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Intersection at Hall Road & Romeo Plank Closed for 10 Days

Starting July 5, the Hall Road (M-59) and Romeo Plank intersection in Clinton and Macomb Township is set to shut down for 10 days. This will be the first of two closures for the intersection, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The closure will start at 7 a.m. on Thursday, July 5 and reopen at 7 a.m. on Sunday, July 15. Hall Road will be open to motorists, but through-traffic on Romeo Plank will be blocked in order to allow crews to safely work through the eastbound and westbound intersections to pave the left lanes. The second 10-day shutdown is scheduled for mid-July and will be for the paving of the right lanes.

Treat Yourself to Real Italian Street Food

Vince & Joe's Gourmet Market is hosting the outdoor Festa Buon Appetito on July 8 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at their Shelby Township location. Enjoy the appeal of real Italian street food, pasta, pizza, pannelle, arancini, and more. Gelato and sweet Italian desserts will also be available.

The event features family activities including pinocchio, prize drawings, a balloon clown and cotton candy, and live music. A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital - Michigan/NW Ohio Connection.

Vince & Joe's is located at 55178 Van Dyke in Shelby Township.

The Magic of Reading at Utica Public Library

On July 9 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Utica Public Library, come see a magic show that is designed to entice children to read. The program is ideal for children in kindergarten to sixth grade.

The Utica Public Library is located at 7530 Auburn Road in Utica.

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Cosworth Opens Manufacturing Center in Shelby

COSWORTH OPENED A NEW advanced automotive manufacturing center in Shelby Township on Monday in the Cherry Creek Industrial Park. Many leaders, including Shelby Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis attended. "Due to the most recent addition, Cherry Creek Corporate Park is now home to roughly 1.2 million square feet of prime industrial property and approximately 1,500 quality jobs that did not exist prior to 2012," Stathakis said on Facebook. Governor Rick Snyder and Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel were also in attendance.

Shelby Township DDA Independence Day Celebration

by HELEN KORNEFFEL

Independence Day is right around the corner, and Shelby Township is getting ready for a big celebration. Fireworks will light up the sky along Shelby Township's Van Dyke Corridor on July 3 starting at 10 p.m. Spectators will be able to see the show from just about anywhere in the area, or they can head on down to Ford Field Park where the fireworks will be shot off.

"Given that the fireworks are going to go off in the heart of Shelby Township, they will be visible from almost anywhere in the Van Dyke Corridor area," said Chelsea Oland, Shelby Township Deputy Supervisor. "People will be able to find a seat without having to get too close if they don't want to, or if they do want to get involved and be a part of everything, we have front row seats right there at Ford Field."

Along with the year's fireworks, Shelby Township is hosting an Independence Day Food Truck Rally. The official food truck lineup for the event includes Brother Truckers, D'vine Cookies, El Charro, Hero or Villain Van and seven other trucks. The rally will be from 6 - 9:30 p.m. located in the Huntington Bank parking lot, 7755

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Bucci Recall Hits Snag at Tons of Trucks

Last Saturday, Macomb Township volunteers sought to obtain signatures for the "Recall Dino Bucci" effort on the outskirts of the Tons of Trucks event, sponsored by Macomb Township Parks and Recreation department. According to recall organizers, this effort was previously approved in person by the Parks and Recreation Director.

But upon arrival, recall volunteers were ordered by a Macomb County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant to vacate the area.

Recall Organizer Tom Sokol attempted to explain they were there with permission, and proceeding lawfully on a public sidewalk, but the lieutenant stated several times that he "did not care" and "wasn't going to have a conversation about it," according to Sokol.

Recall organizers were told repeatedly to leave. Another deputy witnessed this exchange but did not participate or intervene.

"It is our position that First Amendment rights were violated, and to this end the ACLU is now involved," said Sokol. "There is further concern about the unlawful police order received by (the lieutenant), and the intervention by Chippewa Valley Schools to deny access to taxpayer funded space."

