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From the MAYOR

DEAR Wyandotte,

As springtime brings blooming flowers, it also brings a booming Downtown Wyandotte, where residents and visitors come to enjoy great events, shops, and eateries.

This edition of *Wyandotte Today* will feature some of our fabulous restaurants and stores. There is no shortage of places to eat, drink, and shop in Wyandotte. Also, please make sure you mark your calendar for all the wonderful events coming up, such as the Cinco Block Party & Pub Crawl on May 7, the Bark on Biddle June 3-5, Skip Clack's Fishing Derby on June 4, the four-day Swiggin' Pig BBQ starting on June 9, the Independence Day Parade, and of course, the Wyandotte Street Art Fair July 13 through the 16.



Spring is also a great time to remind residents that keeping Wyandotte beautiful begins in your own backyard. The city's property maintenance code requires properties be kept free of weeds, rubbish, debris, junk and no parking of vehicles or trailers on non-parking areas. Residents are asked to review their property and abutting alley right of way and actively remove anything that could become subject to a notice or possible citation.

Speaking of keeping Wyandotte beautiful, I would like to acknowledge and give thanks to the Wyandotte Beautification Commission, which is primarily responsible for landscaping the downtown district as well as maintaining the Wyandotte Community Garden.

Lastly, let's not forget about our very own Maggie Molnar, who does the watering of all our beautiful downtown flowers. If you see her around town, give her a friendly wave!

I hope to see you all out and about this spring.
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● Give Back at Bacon

We continue to collect new toiletry donations for toiletry bags that will be available for free to any patron who needs them. Examples (all must be new): toothpaste, tooth brushes, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, women's sanitary products, etc.

● Catch Peter Rabbit! Scavenger Hunt

Peter Rabbit keeps nibbling on our library books! Help us find him so we can put him outdoors. Rabbits should eat carrots, not books! Locate Peter and bring him to the front desk for a small prize.



● Adult Monthly Kits to Go available in the library

Grab one of our ready-to-go kits! Nothing to return! Check back frequently to see what's new. Don't want to make a mess at home? Check out our Makerspace room.

● Book Sale

The Friends of Bacon Library offer an ever-changing selection of books and other media for sale in the main part of the library.

● Bacon True Crime Book Club – April 23 at 10:30 a.m.

This month we will be reading *Maniac: The Bath School Disaster* by Harold Schechter.



● Al Turner Drop-In

Chess is every Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Kids and adults of all ages can meet challenging new players every Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

● Book & Craft Kit: AMAZING ANIMALS!

Pickup began Saturday, April 9

Reserve the new monthly craft and book kit. Each kit includes a themed craft(s) with one book. You will check out your themed book at the time of pickup. The craft(s) is yours to keep and the book will be checked out to you for the regular three-week period.

This month's theme is Amazing Animals! Registration Required.



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● Go Back In Time: Book Swag Bag pick up begins April 16

Each Book Swag Bag will contain one library book related to the monthly theme and a few treats or a craft to go along with the theme. Check out the book, keep the themed swag/treats then return the library book! April's Theme is "Go back In Time: Historical Fiction". Book Swag Bags are available in four age groups: Upper Elementary (4-5th Grade), Middle School, High School, and Adult. Registration is required.

● Friends of the Library Meeting is April 25 at 7:00 p.m.

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Time to Clear Up the Confusion About Estate Planning

The following definitions lack legal precision, but makes it easier to get a clear picture of what may be needed in your case.

Will – Letter of intent of where you want your personal property to go – or not go.

Living Will – Documents your wishes during your final days including final healthcare choices and possibly your burial wishes.

Trust – This is a "company" that you start, and you become the CEO, "Trustee" and "Settlor." The company outlives you, but continues to manage your assets as if you were alive by the successor CEO – whom you designate.

Power of Attorney – Financial and Healthcare – you need both – the first so someone can pay your bills, the second, sometimes called a Patient Advocate, designates someone to make "hallway at the hospital" decisions to take the stress off the family.

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Again, this is just a general description of the more popular terms – no one choice is a "silver bullet" but depending on how your estate gets planned out you can expedite a clean and clear process for the assets you worked a lifetime to save. Why wouldn't you want to do that? Stop by or call and make an appointment and I'll tell you what your going to need to do this right.

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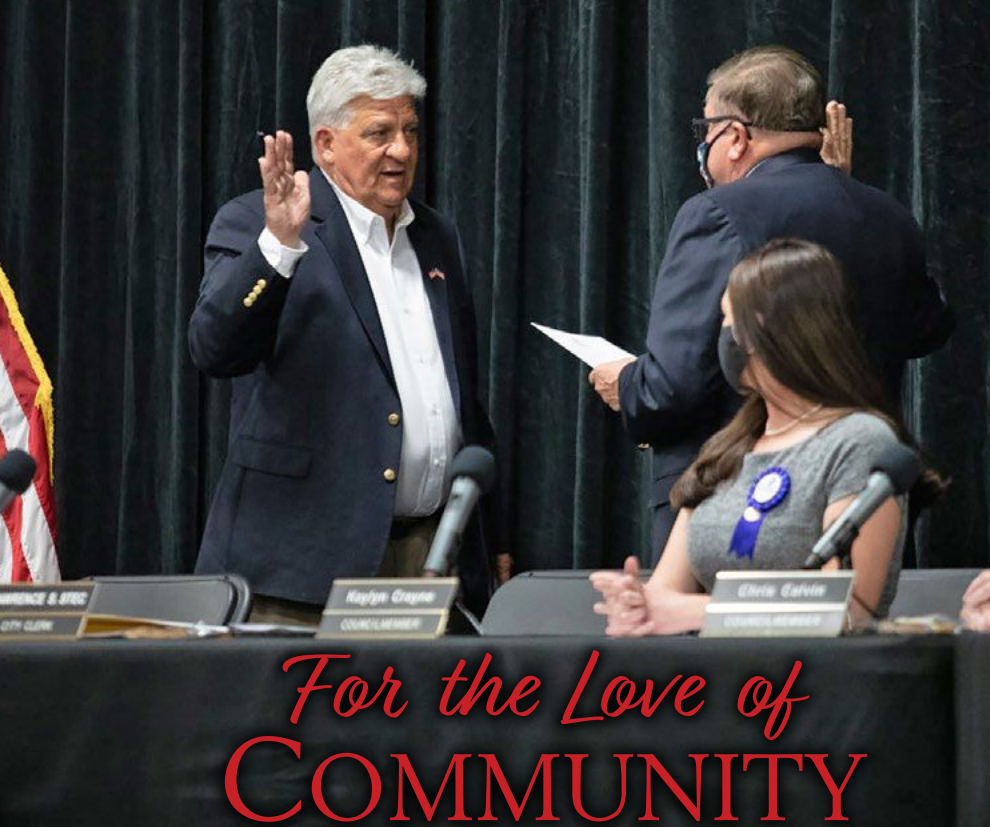
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For the Love of COMMUNITY

Mayor DeSana describes term goals, hopes for future of city

By Kelsi Klein

RUNNING for mayor was never really in his plans but after stepping in for late Mayor Joseph Peterson, who passed away while in office, former mayor pro tempore Robert DeSana decided it was a job he could maintain.

