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Army Corps Engineer to Discuss Great Lakes

The Shelby Gardeners club will host a Community Talk on Thursday, November 8 at the Burgess-Shadbrush Nature Center in Shelby Township.

Miss Kropfreiter, a Hydraulic Engineer with the US Army Corps of Engineers, will cover general Great Lakes information such as watershed size, the impact of water levels, current water levels, and forecasted levels over the next 6 months.

The Nature Center is located at 4101 River Bends Drive. For more information, contact Ivy Schwartz at 586-873-3782.

Ike Assembly Saxophone Quartet Concert

The Community Arts Concert Series will feature some of the finest classical and jazz musicians in the area at Eisenhower High School's performing arts center.

The fall concert will showcase the Assembly Saxophone Quartet on Thursday, November 1 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door. Doors open at 6:35 p.m.

The Community Arts Program, established in 2013, is designed to offer high quality art music to the entire Eisenhower High School and the north Macomb community.

Vintage Fall Market

Visit the Packard Proving Grounds in Shelby Township on Sunday, October 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the Vintage, Repurposed & Handmade Fall Market.

Vendors will be on hand selling everything from vintage treasures and barn finds to repurposed furniture and unique handmade creations. There will be food trucks, live music, a petting zoo, and more. Admission is \$5.

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Last Chance to Witness the Terror on Tillson Street

HALLOWEEN FANATICS still have time to get to Romeo to see the annual Terror on Tillson Street, famous for its elaborately spooky houses throughout October. The tradition has grown into a regional attraction, garnering well-deserved attention as these dedicated homeowners fully embrace the Halloween spirit. Photo by Kris Scheid-Fox.

Shelby Buys Boys & Girls Club on 21 Mile for \$2.25 Million

The Shelby Township Board of Trustees approved the purchase of the former Boys and Girls Club facility at 14975 21 Mile Road to be repurposed as the new Shelby Township Activities Center. The facility will house offices and programming space for the Shelby Township Senior Center and the township's Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department.

The property consists of 8.03 acres

with an existing 25,000 square-foot building.

"This is a plan that is sensible, financially conservative, and it gives our community an asset that will pave the way for tremendous growth in our senior center and recreation amenities," Township Trustee Lynn Wilhelm said. "This gives our community a great facility paid for in cash with no debt, no bonding and no tax increases."

The building will play host to all current senior center events and programs. A gymnasium and activity rooms provide space for evening activities for the Parks & Rec Department – with ample parking.

"In the mid 90's, while attending the grand opening to the Boys and Girls Club, my first thought was, if this building ever closed, Shelby Township needs

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UCS Excels in Financial Audit

For the 15th straight year, an independent auditor has recognized Utica Community Schools for meeting the highest standards in financial management through its annual audit.

Donna Hanson, CPA and partner in the auditing firm of Plante Moran, recognized Michigan's second largest school district for excellence in financial reporting, ending the 2017-2018 fiscal year with a balanced operating fund.

"Under the Board of Education's leadership, Utica Community Schools has demonstrated to its taxpayers that it meets the highest level of fiscal accountability and has eliminated a structural deficit that resulted from reductions in state funding," Hanson said.

Utica Community Schools has received an "unmodified" opinion with no findings for the past 15 years – which Hanson said is due to strong financial controls and policies related to expenditures and meets all guidelines established for federal grants.

In addition, Hanson noted that the Board of Education has once again earned a Certificate of Excellence from the Association of School Business Officials International for the sixth year.

"This audit again reflects the Board of Education's accountability to residents and our focus on providing students the best educational environment with the revenue provided by state lawmakers," Board President Gene Klida said. "This Board of Education will continue to

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MACOMB COUNTY CHAMBER CEO Grace Shore, Attorney General and Republican Candidate for Governor Bill Schuette, Macomb Public Works Commissioner Candice Miller, and current State Rep and Candidate for State Senate Peter Lucido pose for a photo at an event hosted by the chamber last Friday. Miller introduced Bill Schuette, who spoke to the audience at Zuccaro's in Chesterfield over breakfast and coffee.

Shelby Approves Property Purchase for Activity Center

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to purchase it since it would be a great facility to house the senior center and parks and recreation," Parks & Rec Director Joe Youngblood said. "This is a great opportunity to give the seniors of our community a facility with more programs, activities and events. This will also provide endless activities for our youth and their families with crafts, games, movie nights, dances, fitness classes, special events, sport leagues, a computer lab, a reading/leisure room, a card room, teen programming, open gym, sport fields and much more."

