



# Wayne-Westland's Jefferson-Barns to become new Dorsey Community Center

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Staff Writer

A former Norwayne elementary school will soon take on new life as the Dorsey Community Center. The Westland Council and the Wayne-Westland School board have both approved an agreement to lease the former Jefferson-Barns Elementary School building to the city for use as a community center. "This is a chance to bring back to Norwayne something that has been missing since both elementary schools closed — a sense of community," said Henry Johnson, chairman of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council. "It's a great thing for the community.

It's very exciting," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell, who is based at the Dorsey Center. Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy agreed. "This is a win-win for the entire community. We won't have to demolish that building and spend a significant amount of money in doing so," Baracy said. "It will alleviate utility costs and certainly serve the community well. It's a win-win for everyone involved." The agreement is for 50 years and expires in 2064.

**Move offices**  
 Moving from current offices further west on Dorsey near Venoy, the city

will utilize about one-third of the school, Campbell said. That will provide room for community service organizations to be housed, she said. "We haven't received a commitment yet but we're hoping Wayne Metro (Community Services) will move with us," Campbell said. "We will have a gym. There will be a Norwayne boxing club. The rest of the building can be used for community programs." The city has applied for a Section 108 loan through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development for the new community center. "The Detroit HUD office forwarded it to Washington, D.C., with the recommendation of approval but we haven't heard anything yet," Campbell said.

The current programs run out of the Dorsey Center and the Housing and Community Development Department will move into the former elementary school in early 2015. Jefferson-Barns Elementary was built in 1943, at the same time as the Norwayne Community in which it is located. Unlike the Westland City Hall retrofit into the former Circuit City building, Campbell said that work on the Jefferson-Barns building, closed in June 2010, won't involve major renovations. "We anticipate a January 2015 move date. We will paint and carpet to turn the classrooms into offices," Campbell said.

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# Volunteers sew 'angel' gowns for babies who never make it home

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Sewing has always made Dawn Lafferty happy. Now the Garden City resident is using her sewing skills to help ease the sadness of parents who miscarry, deliver a stillborn baby or lose an infant shortly after birth. Lafferty, who volunteers as a seamstress for the Friendship Center in Westland, started a nonprofit called Angels Above Baby Gowns, where she and a group of women sew burial gowns for babies out of donated wedding gowns. The group made its first delivery Tuesday to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, dropping off 18 handmade gowns ranging in size to fit micro-preemies all the way up to full-term babies. Some gowns are for boys, some for girls, and some are unisex. Lafferty got the idea after reading an article about a woman in Georgia who lost a baby and fashioned a burial gown out of her own wedding dress and then started making them for others. "I couldn't stop thinking about that article," she said. "There's such a need for it. Most of those people haven't had baby showers (yet); everybody should have recognition for their baby." She said she couldn't find anyone in Michigan doing something similar so she decided to start her own nonprofit. Lafferty, 57, was unable to have biological children be-



St. Mary Mercy's Deborah Ainsworth, R.N., director of the Birthing Center, of Canton, and Pamela Wrigley, R.N., assistant unit manager of the Birthing Center, of Livonia, look at outfits made by Jennifer McDonald of Redford and Dawn Lafferty of Garden City. Lafferty founded the new nonprofit organization Angels Above Baby Gowns. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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# Wayne Councilman Henley resigns because of personal reasons

By LeAnne Rogers  
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Wayne Councilman James Henley has submitted his resignation from office a little more than eight months after being reelected to a four-year term. "I resigned Thursday (June 12) effective immediately," said Henley, 38. "I resigned for personal reasons." Married with two children, ages 11 and 8, Henley served a four-year term before being reelected in November. "My daughter was sick. I'd been gone a couple of weeks," Henley said. "I'd been thinking about it (resigning). I'd been kicking it around. There were

a lot of things I wanted to see through. When I was gone, that kind of made the decision for me." A funeral director, Henley said he needed to spend more time with his young children. The council was scheduled to accept Henley's resignation at the regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday. Under the city charter, the council appoints a replacement to serve until the next regularly scheduled election in November 2015. The seat would



Henley

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# June 30 deadline to apply for vacant Wayne City Council seat

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Wayne residents interested in serving on the city council have until 4 p.m. Monday, June 30, to submit a letter of interest and resume to the city clerk's office. There is a short window — 30 days — for the council to appoint someone to replace James Henley, who resigned from his council seat effective June 12. Reelected to a second four-year term in November, Henley cited personal reasons for resigning. "You need to appoint on July 15. It is a short time frame but you have done it before," City Clerk Matthew

Miller said. Council will schedule applicants for 20-minute public interviews beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 8. Miller said he will need a couple of days to verify addresses of applicants and also make sure the applicants aren't in arrears on any city taxes. Miller had suggested a council subcommittee be used to review the applications and recommend candidates to be interviewed by the council. "I think all who apply should be interviewed by the entire council. There is more transparency," Haidous

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# Westland kicks off annual mosquito offensive

Summer is not only the season for sunny skies, warmer temperatures and barbecues; it's also mosquito season.

In order to repel the pesky bugs, the City of Westland is launching the Mosquito Abatement Program.

The Department of Public Service will apply Vectoless Water Soluble Pouches and Bactomos Briquettes to more than 11,000 catch basins and ditches that have been identified as possible mosquito breeding

grounds. This will cost approximately \$7,500.

Westland launched this program in 2003, and the catch basins and ditches have been treated annually in an effort to shield residents against the West Nile Virus. Residents are also encouraged to contact ordinance enforcement if they are aware of vacant homes with pools or other stagnant water, which become breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Ordinance enforcement can be reached online through the city

website or by calling 734-467-3201.

City crews will be out today on the streets and in the neighborhoods making drops. This will continue into next week to cover the city's 11,000 catch basins.

"The City of Westland is committed to health and safety of our residents, and this program is critical to ensure our community can enjoy the summer months," Mayor William Wild said.

Residents should take precautions due to the

potential illnesses from mosquito bites, especially as mosquitoes hit their peak breeding season. Effective mosquito-repelling measures include wearing long sleeves and pants, avoid being outside at dusk and applying DEET-based insect repellent.

