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Macomb Board of Commissioners Seeks Older Adult Advisory Committee Applicants

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants for 17 position vacancies on the recently-created Macomb County Older Adult Advisory Committee (OAAC). Terms are two years and meetings are expected to be held monthly.

The OAAC was established by resolution by the Board of Commissioners as an advisory body which will gather and report input and information regarding challenges, trends, concerns and opportunities affecting older adults in the County.

Committee members will consist of one resident – at least 60 years of age - from each Commission district, as well as four County residents serving at-large without a minimum age requirement. At-large members will be appointed by the Board Chairman.

Additional details and applications for the positions can be found at MacombBOC.com by clicking "Boards & Commissions" on the far left column.

Interested individuals should submit notarized applications to the Board of Commissioners, 1 S. Main Street, 9th Floor, Mt. Clemens, no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31. Applicants should also expect to attend a Government Operations Committee meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 3 p.m. for a public interview. Appointments are then expected to be made at the Thursday, Feb. 15 Full Board meeting.

For more information please call the Board of Commissioners office at 586-469-5125.



UHS Students Add Artwork to Shelby's Newest Fire Station

UTICA HIGH SCHOOL teacher Mrs. Allore and her National Art Honors Society teamed up with the Shelby Township Fire Department to add a little artistic creativity to their new Station 5. The Shelby Township Fire Department responded on Facebook to the above photo, saying, "We want to send a big thank you to Utica High School's National Arts Honor Society for painting this wonderful mural on wall in the bay of Station 5!" One UHS student, Evan Zack, commented, "Such an amazing opportunity with such an amazing group of people, and I was extremely happy to be apart of it."

Legislation Introduced to Create State-Run Bank

State Rep. Peter Lucido, of Shelby Township, this week introduced bipartisan legislation authorizing the creation and maintenance of a state-run bank. Lucido said the proposal helps solve issues created by the legalization of medical marijuana and funds originating from its sales.

"Before I got to Lansing, the people of Michigan voted to allow the use of medical marijuana. But what has the state done to provide for the revenue which they knew was going to be generated?" Lucido said. "The people have voted for medical marijuana. The medical marijuana industry has brought funds in. The industry must report it on their income tax. Until the federal government does something, we need to get this money infused back into the state – not stuffed in coffee cans or hidden under the mattress."

A state-owned bank would have the authority to engage in regular banking and facilitate loans to eligible groups, municipalities and those who qualify for business-related subsidies.

Currently, North Dakota is the only state in the nation which owns and

runs its own financial institution. The Bank of North Dakota was founded in 1919 through legislative action and had an operating income of \$136.2 million as of 2016. North Dakota differs as it has not legalized medical marijuana, and Lucido wants to make sure Michigan has a tenable solution for proceeds of an industry created by the people and now regulated by the state.

Conflict between state and federal law has left those in the booming medical marijuana industry in limbo for financial services. Banks and credit unions have been restrained from doing business with a cash-based industry which buys and sells a product still considered to be an illegal controlled substance by the federal government.

"We can take a real initiative here in Michigan and lead by example," Lucido said. "Other states are and will be facing this same issue. The people have voted. We have medical marijuana. Now we need to make sure this money that's sitting there can be recirculated back into our state. A state-run bank offers a way to do that and provides a safe harbor for those in a rev-

enue stream that is legal in Michigan." **House Joint Resolution CC** has been referred to the House Regulatory Reform Committee for consideration.

Amazon Site Taking Shape at 23 Mile and Mound

If the first two weeks of above-ground construction for the new 1-million-square-foot Amazon distribution center is a barometer, the corner of 23 Mile and Mound roads in Shelby Township will have a drastic makeover before too long.

After crews began installing structure steel for the new facility Jan. 4, two weeks later, there was more than 150,000 square feet of steel in place and designs to have the full structure complete and ready for exterior walls before the end of the month.

"The Amazon building is going up at lightning speed as a 150,000 square feet of structural steel was erected in a matter of weeks," Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. "Now, the next step is to put the panels up, the skin of the building, and that'll go up sometime after Jan. 22, and that'll probably take them through March."

The expedient manner in which the structure is going up can be attributed to a full commitment to employ maximum effort and manpower to make the project a reality ahead of the Labor Day 2018 deadline.

"It's very exciting to see what they're doing on that site," Building Director Tim Wood said. "In talking with the project managers, they are using a

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Rep. Farrington and Mayor Dionne Attend State of the State

STATE REP. DIANA FARRINGTON was joined in Lansing by Utica Mayor Thom Dionne for Governor Snyder's State of the State address on the House floor Tuesday. Snyder praised the progress in the state's finances and prospects for Detroit's continued revival. See more pictures from the State of the State address on page 3.

Eisenhower Senior Earns Perfect ACT Score

Utica Community Schools senior Kaitlyn Proffitt is among the nation's highest achieving students with a perfect score of 36 on the ACT college admissions exam.



Proffitt, of Eisenhower High School, earned the perfect composite score during the September ACT testing window.

Proffitt also attends the Utica Center for Mathematics, Science and Technology program.

"Our entire community is proud of Kaitlyn and the doors she will continue to open for herself throughout the future," superintendent Dr. Christine Johns said. "With the support of her teachers and family, she has earned an honor that places her among the top high school graduates in the nation."