While onsite, Sokol contacted Macomb Township Trustee Timothy Bussineau, who arrived a short time later. Bussineau called Parks and Recreation Director DiCaro to confirm

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Austrian Society's Annual Waldfest

A good time was had by all last weekend at the Annual Austrian Society's Waldfest held at the Austrian Park on Hayes Rd. in Shelby Township. This year's entertainment featured the GTEV Edelweiss Volktanzer Group who performed traditional Austrian-German dances in original dress and a special appearance by a group of reenactors, in authentic costumes, portraying the 17th Century Polish and Lithuanian Commonwealth.

Char Zawadzinski portrayed a Polish Nobleman on horseback. He also shared a wealth of knowledge about the Austrian - Polish connection in saving Vienna from the Turkish siege in 1683.

Longtime members of the Austrian Society pictured here wearing traditional Austrian costumes are (left to right) President of the Austrian Society Guenther Braeuner, Evelyn Slagon, Heidi Bruckler and Greg Slagon.

Firework Fun in Shelby Township July 3

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23 Mile Road, across from Ford Field Park.

In conjunction with the Shelby Township program of festivities, MI Green Team is hosting the first annual PPG Fireworks Festival at Packard Proving Grounds starting at 5 p.m. Live entertainment will feature local-favorite musical acts and dance groups, as well as an Independence Day ceremony spotlighted by the singing of the national anthem by the winner of the Shelby Star-Spangled Singer contest. Kids activities will include an inflatable bouncer, maze and slide, a 25-foot tower climb, and plenty of retro games. Local vendor exhibits will offer a variety of products and services for home, kids, pets, personal care, gifts and more. Concessions will include mouthwatering food, drinks, and snacks from some of the area's prominent restaurants and food trucks.

"The event at Packard Proving Grounds is not a township event, but they will be having their festivities going on at the same time at their property that is adjacent to Ford Field Park," said Oland.

There are also a few things spectators should know before heading out to the festivities. Ford Field Park does not have a designated picnic area, so a grilling station will be prepared at The New Rink directly next to the fence line. Spectators will be able to set up portable barbecues and grills in the lot. Radios and recreational games, such as baseball and football, are allowed in the park as long as no other spectators are disrupted. Dogs are also allowed in the park and in public areas as long as they remain under immediate control on a leash not exceeding 6 feet in length. Bigger groups of spectators are encouraged to arrive to the festivities early so everyone can have a comfortable spot to view the fireworks.

There are certain restrictions during the festivities. Alcoholic beverages such as beer and wine are allowed within township parks, with no liquor or mixed spirits allowed. No alcoholic beverages of any kind are permitted within the Food Truck Rally or on public property along Van Dyke Avenue and 23 Mile Road. Any intoxicated person will be removed from the events. Personal fireworks, including sparklers, are also not permitted within township parks or public property. Consumer fireworks are allowed to be discharged on July 3, July 4 and July 6 between the hours of 8 a.m. and midnight. Sky lanterns are prohibited in Shelby Township.

"For us, it was all about being able to bring the community together because we don't necessarily have a downtown," said Oland. "We just really wanted to be able to do something that was in the heart of Shelby Township that allowed everybody to see all the great businesses that we have in the area and how they all tie us together as a community."

Parking is available at the Ford Field Park lot (7460 23 Mile Road) and at The New Rink lot (50625 Van Dyke Ave.). There is also parking available at the Packard Proving Grounds (49965 Van Dyke Ave.). Packard is charging $15 for Family/Group Passes online and a limited number are available for $20 at the gate. The pass includes on-site parking for one vehicle, admission for all vehicle occupants, a goody bag, $5 in concessions vouchers and a $5 donation to the Packard Motor Car Foundation. A $10 admission-only Family/Group pass is available for walk-ins parking off-site. Gates open at 4 p.m.

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"If you would have told me six months ago I could lose 26lbs, drop my A1C score, eliminated diabetes medication, and run up a flight of stairs without stopping to catch my breath, I would have thought you were crazy." – Janice Schulte

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Still Time to Sign Bucci Recall Petition

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previous permission. DiCaro advised he'd received direction from Chippewa Valley Schools Diane Blain to remove the recall efforts from anywhere on school campus, including adjacent public sidewalks.

