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From the
MAYOR

Ensuring A Bright Future for Generations to Come

THIS has been a year of significant progress in Wyandotte. Through strategic investments in infrastructure, public safety, technology, and community development, the city continues to enhance services and improve quality of life for residents.

We advanced the WalkSafe Wyandotte initiative, with a focus on enhancing pedestrian safety, accessibility and connectivity throughout our downtown district. The improvements have created a downtown that is safer, more walkable and more visually appealing, further strengthening Wyandotte as a vibrant destination for residents, businesses and visitors.



Major road repair projects have improved local streets, while ongoing water service line replacements are helping modernize essential infrastructure and ensuring reliable service for residents.

Public safety remains a top priority. The city was recently awarded $1.9 million in state funding toward the purhase of a new ladder truck for the Wyandotte Fire Department, ensuring our firefighters have the equipment needed to continue providing exceptional emergency response and protection to the community.

Internally, the city implemented a new software system designed to improve efficiency, streamline operations and enhance customer service for residents, businesses and visitors. These types of investments, though often unseen by the public, remain vital to our ability to deliver responsive, reliable and effective municipal services.

As we celebrate these accomplishments, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our city employees, volunteers, and board and commission members. Their dedication, professionalism and commitment to public service are the driving force behind so much of what makes Wyandotte special. As we look to the future, we remain committed to building on these successes and continuing to move our city forward, ensuring a bright future for generations to come.

Respectfully,

Robert A. DeSana, Mayor





Check Out What's Happening At Your Library This Fall/Winter!

KIDS PROGRAMS

Story Times

- Babytime/Toddler – **Tuesday, November 17, 24, and December 1 at 10:00 a.m.**
  Join Ms. Hailey for stories, music and dance! This program is geared toward babies and toddlers.

- Family Storytime – **Wednesday, November 18, 25, and December 2 at 11:00 a.m.**
  Join Ms. Hailey for stories, music and dance! This program is geared toward all children ages 7 years and under.

- Lego Wednesday **is December 2**
  Did you know Bacon Library has a huge stash of Legos? Stop in and make something extraordinary!

- Cardboard Construction Club **is December 9 at 2:00 p.m.**
  Calling all cardboard construction workers! Use our Chompsaw and Makedo knives, screwdrivers, screws and hinges to create whatever you can imagine, or help add to the group project.

- Hot Wheels Race the Space **is Wednesday, November 18 and December 16 at 1:00 p.m.**
  Drag race through the library with our collection of Hot Wheels cars and tracks. This event runs throughout the day.

- Santa is coming **to the Library on Saturday, December 5 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.**
  Come visit anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Santa's Gift Shop will be open during the event. Sponsored by the Wyandotte Historical Society.

ADULT PROGRAMS



- Zekelman Holocaust Center: Women and the Holocaust **s Monday, November 16 at 6:00 p.m.**
  Highlighting Underrepresented Histories: The Holocaust was not a gender-neutral genocide. Women experienced the Holocaust differently and were targeted specifically as women. Explore women's particular experiences under Nazi control through the stories of Jewish victims and survivors of the Holocaust.

- Wyandotte Tile Social: Mahjong Open Play Night **is Tuesday, November 17 at 5:45 p.m.**
  Do you have basic knowledge of American Mahjong? Basic knowledge is someone who knows the suits of tiles, knows the Charleston and lastly can read the hands on the NMJL card. Then join us for game play. Style: American and Social Play

- Sew on the Go! **Handheld Sewing Machine Workshop is Thursday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m.**
  In this beginner-friendly workshop, participants will learn how to set up and operate a portable handheld sewing machine, practice basic stitching techniques and complete a simple pillow to take home. This workshop is designed as a fun introduction to sewing without the intimidation of a traditional sewing machine.

- Friends of the Library Meeting **is Monday, November 23 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.

- Make IT Workshop: Laser Etched Coaster **is Tuesday, December 1 at 5:00 p.m., or Tuesday, December 10 at 10:00 a.m.**
  Learn to design coasters in Canva and how to upload them to our website. You will leave with a personalized coaster made with the xtool m2 laser printer. All materials will be provided. Please bring your personal laptop if possible. Registration required.

- Canva 101 **is Tuesday, January 12 at 5:00 p.m.**
  This class is for beginners and you will learn how to use Canva, a web-based graphic design platform.

- Tai Chi Chair **is Monday, January 25 – March 15 at 10:00 a.m.**
  Tai Chi Chair is a set of low-impact movements developed from ancient Chinese martial arts. These exercises improve balance, physical fitness, flexibility, and stamina. This form can be done while seated or standing. No special equipment is needed. Please wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothing. This is an eight-week class. You will register for all eight classes.

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Christmas Remembrance: Honoring Wyandotte's Heroes

By Mary-Johna Wein

CHRISTMAS is a time for remembering traditions, making memories and gathering with those we love. It is also a time to reflect on the people who came before us and the lasting impact they left on our community.

This December, the Wyandotte Museum is bringing these ideas together with a special exhibit honoring the lives and legacies of Wyandotte's military men and women who have passed away.

In honor of America's 250th anniversary, one room of the museum will be decorated with the theme "Christmas Remembrance." Featuring photographs and personal stories, the exhibit will honor those who served our country and once called Wyandotte home.

Over the past several months, community members have generously shared photographs and memories, allowing me to uncover the stories behind these faces and introduce their lives to a new generation.



Homer Donald Morton, born in 1935, grew up in Wyandotte before enlisting in the United States Army in 1958. He served during the Korean War era and was honorably discharged in 1960. A photograph of Homer at his home on 22nd Street offers a glimpse into the life of a man who was once part of our community.

