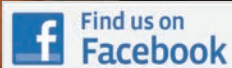


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# Losing weight, winning life

By Jenny Johnson

Wayne resident Buddy Shuh got the chance of a lifetime and he made the most of it. He was a contestant on Season 13 of NBC's *The Biggest Loser*. He and his brother, Ben, were chosen, along with two other teams from Michigan, to spend five months on "the ranch" in California with professional trainers and nutritionists competing to lose the most weight.

Buddy and Ben's journey began last July with a phone call. It was Ben's idea for them to attend an open casting call at Gardner White Furniture. They spent six hours waiting in line and chatting with another hopeful team- Jeremy and Conda Britt.

"How crazy would it be if we were both on the show?" they asked.

A few days later Ben and Buddy got to proceed to the on camera interviews and then in August got a call that said NBC saw their video and was interested in them.

That's when the big decisions had to be made.

"Can I leave my job? Can the church cover my job while I am gone," Buddy said. He is a pastor at Journey Community Church in Westland.



Buddy and Shelby

But most of all, "my wife had to say 'I want you to go.'"

There were 48 potential contestants flown out to California in September to go through the last round of auditions. Before he left for the show he had to get doctor's clearance, send photos and read the contract.

"We weren't on the show yet. They sequestered us and did tests. Once we made it you had three hours to say goodbye to family. Then they took our phones and computers," he said.

Although they didn't know when Buddy first left, "we both kind of had a gut feeling like you are going," Shelby said.

When Buddy arrived on the ranch he weighed in at 403 lbs. Since then he has lost about 170 lbs.



Mark Cornelison, Conda Britt, Buddy Shuh, Jeremy Britt, Joseph Messina, Chism Cornelison and Gail Lindsay Lee work out at The Wayne Recreation Center before Joe and Anita's wedding. Photo by John P. Rhaesa of The Wayne Dispatch

## Sacrifices

When he left on September 29, Buddy was told to be prepared to not come back.

His wife, Shelby, said the five month separation "was by far the hardest."

Luckily Shelby had the full support of family, friends and their church. She was 7 1/2 months pregnant when Buddy left for California.

The Shuhs' plan was to have a scheduled cesarean section on Nov. 11. NBC was going to fly Buddy home on Nov. 10 so he could be there for the birth.

But children are unpredictable. "I went into early labor about 1 a.m. on Nov. 6," Shelby said. She called one of the producers to have them alert Buddy since the contestants were not allowed phones or computers on the ranch.

She could not get a hold of him. So her dad took her to the hospital and Buddy's parents and brother continued to try to call him.

"I came down for breakfast about 7 a.m. California time and a P.A. (production assistant) comes up to me and says you want to call your brother," Buddy said.

Shelby was already at the hospital by the time Buddy got a hold of her. Her sister was her labor coach and Buddy was able to get home

about 12 hours after baby Levi was born. He got to spend four days home with his family but then had to get back in time for weigh in. He lost 10 lbs. the week he traveled home.

While Buddy was back on the ranch, Shelby adjusted to life with four children- Isaac, 8; Jaana, 4; Savannah, 2 and newborn Levi. The Shuhs also had a daughter Isabella who was born in 2005 with spina bifida and lived for five and a half months. The stress of having a sick child and then dealing with the grief over her death contributed to Buddy gaining weight.



Jeremy, Buddy and Mark after a dirty challenge.

The *Biggest Loser* gave Buddy a chance to make a positive change to ensure he would be able to raise his other children.

While he was on his journey, Shelby had a lot of help. Friends and neighbors helped with taking kids to

school. Every Wednesday someone from the church would take the older children to McDonalds to play. People sent meals, the youth group helped with babysitting so Shelby could get to the grocery store. They also helped with house cleaning.

"Every week we had a college age group of kids meet at our house. The girls would come an hour before and clean for us," she said.

## Family away from home

Meanwhile Buddy was doing more than dieting and exercising on the ranch. He was building strong bonds with some of the contestants.

"Me, Mark and Jeremy were together almost every day for five months," he said.

Mark Cornelison and Buddy, both pastors, started a church service on Sundays for contestants and crew.

They called it Blurch- *Biggest Loser Church*. They recognized all different faiths.

"I baptized two girls, Conda and Meghan, at the ranch," he said.

The contestants did just about everything together. They hiked 5-10 miles a day in the mountains; cooked and cleaned all together.

"Conda did by far the most cooking at the ranch. She is gifted. I was

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the second,” Buddy said.

And what about the negative feedback Conda has received?

Buddy said, “95% of Conda was sweet and nice and no one voted her off. Remember it is a social game too.”

Three of the last five contestants, Buddy, Jeremy and Conda, were from Michigan.

During Christmas when contestants were home, the three Michigan teams- Buddy and Ben; Jeremy and Conda; and Nancy and Cassandra got together.

“I am big into having community and a support system,” Buddy said.

One weekend this spring, 12 of the former contestants visited Wayne. They worked out at the Wayne Community Center, visited the DIA artwork and Buddy performed a wedding for Joe and his fiancée, Anita, in Goudy Park.

Many contestants participated in the ceremony. Mark said a prayer. Chism played guitar. Cassandra did a reading. Gail made the flower



Joe and Anita get married in Goudy Park.

arrangements.

“My personality is to be community minded. I think it influenced what happened on the ranch. I am part of the community and it was very cool to me to have those two



Conda Britt, Gail Lindsay Lee, Jeremy Britt, Chism and Mark Cornelison, Buddy Shuh, Joseph Messina, Cassandra Sturos, Nancy Rajala, and Chris and Roy Pickler in Goudy Park before the wedding. Photo by John P. Rhaesa of The Wayne Dispatch

worlds connect. People from my church hosted the wedding reception,” Buddy said.

