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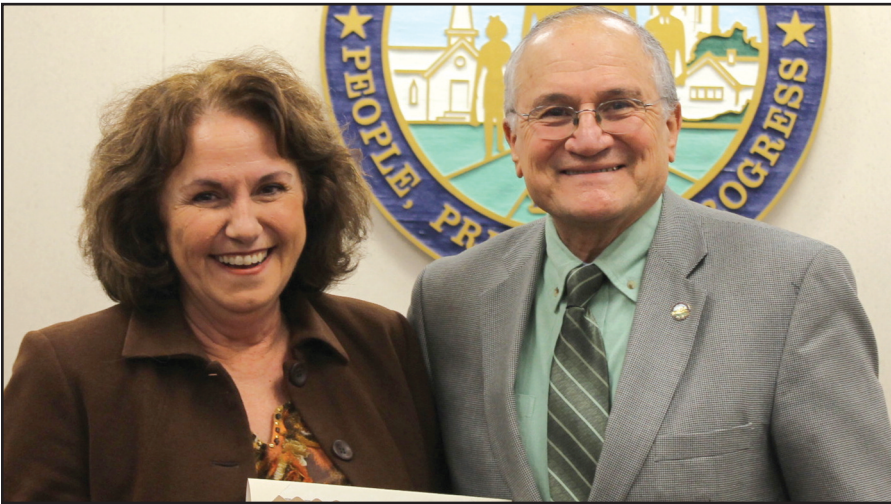
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Mayor Al Haidous recognizes Anna Petrou as 2013 Michigan Business and Professional Women's Woman of Achievement award winner. Photo by Jenny Johnson

Dairy Queen owner wins Woman of Achievement

By Jenny Johnson

Anna Petrou, owner of Wayne Dairy Queen, was recognized at a city council meeting for being named 2013 Michigan Business and Professional Women's Woman of Achievement Award.

Petrou was presented the award by Paulette Medvecky, Wayne Public Library Director and member of Wayne Business and Professional Women.

"The Wayne BPW unanimously agreed to send (the nomination) to the state and at the fall board meeting in Petoskey Anna was recognized as Woman of the Year for 2013," Medvecky said.

Mayor Al Haidous said, "It is a great honor when a business has a business man and woman who care about the community. You step up to the plate and share with us and contribute to many events in the city."

The Wayne Dairy Queen sponsors the annual Diamond of the Community Award, participates in the Children's Miracle Network, has sponsored baseball teams through Wayne Baseball Association and has

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supported the Wayne Wheelfest and Farmers Market. Petrou is also a member of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority and supports the Friends Project and the Wayne Ripple Effect.

In accepting her award Petrou said, "We should really be celebrating BPW women. Every time I go to a meeting I feel so inspired and I am proud to be in your sisterhood."

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Mom shares son's battle for life with Congenital Heart Defect



Joshua has had nine surgeries including three open heart surgeries.



By Jenny Johnson

"Tomorrow is a gift not a given," said Sarah Price mother of four-year old Joshua who has Congenital Heart Defect and is in heart failure.

Joshua is awaiting his fourth open- heart surgery and will require open-heart surgeries every two to five years. So far he has had nine surgeries.

Joshua's medical diagnosis read like a medical textbook. He has Tetralogy of Fallot which consists of four different heart defects. His aortic valve is in the wrong place, he has a hole in his heart between two ventricles, the right side of his heart has thickened from working so hard and he has the most severe form of pulmonary stenosis, the narrowing of the pulmonary valve. He also has Failure to Thrive, central apnea, hypopnea, Stage 2 kidney reflux, an inferior and swiveled right kidney, umbilical hernia, absence seizures

**"When you look at him you would not know.
He is the happiest most playful boy you know."**

Sarah Price

and hearing loss. He has also had two strokes.

"When you look at him you would not know. He is the happiest most playful boy you know," she said.

And you can't tell by visiting him. Joshua and his eight-year old brother Daniel, who is in second grade at Walker-Winter Elementary School, love Harry Potter and spend hours playing and wrestling. Daniel gives Joshua piggy-back rides as Joshua laughs and their toy area is full of Disney themed toys.

Sarah is thankful for every day she is able to see his smiling face and watch her two boys together.

Joshua's health problems were

detected when Sarah was pregnant.

"I was happy I found out when he was in utero because I had a plan," she said. He was born at Oakwood Hospital and Sarah was able to see him for about two minutes before he was transferred to Children's Hospital in Detroit.

Joshua was 6 lbs 8oz and was born on April 28, 2009.

It would be 36 hours before Sarah saw him again. She had a cesarean -section and left the hospital earlier than she was supposed to and got into a car accident on the way to see Joshua.

When she finally got to the hospital she couldn't hold him but was

able to change his diaper. This was no small feat with all of the tubes and wires attached to him.

But after she successfully changed him she thought, "I can do this and I wasn't afraid anymore," she said.

Joshua was two weeks old the first time she held him.

That milestone made it easier to learn how to do things like feed him through his tube. When he left the hospital he was tube fed and the tube had to be put through his nose and into his stomach without hitting his lungs.

Today Joshua can eat regularly and really likes fruits and vegetables.

"He is a good non-picky eater," she said.

He is also very social and friendly. He loves riding the bus and going to preschool school at Stottlemeyer in

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NEWS BRIEFS

Captain Nemo's grand re-opening

It's a new location but the same delicious menu. Captain Nemo's Submarine Shop, 4422 S. Wayne Road just north of Annapolis has moved next door to Seven Star Liquor. Their new larger location includes a dine-in area with a television in addition to their take-out counter. Mom and son owners Bev and Brad Wiggins have been in Wayne for six years. They said some of their more popular subs are the pizza and steak and cheese. They also offer salads, french fries, mini tacos, hot dogs, wings and drinks.