For the most recent scores available, only approximately 2,760 out of the approximately 2 million students who took the ACT in 2017 earned the top score of 36. The average ACT score was 21.0.

The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science. Each test is scored on a scale of 1-36, and a student's composite score is the average of the four test scores. Some students also take ACT's optional Writing Test, but the score for that test is reported separately and is not included within the ACT composite score.

In a letter recognizing this exceptional achievement, ACT CEO Marten Roorda said, "your achievement on the ACT is significant and rare. Your exceptional scores will provide any colleges to which you choose to apply ample evidence of your readiness for the academic rigors that lie ahead."

Amazon Center to be Completed by Labor Day

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lot of cutting-edge techniques to increase speed and, at the same time, improve safety on this site."

In addition to cutting-edge construction techniques, Ryan Companies, the contractor building the facility, is working hand in hand with officials from Macomb County, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and an independent, third-party environmental consultant to ensure the environmental hazards associated with the site are properly addressed and the remediation plan is executed.

"Rightfully so, there are a lot of concerns about the hazardous materials that were detected in the soil under the old industrial plant that was at this site," Stathakis said. "However, I am glad to report that there are multiple layers of oversight on this project and a dedicated corporate partner in Amazon that are all ensuring the success story at this site has a happy ending."

That happy ending cannot come soon enough for some of the center's new neighbors as local, small business owners eagerly await a potential shot in the arm from the 1,000 new jobs that the distribution center will bring



to the township.

"Since the plant closed, I have had the neighborhood supporting me, and the community kept us going so I'm very thankful, but there is only so much the neighborhood can do," said Lajde Marku, who owns the Utica Coney Island at \$300,000 in fees.

"Our Building Department has collected about 60 percent of the \$600,000 in fees," Stathakis said. "In addition, our Department of Public Works will also collect substantial fees, and, to a lesser extent, our Fire Department will also recognize fee revenue."

Other benefits to the township that

are planned because of the distribution center include the replacement of the fence around the site by natural landscaping and the widening and repaving of 1,000 feet of Mound Road south of 23 Mile Road to the center's northern entrance.

"The ancillary improvements to the area are great examples of what economic development means to a local municipality," Stathakis said. "We will have a fully remediated site, a new corporate citizen in the township, and we will also have features like the landscaping and improvements to Mound Road that everyone in the township can enjoy."



TWO NEW LOCAL EATERIES recently cut the ribbon in Shelby Township. The Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce congratulates Team Schostak on their second MOD Pizza location in Shelby Township (pictured above). The new location is located on Van Dyke just south of 26 Mile Road. Pictured below, Tap & Barrel Grill held their Grand Opening this week. Located at 50055 Van Dyke, learn more at tapandbarrelgrill.com.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Winter Fest

Shelby Township and the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center invite you to celebrate Winter Fest on Saturday, January 27 from at 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The weather may be frightful, but there's still plenty to do at the Nature Center. Join in for a day of snow-related games and activities as well as a short discussion and demonstration about how different cultures around the world survive the freezing elements. There will also be a snow building/survival contest (weather permitting) to see if you and your family could survive the cold.

Enjoy winter inspired crafts and hot chocolate inside the building. Winter Fest will still be held in the absence of

snow, though the programming may be altered. Cost is \$3 per person - Ages 4+.

CMPL After-Hours: Snakes on a Plane

Visit the Clinton Macomb Main Library on Friday, February 2 from 8 - 10 p.m. for an after-hours showing of the classically bad 2006 film, Snakes on a Plane. The library will show the movie on the big screen and provide refreshments. You can provide the witty commentary in person and on Twitter using the hashtag #CMPLAfterHours.

This program is for ages 18+. No registration is required for the free event. Clinton Macomb Main Library is located at 40900 Romeo Plank Rd in Clinton Township.

Mayhem Poets

The Mayhem Poets will be at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday, February 8 from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Mayhem Poets met as students at

Rutgers University in New Brunswick, drawn together by a shared passion for wordplay and open mics. These New Jersey natives combine hip-hop, poetry, and current issues in a show that is fast-paced, funny, creative, and thought-provoking.

Tickets for Page to Stage productions are \$6 for students. Teachers are free with groups of 20 students or more. Call 586-286-2021 for tickets.

The Macomb Center for the Performing Arts is located at 44575 Garfield Rd (At Hall Road), in Clinton Township.

Book Sale at Utica Public Library

Visit the Utica Public Library February 10-11 for a Book Sale. Thousands of books, DVDs, and CDs for all ages will be available for purchase at bargain prices. Stop in and support the library while visiting the Utica Ice Festival. The Utica Public Library is located at 7530 Auburn Rd.



STATE REP. PETER LUCIDO, of Shelby Township, was joined by Macomb County Circuit Court Chief Judge James Biernat Jr. (right), Michigan Supreme Court Justice David Viviano (second from left) and law partner Vince Manzella (far left) of Lucido & Manzella, P.C. in the state Capitol for the 2018 State of the State speech.



STATE REP. STEVE MARINO speaking with Macomb DPW Commissioner Candice Miller at Tuesday's State of the State address. Miller posted the above photo to her Facebook page, adding, "Keeping the lines of communication open is critical to success in any endeavor."