Residents also have the option to purchase the Vectoless Water Soluble Pouches and Bactomos Briquettes from the Department of Public Service, located at 37137 Marquette.

## DORSEY

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### Efforts praised

The Westland City Council voted unanimously to approve the agreement. The school board approved the agreement with opposition from board member Sally Madison. Baracy credited the efforts of Campbell in moving the project forward.

"Joanne is really responsible for applying and receiving a significant grant for \$500,000 in order to pursue this partnership to take over this school with the intent of turning it into a community center for the Norway Community," he said.

School board member Charles "Trav" Griffin

echoed Baracy's win-win comments, saying, "I really look forward to this and the kind of things that will happen there — better housing, people who want to come there to live and children that will be in our school district."

In recent years, Westland has made significant investment in Norwayne — including demolition of blighted housing and a community garden — to make it a community of choice once more.

"I think this will make a big impact on the area and provide services that are so desperately needed," board member Cindy Schofield said.

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## AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

### Open House

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool, 36660 Cherry Hill, south of Wayne Road, Westland, is having an open house for enrollment 6-8 p.m. today. Willow Creek offers classes for 4-year-olds and 3-year-olds and a tot-to-toddler class.

For more information, call 734-326-0078 or

visit willowcreekpreschool.com.

### Game Night

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly game night at 6 p.m. today at the center, 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland.

The center will be closed on Fridays, June 20 through Aug. 8. Its

monthly pasta dinner has ended for the school year; it will return in September.

For more information, call 734-419-2020.

### Meet the Director

Wayne Ripple Effect is holding a Meet the Director Mixer 6-7 p.m. today in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, 3

Towne Square, Wayne.

Stop by and meet Lindsay Wooten, executive director of the Wayne Michigan Main Street program. Enter the hall through the north or south entrance. Coffee, water and cookies will be available.

Call 734-629-6822 or send an email to info@downtownwayne.org for more information.

## APPLY

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said. "We are in tough times. We need some unity."

The person appointed to replace Henley will serve until the next regularly scheduled city election in November 2015. At that election, someone will be elected to serve the two years remaining on Henley's term. After that, the regular cycle of three council members being elected for four-year terms every two years will resume.

As the council voted to

accept Henley's resignation, Mayor Al Haidous threatened to vote no on the motion.

"He (Henley) served with a great deal of love towards the community and good intentions," Haidous said. "He did a good job, spoke his mind and took time to study the issues. He proved his heart was in the right place. I can't thank him enough."

Haidous and council members wished Henley, who is married with two children, ages 8 and 11, well.

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cause of a kidney disease, but she was a foster mother to many babies through the years. She stays in touch with three of her foster daughters, including one who has blessed her with a grandchild.

Lafferty taught herself how to sew at age 10. When she worked for Michigan Bell, she would take home co-workers' dresses and slacks to hem them.

"I always said if I could sew every day, it would make me the happiest person in the world," said Lafferty, who had to retire for medical reasons several

years ago. "Now I am sewing every day."

### Meets weekly

Lafferty said she expects to surpass her goal for the nonprofit of 200 gowns by the end of the year. She has converted her basement into a sewing center, where a handful of women join her from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday to make the gowns. "We always have dessert and friendship with it," she said. Others volunteer by making gowns in their own homes.

One of Lafferty's former Michigan Bell coworkers, Jennifer McDonald of Redford, is a member of the sewing circle at Lafferty's house. "It's a wonderful thing," McDonald said,

adding there is a need for the gowns, and they may "help someone at one of the worst times of their life."

The mother of four and grandmother of three said she never lost a child. "I can't imagine the pain," she said.

Getting donations of wedding gowns has not been a problem — the group has a dozen right now. It also accepts donations of lace, buttons and other decorative trim. Contact Angels Above Baby Gowns, Garden City on Facebook or call Lafferty at 734-421-2322.

Lafferty has contacted several hospitals, and St. Mary Mercy was the first to call back, she said. The donation was based on the need of about 15 gowns per year.

Lafferty said the gowns come packaged with a prayer book and a tiny keepsake angel ornament. There is no charge to the families. Some parents like to have their baby photographed in the gown, and then put the gown back in the box to keep as another memento along with a lock of the baby's hair and hand and footprints.

"The directors at St. Mary, they cried," Lafferty said. "They were just so touched. Before we were back home, we had already received a call from one of the nurses who would like to donate her wedding dress."

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## RESIGNS

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then be filled for two years so that it would expire in 2017.

The charter allows council 30 days to fill the vacancy, Wayne Clerk Matt Miller said.

"I'm recommending that the council put out a call accepting letters and resumes," Miller said. "Then that they establish a council vacancy sub-

committee."

The schedule proposed by Miller would have council candidates interviewed July 14 and appointed July 15.

The last time council appointed a member — it was when Councilman James Hawley was appointed — council conducted interviews as a committee of the whole.

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Amelia Gadde of Novi gets her face painted by Natalie Guenther from Inside Out Church during the Garden City Relay for Life.



Tramping Out Cancer members Wendy Barthold, Shannon Hicks, Darlene Sabagh-Richmond, Debbie Smith and Anna Kulsa-Rosenthal held a cookie sale to raise funds.



Penny Albitus and Jaylee Lynch founded Relay for Life in Garden City in 2007. They raffled off Tigers baseball tickets to raise funds for Relay for Life.

## Teams share in fight against cancer at Relay for Life

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Call it karma or maybe just payback but Toni Lupanoff found herself behind bars Saturday with a cup pleading for donations from passersby to make her bail.

The bail was only \$3 at a jail cell made of PVC pipe at the Garden City Relay for Life.

"This is the first time I've been locked up. The bad part is the jail was my idea last year — I had it built," said Lupanoff of the Briscoe Family Ties team. "You stay until you get your bail. My family had me put in."

It's a two-way fundraiser — donations get people arrested and bailed out. Lupanoff was arrested by her niece Sam Michaluk.

"I locked up my boyfriend and my niece," said Michaluk, offering her aunt a dollar toward her bail.

Midway through the 24-hour American Cancer Society fundraiser at Garden City Junior High School, 27 teams with 261 participants had raised nearly \$52,000.

