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## WYANDOTTE STREET ART FAIR

JULY 10-13, 2024

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## WELCOME TO *Wyandotte!*

On behalf of our elected officials, it is a great pleasure for me to extend a sincere welcome to everyone visiting the city of Wyandotte for the 63rd Annual Wyandotte Street Art Fair.

This year's fair will feature over 250 booths of artists representing the finest in arts and culture, entertainment, exhibitors and, of course, a variety of food to satisfy everyone's taste. Add to that the sidewalk sales offered by our downtown businesses and our many fine restaurants, and you will see why the Wyandotte Street Art Fair has grown to be one of the largest and best-attended fairs in the state of Michigan.

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We are happy you are here, and I hope you will return often to enjoy all we have to offer. I am thrilled to welcome you to Wyandotte!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. DeSana".

Robert A. DeSana, Mayor  
City of Wyandotte  
[mayor@wyandottemi.gov](mailto:mayor@wyandottemi.gov)





## Wyandotte Street Art Fair:

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**DATES:** The 2024 Wyandotte Street Art Fair is held from Wednesday, July 10 through Saturday, July 13. The fair is traditionally held the second full week of July each year.

**HOURS:** Art Fair: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**LOCATION:** The fair is located along Biddle Avenue between Eureka and Oak Streets, in Downtown Wyandotte.

Please check our website for any updates and changes for the 2024 Wyandotte Street Art Fair.

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 Patt Slack  
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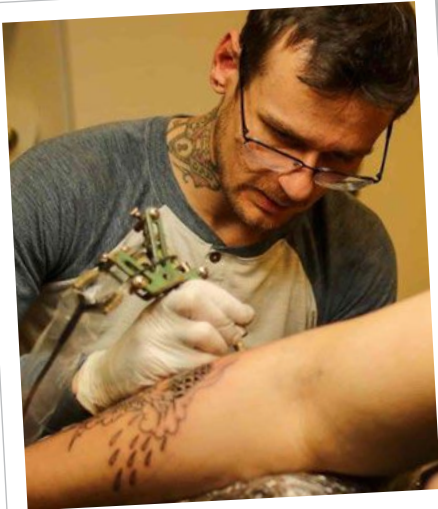
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# Featured Artist

## KURT HEISE



Kurt Heise is a tattoo artist who has been drawing and painting his entire life. Owner of Lake State Tattoo in Rockwood, Michigan, Kurt has been tattooing for 19 years and opened the shop two-and-a-half years ago.

Creator of this year's official Wyandotte Street Art Fair artwork, Kurt interpreted ART as a WWII sailor coming home to this partner, Dotte and dog Pallet.

"The tattoo on ART's chest is the top of a clipper ship, the most common tattoo for Navy men," he said. "The American Traditional tattoo style features bold black outlines, highly saturated colors of red, green, yellow, blue and lots of black with a classic nautical theme. American Traditional Tattoo style, also known as 'old school' is my favorite style to tattoo, they tell a story of resilience, adventure and individuality."

In the late 19th century sailors who were exploring the Pacific were introduced to the ancient art of tattooing. When they returned home, they brought the intricate designs and techniques back and this is the birth of what we now know as American Traditional tattoo style.

Today, the American Traditional style continues to be a favorite among tattoo enthusiasts. Its rich history attests to its timeless allure and the enduring spirit of rebellion and freedom it symbolizes. Kurt's booth at the fair, which will feature this original artwork and much more, can be found on Biddle Avenue at Maple Street.



Heise with daughter Murphy Grace.



## Meet Art

ART is one of the first creative images representing the fair. ART's likeness was rediscovered on an early Street Art Fair poster in the archival collections of the Wyandotte Museum. When ART first made his debut in Wyandotte, it was 1964 and the Street Fair was only three years old.

ART is fun, funky and creative, encapsulating the spirit of our fair. Originally a stylized line drawing, ART represents a true piece of Wyandotte history.

The fair, created by the Acanthus Art Society, quickly became a greatly anticipated and fun summer event!







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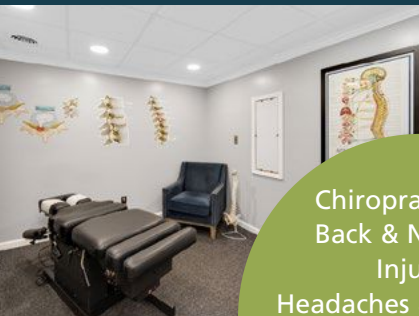
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13	Ayona Winn/Wicked Lore
14	Nancy Ellenbeger/Nancys Fancies Studio
33/35	Valerie Clark/ClaybyClark
42	Tracy Brasells/Korkys Creations
100	Sawai Namewicha/Cut Out Designs
108	Rob Rex II/Stick It Vinyls
143	Molly Deighton/Molly Lousie Shop
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Clyde Mazza



Alice Teerakulpisut

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<b>Booth</b>	<b>Artist / Business Name</b>
2	Patty Herrera/Patty & Company
10	Rob Shannon/Crushable Seagrass Hats
21/23	Landria Johnson/The Sassy Olive
25	Lysette Mutkus/Curlinator Designs
41	Patty Pun/Jute Sculptures
45/47	Lizbeth Kowii/Ntves
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Cheryl Baker

## MIXED MEDIA

**Booth**  
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165/167  
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189/191  
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240/242  
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300/301

**Artist / Business Name**  
Kimberly Thon  
Cheryl Cosby/Catharti Creations  
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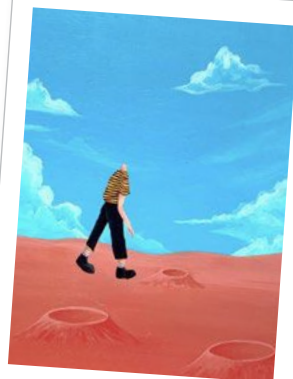
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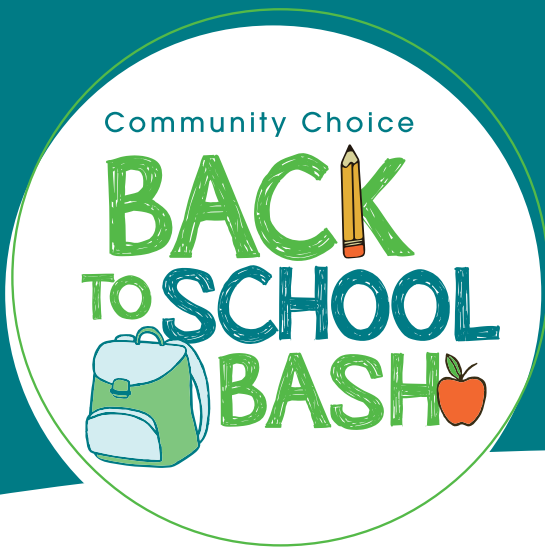
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38/40  
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95  
98  
105/106  
139  
147  
153  
162/164  
  
169/171  
174/176  
182/184  
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232  
312

### Artist / Business Name

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60  
77  
134/136  
158  
190/192  
217  
233

### Artist / Business Name

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Chester Allen/The Silver Man  
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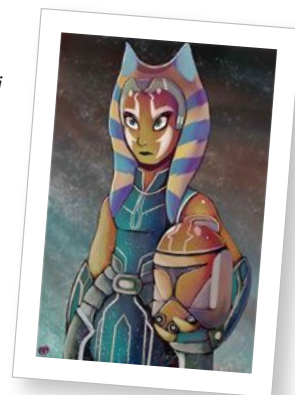
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### Artist / Business Name

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Tony Miello

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### Booth

73	Beth Schulte
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### Artist / Business Name

### Website

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## GLASS

### Booth

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197	Kathleen Standard/Tree of Life Stained Glass Studio
705/706	Marten Ullenbruch/Glass by Marten

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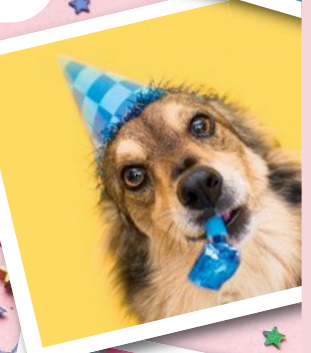
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### Booth

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203  
221/223  
225/227  
400

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Richard Labell/Hands in Earth  
Chris Hildrenbrandt  
Paul Luczynski/Coconut Critters  
Joseph Goddard/Hands Unlimited

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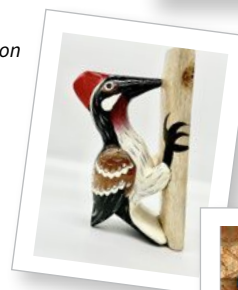


Joseph Goddard



Chris  
Hildrenbrandt

Ricardo Marganon



## FURNITURE

### Booth

11  
37/39  
62.5  
149/151  
177/179  
206

### Artist / Business Name

Karen Kennedy/Personalized Chalkboxes  
Heather Drotoz/Uniquely Crafted Signs  
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## WOOD

### Booth

12  
87  
145  
154  
170/172  
200  
224/226

### Artist / Business Name

Jeff Kurinec/Rocky Top Woodworks  
Rebecca Lowe/Rebecca Lowe's  
Woodcut Critters  
Kenton Andreasson/Norse Craft  
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Daniel Juana Schemel  
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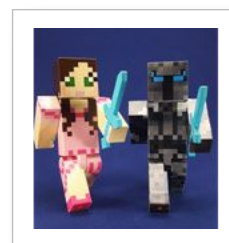
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Zsolt Szabo/Fauna Toys

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Thad Johnson



# SOLO AND SMALL BUSINESS PLANNING

By: Gerald M. Morello, Jr., Esq. and Ryan J. Plantrich, Esq.

Small businesses account for 99.9% of all U.S. businesses. Whether you are just starting a business or looking to take your business to the next level, a proactive approach is essential for long-term success. We at Morello Law Group work closely with hundreds of solo and small business owners to ensure that their business interests are appropriately planned, protected, and passed on to the next generation.

## #1 Plan It – Legal Structure and Formation

Choosing the right legal structure is vital for protecting your personal assets from business-related creditors and optimizing tax efficiency. Sole Proprietorships, Partnerships, Limited Liability Companies, and Corporations each offer distinct advantages and drawbacks. It is important to consider tax consequences, scalability, ongoing compliance requirements, and industry-specific regulations when determining which structure will best fit your business needs.

## #2 Protect It – Maintaining Appropriate Records and Meeting Legal Requirements

With overhead costs, payroll requirements, and general operating expenses, it is important to avoid penalty fees and unnecessary expenses by ensuring that basic legal requirements are met.

A few examples include:

- Submitting the Beneficial Ownership Information Report to the United States Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network;
- Submitting Annual Filings to the appropriate state authority to ensure the business remains in good standing;
- Properly documenting the ratification of business activities each year; and
- Filing annual tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service.

## #3 – Pass It On – Succession Planning & Estate Plan Integration

Operating a successful business keeps you busy, so it is easy to forget to plan for what you want to happen to your business when you pass away. Establishing a clear business succession plan and/or integrating your business interests with your estate plan can help to ensure a seamless transition of assets and responsibilities when you find yourself unable to continue your business endeavors yourself.

Morello Law Group is here to support your unique legal needs and ensure that your legacy is safeguarded for you and future generations. Contact us today to schedule a free consultation to discuss how we may be of assistance to you.



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# Summer Fitness

How to get your workout in while the kids are home

SUMMER vacation means a change in routine for parents with children, but the kids being home doesn't have to stop you from getting your workout in. With a few adjustments, you can still reach your fitness goals this summer.



## Change your workout time

If you're used to working out while the kids are in school, you may have to adjust the time of day you exercise. Start your mornings with a workout before the kids wake up or try an evening work out and wind down before bed.



## Get the family moving

Get everyone involved and head out for an after-dinner walk or a family bike ride. What's better than enjoying the outdoors with family while getting your exercise in?

## Try an at-home workout

There are countless video tutorials available online for free to follow along with from the comfort of your own home. Whether it's Zumba, cardio kickboxing, Pilates or bodyweight exercises, the calorie burning opportunities are endless.

## Make it fun

Depending on their ages, invite your kids to work out with you. Challenge each other with a race or a push up contest, have a dance party, jump rope or enlist the little ones to act as a personal trainer and allow them to time you or count reps.