STATE REP. JEFF YAROCH hosted his former colleague, Richmond City Councilor Jaime Greene, at Tuesday's State of the State address. "Thank you Councilor Greene for making the trip to Lansing," Yaroch said.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS



EISENHOWER DANCE has had quite the successful season, if the trophies six trophies lining the floor in this photo were any indication. "Couldn't have asked for a better way to wrap up regionals this year," they wrote on the Eisenhower Dance Team Program Facebook page with the above photo. "Our hardworking teams went undefeated all season. Thankful for all the love + support! Next stop: THE BIG SHOW."



EISENHOWER GIRLS BASKETBALL claimed a commanding victory Tuesday against Stevenson, topping the Titans 50-35. They'll look to bring their winning spirit with them to Ford next Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.



UTICA DANCE continues to rack up reasons to celebrate this year. Last weekend at the Southern Michigan Dance Challenge held at Royal Oak High School, the Varsity Dance team took 1st place in Jazz and 2nd in Pom. Congratulations!

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PERFORMANCE PIC OF THE WEEK



THE PERFORMANCE PIC OF THE WEEK goes to DAKOTA WRESTLING, who recently competed in MAC dual competitions featuring the Anchor Bay Tars, the Woods Tower Titans, and the L'Anse Creuse Lancers.



50-35

**GIRLS BASKETBALL
JAN 23 vs. STEVENSON (W)**

Next Game: TUE, JAN 30 at 5:30 p.m. at FORD

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**BOYS BASKETBALL
JAN 23 vs. STEVENSON (L)**

Next Game: TUE, JAN 30 at 7 p.m. at DAKOTA

EISENHOWER



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**GIRLS BASKETBALL
JAN 23 vs. PORT HURON (L)**

Next Game: TUE, JAN 30 at 7 p.m. vs. STERLING HEIGHTS

108-70

**BOYS SWIM & DIVE
JAN 23 vs. STEVENSON**

Next Meet: TUE, JAN 30 at 6 p.m. vs. ST. CLAIR

UTICA



61-28

**BOYS BASKETBALL
JAN 23 vs. GROSSE POINTE SOUTH (W)**

Next Game: TUE, JAN 30 at 7 p.m. vs. EISENHOWER

72-42

**GIRLS BASKETBALL
JAN 23 vs. GROSSE POINTE SOUTH (W)**

Next Game: TUE, JAN 30 at 5:30 p.m. vs. ROMEO

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■ **DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN?** This man has entered a local Macomb Township business on more than one occasion within the last



few weeks and stolen over \$500 worth of merchandise. As he exits, he is picked up by the pictured vehicle, believed to be a Jeep Patriot. We feel very strongly that the photos are all of the same man. This man is described as a black male, heavier set, in his late 20's to early 30's, with a thin beard. If you can identify this man, please contact Detective Shell at 586-307-9363.

■ **ILLEGAL USE OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTION DEVICE.** In December 2017, a Macomb Township resident reported to the Macomb County Sheriff's Office that her credit card information had been used fraudulently. The victim

had been alerted of this by her bank. Several fraudulent transactions had been made throughout Macomb County including Roseville, Warren, and Sterling Heights. Detectives made contact with the establishments where the information was used and were provided with a male's name; Brandon Hedwood, 22, out of Warren. It was discovered that the victim's credit card information was linked to a card bearing Hedwood's name. Detectives conducted surveillance on Hedwood and found him to be living in Clinton Township. A vehicle believed to be used in the fraudulent transactions was located at the residence. A search warrant was obtained and conducted at the residence. Detectives located and seized tools to manufacture credit cards along with programed cards bearing no name, but that had been used recently. Marijuana, packaging items, and measuring scales were also located. Paperwork was submitted to the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office and four counts of Financial Transaction Device – Forgery, Alteration or Counterfeiting (4 year felony), four counts of Financial Transaction Device – Illegal Use (4 year felony), and one count of Controlled Substance – Delivery/Manufacture Marijuana/Synthetic Equivalents (4 year felony) were authorized.

"Identity Theft and Credit Fraud are crimes that happen daily. People can become victims without even knowing where or when they were targeted. You can protect yourself from being a victim by monitoring your bank statements, credit report, and credit score. Make sure to keep credit card numbers and pin numbers private; do not share personal information. Shred sensitive documents and be aware of online phishing scams. There are also several companies that offer identity protection services." – Macomb County Sheriff Anthony

Wickersham. Hedwood was arraigned on 1/19/18 in the 41-A District Court of Shelby Township. Hedwood was given a \$10,000 bond and is due back in court on 02/01/18 at 1:30pm for a probable cause conference.

■ **CHILD SEXUALLY ABUSIVE MATERIAL.** On 1/18/18, the Macomb County Sheriff's Office MACE unit (Macomb Area Computer Enforcement) located an advertisement via social media regarding a male seeking sexual intercourse with underage children. MACE detectives responded to the advertisement and spoke with a black male, later identified as Daryl Johnson, 23, out of Eastpointe. Johnson indicated that he wished to have sexual intercourse with a young female in exchange for illegal drugs. Johnson listed specific sexual acts and sent nude photographs said to be of himself to detectives. MACE detectives set up a meet with Johnson stating they had a young female. On 1/19/18, at the agreed upon time, Johnson arrived in a Ford Crown Victoria as he stated he would. He was arrested by Detectives in the driveway of the agreed upon meet location. Johnson was found in possession of several condoms but no narcotics. Johnson was arrested and lodged at the Macomb County Jail. Johnson was charged with two counts of Child Sexually Abusive Material (4 year felony) and one count of Using a Computers - Using to Commit a Crime (7 year felony). Johnson was arraigned in the 41-B District Court of Clinton Township on 1/22/18 and given a \$100,000.00 bond. He is due back in the 41-B District Court on 2/5/18 at 8:30am for a probable cause conference.