They open at 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Mon-Wed, 10 a.m.- midnight Thurs and Fri, 11 a.m.- midnight on Sat and noon- 9 p.m. on Sunday. They also offer delivery. Call them at 734-729-3330.



City officials and Chamber of Commerce members joined the staff at Captain Nemo's to celebrate their grand re-opening at their new location on Wayne Road next door to Seven Star Liquor. They now have a dine-in area in addition to their carry out counter.

Join Wayne Rotary

Wayne Rotary meets at 12 p.m. every Tuesday at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne. The last Tuesday of the month they meet at 6 p.m. at US-12 on Michigan Ave. and Second Street. President Trish Hampton invites the public to come and be a guest to see what the Wayne Rotary is all about. For more information, please contact Trish Hampton at 734-890-6934.

New Website

In an effort to continue to bring positive community news, The Wayne Dispatch has a new website. Visit www.thewaynedispatch.com and check out our new features. All of the past issues are available but there are also new sections like breaking news, current news stories, a chance to comment on articles, advertising and weather. We are also looking for your feedback. What would you like to see on our website? Let us know at jenny@thewaynedispatch.com.

Relay for Life

The 2014 Westland-Wayne Relay for Life will be on June 7-8 at Attwood Park.

"We were at Attwood Park last year for the first time and the site was wonderful," said Meriem Kadi,

chairperson, Relay for Life.

They are having their kick-off party on March 6 at the Wayne Community Center. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. and the event starts at 7 p.m. This meeting is for all returning teams and anyone who is interested in getting more information on Relay for Life.

"We are looking for more teams and sponsorship," she said. "We have our kick-off party for Relay and it helps encourage people to think about joining."

Last year they had 23 teams and raised \$64,000. This year their goal is 25 teams and \$70,000. But the main purpose of Relay for Life is to help people diagnosed with cancer celebrate more birthdays.

For more information, visit www.Relayforlife.org/westland-waynemi.com or check out their Facebook page at Facebook.com/rflwestlandwayne.

Zebra Safari Dinner

Come support Wayne Memorial High School and buy a ticket to the annual Zebra Safari. This adult only event will be at 6 p.m. on April 4 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne.

This event has a fabulous dinner

made by Chef Tony and his wonderful culinary arts students, live auction, silent auction, raffles, and dancing. This event raises money for scholarships and activities for WMHS students.

Tickets are \$25 each and are available by calling Pam Rawson at 734-419-2206.

Visit Museum

The Wayne Historical Museum, One Town Square, has two special collections on display. Former Wayne resident Judy Dittmar-Fidh has loaned the museum antique baking tools including rolling pins, cookie cutters and baking equipment. Her twin sister Joan, a member of the Wayne Historical Commission, has set up a display of antique cameras including flash bulbs. The collections will be on display for three months. The Wayne Historical Museum is open from 1p.m.-4p.m. Thur. & Fri. and by appointment Mon-Wed. For more information call, 723-722-0113.

Daddy/Daughter Date Night

Calling all Dads! Grab your little girls and come create a special memory at Daddy/Daughter Date Night

from 6-8:30 p.m. on Feb. 13 at the Wayne Community Center. Enjoy snacks, square dancing and a photo. The cost is:

Residents: \$12/Couple or \$16/Dad & 2 Daughters Non-Res.: \$13/Couple or \$18/Dad & 2 Daughters. Tickets are available at the front desk at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne.

Mother/Son Sports Night

Moms do you want to have a fun night out with your little guys age 5-12? Then bring them to Mother/Son Sports Night from 6-8:30 p.m. on Feb. 27 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne. Enjoy an evening of sports, games and food. The cost is: Residents: \$12/Couple or \$16/Mom & 2 Sons Non-Res.: \$13/Couple or \$18/Mom & 2 Sons. For more information, call 734-721-7400.

Travel Group

Sometimes Travelers Group is available for all 30 and older. Membership is \$5 per year from July through June. Enjoy day, overnight and extended trips on luxurious motor coaches. Individual trip flyers are located in the Senior Lounge at the Wayne Community Center.

NEWS BRIEFS

Casino Trip

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Casino Bus Trip to Motor City Casino in Detroit on March 15. The bus leaves from the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road at 10 a.m. and will leave from the casino at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and includes \$30 of free slots play. Please call 734-721-0100 to register by the end of February.

Baseball registration

The Wayne Baseball Association is looking for players age 3-18 for youth baseball and softball. Registration is at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road on the following dates:

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| Feb. 6th | 7 p.m.-9 p.m. |
| Feb. 8th | 9 a.m.-12 noon |
| Feb. 13th | 7 p.m.-9 p.m. |
| Feb. 20th | 7 p.m.-9 p.m. |
| Feb. 22 | 9 a.m.-12 noon |
| Feb. 27 | 7 p.m.-9 p.m. |

All new registrants must show proof of birth date. Registrants from all cities are welcome. Included in the registration fee is a complete uniform - hat, shirt, and pants. For more information, please call the WBA office: (734) 722-6400 or visit www.waynebaseballassociation.org.

AARP Tax

Assistance Program

The Senior Services Office is taking reservations for this year's tax program. The program will be held at the Wayne Community Center. Dates of preparation will be each Wednesday during the tax season. Assistance is done by appointments only. All tax returns are e-filed for your convenience.