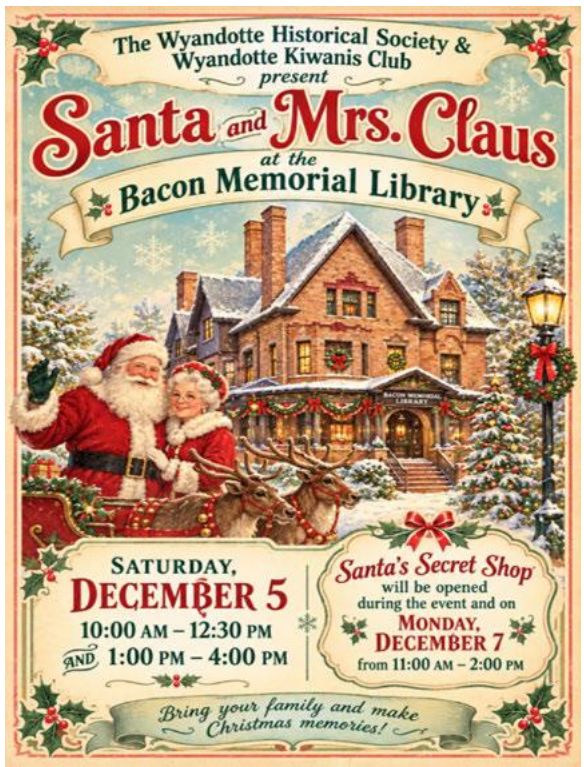
Theresa "Tracy" Kobuszewski, a Wyandotte native and Roosevelt High School graduate, was an accomplished fast-pitch softball player who competed professionally before building an extraordinary military career. After joining the Women's Army Corps in 1942, she served overseas during World War II. In December 1944, Tracy and fellow servicewomen planned a Christmas party for wounded American servicemen recovering in an English hospital, bringing holiday cheer to those far from home. She later retired from military service in 1975 as a Senior Master Sergeant and became the first woman to join Wyandotte's VFW Post 1136.



Tracy with brothers Edmund (left), and Burton (right).



John DiCerbo was born in 1928 in New Castle, Pennsylvania, to Italian immigrant parents. After his father died when John was just 3 years old, his mother, Carmella, worked tirelessly cleaning houses and making pizza to support her family. John enlisted in the United States Navy in 1945 and went on to become the youngest enlisted Chief Petty Officer in the Navy. After 20 years of service, his final post brought him to Grosse Ile. The DiCerbo family moved to Wyandotte in 1961, where John remained until his passing in 2007.



These are just three of the many lives worth remembering. Behind every photograph is a lifetime of experiences, sacrifices and accomplishments. My hope is that visitors will see more than names and dates. I hope they will discover the people behind the photographs and remember those whose service helped shape our nation and our hometown.

You can experience the Christmas Remembrance exhibit during Festive Fridays at the Wyandotte Museum on December 4, 11, and 18, from 5-8 p.m. Admission is free! Enjoy Christmas decorations, live music, trivia, refreshments, and holiday shopping in our museum gift shop.

The holiday festivities continue Saturday, December 5, when the Wyandotte Historical Society welcomes Santa to the Bacon Memorial Library from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. Families can enjoy story time with Mrs. Claus, cookie decorating at the Marx Home, museum tours, and Santa's Secret Shop. If you cannot make it Saturday, Santa's Secret Shop will also be open Monday, December 7, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

This Christmas season, we invite you to make new memories with your family while taking a moment to remember those who came before us. Their stories are part of our story, and they deserve to be remembered.

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Rand J. O'Leary, FACHE, President, Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital

As Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital's 100th anniversary celebration comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on the people who made this milestone possible. On behalf of our entire hospital, thank you to the City of Wyandotte and the people of the Downriver community for a remarkable year and a century of trust.

One hundred years ago, a group of leaders envisioned a place where their neighbors could receive care, find hope and know someone would be there when they were sick or vulnerable. That vision continues today because generations of people have believed in it, supported it and made it their own.

Throughout this anniversary year, we have had the privilege of celebrating that shared history with you. From welcoming neighbors to our centennial open house to serving as Grand Marshal of Wyandotte's Fourth of July Parade, these moments reminded us how deeply our hospital is woven into the life of this city and the Downriver community. We heard stories, renewed connections and celebrated the many people whose lives and work have shaped our first century.



To our city leaders, thank you for helping us honor this milestone and for your continued partnership. To our local businesses, community organizations, donors and volunteers, thank you for showing up, giving generously and supporting the health of your neighbors. To the families who have entrusted us with their care, sometimes across several generations, thank you for allowing us to be part of your lives.

That trust carries great responsibility. We earn it one patient, one family and one interaction at a time: by being present when people need us, keeping our promises and remembering that our responsibility reaches beyond the walls of our hospital.

I also want to recognize our physicians, nurses, team members and volunteers, past and present. The heart of a great hospital is found in a caregiver who takes an extra moment with a frightened patient, a nurse who comforts a family, or an employee who quietly makes someone's difficult day a little easier. Their compassion has sustained this hospital for 100 years.

This year also gave us meaningful opportunities to invest in the future. The generosity surrounding our Harvest Moon Ball and the new Pamela and Krishna Sawhney Conference Center reflects a community that continues to believe in its hospital. These investments help us support our teams and strengthen the care available close to home.

As medicine and technology advances, the heart of healthcare will remain the same: people caring for people. This year, the people of the Downriver community demonstrated that spirit again and again.

Those who came before us laid a strong foundation. Our responsibility is to strengthen it for those who follow, embracing new ideas while preserving the human connection at the center of care.

Thank you, Wyandotte and the Downriver community, for celebrating with us, standing beside us and helping shape our future. It is a privilege to serve this community. As we begin our next century, we do so with immense pride in our past, gratitude for our present and optimism for all we can accomplish together.

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~Carl N., 78 years old

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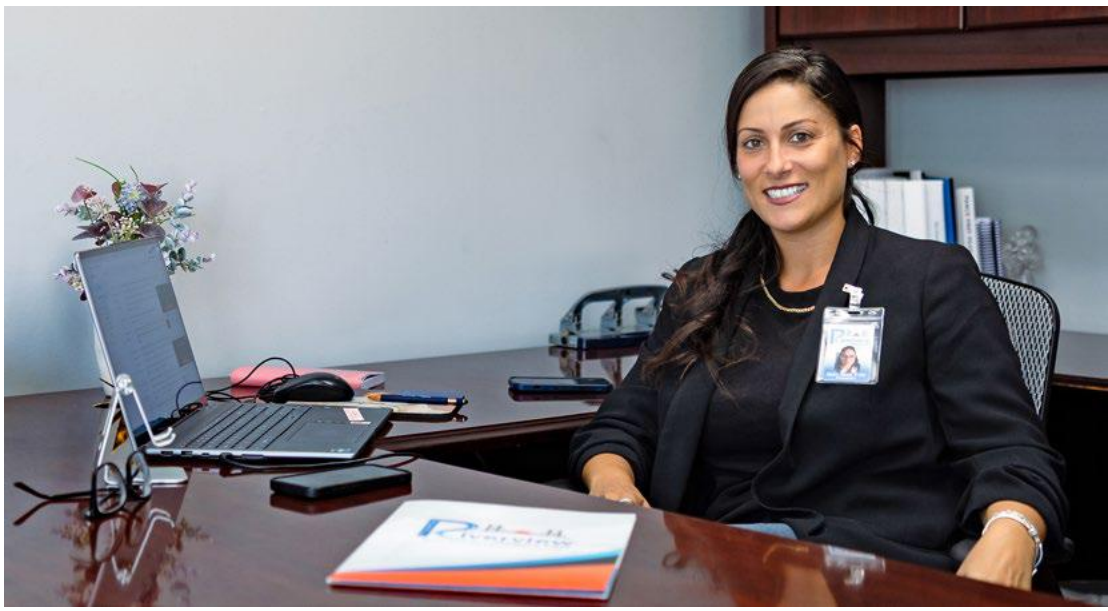
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"What makes Riverview Hospice Care unique is our deeply inclusive approach to caregiving," said Reed, the CEO and clinical director. "We have intentionally built a diverse team of healthcare professionals, our team directly reflects the communities we serve – many of whom are multilingual and represent a variety of cultural backgrounds and religious faiths. This spirit of inclusivity and compassion is woven into every aspect of our care, because at Riverview, we believe every life deserves to be treated with dignity, respect and love."