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



THE SHELBY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT loves getting delicious treats from families. They recently shared the story of Dylan, a local child who wanted to make cupcakes for the officers. STPD responded on their Facebook page with the above photo, adding, "How could we turn down cupcakes from this face?!? Seriously! Thanks for thinking of us, Dylan!"

Shelby Fire Department's 28th Annual Red Hot Night

The Great Lakes Burn Camp and the Shelby Township Fire Fighters invite you to spend an evening at the 28th Annual Red Hot Night Dinner Dance on Saturday February 10th from 6 p.m. to midnight at The Palazzo Grande, Shelby Township. This is an open public charity fundraiser.

Your Valentines Night includes an evening of dinner, premium open bar, dancing, raffle/auction items, as well as many door prizes. All profits from this event will be donated to The Great Lakes Burn Camp, which is a camp designed for burn victims, specifically children. The goal to be raised this year is \$25,000.

In cooperation with the American Fundraising Foundation, there will be

Silent Auction Raffles for "Bucket List" type vacation packages.

Tickets are \$85 per person and for an extra \$110 you can reserve a room at the Shelby Township Hampton Inn with transportation to and from the event. Tickets can be purchased at rhn2018.eventbrite.com (fees apply) or at Fire station #1 during normal business hours

Checks are to be made out to: Shelby Township Firefighters Local 1338 Charity Fund. For ticket information or to make a donation, contact the Shelby Township Fire Department at 586-731-3476 or 586-634-4120. The Palazzo Grande is located at 54660 Van Dyke Avenue in Shelby Township.



UTICA'S BRAVE FIREFIGHTERS fought a structure fire on Birchcrest St. this week. Thankfully no one was harmed. "Our neighboring departments made all the difference," the City of Utica posted to their Facebook page with the above photo. "Much thanks to Sterling Heights, Shelby Township, Macomb Township & Washington Township & Rochester Hills for their assistance." *Photo credit: 313FirePhotography*

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Gazette Bridal Show a Hit at Great Oaks, Coming to O'Rena August 26

Last Sunday's Gazette Bridal Show at Great Oaks Country Club was a resounding success; so much so that the next Bridal Show has already been booked for Sunday, August 26 on the campus of Oakland University.

Exhibitors brought their A-game last Sunday as brides, grooms, family and friends toured the ballroom floor at Great Oaks. Despite the heavy foot-

traffic, guests still had the opportunity to speak to every exhibitor at the show one-on-one to help make their wedding day a once-in-a-lifetime event. From photography to lighting, bouquets to bachelorette parties, every aspect of wedding planning was covered under one roof.

The always-entertaining Bridal Fashion Show presented by Bella Rose

Bridal did not disappoint, from Mother of the Bride, to stunning gowns, to trendy tuxes, guests had the opportunity to preview the latest bridal fashion trends, all while sipping on complimentary champagne provided by Bronco Wine.

Valet parking was provided to all guests, and 96.3 WDVD's Lauren Crocker was there to keep the crowd

in the wedding-spirit as they strolled through the beautiful venue, connecting with some of the best companies in the bridal industry.

Mark your calendars! The next Gazette Bridal Show will be held at Oakland University's O'Rena on Sunday, August 26 from noon to 4 p.m. Exhibitors have the chance to connect face-to-face with hundreds of brides

and their families. Participation is limited in all categories to ensure a wide-range of services offered to visitors.

To participate in the next Gazette Bridal show, contact Vickie Clark at 248-524-4868 or email Vickie@GazetteMediaGroup.com. To learn more about this and other events offered by the Gazette, visit GazetteEvents.com.



Photo from the Bella Rose Bridal Fashion Show by Scott Sims

Home & Garden *Digest*

Simple Indoor Gardening Tips to Help Beat the Winter Blahs

by AMY FORTUNE

Green-thumbed types don't have to wait for spring to start growing things. Through the winter months, brave Michiganders itching to get outdoors can find frost-resistant plants to cultivate. However, if you're not a fan

diet throughout the winter. There is, after all, no need to battle the elements to get to the grocery store when you have everything for an excellent salad right on hand.

Basic Indoor Gardening Strategies for Winter



of the cold and snow, indoor gardening is always an option. In fact, adding some green-leafiness to your home might be the perfect thing to beat the post-holiday blues.

Why not plant a few vegetables in containers throughout your house? Many veggie varieties thrive indoors, and having easy access to fresh produce will help you maintain a healthy

During the winter months, most Michiganders keep their homes in the comfortable region of 64-75 degrees, Fahrenheit. This is perfect for most vegetables, as long as you can maintain appropriate light levels. Depending on where you live and how your windows are situated, the natural light in your home might serve you well for indoor gardening in the win-

ter. Yet, if you want to grow veggies that require ample amounts of sunlight, investing in artificial lighting sources isn't a bad idea.

Next, be sure that you have the right types and sizes of gardening pots on hand. Pick pots that feature good drainage, and that they fit in reasonably well with your décor. After all, you don't want to give up on your entire gardening plan way too soon just because you can't tolerate how much the garden stuff clashes with your sofa, rugs, and curtain.