A lifelong Wyandotte resident, DeSana served as a member of the city council from 1985-1991 and was elected again in 2017. He took over the duties of the mayor in 2020 and was officially elected to the position in 2021. DeSana also served on the Wyandotte Charter Revision Committee and was a commissioner on the Recreation Commission.

"To be honest, I wouldn't have done it if it wasn't for the great support staff and department heads," DeSana said. "Everybody works together for the best interest of Wyandotte."

DeSana has always been active in the community. He supports Wyandotte Public Schools by giving \$2,000 of his salary to its robotics program. He was also the president of the Wyandotte Athletic Association; vice president of the Wyandotte Jaycees; and a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Knights of Columbus, Polish Roman Catholic Union, Hall of Fame Committee, North Shore Club and St. Vincent Pallotti. He spent many years coaching softball and basketball and considers coaching one of his passions. Now, he's an avid pickleball player.

While DeSana has no aspirations of going beyond city government, he does have goals he'd like to see accomplished during his term and in the future. Huge infrastructure improvements are in the works for downtown that include improving alleys, dumpster enclosures, parking lots and new bike paths connecting Ecorse to Trenton.

Additionally, DeSana has been working continually with the City of Riverview and the office of Congresswoman Debbie Dingell in hopes of developing the Arkema property, which has been sitting vacant for over 30 years on the river. The Environmental Protection Agency has started some clean up with the end goal of turning it into a developed property with access to the water.

DeSana is also working on extending the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) Act district timeline. The TIFA Act allows a portion of the city's tax dollars to remain within the city to help fund redevelopment projects within the TIFA district instead of paying those taxes to the county and other government agencies. Wyandotte extended the timeline in 2003 and it's due to expire in 2034. DeSana is looking to extend it to 2054 to improve the future of the city.

"TIFA is not a tax increase, you're still paying the same taxes and the money can only be spent within the TIFA district, which is 15th Street and everything east," he said. "If a city doesn't have projects, you don't have a city."

TIFA and the DDA bring in about two million dollars a year that is kept within the city and used for buying and replacing old homes; splitting lots or making them big enough to build new homes; consolidating lots;



improving roads, sewers, water mains and more. DeSana believes that these advancements – in addition to the continual enforcement of codes and ordinances to combat things like weeds and rodents – and renovations and improvements to Wyandotte buildings will make the city a better place.

"As mayor, you can't please everybody, but you just keep trying to do what's best for the future of Wyandotte," DeSana said.

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Where Should We Go?

Consider these factors when deciding on where to eat

By Kelsi Klein

F there were restaurants called "I Don't Know," "I Don't Care" or "You Pick" they'd probably be some of the busiest in town. Why is it so hard to pick where you want to go for dinner?

In this day and age, your brain is overwhelmed by so many options to choose from. There are restaurants everywhere and pretty much every food you could desire is just a car ride or delivery service away.

In order to make the decision easier, it's important to plan around a main idea. Are you in the mood for Mexican food, a really good steak or handcrafted cocktails? Do you want to eat at a casual diner or somewhere you can get dressed up? Do you want to try someplace new or go to the same place you find yourself every Friday?

This is a very serious predicament, but having some basic guidelines to follow will help make it easier for all parties involved so you don't end up being undecided and settling for fast food at 8 p.m. – unless you want it, of course.

Location. How far are you willing to drive? Consider restaurants with a nice view of the water or with ample parking. Downtown Wyandotte has plenty of options within walking distance of city parking lots.

Ambience. Whether it's a first date or grandma's birthday party with family, different occasions call for different venues with unique ambience. A restaurant with candle-lit dinner service might not be the ideal location for a work meeting with your boss. Some restaurants evoke nostalgia, like Joe's Hamburgers. Others might make you feel a little fancy, like The Vault. Ambience matters.

Price. You might go to some restaurants

strictly for special occasions, like birthdays or anniversaries. When picking a restaurant for a random weeknight meal, it's important to decide whether you have a budget to stick to or if you'd like to treat yourself. If you're looking for a restaurant that gives you the most bang for your buck, consider restaurants that offer family-style meals.

Service. Good service can make or break a restaurant experience. Sometimes it's worth visiting a place solely due to the service. When employees make their customers feel like valued guests, it's easy to make new regulars. Alternatively, it's



never a good feeling to give a restaurant another chance after having a bad experience, just to have another bad experience.

Hygiene. Have you ever been to a restaurant and their bathroom was a mess? A restaurant's lack of cleanliness can be a deal breaker no matter how good their food is. If their bathroom is dirty, who's to say that their kitchen is clean?

If you're still stuck on where to go, narrow your options down to two and flip a coin. Either your decision will make itself and you'll go with what the coin lands on or you'll subconsciously pick a completely different restaurant to satisfy your dinner needs.

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Dining Etiquette

How to be an excellent restaurant patron

By Kelsi Klein

WHEN going out to eat, there are certain standards diners expect restaurants to uphold. Good food, good service and a clean restaurant are some of the musts.

In a world that is short-staffed, especially in the service industry, a little kindness can go a long way. Restaurant employees are real people with real feelings, and just like anyone else, are affected by how they are treated.

Be polite. One of the simplest ways to make your server's day is to just use the words "please" and "thank you." It may come as a surprise how many guests forgo basic manners while dining.

You might be familiar with the spiel hosts or servers give you on the way to your table or when you sit down, "Have you been here before? We're known for our (insert notable quality here)". Be a good customer by letting them finish their short speech before interrupting them with your drink order, no matter how thirsty you are.

Be patient. Sometimes you might need something and the front or back of house (or both) might be "in the weeds" – a term restaurant workers use to indicate they are extremely busy. Your server did not intentionally forget your refill or your side of ranch.

"What makes a good customer, especially at the bar, is someone who has an understanding that you're human and you only have two hands," said Blayd Weedon, a former restaurant staffer at Captain's (126 Oak Street). "You might make mistakes and that's okay."

Speak up. Servers genuinely want your meal and entire dining experience to run smoothly – it is how they make their living, after all. If your meal doesn't come out how you expected, tell your server immediately rather

than saving your complaints until the end or posting a negative review online.

Reviews are a big deal for restaurants. A lot of people use them to determine whether or not they'll try an eatery. If disgruntled customers post bad reviews regarding something that the restaurant would've gladly fixed for them if they had known about it, it could cause collateral damage to their business. Communication is key.

Be aware. Servers want you to enjoy your time when you go out to eat. Whether it's catching up with friends enjoying a birthday dinner, the restaurant's main goal is to make sure you enjoy your meal from start to finish.