Reed spends a good part of her busy and rewarding day meeting with community partners and organizations, educating them on what hospice is and the different roles and services it provides. As an expert in the field, with almost two decades of experience, Reed knows there are a lot of misconceptions and feelings about what hospice really is. She's there to answer those frightening questions that can make people uncomfortable.

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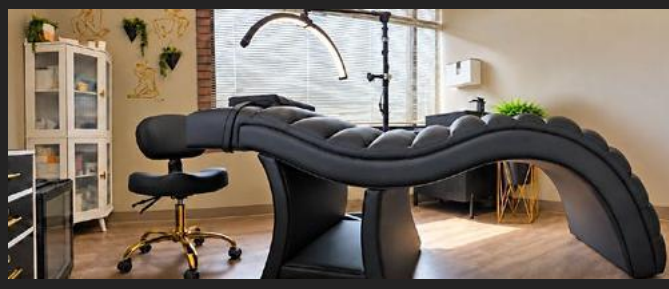


At évoluer, choosing a brow service begins with assessing skin, existing hair, facial features, previous permanent makeup, and personal preferences.

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Skin type and condition influence suitability and healed results. Vanessa guides clients through their options, explaining healing, aftercare and maintenance so they can make informed choices.



These services are for both men and women. Men may choose subtle brow enhancements to fill sparse areas, improve balance or restore fuller-looking brows while preserving their natural character.



Beyond brows

The studio also offers lash enhancement and eyeliner to define the eyes, plus lip blushing to enhance lip color and definition. Consultations for previous permanent makeup include exploring color correction or LI-FT saline removal when appropriate.

Vanessa's artistry extends to fine line and tiny tattoos, including delicate florals, handwritten messages, meaningful symbols, and commemorative pieces.



The name évoluer means "to evolve," reflecting her growth as an artist and dedication to each client's individual journey. Her passion lies in helping someone feel more comfortable in photographs, simplify their routine or see a familiar sense of self in the mirror.

A consultation offers a welcoming first step to ask questions, share goals and explore a personalized approach.

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Clockwise from top left: Good Vibes Coffee, The Auburn Taverna, Luna Bar & Bistro, Northern Wind Brewery, Latitudes and District Sound Lounge.

Tasty Places to Visit This Holiday Season, And All Year 'Round!

WYANDOTTE has proven to be a destination for those in the metro area looking for unique offerings in a picturesque setting. In between shopping in downtown's many one-of-a-kind retail establishments, make sure to stop in and grab a coffee or a bite at one of the locations below!

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Good Vibes Coffee

An adorable café, brand new to Wyandotte. Located at 2919 1st Street, this coffee shop is founded on the guiding principle of spreading good vibes, and it's impossible not to feel it in the nostalgically decorated space. Using coffee roasted at Kekoa Brew Co. (a Wyandotte fave!), Good Vibes Coffee offers a wide variety of specialty drinks as well as familiar favorites. Settle in and get comfy in a space that's as cute as its name!

The Auburn Taverna

Inspired by a love for Greek cuisine and a dedication to genuine hospitality, Auburn Taverna offers a dining experience that's both familiar and new. From the moment you walk in, you'll find a warm atmosphere, thoughtful service, and dishes prepared with heart. The Auburn Taverna is located at 118 Sycamore Street.

Luna Bar & Bistro

Craving an elegant environment and a meal you won't forget? Check out Luna Bar & Bistro, located at 2910 Van Alstyne. Elevated dining and signature cocktails make this perfect for a romantic date night, or a place to get together with the girls. If you go, make sure to try their Super Moon – a gorgeous cocktail that uses Michigan-made gin. Afterward? It's a short walk to Bishop Park to enjoy a walk along the river.

Northern Wind Brewing

The newest fixture to the brewery scene in Wyandotte, Northern Wind is quickly becoming a fixture for our community. Located at 3355 3rd Street, Northern Wind brews a wide variety of beers for a diverse clientele. Their motto? "Community over everything", and it's not just pretty words! Besides serving some delicious pizza and bar bites, Northern Wind also hosts community events like open mic nights, stained-glass workshops and fundraisers.

Latitudes

Set against the stunning backdrop of the Detroit River, Latitudes is the waterfront dining you have been craving. Specializing in fresh seafood, Latitudes serves an elevated menu with a focus not only on taste, but also presentation. Enjoy the beauty of the Detroit River while sipping on their impressive wine menu or snacking on fresh oysters. A classy restaurant with a great view, Latitudes is located at 3455 Biddle Avenue.

District Sound Lounge

District Sound Lounge sits right next door to District 142, 150 Maple Street, and is connected from the inside. Stop in before the concert, step over between sets and stay for late-night bites after the encore!

Awesome Nail Co.

Care, creativity and customer service

By Pamela MacIntyre

AT Awesome Nail Co., the goal is to create an experience that feels relaxed rather than rushed. The friendly, attentive staff adds to the welcoming atmosphere, with clients greeted by smiling faces when they arrive.

Clients can settle into massage chairs, watch television and enjoy coffee, hot chocolate, soda or water while they are there. Owner Hhung Nguyen wants people to feel comfortable and have an opportunity to relax while receiving their services.



The salon offers an extensive selection of nail services, including manicures, pedicures, acrylics, dip powder, gel nails, extensions and nail art, along with waxing services.