Golden Hour Club

The Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department offers weekly social activities for senior residents at the Wayne Community Center. There is always something going on and new faces are always welcome. They meet every Thursday at 11 a.m. and enjoy a pot luck lunch.

Bingo

Offered every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 1:00pm at the Wayne Community Center.

It is a great way to spend a few hours. Improves memory and offers a chance to win some extra money. Bingo is a fund-raiser, offered by the Wayne Golden Hour Club.

St. Patty's Dueling Piano Party

The Wayne Rotary Club is hosting a Dueling Piano show on March 14 at the Wayne Community Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each or a table of 10 for \$180. There will be a cash bar, 50/50 raffle and food available for purchase. For more information, contact Gayle Rediske at gaylerediske@gmail.com or 734-502-3202. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Wayne Rotary Holiday Parade of Lights.

Hockey Night in Westland

Westland Mayor Bill Wild and the Westland Wild Wings will face the Red Wings Alumni on March 21 at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood in Westland. For ticket sales and sponsorship opportunities for this charity hockey game, contact 734-467-3200.

City hires budget consultant

In a 7-0 vote city council agreed to hire a budget consultant to help prepare the 2014-15 city budget. Vincent Pastue will assist Interim City Manager Ramzi El-Gharib with preparing the budget and making decisions on how to eliminate the estimated \$2 million budget deficit.

Pastue met with the council subcommittee of Jim Hawley, Jim Henley and Skip Monit.

"Everyone felt very comfortable with him and his scope of work is fairly results oriented," Hawley said.

Pastue is currently the city manager in Farmington.

"A lot of our decision is based on the fact that our current acting city manager expressed concern with dealing with current budget," Monit said.

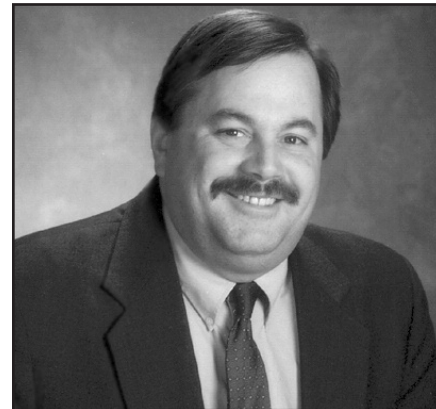
So council decided to take the advice of Bill Kostiuik who is helping the city with the search for a new city manager. He suggested Pastue.

Pastue's contract is until June 30, 2014. He will be paid \$75 an hour and his compensation will not exceed \$15,000.

"I am very confident he could do the job for us and not burden Ramzi or a new city manager," Monit said.

Pastue said, "I look forward to working with Ramzi and rest of staff. I know there are a lot of challenges ahead."

Wayne resident Ron Roberts



Vincent Pastue

asked if Pastue is going to take the role of city manager.

"No he is strictly here to help us with the budget," Mayor Al Haidous said.

After the finance department presents the city's revenues and expenditures for 2014-15 Pastue will assist El-Gharib in going line by line and deciding what has to be cut.

Pastue will meet with each department head to discuss the existing budget and get familiar with the department's operation. He will also meet with city council members individually to discuss their assessment of the financial challenges and understand their priorities.

He will prepare a three-year forecast model for the General Fund. He will present the proposed budget to the city council on April 15.

WMHS seeks Distinguished Alumni

Wayne Memorial High School is looking for a Distinguished Alumni to be honored at the 2014 graduation ceremony on May 31.

"We have had many outstanding people graduate from Wayne Memorial," said Kevin Weber, principal, Wayne Memorial. "Many have contributed significantly to the betterment of society on a local, state, national or international level. The Distinguished Alumni Award is our way of honoring an outstanding graduate on an annual basis."

Each winner is awarded a medal inscribed with the official school seal. They are honored with a Distinguished alumni reception and speak to the graduating class at commencements.

"This is an opportunity for our current graduating class, to hear first hand from a former alumnus

who has made his/her mark on society," Weber said.

The most difficult task is to locate the many alumni who have distinguished themselves since their graduation. For that reason, Wayne Memorial is asking the community to help in its search. If any member of the Community wishes to nominate a Wayne Memorial graduate, they are asked to submit a nomination letter to Mrs. Rawson, Secretary to the Principal, at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth Street, Wayne, Michigan 48184 or call 734-419-2206.

A "Distinguished Alumni" committee has been established at Wayne Memorial to decide on the recipient for 2014. An announcement of the winner will be made in mid May. Nominations are due by February 24, 2014.

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Westland. He has been in the program there since he was 18 months old.

Because his hearing loss is progressing Sarah is trying to decide which kindergarten setting will benefit Joshua best. He is almost fluent in American Sign Language and is working on reading lips.

Surgery days

Joshua has undergone nine surgeries in his short life. Each one is a test in hope and perseverance.

"It is blind faith. You are handing your child over and you know they are going to stop your child's heart and that is all you think about," Sarah said. "You try not to think about it in the waiting room and you can't stop thinking about what they are doing to your baby."

"You go on autopilot before going to surgery," she said. Sarah reads him a story about children going in to surgery and she is always in the recovery room so he doesn't get anxiety. For each surgery Sarah's mom comes in from Florida and her sister and brother-in-law take turns at the hospital with her.

"I am very lucky for the amount of support I have," she said. This time she will also have her boyfriend, Jason, to lean on when Joshua undergoes his next open-heart surgery.

There is also a network of heart moms on Facebook.