One way to be a good customer is to be aware that there are other customers waiting to enjoy their own meal. It might not always be the best idea to sit and talk for hours in a busy restaurant after you've finished eating. Compensating your server for taking up the extra time that could've been used to turn another table with a generous tip is always appreciated.

"A good customer is someone who understands that we're all humans trying to get by," said Trinity Whaley, a bartender at Grand Dad's Bar (132 Sycamore Street). "Compassion and kindness are some things we've noticeably lost since the pandemic, and I think that if people are mindful of that, the restaurant experience can be more enjoyable."

In a world where you can be anything, being a good customer is easy, and it's a win-win for all.



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A MATCH MADE in Heaven

Elevate your meals with a perfectly paired drink

By Kelsi Klein

WHEN it comes to a good meal, a perfectly paired beverage can elevate your entire experience. Learning flavor profiles, complementary ingredients and what works well together can completely change the way you eat.

There are some basic combinations that just make sense, like an ice-cold Corona with a lime paired with street tacos from a local taco stand, or a Coke with crushed ice that you may crave with a burger. Food and drink pairings stem from the four basic tastes: sweet, sour, salty and bitter.



Red wine. One of the most common food and drink pairings is red wine and beef. Red wines, like cabernet sauvignon, have high acidity and molecules called tannins that soften the fat in meat, releasing more flavor. The fat in the meat also tones down the wine's astringency, bringing out more of the wine's fruity flavors.

The Vault's Executive Chef Jeff Czenkusch recommends pairing a glass of their Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon with their Tomahawk Ribeye. The bright fruit, firm structure and balanced acidity pairs well with the 35-day dry aged, cold-smoked, 28-ounce ribeye.

Rosé. Most people don't think of pairing wine with salad, but a salad, especially one with fruit in it, goes perfectly with rosé due to its fruity character and crispness with a dry finish. Try The Vault's Beet & Burrata appetizer, which contains roasted beets, burrata, pistachio, arugula, radish and orange segments, with a glass of their Fleurs de Prairie Rosé. The wine also pairs well with grilled meats, soft cheeses and charcuterie.

White wine. Light dishes like shellfish or a grilled chicken dish with a savory cream sauce pairs perfectly with chardonnay. Rich, buttery flavors pair best with this wine. Try to avoid anything acidic or spicy. The Vault's Halibut Sitka is a perfect match for their Migration by Duckhorn Chardonnay.



Beer. Light lagers and wheat beers pair best with spicy foods, burgers and salads. Amber ales go good with pizza and fried food. Dark lagers with hearty meals like stews and stouts, and porters are a good match for desserts.

Wyandotte Beer Co. recommends trying their Say Wha? Saison, which shares similar notes with a mild chardonnay, or their Gold Star Golden Age beer with their fish fry specials.

Non-alcoholic. Food pairings mainly focus on wine, but there are plenty of alcohol-free alternatives that pair just as well. Sparkling water like LaCroix or San Pellegrino

balances pasta dishes or seafood. Ginger ale goes well with spicy dishes like Indian or Chinese cuisine. Iced tea pairs well with steak, because like red wine, tea contains tannins that soften the fat in meat.

As a rule, food and drink pairings are often seasonal. Try pairing hearty meals with warm drinks in the winter or enjoy a standalone hot chocolate or Irish coffee. As summertime is approaching, it's almost time to pair carnival foods with a hand-squeezed lemonade or enjoy a refreshing lager with burgers on the grill.





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Don't Waste Food!

How to best reheat common leftovers (without them being rubbery, soggy or dry)

By Kelsi Klein

EVERYONE knows that reheating french fries in the microwave is one of the most unpalatable methods known to man, so what do you do when you don't want the best fries you've ever had to go to waste but you're too full to finish them?

Behold, the air fryer. We've all heard of it, and those who have purchased one know it's a lifesaver when it comes to reheating food. Air fryers work by a rapidly circulating hot air with a fan. Convection causes food reheated in an air fryer to get crispy without the need for oil. It's an ideal appliance for not only cooking a variety of foods but specifically for reheating fried foods like mozzarella sticks, potatoes, chicken tenders, fried fish, pizza and much more.



When it comes to foods like steak, prime rib or chicken, there's nothing worse than reheating your meal, only for it to be dry. It is best to take the extra time and use the oven to keep your meat tender without sacrificing too much of its flavor. For chicken, a food that tends to dry out

quickly when reheated, cook it in a pan covered with aluminum foil to keep the moisture in. Reheat the meat at around 250 degrees until warm in the center.

And always save the au jus, sauce or gravy as it will improve the texture and taste of your leftovers and help the dish retain moisture.

Fish that isn't breaded can be cooked quickly in the

microwave at 20-30 second increments. Sprinkle water or oil on the fish before reheating it so it doesn't dry out and flip the fish over at least once to ensure it heats through.

Leftover vegetables are notorious for becoming soggy in the reheating process. To curb this, try placing them on a baking sheet and put them on the top rack of your oven for a few minutes using the broiler. Flip them halfway through. Broiling will make them warm and crispy rather than warm and mushy.

For pasta dishes, heating leftovers in a saucepan over medium heat, just until hot, is generally an easy and fast method. If a microwave is your only option, add a splash of water or cover the pasta in a damp paper towel so it doesn't dry out. Microwave in one-minute increments, stirring every minute.

For rice, add a tablespoon of water per cup and heat it in the microwave. Rice tends to get dry and sticky in the refrigerator so adding water will help steam it back up. If the rice is stuck together, break it up with a fork and also cover it with a wet paper towel before cooking for one or two minutes.

Always remember to put your leftovers into the fridge within two hours of finishing your meal and don't reheat them more than once. Bacteria grows rapidly between 40 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit, so it's important to store leftovers in the fridge in an airtight or covered container for best results.

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THE restaurant business has been one of the hardest-hit industries by the pandemic in the last few years. With Restaurant & Retail Week coming later this month, we thought it only fitting to highlight a few of the hard-working chefs who, along with their staffs, have continued to create mouth-watering dishes for the equally hard-working folks in Wyandotte and beyond.

So sit back, relax and get to know these five Wyandotte chefs – all of whom have interesting stories to tell.



Chef **ANGEL LOPEZ** Camino Real Mexican Grill

How did you get started in the industry?

We started selling street tacos out of a house.

What are some qualities you believe are necessary to be a good chef?

A love for food and the desire to serve others great flavors and quality foods.

Name a kitchen tool you can't live without:

A great knife and my griddle.

Name/describe your signature dish:

Our steak fajitas.





Chef DAVID WOOD

H2O Seafood

How did you get started in the industry?

My family has always gathered around food, wine, and beverage. There was a sense of happiness created around the dinner table when everyone was together. No matter how your day went, it was always on pause during that time. I always knew I could make this part of my everyday life. Making people smile is what drives me!

What are some qualities you believe are necessary to be a good chef?