Options and creativity are a big part of the experience. With an extensive selection of colors, finishes and nail techniques, clients have plenty of ways to make their nails their own. They can keep things classic and simple or experiment with current trends and more detailed designs. Chrome, cat eye and 3D gel are just some of the options available.

Clients can also bring in inspiration photos or ideas for custom nail art. Whether they have a particular color, finish or detailed design in mind, the team works with them to create a look that reflects their individual style. Nguyen continually follows new products, techniques and trends, helping the salon offer clients both variety and current options.



While styles and trends continue to change, Nguyen's goals for Awesome Nail Co. remain simple: stay current, provide quality service and create an atmosphere where people feel comfortable, cared for and welcome.

Awesome Nail Co. is located at 22312 Goddard Road in Taylor. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (734) 643-5073 or visit awesomenailcomi.com.



Wyandotte Holiday Gift Guide

THE holiday season is the perfect opportunity to shop small and support the people and local businesses that make Wyandotte unique. Shopping locally keeps the community thriving, supports local families and keeps the city vibrant. Rather than shopping for gifts at large corporations this season, consider shopping small and supporting local.



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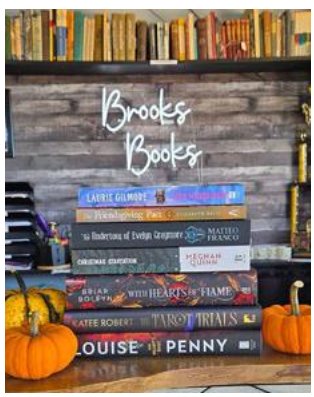


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Bag distribution begins at 9 a.m., with the 300 bags divided between two pickup locations: Community Choice Credit Union at 3099 Biddle Avenue and Petunia Glass Studio located at 2697 Fort Street. Shoppers are encouraged to arrive early, as bags will be available while supplies last.

The event is coordinated by the volunteer business owners and community leaders who run Shop The Dotte. Their goal is to connect shoppers with local businesses and encourage residents to keep their holiday spending close to home.

Shop The Dotte is also partnering with Wyandotte-based Your Look Logos for the bag design and ordering, keeping the commitment to supporting local businesses at the heart of the event – from preparation to shopping day.

The celebration also includes Small Business Bingo, giving shoppers chances to win additional prizes while supporting local businesses. A bingo card will be included in every bag, and additional cards will be available at other locations so anyone who misses a bag can still join the fun. Shoppers can follow the instructions on their card and return it to a designated collection location to participate. Full details, including how to qualify and where to turn in cards, will be included on the bingo card.

Whether visiting a favorite shop or discovering somewhere new, Small Business Saturday offers an opportunity to support the people behind Wyandotte's locally owned businesses. Every local purchase helps keep our business community thriving.

For more information about Small Business Saturday or Shop The Dotte, email shopthedottellc@gmail.com.

Shop the Dotte is a proud partner of the City of Wyandotte and Downtown Development Authority. Shop the Dotte provides technical assistance, event related services and networking for Wyandotte's hardworking business owners and entrepreneurs to help grow business and support local economic development.

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Not Your Average Med Spa

By Kelsi Klein

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How the Victorian Era Shaped Modern Christmas Traditions

By Kelsi Klein

HAVE you ever wondered why we decorate Christmas trees, exchange Christmas cards, hang stockings or go through the process of decorating our homes for the holidays? Some of the traditions that define Christmas as we know it came directly from the Victorian era.

In America's early days, Christmas celebrations, or lack thereof, varied by region. Many New England settlers with Puritan roots avoided them, while southern colonies modeled their Christmas celebrations after English traditions with multi-day festivities.

According to Mackinac State Historic Parks, as the United States developed a stronger national identity through immigration and westward expansion, the evolution of Christmas in America was shaped by a combination of old and new traditions alike.

The Victorian era and the Gilded Age in the late 19th century brought industrialization, economic growth and urbanization, introducing the rise of the middle class. American Christmas festivities during this time began to take place inside homes with family gatherings, Christmas trees, cards, gifts and more. Many Victorian customs are still at the heart of American Christmas traditions today.



Christmas trees

Though the concept of decorating Christmas trees started in Germany in the 1500s, it was popularized during the Victorian Era when a drawing of Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and their children standing around a decorated Christmas tree was published in Illustrated London News in 1848.

Early trees featured decorations like dried fruits, popcorn strings and open-flamed candles, which gave way to today's themed ornaments, family keepsakes and much safer string lights.

Christmas cards

While the practice of sending Christmas cards in the mail has declined in recent years in exchange for posting digital versions on social media, the first commercial Christmas card was commissioned by Sir Henry Cole in England in 1843. According to the Smithsonian, by 1875 the first American Christmas card was produced in a print shop near Boston.

By the early 1900s, the Hallmark company was born and it spearheaded the greeting card industry in America. To this day, Americans hold on to Victorian traditions of displaying their Christmas cards on fireplace mantels, doorways and refrigerators.



Gift giving

Prior to the Victorian era, gift-giving usually took place around New Year's Day and other winter celebrations, but as Christmas celebrations expanded, families began hanging small gifts on their trees for their children or hanging stockings with basic items like sweets, a fresh orange, a small coin or a single toy.

As industrialization advanced, mass production, consumerism and extra spending money gave families the opportunity to purchase larger gifts that were placed under the tree. Today, according to the National Retail Federation, holiday shopping accounts for nearly 20 percent of total annual retail sales in America.

Christmas cheer and holiday spirit

Much of what we know today as "Christmas cheer" stemmed from Victorian era traditions of family celebrations, traditional dinners, charity and goodwill. Christmas became a federal holiday in 1870 and has since shaped American culture from both a religious and secular standpoint.

Today, Michigan is home to many Victorian-style Christmas celebrations, most notably the annual Holly Dickens Festival. To get a firsthand look at what Victorian Christmas was like in southeast Michigan, check your local historical museums as many decorate for Christmas each year.