They also attended services at Buddy’s church in Westland.

The Biggest Loser cast gave Wayne rave reviews.

“They were very appreciative to the parks and rec and City of Wayne for going out of the way to welcome us,” he said.

## Not seen on TV

Buddy said most of the weight he lost was on days there were no cameras on campus. Those were the days contestants worked out for about three hours with a trainer and then three to five hours on their own. They swam, cycled, hiked and used the gym.

They only saw trainers Bob Harper and Dolvett Quince for the first and last workout of the week and during weigh ins. The rest of the time other trainers worked with them.

The last chance workouts were usually 2-2 ½ hours and much of the

rest of the day was spent doing interviews.

“Seventy five percent or more of your working out is on your own or with other trainers,” Buddy said. “I really enjoyed off camera workouts.”

Nutrition was also a big factor to Buddy’s success. He worked with a nutritionist to find healthy eating choices that he knew he could make for his family when he got home. He cooked his own food on the ranch.

Breakfast was high fiber cereal with sugar free almond milk. Snacks were apples, oranges and cheese. Lunch was two turkey wraps on whole grain tortillas and dinner was a serving of protein and four cups of vegetables.

“I’m a pattern guy. I get it. I know what I have to do. I looked at it as my job,” he said. He knew if he had to take time away from his family he wanted to get the most out of it.

That’s not to say it was an easy routine to adjust to.

Buddy said, “The first few weeks were horrific. I was 403 lbs walking up hill to the gym and I was already huffing.”

“The doctor said my body went into acidosis. It was hard to walk. I would come in from a work out and have to lie down because I was shaky,” he said. “My body was detoxing.”

“I wanted to quit everyday for sure and didn’t stop wanting to quit until after Christmas,” he said. “Emotions also play a big part.”

While the workouts have gotten easier Buddy says his body still gets sore.

He and his brother played racquetball recently and he felt it.

You are supposed to do some-

thing different all the time so your body doesn’t adapt and you continue to burn calories, he said.

Buddy came to the ranch on three different blood pressure medicines but is now off them.

While on the ranch, contestants got a call sheet every night with details for the next day.

“At first they really kept you in the dark,” he said. A typical day included getting up at 5 a.m. and having your mic on by 5:30.

On days when challenges would take them off the ranch for 12-15 hours, they packed food. Sometimes the challenges took place on the grounds of the ranch. The contestants were not able to walk around outside while they were being built.

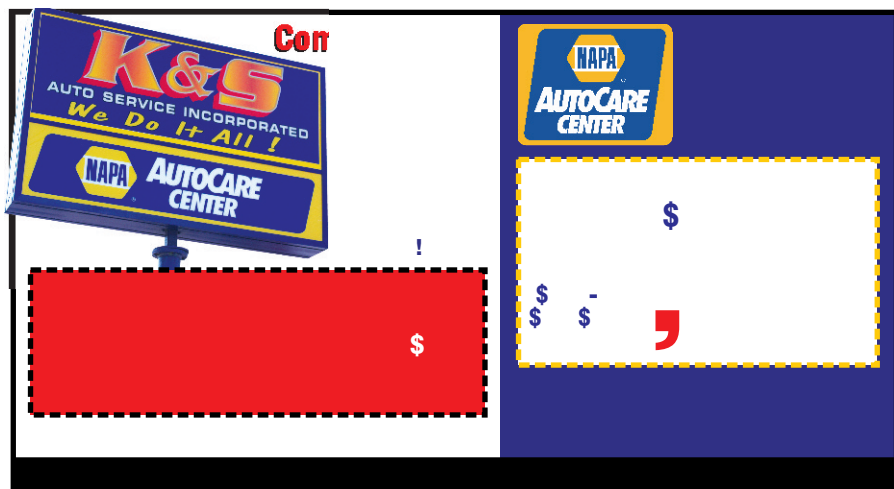


Buddy and Surfer Bethany Hamilton, a shark attack survivor in Hawaii.

## The last day

The contestants had recently been allowed brief phone calls home once a week. They began to hear rumors that former contestants were being brought back to compete for a spot in the finals.

The final five- Buddy, Mark, Kim, Jeremy and Conda- expressed their concern to producers. Buddy said





they realized the possibility of this was in the contract but production never mentioned it.

"It was clear that when Chism left no one knew. When Chism went home everyone was balling. We didn't know," Buddy said. "Producers said it was a twist they didn't want us to know."

After meeting with producers, lawyers and the head of production Buddy and Mark decided to leave.

In an interview with the New York Post, The Biggest Loser executive producer Todd Lubin said, "I felt they made one good point: We should have been clear from the beginning [about the returning-contestants twist]. We did that last season, on Day One, but this season it was only implied and then happened so late in the game."

"I agree with Todd Lubin that the right thing to do would have been to be clear about the details of the ability of eliminated contestants to return at an earlier point in the season," said Buddy.

On the day in question Buddy said the group met with producers to discuss the twist. Producers wanted them to go forward and film their workout. The group refused until they could have a discussion.

"We said we want to work with you guys. We will proceed with the workout after we work out the details," Buddy said. "We wanted an agreement about how this is going to be fair and equitable for everyone."

While they were waiting to meet with producers NBC sent in Bob and Dolvett and the cameras.

"They were trying to get us angry for the camera," he said. Bob and Dolvett were surprised to see a calm and rational group.

"They saw people who were strong enough to do what is right. They saw we were rational and had resolve. We were ok," Buddy said.

"I was more dramatic than they were," Lubin told New York Post. "I was so mad —and they were all so calm and cool."