Many teams raise money throughout the year and continue during the event with food, games and by selling a variety of beads, bangles, buttons and stickers. A couple teams had

games of bra pong. One theme had a Road to Recovery lap with a team creating a car to carry around the track.

### Eighth year

The Garden City Relay for Life started in 2007 when then Garden City employees Penny Albitus and Margo Ciercinski joined Councilwoman Jaylee Lynch to organize the event.

"We had a meeting and decided to take on relay. This is the eighth year," Lynch said. "It's going wonderful based on the number of tents and people walking. It's excellent."

Albitus was Relay chairperson the first two years. Like Lynch she still participates in the Garden City employees team, Checkmate, which is a gold-status team after raising more than \$5,000.

Relay kicked off at 10 a.m. Saturday with a cancer survivor lap, followed by a lap of survivors and caregivers. One team, the Walking Warriors, was taking photos of cancer survivors holding large numbers reflecting the years they had been cancer free.

Rebels with a Cause is anticipating gold-level fundraising in its fourth year of participation.

"We raised a little over \$1,000 the first year,



Garden City Relay for Life kicks off with special cancer survivors lap. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUJOIN

and I believe we are over \$5,000 this year," said team chairman Patrick Crosby, a teacher at the Burger School for Students with Autism. "The first year, people said, 'Relay for Life?' The second and third year people wanted to get in on it. We have a lot of coworkers and family."

Crosby's wife is a teaching assistant at Burger, and a lot of the team are teachers.

### Fundraisers

Selling T-shirts — Burger staff alone purchased 60 shirts — along with a raffle are the big fundraisers for Rebels with a Cause. The team was formed in 2011 after

Crosby's brother-in-law Eric Wien of Garden City died of cancer in the summer of 2010.

John Fleming had a Relay team for several years, which disbanded and kind of folded into Rebels with a Cause.

"John's diabetes golf outing benefits from us and we benefit from John's outing," Crosby said.

In addition to the food, games and music, there was an annual silent luminaria walk remembering those lost to cancer held just before 10 p.m. Saturday



Helping to raise money to get out of "jail" are Amanda Michaluk and Sierra Fugitt who are part of Briscoe Family Ties team.

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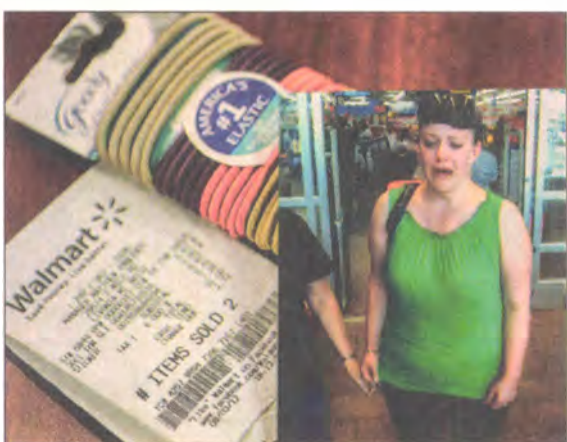
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A family photo shows Jodi Kozma leaving Walmart after being accused of stealing hair ties. They say the receipt proves her innocence.



## Lawsuit against city of Livonia, Walmart moved to federal court

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

The lawsuit filed against the city of Livonia, its police department and a local Walmart has been moved out of Wayne County Circuit Court and into federal court.

Deborah Gordon, the attorney representing Novi residents John and Wendy Kozma as well as their daughter, Jodi, in a lawsuit filed last month against the city and Walmart, said the request was made by the city and the retail giant. Because the complaint alleges the Kozmas' daughter had her Fourth and 14th Amendment rights violated by an unnecessary search and seizure, the defendants can ask to have it moved since it deals with the U.S. Constitution, Gordon said. "That gives them the right to move them into federal court," said Gordon, a Bloomfield Hills attorney. "It's the same lawsuit."

Gordon said the complaint filed in Wayne County Circuit Court is the same one being used by the federal court, which is the District of Eastern Michigan in Detroit.

The case was originally filed last month by Gordon on behalf of the family, who says their daughter was shopping August 2012 at the Livonia store at 29574 Seven Mile and

was unlawfully detained by store employees and Livonia police, who believed she was shoplifting.

Jodi Kozma, 25, has hypoxia and persistent fetal circulation and is mentally impaired and requires constant supervision from a family member when in public, according to the complaint. She purchased some hair ties and began to walk out of the store when she was stopped by loss prevention agents at the store and became confused. They prevented her from leaving until police arrived. Police detained her until it was determined Jodi Kozma had not taken anything illegally from the store and let her go.

The city's attorney, Don Knapp, has said the police officers properly determined there was probable cause for retail fraud. Police must also determine the facts after their own investigation, he said, and not just rely on statements made.

The case was originally scheduled for a status conference in August before a circuit judge in Wayne County, which will not take place. No date for a hearing in federal court has been scheduled, Gordon said.

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## WESTLAND COP CALLS

### Fraud

On June 11, a Westland woman told police that she had been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that her 2013 tax return was being audited. She said she responded that she had not filed income taxes.

The woman said she was told that a return with her Social Security number had been filed electronically and a \$9,000 refund was electronically deposited in an unknown bank account. The IRS told her to file a police report.

### Vandalism

A resident of an apartment at 36700 Parkcrest told police June 16 that his friend was using his car to take trash to

the dumpster. As he backed out, the friend said he heard a noise like he had backed over something but found nothing when he got out and looked.

The friend said he drove several hundred yards and heard another noise. This time he said the right rear tire had fallen off and the lug nuts were missing. The officer noted several lug nuts loosened on the remaining three tires on the 2014 Ford Fusion.

### Larceny

A resident of the Heather Ridge Apartments, 37104 S. Heather, told police June 12 that someone had stolen \$100 he had hidden in a shoe in his closet. He said there had been \$200 there when he last

checked on June 6 and found only \$100 left.

### Break-in

An Ypsilanti man told police he has been working at a vacant home in 5900 block of N. Parent and arrived June 12 to find the overhead garage door partially open. He said the back door to the home and garage were also ajar.

The officer noted that it appeared someone had forced the garage door open and damaged it. There were some tools moved in the garage, he said, but nothing appeared missing.