"No one else knows what it is like to hand your child over," she said. "My grandma went and visited after the last surgery and cried because she hated seeing him like that. You see tubes, wires and blood but you also see a fighter, someone who is going to come back stronger than ever."



Sarah, with Joshua and Daniel, says every day with her boys is a blessing.

He has had two strokes and almost died but he keeps coming back and fighting, she said. "He has a strong will to live."

Surgeries can last anywhere from five to eleven hours. His second open-heart surgery was supposed to be five hours but lasted 11 because they had to put him on a heart lung machine.

After surgery they keep Joshua sedated while his is intubated. But the last time, 16 hours after surgery he stood up in the crib and reached for his mom.

"Watching him go through the pain you would do anything for him to not have to," she said. The first few days after surgery are spent watching the monitors.

"That is your hospital life," she

said.

Even though she doesn't have a medical degree no one knows Joshua better than Sarah.

"They extubate him too early and

he always has complications," she said.

After his second heart surgery he had complications and Sarah said to the nurse, "Something isn't right. I know my kid. Both of his lungs had collapsed and he had blood pouring around his heart. It was terrifying," she said.

After his third surgery he had a stroke.

"He was two and we were at the Ronald McDonald House. My mom and sister were there and they paged us," she said.

Joshua didn't recognize his mom. He has to relearn many things but has made an amazing recovery.

They are usually in the hospital for a couple of weeks with each heart surgery. Sarah stays at the Ronald McDonald House connected to the hospital.

"It is such a godsend. You have a place to sleep, eat and take a shower," she said. To give back Sarah volunteers to serve dinners at the Ronald McDonald house.

Last month he had to have an outpatient surgery for his ears and when they got to the room with the anesthesia he signed to his mom "I don't like."

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Now they let Sarah go back with him and hold him and the mask while he falls asleep.

Make-a-Wish

In November 2012 Joshua was granted his Make-a-Wish. Sarah, her mom and the two boys went to Florida and visited Disney World and Universal Studios. Joshua and Daniel got to meet their favorite, Harry Potter. They stayed at Give the Kids the World with other families with life threatening and terminal illnesses.

Once a week they have special activities for the families like Christmas Day, ice cream for breakfast and they get to meet a host of Disney characters.

Sarah said the trip was bitter-sweet.

"When they gave you the tour they said most children don't live five years after," she said.

The best part about the trip was that everyone accepted everyone and no one stared at kids in wheelchairs or with feeding tubes. The also have things like wheelchair accessible pools so the sick children get to par-

ticipate in every activity.

The boys came home with great memories, lots of photos and special souvenirs.

Congenital Heart Defect Awareness

Feb. 7-14 is Congenital Heart Defect Week. CHDs are the number one birth defect and affect 1 in 100 births in the United States. More than 1,700 babies a year in Michigan are born with heart defects.

"We always petition the governors and mayors to recognize CHD week," Sarah said.

Gov. Snyder signed a resolution as did the City of Wayne.

Right now a group of CHD parents are trying to get a bill passed for newborn pulse ox check. This is a device that wraps around a newborn's toe and measures their oxygen level. Anything less than 89 requires more testing.

"Sometimes doctors hear a heart murmur and sometimes the baby is blue but sometimes not," Sarah said. But the pulse ox would detect a possible problem. There are 36 states that currently do this test.

CHDs kill more children than all childhood cancers combined.

"Yet there is little awareness. Where is our St. Jude's?" Sarah asks. "Many people are unaware of CHDs and research and funding devoted to CHDs is grossly inadequate. Of every dollar the government spends on medical funding, only a fraction of a penny is directed toward congenital heart defect research."

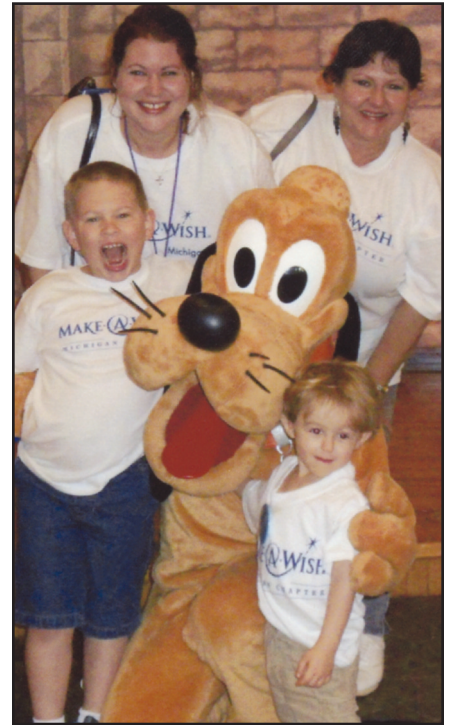
Sarah's hope is for more awareness and research and less invasive ways to treat CHD.

"They are making strives all the time and you can only hope one day things will be better," she said. Joshua is not a candidate for a heart lung transplant so Sarah is hoping for medical advancements to heal his current heart.

In the meantime Sarah said, "I try to think of all the advances he is making and hold on to that."

Joshua did receive a tissue donation for his heart through the Gift of Life. It was used during one of his heart repair surgeries and came from a little boy named Jamil who died the previous year and they saved his tissue.

"Joshua has a little piece of someone else," she said. Every year they celebrate his heartaversary- the day



On their Make-a-Wish trip to Florida Sarah, her mom and the boys got to meet many Disney characters.

he received his donation.

"It makes you stronger. You never know how strong you are until you have to be," she said. "I am just doing what every other parent does."



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The former Rex's Restaurant was demolished in January to make room for Wayne's first McDonald's.