"They said it would have been best if we told them [about the twist] in the beginning," Lubin said.

"People said I spit in the face of NBC. The president of production thanked us because now they had drama and that is good for ratings," Buddy said.

Both Mark and Buddy stand by their decision to leave. But they also support the ones who stayed.

"We said everyone makes their own decision. This is not a group thing.

Kim never said she would leave. She was clear this is wrong but she is going to stay," he said.

Producers separated Kim from the group and brought in lawyers to talk to the other four. They were told if they left they would be in breach of contract.

Once the final decisions were made, Mark and Buddy were given their phones to call their wives.

Shelby was very supportive. She told Buddy to do what felt right, he said.

Buddy and Mark were still allowed to appear at the finale and are able to keep the prizes they won including the truck full of food for a

quarters of the game didn't count."

## Back home

The Shuh family is very happy to all be under the same roof again.

"It has taken some time to get readjusted to being back home," he said.

His thoughts towards food and eating have changed. More time goes into meal planning.

"What we eat has changed," he said. No more potatoes or rice. Instead the Shuhs eat a lot of vegetables, fish, chicken and whole grain carbs.

They are also trying to eat more organic.

And much to Shelby's relief they do still get to eat out sometimes.

"He knows what to eat," she said.

has been home by working out, playing raquetball, and taking a spin class.

"I am very encouraged with the success I have had. I am not on any blood pressure medicine, I am much more active and feel more confident," he said.

Would Buddy ever do reality TV again?

"It would depend. I would never do reality show away from my family again," he said.

In addition to being home with his family and back at work at his church, Buddy is committed to exercising and eating healthy. He is also looking forward to new opportunities.

"I'm getting opportunities to speak and do public appearances," he said. Just after The Biggest Loser finale, he made an appearance at Joel Olsteen's church in Texas.

He also has several engagements at schools and churches. He will speak at his church on May 20 about his experiences on The Biggest Loser. He will also give a speech at the Wayne Public Library in July and is planning some training sessions and appearance at the Wayne Community Center.

Before his appearance on The Biggest Loser, Buddy wrote a book about his daughter, Isabella. It is called "The Story of Bella- A story of the miracle of life, death and overcoming faith!"

The book is a story of love and faith the Shuhs experienced during the short life of their daughter, Bella. The book is available for sale at [www.zoelifepub.com](http://www.zoelifepub.com).

## No regrets

People might say Buddy is a quitter but he disagrees.

"I gave up a chance at a quarter million dollars. But I never quit on what I believe in- my family and my health."

He is thrilled for the newest Biggest Loser.

Buddy said, "Jeremy is a tremendous competitor who kept focused on his goals every second. It's awesome to see one of his goals come to fruition!"

He has no regrets about appearing on The Biggest Loser.

"I would go on the show again and yes, I would leave again," he said. "I am so appreciative and things are good from my end."



Mark, Jeremy, Joe, Buddy, Chism and Roy mimic Talking Oak by William Maw Egley.

local shelter.

"I love the show. I love NBC. I disagreed with one thing. If they would have told us up front, it would have been different," he said.

Buddy said it wasn't fair that contestants who have already been eliminated and have been home for weeks with their families got a chance at the top prize.

"Being away from my newborn son and my family has to count for something. I gave up five months with my family. I got a stress fracture and still had to keep up with other players," he said.

"This is just a game I don't want to play," he said.

Buddy compared the twist to a football game.

"I am up 49-0 in fourth quarter with one minute left and know you are telling me the last point is worth 50 points," he said. "You do have a right to make that rule but you know it's wrong. It's like the first three-

They save pizza for the nights Buddy isn't home and freeze the leftovers.

"You have to understand what you can and can't have. It has to be part of your plan," he said.

Isaac loves Daddy's snack of crackers and low fat cheese.

"He is always asking what's healthy and looking at calories even though he doesn't know what a calorie is," Buddy said.

Now that he is back home, he is committed to continuing with his healthy lifestyle. His whole family has embraced it too. Shelby walks to the park so the kids can run and play. Buddy will take the girls and walk to the bank and the family looks forward to being able to walk to the Farmers Market soon for fresh produce.

Buddy said they look forward to riding their bikes through Wayne this summer.

Buddy has lost 25 lbs since he



# Do you remember: Vacationing in Wayne

Did you know that Wayne was once considered a vacation spot? Well it's true. There was a time when hundreds of people traveled great distances to swim, boat, and camp for days and weeks at a time right here in our community. The site was in the north western section of what is now Wayne and is bounded by Michigan Avenue, Hannan, Glenwood and John Hix Roads. It came to be because of a man named Irving Carpenter, a name that will be recognized by many people in our town today.

It all began in 1831 when Chester Goss sold his property (some 86 acres) to Charles Ledy who sold to William Ledy in 1833. William sold to Samuel Cady in 1834 who kept the property until 1839 when he sold to a businessman named George Nash. Mr. Nash held the land until 1904 when Irving Carpenter arrived from New York with his large family of nine children, bought the property and began farming.

A portion of the farmland had a natural depression in it. In 1921 Mr. Carpenter decided to make the depression deeper and use wells to fill the area with water and form a man-made lake. With the help of his son, Arthur Betz Carpenter, they began the project. Digging was difficult with his farm equipment so Otto Brown was hired to bring his large steam tractor and grater to the site to scrape and dig until the land was deep enough to hold water. Upon completion it was named Carpenter's Lake and was about 6 acres in size. A dock was built for canoe usage and another one for row boats

## Memory Lane

Darlene Hawley



to use. Next, the Carpenters purchased the old Prouty and Glass building owned by car builder Ray Harroun which was to be torn down. They used the wood from this building to build a bath house on the shore of the lake. A diving board was added so that swimmers could dive into the deep end of the lake but many preferred to climb onto the roof of the bath house and dive off. Eventually more water was needed to fill the lake so the Rouge River was dammed just east of Hannan Road and a wind mill was built which pumped water into the lake. (When electricity came to the area a power line was strung to the dam to run an electric pump to be used when the wind didn't cooperate and move the wind mill.)