Finally, get strategic about what kinds of veggies you want to grow. Some require intense lighting, while others prefer almost none at all. Therefore, you may end up planting a few things in the sunniest spot in the living room and others in the deepest parts of the basement. Planning all of this is helpful because you'll be able to verify that you have enough space and the right spots before getting your heart set on growing certain vegetables.

Vegetables that Thrive Indoors

Carrots: You'll need deep pots

and loose, well-draining soil. Ideally, carrots need about 4-5 hours of bright sunlight every day, so plant them in front of a large window, either in your living room or kitchen. Luckily, their green, feathery tops are quite attractive as house plants.

Radishes: If you've never grown vegetables indoors before, start with radishes. These vegetables are hearty, easy to cultivate, and only need about five inches of soil/compost mixture. Of course, the brightly colored tubers are delicious, but radish greens are tasty as well when served in salads or whirled into smoothies.

Lettuce: The main ingredient for your winter salads only requires about 3-4 hours of dappled sunlight each day to grow well. And, while many different types of lettuces thrive indoors, most gardeners prefer the loose-leaf varieties for cultivation ease. Also, if you have dim lighting in your home, lettuce does extremely well with artificial lighting.

Arugula: If you love the distinctive taste of arugula, you'll be pleased to know that it grows fast and well

when planted indoors. In fact, the more leaves you pick, the faster it grows. So, find a cool, but sunny spot, and enjoy a peppery kick to your salads all winter-long, and into the spring.

Oregano: As all home cooks know, this herb is great to have on hand to add to all types of dishes. And, because oregano can be an invasive plant when grown outdoors, planting it indoors, in contained pots, is actually advisable. Ideally, you should plant your oregano in a pot, and place in your kitchen window sill, where it will get plenty of early morning sunlight.

Mushrooms: Finally, for those who want to expand their gardening activities to the basement, mushrooms are perfect. These delicious fungi need cool, dark places, and water. Because mushrooms are so easy to grow, cultivating them is fun project for kids. Most gardening centers offer kits for button or oyster mushrooms. So, grab one of these when you're out, and watch your child's eyes light up when they realize they can grow their own pizza toppings.

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Junk Drawers, Pantries, and More: Bust Your Home's Clutter Hotspots

Take time this winter to get your house in order, like you've promised yourself you'll do. You don't have to do it all in one day, but get started with one phase at a time. You'll like the results.

Entry Hall Dump

It's clutter ground zero: raincoats, purses, backpacks, and gym bags.

Think of the foyer as a launching pad, not a dumping ground. Leave only things that are ready to go out the door.

- Use shelves and hooks on coat closet wall space.
- A tasteful tower of hatboxes can hold out-of-season hats, mittens, and shoes.

Hold onto your sports gear when you walk in the door. The "finish line" for gym clothes is the laundry room, not the foyer. Equipment can go to the garage.

Overstuffed Pantry

You can cram a lot of stuff in there – cookie sprinkles, low-fat snack bars, industrial-sized bottles of ketchup – even though it's probably hard to find what you need. You may even forget what's in there.

What It May Mean: You're an impulse buyer – you like to try new things or you can't resist a bargain. Or you buy foods you want to or think you should eat, but you never eat them.

- To make your pantry work:
- Check dates and get rid of foods that have expired.
 - Think like a grocer: Group foods by type and label the shelves. Put things that you would use together, like baking supplies, in a box or bas-

ket that you can find easily.

Check the pantry when you make a shopping list. Don't buy spaghetti sauce until you've used the jars you already have, even if it's on sale. Stick to your list when you shop.

- Snap a cell phone photo of junk mail you want to stop. There are free apps that can cancel it for you.

Random Refrigerator Door Clutter

It's both a display case and mission control: schedules, phone lists,



Mail Mountain

You may throw it in a box, stack it in neat piles, or shove it in a drawer. No matter how your mail piles up, it's a problem if you miss bills, report cards, tax forms, or other must-haves.

Snail mail clutter, like email inbox clutter, is often about putting off decisions, organizers say. You need to decide what to do with each piece, which takes time. You can sort and shred, but it's easier to cut down on mail.

- Get your bills online.
- You can get most other mailed items online too, like magazines, newspapers, and concert schedules.

coupons, invitations, children's artwork, photos, souvenir magnets, and other things you want to remember.

To make things neat and visible:

- First, take down everything. Put mementos in a bag for two weeks. If you find you can live without them, discard.
- Move reminders like dry cleaning

tags to your car or wallet. Once a week, like when you get gas, go through them and toss out the ones you don't need.

Rotate magnets, photos, and artwork so you see them with a fresh eye.

Bathroom Counter Chaos

One bathroom counter might have many toothbrushes, shampoos, and skin-care products left out on it, as well as a jumble of makeup and a few stray toothpaste caps. Try these tips:

- How many bottles of conditioner or lipsticks in the same shade can a person use at once? Limit it to one of each item per person.
- Give each person a shower tote or basket for his stuff. Keep them in cubbies or cabinets.
- Arrange things that must be within easy reach on a tray to make bathroom cleaning easier.

Make a rule: No one opens a new shampoo or other product until she finishes the one she already has.

The Junk-Heaped Garage

It's the bonus room for our material world spillover: About 75% of U.S. garages are too full to fit a car. Yours has big-box store purchases, a refrigerator to store extra food, holiday decorations, unused fly-fishing gear, and crafting supplies.