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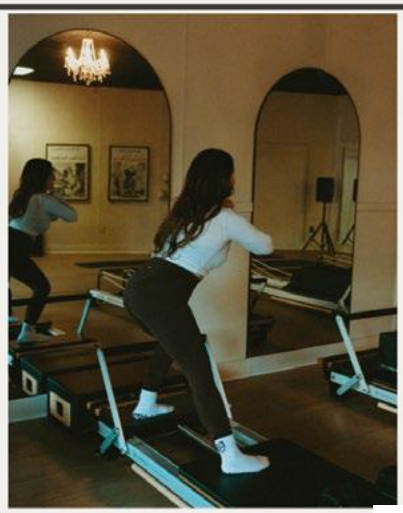
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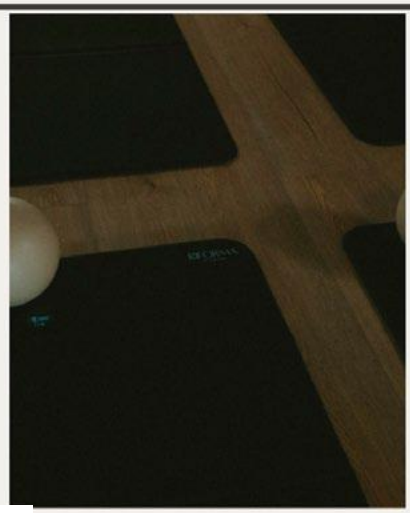


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Remembering Christ Doulos

Longtime Downriver restaurateur's passing leaves big void in community

By Carly Matkovich

CHRIST Doulos, restaurateur and entrepreneur, passed away unexpectedly in his Grosse Ile home on September 13, 2026, at age 73. He owned and operated many restaurants in the Metro Detroit region during his more than five decades-long career.

He was my boss at The Vault on First, which he, his wife, Carole Bell-Doulos, and Suzette Balaskas opened in 2021. It was the last restaurant he opened and it was, according to Bell-Doulos, "the love of his life", second only to her and his children, Alyson, Stefan, Nick, and Carly.

Doulos wasn't just a business owner, though. He was a colleague, advocate, friend, husband, dad. Wise cracker. You know, multifaceted.



Photo by Nick Doulos

Christ (right) and son Nick (left) take a selfie just after the University of Michigan football team won against Ohio State on November 25, 2023.

I knew him as my boss, but I also knew that wise cracker side, too. He often found the thing that pushed your button and then needled at it – for a laugh! He once asked me to turn in my end-of-night paperwork before the restaurant was even closed. Repeatedly he asked, growing more and more impatient (though his smirk of amusement at my growing frustration was only thinly veiled by his feigned impatience).

Finally, I told him, "If you ask me for my report one more time, I will kick you in the shins."

And boy, did he laugh. Not a chuckle or one of those silent shoulder shakers but a big, booming belly laugh that carried upward, bouncing off the high ceilings and echoing against the custom brick walls before crashing down to the poured concrete floors of the love of his life's bar.



Photo by Samantha Thomas

Carole (left) and Christ embrace outside the MGM Grand Detroit on May 11, 2023, after The Vault won an award for Best New Restaurant in the 2022 Detroit Free Press's "Best of the Best" contest.

That sense of humor went back a long way, said Peter Rose, owner of Chelsea Menswear and Willow Tree, both in downtown Wyandotte. He and Doulos were friends for over 50 years.

"He killed me, just cracked me up with an incredibly rude sense of humor," Rose said.

But that humor was never mean-spirited or vicious, Rose added.

"[Doulos] told jokes and laughed all the way through them…We would zing each other back and forth," he recalled.

These "zings" were a form of endearment. Doulos teased Ron Thomas, founder of Rise Above Ventures and owner of the Maple Professional Building where The Vault is located, about his taste in appetizers when he dined at the restaurant.

"Christ was obviously an excellent cook, and so he would cringe and always give me grief because every time I came in with my daughter, I would order chicken tenders as an appetizer and blame her for it," Thomas said. "But he knew they were for me. It was an ongoing joke between us."

Despite his public persona he was an introvert who struggled in social situations. According to Bell-Doulos, he much preferred a quiet afternoon reading a mystery novel at home – he could finish a single book before his dinner



Photo courtesy of Carole Bell-Doulos

Carole Bell-Doulos (left) and Christ Doulos (right) on May 27, 2016, at Lands End Lookout, a scenic overlook in San Francisco, California.

shift or as many as 10 in a free weekend – to a cocktail mixer or dinner party.

"He had a hard time talking to people he didn't know," she said. Except when he was at his restaurant. "He came alive here."

Doulos was six feet tall but seemed much taller when he worked at The Vault. Donning a different sportscoat each Friday evening, with a coordinating pocket square and polished Oxfords, he stood sentry at the front desk watching the pace of dinner service, waiting for the right moment to approach a table. He made it a point to visit every single one. When the hustle of a dinner rush was fully underway, he gathered customer compliments like precious treasures for his own personal vault. As the night went on his chest puffed with pride, his back straightened and he appeared to grow an inch or two. He was the biggest man in the room even if he wasn't.

Despite his introversion, he frequently addressed the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber and spoke at Wyandotte City Council meetings. Among other things, he lobbied on behalf of local business owners when road closures to accommodate the city's many festivals began impacting the businesses downtown that relied on foot traffic.

"He really wanted Wyandotte – all of Downriver – to thrive and grow," said Alyssa Webb, who works at The Vault and is one of what Doulos called his "jewels," a term he used for the staff there. Webb went on, saying, "He was invested in the area. Not just financially but emotionally."

The city no longer closes the streets for any event beside the Wyandotte Street Art Fair.

When he wasn't at the restaurant or presenting petitions to the city or getting his kicks zinging friends, he tried to attend as many sporting events as he could. A staunch University of Michigan football fan and season ticket holder, he took his son, Nick (now an alumnus of the school) to many games starting when Nick was just 3 years old. Nick remembers his dad, ever the foodie, introducing him to different and interesting foods at the tailgates outside The Big House, where Doulos and other friends would meet and take turns cooking for the group.

Doulos also attended all of his son's little league games – as coach.

"He was working a lot and didn't have a lot of time, but it was important to him to show up," Nick said. "It was a really generous act."

Nick said he's been thinking a lot about the lessons he learned from his dad. He said Doulos taught him how to appreciate when things are good.

"He told me, 'Don't feel guilty about having a good time when a good time is available.'"

Photo by Carole Bell-Doulos





Photo by Samantha Thomas

Photo by Carly Matkovich



Top left: Christ (left) and longtime friend Peter Rose (right) stand together hugging in The Vault's bar on February 19, 2023. Top right: Chris Balaskas, manager at The Vault, Ron Thomas, Christ and Peter Rose pose at the MGM Grand Detroit on May 11, 2023, with The Vault's Best New Restaurant award from the 2022 Detroit Free Press's "Best of the Best" contest. Bottom: More than 200 friends, family and community members gather at The Vault on Saturday, October 24, 2026, for a memorial service in honor of Christ, who passed away on September 13, 2026.