The Board approved a purchase price of \$2,250,000 for the property and Township Engineer Carol Thurber outlined how \$1,500,000 in building and site improvements including the prop-

erty's storm sewer system and parking lot will give the township a facility that could have cost as much as \$6.25 million in new construction.

"This proposal is a win-win because it reuses an existing, empty structure in the township, and it gives us a new facility on additional property for less than if we built new," Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. "We talk a lot about encouraging the private sector to redevelop existing properties within the township so I'm very proud to see us moving forward in that direction with this facility."

The purchase is strategic in its ongoing reallocation of township assets. The 41-A District Court is set to relocate to its new facility on the township municipal campus at 52700 Van

Dyke Ave. in the first quarter of 2019, and the move of the senior center to its new location is scheduled for May 2019. However, this still leaves the Shelby Township Library and Community Relations Department still seeking future, permanent homes.

"We've taken a big step ahead with this purchase," said Trustee Doug Wozniak. "We know our seniors and residents will love the new 25,000-square-foot Shelby Township Activities Center, and we're working to make sure our library patrons and township employees in the library and community relations department are just as happy with their future sites."

"100 Years of Heroes" Event Honoring Michigan's Veterans

The Michigan Heroes Museum and Military Families United will host the "100 Years of Heroes" Event, Honoring Michigan Veterans, on November 10 at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

This dinner event will include a Hometown Heroes Display featuring Metro Detroit area stories from World War I to modern day. The event will also feature music by "The Governor's Own," and 126th Army Band, Frank Beckmann as Master of Ceremonies, and SSG Travis Mills as the keynote speaker for the evening.

Individual tickets may be purchased at Eventbrite.com/100YearsofHeroes.eventbrite.com/. You may also sponsor tables by contacting John Ryder at The Michigan Heroes Museum 989-652-8005.

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Dr. Michael Wind



Shelby Township 2018 Scarecrow Contest Voting Open

SHELBY TOWNSHIP'S first ever Community Scarecrow Contest is now underway. Vote for your favorite scarecrow on Facebook at "Shelby Township Parks & Recreation." Like, comment, and share to earn 1, 5, or 15 points respectively.



Seating is limited, reserve now by calling in your RSVP to Julie:
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1. Post, Zachary D., MD, Orozco, Fabio, MD, Diaz-Ledezma, Claudio, MD, Hozack, William J., MD, Ong, Alvin, MD 2014© Journal of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Additional information available at www.RediscoverYourGo.com.

There are potential risks with hip or knee replacement surgery such as loosening, fracture, dislocation, wear and infection that may result in the need for additional surgery. Do not perform high impact activities such as running and jumping unless your surgeon tells you the bone has healed and these activities are acceptable. Early device failure, breakage or loosening may occur if you do not follow your surgeon's limitations on activity level. Early failure can happen if you do not guard your hip and knee joint from overloading due to activity level, failure to control body weight or accidents such as falls. Knee and hip replacement surgery is intended to relieve joint pain and improve joint functions. Talk to your doctor to determine what treatment may be best for you.

Plante Moran Praises UCS Finances in Audit

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advocate for our children with state lawmakers by demanding a funding system that recognizes the true cost of educating a student.”

The 2017-2018 audit indicated the district finished with \$272 million in expenditures, with 80 percent of its costs directly supporting instruction, including teachers, counseling and paraprofessionals. Hanson noted that UCS has one of the highest percentage of expenditures directly supporting classroom instruction among regional and comparable school districts.

Overall, revenue for the school district is \$274 million, with 83 percent

of the funding coming from the State of Michigan.

Hanson noted that the district has effectively addressed the long-term impact of reduced state funding. Reductions in state revenue occurring in 2011-2012 have not been restored.

“This audit reflects that through the Board of Education’s financial leadership, UCS has addressed the district’s financial realities and brought expenditures in line with revenue,” Hanson said. “The focus now moves to maintaining a structural balance in future years.”

Board Treasurer, Dr. Robert Ross noted that the UCS community will continue to work together to create

financial stability. “I know there will certainly be more challenges ahead, but we have clearly demonstrated that by working together we can meet these issues head on by focusing on what is best for our students,” Dr. Ross said.

District officials said they remain committed to working with state lawmakers to advocate for increased school funding. The UCS Board of Education has formally supported the work of the School Finance Research Collaborative, which determined the state is not meeting the funding level necessary.

– uticak12.org/

Macomb Home Repair Program Underway

The Macomb Community Action Minor Home Repair Program is currently serving eligible residents of 12 different cities and municipalities in Macomb.

