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From the MAYOR

Progress Continues Throughout 2026

As we move into spring, I want to take a moment to reflect on the progress our city continues to make and the momentum carrying us forward in 2026.

Earlier this year, I presented the State of the City address, and highlighted the many ways Wyandotte is investing in its future. From infrastructure improvements and road repairs to enhancements in our parks, public safety and city facilities, the past year has demonstrated what careful planning and strong community partnerships can achieve.

Across Wyandotte, new businesses are opening, existing ones are expanding and long-standing redevelopment projects such as the former city hall property and McKinley

School are advancing. These initiatives benefit residents, strengthen neighborhoods and support our local economy.

This edition of *Wyandotte Today* highlights the strength of our restaurant community. From long-standing family-owned diners and local cafés to exciting new culinary establishments, Wyandotte's restaurants not only provide great food but also contribute to the character and vitality of our city. Supporting these businesses strengthens neighborhoods, creates jobs and brings people together throughout Wyandotte.

The Wyandotte Department of Public Services plays a critical role in keeping our city safe, clean and well maintained. Recent investments in equipment allow DPS to serve residents efficiently, from maintaining streets and city buildings to supporting seasonal and community programs. Improved outreach, expanded notifications and a redesigned city website are helping residents and businesses stay informed and engaged.

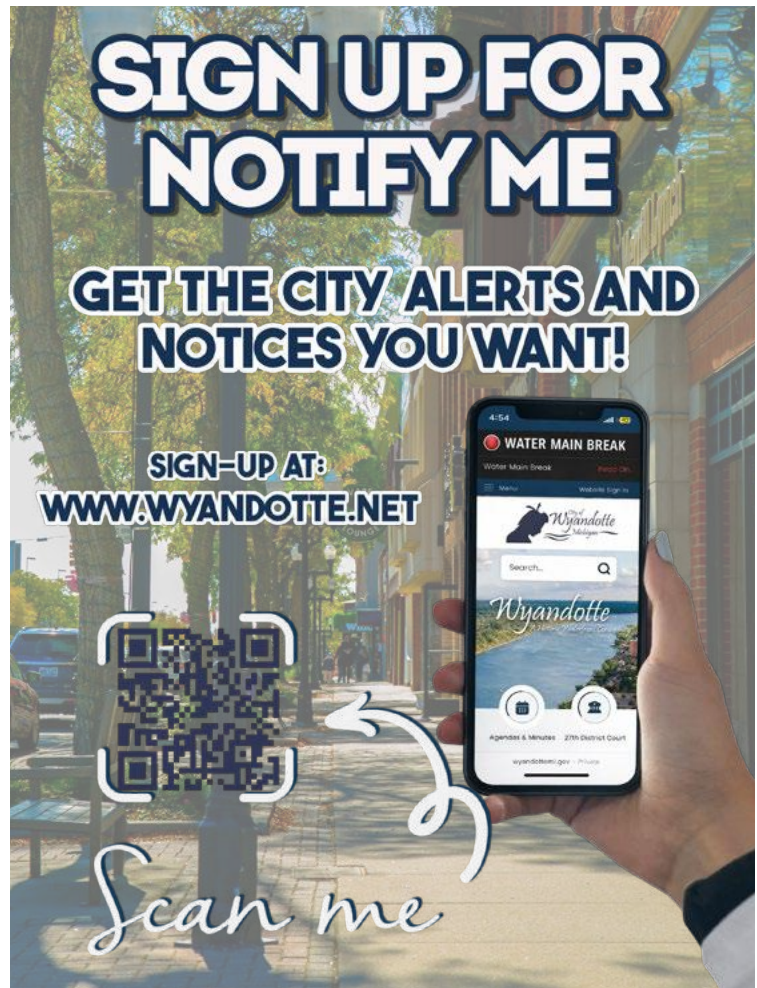
As you read this restaurant edition of *Wyandotte Today*, I encourage you to explore our local eateries and celebrate the people, projects and businesses that continue to drive Wyandotte's progress.

Thank you for your continued support and for taking pride in the city of Wyandotte.

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Check Out the Latest from Bacon Memorial Library

Renovation updates, upcoming programs

Update on Your Library's Renovations

The main part of the library is undergoing a renovation that should be fully completed this spring. The library fully re-opened to the public at the beginning of March and all previously offered services are available at this time except for faxing.

Makerspace

Our makerspace is available during open library hours. Stop in to make or take kids crafts or use our equipment. Classic activities like Legos, Hot Wheels, Tech-Take-Apart, Beading, and Cardboard Construction have returned!

Check our calendar to register for monthly classes such as:

- **Adult/Teen Hobby Tryouts.** Hobby supplies are provided by the library. If you enjoy your new hobby, continue it at home. No more purchasing materials for a new hobby you only use once, then give it away.
- **Monthly messy activities for kids.** Loved by kids. Hated by parents. Leave the mess at the library!
- **Equipment training for the 3D printer, Toybox Printer for kids and beginners, Sublimation Printer and heat presses, Cricut, and more.**

Adult Programs

- **Show, Tell and Sip Book Club is Monday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m.**

This book club is for those of us who want to join the book club but never read or finish the book we are told to read! Each month we will have a theme that coincides with our Monthly Reading Challenge. You bring a book that you have read that fits that theme and share a little bit about it or just come and listen to what other readers have to say and find that next great read! And to sip: each month we will have a fun mocktail or tea! This month is your favorite Graphic Novel.

- **Friends of the Library Meeting is Monday, April 27 at 4:30 p.m.**

Join with this dedicated group of volunteers to enhance the library experience! New members are always welcome. If you'd like to receive an email reminder about the meeting, please register on our online calendar.

- **Spring into Action! [Seed Library] is Wednesday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m.**

When is the best time to "clean up" the garden and get ready for spring? How much or how little should we do in the garden? You will learn the latest research to help minimize negative impacts on native bees, butterflies and favorite bugs like fireflies, and maximize habitat for our invertebrate friends.



Bacon Memorial District Library

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Hours

Mon.-Thurs., 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Fri. & Sat., 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
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- **Friends Plant Exchange is Saturday, May 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** This is a great opportunity to thin your ever-exuberant perennials, find a plant new to you and meet fellow gardeners. If you are just starting out in gardening, stop by! Bring plants and garden items to trade or just come by and pick stuff up.