Number one is building the team. I am nothing without my soldiers, they are extended family. Number two is communication – making sure everyone is on the same page with zero guessing. Number three is passion. If you don't do it for the love of the craft you won't make it. Number four is criticism. Nowadays, everyone watches Food Network. Number five is execution. Complete

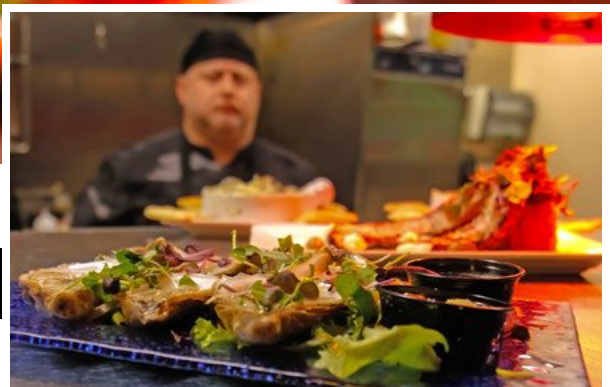
control of everything in the kitchen. And number six is attitude. It reflects through the whole house whether good or bad.

Name a kitchen tool you can't live without:

Cordless immersion blender or my mandolin.

Name/describe your signature dish:

Very hard to say, we do so many dishes people love. Our signature appetizer is siren scallops. We take pork belly and smoke it for six hours then toss it with house made raspberry rhubarb barbecue sauce. It is topped with blackened scallops. Our signature entree is Chilean sea bass. We make a crust with freeze-dried morel mushrooms, pan sear and finish with a champagne truffle sauce. We sell at least 40 pounds a week. We have a new dessert every week but the house favorite is key lime pie.



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Chef MARK POWIERSKI

The Iron Gate

How did you get started in the industry?

I started with the culinary arts program at RCHS. That program led to my first job working in hotels while still in high school.

What are some qualities you believe are necessary to be a good chef?

Continuous passion and humility. You need the ongoing passion in this industry to be successful. That is what drives the work ethic, inspires creativity and gratifies all the sacrificed time away from loved ones. I believe humility is necessary for a chef to continue to grow and learn. It is also important when managing a kitchen. It takes the entire team to operate a kitchen, not just a chef.

Name a kitchen tool you can't live without:

Vitamix blenders. They have always been the main workhorse in all my kitchens. From vinaigrettes to purees, I have never worked with anything else on the market that remotely compares to their blenders.

Name/describe your signature dish:

This is probably the question most chefs dread the most. I try not to limit myself to one particular dish to showcase my work. That being said, The Iron Gate has a few dishes that will most likely stay on the menu for good. I am particularly proud of our Pork & Ginger Dumps. We hard sear them on one side and then steam them. We serve them with a lavender vinaigrette and spicy chili oil.





Chef **ERNESTO MAGDALENO** Magdaleno Ristorante

How did you get started in the industry?

I, Ernesto Magdaleno Guzman, began my career in New York's Little Italy restaurant and that was the start of my chef career. I chose to work at the renowned Bacco's in Southfield and was there for eight years before I had saved enough funds to open my own kitchen. I launched my first restaurant in Lincoln Park, marking my entrance into the local scene.

When Michaelangelo's closed in 2013, I bought the restaurant. While not associated with Magdaleno Ristorante, Michaelangelo's provided the perfect ambiance for my food combined with a prime location in Wyandotte's downtown.

What are some qualities you believe are necessary to be a good chef?

One main quality necessary to be a good chef is passion. Having passion for what you do will always have great results. In cooking, passion plays a role in the quality of the food. It brings a lot of creativity and joy when it comes to preparing new entrees and simply just cooking for your customers.

Name a kitchen tool you can't live without:

A tool you cannot live without in the kitchen is the stove. Food cannot be cooked or even started without some sort of heat source. Usually when it comes to defining a kitchen the first item we think of is a stove. With that being said, a stove is a necessary kitchen tool to cook or simply keep a restaurant running because what is a restaurant without a stove?

Name/describe your signature dish:

My signature dish is the Cavatelli Fungi. The Cavatelli Fungi is a house made pasta tossed with wild mushroom ragu. The unique feature of this pasta is that everything is made from scratch, from the pasta to the sauce. The cavatelli pasta is made with fresh ricotta cheese and our homemade Demi-glace. The cavatelli is my most sold pasta followed by the Gemelli Norccina, which is the gemelli pasta with our house made Italian sausage, truffle oil and tomato cream sauce.



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Chef JEFF CZENKUSCH

The Vault

How did you get started in the industry?

It was a second career for me. I was in the automotive industry before making the switch over to culinary. I was just an aspiring home cook with a passion for food prior to making the move and decided I really wanted to hone in on this craft and do this for a living. It was a tough transition and a long journey to get to where I've gotten to today, but it's been an exciting, fun trip!

What are some qualities you believe are necessary to be a good chef?

I'm slightly OCD, and while I'm not saying that's necessary, it's worked well for me in the kitchen. Most good cooks and chefs I've worked with and learned from over the years have that characteristic.

A strong work ethic is a must, along with a willingness to keep learning and pushing yourself. A strong support system at home is also important – which I'm lucky enough to have – because going in you have to realize most of your nights, weekends and holidays will probably be spent at work. So finding that balance between work and home life is important. That's still a struggle for me at times. I have trouble walking away from the work but I'm getting better.

Part of the job is training and pushing your staff so you can walk away and have confidence in them, setting them up for success. Right now, I'm lucky enough to have a great staff, they've been a pleasure to work with!

Name a kitchen tool you can't live without:

My Miyabi chef's knife – it's never too far away. I'm a big fan of the Japanese steel. Also, without a doubt, my Kunz spoons! Ask anyone who's worked with me regarding my spoons and they'll more than likely have something to say about my obsession with them.

Name/describe your signature dish:

I wouldn't say it's our "signature dish" but I'm really liking this wild mushroom Bolognese we have on the menu right now. I did it so the vegetarian clientele would have an interesting, hearty entree option on the menu but really it's for anyone who enjoys a nice pasta dish. The mushrooms are done in a way to mimic the traditional meat in a Bolognese, we've had really good response to it.

For the clientele coming to The Vault looking to indulge, our 28 oz. Prime Tomahawk Ribeye is really something to try. We cold smoke it then char-grille to finish. I don't think anyone in the area is serving something like that.

"Signature dish" is really a tricky word though. For me it's all about the details in every dish. I think that's how we will set ourselves apart. Striving to make sure everything is seasoned correctly, all of our proteins are cooked properly, each plate is visually appealing – that's what it's more about for me. My goal is to have every diner believe what they've had that evening is our "signature dish", regardless of what that may be, because they've had such an exceptional dining experience.



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LUNCH - WYANDOTTE

Sub shop serves up history, amazing food, value

By Diane Gale Andreassi

DAN Martin loved the historic triangle flatiron style structure in the center of Wyandotte so much he bought it, even though he wasn't quite sure how it would be used.