## Make time for yourself on your schedule

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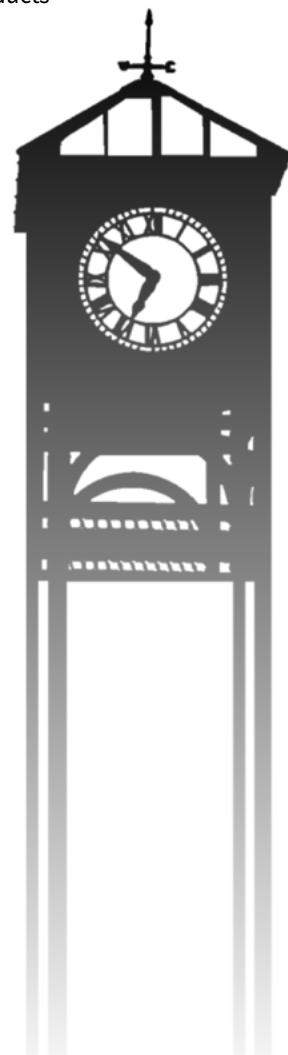
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**F17 Wild Bills Soda:** Pop, Mugs

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CMA is rooted in the Montessori Philosophy that believes children are to be respected as different from adults and as individuals who are different from one another. Children create themselves through purposeful activity. We must nurture the whole child and not just teach a body of knowledge. Students learn through exposure to many resources and hands-on learning. Our teachers and administration are thoroughly trained in the Montessori Method and are committed to the Montessori education for every child. The curriculum is demanding, yet allows each student the chance to learn through a self-directed pace and individual style.

We know that all children are different. When we understand and practice that belief, we can accept that all children learn differently. Because of this, our Montessori teaching allows us to build an environment that encourages independence, observation and preparation. Our teachers take the time to observe their students, allowing them to understand their



learning patterns and characteristics. This allows us to prepare our learning environments based on how our students learn best.



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## It Sounds Different...

As a school, we are preparing children for adulthood from the beginning. This means that we treat our students the way we want to be treated. We use manners, calmly express how we feel and take time to work through our problems. We know that we are not perfect and accept ourselves just as we teach our students to. We trust and respect one another, and through doing so we teach our students how to be mindful, graceful and courteous individuals.

Our students are not confined to a classroom with rows of desks all day. Children are mobile learners and need room to move and grow, as we believe that learning is based on exploration. At Creative Montessori Academy, we use various tools to help children learn concepts. If a student wants to learn to count while standing, they are encouraged to utilize that method. If a student would rather sit cross-legged on the floor, they can. Learning is not stationary, and we recognize that our brains need different tools and textures to be most effective.

## It Just Feels Different...

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**BOOTH 1:** *Located Biddle and Elm, West Side*

- Wednesday - Thursday: Our Lady of the Scapular
- Friday - Saturday: Wyandotte Alliance Church

**BOOTH 2:** *Clock Tower at Maple and Biddle*

- Wednesday-Saturday: Blessings in a Backpack

**BOOTH 3:** *Located at Biddle and Maple, East Side*

- Wednesday - Saturday: Wyandotte Academy Youth Choir

**BOOTH 4:** *Sycamore and Biddle, West Side*

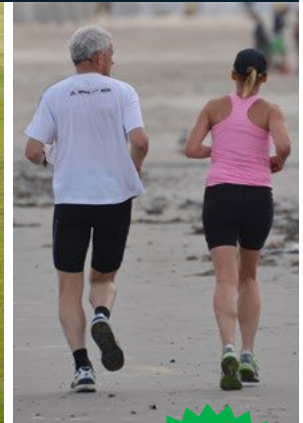
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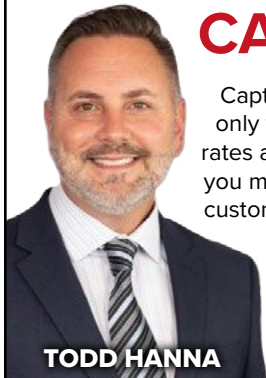
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- Corner of Oak and First streets, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Proceeds from this lot benefit the Roosevelt High School Music Department.
- Biddle Avenue between Pine and Plum streets, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Proceeds from this area benefit the Wyandotte Boat Club Youth Rowing Downriver Program.
- First Street, in the area of Superior and Chestnut streets, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Proceeds benefit St. Vincent Pallotti Parish.
- Wyandotte Music Boosters, Parking Lot #1 by Oak and the river. Paid parking lot.

**SHUTTLES** will run during the following days and times:

- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday – 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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### WHAT'S NEXT FOR SMART?

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### ATTENDING THE WYANDOTTE ART FAIR?

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## F.A.Q.s

### What are the dates and hours of the Art Fair?

The Art Fair is held Wednesday, July 10 through Saturday, July 13, from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

### Am I allowed to ride my bicycle to the Art Fair?

You can ride your bike, roller blades, or skateboard **to** the Art Fair, but once you arrive you will have to walk them through the Fair. *You will not be able to skate or ride through the Fair.*

### What is the price to attend the Art Fair?

Admission to the Wyandotte Street Art Fair is FREE!

### What kinds of things will I be able to see at the Art Fair?

The Art Fair features many artists who work in almost every media, from oils to photography to jewelry to woodworking, etc.

### How many years has the Art Fair been around?

The Art Fair was first organized in 1961 by the Acanthus Art Society.

### How do I become a participant in the Art Fair?

Artists, crafters or businesses who wish to become part of the WSAF must submit an application to the Special Events Office for the City of Wyandotte. Applications for the 2025 WSAF are



available now.

Please email us to receive an application: [hthiede@wyandottemi.gov](mailto:hthiede@wyandottemi.gov).

### How are artists chosen for the Art Fair?

The artists for the Wyandotte Street Art Fair are chosen through a jury process after they have submitted an application with slides/CDs/photographs and the jury fee.

### How do I become a food vendor in the Art Fair?

Food vendors who wish to become part of the WSAF must submit an application to the Special Events Office for the City of Wyandotte. Applications for the 2025 WSAF are available now. Please email us to receive an application: [hthiede@wyandottemi.gov](mailto:hthiede@wyandottemi.gov).

### How do I become a sponsor of the Art Fair?

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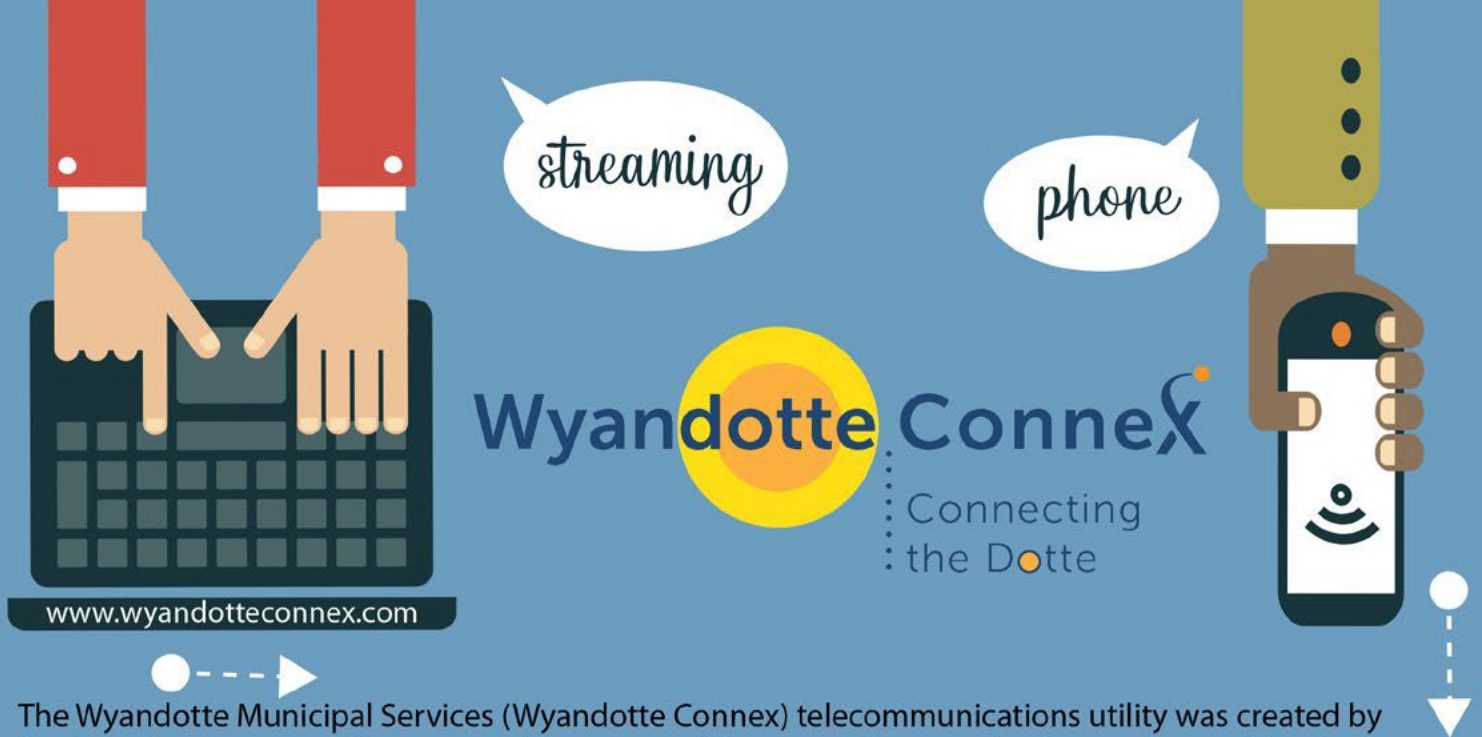
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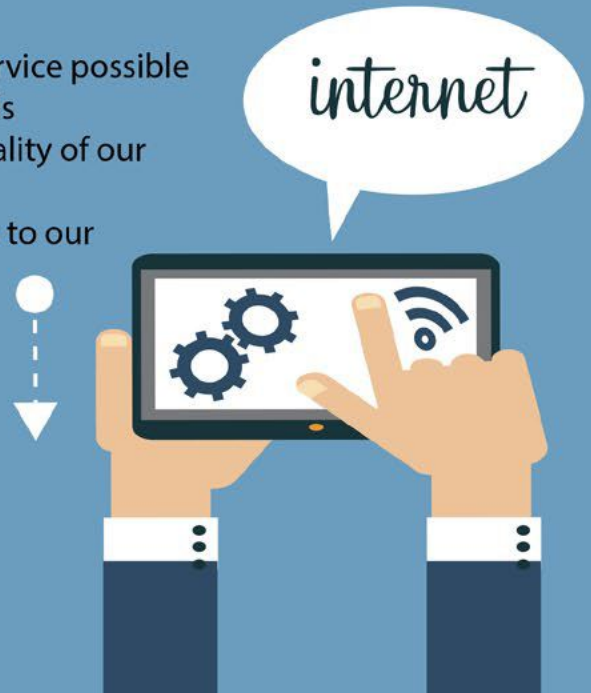
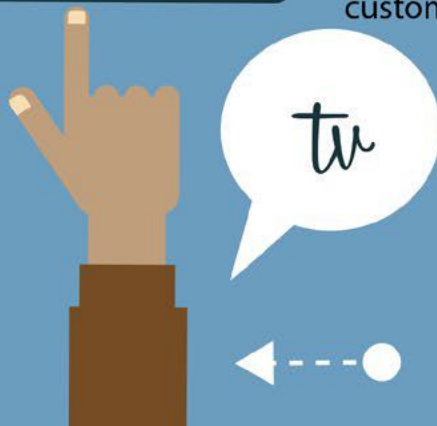
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**Kids' Programs**

- **Lego Wednesday** is Wednesday, July 3
- **Tech Take Apart** is Monday, July 15 at 2:00 p.m.

- **Buried Alive in Foam!** is Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.  
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- **Alex Thomas Puppets** is Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
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**Kids'/Tween/Teen Programs**

- **Draw with an Artist** is Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.  
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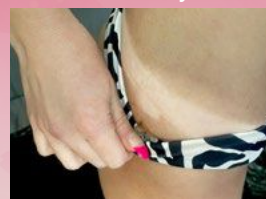
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Duncan, a "wellnesspreneur," is passionate about helping individuals find alternative and natural ways to heal their bodies. A graduate of Irene's Myomassology Institute in Southfield, she has been practicing massage therapy for 14 years. In 2020, Duncan expanded her health and wellness career by completing her PN1 Nutrition certification through Precision Nutrition.