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Little Wally's vs. Watkins

Who really had the better slider? By Mary-Johna Wein

ON May 1, 1918, Prohibition swept across Michigan, forcing bars and saloons to either close their doors or find creative ways to survive. Speakeasies and hidden house bars began popping up throughout the city, quietly serving patrons behind closed doors.

While these secret establishments allowed social drinking to continue, they also brought an unwelcome side effect. Crime began to rise, and organized gangs quickly found their way into the local nightlife. Among the most notorious was the Purple Gang, known for bootlegging and violent turf wars. Members of the gang, along with other criminal groups and clubs, were known to frequent Wyandotte's underground bars.



One such establishment stood at the corner of 5th and Northline. During the 1920s, the building operated as a soda shop by day and a speakeasy by night. Decades later, when the building was remodeled, workers reportedly discovered relics hidden within the walls believed to be connected to the Purple Gang. Detroit Paranormal Expeditions later shared a striking photograph

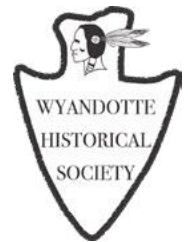


of Purple Gang members leaning casually against the outside of the building, an eerie reminder of



the city's Prohibition-era past.

When Prohibition finally ended in 1933, many of these hidden establishments stepped into the open. By 1941, 500 Ford Avenue was listed as a beer garden, like many others in Wyandotte. After the passing of the owner, the building was sold and eventually reopened as a burger joint known as Little Wally's.



Little Wally's would go on to earn a legendary reputation in Wyandotte. For generations of locals, it was the place to be. The bar became famous for its greasy sliders and the barrel of pickles that greeted customers inside.

Just a short distance away stood its greatest rival. Watkins, located at the corner of Biddle and Sullivan streets, built its own loyal following. Known for its greasy sliders, creamy milkshakes and signature steamed buns, Watkins became just as much a neighborhood institution. Watkins opened in 1937 and remained in business for more than 60 years before finally closing its doors in the early 2000s.

For years, locals debated which spot made the better burger, Little Wally's or Watkins. Each had its devoted fans, and the friendly rivalry became part of Wyandotte's

food lore. Though both establishments are now gone, the stories, flavors and memories they created still linger in the conversations of those who remember them.

Even today, one question still sparks debate among longtime residents: who really had the better slider?



Park Avenue Realty

Experience, integrity and 'Spouses Selling Houses' in Allen Park

By Terry Jacoby

PARK Avenue Realty in Allen Park has been named a Wayne County Real Producers Top 100 and recognized by HOUR Detroit magazine as being in the Top 5 percent of realtors in the Metro Detroit area from 2015–2025.

While the awards are an honor, what owners Kelly Matelic and John Medrek are most proud of is something far more meaningful – the incredible feedback from the clients they've served over the years.

Park Avenue Realty holds an impressive 4.7 out of 5-star rating on Google, along with a 5.0 rating on Zillow with over 500 reviews.

One recent client, Brooke, shared: "I cannot recommend Park Avenue Realty enough! Kelly and John assisted me throughout the whole process. They were there for every single step and every single question I had. The process of buying a house would not have been such a breeze without them."

Another client, Rich, said: "Great people! Great communication! Kelly was recommended to me by my lawyer for my aunt's estate. I had never owned a house before, so this was all new to me. She did a fantastic job helping me navigate the treacherous waters of realty! Within three days of hiring them, the estate sold for above the asking price."

"These reviews mean the world to me," Kelly said. "Nothing is more exciting than the gratifying feeling I get from helping people meet their real estate needs. I

understand how important it is to find your dream home or secure the best offer for your property. I make it my responsibility to help my clients achieve their goals."

A boutique brokerage with a personal touch located on Allen Road in Allen Park, Park Avenue Realty is a family-run brokerage operated by husband-and-wife team Kelly Matelic and John Medrek. With over 26 years of combined experience in the local market, they specialize in residential real estate throughout Allen Park and the surrounding Downriver communities.



"We like to call ourselves 'Spouses Selling Houses,'" Kelly said. "Together, we work as a team to list and sell homes, combining our strengths to provide a hands-on, highly personal experience for our clients."

What sets Park Avenue Realty apart is their commitment to:

- Clear communication
- Strong local market knowledge
- Confidence-driven guidance through every step
- Individualized attention

"Being a small, family-run business allows us to truly focus on our clients' goals and deliver thoughtful, personalized service," said Kelly, whose love for real estate comes from the heart.

"I first got into real estate because I love helping people navigate one of the biggest decisions of their lives, and that passion continues today," she said. "Working alongside my husband makes the experience even more rewarding. Together, we take pride in helping clients feel supported, informed and confident from start to finish."

Park Avenue Realty focuses on personal attention, teamwork and earning the trust their clients value when buying or selling a home.

"You can count on me to always do what's in your best interest," Kelly said. "I pride myself on being honest, trustworthy and knowledgeable in the real estate market. Whether you are an experienced investor or a first-time buyer, I am here to help you find the property of your dreams."

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A Legacy of Service

Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital celebrates 100 years of caring for community By Kelsi Klein

FOR the past century, Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital has been an integral part of the healthcare system for Downriver residents.

Wyandotte General Hospital opened its doors on February 23, 1926. The facility was donated to the city by Edward Ford, the son of J.B. Ford, founder of the Michigan Alkali Company, and was dedicated on June 25, 1926.

As the community grew, so did the hospital. In 1929, a major expansion added a new two-story building, a nurses' residence and the family stone sign at the front of the hospital representing the Wyandotte Native Americans.



Growth continued over the years, and in 1957 another expansion added three additional floors to the building, increasing the hospital's capacity to 225 beds.

In 1964, a four-story addition was added, named for Dr. William H. Honor, who helped found the hospital's surgery program.

Construction crews broke ground for a new eight-story bed tower, The Calahan Building, in 1969. The new addition opened in 1972, connecting the original building, which became the administration building, to the new rehabilitation center, bringing the total number of beds to 360.

The hospital entered a new chapter in the late 1980s, when the city signed a lease agreement with Henry Ford Health System, renaming the hospital Wyandotte Hospital and Medical Center.

Not long after, Henry Ford Health System purchased the hospital from the city for \$18.5 million and its name changed to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital.

The facility continued making modern improvements in the 1990s, and in 1996 a \$40 million expansion added a new birthing center, ambulance and emergency center, surgical suites and main lobby which still stands today, meeting the

healthcare needs of the Downriver community and beyond.