Garage clutter-busters:

- Find a good home for items you won't use again. If you're not sure about something, put it in a box, tape it up, and date it. If you don't need to use it in 18 months, get rid of it.

- Use shelves to hold bulk supplies.
- Borrow or rent costly gear for a new hobby until you know you'll stick with it.

Before you buy more seasonal decorations, check to see if you have room to store them.

Beloved Junk Drawer

Everyone's got one. Some people have one in each room. Many people love their junk drawer. It's home to all kinds of random things: batteries, birthday candles, stray buttons and tacks, change from various countries, stamps, tools, take-out menus, receipts, SIM cards, stamps, flash drives, and rubber bands.

What It May Mean: You're normal. There's no need to get rid of your junk drawer. But clear it out when it gets too crazy to be useful:

Take everything out and pile similar items together. Get rid of things like expired coupons and spare keys that you can't identify.

Buy a plastic tray with dividers, or repurpose baby wipes or cigar boxes, mint tins, and mesh bags. Group similar items together. This can be a fun job for children on a rainy day.

How to Prevent Your Pipes From Freezing

by MARY H.J. FARRELL
Consumer Reports

When temperatures plummet, the risk of your pipes freezing and bursting skyrockets. In fact, burst pipes are one of the most common causes of property damage during frigid weather and can cause thousands in water damage—easily \$5,000 or more, according to the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety.

The pipes most at risk are those in unheated interior spaces such as basements, attics, and garages. But even pipes running through cabinets or exterior walls can freeze. The good news is there are some simple things you can do to keep your water running and your house dry.

"Pipe insulation can cost as little as 50 cents per linear foot at your local hardware store," says Susan Millerick, IBHS spokeswoman. "So for not much more than the cost of the aspirin you'd need, you can avoid the headaches of cleanup, loss of precious keepsakes, and the cost of your insurance deductible." Use the pipe insulation liberally to protect any vulnerable pipes.

Both the IBHS and the American Red Cross, which is in the business of emergency preparedness, have useful advice on how to prevent your pipes from freezing, as well as how to thaw them if they do.

Once the temperature starts dropping outside, you should take measures inside to keep your pipes warm

and water running. Research conducted by the Building Research Council at the University of Illinois shows that the "temperature alert threshold" is 20° F, especially if you have uninsulated pipes running through an uninsulated space.



Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.

Let the cold water drip from a faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe—even at a trickle—helps prevent pipes from freezing.

Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature during day and night. Again, during a cold snap is not the time to set back the thermostat at night to save a few bucks on your heating bill.

If you plan to be away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.

For the long term, add insulation to attics, basements, and crawl spaces. Insulation will maintain higher temperatures in those areas. And to prevent drafts, seal cracks and openings around windows, doors, and at sill plates, where the house rests on its foundation.

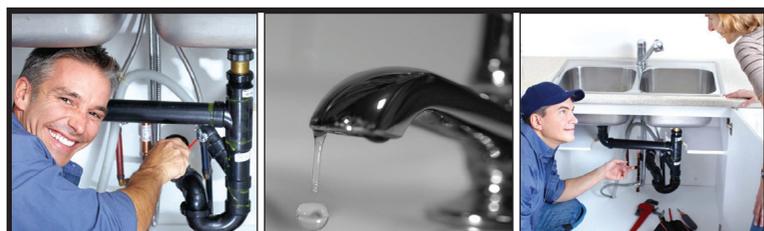
If a pipe has broken, turn off the water at the main shutoff valve, which is usually at the water meter or where the main line enters the house. If the water is still running and no pipes have burst, you can take the following steps.

Turn on the faucet. As you heat the frozen pipe and the ice plug begins to melt, you want the water to be able to flow through. Running water through the pipe will help melt ice in the pipe.

Apply heat to the section of pipe using an electric heating pad wrapped around the pipe, an electric hair dryer, or a portable space heater (kept away from flammable materials), or by wrapping pipes with towels soaked in hot water.

Apply heat until full water pressure is restored. Check all other faucets in your home to see whether you have additional frozen pipes. If one pipe freezes, others may freeze, too.

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Gossip, Mischief Run Amok in 'The School for Scandal'

Oakland University's School of Music, Theatre and Dance will present *The School for Scandal*, a comedic tale of gossip, deceit, and the perils of social media, from Thursday, February 1 through Sunday, February 11 in the Varner Studio Theatre in Varner Hall on the OU campus.

"Set in 18th century London, *The School for Scandal* focuses on a group of slightly self-involved characters who will go to extremes to fulfill their heart's desires," said Director David Gram, assistant professor of theatre at Oakland University.

Based on the play by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, *The School for Scandal* tells the story of Sir Peter Teazle, a wealthy older man; Lady Teazle, his young wife; Joseph and Charles Surface, brothers and romantic rivals; Lady Sneerwell, a wealthy widow and malicious gossip; Sir Oliver Surface, the wealthy uncle of Joseph and Charles; Maria, Sir Peter's ward and Joseph's romantic interest; and Snake, Lady Sneerwell's servant who helps her by spreading rumors.

"Gossip at that time was delivered via pamphlet, and the news quickly spread around town," Gram said. "It was their version of social media."