Her commitment to helping

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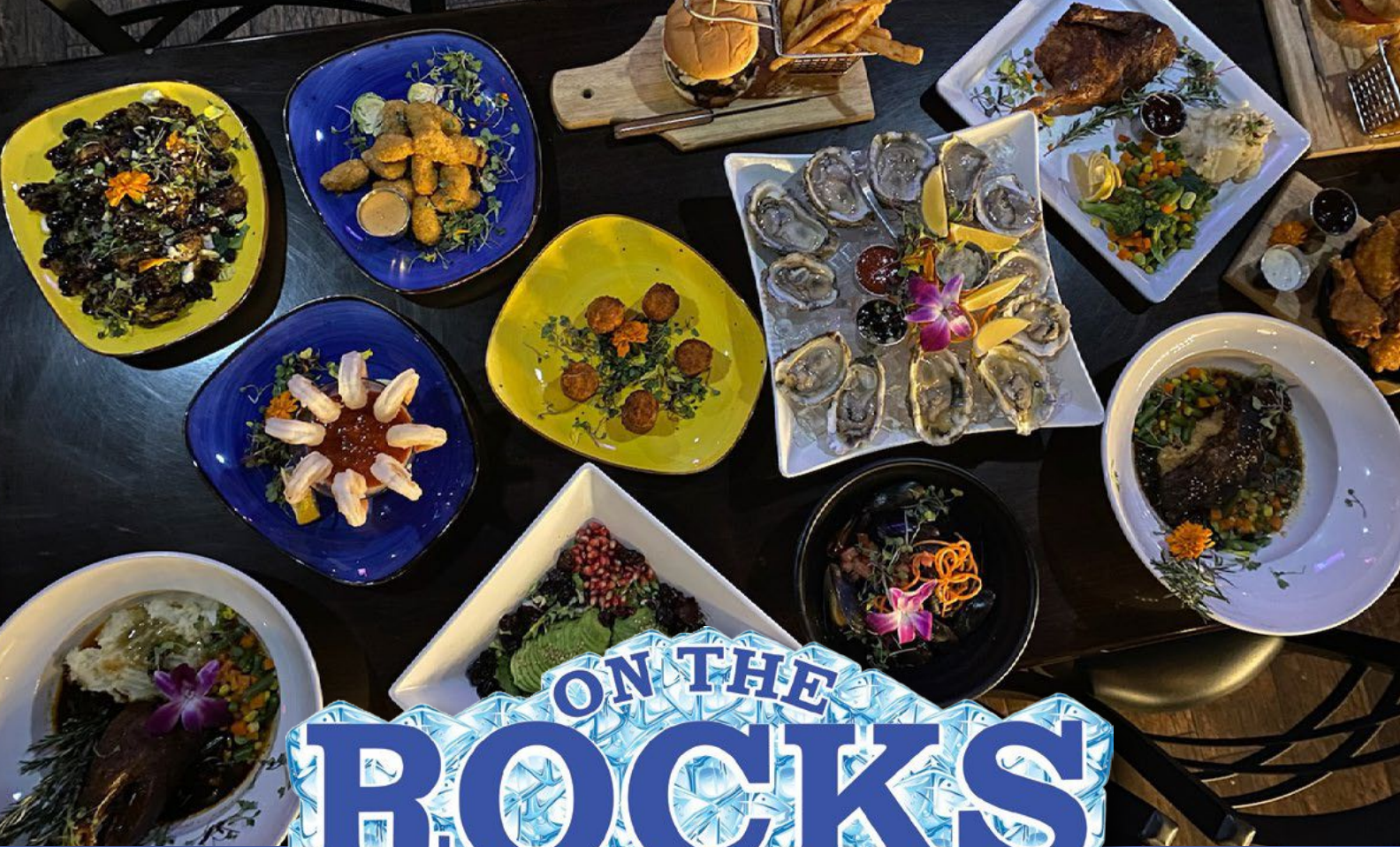


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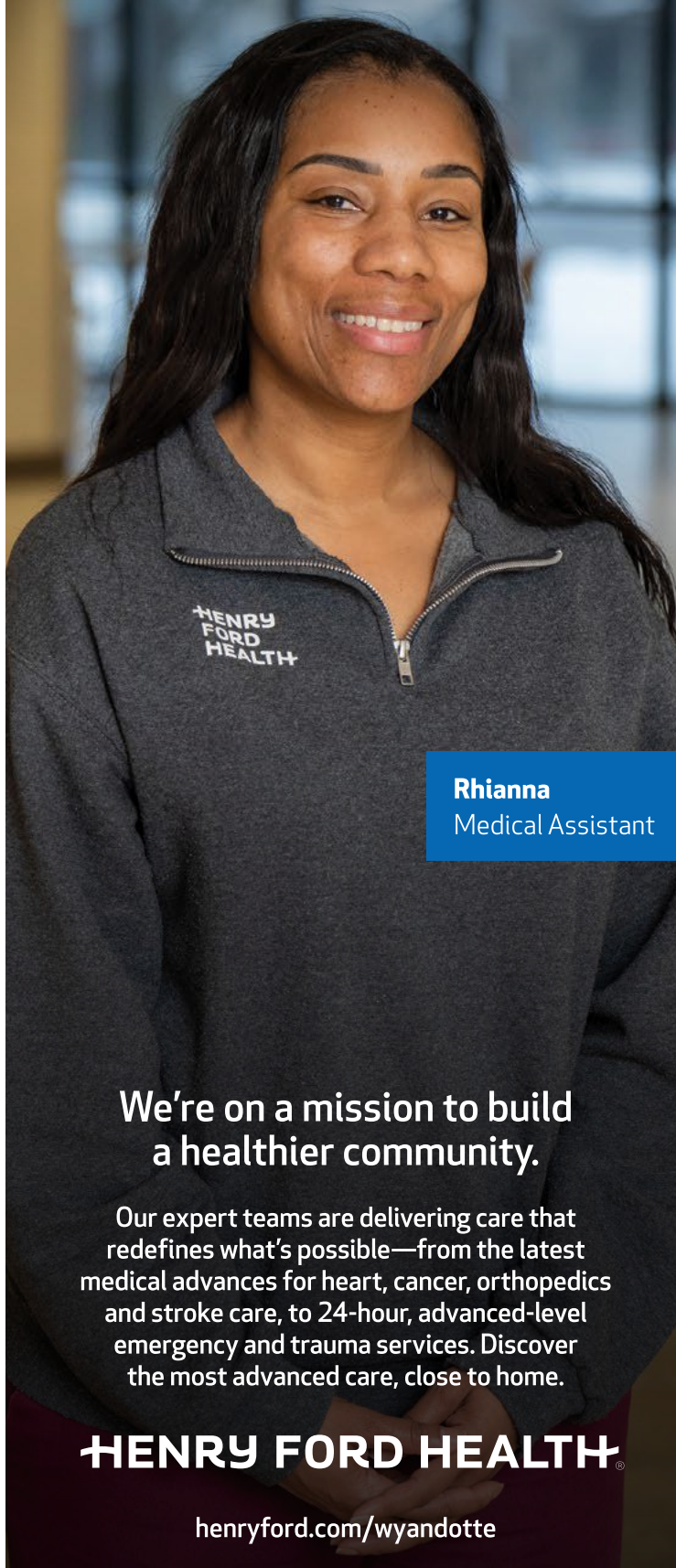


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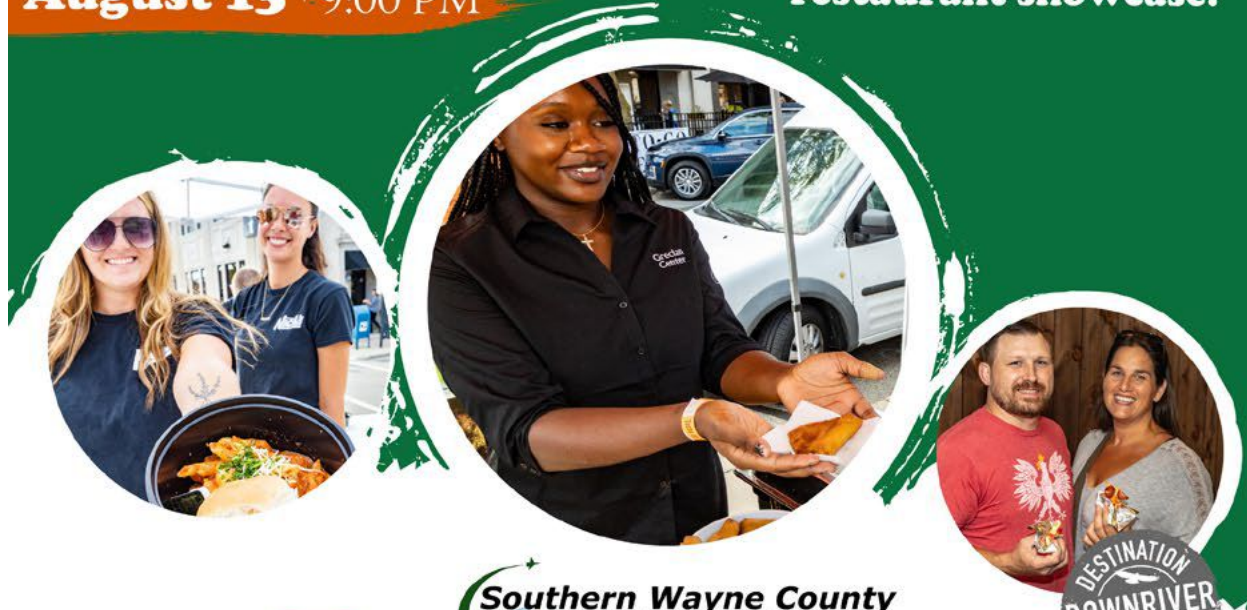
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The organization especially works to educate people on life issues, particularly protecting mothers and babies before and after birth, helping with the needs of families and advocating for the choice of life during difficult circumstances.

“We oppose abortion and euthanasia while offering positive alternatives,” said Debbie Bloomfield, vice president of Upper Downriver Right to Life.

The Upper Downriver affiliate serves the communities of Wyandotte, Southgate, Lincoln Park, Ecorse, River Rouge and southwest Detroit. The rest of Wayne County is served by the Southern Downriver and Central Wayne County affiliates.

“We don’t limit ourselves to just the six communities we target,” Bloomfield said.

Upper Downriver Right to Life (UD-RTL) sends out a quarterly newsletter to over 1,300 homes Downriver and beyond and partners with local pregnancy centers to provide aid to those in need in addition to holding several events throughout the year to raise pro-life awareness and support.

The Upper Downriver Right to Life uses their annual activities as a way to focus on the positive. Their annual Life Walk fundraiser includes a walk through Wyandotte, spreading awareness, and finishing with a picnic in the park. Local churches and their congregations are encouraged to participate.

The organization also sponsors a pro-life oratory contest for Michigan high school students each spring. Participating students write and deliver a five-to-seven-minute pro-life speech to a panel of judges and the first-, second- and third-place winners receive a cash prize.

Other events throughout the year include rallying at pro-life marches and walks around the state, life chains and several other local pro-life events.

Right to Life of Michigan also has a political action committee that helps the Upper Downriver affiliate promote elections and educate the public on pro-life candidates. The organization will hold a new event this October called March to the Polls, which will encourage pro-life voters to vote early and make their voices heard.

According to Bloomfield, current legislation that most impacts life issues in Michigan was the passage of Proposal 3.

“We advocate that when there are difficulties during a pregnancy, doctors should care for both the mother and child. The doctor has two patients. Sometimes the baby doesn’t survive, unfortunately, but we do not believe intentionally aborting a child is the right solution, so we try to help find solutions that will support life,” Bloomfield said.

Upper Downriver Right to Life supports local pregnancy centers, like the Lincoln Park Pregnancy Resource Center, which provides material goods and donations to expecting mothers or mothers with new babies.

Other events, like Right to Life of Michigan’s Motor City Baby Shower, are collaborative efforts with local organizations and churches to provide information, resources and supplies such as diapers, formula, car seats, pack and plays and more to mothers in need.

The Downriver Focus on Life Dinner will be held on September 18, 2024. More information can be found at [www.focusonlifedownriver.com](http://www.focusonlifedownriver.com).

For more information about the organization or for volunteer opportunities and events, visit [RTL.org](http://RTL.org), the Upper Downriver Right to Life Facebook Page or email [wyandotterlm@gmail.com](mailto:wyandotterlm@gmail.com).