Doulos wanted everyone to have a good time at his restaurants, too – he was the definition of a man of service. He was also a forgiving and patient boss, a funny and loyal friend, a tender and loving husband, and an attentive and supportive father. You know, multifaceted. And every facet of him will be missed.

‘If it was not for affordable housing, I would be dead or on the street’



ABOUT one in every four residents in Michigan is an older adult – and the harsh reality is that many of them are struggling to get by on a low income. The nationwide shortage in affordable housing is hitting them the hardest, particularly as the median rent is rising a lot faster than Social Security benefits do.

The result is that many people can’t afford a place to live, depend on staying with relatives or friends while spending a long time on waiting lists, and frequently find themselves unhoused.

Fortunately, there are options available in Wyandotte. You just might pass one of them on the regular without being aware of it.

Bishop Co-op Apartments is a 196-unit nonprofit rental community managed by CSI Support and Development. It’s an instantly recognizable landmark, and for over half a century it’s been providing a home for adults over age 62.

Located on Biddle Avenue, it’s looking a little different these days – the fresh look reveals a peak of the $14 million renovation that will be completed in December 2026. After almost a year of construction, residents are looking forward to the brand-new floor lounges, elevator upgrades, new HVAC systems and more. They’ve already been enjoying major upgrades to their apartments with all new countertops, cabinets, flooring and new bathroom vanities.

The best thing about this phase of renewal? CSI was able to secure project-based rental subsidy for 100 percent of units, ensuring affordability for decades to come. Through close collaboration with HUD, MSHDA, and member residents, all apartments now have either a Section 8 subsidy or Project Based Voucher (PBV) subsidy. It’s a prime example of how CSI works closely with local partners to make affordable senior housing a priority.



The Board of Directors, all democratically elected members of the 65 co-ops, visits Bishop. They oversee residents’ needs and work with CSI leadership.

Senior co-op life: affordable and social

A 2026 survey by Apartments.com revealed that 37 percent of seniors move because they can’t afford their current residence. Medical debt, a spouse passing, the high cost of house ownership – there are many situations that can unexpectedly affect someone’s finances.

At CSI’s rental communities, such as Bishop Co-op Apartments and 28 other locations across Michigan, residents never pay more than 30 percent of their income on rent. And their voices matter: all member residents play an active role in their building, depending on how much they like to be involved.

“We believe our members know their community best,” explained Bishop liaison Eric Finkler, indicating how CSI’s co-ops have been so successful for 80 years. “Residents have annual elections and get to pick a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and floor representatives. There are many committees you can join, so you can do the things you enjoy the most and thrive among your peers.”

That’s also why everybody on the National Board of Directors is a member who lives in CSI’s co-ops – they know exactly what’s going on and what needs attention.

The renovation at Bishop Co-op shows just how many members made their voice heard: they got to vote which paint colors they wanted, decided on furniture for the common areas and selected flooring. When the Board of Directors – also all member residents – visited the co-op in mid-October, everybody was thrilled to see the progress.

Quality living while thriving among peers

“Our members truly care for their neighbors,” Eric said, pointing out that’s what makes this community and other CSI co-ops so special. “There have been countless times





I've heard of members cooking dinner for their neighbors. Or they check in with one another after a medical procedure."

The active participation in the co-op plays a major role in how social connections develop: there's always something happening in the building, which makes it easy to get to know the people around you.

As a co-op member explained: "Since moving here and losing my husband, I've felt safe and secure, which has greatly improved my quality of life. I could not afford to live anywhere else. Being a part of the co-op has allowed us to volunteer and participate in decisions that affect our community and bring us a lot of happiness and sense of belonging."

Rooted in Wyandotte: food for thought

Wyandotte was the birthplace of the first senior housing community CSI developed in 1965, two blocks away from Bishop Co-op Apartments. Many residents have lived in the area all their lives, bringing a shared history and values with them. It's an example of how deep CSI's local roots go, which can also be seen clearly in how the co-op collaborates closely with local partners.

Bacon Memorial Library has been a gracious friend, providing support when members were hard pressed for additional parking. Wyandotte Pharmacy doesn't just provide medication but has also organized a shingles/flu/vaccine clinic onsite. For those residents who need transportation support, PACE (Services for the Elderly) has been providing rides to and from Bishop Co-op.

Recently, an exciting partnership bloomed with Forgotten Harvest, Michigan's largest food rescue organization. They have generously donated a large communal fridge, so food donations can be stored securely and remain accessible. Gleaners is another community partner who supports residents that experience food scarcity, and Meals on Wheels is a formidable help, finding ways to distribute food to people even when the construction has disrupted services.

It's the tremendous support from these and other organizations that demonstrate how Wyandotte shows up for people. CSI is grateful for these collaborations that bring so much more to residents than just an affordable place to live.

Thanks to the continued focus on education, the co-ops constantly are engaged with events to keep learning, growing and thriving together. For immediate onsite support for members, a service coordinator is available full-time to assist with various needs, provide resources or even help with paperwork.

As the completion of the yearlong construction is nearing, Bishop Co-op currently has a limited number of vacancies. People who are 62 years and older and meet HUD's requirements for affordable housing can call CSI's Waitlist Department or apply online at www.csi.coop/bishop.

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CHARGE INTO FIRE SAFETY

Managing the power in our pockets and homes

By Fire Chief Jeremy Moline

FROM smartphones to e-bikes, lithium-ion batteries supply long-lasting power in Wyandotte. However, fire departments nationwide have seen a sharp increase in structure fires caused by rechargeable battery failures.

The Wyandotte Fire Department's top priority is keeping our neighborhoods safe by managing the power inside these items.

The primary danger is "thermal runaway". When a battery is damaged, overcharged or overheated, its internal components fail rapidly. This uncontrolled release of energy generates intense heat, transforming internal materials into highly flammable, toxic gases.

Unlike wood fires, a lithium-ion battery fire happens at alarming speed and can escalate into an explosion within seconds, making them exceptionally difficult to extinguish.

Fortunately, prevention is entirely within your control.

Smart Buying and Charging

- Look for certified safety stamps like Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Use manufacturer-approved cords – avoid cheap online replacements.
- Charge only on hard, flat surfaces – never on beds, couches or pillows.
- Avoid overnight charging – disconnect devices at 100 percent charge.
- Keep large e-mobility devices clear of primary home exit paths.



Warning Signs and Disposal

- Check regularly for swelling, punctures, leaks, or extreme heat.
- Stop using if you smell electrical burning or hear popping sounds.
- Evacuate and call 911 immediately if a device begins smoking.
- Never toss batteries in regular trash or curbside recycling bins.
- Tape terminals and drop them off at approved local recycling centers.