Demolition paves way for McDonalds

By Jenny Johnson

The former Rex's Restaurant on the corner of Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue was demolished last month. The empty corner will soon host the golden arches.

McDonald's has pulled all of their construction permits and construction will soon start. They plan to be open by Memorial Day.


The 4200 sq. ft. restaurant will feature a double drive thru and have

a seating capacity of 70. It will be open 24 hours. The front of the building will face Wayne Road and the drive thru will be on the south side of the building. There will be two entrances- one on Wayne Road and one on Biddle.

McDonald's representatives have said the Wayne restaurant will be similar in design to the McDonald's on Michigan Avenue and Gulley in Dearborn Heights.

OBITUARY

WARREN "Slim" MORVANT, SR., age 91, formerly of Wayne, Michigan passed away quietly at his son's house in Gregory on January 6, 2014. He was born on July 13, 1922 in Thibodaux, Louisiana the son of Robert and Leoncia (Leonard) Morvant. On November 6, 1943 he married Maude Herbert and she preceded him in death on January 19, 2005. He is survived by his children: Carolynn (Sam) Strutz of Westland and Warren "Rusty" (Ruthann) Morvant of Gregory; and grandsons: Rob Strutz and Clint Morvant. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to be made to the American Amvets.



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- Contact local authorities
- Contact government authorities
- Maintain good records and follow-up

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Second time is a charm for Buddy Up

Yes we can! But it does take a community. Is it possible for local city government, businesses, churches, a hospital, and people who live in the community to all join forces for a common cause? It sure is! I am currently witnessing it through the Buddy Up 2.0 health program.

The cities of Wayne and Westland have partnered with St. Mary Mercy Hospital, along with the others to help people lose weight and get healthy! Over 400 people have already participated this year.

"The program had outstanding results last year! I know of at least 5 people that have lost and kept off 50 pounds or more since the start of the program in 2013. This year I expect even better results!" said Buddy Shuh.

"(By) buddying up I've lost 70+ lbs and kept it off," said James Edmonds. "Seeing everyone at the Wayne Rec, most of all my support group, like all of the captains, we have formed a great small family. We love to work out together and now help people achieve what we have achieved buddying up."

"I was involved with the Buddy Up program last year. I was at a point in my journey, after losing 65 pounds, where I was just about to give up. Buddy talked to us about his time on the Biggest Loser ranch and climbing the mountain. I felt as though he was talking to me. With that I continued on my journey and kept the weight off. This year I am participating as a Captain. I have 14 people on my team and I hope I am able to do for them what Buddy did for me last year to keep them on



**There's More
to the Story**

Buddy Shuh

their path. I plan to continue on with my group even after the program is over," said Sandi Franka.

This year, two changes were implemented that have drastically improved the success people are having. The first improvement is the formation of teams with captains. Participants have about 10 teammates with them and a captain to help and encourage them. The small group support has been a great encouragement so far!

"Buddy Up is more than just a weight loss program. It is a motivational and inspirational family of people that have one interest in mind, getting healthy. Who says you have to do that alone?" said David Koester.

Stephanie Monroe said, "Buddy Up is changing lives! Buddy has reached out to his community to offer change. We have accepted what he brings and have the opportunity to not only change ourselves but others around us! I am so thankful to Buddy Shuh, Mayor Wild and St. Mary Mercy Hospital for continuing this amazing program!"

Kathy Hansen said, "The part I love most about this program is that it's real. There are no people preaching to you on what to do and not doing it themselves. We are all together on this journey. I am thrilled



Buddy Up 2.0 is a free health program led by Buddy Shuh that is helping more than 400 people on their journey to physical and spiritual health.



Buddy and Shelby Shuh made Spinach Sorbet for participants. There is a 30-minute exercise portion every week.

to be a captain this year and be able to lead others on the path I have begun. Weight loss is a group effort."

Shuh said, "The second improvement to the Buddy Up program came in the form of a challenge. On day one of the program, I challenged everyone to swim 2.6 miles, bike 112 miles, and walk or run 26.2 miles. Participants have six weeks to complete the challenge. Those who complete the triathlon will receive a t-shirt that says "I tri-ed." Many are aggressively attacking this challenge!"

About Buddy Up 2.0

The Buddy Up program is part of Westland Mayor Bill Wild's "Passport to a Healthy City" campaign. This free program creates a community for people to join together and get healthy. Buddy Up 2.0 is a seven-week program. Every Saturday morning participants meet at the

Friendship Center in Westland for a weigh in, a team meeting, an exercise portion and nutrition class. The event will culminate with a 5K run or walk or 1 mile Mayor's Walk on March 8.

"When I launched the Passport to a Healthy City campaign my goal was to inspire and encourage Westland residents to work towards a healthier lifestyle through education, diet and exercise. We are lucky to have Buddy Shuh as a role model in the campaign, leading our citizens by example," said Mayor Wild.

Wayne resident Buddy Shuh was a contestant from season 13 of NBC's "Biggest Loser." When he returned home he decided he wanted to help give the gift of health to his community.

"Buddy Shuh has used the principles he learned on The Biggest Loser and applied them to help people within his community," said Kari Ritter. "He has been a blessing to us all who have attended the Buddy Up program; who have in turn started to help others."

Each week Buddy not only has nutritional information to share but also gives Buddy Uppers real advice on how to reach their goals.

"My favorite thing that has stuck with me is when Buddy said 'Don't look at this as a diet but rather as a change of how you live and eat.' I spent years on "diets" and never succeeded but when I started looking at it as changing my life it made a huge difference!" said Sue Federspill.