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# REACH YOUR GOALS

Downriver soccer program provides opportunities for everybody

By Terry Jacoby

**T**HE Detroit City FC Downriver Youth Program has been kicking up local interest in the world's most popular sport for the past six years. The program, eligible to boys and girls ages 2-18 in both competitive and developmental teams, has more than doubled in participation since kicking off in 2018.

"We now have 32 teams with around 325 competitive players and another 600 players on our developmental/recreational teams and that's about double from what we started with six years ago," said DCFC Downriver Club Director and Staff Coach Jon Evans. "We are very pleased with the growth in these programs."

Detroit City FC Downriver offers different programs designed for boys and girls looking for recreational playtime, or who want to build skills for competition.

Soccer Tots (U3-U5) teaches fundamentals to children just starting out and is focused on balance, coordination, socialization and emotional development. Activities with bubbles, parachutes, cones, and other sensory toys build skills for balance, coordination, running, tracking, kicking, and changing directions — all building blocks needed for playing soccer.



"With parents by their side, our youngest players feel safe to explore new experiences and create new relationships while learning in a fun and dynamic environment," Evans said.

The Foundations Program (U5-U10) and Developmental Program (U10-U19) develop skills of players, preparing them for travel competitions if they

are interested in taking it to the next level. Developmental teams are open to all players who are not currently playing in the Foundations program or are not rostered on one of the competitive travel teams between the ages of 10-19.

All programs are recreation-based and emphasize the fun of playing soccer.

Detroit City FC Downriver's Competitive Program, which offers multiple boys' and girls' teams at all age levels from ages 7-19, are for advanced team development in soccer through a detailed progressive curriculum of instruction specific to developmental needs at each age group level.

They also have a USL Academy Team (U13 and U15).

The Detroit City FC Downriver competitive program has had plenty of success over the years. Most recently, the U18-U19 boys team won the Canton Cup last spring and the 2010-11 girls' team won the WAZA Tournament in Monroe.

Evans, 35, a 2007 graduate of Woodhaven High School, earned his Bachelor of Science in integrative studies with a minor in exercise science at Oakland University. He's in his eighth year coaching at DCFC.

He has coached high school soccer in Trenton and Riverview, and most recently with Grosse Ile and has had plenty of success on the pitch. Evans has helped build a dynasty with the Grosse Ile boys' soccer program as the team's varsity head coach. The Red Devils have been to the D-3 State Finals five times since 2018 and were state champs in 2019 and 2020.

The Detroit City FC Youth Program offers financial assistance to anyone in need and they keep registration open late to allow for more players to participate.

"We want to provide soccer opportunities for everybody, no matter what their circumstances might be," Evans said. "We want to help kids reach their goals in soccer."

For more information, log onto [dcfcdownriver.com](http://dcfcdownriver.com).





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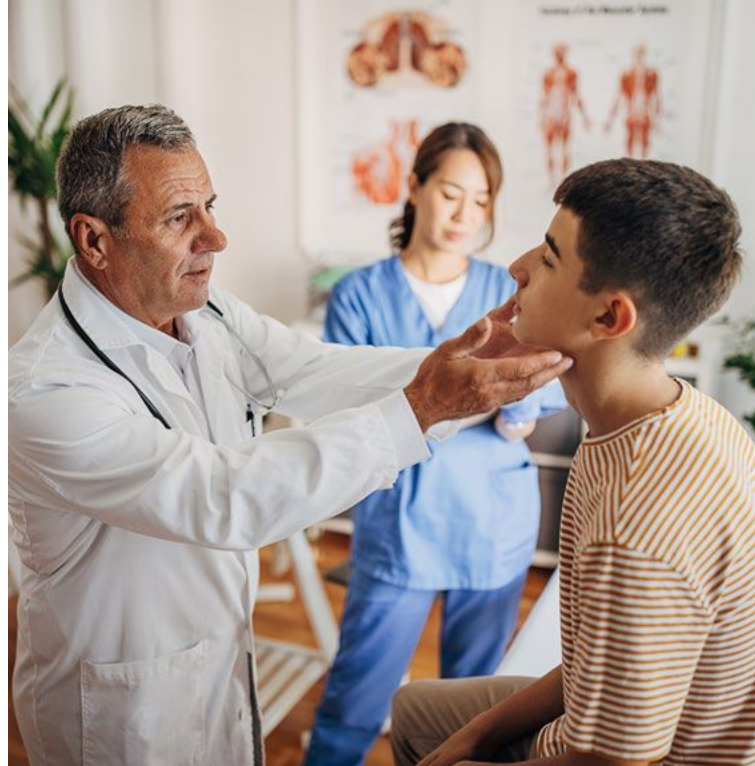


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## Teen, Young Adult Mental, Physical Health provided at Corewell Health Teen Health Center

**C**OREWELL Health Teen Health Center Taylor provides services that are especially critical during the recent surge of mental health issues among young people.

"We're in a mental health crisis," said Theresa Donoghue, Corewell Health director of community schools and clinics. "COVID played a lot in mental health issues surfacing. A lot was caused by two or three years of students not being in school and socialized. Anxiety and depression have skyrocketed."

### Community partner

The Corewell Health medical team sees between 300 and 500 clients annually for mental and physical health reasons. A mainstay in the community, Corewell Health has been operating for 30 years and mainly works with young people 10 to 21 years old, and special education students until they're 26. All Wayne County residents are welcome to seek services.

Corewell Health offers primary healthcare services; school, sports and work physicals; diagnosis and treatment of routine illnesses and injuries; immunizations; pap smears and pelvic exams. Testing, treatment and counseling are also provided for sexually transmitted diseases.

Family planning services are available for males and females who are at least 13. There are no age cap, parental approval or income requirements. Corewell Health doesn't provide abortions or make abortion referrals, however.

Parental consent is required for most general medical services and long-term counseling for youth under 18.



Other center programs include peer education programs related to nutrition; fitness; substance abuse; violence; sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy prevention. More programs target alcohol, tobacco and other drug use; parenting classes; obesity prevention; violence issues; individual and family counseling; crisis intervention; anger management and first-time and early juvenile offenders.

No insurance is required and patients never receive a bill. There are also no copay costs. The center is funded through state and federal grants, as well as community donors and the Corewell Health Foundation.

Corewell Health Teen Health Center also works with the Taylor Summer Arts and Prevention Academy, as well as providing support groups for the LGBTQ community and after-school programs. Corewell Health Teen Health Centers are in Taylor, Westland, Romulus, Inkster, River Rouge, Redford and Detroit.

Corewell Health Teen Health Center Taylor is at 26650 Eureka Road. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins will also be taken. Call (734) 942-2273 for more information and to schedule COVID-19 vaccines.



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## A Strong Foundation

### Advantage One's 'financial reality fair' helps kids get on the right track early

**A**DVANTAGE One Credit Union, a local financial organization with over \$250 million in assets and local branches in Brownstown and Southgate, has been providing area residents with financial products, services and education to help members meet their needs and achieve their goals since 1952. They also continue to be a big part of the community they serve through numerous sponsorships, programs and events.

In March, Advantage One Credit Union had the pleasure of hosting a financial reality fair for the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan. It was an event filled with learning, excitement and empowerment. The fair provided a hands-on experience for the young scouts to understand the importance of financial literacy in a fun and engaging way. From budgeting to making smart financial decisions, the girls were able to explore various aspects of managing money in a supportive environment.

"By hosting this financial reality fair, our team aimed to instill a sense of confidence and independence in the

Girl Scouts, equipping them with the knowledge and tools to make sound financial decisions as they grow older," said Advantage One CEO Chris Corkery. "We believe that fostering financial literacy from a young age is key to building a secure and prosperous future, and we were thrilled to be a part of this enriching experience for the young members of the community."

During the fair, the girls had the opportunity to navigate through different stations that simulated real-life financial

scenarios, such as housing, transportation, entertainment and food. They learned about the value of saving, the impact of budgeting, and the importance of making informed choices when it comes to spending. Through interactive activities and discussions, the scouts gained practical skills that will serve them well in the future, setting a strong foundation for their financial well-being.

After completing the reality fair, the participants were presented with a financial literacy badge, prizes, snacks and some insight as to what it's like being an adult.

"It was so great to work with Lonn Hartman (Financial Literacy Programs Specialist for Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan) and their team from the Girl Scouts," said Advantage One Marketing Coordinator Lindsay Dennis. "Based on their feedback and from watching all the interaction during the fair, the scouts really enjoyed themselves. We look forward to a long-lasting partnership and helping teach more young people about the importance of financial education."

Organizers are planning a similar event for August.

For the second year in a row, Advantage One Credit Union held a reality fair in May at Taylor High School with many students participating.

"We set up near the gym for the day and the students came down in groups and to visit the booths and talk with a financial counselor about their decisions," Dennis said. "We also are in the process of partnering with local nonprofits and other schools to provide financial education to the community."

Learn more about Advantage One Credit Union at [www.myaocu.com](http://www.myaocu.com).



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# ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL 2024 TOP GRADUATES

## *No. 1* D'NYRIA Forris

GPA: 4.1294

College Plans: University of Michigan  
What they will study: Sociology



## *No. 5* ETHAN Cleveland

GPA: 4.0749

College Plans: Western Michigan  
What they will study: Aerospace  
Engineering



## *No. 2* QUINN Mittlestat

GPA: 4.1157

College Plans: University of Michigan  
What they will study: Undecided



## *No. 6* TAYLOR Johnson

GPA: 4.0647

College Plans: Cincinnati Ballet's  
Professional Training Division



## *No. 3* ALENA Vitale

GPA: 4.1122

College Plans: University of Michigan  
What they will study: Organizational  
Studies



## *No. 7* CORINNE Adray

GPA: 4.0616

College Plans: Eastern Michigan  
University  
What they will study: Psychology



## *No. 4* LUCY Moline

GPA: 4.102

College Plans: Michigan State  
University  
What they will study: Community  
Engagement



## *No. 8* SYDNEY Nosal

GPA: 4.058

College Plans: Western Michigan  
University  
What they will study: Aviation Flight  
Science



# Providing Opportunity, Experience Defines RHS

By Graceann Eskin

**R**OOSEVELT High School offers opportunities like no other school, with community events, organizations and a variety of classes offered – the options for students are endless.

Roosevelt's marketing program hosts multiple charity events, led by students. The largest is the Block Out Cancer football game. This event raised over \$100,000 for pediatric cancer research at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Students work all year on this, and other charity events with the community.

RHS offers many classes to prepare students for future careers.

One unique area is the metals, machine and auto shop programs at Roosevelt. These classes allow students to practice professional machine skills, try possible careers and provide opportunities to graduate with professional certifications. Similarly, students in Botany classes can earn certifications in floral design before graduation.

The Wyandotte Music Department, with 410 musicians, offers many classes: symphony band, chamber strings, jazz band, choir, chorus, and others. Additionally, Roosevelt is the only school Downriver with a string orchestra. These classes lead to countless musical opportunities.

The building has the largest high school planetarium east of the Mississippi, which is used to expose students to science beyond Earth's atmosphere.

Providing more areas to explore is the architecture and drafting program. These classes dive deeper into STEM technology and design, teaching students to use professional techniques and software. The media program also offers industry-standard editing and design software training. Our art program turns this creativity into hands-on mediums.

For students interested in helping others, Roosevelt offers health occupations and Peer-to-Peer programs.

Differing from electives, the school runs a variety of Advanced Placement courses to challenge students

academically, and possibly receive college credit.

Roosevelt has AP courses in almost every subject.

Roosevelt's vast opportunities allow students to experience different things and continue to grow. There is something for everyone at RHS.