The beautiful land surrounding the lake was a perfect setting for picnics and camping. Many people came with their tents and stayed overnight or for days or weeks. To add to his resort Mr. Carpenter decided to build cottages for those who did not want to tent. His small cabins were of several sizes and all had access to a separate building called the community kitchen. It had a stove, ice box and cooking equipment for the use of those renting the cabins and tents. Swings and a



Irving Carpenter and his first catch at Carpenter's Lake. Photo courtesy of the Wayne Historical Museum

merry-go-round kept the children happy when they were not swimming or boating. A general store stood down by the lake and sold food and drinks to the vacationers. Goats that roamed the area were milked and the goat milk was sold in the General store for people who suffered with ulcers. A bridge was built for vacationers to cross the river and get to the picnic area and campgrounds. When winter ice damaged the bridge, a swinging bridge was built.

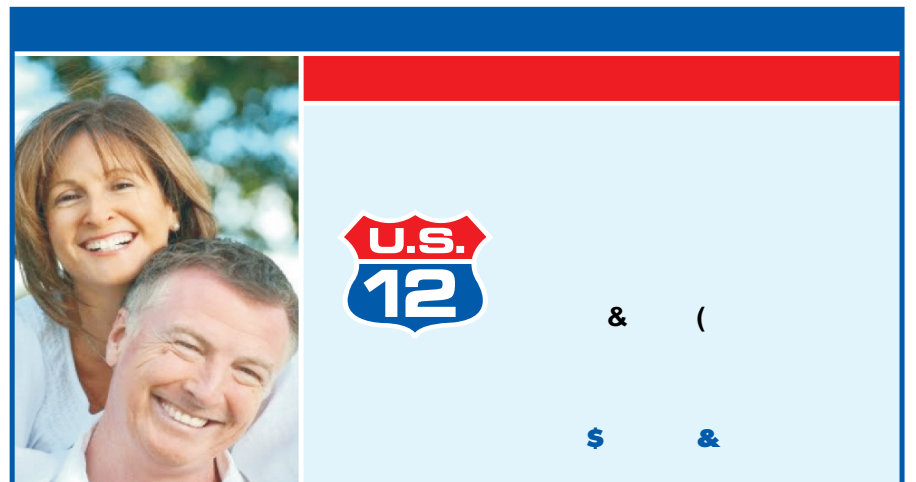
Flyers, newspaper articles and word of mouth spread the news about Carpenter's Tourist Camp in Nankin Township (now Wayne) on Hannan Road. The flyers described the lake, the clean grounds, spring water, cabins and tents for rent, fishing, a general store, saddle horses, pony rides a ball field, horseshoes, picnic grounds, boating and swimming. You could swim for 15 cents and rent a tent for 50 cents. Many families planned huge family reunions at Carpenter Campground.

Businesses held their annual picnic on the shores of the lake. The interurban had a small building that sat on the corner of Hannan Road and Michigan Avenue. The interurban ran from Detroit to Jackson so many people from Detroit would ride out to Wayne, get off at the Hannan Road stop and walk down the road to the first house on the right and the resort and campground beyond. The most amazing thing is that the house is still there today. It is the oldest existing house in Wayne having been built in 1850. The cabins still sit where they did nearly a hundred years ago. The Aigeltinger family owns the property now and some years ago they had the cabins restored to preserve them. The land where the lake sat has filled in with trees and bushes. Carpenter's Lake was drained and closed in 1937 following the scare of polio across the country. The newspapers printed articles about the epidemic and the

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Wayne residents and vacationers spend a day at Carpenter's Lake. Photo courtesy of the Wayne Historical Museum







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closing of schools and pools. I remember being warned not to go swimming or play outside in the heat of the summer afternoon. My sisters, brothers and friends all had to get a polio vaccination. That must have had an effect on Carpenter's Resort and the manmade lake that was enjoyed by so many people for miles around.


The Carpenter property had many uses over the years. Crops were grown and at one time ice was cut from the lake and river on the property and sold or placed in the family ice box to keep food cold. Sap was tapped from the maple trees on the land and made into maple syrup which was sold to friends and neighbors. In 1935 the government leased the Carpenter land where The Rivers Edge Condos sit today and a CCC camp (Civilian Conservation Corp) was built. This was during the Depression when so many people were out of work and needed jobs. The workers who lived in the camp were hired to landscape and finish Michigan Avenue which had been built in 1925 and 26.

Irving Carpenter has a place in our History Mural on the side of the State Wayne Theater in Wayne. His picture in the first column of the mural shows Mr. Carpenter with a sting of fish caught in his lake. Carpenter family members are still living on the property today. Art Carpenter, grandson of Irving Carpenter, spent his whole life on this land and watched as it developed and changed. Today he lives on a portion of the original property with his wife Madeline in the home built by his father, Arthur Betz Carpenter. Art has a wealth of knowledge and information on life in our community over the years.

I want to thank Art Carpenter for his help in writing this article. Plan to visit Wayne's Historical Museum and learn more about Carpenter's Lake and Tourist Camp or attend the meeting of the Wayne Historical Society on May 10th and hear Mr. Carpenter present a program with pictures on this topic. Also, take a drive north on Hannan Road off Michigan Avenue and see the cabins of Carpenter Camp that are still standing after all these years. It's like stepping into the past.