Now, 100 years after opening its doors, the hospital is inviting the community to celebrate this milestone with them.

On June 25, 2026,

the hospital will be hosting an all-day open house, with a special dedication ceremony at 10 a.m. at the Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital campus, 2333 Biddle Avenue.

Guests will enjoy centennial cake and refreshments, historical displays highlighting the hospital's past and the unveiling of a new hospital timeline showcasing 100 years of caring for the community.

"Our history is deeply connected to this community – we would not be here without the trust and support of the people we serve, and we are grateful to every patient and family who have entrusted us with their care and the care of their loved ones," said Rand O'Leary, president of Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital. "I also want to thank our incredible team members and physicians who give their all every day to care for our patients. From the emergency room, to food services, pharmacy, nursing, laboratory, our physicians, and so many others across our hospital, it takes an entire team working together to deliver the compassionate care our community deserves."

City leaders will join the celebration, and Wyandotte Mayor Robert DeSana and the Wyandotte City Council have named the hospital and its team members as grand marshals of this year's Fourth of July parade, recognizing the hospital's service to the city.

"For 100 years, Wyandotte Henry Ford Hospital has cared for our residents and families, and its history is closely connected to the story of our community," Mayor DeSana said. "Generations of people in Wyandotte and across the Downriver area have relied on the hospital during some of life's most important moments."

"In addition to providing quality care close to home, the hospital has also provided countless jobs and supported the local economy, making a lasting difference in the lives of families throughout our community. On behalf of the City of Wyandotte, I want to congratulate Wyandotte Henry Ford Hospital on this incredible milestone, and thank them for a century of service to our community."



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'Accepted and Cared For'

Success Virtual Learning Center offers flexible options for Downriver students

By Kelsi Klein

SUCCESS Virtual Learning Centers of Michigan's Downriver location in Taylor continues to provide an alternative path for high school students, offering flexible, personalized education options designed to meet a wide range of academic needs.

Open to all students

While the Downriver location is physically located in Taylor, enrollment is not limited to those within the Taylor School District boundary.

"We want families to know we're available to all Downriver students," said Lynne Nowicki, center director. "You don't have to go through an out-of-district process to attend."

Success Virtual Learning Center reviews expelled or long-term suspension students for acceptance and all students with an IEP or 504 plan. Their vision is to "be a place where every student, regardless of their past, feels 100 percent accepted and cared for."

How it works

Success Virtual Learning Centers of Michigan was designed to be a non-traditional education option for students ages 14-21 who may not thrive in a traditional classroom setting.

With 10 locations across the state, these centers have helped thousands of students stay on track academically and graduate at their own pace with individualized support.

The accredited, tuition-free public school provides students with a flexible way to complete high school courses, and is an 18-credit Michigan Merit Curriculum only program without elective requirements.

Each student receives a customized learning plan tailored to their goals, schedule and academic standing. Certified teachers are available for one-on-one assistance, both in person at the center and virtually, ensuring students have consistent guidance throughout their coursework.

Online learning extras

Opportunities for hands-on experiences through mentorships, field trips, clubs, career fairs and extracurricular activities are also provided to students who choose to be more involved.

Different levels of support are available to students as needed, including social work, counseling, social and emotional programming, intervention services, special

education services, career advisors and much more.

Beyond academics, Success Virtual Learning Center also provides incentives for student success. Those in good academic standing may be eligible for free driver's training, an additional benefit meant to help support students both in and out of the classroom.



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In addition to standard school-year programming, Success Virtual Learning Centers of Michigan offers a free summer credit recovery program.

"We specialize in helping students who are behind in credits or potentially unable to graduate on time to graduate on time or as close to it as possible," Nowicki said. "We're a good fit for kids who just don't fit the mold of regular school."

Open to both enrolled students and those attending local districts with counselor approval, the six-week program provides an opportunity to catch up or get ahead without the financial burden of traditional summer school.

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BUILDING WORLDS WITH SOUND

Wyandotte's musical wizard Gabriel Pilon

By Ryan M. Place

If you've spent time in Wyandotte's music scene, chances are you've crossed paths with Gabriel Pilon. Whether behind a keyboard, running a karaoke mic, DJing a packed fundraiser, or producing a summer music series, Gabriel is tuned in.

Born April 8, 1973, Gabriel spent his first year in Wyandotte before relocating.

"We moved to the Oakwood neighborhood in southwest Detroit, near Gonella's and Giovanni's," he said. "I'm the youngest of five. A few of my brothers already played guitar, so I started with the piano. I had to find my own lane."

He began recording music in sixth grade. During high school at Flat Rock, he made a bold move: leaving school to pursue music full time. He went on to write and record a full-length album and perform vocals and synths with the prog-rock band Lunar Crush.

"It was a leap of faith," he said.

Years later, Gabriel finished school and went on to college for social media marketing, adding formal education to a life already built around music.

Gabriel returned to Wyandotte in 2004, living on 1st Street.

"Some people may remember Moose the Cat, our adventurous feline who was a local celebrity," he said. "Moose even had his own Facebook following. We'd see him hanging out around town, even inside bars. It was hilarious."

Today, Gabriel's home studio is a personal creative space where he writes,



performs, records, and produces his own music. He also scores projects for TV and film and occasionally collaborates with independent artists.

"I love using sound to build worlds," he said.

These days, Gabriel and his wife Rebecca run Audial Entertainment, providing DJ, karaoke and event production for weddings, celebrations and community events. Locally, they produce Sunday Socials and 3rd Friday Movie Nights through a partnership with the Wyandotte DDA and sponsorship from Michigan Legacy Credit Union.

Maple Street Tavern is home to his popular karaoke night, part of a dozen karaoke gigs his company runs.

"Karaoke can be everyone's mini-rockstar moment," he said. "It's an adrenaline rush and an emotional nostalgia machine. I love the occasional random powerhouse performance."

Beyond music, Gabriel and Rebecca are raising five children. The family spends much of their time in Wyandotte enjoying all the city has to offer, with the occasional vacation to Horsehead Lake in Mecosta County, Michigan.

"Friendships, sandbars, it's pure joy," he said.

Deeply influenced by Prince, particularly "Parade" and "Sign o' the Times", Gabriel is finishing a solo pop album set for release later this year. He also hosts the podcast "Under the Cover", exploring iconic cover songs from Chris Cornell's acoustic "Nothing Compares 2 U" to Johnny Cash's "Hurt."