To qualify, you must be income eligible and be the owner-occupant of

your residence. You must also be either a senior citizen age 60 or older, severely disabled, or a mobile home owner-occupant.

Rentals and dwellings located in a floodplain are excluded from this program. Learn more at macombgov.org/.



UTICA VARSITY GIRLS SWIM TEAM have clinched the MAC Blue Dual Meet Championship! The team edged out Lakeview last Tuesday.

MCC Foundation Raises Over \$50,000 at Comedy & Cocktails

Macomb Community College Foundation’s fifth annual Comedy & Cocktails was held on October 19, attracting more than 250 attendees

and raising more than \$50,000 for arts and cultural programming at the college. This is the most money the annual event has raised since its inception

in 2014.

“It’s support like this that helps make it possible for the college to continue to provide meaningful arts and cultural experiences for our community,” said Dr. James O. Sawyer IV, president, Macomb Community College. “We are committed to reaching out to all segments of our community, no matter their age or background, to provide programming that entertains, educates and enriches their lives.”

Comedy & Cocktails, presented by First State Bank, featured a Champagne Reception, silent action, and seated dinner at the Lorenzo Cultural Center, capped off by a performance at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts of Broadway’s Next HIT Musical.

The musical is an unscripted theatrical show in which audience members provided made-up song titles and the performers ad-libbed the “nominated songs.” The audience then voted for their favorite song and watched as the cast improvised an entire Broadway musical with plot twists, memorable characters and humorous dialogue.



GENE LOVELL, president and CEO, First State Bank (left), Presenting Sponsor of Comedy & Cocktails, along with other guests, inspect the silent auction items at Macomb Community College Foundation’s fifth annual fundraiser, benefiting arts and cultural programming at the college.

Spook-tacular Tips to Keep Your Pet Safe This Halloween

Halloween is full of frights for people of all ages. The holiday can be spooky for pets, though, too. Help your animal friends stay safe by following these safety tips provided by Leader Dogs for the Blind:

Keep things low-key: People knocking at the door dressed in costumes and masks can be frightening for pets. Keep them at home in a safe and quiet room surrounded by their favorite bedding or toys during Halloween festivities. Don’t take them out trick-or-treating or leave them outside while children are going door-to-door.

Keep your pets away from the door: Although your dog looks awesome in its costume, it’s best to keep pets away from the door. It’s too easy for them to slip out when the door is opened to hand out candy. Additionally, dogs may nip children out of fear or

nervousness. You don’t want an actual night of terror, afterall.

reach of pets, and do not feed your pet any candy, especially chocolate.



Keep an eye on the candy: Trick-or-treaters may not be the only ones looking to help themselves to something from the candy dish. Keep an eye on the food throughout the evening. Make sure candy is kept out of the

To learn more about how to keep your pets safe and happy, pick up next week’s Gazette to read our Fall Pet Care Guide, on newsstands Friday, November 2.



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Pink Out Ladies Boxing Bash

Celebrate pink and support breast cancer awareness with a great workout at TITTLE Boxing Club in Shelby Twp.

On Monday, October 29, TITTLE will pink out the club during a 60 minute boxing class for women. Anyone attending who wears pink will receive a gift bag with PINK hand wraps and a Lululemon headband from Lululemon Rochester Hills. Following the workout,

there will be wine, snacks, and Lululemon raffles.

Ten percent of all retail sales made between October 25 and October 31 at the club will be donated to breast cancer research.

The event runs from 6 - 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$26.95 and can be purchased on eventbrite. TITTLE Boxing Club is at 55221 Shelby Rd.

Questions and Answers About Assisted Living

SENIOR LIVING ADVISOR



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

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.

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

A: 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.

Shelby Lions Annual Holiday Wine Tasting Nov 2

State Representative Peter Lucido will honor the Shelby Township Lions Club and special guest State Senator Jack Brandenburg at the Shelby Lions' Annual Holiday Wine Tasting on Friday, November 2. This year's event will raise funds to support Leader Dogs for the Blind.

The Shelby Lions 60th anniversary marks six decades of support to research and charitable organizations focusing on the blind, deaf/hard of hearing, children, schools, autism, and many other worthy causes. Their annual Holiday Wine Tasting is open to the public and will feature gourmet food, appetizers, and music. In addition – wine, craft beer, liquor, and a cigar tent will be available.

State Senator Jack Brandenburg, who will be leaving office due to term limits at the end of the year, has served residents of Macomb through service on the regional Huron-Clinton Metro Park Authority, in the Michigan House of Representatives, and as the State Senator from the Eighth Senate District. His public service will be recognized with a special tribute presented by Lucido at the event.