The man said about a week earlier two men had showed up at the home looking for his employer.

By LeAnne Rogers

## GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

### Stolen property

A representative of a property manager reported June 16 that the furnace and air conditioner were stolen from of a home in the 520 block of Harrison. The air conditioner condenser located on the outside of the home was also taken. The total value of the items was estimated at about \$5,000.

The man said that it had been a few months since he last checked on the home.

When police talked to a neighbor, they said that a man and a woman had been staying at the house but she hadn't

seen them for a few days. Since no one had permission to be there, the officer said in his report that the man and woman were likely to have been squatters.

### Stolen license plate

A resident in the 800 block of Cardwell came to the police station June 12 to report that the license plate from his 1990 Dodge was stolen.

The vehicle had been parked in front of the house.

### Stolen bike

A Westland man came to the police station June 16 to report that someone stole his

bike when he was visiting Garden City Park on Cherry Hill east of Merriman. He said that after he used the men's restroom, he came out and his Schwinn bike was gone.

### Property damage

The police believe that someone damaged a fence June 13 in the 30000 block of Krauter on purpose. When the police officer came to investigate, the officer saw tracks leading up to the fence indicating that it wasn't an accident. The driver fled and couldn't be located.

By Sue Buck

## WAYNE COP CALLS

### Break-in

A resident of an apartment at 35641 Brush told police June 10 that someone stole miscellaneous clothing valued at \$300. The resident said she had been hospitalized May 16-19 and has been ill and unable to walk unassisted.

On June 10, the resident said she finally felt well enough to go out. As she was

getting dressed, she said she discovered the clothing was missing. She told police someone likely entered through the front door.

### Stolen vehicle

On June 16, an employee at Micro Plating Services, 38300 Van Born, told police someone stole a 2007 Ford F-150 Econoline van from the parking lot. The white van was described

as having the number 76 on the driver's side front fender. The officer noted a pile of glass on the ground where the van had been parked.

### Larceny from a vehicle

Catalytic converters were reported to have been cut off an unspecified number of vehicles parked at Polk Auto, 31443 Michigan Ave., June 13.

By LeAnne Rogers

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Cheryl Partin of Garden City and Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc and wife Cheryl shop at the Lucky Squirrel Festival in downtown Garden City. PHOTOS BY KIM DOLD

## Lucky Squirrel Festival draws shoppers

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

Nancy Bowman knew that it was time to downsize and get rid of things that she won't have room for.

"I'm retiring and moving to Yuma, Arizona," Bowman said.

She found the perfect place to sell her items — the recent Lucky Squirrel event, held for the first time by the Garden City Downtown Development Authority.

The event was held in the Farmers Market area at Ford and Middlebelt.

With three curios of cat items, Bowman knew that she would have to part with some. She has donated some cat items to the American Legion in Garden City.

A cat owner and cat lover, she has taken in cats, too, through the years. Her niece, a veterinarian, influenced her to take in cats in need, strays and rescues.

"I'm just a cat lover," Bowman said.

She was also looking for homes for her cats.

"It's too hot for my cats in Arizona," Bowman said.

### Reduced prices

Along with household items, those customers who came to her booth found bargains. Bowman reduced the prices of many things and often threw in a free item to spare. Julie Barton, a Garden City resident,



Autumn Jennings, of Garden City, and friend Emily Green manned a table at the Lucky Squirrel event in downtown Garden City.

felt that she got a deal when she purchased an old VCR and rewriter for \$3.

The grounds of the festival were divided into garage sale sections and crafts and organizations sections. The DDA also had a table where it sold food items and T-shirts of the famous Willy the Pig sculpture located in downtown Garden City.

Garden City resident Autumn Jennings, Kim Dold's granddaughter, manned that table with friend, Emily Green, a Westland resident. Dold is an assistant to Stacey Tobar, executive assistant to the DDA.

The Willy T-shirts caught the eye of Sue Prajzner. A Westland resident, she has followed the different

clothing residents have placed on Willy.

"Every time we have visitors, we always point her out," she said. "She has babies now, too."

Someone placed "piglets" at Willy's base.

The festival also drew artist Kelsy Zsidor, a Detroit resident who grew up in Holly. She plans to attend Wayne State University in the fall.

"I do commission paintings," said Zsidor, who does caricatures. "I draw someone by how I feel about them."

The first time event was called a success.

"I would guess that we have 65 vendors," Dold said.

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Devin J. Adams  
City Controller

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- Department of Mental Health
- Department of Public Health
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## 'AS REAL AS IT GETS' – OFFICERS TRAIN FOR SCHOOL SHOOTING SITUATIONS

They may use bullets filled with paint, but Livonia Police Capt. Ron Taig knows the school shooting training session done Tuesday by several Wayne County police agencies has the feel of being authentic.

"This is as real as it gets," he said. "We're trying to test their abilities in the struggle."

Several police officers from agencies such as Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, the Wayne County Airport Authority, Dearborn Heights, Northville and Northville Township are participating in a four-day training session, learning the ropes of proper tactics when dealing with a school shooting situation. Officers ran

real-time simulations Tuesday morning at Dickinson School, 18000 Newburgh, in Livonia, complete with "gunmen" opening fire on police. The training runs through today.

The training was made possible by a federal grant obtained by the Wayne County Department of Homeland Security, totaling about \$45,000 for eight days of training for officers. No local dollars funded the sessions.

Officers used Dickinson, which was not in use, as a training ground. Several officers donned blue jerseys, indicating their status as a shooting victim, while others wore red, labeling them as a

shooter in the school.

And these aren't SWAT team officers, either: Taig said the goal is to train every first responding officer to step in and handle a shooter situation inside a school.

"We want to make sure patrol officers were given the equipment and also training to be able to react to an active shooter," he said. "So we put the training together."

Bullets containing paint were fired by officers and shooters during the training, leaving a mark and showing where someone had been shot. Teams of officers covered themselves going through the hallway, actively searching for the "shooter" and carrying

"victims" lying in the hallway to safety.

After the simulation, officers will gather for a debriefing session and break down positives and negatives.