Bussineau contacted Sheriff Wickersham, who did relocate the Recall volunteers back to the east side of Heydenreich. In the end, both Sokol and Bussineau said Sheriff Wickersham was very responsive once he learned of the situation.

Residents and volunteers have sounded off on the incident. Volunteer Tom Champion said, "The Lt. could use a review of the law & Public Relations." Paul Ruggeri responded, "Well when the school ask for more money I will just say no to their request." And James Gelios said, "This situation doesn't reflect badly on the school, it reflects badly on (Blain) and the sheriff personnel that didn't know the laws concerning this."

Residents wishing to sign the petition in support of Bucci's recall still have time. Volunteers will be at the finish line of the Run the Plank 5k on Saturday, June 30. The race starts at 8:15 a.m. Residents can also follow "Macomb Township Voices!" on Facebook for the latest recall location information.

Macomb Bicentennial Torch Relay Highlights

Leaders and residents of Macomb County celebrated Macomb's bicentennial year with a 200-mile torch relay that began last Thursday, June 21 and ended on June 22. In all, 200 runners carried the torch through the communities of Macomb.

Shelby Supervisor Rick Stathakis was the torchbearer for his township, pictured here (center) with Macomb Executive Mark Hackel (left) and Shelby Trustee Vince Viviano (right). "Congratulations to Macomb County's 200th Celebration for a continuing job well done on the Bicentennial Torch Relay," Stathakis said in a Facebook post following his run on Saturday. Utica Mayor Thome Dionne also ran on Saturday, carrying the torch through his city.

State House Representative Jeff Yaroch, of Richmond, also participated in the event. After his late night run, Yaroch said, "It was an honor to participate in the Macomb County Bicentennial Torch Relay tonight, running through Armada Township into the Village of Armada with my lovely wife (who is the real runner in the family)."

For more information on Macomb's bicentennial events, visit macomb200.macombgov.org.

Keep Your Pets Safe During Firework Season

The 4th of July holiday brings with it vacations, family BBQs, and good times. Unfortunately for our pets, good times and fireworks don't go hand in hand, as the loud explosions can be very traumatic for them.

Phantom Fireworks would like to remind pet owners that while they're enjoying their holiday, to be mindful of their pets and make sure that they're safe. To do so, Press-Enterprise, Blue Cross for Pets, Pet MD, Humane Society of U.S., and The Telegraph have given several suggestions on how to minimize trauma for pets during fireworks shows and to keep them safe.

Most importantly, keep pets inside during all fireworks displays, making sure that all house doors, windows, and pet doors are shut and locked to prevent escape. During loud explosion-type noises, a pet's natural instinct is to run away.

Turn on the TV, soothing music or the AC to help mask the sound of the fireworks. Keep pets in dark rooms with all draperies closed to help soundproof the residence. Inside the room, create a safe area where the pet can "burrow in" to feel safe, such as a bunch of blankets under the bed or a blanket draped over a small table.

Pet owners may want to try to tucker pets out beforehand, playing fetch or taking them on walks so that they may sleep through the fireworks. If they won't sleep, playing with them during the fireworks might help distract them from what's going on.

Some pets may require extra help and can be given non-sedating products such as liquid drops or relaxation squares that specialize in reducing their anxiety and keeping them calm but awake.

As the summer holiday approaches, make sure to have fun but to also keep your pets' safety and happiness during fireworks in mind.

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Crest Lincoln to be Title Sponsor of Fork & Cork Festival

Crest Lincoln Black Label has been announced as the title sponsor for this year's Fork & Cork Festival coming to downtown Utica September 21-22. The event kicks off fall with two spectacular days of food, wine, craft beer, and live music.

"There's no better way to engage with customers outside the dealership than at a venue they're excited to be at and they can stop and casually see the beautiful cars we have to show," said Carrie Way, Executive Manager of Crest Automotive Group. "We know a lot about what the Mayor of Utica has been doing to grow the city. We're also partners at Jimmy John's Field in Utica and we've been very impressed with the ambiance that the baseball field brings to downtown, so it's a perfect opportunity to partner with the team at the Fork & Cork Festival."

A portion of the proceeds from craft beer and wine sales will benefit the Humane Society of Macomb.