From performing live to film scores, from weddings to summer music series, Gabriel Pilon continues shaping Wyandotte's soundtrack one song at a time.

"If I can help someone step up to a microphone and discover something about themselves, to me, that's magic," he said.

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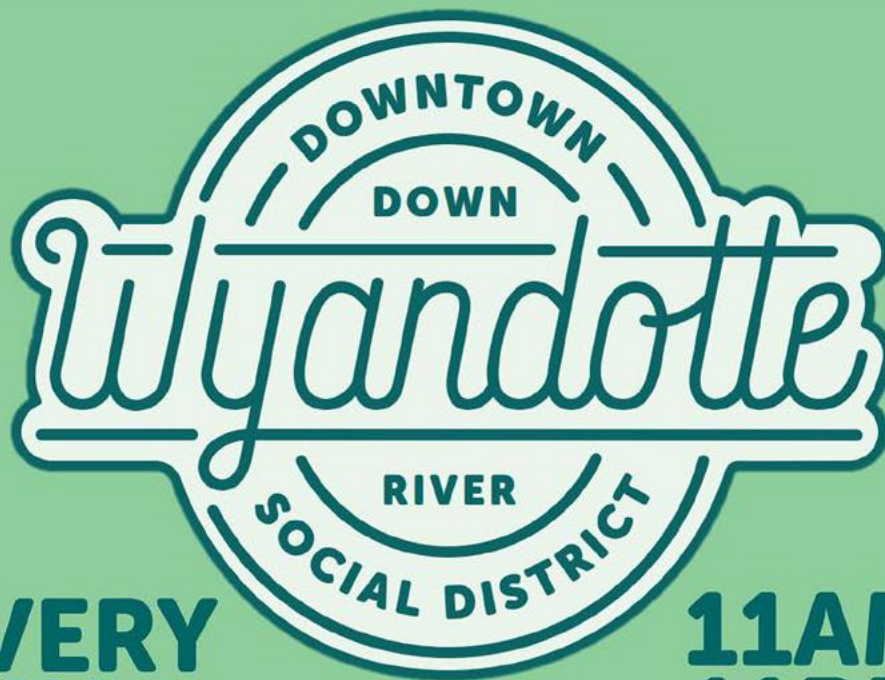
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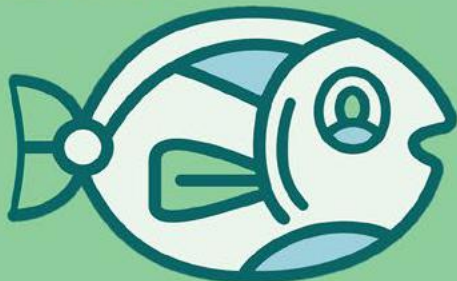


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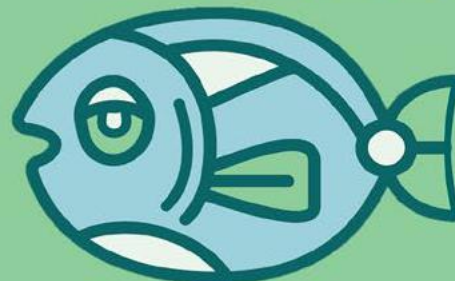
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It's What's For Dinner

Choosing a great steak in Wyandotte By Kelsi Klein

WYANDOTTE is home to many great restaurants, from upscale bistros to classic neighborhood spots and everything in between. One thing that many of these establishments have in common is their ability to prepare a great steak dinner.

Whether celebrating a special occasion or just craving a hearty meal, knowing what you want is key to choosing the best spot.

Beef quality grades

One of the first things to consider when selecting a steakhouse is the quality of the meat itself. Many Wyandotte restaurants take pride in sourcing local and high-quality ingredients like prime-grade beef and specialty cuts.

The Vault on First, located at 3058 First Street, is an award-winning steakhouse known for prime grade filet mignon, New York strip, bone-in ribeye and their 28 oz. bone-in, 35-day dry aged ribeye, as well as choice boneless ribeye and petite tender used in their steak frites and steakhouse pasta dishes.

Cut of beef

The most common cuts of beef diners will find at local restaurants include sirloin, New York strip, ribeye, T-bone or porterhouse and filet mignon. Each cut comes from a different part of the cow, which determines the tenderness, fat content, flavor and price.

Sirloin steaks are usually the cheapest in price due to their prevalence but are flavorful and lean with medium tenderness.

New York strips are more tender than sirloin and have good marbling, making it a more flavorful cut.

Ribeye steaks are cut from the rib section of the cow and have a richer, fatty flavor. They are very juicy and often considered the most flavorful steak due to their marbling.

T-bones or porterhouse steaks are essentially two steaks in one. On either side of the bone are a New York strip and a filet mignon. They are large steaks with two different textures and flavors.

The most tender cut available is the filet mignon. It is the most expensive due to its limited amount per cow and has a soft texture with mild flavor.

R.P. McMurphy's, located at 2922 Biddle Avenue, is home to a variety of steak selections including filet mignon, New York strip and Steak Debra – pounded choice tenderloin medallions rolled in seasoned flour, sauteed in garlic butter and simmered in zip sauce.

Atmosphere

Atmosphere plays a big role in overall dining experience. Whether you're in the mood for a steak pasta, steak and potatoes or steak frites, there's a Wyandotte restaurant for you with the perfect mood.

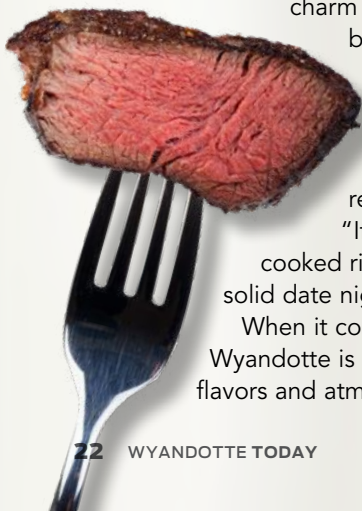
Luna Bar and Bistro, located at 2910 Van Alstyne Street, provides an elegant bistro atmosphere and serves up hand-cut ribeye and filet mignon with premium sides.

Wyandotte's Waterfront, located at 507 Biddle Avenue, offers a blend of historic charm and modern, scenic waterfront views, along with options like blackened steak bites, a sirloin entrée and steak fettuccine.