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Vision session helps determine future financial goals

It was a meeting of the minds. The city's financial vision sessions paired city officials, residents, business owners and other community members of Wayne together to come up with goals and ideas for the city's financial future.

Jim Ghedotte, the City's Finance Director, presented both the current budget and a 5-year projection to the group.

"Over 50 people participated in our visioning session this weekend including the city council, our employees, some of the union representatives, our department directors, business owners and most importantly, our residents. I am so thankful for the input and look forward to our next session," said Acting City Manager, Ramzi El-Gharib.

Wayne has some challenging financial times with a \$1.6 million budget deficit to address this year and a potential \$3.5 million shortfall for fiscal year 2014-15. Within the next five years the city could face an \$18 million-plus budget deficit if nothing changes.

One of the reasons for the shortfall is the decrease in property taxes. It will decrease by 5% in 2014-15. Ghedotte said they think this will be the bottom and "we will start to see slight increases after."

Ghedotte estimates property taxes will increase by 1.5% each year after and it will take about 28 years for housing values to get to where they were in 2009.

The tax rate has increased 14.37% since FY 2007-2008 but the taxable value has decreased 43.05% since then.

City officials thought the passing of Public Act 345 would help ease the budget woes too. If voters had passed it in November, it would have generated \$2 million a year to fund the police and firefighter pensions.

Also, the city, along with all others across the state, has seen a decrease in state shared revenue—money it receives from the state.

The city has already implemented cost saving measures like a hiring freeze and expenditures being approved by the acting city managers.

But these measures alone will not fix the problem.

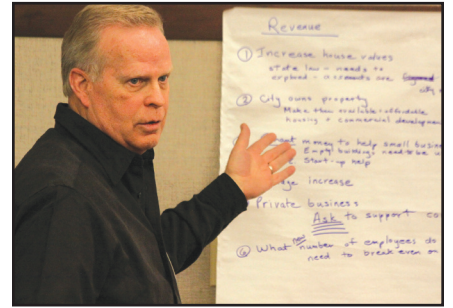
"We have to make the tough decisions, and fix our problems," said Councilmember John Rhaesa. "If we don't, the State of Michigan will come in and fix them for us."

Ghedotte said the growing deficit would eventually set off triggers at the state level. If the city goes into deficit they will have to present a deficit elimination plan to the state.

But there is another option the city council could decide to explore. The state has implemented an Office of Fiscal Responsibility.

"You can request them to come look at your books and that is for entities precisely where we are, not in deficit but based (on projections) we can see where we will be," Ghedotte said.

The goal of the financial-visioning sessions is to come up with ideas for sustainability and long-term health for Wayne. The first session included a financial overview of the City and breakout sessions where participants had an opportunity to partake



Gordon Jones shares ideas from the breakout session.

in a group brainstorming exercise on Wayne's desired future. The second session will include a review of the first session, ending with a Five-Year Strategic Planning exercise followed by participant's comments.

"We have had some excellent feedback so far. I hope this momentum continues at our next session," said Mayor Pro Tem Jim Hawley.

The 2014-15 budget has to be approved by city council by the second council meeting in May.

"It is clear we have to do business differently," Ghedotte said. "City council is facing a deficit for next year and they are beginning deliberations on Feb. 11 on how to (solve it)."

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Race for Wayne County Executive has Wild candidate



Westland Mayor Bill Wild, 45, announced his candidacy for Wayne County Executive. Bill and his wife Sherri are holding a sample of one of the billboards Wild will have around Wayne County.

Westland Mayor Bill Wild, 45, announced his candidacy for Wayne County Executive in the Democratic primary election to be held on Aug.

5. Wild is the first candidate to make his official announcement.

"The message is clear—people want a transformation in Wayne

County. They are tired of scandals. They want, expect and deserve more for their tax dollars. It has been frustrating and embarrassing watching

what has happened in our county," Wild said. Wild became mayor of Westland in 2007. He also owns Scrap Busters, an automotive recycling business in Wayne that just celebrated 25 years in business.

Wild has worked with the City of Wayne on several joint ventures including the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department, the Wayne-Westland Fire Authority and joint emergency dispatch services.

Wild plans to bring transparency to Wayne County.

"I surround myself with talented ethical people and I demand results. I bring my business experience and work ethics to work with me every day. I am results-oriented and I am customer service driven. I am clear who my customers are and they are the residents and all employees should always understand that we are here to serve," he said.

Wild won his third term as Westland's mayor in November.

Current Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has not announced if he will run again. He has held the job since 2002.



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More about the old Wayne Cemetery

Since a cemetery is a time capsule of years gone by and a recording of our ancestors and those who lived in our community long ago, we can learn about the past by exploring the tombstones of those buried there.

Last month I wrote about how our cemetery came to be and some of the men, women and children who lived in early Wayne and were buried there. This month, I would like to share information about some of the business men that helped build our community and serve the people of the area. Many of the men of the 19th century in Wayne were entrepreneurs and skilled tradesmen. Jacob D. Bunting, originally from Pennsylvania, was sent to the Wayne area from Detroit by the Michigan Central Railroad, but soon went to work for the Wright family at their General Store. He took over the business in 1852 and brought his son John to work for him. John later ran the store until it burned in 1907. J.D. Bunting was appointed Postmaster in 1852, ran a nursery business with Ammon Brown and Norman Cutting in the 1860s and was one of the first trustees of the new Village of Wayne in 1869. He is buried in the Old Wayne Cemetery along with his wife Maria E. (Kreider) Bunting and their three children, Sarah, Charley and Mary.