The Crest Lincoln Black Label Fork & Cork Festival will also feature beautiful art and handcrafted items from local artisans. Food vendors from local restaurants and food truck favorites will be on hand to satisfy any appetite. Live music will be going all weekend on two distinct stages, the Acoustic stage and Main stage.

CREST LINCOLN Executive Manager Carrie Way (left) and the staff at Crest Automotive Group are ready to show off their Lincoln Black Label Cars at the Fork & Cork Festival.

"The fact that Gazette Media Group chose Utica to host this festival is a testament to what we're doing in our downtown," said Utica Mayor, Thom Dionne. "The Fork & Cork Festival is just another great addition to the wave of energy we're bringing to Downtown Utica."

Crest Lincoln joins other major sponsors including Costco and Lowes. For more information on tickets, vendor booths, and sponsorships at the Crest Lincoln Black Label Fork & Cork Festival, visit ForkAndCorkFestival.com, follow @forkandcork.gazette on Instagram, or "like" Fork & Cork Festival on Facebook.

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Tons of Trucks Always a Ton of Fun

KIDS IN MACOMB TOWNSHIP had the chance to climb over, honk and explore over 65 vehicles at Tons O' Trucks and Wheeled Wonders last Saturday at Seneca Middle School in Macomb Township. Families were also able to enjoy inflatables, face painting and train rides at the event. Representative Jeff Yaroch, who attended, said, "Thank you to everyone who came out to Tons of Trucks today in Macomb Township. What a great family-friendly event for the community!"

ON JUNE 11, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners recognized the Macomb County Public Works Team for their work last year, including the repair of the 15 Mile sewer interceptor collapse and the improvements made to the Clinton River Spillway. "We are so proud to represent our community and we strive to always be a contributor to the quality of life and a critical component of economic prosperity here in our hometown," Public Works Commissioner Candice Miller said in a statement online. Representative Peter Lucido voiced his support of the group and commented, "Nice work Commissioner Miller and the Macomb County Public Works Team!"

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Soda Snatcher Struggles to Lift Machine into Truck

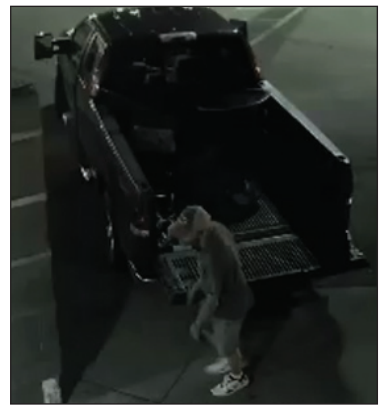
POLICE PATROL

■ **VEHICLE LARCENY SUSPECT IN CUSTODY –** Shelby Township Police say they have arrested a suspect believed to have been responsible for a number of recent larcenies from vehicles overnight from the area west of Shelby Rd. between 23 and 25 Mile. If you have info or believe you are a victim, call 586-731-2121 ext 3 or Det. Bailey at 586-307-8246.

■ **REMINDER TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS –** This is a reminder that the Macomb County Sheriff's Office does not solicit money, gift cards, or other valuables from anyone with a warrant over the phone. MCSO has had several reports that residents are being contacted by phone and told they have a valid warrant for their arrest. On one occasion, the caller's telephone number showed up as the Macomb County Sheriff's Office main line. The callers state they are with the Macomb County Sheriff's Office and sometimes portrays themselves as a Deputy or Detective. The caller gives a date and time in which the resident must turn themselves in and/or turn over cash or gift cards to the caller to avoid jail. When questioned on specific information, the caller will sometimes hang up on the resident. These calls are not being made from the MCSO office and the caller is not affiliated with the sheriff's office. Never give out personal identifying information over the phone. If a citizen has received a phone call similar to this, they can make a formal report with the Macomb County Sheriff's Office. This case is currently under investigation.

■ **CREDIT CARD FRAUD IN MACOMB –** On Sunday, June 24 at approximately 2:15 p.m., an unidentified female entered a business in Macomb Township and used a credit card that did not belong to her. The sheriff's office would like to speak with her about this. The female arrived at the business as a passenger in a green or gray vehicle. She is described as a heavy set black female with a tattoo above her right breast. She was wearing a long purple dress and wore her hair in braids. If you know this female or have any additional information about this incident, contact Detective Edringer at 586-307-9363.