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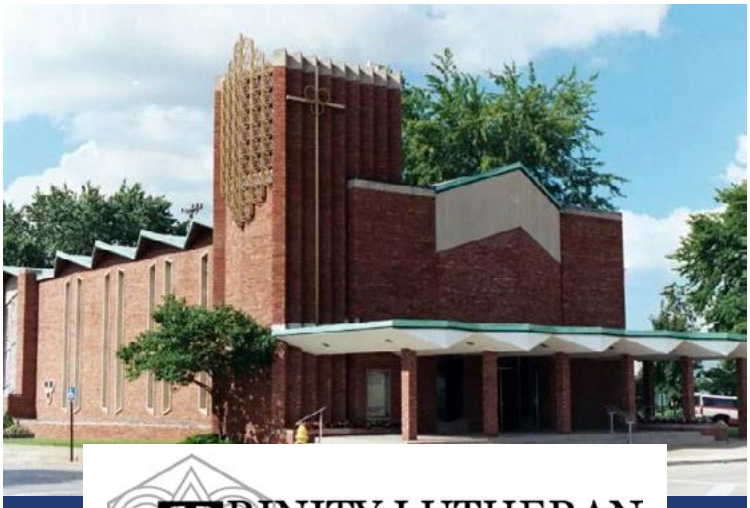
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Schools partner with neighboring communities, businesses to help cognitively impaired students





THE Wyandotte Transition Program (WTP) was established in 2020 to provide post-secondary learning opportunities to students who are at least 18 years of age with mild cognitive impairments who did not receive a high school diploma.

The program's primary focus for students is to develop employability skills by participating in non-paid community worksite-based learning. The goal is to help our students acquire the necessary skills to successfully obtain and maintain employment and become contributing members of the community. Students also learn how to appropriately interact with co-workers, peers and community members.







The program is intended to be a two-to-three-year program based on the student's individual needs. During a student's time in the program, they gain employability skills, daily living skills and work on their individualized functional academic and pre-vocational goals. In addition to employability skills, our students participate in a travel training program, which increases students' access to the community through public transportation.

Over the past six years, the program has grown from 18 business partners to 29 in the Wyandotte, Southgate and Taylor communities. Each year we have students who graduate from our program and have either accepted a job in their community or are linked with community mental health services. Here are a few highlights over the past six years:

- WTP's first year was a difficult year for the program but students and staff persevered and attended Zoom instructional lessons, established two microenterprise businesses and a building-wide coffee cart.
- During the second year, WTP obtained 18 business partners within the Wyandotte and Southgate communities.
- In the third year, WTP increased from 18 to 20 businesses in the Wyandotte and Southgate communities. The program also participated in several community service projects.
- During the fourth year, the number of student referrals increased and the program hired an additional teacher. WTP had 21 students and acquired 11 additional worksites. We also had four graduates who successfully completed the program and received a Certificate of Completion.
- In the fifth year, WTP relocated to Roosevelt High School. This move provided closer access to the SMART bus routes, a kitchen area for weekly cooking lessons and access to the washer and dryer to focus on hands-on daily living skills. We had 23 students, added seven new worksites and graduated nine students who received a Certificate of Completion.
- During the sixth year, two new worksites in Taylor were acquired, which challenged our students to independently navigate the SMART bus to and from their worksite. We had 23 students, gained five additional worksites and increased to 36 business partnerships. We also had five graduates who received a Certificate of Completion.

We have been able to continue this program each school year because of the partnerships and relationships we have built with Wyandotte and with the surrounding communities. From the non-paid work experiences our students have had, WTP students and graduates have been able to gain extended employment. We are grateful for the businesses opening their doors to our program and working diligently to guide our students.

The Wyandotte Transition Program is always looking to grow our network of business partners in Wyandotte and the surrounding Downriver community. If you are interested in partnering with WTP please email armiaks@wy.k12.mi.us or message us on Facebook: Wyandotte Transition Program.

Big Goals

Wyandotte soccer player proud of self-improvement, still planning for the future

By Terry Jacoby



NATE Grenz is one of Wyandotte's elite soccer players and he's also elite in the classroom. But sometimes scoring goals and scoring A's can be challenging for the senior.

"Balancing school with soccer is one of the hardest things I have to do on a day-to-day basis," Grenz said. "With games and practice, I am up pretty late doing homework for many of my classes. This year has been the hardest so far, so I started using a planner to help me keep track of what I need to do."

The great game of soccer has been a part of his plan for a long time. He started playing soccer in the fourth grade.

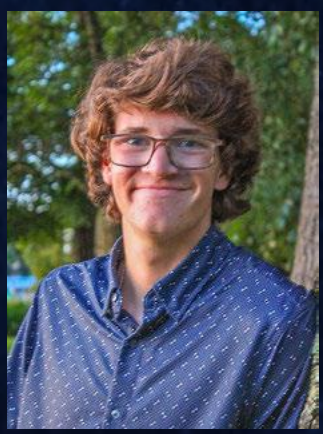
"When I started, I loved playing with my friends," he said. "And the fact that my dad was the coach made me like it even more."

Grenz has been a member of the Wyandotte varsity soccer team all four years, mostly playing in the back. He started one game as a freshman and scored a goal in his first game as a ninth grader. He started at right back every game his sophomore year and again was a starter last year as a junior when he was named Bear of the Year by his coaches and teammates. He also earned Downriver League All-Academic and All District honors last season.



Grenz, who plays center back/center defender for the Bears and is the last line of defense, said the goal for this year is to win districts.

"This is the first time in a while that we actually have a chance," he said. "So far, the team looks pretty good. We still have quite a few games left and we are fighting for the top of the league and the top seeds for districts. I think the key to succeeding is practice. If we out practice the other team, we can always beat them."



Grenz played soccer on an indoor team in a 7v7 league during the winter.

"It wasn't even an official club, it was just a bunch of the soccer team wanting to get better," he said. "I did that for two years, and the most fun part was just being able to play every position. It was a very small field, so I was able to play some positions that I don't usually play. I was also able to play with my brother and sister and that was a lot of fun."

Nate, 18, the son of Greyson and Melinda Grenz, is a member of Quiz Bowl, National Honor Society and Link Crew. He has an impressive 4.139 GPA and also enjoys pickleball, tennis, watching all sports, doing jigsaw puzzles, reading and singing.