## No. 9 HANNAH Zalewski

**GPA:** 4.0378

**College Plans:** Eastern Michigan University

**What they will study:** Art Education



## No. 10 NATHANIEL Jamal

**GPA:** 4.0373

**College Plans:** Abilene Christian University

**What they will study:** Biology

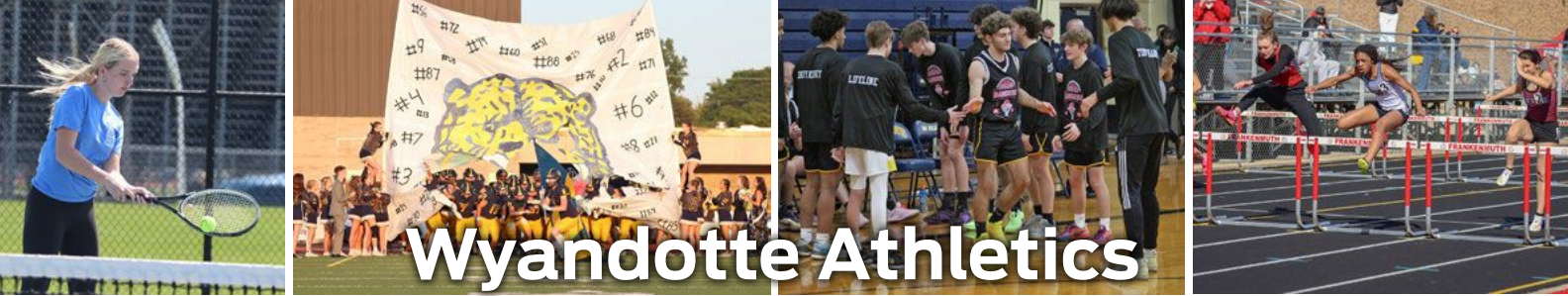


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# Wyandotte Athletics

**W**YANDOTTE Roosevelt Athletics offers 25 varsity level sports and a total of 36 teams in grades nine through 12. Over 40 percent of students are involved in sports. Over 50 students are three-sport athletes and over 200 are two-sport athletes.

Roosevelt High School won Downriver League Championships in girls' swim and dive and boys' bowling, and has finished so far in the top half of the Downriver League in nine sports and counting as spring sports are not yet completed.

RHS has had 17 state finals qualifiers and over 50 athletes achieve All-Downriver League or All Regions status. At least five athletes have committed to compete at the collegiate level.

Wyandotte Athletics hosts a number of fundraising events to raise money for charity organizations. This has included our Block Out Cancer football game and boys' basketball game, Defend against Dementia girls' basketball game, and You Matter (for mental health awareness) hockey game. Wyandotte Roosevelt also hosts and has Peer to Peer Unified basketball, bowling and track and field.

These teams and events link students in special education with students in the general education population to participate in those three sports.

Wyandotte Roosevelt also hosted many multi-team invitationals and MHSAA district or regional tournaments, which included cross country, wrestling, competitive cheer, tennis, golf, soccer and track and field.

Wyandotte Roosevelt is a sports hub for the Downriver area and fields competitive and improving teams. Go Bears!



## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER: *Quality education for our youngest learners*

**T**HE Wyandotte Early Childhood Center is home to the district's childcare and preschool programs. We are proud to be the first teachers of many Wyandotte students.

This year marked our 4th Annual Outdoor Art Show, held on April 25. Each student in our program (infants, toddlers and preschoolers) completed an art project using recycled materials. Families were invited to visit the art show when they picked up their child after school. We began this event in 2021 as a way to show families the children's work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, it has been a favorite event for staff, children and families.

Earlier this spring, our program went through the Quality Improvement Process for Great Start to Quality.



Great Start to Quality is a resource that families can use to find high quality childcare and preschool programs near them. Quality level of a program also determines the hourly rate of payment for families who receive tuition assistance through the State of Michigan – the higher the quality level, the higher the hourly rate.

Quality level is determined by verifying evidence submitted by the program for several indicators. The Wyandotte Early Childhood Center increased in quality level and is now considered an "Enhancing Quality - Validated" center. Participating in the Quality Improvement Processes allows our staff to continuously reflect upon and increase the quality of care and education for our youngest learners.



# Fostering Community and Learning at Garfield Elementary

**G**ARFIELD Elementary School excels in family engagement through innovative initiatives, enhancing both student learning and community bonds.

In the fall, Trunk or Treat transforms the school parking lot into a festive, safe Halloween celebration. Parents and staff decorate their car trunks, offering treats to costumed children, fostering community spirit and providing a secure trick-or-treating environment. To support community members in need, we also held a food drive for Thanksgiving meals.



The Santa Shop spreads holiday cheer by allowing students to select gifts for their families at no cost, thanks to community donations. This initiative teaches the joy of giving and highlights community generosity.

Family Literacy Night equips parents with strategies to support their children's reading at home. Through workshops with our building literacy coach, parents were

able to gain a deeper understanding of how they can extend literacy support beyond the classroom.

Family Game Night brings families together for an evening of board games and interactive activities. This event promotes play, collaboration, and strengthens relationships between students, families, and school staff, fostering a sense of community.



During Black History Month, the school hosts a challenge celebrating African American history and culture. Students engage in activities highlighting significant contributions of Black individuals, with families participating in discussions and shared learning, emphasizing diversity and inclusion.

Our Watch Dog program involves positive male role models as school volunteers. They spend a day at Garfield helping students and teachers while making a positive impact on our whole school community.

These initiatives at Garfield Elementary showcase our profound commitment to family engagement and community building, creating a nurturing environment where students and their families can thrive together.



## JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY: GROWING A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

**O**UR mission at Jefferson Elementary School is to "Inspire growth in every child, every class, every day!"

As we wrap up the 2023-2024 school year, it is exciting to see all the ways our students have grown throughout the year. Daily small group reading intervention has produced strong, independent readers and for many staff and students is the favorite time of the school day.

Students have learned self-regulation skills and social-emotional growth through the Zones of Regulation and our Peace Place and we have grown healthier as a community through participation in the Building Healthy Communities program. The fifth-grade wax museum is a great example of the culmination of years of learning shared in a fun, interactive way!

Growth also takes place outside of the classroom through extracurricular activities. The Healthy Kids Club met throughout the school year to exercise together and try new foods. Each grade level took a field trip sponsored by JAG (Jefferson Action Group) through the generous contributions of our community at our annual Fun Run. Our JAG parent group also held book fairs, family events like Book Bingo and Science Night and supported our school in participating in Michigan Reads One Book!

The Jefferson family extends beyond our walls

through partnerships with Wilson Middle School. Several classes from Wilson visit with our students and participate in learning activities together. Our students love their visits from the "big kids" next door! Our Jefferson Jaguars had an awesome year of growth and learning and we are so proud of them!







## Jo Brighton Skills Center Celebrates 50 Years of Serving

**T**HIS year Jo Brighton Skills Center proudly celebrated 50 years of serving our Downriver communities. We expanded our work site opportunities for our community classrooms, grew our Peer to Peer program at the high school and middle school and saw several of our students hired for part-time employment with the help of our job development partnerships.

Our PBIS team launched our "Expect Respect" initiative to help support students in self-advocacy in challenging situations and our teachers continue to work to develop

the social-emotional skills of our students throughout their classroom work.

This year we celebrated the re-opening of our Jo Brighton restaurant, run by our culinary arts classroom, and hosted many school and community members as guests.

Our Unified Sports program has expanded, offering more sports and the ability to support more student participation. Our building maintenance class packed and delivered 400 meals per week to students in our Wyandotte community that requested food support. Our Jo Brighton bakers worked hard this year, filling hundreds of orders and spreading smiles wherever our cookies went.

We are so proud of our Jo Brighton Bulldogs!

## MADISON ELEMENTARY - An Enterprising Institution!

**W**E have had a wonderful year filled with exciting opportunities at Madison. Our students are involved in many microenterprises including our Madison Market, which is in its second season of selling concessions during varsity baseball games.

Madison Totes is screen-printing tote bags and other spirit wear and

selling to the community.

New to our list this year is our soap-making enterprise, which has sparked an exciting new partnership with Lawrence Technological University's Engineering Department. It was amazing to see how our students benefited from the engineering students' creations while also watching the LTU students show empathy, understanding and perseverance. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with them for years to come.

All our students continued to learn and grow in the area of social-emotional learning this school year. We are proud of the gains our students are making with developing skills to identify how they are feeling



and strategies they can use to regulate their emotions.

We implemented school-wide PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) clubs this school year to increase opportunities for students to socialize and build positive relationships with other students and staff throughout the building. Clubs have been a huge success.

We are super proud of our Bears!





# Monroe Elementary Provides Cherished Life Lessons

**A**T Monroe Elementary we are proudly celebrating our second year being a "Unified Champion School."

Unified Champion schools bring students with and without disabilities together to participate in social and academic learning opportunities to promote inclusion. In order to maintain our Unified School status, we must participate in three main components: Unified Sports, Inclusive Youth Leadership and whole school engagement.

Each week during Unified Gym, our center program students pair up with a general education class to learn teamwork and play new sports together. We have played sports such as soccer, bowling, basketball, pickleball, and even had a cornhole tournament! We also play many games where the students have to work together in order to succeed, promoting teamwork and positive communication with one another.

Throughout the school year, many students at Monroe have been able to be a part of our Unified Club, promoting whole school engagement. The leadership club meets once a month to plan activities and lessons to teach important life skills to the students here at Monroe. Not only do they help decide how we will teach the monthly topics, we talk about why this skill is important and what function this skill may have for us throughout our lives. Then, during our Unified Club time, we work together with the leaders and the students who attend the club to teach the lessons and share the information amongst our peers, creating a valuable learning experience for all the students involved.

Aside from the clubs, our center-based classrooms also attend all PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) and school-wide activities as well as other specials such as art, band, gym, and morning meetings in the general education setting to help create learning opportunities and promote an inclusive environment.

Through becoming a Unified Champion School, students are creating long-lasting friendships that follow them throughout their time here at Monroe. We see smiles and hear laughter as they learn the value and power of a peer-relationship with their friends, giving them some of the most cherished life-lessons we can offer throughout the school day.



## The Lincoln Center Supports Students' Social, Emotional and Academic Growth

**T**HE Lincoln Center (affectionately nicknamed "The LC") is a referral-based school serving students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and students with cognitive and emotional impairments, ages 5-26. Students at The LC are residents of Wyandotte or the other 16 Downriver districts.

At The LC, we believe in providing educational opportunities that challenge students and respect all individuals. The LC provides a welcoming environment that focuses on teamwork to help our students meet the goals set in their Individualized Education Plans.

We support their growth academically, socially, functionally, and beyond. We are a Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) School. PBIS is used at The LC as a framework to support positive behavior with school-wide expectations while also providing individualized support that helps prepare students for independence and continual learning.

All our students at The LC know and live our PBIS core values of being safe, respectful, and responsible.

At The LC, we had a lot to celebrate this school year. We again celebrated our Annual Gratitude Parade in November, highlighting the socio-emotional learning theme of gratitude. This year, we ended up celebrating resilience and flexibility as well, as the parade was moved indoors due to inclement weather!

We also celebrated the housewarming of our Apartment Project. The Apartment Project is a brand-new, community-based instruction initiative that helps prepare our students for independent living through money management, community travel and home living skills taught in a real residential setting.

Finally, we celebrated the success of our School Based Enterprises program, which teaches students social skills, money management and many other job readiness skills. The LC's School Based Enterprises include selling Transition Scent-sations Wax Melts, Candy Grams, Buddy Buttons and operation of the Snack Shack school store.

Congratulations to our students on their successful side-hustles. Go Lions!





# Closing Out Another Successful Year at WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

**A**s we reflect on this school year, we have a lot to celebrate at Washington Elementary. We were able to participate in the Building Healthy Communities grant through Wayne State University, which provided us with additional gym and recess equipment, healthy lessons and tips of the day, and an opportunity for an afterschool healthy kids club where our students participated in a physical activity and had a healthy snack.

Our fifth-grade H.E.L.P. Group organized multiple events throughout the year, such as a pajama drive, mac and cheese drive, pet supply collection for a local animal shelter, and a candy collection for our veterans. Their efforts helped our community in many ways.

Students celebrated their positive choices through our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program. Students earned coins to choose a book from our book vending machine and attended interest clubs to reward their positive behavior.

Our fourth-grade students participated in our sixth annual Disability Awareness Workshop. The goal of the workshop is always to build empathy by introducing our students to the challenges that people with disabilities face on a daily basis. They do this through a series of hands-on activities pertaining to: ADA rules and regulations, autism awareness, the RHS Peer-to-Peer group, communication and assistive technology, sensory and fine motor development, visual and hearing impairments, intellectual and cognitive impairments,



and physical and gross motor development. It is a memorable experience for everyone involved.

Throughout the year students had fun participating in many reading events, including our annual Literacy Walk, March is Reading Month, guest readers, masked reader, and our Wyandotte READS incentive activities.

Viewing the solar eclipse with our protective glasses was a highlight for all.

All of this, along with the academic growth our students achieved, made for another successful school year at Washington Elementary.