■ **HE MUST HAVE KNOWN THEY WERE THERE –** The Macomb County Sheriff's Office is seeking to identify a man in connection with a theft this month in Macomb Township. During the early morning hours on Saturday, June 2, soda dispensers and a shelving unit were stolen from a business in Macomb Township. The man responsible is described as a white male, approximately 50 years old wearing a tan baseball cap, blue jean shorts, and a dark green short sleeve shirt. The vehicle appears to be a newer burgundy Ford truck. A portion of the license plate read "962". Anyone who can identify this male or with information on this incident is asked to contact Detective Lafriniere at 586-469-6634.



Note: If you have any information on the aforementioned crimes or any other offenses, please call the Macomb County Sheriff at 586-469-5151.

Sergeant Graduates from Northwestern University Center for Public Safety

The Shelby Township Police Department has a commander ready to take a leadership role with the force. On June 22, Sergeant Rice was among 36 law enforcement professionals in the state who graduated from the 432 class of the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command.

The program, sponsored by the Troy Police Department, ran for the past ten months. It provides upper-level academic instruction. Students studied topics ranging from leadership development, strategic planning, decision making, culminating with a staff study paper.

Sgt. Rice began his career with the Shelby Township Police Department in July 2002. "He's an extremely valuable asset to our department," said Deputy Chief Mark Coil in a press release. Sgt. Rice has been a member of honor guard for the past 10 years he currently serves as the unit commander. Sergeant Rice was recently appointed to Detective Sergeant.

Charity Golf Outing to Benefit Detroit Animal Welfare Group

Brown Iron Brewhouse will host its third annual charity golf outing to benefit the Detroit Animal Welfare Group, or DAWG. The event will take place on Monday, July 16 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at Glacier Club Golf Course in Washington Township.

The cost to participate is $125 per golfer and the package includes a continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf with a cart, raffle tickets, a plated dinner, and more.

There will be a chance to enter a $10,000 Hole-In-One contest, and a raffle. DAWG is also going to have dogs at each hole that will be available for adoption.

Visit the Brown Iron Brewhouse, located at 57695 Van Dyke Ave in Washington, to sign up. Check out dawghous.com to learn more about the Detroit Animal Welfare Group.

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Home & Garden *Digest*

Shelby Gardeners Club Biannual Garden Walk July 14

The Shelby Gardeners invite people to take time to smell the roses this summer.

On Saturday, July 14, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. the Shelby Gardeners Club is hosting its Biannual Garden Walk starting at Heritage Garden, 52700 Van Dyke Avenue. Visitors are invited to enjoy and explore six different gardens in Shelby Township. This year's theme is "Fountain of Beauty."

In addition to the horticulture, some gardens will feature other forms of art, like live music and plein air artists. Select sites will have garden crafts for sale. Attendees will also be able to participate in a raffle to help them start their own garden.

Advance tickets are on sale for $12 at the Shelby Township Library, Parks and Recreation and the Senior Center. Tickets will also be available the day of the walk for $14 at Heritage Garden and at the five participating residential gardens. The event will be held rain or shine.

To learn more about the event or the Shelby Gardener's Club, contact Ivy Schwartz at 586-873-3782.

Choosing the Right Fence for Your Home

by ERICA REITMAN, HGTV

While most of us who own a home would think nothing of spending hours researching landscape ideas or color choices for our front door, for some reason fences don't get much attention. But the truth of the matter is, your fence is often the first thing people see when they pull up to your house. Choosing the right fence for your home is no easy task once you realize how many choices there are when it comes to materials, styles and even cost.

Take brick, for example: Using neutral, gray colored bricks laid in a simple pattern is the perfect choice for a contemporary home. Keeping the landscaping simple allows the unique design of the house itself to truly shine, while the fence mostly fades into the background.

You can save money with corrugated metal; it is a budget-friendly option that you might not have considered. Sheets of metal can be easily cut to size and paired with either horizontal or vertical wood posts (or both).