### Students become teachers

And as well as learning tactics, participants will then turn around and be able to teach others who were not able to attend. Timothy McGillivray, director of Wayne County's Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, said once these officers are trained, the expectation is that they will return to their departments and conduct the training themselves.

"We can't touch every police officer in Wayne County," he said.

The hope is that every one of more than 1,000 law enforcement officers will receive similar training. In addition to police, Taig said several firefighters have also taken part in the training, including firefighters from Canton and Livonia.

Taig said the hope is that other communities, such as Redford, Garden City, Westland and Wayne, that have not participated in the training could take part in another session they hope to hold in 2015.

McGillivray said it's hoped the skills learned this week will not ever be needed, but it's important

officers in the county know how to handle the situation properly if the need arises.

"We deal with low-frequency and high-consequence events. God willing, this training will never be utilized," he said. "But we know all these police departments have tight budgets. What we bring to the table are the financial resources: the equipment, the training, the support equipment for the guys out on the front lines. And this is an example of that."

"School safety is definitely a priority."

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# Review, compare fees for financial services

I recently read a story about a man who took a large amount of loose coins to the bank and deposited the money into his checking account. He was upset because when he received his monthly statement, he noticed the bank had charged a fee for counting the coins.

The man wrote that even though there had been other bank fees, this one upset him enough that he ended his relationship with the bank and took his business elsewhere.

The story dealt with the hassle that he had with things like direct deposits and automatic withdrawals, but as he said at the end of the column, it was worth it.



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

Over the last few years, most consumers have gotten used to paying fees. Whether it is a hotel charging a resort fee in addition to the room rate or an airline charging for checked bags or an aisle seat, fees have become a fact of life.

In many situations, consumers have to accept the fees. However, in many situations, there are options. One of those is a banking relationship.

Banks have a history of charging excessive fees. Look at what banks

have charged for things such as bounced checks, wire transfers or even the cost of printing checks. And banks have instituted even more fees. Some are charging to talk to a teller, closing out an account or even sending a statement.

Banks have implemented these and other new fees because they know that on the whole the American public is unaware when it comes to fees.

Many people tend to believe that bank fees are standard and that every bank or financial institution charges the same fees. This is not the case. Every bank has its own set of fees and different accounts at the same bank also have

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different fee structures. The key is to focus on the fees for services that you use.

Once you understand your bank's fees, you can begin to compare other banks and financial institutions. In addition, also check with credit unions. Typically, credit unions will have lower fees and just as many amenities as banks.

I recognize banks are

card companies will waive fees if you request it.

Changing banks is a bit of a hassle and shouldn't be done on a whim. However, if you can save money on a regular basis, it may be worth the change.

Whether you make a change or not, it is important to review your banking relationship to determine if your bank deserves your business.

Good luck.

*Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.*

## Annual Bird Fair to perch at Redford VFW post this Sunday

This fair is for the birds.

The Rainbow Feathers Bird Club's 17th annual Bird Fair will be held in Redford this year from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 22, at the VFW post.

Exotic birds from Africa, Asia, Australia and South America will be at the fair.

People come from all over the state and out of state to the bird fair, according to Tammy Carol of the Rainbow Feathers Bird Club.

"This is our biggest fundraiser," Carol said. "We raise the funds to help take care of the rescue birds that we take in and care for."

The Rainbow Feathers Bird Rescue helps more than 100 birds a year, she said.

Finches, cockatiels, macaws and African greys are among the birds rescued, she said.

Often the club takes in birds that are no longer wanted by their owners.

"Some of these birds are very long lived. They live as long as a person, some of them."

### Avian scholarship

The money raised at the event also funds an avian scholarship to Michigan State, Carol said.

The fair usually draws 300 to 400 people, she said.

This is the second year the fair is being held in Redford at VFW Post 345, which is at 27345 Schoolcraft, just east of Inkster on the south side of Schoolcraft. The fair used to be held in Romulus.

Michigan avian artist Tim Marsh will be featured and a raffle prize will include some of his artwork.

Birds and related products will be for sale.

Admission is \$3 for adults and children 12 and under are admitted free.

Two door prize draw-

ings will be held with the prize of a \$50 Visa gift card.

Every paid admission includes one chance in

the drawing, which will be held at the end of the fair.

The Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue,

based in Garden City, is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit caged / companion bird rescue and a bird club. The club meets

once a month at the United Methodist Church located at 6443 Merriam Road in Garden City.

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## DTE helps utility customers in Westland with energy bills

Utility customers received assistance with their energy bills at a DTE Energy Customer Assistance Day event held recently in Westland.

The goal was to help approximately 400 families manage — and ultimately reduce — their energy bills. DTE was able to help 267 customers at the June 6 event.

DTE customers were able to apply for energy assistance and meet with human service agencies. Participants received information about home weatherization services and tools to help lower energy costs.

The Customer Assistance Day was the latest in a series of customer events hosted by DTE

throughout the state each year. As a participant in the international Compassionate Cities Movement, Westland is committed to connecting those who are in need of resources with volunteers who can help.

Customers had to register by May 30 to be eligible to attend the Customer Assistance Day. Customers had to

be income eligible to receive the energy assistance and had to bring a valid Michigan state ID, their most recent DTE Energy bill and proof of income.

DTE serves 2.1 million electric customers in Southeastern Michigan and 1.2 million natural gas customers across the state.



Madelyn Williams, DTE Energy regional manager for Downriver and western Wayne County, talks with Westland Mayor William Wild and Faye Nelson, DTE Energy vice-president of public affairs and president of the DTE Energy Foundation, at the recent Customer Assistance Day. DAVE MITCHELL

## Schoolcraft center holds contracting session

The Procurement Technical Assistance Center of Schoolcraft College has been meeting over coffee with companies throughout Oakland and Wayne counties for informal discussions on government contracting.

The PTAC of Schoolcraft College's Coffee and Contracting sessions are an avenue for business owners and managers to engage and discuss topics such as government contracting, procurement assistance and other relevant contracting subjects or challenges.

"Although early in the morning, these sessions have proved to be very valuable to business owners and managers," said Alexander Masters, the PTAC Procurement Counselor leading these events. "Our goal is to share some insight, learn best practices from current government contractors, and engage the business community to explore

the many federal and state contracting opportunities that exist today."