## Wilson Middle School

### Providing a well-rounded education while nurturing the whole child

**A**t Wilson Middle School, we believe in fostering an environment where every student can thrive, explore their interests and build lifelong skills. Here's a glimpse into the wonderful things happening at our school:

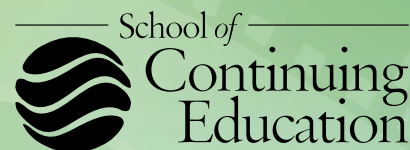
- **Club Diversity:** We offer a diverse range of clubs catering to various interests! From the strategic thinkers in our Gamers Club to the innovative minds in our Drone Club, there's something for everyone to engage in and enjoy. Additionally, our Service Squad continues to make a positive impact on our local community through their inspiring acts of kindness and service.
- **Sports Excellence:** We take pride in our sports program, where teamwork, dedication and sportsmanship are celebrated. Our student-athletes shine on the field, court and track, embodying the spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie.
- **PBIS Program:** Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is at the heart of our school culture. Through PBIS, we promote positive behaviors, foster a safe and inclusive environment and empower students to make responsible choices both in and out of the classroom.
- **WEB Program:** This year, we're thrilled to introduce the Where Everyone Belongs (WEB) program, dedicated to supporting our incoming sixth graders through mentorship from eighth-grade students. The WEB program aims to ease the transition into middle school, create lasting friendships and cultivate a sense of belonging for all students.

At Wilson Middle School, we are committed to providing a well-rounded education that nurtures the whole child. Thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive families and enthusiastic students for making our school community truly exceptional.





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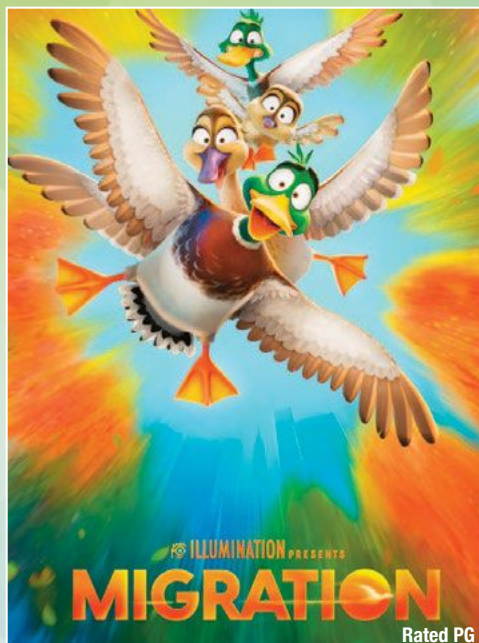
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9:00 P.M. (Dusk)

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A young woman named Asha possesses wild wishes for happiness. After making a wish on a starry night, Asha is surprised when Star, a ball of cosmic energy, comes down to accompany her. Asha and Star must work together to defeat the ruthless ruler, King Magnifico, who threatens the safety of her local community. With Asha's unstoppable courage and Star's magical powers, nothing is impossible.



**Thursday, July 11, 2024**  
9:00 P.M. (Dusk)

**DOWNRIVER CAMPUS**  
21000 NORTHLINE ROAD  
TAYLOR, MI 48180

The animated film tells the story of a family of ducks dreaming of the perfect getaway vacation. Mack, the overprotective father, cannot take the risk of traveling from New England all the way to Jamaica. When his two kids, Dax and Gwen, try to convince him to take the leap, Mack must navigate the tricky route through New York City while keeping his family safe.



**Thursday, July 25, 2024**  
6:30 P.M.

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# Meet Mimi

## The woman manning the mission: Lisa Vilella

By Carly Matkovich

**I**f you have an autistic family member, or if you've needed help getting dress clothes for your kids, or if you're a law enforcement officer or first responder Downriver, then chances are you know Lisa Vilella.

But you may not know her by that name. "No one calls me Lisa anymore," she said.

Many people know her simply as "Mimi" of Mimi's Mission, which is "a local nonprofit organization that helps Downriver families who have autistic children or adults," according to her website, [mimismission.org](http://mimismission.org).

Vilella is "on a mission," as she puts it, to bring about autism awareness but she says "anybody can bring awareness, or say they are aware. How can we connect people to resources? Where is the action?"

She has been very active since starting the nonprofit in 2015. Since then, she's been active to the tune of more than 4,000 unpaid volunteer hours, enough to earn the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteer Service. She received this special honor at a gala presented by Bridging the Gaps Community & Family Development Centers, held in Wyandotte on April 14th of this year.

At first, she didn't want to go.



Left: Lisa Vilella and Todd Hanna, owner of Downriver Insurance Group Inc., stand with 911 Ready bags to be distributed to police and first responders. The bags come equipped with tools and materials to help people with autism during an emergency. Top right: Lisa with grandchildren Anderson, Emery and Mason, and husband Jim, at a gala for Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award recipients in April, 2024. Bottom right: Lisa receiving a donation from Wyandotte Police Officers Neil Hunter (left) and Tim Gates (right).

"That puts a light on me and I don't do that," Vilella said. "I put a light on Mimi's Mission."

But then someone explained to her how special the award is.

"They said only something like 1 percent of the population is eligible to receive it," she said.

She agreed to accept the award on one condition: She would not have to make a speech.

As the ceremony commenced, however, she noticed each award recipient was invited to address the crowd. She hadn't prepared to talk to a room full of other honorees. When it was her turn, she calmly walked to the stage and spoke off the cuff and from the heart.

"My grandkids couldn't believe I had just made up the whole thing on the fly," she said of her acceptance speech. "I told them, 'When you love what you do and you get a chance to talk about it, it's easy.'"

Vilella doesn't get much down time running the nonprofit. Currently she's reworking the Autism Acceptance and Downriver Young Adults groups; she recently initiated Autism Optimism, a workshop for families who have children newly diagnosed with autism; and she's partnered with Brownstown Township Deputy Police Chief Andrew Starzec to train police officers and first responders how children and adults with autism process things and how best to help them in an emergency.

She does occasionally take opportunities to recharge, though.

"I have three children, four grandchildren and my husband has a very high-pressure job," Vilella said. "For us, down time is self-care."

When asked what her plans for (what was then) the upcoming Memorial holiday weekend were, she exclaimed, "Not a darn thing!"

Upcoming events hosted by Mimi's Mission include a cereal drive throughout June, a Golf for Autism Scramble on July 21, an Autism Optimism workshop on July 28, and a Hero Walk for Autism on

September 8. For more information on resources for you and your family, or to learn more about opportunities to join "Mimi" on her mission, please visit [mimismission.org](http://mimismission.org).



Top: Parents of Autism Acceptance Group members help unload an Amazon truck full of donations to Mimi's Mission. Bottom: "Puzzle" Joe Alice with Lisa Vilella, speaking at an Autism Acceptance Group event.



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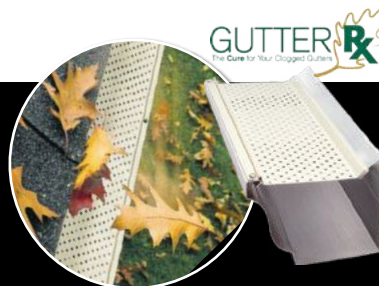


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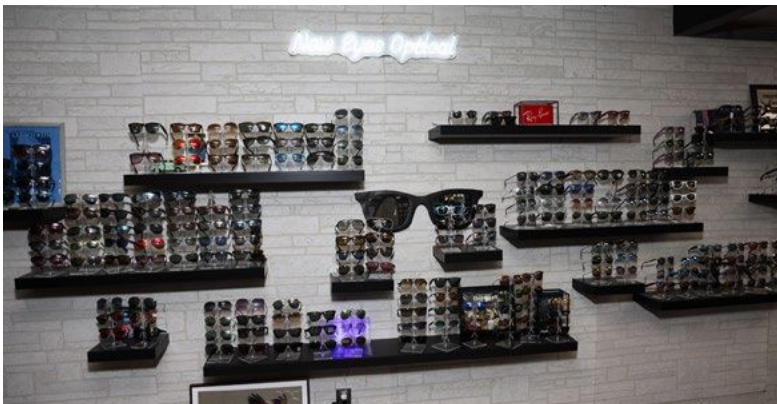
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# Well Rounded, In and Out of the Classroom

*Multi-sport athlete looks to future while savoring accomplishments*

By Terry Jacoby

**A**NIA Toboy reached down and picked up the discus for what possibly could be the last time as a high school student on Saturday, June 1 at East Kentwood High School at the MHSAA Division 1 Track & Field State Finals. Emotions were high and thoughts were flying through her head as she approached the line.

"I knew my mark of 125 feet in prelims wasn't going to cut it if I wanted to make the finals," Toboy said later. "I had one more throw to try and get to the finals. I took a deep breath in and told myself this will not be the last time I throw a discus with this Wyandotte jersey on. So I gave it all I had in the ring."

Her all was a season-best throw of 132 feet, 11 inches, which landed her in the finals and accomplished her goal of being All-State in her senior year wearing that Wyandotte jersey. She grabbed All-State honors by placing eighth in the discus.



"This year I got the opportunity to compete at states for discus and it was such an amazing opportunity as last year I missed the meet standard by four feet, and from that to All-State in a year is such a full circle moment for me," said Toboy, who also qualified for the New Balance Nationals at the University of Pennsylvania (June 14). "It was such a great feeling after giving it my all and knowing that everything I have done had paid off."

It wasn't Toboy's first trip to a state final in her senior year.

She reached the MHSAA Division 1 State Finals in swimming, qualifying with her Wyandotte teammates (Chloe Lobato, Emily Savue and Tamara Hinojosa) in the 200 free relay. Once again, she saved her best for last, finishing with a season-best 26.17 seconds split time.

"What I liked about swimming is how different it was from any other of the sports I had played before," said Toboy, who went to states three times in middle school and twice in high school. "It was something different and new from what I usually do. My goal this past season was to leave it all in the pool. I've had some really amazing teams these past four years at RHS and a lot of success in swimming and I wanted to keep that train rolling till the end."



Mission accomplished.

Ania, the daughter of Ron and Barbara Toboy, also excelled in the classroom, swimming to a 3.75 GPA. She also played on the Wyandotte varsity basketball team for three years. Her future plans are going to Wayne State University to study finance and minor in economics and also be a part of their track and field team.

She will never forget the many memories she made wearing that Wyandotte jersey.

"What interested me about sports was the competitive side," she said. "Through sports I found my love for competition and seeing what I am capable of. I also like the ability to do multiple sports at once to stay active. It gave me a chance to do different things and keep my athletic abilities sharp in all different areas."

"One of my biggest accomplishments at RHS is not only being an athlete but being a student-athlete, and being well rounded in and out of the classroom."





# Living with an Introverted Child:

## One myth and a few truths

By Tracy Willis

**I**f you've watched any made-for-children movie, you've probably never noticed that the main character, the "outcast," the march-to-the-beat-of-a-different-drummer protagonist is almost always an introvert.

Disney and the Hollywood crowd often portray introverted children as problematic, "less than," or as creative, wicked smart but socially awkward people. Nothing is further from the truth. An introverted child is not necessarily a shy child.

Introversion is a personality trait that can be recognized in children as early as four months. According to The Center for Parenting Education, "... you will not be able to change your child from an introvert to an extrovert or vice versa. It is hard-wired."

Introverted children have just as many strengths and weaknesses as extroverted children. Learning to celebrate these traits in your child instead of fighting them will lead to a happy and well-adjusted adulthood.

Introverts have several traits in common:

- They have smaller friendship groups.

Introverts tend to seek deeper connections within their friendships. Their social circles are usually smaller. Introverts draw energy from being alone. They don't spend huge amounts of time hanging out with friend groups the way an extrovert will.

- Group settings are often energy-sucking. Introverted children often find themselves in large group settings at school and daycare. These can be challenging settings. Extroverts draw energy from social interactions, and introverts often find those same interactions exhausting. Giving your child alone time to regroup after a day of social interactions is a great way to teach your introverted child about self-care.
- They are observant. Introverted children listen and watch first before joining in a social situation. This doesn't mean they're shy. In fact, they can be quite engaging and sociable when they feel secure. It just takes a while for their real personalities to come out.
- They have a private and deep inner world. Introverted children have an active inner world of thoughts and emotions. This inner world is what helps them make decisions and solve problems. That's why time alone is so important. It enables them to process their lives.
- They march to their own beat. There's a reason for those introverted character portrayals in children's movies. Because they're observant and deeper thinkers, introverts make decisions about fashion, music, books, and hobbies based on what they truly like. They're individuals, and they're not easily swayed by the tastes of their social group. Allowing introverted children to explore their passions honors their personalities and identities.

