

Department News ~

Wayne Public Library ~



Join us at the Library as we celebrate Mardi Gras all day long on March 8th. Snacks and beads will be available during the day, and a special Mardi Gras craft time will be from 4-5 p.m.

Children's programs continue with Mother Goose Lapsit every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. and the Saturday Children's Program with stories and crafts at 10:30 a.m.

The Adult Book Club is reading *Say You're One of Them* by Uwem Akpan during March, and will meet to discuss the book on Tuesday, March 29th at 6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming Expand Your Horizons spring program: Finding Your Roots. Programs will run April 5, 12, and 19 at 6:30 p.m. and will cover researching Wayne history, a general intro-

duction to genealogy research on the Internet, and a final program featuring Ancestry.com including time for hands-on practice.



The featured service this month is the ELF Child-Safe Browser (**E**lementary **L**earning **F**un). The ELF program checks every piece of content prior to putting it on the website to ensure that the material is coming from a provider specifically approved by libraries, schools, and AWE (the maker of ELF). Wayne Public Library makes this program available to library patrons to use from home. All you need is a computer running any version of Microsoft Windows, 25 MB of free disk space, and a broadband internet connection.

Typical programs include National Geographic for Kids, The Dinosauria, NY Times for Students, Early Reading

Activities, and an Online Planetarium. To get a preview of how the system works, stop by the Library and try out one of our children's computers.

To get ELF for your home computer, just drop by the Library and give us your name and email address. We will use the information to register your household for the ELF Child-Safe Browser, after which you will be sent a safe-download link via email.

For more information about the Library or any of our programs and services, please drop by or call 402-375-3135.

~Lauran Lofgren
Director

WISE WORDS

“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”

~Thomas Edison

DID YOU KNOW

Electronics such as clocks, microwave ovens, and cell phone chargers consume energy when they're plugged in — even if they're not in use. **In fact, 75% of the electricity used to power home electronics is consumed while they're turned off.** Fortunately, it's easy to combat these “phantom loads” and slash your home energy consumption. Simply unplug electronics, chargers, and appliances when they're not in use. Or plug them into a smart power strip, which stops power flow when an appliance is switched off.



to organize a four-some of Hand and Foot card game, we play that at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Contact Penny Vollbracht, Coordinator, or Rick Barelman, Operations Assistant, at 402-375-1460 for your dinner reservations the noon before your dinner!



Wayne Senior Center ~



The Wayne Senior Center would love to see more 60 and over friends come and enjoy our March meals and activities. The Center is the “Place to Be” in Wayne. Check out what fun we will be having this month:

11:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 2nd: Ray Peterson plays his “Old but Good” polkas on his accordion for our March Birthday party.

11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 3rd, Connie Weber will play piano entertainment for the Center's dining pleasure.

11:30 a.m. Friday, March 4th, Will Green, a WSC student, will perform “Will's Guitar Music Therapy.” Will has a beautiful voice that soothes the soul.

11:30 a.m. Monday, March 7th, Cyril Hansen will play organ music, and at 3:00 p.m., the Hansen Family Sing-a-long Performance will be honoring Cyril's birthday.

11:30 a.m. Friday, March 11th, Connie Weber will play organ music for our dining pleasure.

Monday, March 14th, after dinner, hear Brad Wieland, the Wayne County Veteran's Service Officer with “Come meet your Veteran's Officer.”

9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 16th: Health Screening by Mary Nichols, RN; at 11:30 a.m. Patricia Sherry will have a St. Patrick's Day Irish Sing-a-long, followed by the Center's St. Patrick's Day special luncheon, featuring lemon pie.

11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 17th, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Pat Cook playing Irish piano tunes.

12:45 p.m. Friday, March 18th, after dinner, the featured speaker, Hallie Sherry, will present her Hallie's Comments on: “Uh, What Did you Say?”

11:30 to 12:00 Noon and 12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., Monday, March 21st, we will have the Burt Heithold Band playing for our Spring Fling Dance. Spring Fling Pie is the noon

meals featured dessert.

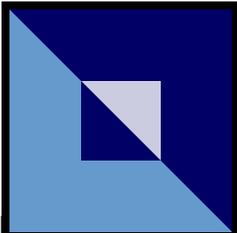
12:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 23rd, Connie Vogt, RN, will provide health education on “strokes.”

10:00 a.m., Friday, March 24th, we invite Seniors and Chamber members to come for the weekly Chamber Coffee and Rolls.

11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., Friday, March 24th, Phil Pfaltzgraff and WSC Music Students perform “Spotlight on Promise,” a diverse musical program for our dining pleasure.

11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 29th, Pat Cook will play piano dinner music.

The Wayne Senior Center is a very friendly and active “Place to Be.” We offer daily afternoon pitch and pinochle, 3:00 coffee social, puzzles, and host many clubs for dinner and bridge. Remember, we have 1:15 p.m. Bingo on Friday, followed by Chicken Foot Dominoes. If anyone wants



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LOOKING AHEAD ~



Financial Audit Highlights for 2010:

Boring topic, but it's legally required and it's how we track our financial condition and how our spending matched the budget.

Opinions from the auditor about Wayne compared to similar cities of Wayne's size:

- \$1.5 million in general government fund cash reserves equal seven months of operating costs and are two months above average
- \$8.5 million in electric, water and sewer utility cash reserves are adequate, but should be maintained at the current levels. Current utility rates are at minimal levels to maintain current reserves and council will have to consider future rate increases if needed.
- Group health care costs will begin rising faster, and the budget slightly underfunded the \$328,000 cost for premiums and self-insurance paid out for all departments.
- Wayne city property tax levy per capita was \$125 compared to the \$150 average. Because cities have different populations and property valuations, the auditor converts costs and revenues to a per capita

basis for comparison.

- Wayne local option sales tax per capita was \$94 vs. \$150 average.
- Wayne debt service per capita was \$16 per year vs. the \$20 average.
- Our annual revenue from state aid was \$122 per capita vs. \$129 average.
- Wayne per capita governmental operating expense costs comparisons for the year were:
 - * Wayne Administration: \$28 vs. \$70
 - * Wayne Community Center: \$37 vs. \$25
 - * Wayne Recreation: \$35 vs. \$40
 - * Library: \$38 vs. \$40
 - * Public Works: \$73 vs. \$100
 - * Police: \$177 vs. \$180

The auditor report will be posted on the city's website, along with the Wayne Comparisons.

~Lowell Johnson

City Administrator

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STILL TIME TO GET Free Weatherization Services ~

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR FREE HOME WEATHERIZATION SERVICES?



Free home weatherization makes energy efficiency in your home. More information about these services is at

<http://www.neo.ne.gov/wx/wxindex.htm>.

To receive free weatherization services for your home, your annual household income must fall within the income ranges listed at right. Households with per-

sons receiving either ADC (Aid to Dependent Children) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are automatically eligible.

Household Size	Max. Household Income
1	\$21,660
2	\$29,140
3	\$36,620
4	\$44,100
5	\$51,580

6	\$59,060
7	\$66,540
8	\$74,020

For each additional family member, add \$7,480.

To apply for home weatherization services contact: Goldenrod Hills, Community Action at (402) 529-3513, wx1@gpc.com.net; www.goldenrodhillscommunityaction.org.