If you're looking for a truly durable option, you might want to think about composite/engineered wood. These types of fences are manufactured from man-made materials; however, they look convincingly like real wood. They are more expensive than wood, but they usually last many years longer.

If you're feeling a bit bolder, try adding a splash of color to your fence by painting it. You can either go big and choose to do this all around your home or simply keep the color in one small area. Keep in mind that painting the fence will require a bit more upkeep.

Another great option is to use a lattice pattern for your fencing. While this won't necessarily provide a lot of privacy, it's a great option if you're looking for a more open and airy look.

Stone is another classic, traditional choice for fencing. In terms of durability, this material is hard to beat; however, it can definitely be more expensive than some of the other options.

Questions and Answers about Assisted Living

SENIOR LIVING ADVISOR

by
LAURA SMIGIELSKI, LPC, LNHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR BICKFORD ASSISTED LIVING AND MEMORY CARE

Question: My mother seems lonely at times at home…what could living at an assisted living facility do for her?

Answer: Anywhere you select should have an activity department led by a "Life Enrichment Coordinator." They should be passionate about learning your mother's "life story" to develop interesting and fulfilling activities. The whole team at the assisted living facility should work individually and collectively to enrich your mother's happiness daily. It's uncovering unrecognized needs – things she would never think to ask for – that would surprise and delight your mother. This communicates "we know who you are" as a unique individual and leads to greater peace and happiness.

Laura Smigielski is a licensed professional counselor (LPC) and a licensed nursing home administrator (LNHA). She is currently the Executive Director for Bickford Assisted Living and Memory Care in Shelby Township.

Please feel free to send Laura any questions you may have to laura.smigielski@enrichinghappiness.com or call her at 586-685-5800.

Arts & Entertainment

Music

GLASSJAW
SAT, JULY 7 - 6:30 p.m.
The Crofoot, Pontiac

JANELLE MONÁE
MON, JULY 9 - 7:30 p.m.
Fox Theatre, Detroit

ROB ZOMBIE & MARILYN MANSON
WED, JULY 11 - 7 p.m.
DTE Music Theatre, Clarkston

LET THERE BE ROCK (AC/DC TRIBUTE)
SAT, JULY 14 - 6 p.m.
Jimmy John's Field, Utica

On Stage

MACBETH
FRI, JULY 6 - 8 p.m.
Rochester College Theatre

LET'S GO TO TRASH ISLAND
FRI, JULY 6 - 8 p.m.
Ant Hall, Hamtramck

LET'S JUST SAY: ADMIRE
THU, JULY 12 - 9 p.m.
Go Comedy! Ferndale

DETROIT YOUTH POETRY SLAM
SUN, JULY 15 - 3 p.m.
Museum of Contemporary Art, Detroit

Library

TUESDAY BOOK CLUB
TUE, JULY 3 - 1:30 p.m.
Graubner Library, Washington

SHELBY WRITERS GROUP
THU, JULY 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Shelby Township Library

Kids & Teens

TODDLER MONDAYS
MON, JULY 2 - 10 a.m.
Clinton-Macomb, Main Branch

SIDEWALK CHALK
MON, JULY 2 - 11 a.m.
Utica Public Library

YO-YO WORKSHOP
WED, JULY 11 - 1:30 p.m.
Shelby Township Library

UNCLE DREW
Comedy, PG-13

SCOOBY-DOO
Adventure, PG

HAPPY GILMORE
Comedy, PG-13

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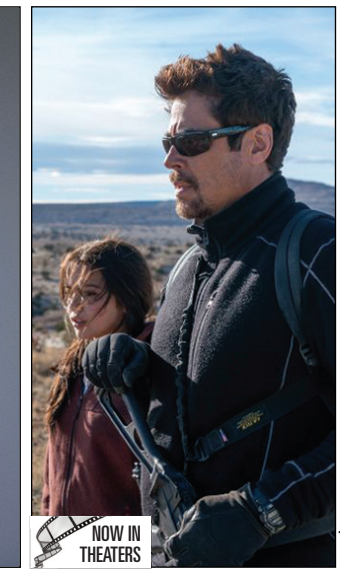

SICARIO: DAY OF THE SOLDADO
Action, R

UNCLE DREW
Dax (Lil Rel Howery) enters a team in the Rucker Classic streetball tournament in Harlem and is dealt a series of unfortunate setbacks, including losing his team to his longtime rival (Nick Kroll). Dax then stumbles upon the legend Uncle Drew (NBA's Kyrie Irving) and convinces him to return one last time.