Nestled inside the W Lofts sits Prime 166, a laid-back eatery where you can stop for dinner, drinks and great vibes. They have an extensive menu that includes steak bites, steak salad, steak tacos and gyros, and a steak frites entrée – all at reasonable prices.

"If you want something that's actually fresh, never frozen and cooked right every time without spending a ton, Prime 166 is always a solid date night location," said Prime 166 manager Cameron D'Herin.

When it comes down to choosing the best restaurant to get a steak, Wyandotte is home to plenty of options with quality ingredients, a variety of flavors and atmospheres that make each dinner a night to remember.



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Dining Out in Wyandotte

THE BEST SPOTS FOR EVERY OCCASION By Kelsi Klein

WHEN it comes to dining out, Wyandotte is home to some of the best restaurants fit for every occasion. From brunch to date night to celebrating life's milestones with family and friends, the perfect restaurant can elevate the entire experience.



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Lunch break

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The Auburn Taverna

Exceptional and tested Greek cuisine – straight from the old country By Terry Jacoby

AFTER a fire on January 10, 2025, left his family's restaurant completely destroyed, Kostas Callis was left with a big decision. Auburn Cafe had been a staple on Jefferson Avenue for over 35 years, serving southeast Michigan fine Greek tavern-style food, but it also was literally home for Kostas.

"My parents (Serafim and Antigone Callis) not only founded Auburn Cafe in the early 1990s but the upstairs was my childhood home and where I grew up," Kostas said. "It was heartbreaking to see the damage the fire had done."

Before the fire, Kostas and his wife, Fotini Callis, were looking at a space in Monroe with plans to add a second location. The fire changed everything.

"I really didn't know what to do," he said. "Do we still go on with our plans in Monroe? Do we try to rebuild in Ecorse? Then we heard about a great spot in downtown Wyandotte opening up, so we looked into that."

Kostas wasn't sure what road to travel, but like his mother did all those years ago with his father, Fotini provided not only the most logical answer but the confidence and passion to put a plan in place that was the perfect solution.

The Auburn Taverna opened in early November in the same location as the former Bobcat Bonnie's, which permanently closed on January 26, 2025, after an eight-year run. But the address is the only thing the two places share.

Fotini rolled up her sleeves and went to work to create a special space that would complement the relaxed, upscale atmosphere and amazing food. As a nod to the Auburn Cafe, she added a beautiful brick arch, which is the centerpiece of the room, along with a stunning colorful mural that somehow survived the fire.

"We put in beams with the shelves on the bar, added

sound paneling, changed the bathroom and upgraded the kitchen," Fotini said. "We started the renovation in February and I was here every day working on it all the way up until our opening. My blood, sweat, and tears have gone into this place. Our general contractor (Joe Pizzo) was a big help in making our dreams come true."

While it's not a new iteration of the old place, The Auburn Taverna does have similarities to the Auburn Cafe, especially on the menu.

"My mother-in-law's recipes are still here," Fotini said. "It's authentic Greek food at its finest."

The Auburn Taverna is the only game in town when it comes to exceptional and tested Greek cuisine. The menu features an impressive lineup from land (lamb chops, pork chops, grilled chicken and porterhouse steak) and from the sea (calamari, grilled jumbo shrimp, grilled swordfish, grilled jumbo prawns).

There also is a wide variety of rice bowls, meze, salads, handhelds and sides along with a kids menu and gluten-free selections.

The drink menu is equally amazing with mocktails, specialty cocktails and a large selection of red and white wines.

Kostas and Fotini have created something special, unique and flavorful right in the middle of vibrant downtown Wyandotte. And Kostas is not only proud of what his parents built in Ecorse, but is amazed at what his "beautiful" wife was able to create decades later.

"She is the brains of the operation and designed this whole place," he said. "She designed the systems that are in place and put together such an amazing team. I couldn't be more proud of her."

The Auburn Taverna is located at 118 Sycamore in the heart of Wyandotte. For more information, including a complete menu, visit theauburntaverna.com.



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TRU Pizza: Truly Made for Everyone

You deserve food that's worth craving

By Terry Jacoby

AT Wyandotte's newest restaurant on Biddle, TRU Pizza Co., everything on their menu is 100 percent gluten-free, made with zero cross-contamination and packed with flavor.

"We are 100 percent dedicated gluten-free and nut-free, celiac-safe and allergy-friendly and we guarantee zero cross contamination," said owner/operator Anthony Cipolla, who opened TRU Pizza Co. in January. "We cater to nearly all major allergens and nearly all our menu items can be made dairy-free. We truly represent food for everyone."

And the food is amazing.

"Everything might be gluten-free but you would never know it," Cipolla said. "It's the best gluten-free pizza you can get, period."

Cipolla's first venture with TRU Pizza came on four wheels.

"I fell in love with the idea of owning a food truck and restaurant from watching the movie, 'Chef,'" Cipolla said. "From there, it just built and built until the time came to make the decision to invest in the truck and take the leap of faith. And here we are today with a new Wyandotte location less than a year later."

Wyandotte is the third brick-and-mortar location, with other restaurants in Plymouth and Troy.

Cipolla, a Dearborn native, only owns the Wyandotte location along with the food truck.

"The business started as a small, family-run restaurant called Renee's Pizzeria and was sold to the current franchise owner who re-branded the company to TRU Pizza Co.," Cipolla said. "All of the recipes and menu

items were not altered at all. New items have been added to our Wyandotte location due to its unique location and community events."

So why Wyandotte?

"From our time on the food truck this past year (2025), we realized how much of a need the Downriver community had for allergy friendly products," Cipolla said. "When the opportunity came up to take over Frank's Pizzeria, I couldn't pass it up as it aligned perfectly with what I was looking to do with my TRU restaurant. Having the additional patio space was the deal sealer with how involved I plan to get with community events, and just creating a very fun and healthy space to socialize and eat amazing food plus have a few drinks."

The response so far has been very favorable – from the pizza to the pastas to the Detroit-style deep dish options.

"The community has been incredible," Cipolla said. "I couldn't be more thankful for the response and can't wait to see what happens as the weather / seasons change so we can open our patio up and really start making things happen here."

"We strive to be the best place to get gluten-free pizza and more, serving areas where these types of eateries are few and far between. We are inspired and want to make the world a better place through the food we provide to our guests, the careers we create for our team and the impact we leave on our community."