Researchers estimate that about 75 percent of the population is extroverted (The Center for Parenting Education). Extrovert traits are often viewed more positively than those of introverted individuals. Honoring your child's introverted personality and helping them to recognize their strengths and develop strategies to work with their weaknesses will help them avoid the "square peg in a round hole" syndrome.







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Zeal also offers low auto loan rates, programs for business owners and incentives for all members of the family, from the very young to the elderly.

Checking accounts are also designed to meet each member's needs, with 24/7 online banking, automated telephone banking, online bill pay, access to nearly 30,000 CO-OP ATMs that are surcharge free, an overdraft privilege and protection line of credit, a free Visa debit/ATM card, no per check fees, unlimited check writing ability and fraud alerts.

"Zeal stands out in the community through its dedicated efforts to support and contribute to our members' welfare," said Carlos Duran, branch manager at the Allen Park, Taylor, and Woodhaven locations.

"Credit unions distinguish themselves as a financial cooperative deeply invested in the prosperity of both

our members and the community at large," he added. "Credit Unions and banks diverge primarily in their ownership structure and operational goals. Credit unions prioritize member well-being and community engagement, banks generally prioritize financial gains."



## Building strong together

Zeal began serving members in 1954, maintaining its mission of people helping people.

"We provide the hardworking Americans we serve with outstanding service and support to achieve their financial dreams," Anderson said. "Our goal is to make a valuable contribution to our members' financial future so they can enjoy the moments that make life worth living. We want to make a profound improvement to the greater good of financial wellness."

As a Community Development Financial Institution, Zeal supports its CDFI mission with products that are designed for underserved individuals with products like Zeal's Solutions for a Fresh Start, which provides members with support to build upon or establish healthy credit.

Through the Zeal Credit Union Foundation, the Credit Union gives back to the community through several programs. For

instance, Zeal awards seven scholarships to high school graduating seniors who are making a difference in local communities and are planning to attend college or trade school. A total of \$14,000 in scholarships are awarded annually.

Since it's never too early to start saving and developing money management skills, Zeal encourages young people to get started now with youth-centered accounts.

Zeal also partners with GreenPath to offer members easily accessible expert financial wellness advice.

Zeal has 11 full-service locations throughout Metro Detroit. Assets include more than \$820 million and approximately 67,000 valued members.



# 2023 WATER QUALITY REPORT

**Water Supply Serial Number:** 07210

This report covers the drinking water quality for the City of Wyandotte for the 2023 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2023. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and state standards.

## 2022 Consumer Confidence Report Correction Statement

Our 2022 Consumer Confidence Report did not meet content requirements. It was missing contact information for our water system and was also missing the paragraph regarding sources of drinking water. We apologize for this error and have included both items in this year's report.

## PUBLIC NOTICE Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) initiated a statewide effort to test drinking water from all schools that use well water and community water supplies. The test examines for a group of manmade chemicals called per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). EGLE is taking this precautionary step of testing these drinking water sources to determine if public health actions are needed. It is not uncommon to find low levels of PFAS in drinking water supplies, as PFAS can be found in firefighting foams, stain repellants, nonstick cookware, waterproof clothing, food wrappers and many other household products. PFAS do not break down in the environment and move easily into water. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) set a Lifetime Health Advisory (LHA) level for two PFAS in drinking water, perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS). The LHA level is 70 parts per trillion (ppt, equal to 70 ng/L) for PFOA and PFOS combined, or individually if only one is present. The EPA has not set health advisory levels for other PFAS compounds. The State of Michigan is using 70 ppt for decision-making purposes. The Wyandotte Municipal Services Water Department's water system was tested by

AECOM, EGLE's contractor on 7/26/2018. The test results can be found on the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team website, [www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse](http://www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse). The results show that of the PFOA and PFOS tested, none were detected in Wyandotte's treated drinking water. The tested level is well below the EPA's lifetime health advisory.

The Wyandotte Municipal Services Water Department is committed to providing our customers with quality drinking water. As your water supplier, we are working closely with EGLE to maintain the quality of your water. For health-related questions, contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) at (800) 648-6942 or visit one of the websites below. For information on PFAS including possible health outcomes, visit these websites:

State of Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART) website, serving as the main resource for public information on PFAS contamination in Michigan: [www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse](http://www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse).

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) website including health information, exposure, and links to additional resources: [www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas).

United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) website including basic information, U.S. EPA actions, and links to informational resources: [www.epa.gov/pfas](http://www.epa.gov/pfas).

## Where Does My Water Come From?

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. The City of Wyandotte draws water from the Detroit River at an intake located off shore. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. At the water treatment plant, a variety of treatment processes occur. For example, water is settled and filtered for impurities, and chlorine is added to disinfect the water before it reaches your tap. Other

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chemicals are added that control contaminants such as lead and copper.

**Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

#### **Monitoring and Reporting to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Requirements:**

The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2023. We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at Wyandotte City Hall, 3200 Biddle Ave. or <https://www.wyan.org/water>

#### **Community Participation**

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. The Wyandotte Municipal Services Commission meets in a regular session every two weeks at Wyandotte City Hall, 3200 Biddle Avenue, at 5:00pm. The Commission meeting schedule can be found at [https://www.wyan.org/wms\\_commission](https://www.wyan.org/wms_commission). Commission meetings are open to the public and are broadcast on the Municipal Services ConneX Television system for the convenience of local residents. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Water Superintendent, Justin Ptak at 734-324-7142 or visit our website at <https://www.wyan.org/water>. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. EPA at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater>.

#### **Calls From Our Customers**

The Customer Assistance Center helps customers understand billing questions. Also, they transmit trouble

reports out to various departments immediately and are the link between customers and field servicemen. For assistance, please call (734) 324-7190.

#### **Rusty Water**

Rust comes from the inside of the piping system that delivers water to your house. Normally, water flows to your house undisturbed. Sometimes, main breaks, or hydrants that are opened for a fire or to flow a hydrant for a system problem can cause the flow to increase or to reverse and possibly disturb the rust in the pipes.

**NORMALLY RUSTY WATER EVENTS DISSIPATE IN 4-6 HOURS BUT COULD LAST LONGER DEPENDING ON AREA WATER USAGE.** The easiest way to quickly get rid of the rust is to run cold water in your bathtub or flush your toilet until the water runs clear.

##### **DO NOT USE HOT WATER.**

Rusty water can get into your water heater and it can take longer to get the rust to clear out of your plumbing.

##### **DO NOT WASH LAUNDRY.**

Clothing washed in rusty water can become stained. If this occurs, it is important to NOT dry the clothing. Instead, leave the wet clothing in the washer and apply an iron removal product as soon as possible to prevent the iron stain from setting. Please follow the manufacturer's instructions. It is important to note that when rusty water is experienced it is normally not a health concern but one of aesthetic quality.


#### **Quality Assurance**

Our plant operators perform 170 tests or more per day. Tests are done on both our source water, the Detroit River, and our finished water before it goes out to our customers. In addition, our operators who live in Wyandotte bring in samples from their homes to test and make sure that the water in the system complies with regulations.

Tests include:

- Chlorine residual – a disinfectant to remove pathogens
- Fluoride – a chemical to help dental health
- Hardness – measures dissolved minerals
- Phosphates – a chemical that helps pipe integrity
- Ph – measures the acidity of the water
- Alum – helps to remove suspended solids
- Turbidity – measures suspended solids
- Bacteria – e coli, an indicator organism that can prove the presence of other bacteria

In addition to the above testing, our operators each perform "unknown sample" quality assurance / quality control testing during the year to ensure that the methodology we are using results in proper and repeatable outcomes. The laboratory equipment is checked on a daily basis and calibrated monthly. As needed, manufacturers perform full and traceable calibration on their equipment.



Our laboratory is certified by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), and is inspected every three (3) years by the EGLE. Personnel are certified and attend classes run by or accredited by the EGLE, which allows them to maintain and improve their certification.

### **Important Health Information**

Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants may be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The U.S. EPA/CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791 or <http://water.epa.gov/drink/hotline>

### **Substances That Could Be In Water**

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

### **Lead in Home Plumbing**

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Infants and children who drink water containing lead could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and in-home plumbing. The Wyandotte Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you have a lead service line, it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service

line. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791, or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

### **Lead Service Lines**

Based on our current distribution system inventory, we have 669 lead water service lines out of a total of 10,512 water service lines.

### **UCMR5**

We participated in the 5th stage of the U.S. EPA's Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR5) program by performing additional tests on our drinking water. UCMR5 sampling benefits the environment and public health by providing the U.S. EPA with data on the occurrence of contaminants suspected to be in the drinking water, in order to determine if U.S. EPA needs to introduce new regulatory standards to improve drinking water quality. Unregulated contaminant monitoring data are available to the public so please feel free to contact us if you are interested in obtaining that information. If you would like more information on the U.S. EPA's Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Rule, please call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

### **Source Water Assessment**

Your water comes from the Detroit River situated between Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie with several watersheds within the U.S. and Canada.. The State performed an assessment of our source water to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our source was determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, our filtration plant has historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards. If you would like to know more about this report, please contact: Justin Ptak, Wyandotte Municipal Services, 3200 Biddle Avenue, 734-324-7142, [jptak@wyandottemi.gov](mailto:jptak@wyandottemi.gov), [www.wyan.org](http://www.wyan.org)

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## Regulated Substances

Substance (Unit of Measure)	Year Sampled	MCL (MRDL)	MCLG (MRDLG)	Amount Detected	RANGE Low-High	Violation	Typical Source
Barium (ppm)	2020	2	2	0.01	NA	NA	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine (ppm)	2023	(4)	(4)	1.10	0.99 - 1.24	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Fluoride (ppm)	2023	4	4	ND	NA	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (ppm)	2023	10	10	0.27	NA	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	2023	60	NA	13.4	7.9 - 17.0	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	2023	80	NA	20.8	11.0 - 38.0	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOC (ppm)	2023	TT	NA	2.00	1.80 - 2.00	No	Soil Runoff
Turbidity (NTU)	2023	TT	NA	0.07	.02 - .07	No	Soil Runoff
Turbidity (Lowest monthly percent of samples meeting limit)	2023	TT=95% of samples < 0.3 NTU	NA	100	NA	No	Soil Runoff

## Secondary Substances

Substance (Unit of Measure)	Year Sampled	SMCL	MCLG	Amount Detected	RANGE Low-High	Violation	Typical Source
Chloride (ppm)	2021	250	NA	13	NA	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits

## Unregulated Substances

Substance (Unit of Measure)	Year Sampled	Amount Detected	RANGE Low-High	Typical Source
Sodium (ppm)	2023	8.1	NA	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate (ppm)	2021	30	NA	Erosion of natural deposits
Manganese (ppb)	2019	0.728	ND - .728	Erosion of natural deposits and corrosion of iron pipes
HAA5 (ppb)	2019	21.727	13.915 - 21.727	By-product of drinking water disinfection
HAA6Br (ppb)	2019	8.798	7.393 - 8.798	By-product of drinking water disinfection
HAA9 (ppb)	2019	29.296	20.136 - 29.296	By-product of drinking water disinfection

## Lead & Copper

Substance (Unit of Measure)	Year Sampled	AL	MCLG	Amount Detected (90th %tile)	Sites Above AL/ Total Sites	Violation	Range of Results	Typical Source
Copper (ppm)	2023	1.3	1.3	0.1	0/30	No	0.0 - 0.4	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead (ppb)	2023	15	0	8	0/30	No	0 - 13	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits

### DEFINITIONS

**AL (Action Limit):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking

water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**N/A:** Not applicable

**ND (Not detected):** Indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

**NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units):** Measurement of the clarity, or turbidity, of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

**ppb (parts per billion):** One part substance per billion parts water (or micrograms per liter).

**ppm (parts per million):** One part substance per million parts water (or milligrams per liter).

**SMCL (Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level):** SMCLs are established to regulate the aesthetics of drinking water like taste and odor.

**TT (Treatment Technique):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**90th %tile:** The levels reported for lead and copper represent the 90th percentile of the total number of sites tested. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of our lead and copper detections.

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**L**OCAL Marketing Pro, LLC is an SBA-certified, service-disabled, veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) doing business as Shop Local Refer Local. The company is located at 2232 Eureka Road in Wyandotte.