The 175-square-foot iconic building sits on underground tunnels at 3050 Biddle Avenue in the plaza near the city's clocktower. It's now home to LUNCH - WYANDOTTE, serving Italian subs through a quaint walk-up window.

A unique offering

"Realizing it's the size of a food truck, I decided to open a classic Italian sub shop," said Martin, a Wyandotte resident. "We don't need another taco or ice cream place and I always liked Italian subs. By default I saw a need. I was also very thankful to find a use for such a small historic building that has always been a focal point of Wyandotte."

While many eateries were going under during the pandemic, Martin's business opened during it, on July 3, 2021. He got the name for the business after seeing a historic photo of a business called Wyandotte Lunch.

The menu features eight-inch Italian subs made with all-natural baked breads, cheeses, meats ranging from hard salami to mortadella, smoked ham, turkey, roast beef and capicola, lettuce, onions and tomatoes. Chicken salad, ham and Swiss, tuna fish and turkey and Swiss subs are also available.

Prices range from \$7-\$12. Soups are also available at only \$2. Drinks are \$1. Potato salad, coleslaw, salads and chips round out the offerings.

Decisions, decisions

Ordering a sub comes with three big decisions, Martin said. The first is deciding how many layers of meats and cheese you want. Then you need to choose



between the regular or spicy dressings. Finally, all the subs come with onions so if you don't want them you have to let them know.

"LUNCH - WYANDOTTE has been compared to the best Italian submarine sandwiches places and we should be,"

Martin said. "There are a lot of really good, small classic Italian sub shops around Metro Detroit and I encourage people to try them all, but I hope you find LUNCH - WYANDOTTE to be one of your favorites. We use the finest breads and finest meats. With very good prices, it's a good value."

Martin also likes to use and promote other local businesses, like Uncle Ray's chips, and he takes pride in introducing some kids to their first Faygo Rock & Rye.

"We have been fortunate to be well embraced by the community," Martin said.

Coming soon...

Martin is always inventing new ideas that incorporate his love for history. Next on Martin's agenda is a food truck that will serve subs from a rebuilt vintage 1978 GMC truck. Keeping with his commitment to use local goods and labor, the work on the vehicle is underway at a Wyandotte shop. It's patterned after the same motor home seen in the movie *Stripes*.

The new venture is called LUNCH SUB MOBILE, which will have a vinyl wrap to make it look like a submarine sandwich. Martin expects it to be up and running by spring or summer of 2022.

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Delicious Nostalgia Rules

Bob Jo's Frozen Custard prepares for 75th anniversary

By Trevor Rank

DOWNRIVER residents are probably familiar with the small white building on Fort Street in Wyandotte. The one with the blue-striped awning, and more often than not, a long line of people waiting for their turn to get a summer treat. Bob Jo's Frozen Custard is a true Downriver staple that will be celebrating its 75th year in business this spring.

Bob Jo's was established in 1947 and has been serving frozen treats to the Downriver community for generations. In 1987, the McGregor and Ricchiuti families bought the business. Now, owners Rob McGregor and Tony Ricchiuti are keeping the family business alive.

They specialize in frozen custard, which, in comparison to ice cream, is richer and creamier. They also offer frozen yogurt for those looking for a lighter alternative.

"From 5 years old to 90 years old, we love seeing the smiles on people's faces when they get their cones," McGregor said.

According to McGregor, the classic oldies and rock and roll music that plays through the speakers and the small-town nature of Bob Jo's cultivates the nostalgia that keeps people coming back year after year.

"We try to keep everything exactly the same because that's what people care about," he said.

Another factor that is sure to make a returning customer is the friendly service. McGregor describes them as "fast, efficient and polite".

"We don't cut corners," he said.

Their machines are meticulously cleaned on a regular basis, McGregor said.

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frozen custard that matches the consistency and quality of a Bob Jo's cone," he added.

For many Downriver residents, the spring season does not officially start until Bob Jo's opens and the summer doesn't end until Bob Jo's closes. This year, the frozen custard stand opens on April 8. The hours of operation will be from noon until 10 p.m. every day except for Easter Sunday, which is April 17 this year.

In addition to the typically busy year, to celebrate its 75th anniversary, Bob Jo's will be selling small cones for just 75 cents on June 18, and there are more surprises in store.

Like every season, Bob Jo's will feature a flavor of the week, and the customer favorite – toasted coconut – will be available three times this year: opening week, closing week and one week sometime in the middle of the year.

Other rotating flavors include pistachio, creamsicle and blue moon, which are in addition to the always available vanilla, chocolate and "twist", a mixture of both.

Its waffle cones, which were introduced last year and were a hit, will be back again this year as well.

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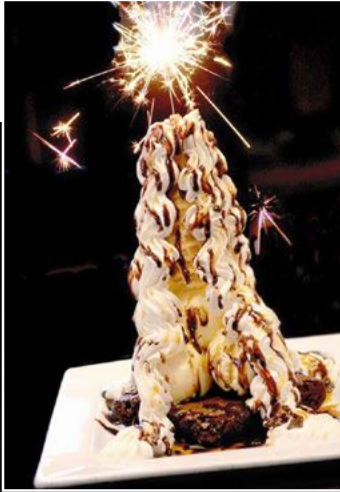
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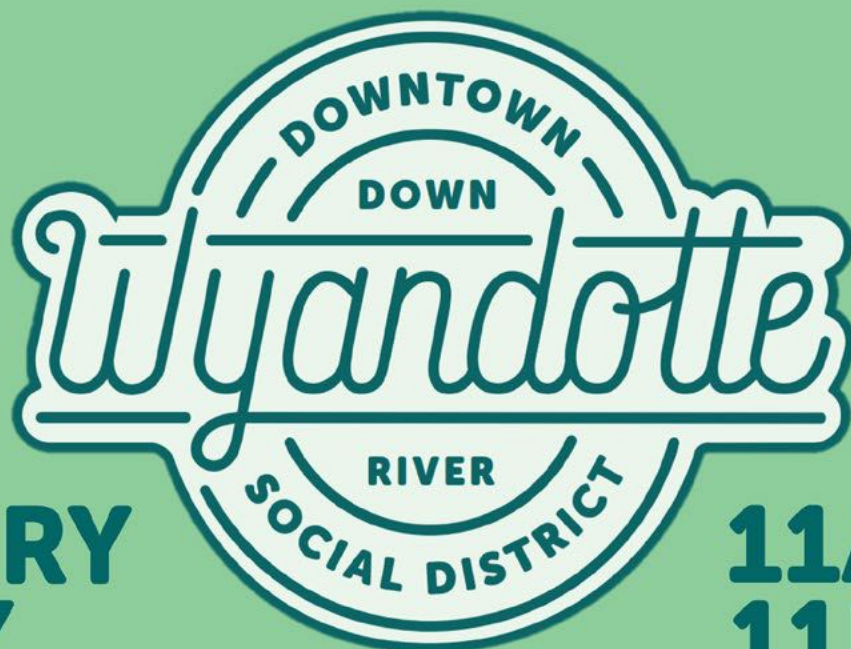
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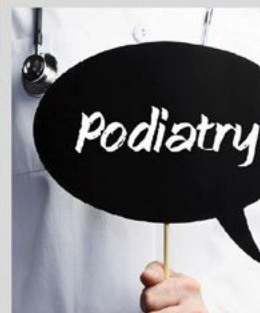
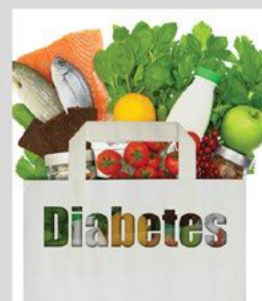
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PASSING THE CONE