TRU Pizza Co. is located at 3144 Biddle Avenue, and offers dine-in, carry-out, delivery and catering options. For more information, call (734) 250-9816. To see a menu or order online, visit trupizzacowyandotte.com





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DECODING EGGS

What are you really getting?

By Lisa Howard

EGGs can seem mysterious. Fortunately, with a little know-how, it's (mostly) easy to figure out what kind of eggs would suit your needs.

Eggs are particularly lovely combined with spring ingredients like mushrooms, alliums and fresh herbs, and they can be prepared in a variety of ways: baked into quiches (or mini quiches), sautéed into frittatas, hard-boiled, poached, made into omelets or scrambled. (If necessary, a tattered omelet can easily become a tidy scramble.)

As a complete protein, eggs are ideal for light-but-hearty meals as well as non-starchy desserts like custards and mousses. You can even make your own top-notch mayo using hard-boiled yolks and extra-virgin olive oil!

Eggshell colors can be shades of white, brown and blue. Different breeds lay different-colored eggs, making this factor kind of like human hair colors. While you might prefer blue eggshells (or hair), the color doesn't impact the quality or flavor of the egg.

Egg size can matter when you're cooking from recipes since most recipes are based on large eggs. If you opt for jumbo or peewee or any size other than large, your results might not match what the recipe stipulates. But you might want to use nonlarge eggs for other uses, like adorably small, hard-boiled eggs. (Quail eggs are even smaller.)

Egg grades are AA, A and B. Grade A is what's mostly sold in stores. According to CertifiedHumane.org, AA eggs have "thick, firm whites and high, round yolks and strong shells," while Grade A eggs have "reasonably firm" whites. Grade B eggs have "thin whites and wider yolks" and their shells may be stained. (You won't see those in stores.)

The pack date is the day the eggs were washed, graded and placed in the carton. This date is expressed using the three-digit Julian calendar, where January 1st is 001 and December 31st is 365. (So February 1st is 032.)

Free-range eggs are from hens allowed access to the outside. Technically, this "access" can be a tiny window high up in the wall or a tiny hatch leading to a paved parking lot. It can also be full outdoor access, making this label not as useful as you might think.

Pasture-raised eggs come from hens that probably are truly outside, roaming and foraging. But because the USDA doesn't

have requirements for this label, shoppers need to look for an animal welfare certification such as Certified Humane Raised and Handled or Animal Welfare Approved.

Organic eggs come from hens that are, according to the USDA, "free to roam in their houses and have access to the outdoors. The hens are fed an organic diet of feed produced without conventional pesticides or fertilizers." Again, though, "free-range" is a rather imprecise term.

Cage-free eggs are from hens that aren't kept in individual tiny pens. However, this has nothing to do with outdoor access or how much space hens actually have.

Vegetarian-fed eggs are from hens who are only fed vegetarian fare. But! As the saying goes, "The early bird gets the worm." Chickens are omnivores, not herbivores. If a hen is allowed to go outside, she will not be a vegetarian.

Hormone-free is meaningless since U.S. federal law requires that hens be raised without supplemental hormones.

Natural, farm-fresh, and all-natural mean essentially nothing. Per the USDA, "All raw single-ingredient meat and poultry qualify as 'natural.'"

Lisa Howard is a writer, editor and health educator who loves to share her joy of cooking delicious and nutritious foods during her community talks and culinary classes. You can find out more about her classes and recipes at www.theculturedcook.com.





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By Fire Chief Jeremy Moline

WYANDOTTE firefighters are routinely called upon to mitigate some of the most complex and demanding situations imaginable. To keep our community safe, their expertise must extend far beyond traditional firefighting and paramedic services. Whether responding to a water rescue, a chemical spill or a complex fire investigation, the Wyandotte Fire Department (WFD) maintains a roster of highly trained specialists ready to handle the challenge.

As a proud member of the Downriver Mutual Aid (DMA) Fire Service Division, the WFD contributes personnel to several regional specialty teams, including Dive, Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT), Fire Investigation, and Logistics/Drone units.



Dive Team

Certified in both water and ice rescue, the dive team performs critical rescue and recovery missions. Representing the WFD are Captain Josh Rothe, a 15-year veteran of the dive team, and Firefighter Brandon Elders, who joined the unit last year.

HAZMAT Team

The HAZMAT team is specifically trained to respond to hazardous material spills and dangerous airborne releases. The WFD currently has three members on this regional squad: Lieutenant Kyle Caparotta, who has served eight years



on the HAZMAT and is a team leader, and firefighters Adrianna Hutchinson and Nate Zrnich, who have both served for two years.

Fire Investigation Team

When the smoke clears, the fire investigation team uses advanced techniques and evidence collection to determine the origin and cause of a fire.

Firefighter Thomas Cunningham, a five-year veteran of the unit, serves as a leader for this critical team.



Logistics and Drone Team

The logistics and drone team provides essential technical support and specialty equipment at complex scenes. Firefighter Brandon Allen, a certified FAA drone operator, has contributed his expertise to this team for the past three years.



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2026 Spring Market Guide

By Kelsi Klein

With spring in the air comes a variety of markets popping up across southeast Michigan. From local art and crafts to vintage items, baked goods and so much more, there is something for everyone at these community markets this spring.

April 18
Woodhaven Band Spring Craft and Vendor Show
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Brownstown Event Center
23345 King Road,
Brownstown, MI 48183



This annual community event will offer a wide variety of items and vendors with proceeds supporting Woodhaven Band programs. There is a \$2 entrance fee for ages 13+. For more information, email whsbandcraftshow@gmail.com.



April 18
Bloom and Browse Market
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Willow Greenhouse
7839 Curtis Road, Northville, 48168

Celebrate spring with more than 20 local small businesses, artisan crafters and makers showcasing handcrafted and homegrown goods, including bath and body products, small batch candles, local art, Michigan-made food items, handmade jewelry and accessories and more. For more information about this free event, visit the Willow Greenhouse Facebook page.

April 18
Spring Artisan Market
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
The Gathering Near Kellogg Park
Downtown Plymouth, MI 48170



This annual event showcases a wide variety of high-quality artisanal products ranging from handcrafted jewelry and pottery to homemade soaps and candles. There will be family-friendly entertainment and delicious treats. For more information, visit www.downtownplymouth.org.