William R. Corlett was born in New York in 1830. He came to Wayne where he made his mark on the 19th century. He was an inn keeper in town in 1860 with his second wife Harriet. He had lost his first wife, Eliza, along with an infant daughter also named Eliza in 1855. He and Harriet had three daughters named Maggie, Florence and Ella. In 1869, Mr. Corlett became the first president of the Village of Wayne. He was re-elected in 1876, 1879 and 1890. He held the position of Postmaster in 1883 and ran a general store in town. William R. Corlett died in 1900 and was buried in the Old Wayne Cemetery along with his first and second wives and four daughters.

Ezra Derby, one of our earliest settlers buried in our cemetery and who early Wayne was named after (Derby's Corners), built a saw mill and a blacksmith shop in Wayne. It was located near where the Wayne

Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley



Historical Museum stands today. Henry "Harry" Kilborn took over the blacksmith shop and served as the town blacksmith for over 50 years. It is not clear if he is buried in our cemetery but his two wives are.

James Johnson Houston was born in Pennsylvania and came to Wayne where he was a blacksmith from 1861 to 1892. He and his wife, Sarah Elizabeth (Myers) Houston, are buried in the Old Wayne Cemetery along with just two of their ten children.

Wayne played a part in the Civil War as many communities did in the 1860s. The Congregational Church gathered volunteers to make bandages for wounded soldiers and some people were a part of the Underground Railroad. Many of the young men in our community went off to fight in the war that divided our country. Thirteen of those men are memorialized with markers in our old Wayne Cemetery. Giles Collins, stepson of town founder Ezra Derby, enlisted in 1862 at the age of 32 and fought with Company 1 of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment of Michigan.

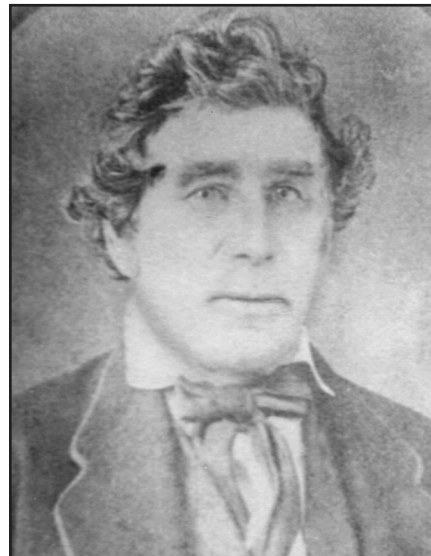
Christian Fargo enlisted in Nankin Township in 1864 at the age of 17. His father Henry had died of disease two years earlier while fighting for the Union at Bowling Green, Kentucky. Christian came home after the war to live with his mother and work on the railroad until his death in 1873.

William Houston fought alongside his brother Almon at the Battle of Gettysburg. He died in battle but Almon was wounded, captured and sent to Andersonville Prison.

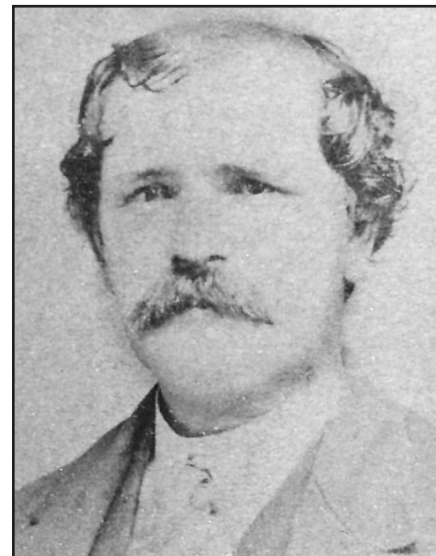
Alvin Hubbard fought for almost four years, lost his right leg in battle in Spotsylvania before returning home to become a jeweler in Nankin.

Edward M. Hume, son of a doctor in town, enlisted in 1862 and fought until he was wounded and discharged in 1863.

Dr. Thomas Morrison, a Scottish



Ezra Derby



William Houston

immigrant, used his medical skills as a surgeon with assorted regiments for the Union from May 1864 until May 1865.

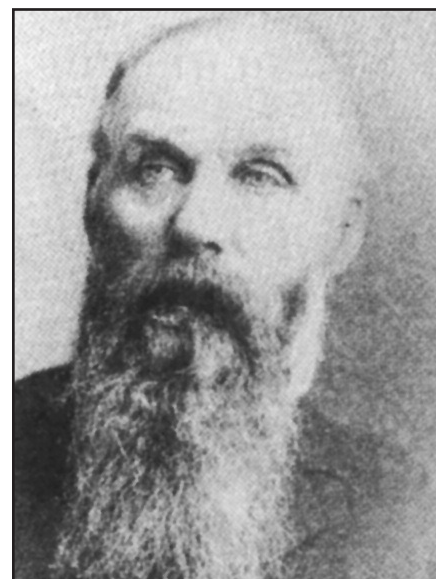
Othniel Temple enlisted in 1864 at the age of 44. After the war he settled in the Nankin area and worked as a saloon keeper.

Lenden Almon Mason fought with the Navy and passed away in 1865 at a hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Charles Peters fought in the last months of the war enlisting in 1865 at the age of 18.

Other soldiers buried in our cemetery were John Coates, Jacob Farley, John Guest and John Leng.

Learn more about the people buried in our cemetery next month when I write about early physicians in our community and the melting pot that Wayne was. Material for this article was taken from "A Guide to



William R. Corlett

the Old Wayne Cemetery" printed by the Community Development Department of the City of Wayne.