Carol Wolff, Environmental Manager of Environmental Testing and Consulting Inc., said the sessions provide an opportunity to ask government contracting questions.

"The Coffee and Contracting sessions have been valuable to Environmental Testing and Consulting, providing opportunities to discuss questions concerning governmental contracting one-on-one with Alexander in an informal setting," Wolff said.

The Coffee and Contracting session will be held from 7-8 a.m. The next session is Thursday, June 26, at Panera Bread, 22208 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

The PTAC of Schoolcraft College is funded through a cooperative agreement with the Department of Defense, State of Michigan and Schoolcraft College.

## Help prevent auto theft with these safety tips

Summer is upon us, and residents across the state are traveling to downtown Detroit to enjoy outdoor activities and sporting events. However, high temperatures are often accompanied by high rates of crime as opportunistic criminals are attracted to easy targets for vehicle break-ins, carjackings and other auto theft-related crimes.

In the wake of recent car thefts and car vandalisms in downtown Detroit, as well as increased auto theft-related crime during the summer months, H.E.A.T. urges downtown goers to consider a few safety tips to prevent falling victim to auto theft-related crimes this summer.

Help Eliminate Auto Thefts (H.E.A.T.) is Michigan's statewide auto theft prevention program that coordinates citizen action with law enforcement agencies through a 24/7, confidential toll-free tip line (1-800-242-HEAT) and website (1800242HEAT.com).

"Concerts, sporting events and other sum-



mer activities bring cars and fill parking lots which attract criminals in search of easy to steal property," said Terri Miller, executive director of H.E.A.T. "Summer is a special time for families across the state to enjoy the great attractions Detroit and other large cities have to offer, but it's important to remain diligent and aware of surroundings as you travel during summer vacation."

H.E.A.T. recommends residents consider the following tips as a way to ensure safe downtown experiences this summer:

- » Park in well-lit, secure lots. Try to park in a well-lit area with pedestrian traffic or in a lot with an attendant. If possible, park in a secure, city-owned lot. For a list of downtown parking facilities in Detroit, visit [www.detroitmi.gov](http://www.detroitmi.gov).
- » Consider where you park. Avoid parking near objects that block your view of the surrounding area, such as dumpsters, bushes, large vans or

trucks and avoid parking next to cars with dark-tinted windows that you cannot see through.

- » Place valuables in the trunk or out of sight. Personal items account for a large percentage of auto-related crime. Do not leave valuables in plain view as it attracts thieves. If you must leave something in your vehicle, lock it in the trunk or place items out of sight.
- » Invest in extra security. Arming your car with extra security can help deter criminals. Electronic immobilizers, as well as visual and physical deterrents, such as steering wheel locks, floorboard and pedal locks, gearshift locks and wheel clamps can make your car less appealing to criminals.
- » Use common sense. Always roll up your windows and close your sunroof. Never leave your car unlocked or your vehicle running unattended, even if you are just going into a store for a quick errand.
- » Be alert. As you approach your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings. Remember where your car is parked and walk directly to it. Avoid talking or texting on cell phones or digging for keys as it can be a distraction and can make you an easy target to criminals.
- » If threatened by a carjacker, GIVE UP THE CAR. Vehicles are becoming harder to steal so

thieves are moving towards carjacking. Most carjackings involve a weapon so don't resist or argue. You are more important than your vehicle, purse, wallet or other valuable. Give them up and get out of harm's way.

- » If you witness an auto theft, carjacking in progress, or anything suspicious, call the police immediately. If you have any information regarding auto theft, insurance fraud or carjackings call H.E.A.T.'s 24/7 confidential tip reward line at 1-800-242-HEAT to register your tip after you have informed local law enforcement.

H.E.A.T. works with Michigan law enforcement agencies to follow-up on tips. Tipsters are awarded up to \$1,000, if the tip leads to the arrest of or issuance of a warrant for a suspected car thief or a person suspected of auto theft-related insurance fraud. H.E.A.T. rewards up to \$2,000 for information leading to the issuance of a warrant for a carjacking suspect. Rewards of up to \$10,000 are issued, if a tip results in the arrest and binding over for trial of a suspected theft ring or chop shop operators.

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## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### Free Movie Night

Co-op Services Credit Union is hosting a free movie night, featuring *The LEGO Movie* from 7-10 pm. Saturday, June 21, at Westland Shopping Center, 3500 Warren Road at Wayne, Road, Westland. The family-fun event will be held in the mall's East Court.

"You can wear your pajamas, and bring pillows and sleeping bags so you can be comfortable while watching the movie on a huge inflatable screen," said Jeremy Cybulski, Co-op Services' youth and community development coordinator. "Our Rock Star mascot will be on hand to greet families as they arrive."

The credit union also will provide free popcorn and water while supplies last and have lots of giveaways, including Rock Star cups and Rock Star LEGO coloring pages. There will also be contests to guess how many LEGO bricks are in a jar and "Name the LEGO Movie characters" contest. One lucky winner will receive a \$150 mall gift card to Westland Shopping Center.

According to Patrick Derrig, marketing manager for Westland Shopping Center, the East Court provides a great indoor venue for this type of event which would normally be held outdoors.

"The mall's East Court offers great ceiling heights to accommodate the huge movie screen, which also provides great natural acoustics,"

Derrig said. "Being indoors, families will not have to worry about the bugs or weather. Thanks to Co-op Services Credit Union we are able to show a free movie that's current and enjoyable for the entire family."

"We welcome the opportunity to give families in our community a fun and memorable way to kick off the first day of summer," Cybulski said.

Headquartered in Livonia, Co-op Services Credit Union has more than 51,000 members and maintains eight full-service branch offices in metro Detroit. Members also have access to more than 3,000 shared branches and nearly 28,000 ATMs nationwide. For more information about Co-op Services, visit [www.cscuo.org](http://www.cscuo.org) or call 800-321-8570.

### Prevention training

The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration is hosting a Workplace Violence Prevention Training session at Schoolcraft College for college staff members and local businesses from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, June 26, at Schoolcraft College's main campus on Haggerty north of Six Mile in Livonia.

With the number of incidents of violence at businesses and on college campuses throughout the U.S. on the rise over the past several years, this training could save lives.

