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Celebrating a Michigan Tradition

What began in 1995 as a fundraiser for a children's soccer field in Ferndale quickly became one of Metro Detroit's most beloved traditions. Organizers expected about 30,000 people at the first Woodward Dream Cruise - but nearly 250,000 arrived to celebrate the classic cars, music, and cruising culture that made Woodward Avenue famous during the 1950s and '60s. This year's Cruise takes place Saturday, August 15, from 9 am to 9 pm Whether you are a lifelong car enthusiast or simply looking for a fun summer outing, gather your family and friends and enjoy the remarkable vehicles, community celebrations, and unmistakable Motor City spirit along Woodward Avenue!

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Pro tip if you go: For parking, use municipal lots and downtown parking structures early in the morning in Birmingham or Ferndale before traffic peaks. Enjoy!

Local biz buzz

VINSETTA GARAGE

reported by Reese Lancaster, summer intern

Originally opened in 1919 as an automotive repair shop, Vinsetta Garage has been a Woodward Avenue landmark for more than a century. Nearly 20 miles north of downtown Detroit, it became a favorite gathering place for car enthusiasts and a popular stop during the annual Woodward Dream Cruise.

In 2012, the historic garage was transformed into a restaurant while preserving its original architecture and automotive character. Vintage memorabilia, antique furnishings, industrial details, and distinctive landscaping celebrate its storied past.

The menu features elevated comfort food, including coal-fired pizzas, handcrafted burgers, and their famous *Union Mac & Cheese.* Whether guests visit for the food, history, or one-of-a-kind setting, Vinsetta Garage offers a memorable experience rooted in Detroit's automotive heritage.

27799 Woodward Ave
Berkley, MI 48072
Monday 4PM - 9PM
Tues-Thurs 12PM - 9PM
Fri-Sat 12PM - 10PM
Sunday 12PM - 9PM

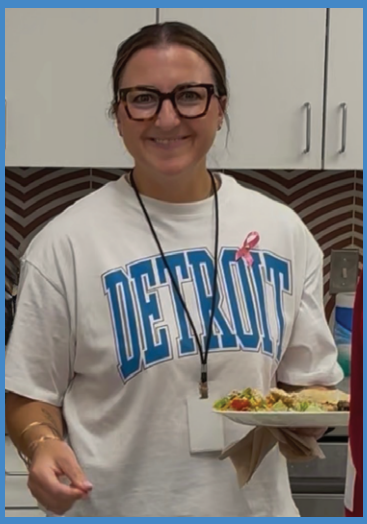
family summer fun

compiled by summer intern Paige Dorgan

- Monroe County Fair (Aug. 2-8) One of Michigan's largest fairs with rides, livestock, demolition derbies, entertainment, and fair food.
- Elk Rapids Harbor Days (Aug. 5-8) Waterfront festival featuring a carnival, parade, fireworks, arts and crafts, and activities on Grand Traverse Bay.
- Great Lakes Surf Festival (Aug. 8) Surf competitions, paddleboarding, beach yoga, vendors, food trucks, and lakeshore fun.
- National Blueberry Festival (Aug. 6-9) Celebrate blueberry season with a parade, pie-eating contests, rides, local food, and entertainment.
- Woodward Dream Cruise (Aug. 15) The world's largest one-day car event with 40,000+ classic cars showcased and crusing along Woodward Avenue.
- Upper Peninsula State Fair (Aug. 17-23) The UP's biggest fair featuring rides, livestock, concerts, competitions, and local food.
- Traverse City Food & Wine Festival (Aug. 19-23) Northern Michigan wines, chef demos, artisan foods, tastings, and vineyard experiences. Great for adults and food enthusiasts.
- Genesee County Fair (Aug. 24-30) Historic county fair with rides, livestock, demolition derbies, grandstand events, and fair favorites.
- Burning Foot Beer Festival (Aug. 29) A one-of-a-kind beachside beer festival featuring craft breweries from across Michigan and beyond, live music, food vendors, beach games, and the unique experience of enjoying local brews with your feet in the sand.

MEET THE TEAM

Each month, we'll introduce some of our amazing team members working behind the scenes - from legal professionals to departmental staff. This month, get to know two of our Intake Department - involved at the very beginning of every client's journey.



JULIE MOSKAL

INTAKE DEPARTMENT
& REFERRALS MANAGER

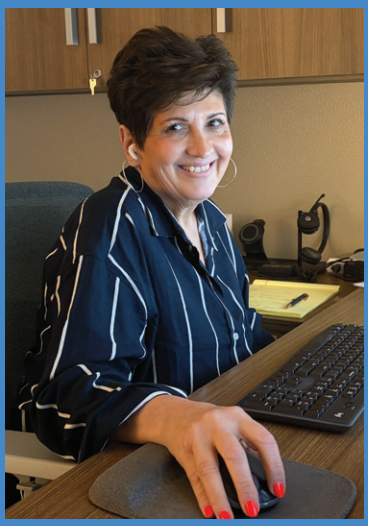
WHAT'S YOUR MOST RANDOM SKILL?
Packing grocery bags without leaving vacant space

WHAT'S YOUR GO-TO KARAOKE SONG?
Stronger (What Doesn't Kill You) by Kelly Clarkston

WHAT WOULD YOUR LIFE THEME SONG BE?
It's All Coming Back to Me Now by Celine Dion

IF YOU HAD TO COMPETE ON A REALITY TV SHOW, WHICH WOULD IT BE?
Is it Cake?

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JULIE



NANCY PRUETT

INTAKE SPECIALIST &
MANAGER OF CLIENT EXPERIENCE

WHAT'S YOUR MOST RANDOM SKILL?
I'm very solution driven

WHAT'S YOUR GO-TO KARAOKE SONG?
Believe by Cher

WHAT WOULD YOUR LIFE THEME SONG BE?
You'll Be in My Heart by Phil Collins

IF YOU HAD TO COMPETE ON A REALITY TV SHOW, WHICH WOULD IT BE?
Wheel of Fortune

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT NANCY

BACK TO SCHOOL
checklist

- ☐ backpack packed and labeled
- ☐ school supplies purchased
- ☐ lunch box / reusable watter bottle
- ☐ school clothes fit properly
- ☐ emergency contact info updated
- ☐ bus route / pick-up drop-off plan
- ☐ sleep schedule adjusted
- ☐ chromebook / tablet charged
- ☐ first day paperwork completed
- ☐ school safety rules reviewed

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Great Lakes Surf Festival

National Blueberry Festival - August 6th through 9th • South Haven

Elk Rapids Harbor Days - August 5th through 8th • Elk Rapids

Monroe County Fair - August 2nd through 8th • Monroe

Woodward Dream Cruise

Traverse City Food & Wine Festival - August 19th through 23rd • Traverse City

Upper Peninsula State Fair - August 17th through 23rd • Escanaba

Burning Foot Beer Festival - Muskegon

Genesee County Fair - August 24th through 30th • Mt. Morris