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# Positive steps to make Rouge River a recreational resource

By Kurt Kuban

Summer is quickly approaching, which for most people is the season to get outdoors. Summertime means barbecues and family gatherings, heading out to a Detroit Tigers baseball game or cruising around in a vintage automobile.

For the more adventurous individuals, summer also means getting out to enjoy our state's wonderful natural resources – taking a hike or riding a bike through the woods, fishing for pike and bass, or paddling a canoe down a stream. This used to mean packing up the car and heading several hours north. But, believe it or not, those of us in Wayne don't really need to go anywhere to enjoy these kinds of recreational opportunities. We have them right here in our own community.

The lower branch of the Rouge River and its wooded corridor runs through our town from one end to the other, is very accessible and offers all the activities I just mentioned.

Some people, especially longtime residents, bristle at the notion the Rouge River could possibly be a recreational resource. That's because for years the river was treated as an open sewer and dumping grounds. Raw sewage, industrial waste and man-made trash commonly found their way into the river. But that trend began to change in the last two decades, as the state, county and local municipalities began the long process of repairing the river. While we still have things to fix, the river has indeed begun to show signs of a rebirth. Dissolved oxygen levels have improved dramatically, and fish and aquatic insect communities are on the rise as a result.



Kurt Kuban, Sherry Byberg and Michael Gotts spend the day canoeing on The Rouge River. Photo by John P. Rhaesa of The Wayne Dispatch

This summer, Wayne County, using a \$1 million federal grant, will remove the dam below Wayne Road. This dam, which has long been identified as a nuisance by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, prevents most fish communities from moving upstream and downstream of the dam. Once the structure is removed, fish will be able to move from the Detroit River and Great Lakes system all the way up to the river's headwaters in Canton and beyond where they will spawn and produce the next generation of fish.

And if you don't believe there are fish in our river, think again. As preparation for this dam removal, a fish survey was conducted in March at three locations in Wayne. A total of 28 fish species were identified, including a beautiful steelhead that had migrated up from the Detroit

River.

People are beginning to take notice of this resource. A local man, Daniel Wright of the Outdoor Fun Store, is hoping to open up a zipline course through the wooded corridor along the Rouge. Also an Oakland County canoe rental business is investigating the possibility of setting up some kind of canoe livery right here in Wayne. And we already have some excellent trails along the river for biking and hiking, which more and more people are taking advantage of. In fact, in the last six months, I've led two guided tours of the Dynamite Park natural area, and both events drew dozens of people.

Who would have ever thought the City of Wayne could be an outdoor recreation destination? But it's happening. All of these activities will bring people into our community,

who will hopefully also patronize our businesses, and perhaps even attract new residents.

A big reason that the Rouge River's reputation is changing is all the volunteers who have gotten involved with helping change its image. Each June, Rouge Rescue takes place around the Rouge River watershed. Despite the fact we are a smaller community, Wayne always has a good turnout for the event. We routinely have between 50 and 80 volunteers show up and do their part.

This year, Rouge Rescue takes place on Saturday, June 2. Our event will take place in Goudy Park, along the Mill Trail and in Dynamite Park. There will be several activities planned, including removing invasive plants from the stormwater basins in the parking lot at City Hall, and picking up trash and opening log jams in the Rouge between Second Street and Dynamite Park. We will also be planting native flowers and grasses along the trail system in Dynamite Park.


We welcome anyone who is interested in helping us improve the Rouge River, and be part of a very positive movement to improve our very own outdoor recreational resource. You can work as much or as little as you like. Each volunteer will receive a free Rouge Rescue T-shirt and work gloves. Just show up around 9:30 a.m. at Goudy Park, which coincidentally is the site of the dam that will be removed later this summer. If this is something you are interested in, we would love to have you out.

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## WMHS student wins scholarship to U of M

Holland Boertje is on her way to the University of Michigan. The Wayne Memorial High School senior won the Tom Weyand Memorial Scholarship that provides tuition for four years to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Boertje is a Champion student, in Upward Bound, student senate, a Kick-Off Mentor and plays for the varsity basketball, track and swimming. She is also enrolled in three advanced placement classes- English, calculus and Spanish. Her Champion goal is to have a 4.5 GPA all year. She achieved her goal for the first semester. She had the highest goal of anyone in the Champions program, said Sean Galvin, Champions program director.

The scholarship was given by Wayne resident Carol Weyand in memory of her husband, Tom. He and Carol met at UM.

"I want to say how thankful and grateful I am that she gives this opportunity and that I was able to receive it. I am very appreciative," she said. Boertje had an interview with Mrs. Weyand and her granddaughter.

Boertje said she knew about the scholarship because her boyfriend



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won it last year.

She plans to study nursing and possibly go to graduate school to become a nurse anesthetist.

Boertje also received the Community Choice Credit Union Scholarship which is \$5000. She said it will help pay for her room and board for the first year.

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### Free DIA Day

Don't forget May 20 is free DIA day. Because Wayne is participating in the Inside|Out program, residents of the city get to visit the museum for free. Wayne residents will receive four general admission passes. The free admission day is a way of thanking the communities for helping make Inside|Out program such a success. Must show photo id to prove residency.



## Memorial Day Parade

The Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council will host the 2012 Memorial Day Parade at 1 p.m. on May 27.

Line up will begin at 11:30 a.m. at Town N Country Lanes on Wayne Road at Avondale in Westland and proceed to the Peace Memorial by the Wayne Public Library on Wayne Road between the two Michigan Avenues.