Local businesses can register for the training session by contacting the Schoolcraft College Cam-

pus Police Authority at 734-462-4424.

### Free financial event

Thrivent Financial is hosting free educational events to help attendees start to develop a strategy to maximize social security benefits.

The 60-minute event will be held at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St, Plymouth, and at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 23, at Denny's Restaurant, 39550 Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth.

The events are presented by Jeffrey S. Long, a financial associate with Thrivent Financial in Plymouth.

The event will seek to answer common questions about Social Security, including when to apply for Social Security, how to maximize benefits and how will this will affect the spouse. Social Security mistakes can be costly. Thrivent Financial can help participants sort through the options to help ensure the choices they make are tailored to their needs.

"There are hundreds of different ways to apply for Social Security," Long said. "They all have far-reaching consequences to your financial future. We want to help provide clarity to those decisions."

The event is available to the public but space is limited. To register, call The Huron Valley Group at 734-455-9272, email [huronvalleygroup@thrivent.com](mailto:huronvalleygroup@thrivent.com) or visit [thrivent.com/findaworkshop](http://thrivent.com/findaworkshop).







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# Jazz sax artist brings award-winning sound to Schoolcraft College

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Student jazz musicians at Schoolcraft College will rub elbows with a Grammy Award-winning saxophonist Monday, June 30.

Kirk Whalum will teach a music clinic from 2:30-4 p.m. in the Presentation Room at the VisTaTech Center, on campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. At 8 p.m., he'll perform with the college's jazz ensemble and jazz improv bands in the DiPonio Room at the VisTaTech Center. Both events are open to the public.

"He is at an international level of incredible achievement. He has performed with the most notable musicians. It's a pleasure to have someone of that caliber here," said Riccardo Selva, Ph.D., director of jazz studies. "This is a gentleman of international reputation who also plays in nursing homes."

Whalum, an ordained minister who has a master of arts degree in religion, reads Scripture in his daily podcast, Bible in Your Ear. In addition to playing at senior residences and nursing homes, he also works with schools and missions. He serves as the creative director of STAX Music Academy and STAX Museum of American Soul Music in Memphis, Tenn.

"Music isn't just about making money. People should support artists, but music is about touching lives and changing lives and making life richer ... music really has a positive effect on people spiritually, physically and psychologically," Selva said.

## Gospel roots

Whalum grew up in Memphis, Tenn., where he performed with his father's church choir. While at Southern Texas University, he formed a band and began playing clubs in Houston. One night, he opened for jazz pianist Bob James, who invited him to tour and play on one of his recordings. That led to session and touring work with such artists as Barbra Streisand, Al Jarreau, Luther Vandross and Quincy Jones. His sax solo is featured on Whitney Houston's *I Will Always Love You*. Whalum has earned multiple Grammy nominations for his own albums throughout the past two decades. His song, *It's What I Do*, won a Grammy in the Best Gospel Song category in 2011. The tune, with Lalah Hathaway on vocals, is on his album, *The Gospel According to Jazz Chapter III*.

Selva interviewed Whalum while working on his Ph.D. at Northwestern University. His dissertation looked at the way churches included saxophone into sacred music to connect with the current culture. While researching for the 2003 academic work, Selva discovered that Whalum, early in his career, had learned to model his playing on gospel singers and had been influenced by Ray Charles and Aretha Franklin.

"Mr. Whalum described the tone of the saxophone as a 'voice' rather than as a sound," Selva wrote in his paper. Whalum told Selva the more successful and celebrated saxophonists all demonstrate a "recognizable voice" when they play.

"I was once told by R&B crooner Luther Vandross, with whom I have recorded many times, that I play like he sings. That's a very big compliment and I believe a testament to something innate in the saxophone," Whalum told Selva during dissertation interviews.

## Familiar song

After earning his Ph.D. and while working in Chicago, Selva met Whalum again, when he visited the Windy City to play a church concert.

"We spent the day together and got to deepen our friendship. Fast forward years ahead to last August at the jazz festival in Detroit. I was at the jazz festival and heard him play a gospel tune I do myself," said Selva, who also is saxophonist. The experience compelled Selva to invite Whalum to Schoolcraft College.

Selva plans to join jazz students and Whalum in playing the song, *I Want Jesus To Walk With Me*, at the concert.

Admission to the clinic is free, although donations will be accepted at the door for students scholarships and the Schoolcraft College Jazz Program. Concert tickets are \$15; \$10 for students and seniors and \$5 for children under 12. All tickets are general admission and are available at the door and at the Livonia campus bookstore or by calling 734-462-4409.



Kirk Whalum will perform with jazz students Monday, June 30, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

# Stretch, breathe, relax with yoga outdoors

By Diana Wing  
Correspondent

Feeling stressed out? Find tranquility, improve your health, have fun and attempt to set a new Guinness World Record for the "Longest Yoga Chain," Sunday, June 29, at the Detroit Zoo.

Join The Yoga Movement at 8 a.m. in its attempt to create the longest sequence of poses.

"This is a passion of mine. I wanted to do it," said Gabrielle Gagnon, of United Shows, a Pontiac-based company that puts on consumer shows, like senior expos and home expos. "This will be our first yoga event and the first at the Detroit Zoo. It's going to be very exciting."

The experience includes an hourlong yoga class led by Gagnon's friend Kacee Must, owner of Citizen Yoga in Royal Oak, and two of Must's instructors — Ann Fancy and Todd Tesen. Must said they'll probably teach a Slow Burn class, defined as "slowing down movement so one can move deeper into the muscular system."

"A Slow Burn is completely led, so nobody's going to feel lost. It will definitely be a challenging class," she said. "Because it's going to be such a big



Kacee Must will lead participants in creating the world's "Longest Yoga Chain" Sunday, June 29, at the Detroit Zoo.

crowd, we'll probably do a bit more playfulness, like some inversions or something that takes people out of their comfort zone and allows them to see that they're more capable than what they think." Practicing yoga for 20

years, beginning at age 10, Must opened her Royal Oak studio nine months ago.

"We love doing events that are outside what a normal yoga studio would do," Must said. "We like to participate with mass amounts of people, so

(yoga at the zoo) really fits who we are."