April 25
Spring Fling Vendor Market
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Kinergy Center
2250 Oak Street,
Wyandotte, MI 48192



Shop local from a variety of artisan and craft vendors at this annual event, where everyone is welcome. For more information, visit the Spring Fling Vendor Market Facebook page.

May 2
Art in Bloom: Spring Artisan Market
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Village Arts Factory
50755 Cherry Hill Road,
Canton, MI 48188

Experience over 20 local vendors selling art, crafts, food items and artisanal wares at this free event open to the public. There will be food trucks, coffee, concessions, live music, face painting and more. For more information, visit www.cantonmi.gov.





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'Losing is not Failing if You Learn From it'

Three-sport Wyandotte athlete working to leave a legacy of hard work, achievement

By Terry Jacoby

WYANDOTTE softball coach Joe Chlipala calls Emma Jordan an elite "plug-and-play" player, meaning she can play anywhere on the field flawlessly. And "plug and play" also is the perfect description for how the Wyandotte senior has approached high school – in fact, it's probably easier to list all the things she's not involved in at Roosevelt.

A three-sport athlete (softball, volleyball, basketball), Jordan is class treasurer, Key Club treasurer, DECA vice president of membership, National Honor Society secretary, along with many other activities – all while carrying a 4.07 GPA (top 10 in class).

Getting involved and making a difference is just who she is.

"Ever since eighth grade, one of my teachers told me that, 'it's not about what you do, it's about what you leave,'" she said. "And I have lived by that ever since. I have 14 extracurriculars, and in each one of them I try my hardest to make an impact. Wherever I go, I aim to leave a legacy of always pushing yourself and never being okay with being average."

She certainly isn't average on the softball field. During her junior season, Jordan posted an impressive .360 batting average with 27 hits, 12 RBIs and nine stolen bases.

But it's more than just putting up numbers.

"Emma brings leadership, toughness and consistency every single day," Chlipala said. "Her ability to get on base, create pressure with her speed and handle multiple defensive positions makes her invaluable to our lineup." Jordan can't wait to get into the batter's box for her senior year.

"The expectation for the upcoming season is to be our best," she said. "We have all the skills that we could need, the best support systems and facilities to use to come out on top in our league and bring home a district title."

Wyandotte softball has a proud history with a trophy case of accomplishments, and Jordan believes the success comes before the first pitch is thrown.

"The only reason you should be



scared in a game is because you didn't prepare enough," she said. "We look at it like studying for a test. For us, we study in the classroom watching film, in the weight room getting stronger and of course, on the field. Through all the work that we put in before the game, we are able to walk into each and every game knowing that we came prepared and now we can just go out and have fun."

Emma, 17, is the daughter of Dawn and Tom Jordan, and played volleyball for two years (earning Academic All-State honors) and basketball, where she brings energy and leadership every time she steps on the floor. She currently plays travel softball for Turnin2 after playing on USA Prime for a year and Michigan Renegades for five years.

Jordan is committed to continue playing softball and her studies at the collegiate level with Capital University in Bexley, Ohio.

"I am going to be majoring in business management and doing ROTC," said Jordan, who chose Capital because it felt like home. "From the academics, people and the softball program, everything that I need and wanted is there."

What also is there are more chances to better herself.

"I believe the only way to truly fail is by putting yourself in an environment that allows for it," she said. "Losing is not failing if you learn from it and that's how I go through life."



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HOMework

It Doesn't Have To Be So Hard

By Tracy Willis

"BUT I don't get it! You didn't explain it the way my math teacher did."

Fat tears rolled down my cheeks and plopped onto the worksheet of 20 impossible math problems.

"Oh, go ask your father for help then."

This scenario happened at least once a week in my household. My mother was a teacher but she lacked the patience for my math drama, and I wanted nothing to do with her help. Math homework was a particularly harrowing experience.

If you're a parent, chances are you've run the homework gauntlet with your child. Sometimes you win, and other times you wear the battle scars to bed.

Homework doesn't have to be so hard. The purpose of homework isn't to torture. It's meant to provide a point of practice for skills your child has learned in class. And while there are many experts with big opinions about the pros and cons of homework, the fact remains that your child will have homework in their school career. There are strategies to support your child and keep your sanity.

It's time to organize.

One factor that keeps students from being successful with homework is that the home environment lacks structures to support success. Children crave routines that support them as they move through their day. That need doesn't stop when they come home from school.

- **Set a homework time with your student.** Does she need to decompress after school, or would she rather jump into homework right away? Set a homework time together.
- **Create a homework spot.** Younger students may need to have you nearby to stay focused. Try the kitchen table during dinner prep. Keep a basket nearby of necessary materials like pencils, scissors, etc. Older students may handle more privacy. Set up a desk in their bedroom. Wherever you choose, make sure that it's free from distractions. Cell phones off!



- **Create a battle plan.** Look over your child's assignment planner or homework tasks. Help them organize their backpack with folders if things are getting lost or destroyed. Discuss how they want to tackle the tasks.

You're the guide-on-the-side.

Think of yourself as a guide-on-the-side. Homework usually isn't graded, but it's important for mastering skills and preparing for future learning.

- **Stay close.** Stay close by to monitor and give assistance to younger students. With middle school and high school students, check on them to see if they need support. Offer it. They may not accept it but communicate that you're there if they need help.
- **Value productive struggle.** Don't rush in to rescue at the first sign of distress. It's one of the hardest impulses to ignore. Teachers call this productive struggle. Talk through the issue with your child, ask questions, offer suggestions, but if you rescue, you're doing the learning, not your child.

Flip the mindset.

Having a growth mindset helps everyone's stress levels. Helping your child change her mindset of "I don't know how to do this" to "I can't remember how to do this, but I can find out" diminishes the stress. Today's students have so many digital tools that parents never had growing up. There are countless YouTube videos that show content and step-by-step processes, as well as homework-support sites on the internet. Teach your child to ask questions when she returns to school the next day. Children can talk to teachers about what they didn't understand or remember when working on homework. This is an important part of the learning process.



Tracy has been teaching for over 30 years in and out of Michigan. She currently teaches middle school and spends her free time writing for publications and small businesses. When she's not putting pencil to paper or dreaming up ways to inspire her English students, she can be found in the woods on the trails.



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What's the Buzz?

How to support Michigan's pollinators this spring By Kelsi Klein

As we finally break free from winter and begin to welcome the sights and sounds of spring, there is a whole group of native pollinators awakening and emerging, ready to play a crucial, yet often unnoticed role in Michigan's ecosystem.