Stroh's Ice Cream under new ownership, offering same excellent quality and taste

By Trevor Rank

WHEN people in the Downriver community think about ice cream, one of the first places that comes to mind is Stroh's Ice Cream Parlour in Wyandotte. A business that has been around for decades, this spot is known for both its generous portion sizes and unrivaled quality in taste.

With its successes, Stroh's has also stayed faithful to its roots of being a true family business. In 1992, the business was purchased by John and Julie Volante. Since September 2021, Stroh's has been in the hands of Kirsten Labadie, a longtime employee and close family friend of the Volantes.

"Owning a business is not easy by any means but ice cream is where I am happy," Labadie said.

For Labadie, it was both fate and experience that led her to becoming the owner of Stroh's. Her job offers her the best of both worlds – allowing her to put her experience from culinary school to good use while also being able to work with kids, much like her previous teaching career. She started working at Stroh's when she was 14 and has dreamed of being the owner ever since, although she never thought it would happen this quickly.

"I knew John and Julie were looking to step down in the near future but the pandemic sped up the process quite a bit," she said.

Like many other businesses throughout the country, the pandemic posed many new challenges for Stroh's. Labadie said that sales were abysmal for much of 2020 and it was a difficult time to start running a business. However, she was able to take advantage of the situation by refurbishing certain

aspects of the shop. Some of these updates included a new credit card reading system, updated website, revamped social media pages and curbside ordering.

"I'm trying to give things at Stroh's a millennial touch," Labadie said.

Despite the hardships brought on by the pandemic, Stroh's has persevered due to its excellent reputation among people in the area for quality ice cream and sweets.

Stroh's offers over 40 flavors of ice cream, most of which are made in house with toppings that are hand mixed. This process is laborious but yields excellent results. The shop offers common flavors like chocolate, vanilla, super rainbow and moose tracks but customers can also try unique flavors like PB&J and orange pineapple.

Stroh's menu also includes dairy-free items like Dole Whip, inspired by the frozen treat found in Disney World. Sundaes, shakes, malts and the cream puff sundae are also some of the most popular items.

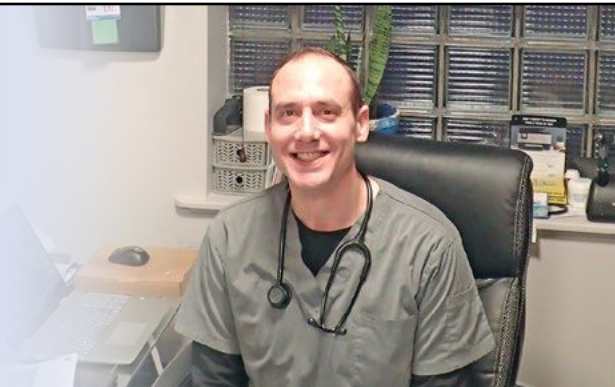
For many people in the Downriver area, it's hard to find an ice cream parlor that compares to Stroh's quality of flavor and portion sizes, Labadie said. As a testament to this, Labadie added she will not try an ice cream flavor

that her shop also serves when she visits other ice cream parlors, in fear that it will not stand up to the great taste of Stroh's.

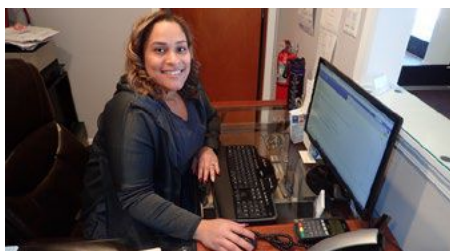
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SUPPORTING THE MOM AND POPS

Dash n Diners-Downriver spread kindness, aim to help local businesses

By Trevor Rank

"JUST some guys making the best out of troubled times" is the motto of the Dash n Diners-Downriver, a group of eight men who gather at a different Downriver restaurant twice a month to order food and hang out. The operation started two years ago when the COVID-19 lockdown was in full effect.

"We never had an intention of being recognized for what we do," said Chris Allen, the "Dasher" who writes the majority of the group's posts on its official Facebook page.

Since the group's inception, it has amassed nearly 1,500 followers on Facebook and the Dash n Diners have no intention of stopping. The group is made up of longtime friends who decided to make a difference during a particularly tough and uncertain time.

"Our primary interest is to support small businesses in the Downriver community," Allen said.

Providing financial support and sharing some of the delicious local cuisine the region has to offer are a few ways the group shows their support for businesses. The Dashers have also provided uplifting entertainment for people stuck inside during lockdown. Their overwhelming positivity is a breath of fresh air in a media landscape full of negativity.

What sets them apart from other "foodies" on social media is their overarching emphasis on spreading kindness in everyday interactions. Another tenet the Dash n Diners hold is their belief in the importance of mom-and-pop restaurants in the area.



Allen said they will not cover a chain restaurant on their Dash n Diners page. As a small business owner himself, Allen knows the struggle that COVID has brought to the places they visit and has made it a point to keep the focus on these local restaurants and not on the group itself.

The Dashers' Facebook page is full of Allen's descriptive articles showcasing different Downriver eateries combined with personal stories the Dash n Diners share. It's reminiscent of tableside chat had with friends over a meal, which is something that was sorely missed by many during the COVID pandemic.

After two years of intermittent shutdowns and different mandates being imposed during the multiple waves of COVID-19 and its variants, both restaurants and the social impact of dining out have been greatly affected.

The Dash n Diners make it a point to tip the restaurant wait staff generously and post about their experience on Facebook. This helps restaurants, giving them the social media exposure and spreading the word about what they have to offer.

As the group saw its following grow on Facebook, the Dashers decided to use their newfound popularity to help out some of the charities they hold dear. For example, this past Christmas the Dash n Diners invited their followers to drop off food and toys to Community Lutheran Church for its Helping Hands program.

The donated items helped local families that have been negatively affected by COVID. Allen stated that the group has plans to get involved with more charities in the future and will post updates on Facebook as to how the community can help get involved.

To follow along with the Dash n Diners' journey, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DashnDinersDownriverMichigan.