SICARIO: DAY OF THE SOLDADO
FBI agent Matt Graver calls on mysterious operative Alejandro Gillick when Mexican drug cartels start to smuggle terrorists across the U.S. border. The war escalates even further when Alejandro kidnaps a top kingpin's daughter to deliberately increase the tensions.

Eisenhower Wind Ensemble to Perform at Michigan Music Conference

For the second straight year, a Utica Community Schools ensemble has been selected to perform at a prestigious gathering of statewide music educators.

The Eisenhower High School Wind Ensemble is one of five Michigan high school bands selected to perform at the 2019 Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids.

The 50-member ensemble will perform 45 minutes of music on January 25, 2019 at DeVos Hall, home of the Grand Rapids Symphony. Guest conductors and a professional solo artist performing a concerto will be joining the band. The band is under the direction of Eisenhower music teacher Christopher Traskal.

The ensemble performs at Eisenhower Instrumental Music Concerts, MSBOA District 16 Band/Orchestra Festivals, and MSBOA State Festivals. The group has also performed with the Oakland University Wind Symphony, Oakland University Brass Band, and the Motor City Brass Band.

The Eisenhower Wind Ensemble has garnered recognition throughout Michigan for creative music programming and overall performance quality. At the premier instrumental ensemble at Eisenhower, the Wind Ensemble has been consistent recipients of First Divisions at MSBOA District and State Festivals.

In 2015 the Band was honored to have been a part of the Michigan Music Concert (MMC) Opening Night "Collage Concert" in DeVos Hall.

Bands throughout Michigan auditioned for the right to perform at the conference. Entries were judged during a blind audition by a listening panel of instrumental music teachers.

The ensemble is the first Utica Community Schools concert ensemble selected to perform at the annual conference.

In 2018, the Malow Junior High School Jazz band was selected to perform at the conference.

Utica Community Schools continues to be honored at the state and national level for the high quality of its music program. For the fourth time, the district was selected this year as one of the nation's Best Communities for Music Education.

Shelby Township's Summer Concert Series

Shelby Township Parks and Recreation is hosting the 2018 Summer Concert Series at the Shelby Township Municipal Grounds. Concerts occur on the following Wednesdays: July 11, July 25, and August 15. All concerts begin at 7 p.m., and parking and entree is free.

July 11 features live music from Captured Detroit, July 25 with Atomic Radio, and August 15 will feature the Family Concert by Guy Louis.

Participants can bring lawn chairs and blankets to listen to the fabulous summer sounds. The Municipal Grounds are located at 52700 Van Dyke Avenue in Shelby Township. For more information, call 586-731-0300 or email shelbyprm@shelbytwp.org .

Kids Ballroom Classes at Argentine Tango

Argentine Tango Detroit will host Ballroom Classes for juniors on Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Kids ages 9-13 can come have fun learning dances from salsa to waltz with instructor Ivana Capelj, who has competed and taught Latin and Ballroom dance since 1994. She has certifications in International and American style dances, and looks to help people enjoy social, interpersonal, and enriching aspects of dance.

Classes are $12 each, or $50 for five weeks. Argentine Tango is located at 7758 Auburn Rd in Utica.

For more information on this program and the other classes offered at Argentine Tango Detroit, call 586-254-0560, find them on Facebook, or visit argentinetangodetroit.com.

Downtown Utica's Appetite for Art Festival

Downtown Utica and the Utica Public Library will host the Appetite for Art Festival on Saturday, July 21 and Sunday, July 22. The event will feature art, music, food, and family fun.

Saturday, July 21 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, July 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., stroll through hundreds of arts and crafts vendor exhibits and enjoy live music from Mike Tocco Music & Wayback Machine. The Detroit Circus will put on a live performance, Camp Casey will host a craft beer tent, and kids can enjoy a bounce house and face painting.