What are pollinators and why are they important?

According to the National Park Service, pollinators are anything that helps move pollen from one part of a flower to another. This process is vital to the fertilization of plants, helping make seeds, fruits and even new plants.

Michigan is home to a wide variety of native pollinators including bees, butterflies, moths, flies, beetles and even hummingbirds and bats.

While some plants are pollinated by themselves, water or wind, approximately 75-95 percent of all flowering plants on Earth rely on animal pollinators.

The United States Department of Agriculture has reported that about 35 percent of the world's food crops, including Michigan staples like apples, blueberries, cherries, cucumbers, squash and countless others, are pollinated by animals.

In addition to food crops, pollinators are essential for reproducing plants that provide food and shelter for Michigan's wildlife as well as purifying the air and stabilizing soil.

How are they in danger?

With more than 450 species of bees alone, Michigan's diverse pollinators work around the clock to keep the ecosystem running smoothly, but they are also facing real challenges.

Pollinators need natural spaces with flowering plants, grasses and shrubs for food and shelter. Agriculture, development and other human activities are causing habitat loss, pushing pollinators out of their homes.

When non-native plant species take over, native plants that pollinators rely on can die out. Even if non-native plants are attractive, they don't always offer the right nutrition or habitat for pollinators.

Even if they don't kill pollinators directly, pesticides can impact the plants that they rely on, leaving behind chemicals that can affect their health.

How can residents help?

The easiest way to help pollinators is to spread the word. If people don't know how important they are, they won't know how important it is to protect them.

Planting native plants is one of the biggest ways to support pollinators. Early blooming plants like wild columbine

and woodland phlox provide food in early spring, while black-eyed Susans and purple coneflower last through fall.

Milkweed is another crucial native plant as it's the only plant on which Monarch butterflies lay their eggs.

Reducing or eliminating pesticides is another key step in helping pollinators. Hand-pulling weeds rather than spraying them with weed killer and tolerating minor plant damage can go a long way.

Homeowners can also rethink spring cleaning. Leaving old leaves, hollow plant stems and bark undisturbed until the weather stays consistently warm keeps pollinators' shelters intact and habitats preserved when they need it most.

Communities around Michigan are encouraging pollinator-friendly practices with education and conservation. Many city parks are allowing space for un-mowed grass and wildflowers to support pollinators, and homeowners can do the same in their own back yards.



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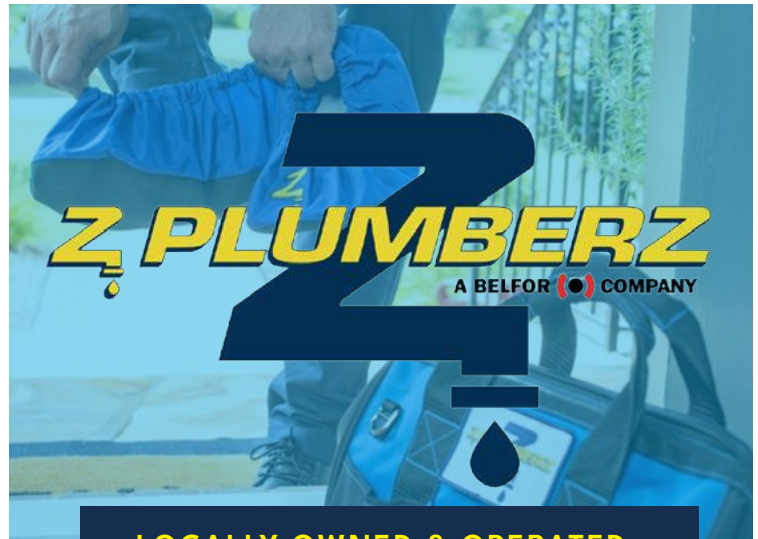
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April 16

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April 17-25

Wyandotte Restaurant Week

This week-long celebration highlights Wyandotte restaurants, coffee shops, bars and sweet shops, encouraging residents to explore and support local businesses. Stay tuned for more details from the city for restaurant specials. Learn more at www.wyandottemi.gov.

April 18

Downtown Spring Clean-Up

9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Corner of 1st and Elm streets
Save the date and come downtown to help clean up the city for spring. Visit www.wyandottemi.gov for more details.



MAY

May 2-3

Local Artist Guild Art Show

11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Wyandotte Museum
2610 Biddle Avenue
Browse and purchase original works of art made by members of the Local Artists Guild at this free event. For more information, visit www.wyandottemi.gov.

May 15-16

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May 15: 5-8 p.m.
May 16: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
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May 15

3rd Friday Downtown

Movie Night

Movies begin at dusk, event festivities will begin one hour before dusk
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May 15-17

Spring Citywide Garage Sale

8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Participate in the community tradition that supports the Wyandotte Museums. Event maps will be available for purchase during the sale behind the Ford-MacNichol Home at 2610 Biddle Avenue. Visit www.wyandottemi.gov for more information.

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May 17

Downtown Dig-In Day

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May 27

Outdoor Yoga: Wellness Wednesdays

6:30-7:30 p.m.
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May 29-31

Bark on Biddle

Friday: 4-8 p.m., Saturday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
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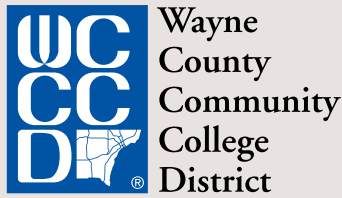
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Children aged 5-13 are invited to participate in the annual fishing derby for a day of family fun. For more information, visit www.wyandottemi.gov.

June 19

3rd Friday Downtown Movie Night

Movies begin at dusk, event festivities will begin one hour before dusk
Theatre Square, located at 1st and Elm streets
Residents and visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a movie under the stars with family and friends.

PLEASE NOTE: Event details may have changed. Please check event website or social pages for the most up-to-date information.



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Thursdays at the MUSEUM

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APRIL 30, 2026

MUSEUM EXPERIENCE(S):

- 12:00 NOON**
Bus Pick Up at Downriver Campus
- 12:15 P.M.**
Departure Time
- 1:00 P.M.**
Estimated Arrival Time
- 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**
Musical Performance
- 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**
Self-Guided Visit
- 3:00 P.M.**
Departure (Cookies to Go)

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