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The Y 170 Challenge offers many incentives to keep participants on track, including cash and other monthly prizes like gift cards for food, merchandise, Y gear and free YMCA memberships. The challenge runs from January 1 through September 18, and the finale will be a grand prize of \$1,852 to a winning participant. The \$1,852 commemorates the year the nonprofit organization was founded.

Get started

You must be at least 18 years old to participate, you don't need to be a YMCA member and there is no purchase necessary. Simply download the YMCA Detroit App on the App Store or Google Play to register. Each week, participants are challenged to exercise and log 170 minutes, or at least 600 minutes monthly.

All participants will receive a complimentary, seven-day guest pass for themselves or a friend to be used at any of the seven YMCAs in Metro Detroit.

By the end of February, there were 1,000-plus Y 170 Challenge participants and more than 549 days of exercise had already been entered.

"We decided we would celebrate the whole year," said Latitia McCree, YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit senior vice president of marketing and communications. "What's the best gift anyone can give to the Y? It's to help us create healthier communities. That starts with each person making a commitment to be healthier and be active. It's a good first step. We're encouraging people to move their bodies."

The minute goal markers follow guidelines from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which recommend adults exercise 150 to 300 minutes weekly to help prevent chronic diseases. They report the more active you are, the less likely you are to have chronic diseases. Also, people who do suffer from health issues have more strength to fight back.

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit was founded September 27, 1852, and YMCAs worldwide currently serve more than 64 million people in 120 countries. The



mission is to put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for people of all ages.



Just for you

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit has facilities in Detroit, Milford, Birmingham, Southgate, Farmington, Mount Clemens and Royal Oak. Hundreds of programs are offered at these and other locations, including the Plymouth Family YMCA, which operates out of the PARC-Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex; Metro Youth YMCA, Y Arts, and two YMCA camps in Oscoda and Holly.

"The Y is the leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community by empowering young people, improving the health and well-being of people of all ages and inspiring action in and across communities," according to the Y website ymcadetroit.org. "The Y welcomes everyone, which is why our programs, services and initiatives are so wide-ranging. We inspire kids to realize their potential, prepare teens for college and career, provide opportunities for families to bond and support people of all ages and backgrounds to be healthier in spirit, mind and body. And that's just the beginning."

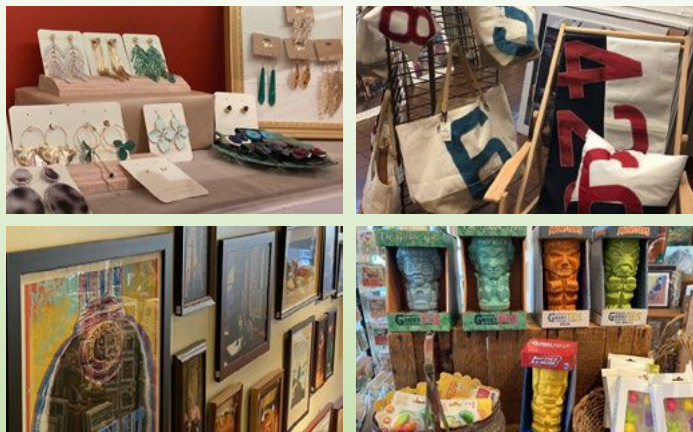
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The building will also bring several new retailers to the area, including a clothing store, a real estate company

and new bars and restaurants. In May, Jason and Amanda D'Herin, founders of The Waterfront Restaurant, will bring two new venues to the space.

Tacos N Tequila will be on the corner of Oak and Second and will feature a fresh, upscale twist to Mexican food and drinks. From tableside guacamole to the area's largest tequila selection and the best weekend brunch around, it promises not to disappoint. Tacos N Tequila's outdoor seating and open-air design is sure to be a hit this summer as well.

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"Despite not marketing the property much, we already have about 20 units leased," Verdun said.

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

The current, historically high, federal gift and estate tax exclusion amount of \$11.7 million per individual is slated to decrease. After 2025, the limit will automatically be reduced to \$5.0 million (inflation-adjusted), if not sooner or to a lesser amount via other legislative action. For individuals with large estates, a loss of approximately \$5.0 million in exclusion amount would result in additional estate tax liability of \$2.0 million.

For high-net-worth couples, significant tax-saving opportunities are available now, but these opportunities may not be available soon. The IRS issued final regulations confirming that individuals taking advantage of the increased gift and estate tax exclusion amounts in effect from 2018 to 2025 will not be adversely impacted if/when the exclusion amount is scheduled to drop to pre-2018 levels.

In particular, many individuals are gifting assets into Spousal Lifetime Access Trusts (SLATs) now as a means of "locking in" their lifetime gift tax exemption amount(s) and taking advantage of the current laws. By gifting up to \$11.7 million (\$23.4 million per married couple) into one or more SLATs now, the non-Grantor spouse will still be able to access these funds during life and such funds would pass to your ultimate beneficiary's estate tax-free at death, regardless of where the exclusion amount(s) and tax rates are ultimately set. In addition, all the growth from those assets within the SLAT will be removed from your estate, thereby allowing any subsequent growth to also pass estate tax-free.

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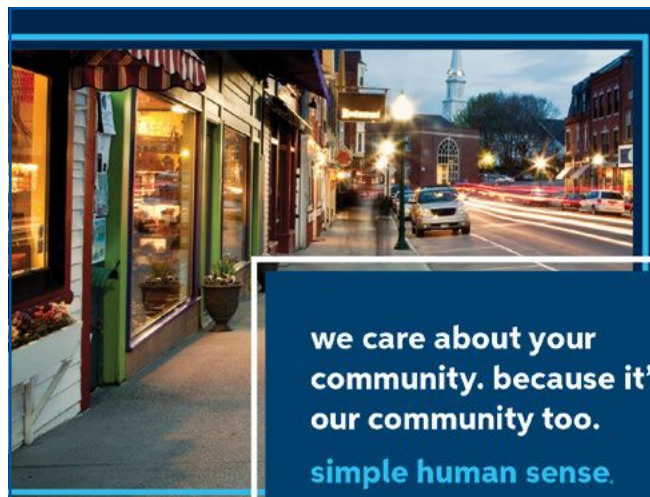
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A Bright Future

Swimmer a role model to others, plans for life after high school

By Terry Jacoby

JACK Vaduva is a really good swimmer. But what makes the Wyandotte junior so good in the water is a result of his approach out of the water – not to only swimming, but life. He is a special young man who doesn't just talk the talk but walks the walk – or in this case, swims the swim.

"Every time I see him, he asks me how I'm doing, and asks if I need anything," said Wyandotte Swimming Coach Stephanie Armiak. "He is genuine, sincere, and a role model to his teammates and other athletes in the Downriver area."

Armiak said her standout swimmer is "well-rounded" and "versatile".

"He can swim any event and often steps up and offers to fill a spot in an event if a teammate is unable to compete," she said. "He approaches practices and meets with a strong work ethic and a positive attitude."