"I am most proud of how I have improved as a soccer player, person, and leader," he said.

Grenz isn't sure what his plan will be in the future, but he does have big goals.

"I plan to go to college after this year but I still don't know exactly what I want to study or where I want to go," he said. "I probably will only play soccer on an intramural team while I'm in college."

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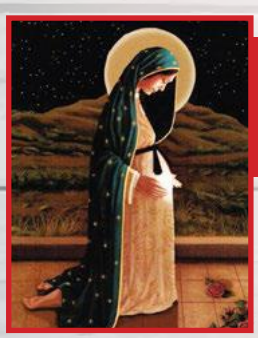
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Bringing People Together

Chelsea Nunnally has built a career of creating experiences and partnerships

By Ryan M. Place

FOR Wyandotte resident Chelsea Nunnally, bringing people together has been part of her life since she was a teenager.

"I started working at the Taylor Recreation Center summer camp when I was 15," Nunnally said. "That's where it all started."

Born and raised in Taylor, Nunnally attended Summit Academy before marrying her high school sweetheart at 19. Her husband joined the U.S. Marine Corps, taking the couple to Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California for several years. When they returned to Michigan, Nunnally went back to the Taylor Recreation Center while studying business administration.



She eventually became the City of Taylor's Branding and Events Specialist and later Recreation and Events Manager, planning community programs and large-scale events. One of her earliest major projects was Hallow-Palooza.

"I had to go out and find sponsors," she said. "That was really where I learned the sponsorship side of events."

Her work grew to include programs such as Movies in the Park at Heritage Park and Taylor Winterfest. Along the way, Nunnally discovered that successful events and successful partnerships depend on many of the same skills.

"It's about creating trust and listening to what people are looking for," she said. "Every proposal is customized for each client. From there, it takes teamwork to bring the partnership to life and execute it successfully."

In 2023, Nunnally took those skills to the Downtown Detroit Partnership (DDP), where she serves as corporate partnership manager. The nonprofit manages 18 parks and public spaces throughout downtown, including Campus Martius Park, Cadillac Square and Grand Circus Park. Nunnally now helps manage approximately 65 corporate partnerships, working with organizations including Bank of America, Amazon, DTE Foundation, Diversified Members Credit Union and Lexus.

For Nunnally, those partnerships are what help make many of DDP's public events and experiences possible. Her work has helped bring major activations to life, including Lexus' sponsorship of the Rink at Campus Martius Park and Bank of America's support of Winter in the Parks. When the 2024 NFL Draft came to Detroit, DDP's public spaces were at the center of the action, hosting big screens, DJs, bars and other activities for visitors.

While Nunnally's career has taken her from Downriver events to some of Detroit's biggest public spaces, she remains firmly rooted close to home. She and her husband, now a Taylor police officer and member of the Downriver SWAT team, moved to Wyandotte in 2018 and are raising their 3-year-old daughter there.

"We love that Wyandotte is such a fun walkable community right on the water," she said.

Away from work, Nunnally enjoys fitness, painting and spending time with her family and friends. She also runs Nunn and Co. Studio on Etsy, where she creates hand-painted ornaments. The family's favorite Wyandotte spots include taco bros and Holy Cow! Creamery.



From Downriver festivals to Downtown Detroit's biggest stages, Nunnally has found her calling in creating experiences that turn public spaces into shared memories.

"That's what I love about this work," she said. "It's about bringing people together."

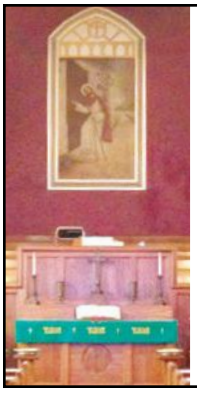
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Italian Food by Santa Rosalia Italian Society
Sunday, December 6 - 11am - 4pm
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Christmas Mass Schedule
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AROUND Wyandotte

November – December

NOVEMBER

November 20

Annual Tree Lighting

Dusk

Sycamore Street and Biddle Avenue

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November 20

Annual Cookie Walk

6-8 p.m.

Downtown Wyandotte

Stroll down Biddle Avenue immediately after the holiday tree lighting and collect 18 fresh cookies from participating businesses. Kick off the holiday season with a delicious cookie and walk among the lights in Downtown Wyandotte. Hot chocolate is available for a donation. Buy tickets online: https://square.link/u/r32qCNaQ. Hosted by Sweet Arrangements Candy and Dessert Shoppe.

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

November 20-21

Food Truck Festival

Friday: 5-10 p.m.,

Saturday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Yack Arena Parking Lot

3131 Third Street

In conjunction with the introduction of the mobile food ordinance, this food truck and vendor festival will feature food and fun for all in celebration of the holiday season. Learn more at www.wyandottemi.gov.



November 21

83rd Annual Christmas Parade

10 a.m.

Downtown Wyandotte

Experience the magic of the holiday season as Downtown Wyandotte comes alive with festive floats, marching bands, cheerful holiday characters and plenty of Christmas spirit! Bundle up, gather your family and friends and join us along Biddle Avenue for this cherished hometown tradition!

November 28

Small Business Saturday/Shop The Dotte

9 a.m.

Downtown Wyandotte

Come out and support local businesses and receive special offers, coupons, discounts and gift cards! Pick up a shopping bag at one of two locations: Community Choice Credit Union at 3099 Biddle Avenue and Petunia Glass Studio located at 2697 Fort Street. Shoppers are encouraged to arrive early, as bags will be available while supplies last. There will also be a chance to win Small Business Bingo! Email shopthedottellc@gmail.com for more information.

DECEMBER

December 4, 11 & 18

Wyandotte Museums Festive Fridays

5-8 p.m.

2610 Biddle Avenue

Save the dates and enjoy an evening of historical holiday cheer at the museum. Admission is free. For more information, visit the Wyandotte Museums Facebook page.

December 5

Elves Around The Museum

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.

Wyandotte Museum

2610 Biddle Avenue

Come out and celebrate the holidays at the Wyandotte Museum! During the festivities, the Wyandotte Historical Society and Kiwanis will be hosting cookie decorating at the Marx House, while Santa and Mrs. Claus welcome families at the Bacon Memorial Library. We hope to see you there!

December 6

District 142 Music Market

2-8 p.m.

District 142

142 Maple Street

This free event will feature food, live music and vendors along with a variety of vinyl records, cassettes, CDs, clothing, books and more. Learn more at www.district142live.com.



December 18

Santa Pub Crawl

7 p.m.-12 a.m.

District 142

142 Maple Street

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