They are still accepting applications. If you would like to participate in the parade, please contact Heather Robertson-Mitchell at 313-576-7268 or hrobertson70@aol.com. Applications are available at Wayne City Hall, Wayne Public Library, Wayne Community Center and the Wayne Chamber of Commerce office. Applications are due by May 14.

They will stop at the Wayne Road dam just before Wayne City Hall and toss flowers in to the Rouge River to honor the lost.

There will be scout troops passing out American flags along the route and both Wayne Memorial and John Glenn High School marching bands will be performing.



The Grand Marshall of the parade will be Pearl Harbor survivor Nate Weiser.

There will be a short memorial wreath ceremony afterwards at the Peace Memorial. Groups are invited to bring a wreath and place it at the memorial site.

The Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council is a group of five dedicated volunteers who work hard all year to bring a respectful event that honors all veterans. They have been hosting the parade since 1996. They partner with the cities of Wayne and Westland and alternate the route each year.



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# Making a difference in the community is easy

Wayne Tower has 154 apartments. Most have one bedroom, but some have two. New Manager, Nancy Amato, took time recently to give me a tour and was proud to tell me about 'her' building.

From the cozy front parlor to the dining room; the common room which has a pool table, a piano, and a large library, plus a smaller room for crafts; everything was sparkling clean and inviting.

Every other morning there's a 'coffee social'. Alternate days offer an exercise program.

The Smart Bus arrives on a scheduled basis to take the residents shopping either at Kroger, Meijers, Target, Walmart, or Dollar Tree.

Lunch is provided by Meals on Wheels and some menu choices are Swedish Meatballs, Honey Mustard Chicken, Glazed Ham and Breaded Fish. Schwan's Trucks also deliver their delicious food on a regular basis.

Blood Pressure testing is done once a week, and Movie nights are on the schedule as well as Bible study, Bingo and Game night. On Saturdays Entenmann's Bakery delivers leftover baked goods.

A large mobile dental bus is scheduled once a month, and takes care of residents who need dental care; plus there are emergency buttons in each apartment which are monitored constantly. The apartments are disability accessible, some with low counters, vanity and switches. Rent is based on the median rents in the area.

Ms. Amato raved about the recent "Winter Blast." Put on by vendors who brought lunch, the 'Blast' also had a chili Cook-Off by the staff. Ray Warren, Assistant Manager, had the prize winning Chili. A resident bake off was part of the day, and the Wayne-Westland Senior Chorus serenaded with delightful arrangements of vocal music.

An on site Service Coordinator is on-hand to help residents with day to day problems they may encounter. She's Raquel Moore, and along with Maintenance Tech, John Patterson, and Housekeeper, Cindy Reinertson, who keeps the Wayne Tower shining, they all work together to make Wayne Tower a very attractive home.



Our city has been graced by seven productions of paintings from the Detroit Institute of Arts. They will be here until June, so if you haven't seen them yet---there's still time.

The paintings are large and beautifully done. They are on vinyl panels attached to sheets of aluminum.

The nice thing is---you can view most of the paintings from your car. Walk or drive with me. We'll start at the north side of the Historical Museum, in the parking lot of the Congregational Church. John Singer Sargent's "Mosquito Nets" is on view. It depicts two women reading and being very comfortable because of the netting.

Second stop---the very front of the State Wayne Theater, to the west of the ticket booth. Artist Willibold Wex shows us Konigsee, a popular tourist spot in the Bavarian Alps. It was painted in 1857.

Now we're at the South side of the Library, by the Veteran's Memorial. The painting is "The Recitation" showing 2 women on an outdoor stage. Lovely colors of blue. It's by Thomas Wilner Dewing---1890.

On the east side of the Dorsey School (just pull in the driveway) is a large painting, "Luncheon Figures in Masquerade Dress." It's attributed to Jean Francois de Troy, 1725.

On the walkway between Michigan Avenue and Puffer Red's 'Jus Shoes' we found the DIA committee putting up the last of the art works on the 'Jus Shoes' building. Called "Snake Dragon", it's a Babylonian work from a panel by Ishtar. It was here that we met the DIA representative who spear-headed this project. Her name is Michelle Hauske and she was accompanied by City Community Development Director, Peter McInerney. He's in charge of the project and Paulette Medvecky, Director of the Library is doing promotion.

Last, but not at all least, the two men up on the ladder putting the



Happy Birthday to Mrs. Edna Wootton, who celebrated her 100th birthday last month.

final touches on "Snake Dragon" are Jason Gumbrecht and Mike Kean.

Now we go around the corner to the back entrance of Leo's Jewelry. The painting is a large and colorful painting titled "The Wreck"---1854 by Eugene Louis Gabriel Isabey.

A boat has become shipwrecked and its passengers are scrambling for safety.

The last painting is in Goudy Park. Located directly behind City Hall, again you can see it from your car. The picture is called "Talking Oak"---a romantic picture of a pretty young girl leaning against the tree as if she was listening to it. This painting has one of the beautiful frames, and was done in 1857 by William Maw Egley.

Whatever route you decide to take to view these lovely reproductions, you'll enjoy their charm, and the beauty that they bring to our city.

Bridget and Tom Kelly's oldest son Tommy is now a movie star. He lives and works for our State Department in Belgrade, Serbia, as the

Country Director of the Democratic Institute. But he's now appearing in a film called "Lockout" in which he plays the number one White House Doctor.

Although it's an Irish film, it was filmed in Serbia. Now we have two Wayne stars---Tom Kelly and Greg Jbara, who appears as a co-star with Tom Selleck in "Blue Bloods."

Condolences to the Fred Arthur family. Mr. Arthur was a retired member of the Wayne Fire Department where he worked for twenty-five and a half years: his wife Sharon is one our Garden Club 'sisters'. We are deeply sorry for your loss.