Tracy G.J. Congdon, a U.S. Army Veteran, leads Local Marketing Pro, LLC as the president, with Vice President Edward Miller. Their unique mission is to level the playing field for local businesses, providing a specialized business directory that isn't monopolized by larger corporations with deeper pockets.



Tracy G.J. Congdon

To achieve this, they utilize funds from paid advertisers as well as their own resources for SEO, geofencing, direct mail, and other grassroots marketing techniques. They target specific niches and engage the Downriver communities to support local businesses by shopping locally.

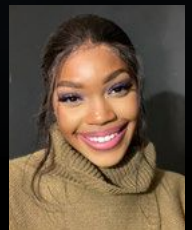
Edward Miller also owns Xtended Voice Services, a Detroit, MI-based B2B phone carrier and internet company whose capabilities are employed in tracking marketing efforts through their available analytics.

Local Marketing Pro, LLC is experiencing a period of rapid growth. They are bolstering their team with key positions, including web developer Ken Brown, Administrative Director Melissa Skardoutos and the head of their video/podcast division, Jasmine "Jazz"

Stackhouse, a journalism graduate from Rutgers University. Podcasts will be uploaded to Local Marketing Pro's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@ShopLocalReferLocal>.



Melissa Skardoutos



Jasmine Stackhouse

The company is also scaling up its sales force and in-house appointment setters, extending their expertise to other businesses with similar needs.

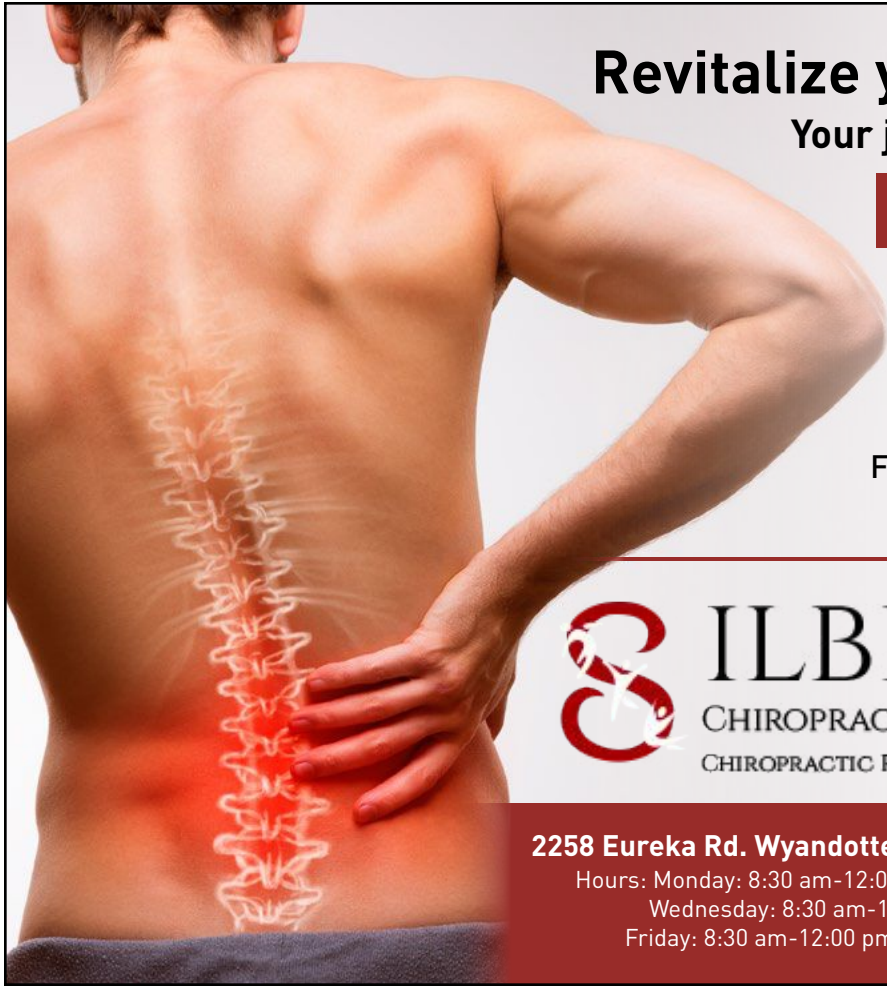
Shop Local Refer Local has been recognized as a bronze-level veteran-friendly employer by the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency.

They also offer business-benefiting solutions, such as business capital with less strict requirements, which can be found at the bottom of their website through their partnership with Milford, MI-based David Allen Capital, Inc.

At the core of Local Marketing Pro, LLC's mission is a deep-rooted commitment to building a strong community. They bring local businesses and residents together, all while showing unwavering support for veterans and first responders.

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# SUMMER WELLNESS

## Live better this warm-weather season with these tips By Kelsi Klein

**L**IFE feels easier in the summer. It's easier to get out of bed in the morning when you're not shivering under the covers, it's easier to go for a walk when the sidewalks aren't covered in ice and it's easier to find things to do when you're not in the midst of a constant freeze warning. Use the warm weather as an opportunity to check off some goals and live better this summer.

### Get moving

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends at least 150 minutes of aerobic physical activity per week. Spread out over a week, that's only a little more than 20 minutes a day.

It's easy to incorporate daily physical activity, especially in the summer. Make a point to go for a bike ride, walk the dog, or take a stroll through a local park or trail. The CDC says that in addition to long-term benefits from physical activity, like preventing chronic diseases, you can also reap short-term benefits from moving like improving sleep quality, lowering blood pressure and reducing anxiety.

### Stay protected in the sun

While the sun is always welcome in Michigan and it brings a dose of Vitamin D, staying safe from both the UV rays and the heat is an important summer standard.

Protect your skin from the dangers of sunburn and skin cancer by applying a broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least 15 SPF when you go outside, wear clothing, sunglasses and hats that block the sun and utilize shade. The UV index is highest from late morning to mid-afternoon, so be sure to protect your skin, even when it looks cloudy or overcast.

Heat exhaustion, heat stroke and dehydration are other dangers that can sneak up on you when you least expect it. Be sure to check the temperature and be aware of any heat advisories, stay hydrated with lots of water and electrolytes and keep cool. Be sure to listen to your body and take a break when you need to.

### Eat well

Luckily, summertime means that many fruits and vegetables are in season. Michigan produce is not only beneficial for your body but it also tastes great. Visit your local farmers market and challenge yourself to try new foods or recipes utilizing the ingredients you find.

### Practice self-care

Make the most of the summer and set time aside for yourself each day to reflect on and refresh your lifestyle in whatever way works for you.

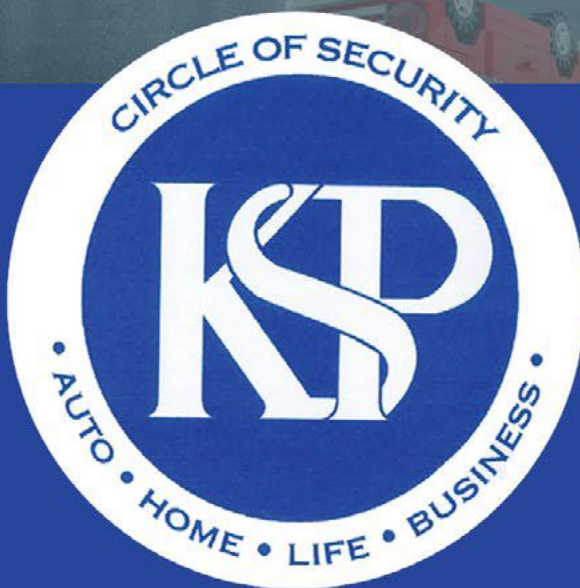
Get some fresh air and spend time outside. Pick up a new hobby or something that brings you joy. Maybe you want to learn a sport or start a garden. Maybe self-care looks like spending quality time with loved ones or even taking an hour to yourself each night bingeing a TV show or reading a book. Consider journaling, yoga, kickboxing or another avenue of stress release.

Challenge yourself to bring your new health and wellness goals into the fall and document the effects living well has on both your mind and body.





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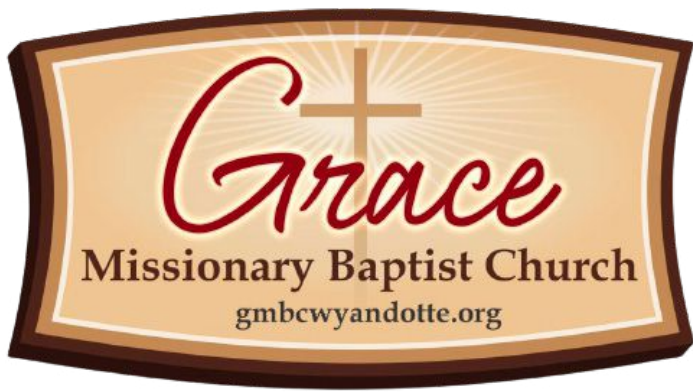
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**July 10-13**

#### Wyandotte Street Art Fair

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### AUGUST

**August 17**

#### 20th Annual Wyandotte Wine Crawl

6-11 p.m.

Downtown Wyandotte

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**August 24**

#### Wyandotte Stars Home Classic

1 p.m.

Memorial Field

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*Come support Wyandotte's vintage baseball team in the 2024 Home Classic. For more information, visit the Wyandotte Museums Facebook page.*

### SEPTEMBER

**September 13-15**

#### Fall Citywide Garage Sale

*Save the dates to participate in the citywide garage sale. For more information, visit [www.wyandotte.net](http://www.wyandotte.net).*



**September 20**

#### Wyandotte Beer Festival

6 p.m.-12 a.m.

Downtown Wyandotte – Riverfront Parking Lot

*Downriver's biggest beer festival will feature samples of craft beer from Michigan and around the country. In addition to beer, there will be live music and entertainment, food, vendors and games for all. For more information, visit [www.wyandottebeerfest.com](http://www.wyandottebeerfest.com).*

**September 26-29**

#### Fire and Flannel Festival

Thursday: 5-10 p.m., Friday: 5-11 p.m., Saturday: 10 a.m.-11 p.m., Sunday: 12-6 p.m.

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*This event is fun for the whole family with lumberjack shows, a carnival, axe throwing, fire performers, glass blowing, live chainsaw carvings, fire pits with s'more making, food, vendors and more. Everyone is encouraged to wear flannel. For more information, visit the Fire & Flannel Festival Facebook page. [www.360eventproductions.com](http://www.360eventproductions.com)*

### OCTOBER

**October 7**

#### Tacos, Hops & Tequila Festival

3-8 p.m.

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**October 11-12**

#### Historic Cemetery Walk

Wyandotte Museums

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**October 18**

#### Hallowe'en Open House

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**October 28**

#### '80s vs '90s Halloween Party and Pub Crawl

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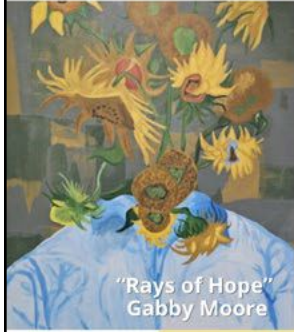
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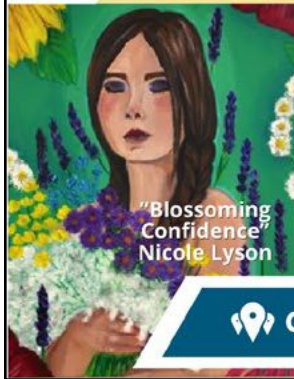
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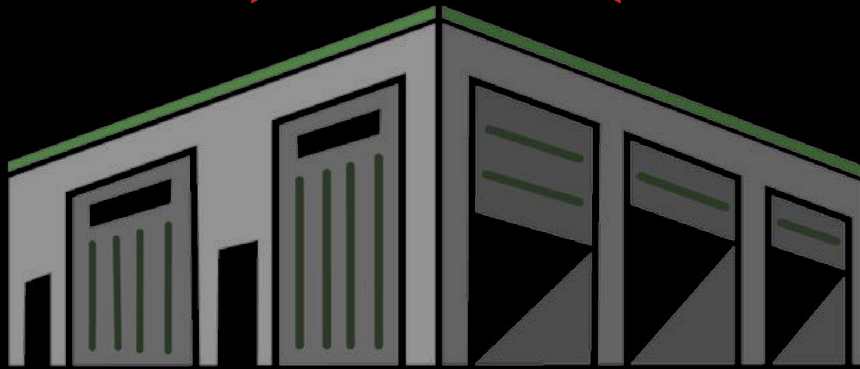
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