they stayed open to serve them", Anna said. They have always opened the Dairy Queen on March 1st and closed in mid October each year.

The Petrou's have been very active business people in our community. For years they have been involved with the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department in sponsoring sports teams as well as being



The Wayne Dairy Queen was one of the first Dairy Queens in Michigan.

supporters of the Diamond of the Community Program. They have worked tirelessly in support of the Children's Miracle Network and raised funds for their facility at Children's Hospital. Last year they donated 1700 free ice cream cones as part of this fund raiser. Anna has been a part of Wayne's Downtown Development Authority as well as the Main Street Program. Many local clubs and organizations have come to the Petrous over the years seeking donations and sponsorships for their causes. The Petrous feel strongly about supporting the community they love so they always say yes. Anna stated that it has been important to them to give back to the community that has given so much to them. "A little bit to help everyone who asks" is their motto she stated. They have also helped many young people in our community of Wayne by hiring teens to work at the Dairy

Queen. "We have had so many wonderful kids work for us over the years and sometimes we hire the children of our past workers. The people of Wayne are wonderful and have given us so much support. We appreciate their business as well as their friendship!"

Wayne appreciates the Petrou family for providing us with our favorite place to buy a Dairy Queen "sweet treat" on a beautiful spring, summer or fall day as well as giving back to the community in so many ways!

**"...The people of Wayne are wonderful and have given us so much support. We appreciate their business as well as their friendship!"**

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• Students must be residents of Wayne County.

• Enrollments will be accepted immediately at the District's Administrative Offices at 36745 Marquette in Westland for residents of Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

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Enrollment information is available to download by clicking on the district's website using this link: <http://wwcsd.net/new-families> and clicking on "How to Enroll my Child". You will also find a link on the same page to "Intra-County Schools of Choice": [www.wwcsd.net/parents-students/intra-county-schools-of-choice](http://www.wwcsd.net/parents-students/intra-county-schools-of-choice) for non-residents of Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

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# Mobile libraries coming to Wayne and Westland

The Wayne and Westland Rotary Clubs, along with help from the construction technology students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, are providing Little Free Libraries for the community.

Little Free Libraries is a "take a book, return a book" box full of books where neighbors can stop by and pick up a book or two and bring back another book to share.

It started in 2009 when Todd Bol of Hudson, Wisconsin, built a model of a one-room schoolhouse as a tribute to his mother, a former schoolteacher who loved reading. He put it in his front yard and filled it with books with a sign that said "Free books."

His neighbors and friends loved it so he built several more and gave them away.

As of January 2015, there are over 25,000 registered Little Free Libraries in all 50 states and over 70 countries.

Bryan Issacs, Josh Begarowicz and Chad Richardson, students in the Construction Technology class, built 10 handcrafted structures that look like small schoolhouses for the Wayne and Westland Rotary Clubs. They were built to withstand the weather and hold from 20-100 books. The Interact Club at Wayne Memorial High School painted and decorated the wood libraries. They will be filled with books by each club and distributed throughout Wayne and Westland.

In Wayne the five Little Free Libraries will be placed at Wayne Memorial High School, Starfish Family Services, Michigan Works! Wayne



Westland Rotary President Lou Toarmina and Wayne Rotary President Antoinette Wirth receive the Little Free Libraries made by William D. Ford Career Technical Center students Bryan Isaacs, Josh Begarowicz, Kevin Young and Chad Richardson to go out into the community.

Service Center, Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School, and the Wayne Community Center.

Each little library will feature books for children, teens, young adults and adults. Rotary members will donate the books; the sites will then be responsible for maintaining the supply of books, said Wayne Ro-

tary President Antoinette Wirth.

Community members can use the little libraries the same as they would a regular library- take a book, read it and then return it. But they can return a different book too.

Benefits of the Little Free Libraries are they don't require library cards and there aren't any late fees.

It is a great way to promote a sense of community, reading for children and literacy for adults.

The Rotary Clubs will fill the libraries with books. They chose this program for the educational and outreach opportunities in the local community. They will be stocked and set up before the end of the school year.



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