A touching memorial was held for Chris Roach's late wife, Barbara. Many family and friends were on hand at the Cadillac Memorial Cemetery to participate in the prayers, hymns, and eulogies.

Belated Birthday Greetings to Mrs. Edna Wootton, who celebrated her 100th birthday last month. Love and best wishes to you.



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Park and Read

Looking for a new place to read? The Department of Natural Resources and the Library of Michigan have teamed up again to offer the Park & Read program. This program allows library cardholders the option of checking out a one-day pass that waives the entry fee into any of Michigan's 101 state parks.

The passes are available at the Wayne Public Library and are good for seven days from the time they are checked out. The program will run through October 1.

### Farmers Market

If you are looking for local grown produce, then make sure to visit the Wayne Farmers Market from 3-7 p.m. beginning May 16 at the State Wayne Theater parking lot. They will have fresh produce, baked goods and entertainment including an "open mic" night and children's activities.

Most of the vendors from last year will be returning including Farmington Soap Works, Stoneworks by Linda, Strength & Spirit and Candletopia. Farmers returning are DeWulf Farms and Gardenland Greenhouse and also Garden Fantasy and Kathys Flowers. New vendors are Perkins Pickles, Pasta e Pasta, Sweet Delights, Captain Johns Smokehouse, Classiques Gifts and Bakes, and Good People Popcorn Company. Traffic Jam will also be returning. They were featured on Guy Fieri's Diners, Drive-ins and Dives on the Food Network Channel.

### Goodfellows raffle

The Wayne Goodfellows is sponsoring a progressive raffle at the Village Bar on Michigan Avenue. Every Thursday at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$1 each and you can buy them at Village anytime during the week. The jackpot is at least \$2000.

### Mom 2 Mom Sale

Are you looking for some good deals on kids clothes and baby items? The Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will host a Mom 2 Mom sale on May 12 in the ice arena at the Wayne Community. Admission is free.



Harold Rediske and Wayne Chamber of Commerce President Dan Wright with Cindy Adams Administrative Professional of the Year.

### Uht Funeral Home has Administrative Professional of the Year

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce recognized Cindy Adams of Uht Funeral Home as the 2012 Administrative Professional of the Year. Adams is the office manager at Uht.

"We have had the pleasure and joy of having Cindy associated with Uht for over 10 years," said Harold Rediske. "She is an outstanding employee and a team player."

### McEachern honored by county

In honor of National Women's History Month Councilwoman Donna McEachern was honored by Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara at the Women of Distinction Program.

McNamara honored McEachern for her unprecedented work with the City of Wayne and her dedication and approach in working with the business community. McEachern served as director of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce from 1976 through 2004 and also been a member of various community organizations. "She has always been ready to lend assistance in every direction throughout her storied career," Commissioner McNamara said of McEachern. "I am honored to be here today acknowledging all of the wonderful causes that have benefited from Donna's drive and determination to improve our community."

### Self Serve Secretary of State

The self-serve Secretary of State machine has been moved from City Hall to the Wayne Community Center to better serve the community. The Community Center is open more hours than City Hall. Residents can renew license plate tabs for passenger vehicles by bringing their registration and proof of insurance and a credit card to pay.

### Special Council meeting

There will be a Special City Council meeting at 7 p.m. on May 15 at the Wayne Community Center. This will be a public meeting discussing the Streetlight Special Assessment District.

### College Fair

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools will host a College Fair from 3:30-7:30 p.m. on May 9 in the library at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth Street. All district students, parents, and community members are invited to attend. Over 70 colleges, universities and organizations will be on hand to answer questions.

Dr. Michael Oliver, Director of Student Athlete Support Services at Schoolcraft College, will present: "Academics and Athletics: A Winning Formula." There will be prizes, giveaways, food, face painting and balloons.

### Rehab center earns accreditation

Congratulations to Wayne Health and Rehab for earning their three year accreditation for their short and long term rehabilitation program. This is the highest accreditation awarded through the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Wayne Health and Rehab has been providing short-term and long-term care to surrounding communities since 2006.

### White Cane Days

The Lions Club of Wayne participated in White Cane Days at Northside Hardware May 4-6. The International Association of Lions Clubs is the largest and most active humanitarian service organization in the world. Their membership is 1.4 million worldwide. The Wayne Lions Club has been active since 1953. Funds they raise from fundraisers such as White Cane Days goes to help support Leader Dogs for the blind; Penrickton Center for blind children; scholarships for Wayne Memorial, John Glenn and William D. Ford Career Technical Center students; Wayne Goodfellows, eyeglass purchases for Wayne residents in need, Lions hearing center and local food banks. The Lions Club meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 at China Star Restaurant on Wayne Road in Westland. For more information about becoming involved in the Wayne Lions Club, contact Mary Rose Cartwright, president at 734-722-4363.

### WMHS All Class Reunion

Are you a former Zebra? If so, then you are invited to Wayne Memorial High School's All Class Reunion Banquet from 5-10 p.m. on May 18 at the Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born in Wayne. Tickets are \$34 each and are available by contacting waynehighalumni@aol.com. Tickets will not be sold at the door.



# Former teacher charged in three new sexual assault cases

On April 20 former Wayne Memorial High School teacher Brandon Tomblin was charged with seven additional sexual assault charges in three additional cities for alleged sexual contact with two high school students.