The trouble begins when Lady Sneerwell, who is in love with Charles Surface, spreads a rumor about Charles and Lady Teazle in an attempt to drive a wedge between him and Maria, who is also desired by Charles' brother,

Joseph. The rumor spreads quickly and results in comedic mishaps as the characters try to separate truth from scandal.

"Given all the hoopla that is going on now with 'fake news,' this play represents a wonderful opportunity to explore the topic in a fun way," Gram said. "It has a lot to say about how people communicate, and about how we talk about people when they aren't in the room."

According to Gram, the show will be performed in the round.

"Creating an immersive experience was very important to us," he said. "We want the audience to feel like they're part of the show. We want them to feel like they're there, watching and listening, and that they're complicit with these characters' actions."

The cast and crew have also embraced the social media aspect of the show via posts on Twitter and Facebook.

"It's been a lot of fun," Gram said. "Social media is such an important part of our world — our need to know other people's business, even when it gets in the way of our own lives. For this production, we've really embraced that scandalous aspect of social media."

Tickets to *The School for Scandal* are \$15 for the general public and \$8 for students, and can be purchased online at StarTickets.com without a service fee, at the Varner Box Office, or by phone at 800-585-3737.



Vehicles of the Year Named at NAIAS

The Honda Accord, Volvo XC60 and the Lincoln Navigator were crowned as the winners of the 2018 North American Car, Utility and Truck of the Year (NACTOY) awards at the North American International Auto Show, which is open to the public at Cobo Center through January 28.



HONDA ACCORD - 2018 CAR OF THE YEAR

The awards are among the most prestigious in the industry because they are chosen by a panel of more than 60 jurors from print, online and broadcast media across the United States and Canada. Votes were tallied confidentially by Deloitte LLP and remained sealed until they were announced by NACTOY officers, President Mark Phelan, Vice President Matt DeLorenzo and Secretary-

2018 Utica Ice Festival

Utica is gearing up for a weekend of ice and winter fun.

In partnership with Jimmy John's Field and the United Shore Professional Baseball League, the City of Utica will host the 2018 Utica Ice Festival "Fun in the Freeze."

From Friday, February 9 - Sunday, February 11, winter activities and events will take place in downtown Utica and at Jimmy John's Field.

The event kicks off on Friday night at 5:00 p.m. Downtown Utica will have live music, ice carvings and a pub crawl.

The fun continues on Saturday from 12-9 p.m. at Jimmy John's Field. There will be many winter themed events to enjoy including: ice skating, dog sledding, kids crafts and giant inflatable slides. There will also be live music and food trucks. The AAA Clubhouse will host a Wine and Craft Beer tasting from 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Beginning at 4 p.m., kids will have the chance to meet characters from Disney's "Frozen." Afterward, families can watch a showing of the film on the JumboTron.

Fireworks from Memorial Park will begin around 8:20 p.m. on Saturday. The display can be seen throughout the city.

On Sunday, festival goers can take a stroll in the JKN Riverwalk Park and enjoy the ice sculptures.

Entrance to the festival is free. For a complete list of events and activities, visit the 2018 Utica Ice Festival event page on Facebook, or visit uspb.com.

— Elena Dumbaugh

Treasurer Lauren Fix at Cobo Center in Detroit.

The three winners each stood out in their segments for different reasons.

"Honda seems to have executed some sort of magic trick — not only is this 10th-generation Accord far sleek-

value."

In the truck category, NACTOY Juror Ron Sessions of the New York Daily News said, "the 2018 Navigator received a more dramatic update than its Ford Expedition sibling and its impact for the brand will be stronger as a result. With its design now aligned with the Continental, the Navigator becomes an even more important image — and the profit-maker for Lincoln."

Chosen from dozens of new vehicles, jurors evaluated the finalists based on segment leadership, innovation, design, safety, handling, driver satisfaction and value for the dollar. The process started in June 2017 by determining vehicle eligibility and includes three rounds of voting.

Now in their 24th year, the awards are unique because they are awarded a group of dozens of respected automotive journals instead of being given by a single publication, website, radio or television station.

Winners were chosen from the following nine finalists:

Car of the Year

Honda Accord
Kia Stinger
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Utility Vehicle of the Year

Alfa Romeo Stelvio
Honda Odyssey
Volvo XC60

Truck of the Year

Chevrolet Colorado ZR2
Ford Expedition
Lincoln Navigator

er and more decisively styled than its predecessor, it's somehow roomier inside, too," said Chris Paukert, a NACTOY juror and managing editor of Road Show by CNET. "Even in low-end trims, it drives well and offers a strong amount of standard equipment."

In the utility category, NACTOY juror and freelance auto writer Kirk Bell said, "the XC60 offers Volvo's distinct brand of luxury and it may even be more appealing than its bigger brother. The ride is exemplary, and when smartly equipped, it is a fine

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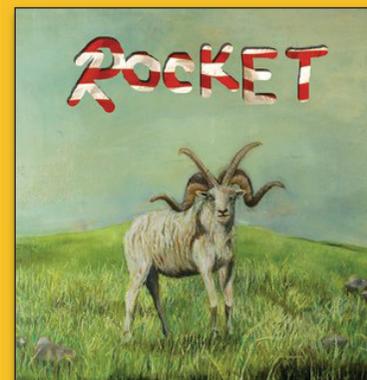
Singer/songwriter Alex Giannascoli, aka (Sandy) Alex G, has a sound reminiscent of indie rock legends like Elliott Smith and Sparklehorse. His newest album, Rocket, is another sign of the young artist's progression.