Tickets for The Yoga Movement are \$30 and include a T-shirt, an event bag, zoo admission and on-site parking. Check-in is 6:30-7:45 a.m. You must register in advance at

[www.TheYogaMovement.net](http://www.TheYogaMovement.net). Call 248-891-4393 for more info. Visit [www.citizenyogastudio.com](http://www.citizenyogastudio.com). The Detroit Zoo is located on 10 Mile (I-696 service drive) at Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak.

Looking for more outdoor yoga? You won't have to travel far:

## Farmington Hills

Bring a mat and blanket and dress for the weather in layers for this series of one-hour classes in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile.

The class runs 8-9 a.m. Wednesday through Aug. 20 and is for adults of all skill levels. The series began June 18. The fee is \$10 per class. The class meets in front of the Heritage Park Visitor Center. For more information, call 248-477-1135.

## Plymouth

Sun & Snow offers yoga at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, July 23 and Aug. 20 in Kellogg Park, in downtown Plymouth. Refreshments and shopping follow the class until 8 p.m. at Sun & Snow, 388 S. Main, Plymouth. A \$5 donation to the Plymouth downtown tree lighting project is suggested. RSVP at [meetups@sunandsnow.com](mailto:meetups@sunandsnow.com).

# CORN

## on and off the cob

Corn on the cob is a popular summer side dish, but you can do much more with the fresh, juicy vegetable.

“Sweet corn is a truly versatile ingredient,” said Justin Timineri, executive chef and Culinary Ambassador of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Florida. “There are several ways to enjoy this healthy grain.”

When buying corn on the cob, follow these tips from Timineri:

» Look for fresh sweet corn with husks. Ears should feel and look moist and thick, with fat and shiny beads of corn. Corn silk should be somewhat sticky, shiny, stiff and wet.

» To peel, pull the husks down to see the grain. Continue to remove the husks and silk.

» To remove the kernels: Hold the tip of the corn, resting the thicker side firmly on the table. Take a sharp knife and cut downward, removing the corn kernels. Be careful not to cut too deep.

These recipes make the most of fresh, sweet corn and are sure to become family favorites. For more ideas about cooking with fresh corn, visit [freshfrom-florida.com/Recipes](http://freshfrom-florida.com/Recipes).

*Courtesy of Family Features*

### FLORIDA SWEET CORN WITH SOUTHERN BARBECUE BUTTER

**¼ cup your favorite barbecue sauce**  
**¼ stick butter**  
**4 ears fresh sweet corn, shucked**  
**kosher salt to taste**  
**fresh ground pepper to taste**

Preheat oven broiler on high. In small saucepan over low heat, combine barbecue sauce and butter until melted and smooth.

Place sweet corn in a medium-sized baking dish and pour barbecue mixture over sweet corn. Broil sweet corn, 4 inches from broiler, being sure to watch the whole time. Turn and baste the sweet corn until golden. Serve warm.

Other ways to spice up corn on the cob:

- » butter with basil and garlic
- » cilantro, lime and honey
- » pesto sauce and Parmesan cheese
- » cinnamon, sugar and butter



### SWEET CORN AND BLACK BEAN ENCHILADAS

**½ cup onion, chopped**  
**1 cup fresh corn kernels**  
**2 bell peppers, diced**  
**1 teaspoon ground cumin**  
**1 cup salsa, your favorite kind**  
**1 can low-sodium black beans, rinsed and drained**  
**10 (6-inch) corn tortillas**  
**2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese, divided**  
**1 can enchilada sauce**  
**1 tablespoon vegetable oil**  
**pan-release cooking spray**  
**kosher salt to taste**  
**freshly ground pepper to taste**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly spray an 11-by-7-inch (2-quart) baking dish with pan-release cooking spray. Add vegetable oil to a medium pan. Cook onion, corn and bell peppers over medium high heat for 3 minutes. Add cumin, salsa and black beans and continue to cook for two minutes, stirring occasionally. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Remove pan from heat and let cool slightly.

Place an even amount of the filling mixture in each of the 10 tortillas. Carefully roll up each stuffed tortilla, and place them seam side down in the sprayed baking dish. Pour the enchilada sauce over the rolled enchiladas, spreading to coat all tortillas. Sprinkle with remaining 1 cup cheese.

Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until cheese is melted and sauce is bubbly around edges. Remove enchiladas from oven and let cool slightly. Serve enchiladas with diced avocado, salsa and sour cream.



### SWEET CORN AND RICOTTA FRITTERS

**2 ears fresh sweet corn, kernels removed**  
**½ bunch fresh cilantro, chopped fine**  
**4 ounces low-fat ricotta cheese**  
**2 large eggs, beaten**  
**½ cup self-rising unbleached or whole-wheat flour**  
**olive oil (for shallow pan frying)**  
**kosher salt to taste**  
**fresh ground pepper to taste**

In a medium-sized bowl, combine corn, cilantro, ricotta, eggs, flour and a pinch of salt and pepper.

Add a small amount of olive oil to a medium-high preheated sauté pan. Carefully add spoonfuls of the corn mixture to the hot pan. Cook on both sides until golden brown. Test the first done fritter, and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper.

Serve with low-fat sour cream if desired.



### CREAMY CORN AND JALAPENO SOUP

**6 ears sweet corn, cleaned**  
**1 small onion, chopped**  
**1 small fresh jalapeño pepper, minced, seeds removed**  
**4 cloves garlic, chopped**  
**1 teaspoon olive oil**  
**1 teaspoon ground cumin**  
**2 cups low-sodium vegetable broth**  
**1 ½ cups low-fat milk**  
**fresh cilantro for garnish, chopped**  
**kosher salt to taste**  
**fresh ground pepper to taste**

Heat oil in heavy large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion, jalapeño, garlic and cumin; sauté until onion and jalapeño are tender, about 10 minutes. Cut corn kernels from cobs. Add corn to pot. Stir in broth. Cover and simmer over medium-low heat until corn is very tender, about 20 minutes. Transfer to processor or blender and carefully purée. Add enough milk to thin to desired consistency. Return to pot; stir to heat through. Don't boil. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve in bowls and garnish with cilantro.









