

# Bronson Banter

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### Chief Randall begins work



William "Bill" Randall was sworn in on June 27 as Bronson Police Chief. Randall most recently served as an officer with the Village of Lawton and previously with the Mason County Sherriff's Department. He succeeds retired Chief, Richard Stout.

Randall has extensive experience and education as a crash reconstructionist and has testified as an expert witness in numerous crash-related trials. Randall is also a certified firearms instructor and has held trainer positions with other departments.

When you see him out and about in Bronson, say hello!

## 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Polish Festival coming soon

As usual, the Polish Festival will once again provide entertainment for all ages. The 42<sup>nd</sup> annual festival will be held this year from July 21<sup>st</sup>-July 24<sup>th</sup>. Here are some of the highlights:

#### Activities for Kids

- Kids Day at Douglas Park (Friday)
- Kids' activities at the library (Friday and Saturday)
- Children's Pedal Pulls at the library (Friday)

#### Sports

- Fishing Tournament at Matteson Lake Public Access (Saturday)
- Women's and Men's Softball Tournament (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
- 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament (Saturday)
- Polish Run/Walk (Saturday)
- Sand Volleyball Tournament (Saturday)
- Scotch Doubles Bowling Tournament (Saturday)

#### Food

- Vendors downtown (Friday and Saturday)
- Pancake Breakfast (Friday and Saturday)- Fire Station

- Turkey and Polish Sausage Dinner (Friday)- Congregational Church
- Ox Roast (Saturday)- Knights of Columbus
- Chicken BBQ (Saturday)- United Methodist Church
- Polish Royal Reception (Saturday)- American Legion

#### Special Events

- Kick-off Ceremony (Thursday)- Bronson Theater
- Talent Show (Friday)- Bronson Theater
- Bingo Under the Downtown Tent (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
- 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Polish Festival Parade (Saturday)
- Polka Mass (Saturday)- St. Mary's Church
- Bronson Athletic Booster's Truck Pulls (Saturday)- Wayne St. Fields
- Car Show (Saturday)
- Antique Tractor Show (Sunday)- Anderson School
- Garden Tractor Pulls (Sunday)- Anderson School

Find details and more online,  
[www.bronson-mi.com/polish-festival](http://www.bronson-mi.com/polish-festival)

# Business Spotlight

## Santa Cruz Grocery Store 120 S. Matteson Street

Need to grab something quick but unique for dinner? Would you like to find authentic ingredients for your enchiladas? Do you need to pick up a few groceries? Are you looking for fresh fruit and vegetables?



All those problems and more can be solved at the Santa Cruz Grocery Store on South Matteson Street in Bronson. The Santa Cruz has a wide-variety of fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh pastries, grocery items, a meat counter (including fajita meat), and frozen treats for hot summer afternoons. On the weekend, Santa Cruz offers several hot items for eat-in or carry-out.

Owner Adan Aguilar invites anyone to stop-in and take a look around. You will be surprised by the wide selection and you may even find something new to try. He and the staff will help you find what you are looking for in Spanish or English.

Save gas and shop Bronson first!  
Call the Santa Cruz Grocery Store at 369-1487



**Check out the City's new website!**

**[www.bronson-mi.com](http://www.bronson-mi.com)**

On the site you can find City Council meeting minutes, water quality reports, and other helpful local information.

### ***Walk a mile...in what?***

Bronson City Manager Mark Heydlauff participated in the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event on April 30, 2011. Men walked 1 mile, wearing high-heels to raise money for the Branch County Coalition for Domestic Violence. The fundraiser was a huge success, raising more than \$20,000.



*Want to have your business featured here? Call the City Office!*



## ***Bronson Community Foundation Golf Tournament***

**4-Person Scramble**

**August 20, 2011**

(Rain date August 21<sup>st</sup>)

Shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Fee \$ 70.00 per person until August 6<sup>th</sup>  
\$ 75.00 per person after August 6<sup>th</sup>  
Golf Cart and Lunch Included

Entry forms available at the City Office or  
The Bronson Golf Club  
1015 Brink Road  
369-6745

# Pool Safety for Summer Fun

With warm Michigan weather now upon us, it's a great time to take a dip in a backyard swimming pool. However, drowning incidents are a tragic way to end summer fun. The Consumer Product Safety Commission announced an increase in children's



drowning-related deaths. Inflatable pools, with few of the safety precautions found in traditional pools, are part of the problem. If you have a pool, take steps now to prevent tragedy later.

Here are some tips to make sure your pool is safe for you and others to enjoy:

## Practice Supervision

- Never take your eyes off children in the water—not for a minute! Always designate a “pool watcher.”

## Install Barriers

- CPSC strongly recommends that all residential pools have a 4-foot barrier, such as a fence with self-closing and self-latching gates. If the house is the fourth side of a barrier, secure doors with alarms that prevent children from wandering into the pool area.

- If you have an above-ground pool 4 feet or higher, the City of Bronson **requires** a removable ladder that must be removed when the pool is not in use.
- If your pool is between 2 and 4 feet deep, the City of Bronson **requires** a fence no less than 4 feet tall.

## Avoid Entrapments

- Suction from a pool or spa's drain can be so powerful it can trap an adult underwater. Do not use a pool or spa if there are broken or missing drain covers.
- Ask your pool operator if your pool or spa's drains are compliant with the Pool and Spa Safety Act.

## Know Life-Saving Skills

- Teach your children how to swim
- Know CPR so you can help save a life if a water emergency happens
- Understand the basics of life-saving so you can assist in an emergency

Remember, even if your kids “know better” or are “old enough,” you should still practice pool caution because of curious neighbor children, friends, family members, or others. Let's make this summer a safe summer around the pool!

Safety tips from [www.poolsafely.gov](http://www.poolsafely.gov).

## Mark it on the calendar...

### American Legion:

1st Thursday of the month at 7pm

### Bronson Athletic Boosters:

1st Sunday of odd months in BHS Library at 6pm

### Bronson Housing Commission:

1st Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Bronson Housing Commission- contact Sherry Losinski at 369-6265

### Chamber of Commerce:

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the Congregational Church

### Friends of the Library:

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 5pm in the library basement

### Kiwanis Club:

6pm on Thursdays at Valle's Restaurant

### Knights of Columbus:

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the Hall

### Mystic Mason Lodge 141:

1st Tuesday of the month at 8:00pm at the lodge

### Mystic Order of Eastern Star:

1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the lodge

### Polish Festival Council:

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at City Hall at 7pm

### Rotary Club:

Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m.

at the

Congregational Church Fellowship Hall



# Summer Children's Programs

## Park Program - Douglas Park

Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 12 noon  
Children 6 and up

## Lunch at Ryan School

Monday-Thursday  
12 noon-12:40pm

## Bronson Youth Center

Monday - Thursday  
12:40 pm - 4 pm  
Grades 3 - 6



## Wednesday Movies

12 noon- bring your lunch  
Bronson Library

## Summer Reading Club

**One World, Many Stories**  
Runs from now until July 26  
Call Bronson Library for details  
369-3785

## Pre-school Story Time

Ages 3-5  
Fridays 11-11:30am  
Bronson Library

## Crafts

Ages 6-12  
Fridays 2-3pm  
Bronson Library

**Think the library is just for kids? You are wrong!** The library has a summer reading program for adults too. For more information about this or other questions you may have about the Bronson Library, call them: 369-3785.

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