From writing basement-quality demos to full in-studio productions, Alex G's raw and intimate sound remains.

Songs like "Proud" and "Bobby" stand out as favorites for those who enjoy discovering more of the stylistic changes that depart from the artist's previous work.

Alex G writes and records most of the songs on his own, which we hope does not disappear in any future albums as he gains more and more notoriety. The essential quality of his music is its ability to sound genuine, instantly imagined and recorded, although we know there's much more work involved.

— Andrew Neal, Editor



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Morality and Consistency Needed in Immigration Reform

PERSPECTIVES



Op-Ed by
NATHAN INKS

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jorge Garcia, a 39-year-old undocumented immigrant from Metro Detroit was deported to Mexico after having lived in the U.S. for 30 years; Garcia had no criminal



record in the U.S. and had paid his taxes, but he was too old to qualify for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), the Obama administration policy that protected people brought to the U.S. as undocumented children from deportation. His plight garnered significant media attention, but truthfully it was just the latest example of our failed immigration system.

Garcia came to America with an undocumented relative when he was only 10 years old; when he and his family sought to rectify this in 2005, Garcia instead faced deportation proceedings and was ordered removed in 2006. After unsuccessfully appealing his removal, he received a final order of removal in 2009. Then, under President Obama, Immigration and Customs Enforcement exercised prosecutorial discretion and declined to remove Garcia as his family sought a way for him to gain legal status. This changed under President Trump, and Garcia was given until January 15 to leave.

Make no mistake—Garcia broke the law by entering the U.S.—but the deportation process started when he tried doing the right thing, and he was ultimately deported because of a change in the presidency. That is not how the nation's immigration policy should work, and it is a sign that comprehensive immigration reform is long overdue.

The first key aspect of successful immigration reform is that undocumented children should not be punished for something over which they had no control—as long as they maintain clean criminal records and pay

taxes. DACA was an executive overreach on the part of the Obama administration, but at its heart it is sound immigration policy and should be adopted by Congress.

Americans must also realize that it is impracticable to deport the roughly 12 million illegal immigrants living in the country. The U.S. should enact a one-time amnesty program for undocumented immigrants who have no criminal history and have paid taxes or are willing to pay any unpaid taxes. Those who qualify for the amnesty program would be put on a

path to legal status but would have to go to the back of the line for citizenship, and, as with any illegal action, they should face appropriate fines and be placed on a term of probation before being granted legal status.

After enacting such a program, the U.S. must consistently and strictly enforce its immigration laws; this will put the world on notice that America is serious about its immigration laws without unfairly punishing those who have avoided enforcement under previous administrations.

The final aspect of immigration reform must focus on preventing undocumented immigrants from entering the country. Security at the nation's borders must be improved in a cost-effective manner, and a nationwide employer verification system must be developed so that companies who try to hire undocumented workers are held accountable.

Amnesty without a plan to prevent illegal immigration in the future amounts to nothing more than patching a hole in a dam with duct tape—a short term solution that does nothing to address the long-term problem. On the other hand, immediate complete enforcement of all immigration laws ignores the fact that enforcement has varied wildly over the past several decades, and those here illegally through no fault of their own should be given the opportunity to correct this mistake. Comprehensive immigration reform is the only viable solution, and once a solution is enacted into law, it is imperative that it be strictly and uniformly enforced.

MCC Student Design to Benefit Shorewood Kiwanis Charities

Mark Hock, of Lincoln Park, created the winning design for the 2018 Shorewood Kiwanis charity T-shirt to be sold during this year's Harper Charity Cruise, traditionally held the fourth Wednesday of August, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit five local charities. Hock's design emerged as the winning entry in a competition among the students of five media and communication arts classes at Macomb Community College.

The inspiration for the winning design came from Hock's love for classic cars. Last fall, he noticed a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air, owned by Bob Feldmaier, director of Macomb's Center for Advanced Automotive Technology, parked at the college and took a few pictures. When the contest came up in class, he turned to those pictures as the basis for his design.

"I've always loved classic cars," said Hock. "I use to own a 1972 Olds Cutlass."

A portion of the proceeds the Shorewood Kiwanis Club generates from the sale of the T-shirt will go to support the youth programs at five local charities including CARE of Southeast Michigan, Lakeshore Family YMCA, Macomb Chamber Music Society, St. Clair Shores Cultural Committee and Wigs 4 Kids. The Kiwanis club has been working with Macomb on the design contest since 2012.



MARK HOCK pictured with the 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air that was the inspiration for his winning design.

"The caliber of this art is what people would invest in for their homes, for their man or woman cave," said Mark O'Brien, Roy O'Brien Ford, who sponsored the contest with cash awards for the winners. "I am envious of people who have gifts like this."

Hock received a \$1,000 cash award from Roy O'Brien Ford and a matching Macomb scholarship from a private donor for his first-place design. In addition, Marianne Pupka, of Shelby Township, received \$650 and a matching scholarship for second place, and Jon Hardy, of St. Clair

Shores, took home \$350 and a scholarship for third.

After working in community access television, Hock returned to school to sharpen his skills with hopes of working in interactive graphic design. He is pursuing an associate degree in interactive media,

"Coming to Macomb is just one of those things. I feel like I'm around friends and family here," said Hock. "When I got my Pell grant, I looked around at a few places and easily decided on Macomb."



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