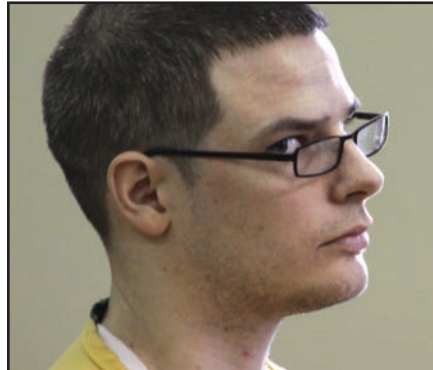
He was charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct Third Degree, a 15-year felony, in Romulus.

He was also charged with two counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct Third Degree, 15 year felonies; one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct Fourth Degree, a two year misdemeanor in Wayne.

In Garden City he was charged with one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct Third Degree, a 15 -year felony and two counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct Fourth Degree, a two- year misdemeanor.



His bond was set at \$250,000/10 percent. His next court date is June 8 in Romulus.

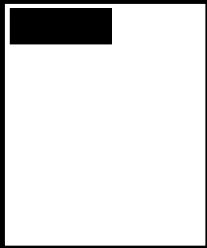
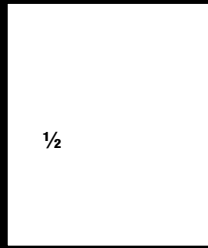


On May 4th Judge James Plakas recused himself and the case will



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now be sent to the state court administrator's office. That office will reassign the case to a judge in a different district. Tomblin' is being charged with Child Sexually Abusive Activity, Using a Computer to Commit a Crime and Distributing Sexually Explicit Material To Children in Canton. He faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted on these charges. His bond in the Canton case is \$75,000/10 percent.



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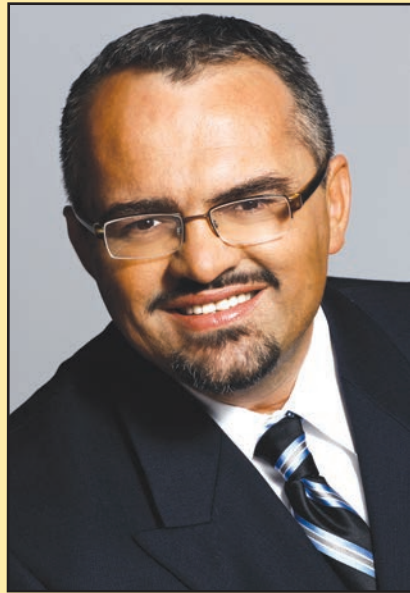
## Wayne business owner runs for Congress

John Goci, of Westland, has joined the race for the Congressional seat in Michigan's 13th District.

Goci is a native of Kosovo and moved, with his family, to Westland at 9. His family bought and still operates, a restaurant in Wayne. In 1999 Goci served as a linguistic specialist for the US military during the war in Kosovo.

In 2009 Goci was elected to the Wayne-Westland Community School Board and now serves as vice president.

"My neighbors are struggling financially and I am well aware that they and their kids are paying the severe price of joblessness and financial decline. I simply cannot stand by and tolerate politics as



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usual," Goci said.

Goci vows to bring his business and entrepreneurial skills, commitment to public education, and independent voice to Washington. He feels the residents of Michigan need a change.

## Council takes WABC building off the market

At their April 17 meeting City Council voted to take the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center on Sims off the market. The building had been for sale since moving the Senior Activity programs to the Wayne Community Center.

"Until a final decision is made about the district court, we can take it off the market," said Robert English, city manager. If the 29th District Court is closed and the building demolished the land can be sold to developers. English said there have been a couple of parties interested in the building.

Wayne resident Keith Butkovich asked what other parties were interested in the property.

English said a sleep clinic but they determined it would be too noisy with traffic on Wayne Road. The other organization was a church and the property is not zoned for a church.

"My concern is if we don't sell it. (But if we) sell it we get it on the tax roll that's why I would keep it on the selling block," he said.

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce was also interested in purchasing the WABC building on a land contract and moving their office to that location.

"It's better off to take it off the market at the present time," said Mayor Al Haidous. He said if both the court and WABC buildings were demolished it makes it possible for condos to be built on the location.

Councilman John Rhaesa said the Master Plan for the city calls for condos to be built across the street and that the court and WABC buildings are included in the Master Plan.

Councilman Jim Henley encouraged the administration to talk with chamber and make the WABC building available to them during the winter so they can continue the farmers market and so they have a building to provide good services to the business community.

"We owe it to our downtown business area, and for good things the chamber does, to give them a chance to use that building," said Councilman Skip Monit.

Councilwoman Donna McEach-

**"I commend the chamber for their vision and the more the city works with them the more they will grow."**

**Pam Dobrowolski**

Mayor Pro Tem

ern was the Chamber of Commerce Director for 28 years. She said, "I don't know how we would have handled a land contract even at our best of times."

She told the chamber board members, "There are other ways you can grow and be successful. We can work out an agreement between the city and chamber to use the building during the winter months. I don't see how buying the building would work well for you."

Councilman Al Damitio said if the city sold the chamber the building on a land contract they would lose rental fees they get from renting out the building and would not get the same amount of money from the land contract so the city would be losing money.

Mayor Pro Tem Pam Dobrowolski said, "I commend the chamber for their vision and the more the city works with them the more they will grow."

Chamber board members Willie Long, Stan Shelton and Tony Duhani told the council the chamber is applying for a grant to help boost the farmers market and to make it more appealing to vendors. They want to be able to move it to Goudy Park in five years and hold concerts in the park too.

Duhani said, "We have new members willing to take time out of their business and try to help the city. We are asking for your support and really trying to make this city grow. We have some great ideas and a lot of new members and we want your support."

"I know the value of the chamber," Haidous said, "Hopefully we can come up with a successful story for both sides."







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