Before we dive into his bright future or catch up to the present, let's backstroke to the beginning. Vaduva said he first discovered swimming in the sixth grade at Woodrow Wilson Middle School.

"I had seen posters promoting the team and at that time I thought the swim team was more of a fun, relaxing hang out. To my surprise it was not," he said. "Though

the sport was not what I expected it to be, I stuck through the season and began to grow my love for the sport as well as my team. I had always been competitive and this was my first outlet to channel my energy into something productive."

Vaduva started swimming for the Wyandotte Wildcats in 2016. In 2019, the Wildcats joined USA Swim, an organization that hosts large meets around the state and country and is more individual based.

"I still swim for the Wyandotte Wildcats and plan on continuing my membership with the program," he said.

Vaduva said swimming in high school has been a "rollercoaster".

"The transition from middle school swim to a high school level was a rough transition for me," he said. "There was a way higher time commitment and I had a hard time adjusting."

But by the time his sophomore season splashed off, Vaduva had made the necessary adjustments and started to find his stroke despite dealing with the challenges of COVID.

"My sophomore season was odd because COVID was still thriving and the swim season was cut in half," he said. "This season was easier for me because school was hybrid, meaning we only had school two days a week."

When the water had cleared, Vaduva was league champion in the 50-yard freestyle (23.18 seconds) and placed fourth in the breaststroke at the league meet.

"My junior year has been such a fun season and I am so happy with how close I have become with my teammates," he said. "It is nice to be someone that younger swimmers look up to, and I am always around to help out."

"This year has been all about experimenting with my abilities in the events that I swim."

Jack, 17, is the son of Mary and Vasile Vaduva. He also plays tennis (the Bears have qualified for States the past two seasons) and runs track in the spring.





Vaduva also excels in the classroom. He has a 4.0957 GPA, is the junior class president and is very involved in DECA, a national organization that help prepare the next generation to be academically ready, community-oriented, professionally responsible and experienced leaders.

"I love DECA because it forces me to go outside of my comfort zone and compete against other prospects for a bid to the state competition as well as the international competition," he said. "I have been doing DECA since I was a freshman in high school. I won the District title that year and attended the state competition in Detroit."

He also won the District title as a sophomore and competed at the state level.

"This year, I did a project on our retail school-based enterprise (Wyandotte Tees) and my project went through the state level. I will be attending the international competition in Atlanta in April."

Vaduva's future plans are still being decided.

"My plans after high school are to attend a four-year university," he said. "I am not entirely sure what I would like to study but the thought of going to a school out of state is extremely appealing to me, preferably on the East Coast."

As for swimming?

"I do not plan on swimming for sure, but I will look at my options and if I get an offer from a school that I would like to compete at, then I will consider it," he said.



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Mass at 7pm

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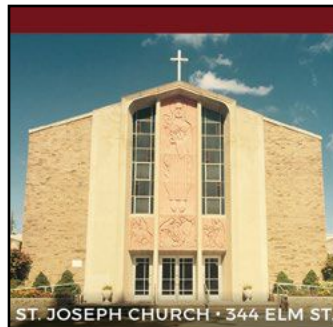
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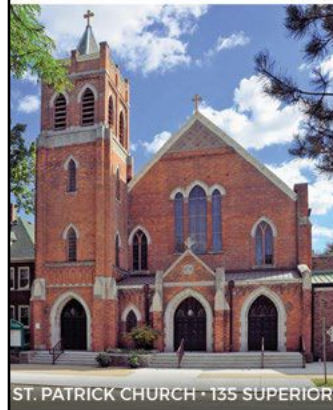
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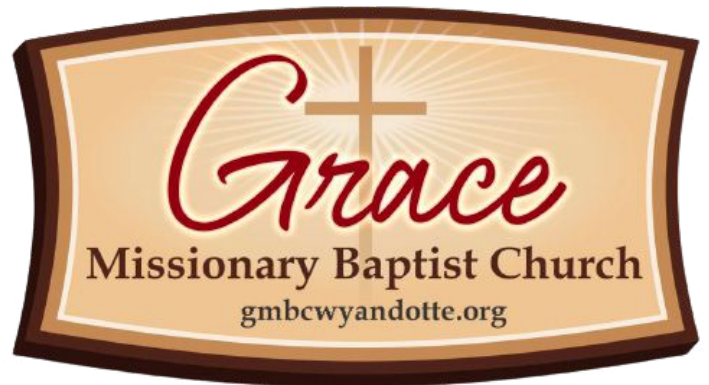
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By Elizabeth Abshire,
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Medigap Plans – What Are They?

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4. A Medigap policy only covers one person.
5. You can buy a Medigap policy from any insurance company that's licensed in your state to sell one.
6. Any standardized Medigap policy is guaranteed renewable even if you have health problems.
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April – June



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April 18-24

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April 30-May 1

Local Artists' Guild Show

Wyandotte Museum
2610 Biddle Avenue
View some art from local Downriver artists at the Wyandotte Local Artists' Guild Show and see the talent our local community has to offer. Paintings will also be available for sale. Visit www.wyandotte.net for more information.



MAY

May 7

Cinco Block Party & Pub Crawl

1-9:30 p.m.
Downtown Wyandotte
Celebration with DJs, live music, a full bar, food trucks and more. Free and open to all ages. Visit www.360eventproductions.com for more information.



May 13-14

St. Vincent Pallotti Spring Fling

Friday: 4 p.m. – 12 a.m.

Saturday: 12 p.m. – 12 a.m.

Yack Arena

3131 Third Street

This annual event has fun for all ages including rides, Vegas tents, beer and food tents, games and more.

Admission is free for children and \$5 for patrons 21 and over. Visit www.wyandotte.net for more information.

May 13-15

Spring City Wide Garage Sale

Wyandotte Museum

2610 Biddle Avenue

Walk up or drive Downtown to find clothes, knick-knacks and much more.

It's \$20 to register as a participant in the garage sale and \$5 for a returnable sign fee. Free for shoppers and maps are available. Visit www.wyandotte.net for more information.

JUNE

June 3-5

Bark On Biddle

Downtown Wyandotte

This barking good time includes vendors, adoption opportunities, a beer garden, live bands, disc dog events and much more. Attendees are encouraged to bring their well-behaved dogs. Admission is a \$5 donation to Detroit Dog Rescue. Visit www.360eventproductions.com for more information.

June 3-5

Grosse Ile Islandfest

Friday: 4 p.m. – 12 a.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. – 12 a.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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June 4

Skip Clack's Fishing Derby

10 a.m.

Bishop Park Fishing Pier

Children ages 5-13 are encouraged to participate in the annual derby. Prizes and trophies will be awarded for a variety of categories. Each participating child will be presented with a free goodie bag. Registration is required by June 1. Visit www.wyandotte.net for more information.



June 9-12

Swiggin' Pig BBQ

Downtown Wyandotte

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June 16-18

Riverview Summerfest

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