It all happens in downtown Utica July 21-22. For more information, visit utica-events.com.

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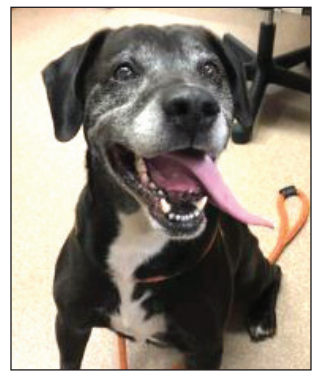

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Immigration Debate: New Colossus or Colossal Error?

PERSPECTIVES

Op-Ed by
PETE MAURER

Emma Lazarus wrote a sonnet entitled New Colossus, from which some pretty famous words originated: "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

Of course, all of you recognize these words as those written upon The Statue of Liberty, a gift from the French to their new friend and confidante, the United States of America. For well over a century, Lady Liberty has stood guard at the entrance of New York City's harbor, a bastion of those seeking freedom from a variety of ills, both economic and political.

She has stood by and witnessed tens of millions of immigrants come to America's shores, some so numerous and from the same nation, they are referred to as waves, not unlike the influx of Irish victims of the potato famine, and Italians just prior to that.

America was founded by those seeking religious freedom from oppressive governments, and by those seeking their fortune in the New World. Nobody was turned away, and despite many showing up with just a few coins in their pocket, most went on to lives considerably more comfortable and safe than the lands they used to call home.

But now, despite those words still emblazoned on her, Lady Liberty no longer stands for much of anything. America has been shutting its doors ever-tighter, hanging an "Out-of-Business" sign on the world's most famous statue, a sobering note to the tired and the poor yearning to breathe free.

Of course, neither the French nor our Founding Fathers could have anticipated decades of illegal immigration along our southern borders. For many years, these undocumented workers have been a lightning rod of controversy, portrayed in a negative light by some, and held up as a beacon of hope by others.

Recent events, however, have polarized the nation even further, something I thought not possible. With thousands of children separated from their parents trying to gain access to American soil, tempers have flared, insensitive and rude tweets have been made, and pundits from both sides of the political aisle have done their level best to portray the other side as evil incarnate.

The blame has been laid at the feet of Democrats, and then Republicans, and so many times, factual information is increasingly difficult to ascertain.

But some facts are irrefutable.

The law was never intended as a means of deterrence, as it has been lately. The law was never used so frequently as it has been in the last two months.

And only one president claimed – erroneously, of course – that he could do nothing about the law, and instead blame the other party.

And only one president was forced to abandon his lie and sign an Executive Order to stop the separation of families illegally seeking entry in the U.S.

Nobody wants an open border over which immigrants have unfettered access. And far less than half of Americans want a wall, the other 58% understanding that a wall is easily traversed over, under, or around.

I think what most Americans want is sane and humane immigration laws, and even if we end up turning away families at the border, we keep the families intact.

Besides, if you really want to address the immigration problem, then go after the people who knowingly hire undocumented workers. The illegal immigrants are here for jobs, and if they are turned away by landscapers, builders, contractors, restaurants, hotels and not hired as domestics, they will not stay, and many more will not even bother sneaking over the border in the first place.

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LETTER: Colossal Error – Nope

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pete,

Your irrefutable fact, 'The law was never intended as a means of deterrence...', is simply wrong and it is refutable.

Criminal immigrants, immigrants that are a threat to a child or falsely claiming to be the child's should be and need to be deterred. Jeff Sessions is simply enforcing the law. Even you have to admit that past administrations gave a free pass to adults when this issue came up - can you say 'catch and release'? The president isn't changing the rules, his policy is simply prosecute the offending adults.

PS - You failed to mention that illegal entry is a crime (misdemeanor) and illegal re-entry is a felony for many immigrants who are falsely claiming asylum (pretty important fact). Also, you were incorrect when you said the president lied about the law, presidents can't change law, that's the job of Congress. Presidents can only create policy and recommend enforcement of the law.

I suggest you spend more time researching information crafting another weak article.

– Dave

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