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So did you get tired of shoveling the white stuff last month? We are very lucky. Two new neighbors, Mike and Joel, moved in just in time. They earned kudos from all of us, as they helped shovel out our street. Now that my husband, Kerran, has regained his health, he was able to share the fun. Next door friend, Fran Calderon, was out each morning bright and early, and added her shoveling know-how to the team effort. With 'Wild' Bill behind the wheel of his 'dig 'em out truck', the snow didn't have a chance.

Our city workers did such a good job plowing our streets. More than one person has mentioned that our thoroughfares were in much better shape than surrounding suburbs.

Some sad news---a friend, and beloved member of the 'Biddle St. Bunch', Karin Talaga, died in January. She was married to Donald, and our sympathy goes out to him, and also family members, especially their son, Marcus, daughter Melanie, and her husband, Andy Raisanen.

Footprints of Wayne

Dee Ryan




Do you like Groundhogs? Well, Library Director, Paulette Medvecky does. So, to celebrate her birthday, 'Woody' is coming to the Wayne Library. 'Woody' is Michigan's own groundhog. He lives at the Howell Nature Center, but on Saturday, February 8, thanks to the Library Staff and the Friends of the Wayne Library, 'Woody' can be seen, as he puts on a show at our library. It's from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and it's a free program. Let's hope 'Woody' predicts an early spring.

Happy Birthday, Paulette.

It really isn't too soon to tell you that on March 20, the library event will be "A Century of Retailing in Detroit." Michael Hauser who presented that wonderful lecture on the

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history of J. L. Hudson's will present the March program. He brings many artifacts from the long gone stores, that we all shopped at. It also will begin at 6:30 p.m.

In the works: "Canoe the Rouge with Kurt Kuban", and a program on Prohibition in Detroit. To be notified of upcoming library events, just stop by the circulation desk and leave

your e-mail address. You'll be sent all the information for future programs.

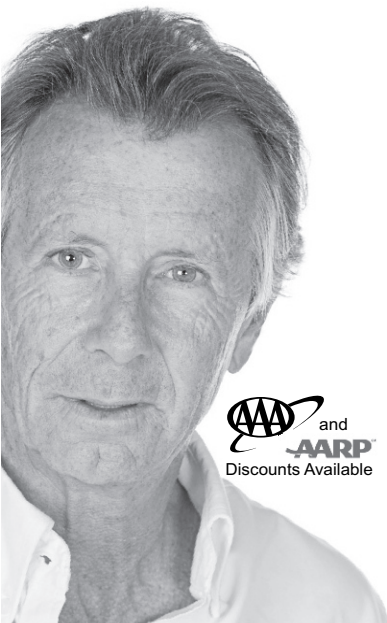
Here's some good news. Library Director, Paulette Medvecky, and Jo Ann Hanson, a recent President of the Wayne Garden Cub, are both recovering nicely from serious illnesses.

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McNamara announces run for County Executive

Wayne County Commissioner Kevin M. McNamara, 56, of Belleville, also made his announcement that he will seek the position of Wayne County Executive.

"The possibilities for our county are greater than our challenges," said McNamara. "Wayne County residents are seeking real, sustainable change. As commissioner, I have been courageous enough to take a hit when I stood up for what I believed was best for our county. However, I cannot instill real change as a commissioner and that is why I seek to become the county executive."

McNamara has been a Wayne County Commissioner since 2006 serving District 11, which represents the communities of Belleville, Huron Township, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, Wayne and a southern portion of Westland. He is a board member of the Wayne County Airport Authority and chairs the Wayne County Head Start board.

McNamara began to outline his vi-

sion for Wayne County during the announcement. "Our three priorities will be to balance the budget; create an environment of innovation and transformation in county government in order to affect change; and ensure transparency. I plan to form a task force that represents communities across this county so that they have a voice in reinventing Wayne County. Together, we will prioritize services and I project significant cost savings during that process."

McNamara is the son of former Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara.

"There needs to be a reinvention of county government like there was in the 1960s and 1980s," said McNamara. "Together, we can reinvent Wayne County government through a new model that will be strong for at least the next 20 years."

So far Wild and McNamara are the only two candidates who have announced their intentions. All candidates must file by April 22.



Kevin M. McNamara announces at Wayne County Community College that he will run for Wayne County Executive.

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Wayne and Westland share fire chief with Inkster

By Jenny Johnson

In a potential next move toward a fire authority Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy will also become chief of the Inkster Fire Department for the next six months.

In a joint press conference at the Inkster Fire Department Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton said, "It is truly beneficial when cities are able to collaborate. We are all forced to do more with less and this effort allows us to maintain the quality of services our residents expect and deserve."

Reddy's role in Inkster will be to review manpower and equipment to see if they will be ready to join a fire authority with Wayne, Westland and potentially Garden City.

The four cities have already collaborated on the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority and the joint emergency dispatch center located in Westland.

"This extension of our shared services enables all cities to operate more efficiently," said Westland Mayor Bill Wild. "The working partnership between Westland-Wayne has proven successful and we have strategically positioned the department in such a way we are able to include Inkster."

The shared services will save Westland \$180,000, Wayne \$130,000 and Inkster \$55,000 annually.

Reddy said, "I think Inkster will be a good fit. We will provide better service at less cost. I expect in six months to bring back a recommendation to include Inkster as part of the Western Wayne Fire Authority."



Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton, Westland Mayor Bill Wild, Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy and Wayne Mayor Al Haidous announced the shared fire chief services at the Inkster Fire Dept.



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