Ticket and table information is available at ShelbyLions.org or by calling Ray Confer at 586-531-2335 or Joe Burke at 586-216-9338.



SEN. JACK BRANDENBURG, Fr. Giuseppe Pino Licciardi and Rep. Peter Lucido are pictured at an event earlier this year.

Multi-Level Haunted House Offers New Surprises

Azra Chamber of Horrors and Haunted House is open now until Saturday, November 2. Located at 31410 John R in Madison Heights, this scare box is Metro Detroit's newest haunted house experience, with each chamber intensifying as you proceed.

This multi-level maze is filled with

features recently purchased at the annual Haunted House Show in St. Louis. The cost is \$20 for a 20-minute experience, and if the animated props and other surprises weren't scary enough, a crew of 50 actors in costume will be there to add to the scare. On the busy nights, you'll find food

trucks, fire breathers, and a DJ, with a few other surprises thrown in.

“We spared no expense in creating this terrifying haunted house,” said co-owner Kimberly Elliston.

Learn more at azrahaunt.com or call 734-718-0088.

Farrington Plan Addresses Forensic Interview Training

State Rep. Diana Farrington's plan offering the professionals who interview young crime victims additional training opportunities has been signed into law.

Farrington, of Utica, said the best way for professionals to gain knowledge and understanding of proper interview procedures is to view real-life examples from across Michigan, which the new

law allows.

“Interviewing children involved in abuse and neglect cases is a very delicate process,” Farrington said. “This change gives forensic professionals a great tool to improve their interview skills and learn from real-world situations.”

Farrington said the new law also

includes important privacy protections. For example, recordings would not be used for training unless authorization is given by the child's legal guardian as well as the prosecuting attorney from the county where the interview was conducted.

House Bill 5402 is now Public Act 343 of 2018.



ON MONDAY, two new firefighters began their career at the Shelby Township Fire Department. Sean and Patrick were sworn in by Township Clerk Stanley Grot. The department said the new hires will spend the next year on probation where they will receive an abundance of training.



Police Looking for Animatronics Thieves

DO YOU HAVE any information on these suspects who are attempting to ruin Halloween? On the night of Monday, October 8, police say two men stole Halloween decorations from a residence on Johannes St. in Macomb Township. They appear to be in a Chevy style pick up truck. The decorations taken were Halloween animatronics. If you have any information, contact Det. LaFriniere at 586-469-6634.

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VOLUNTEER

HOPE NOT HANDCUFFS
Hope Not Handcuffs is an initiative started by Families Against Narcotics (FAN), aimed at bringing law enforcement and community organizations together in an effort to find viable treatment options for individuals seeking help to reduce dependency with heroin, prescription drugs, and alcohol. A person struggling with any drug addiction can come to any of the participating police agencies and ask for help. They will be greeted with support, compassion and respect. Hope Not Handcuffs volunteer 'Angels' help with paperwork and provide compassionate support until a treatment option is found. Angel's can choose their own time slot by signing up to be on call for just 2 four hour blocks per month. **To sign up and learn more, visit familiesagainstnarcotics.org/volunteer**

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The Humane Society of Macomb works to prevent cruelty to animals, and place adoptable pets into good, permanent homes with responsible owners and promote spaying and neutering to prevent overpopulation. The Humane Society of Macomb has many cats, dogs, puppies and kittens waiting for a new home. They are open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. for adoptions. Give them a call at 586-731-9210, and visit them at 11350 22 Mile Road in Utica.

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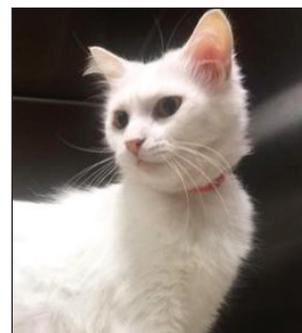
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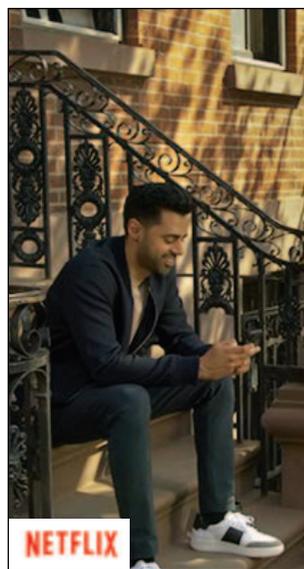
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Under the Arctic Ocean, American submarine Captain Joe Glass is on the hunt for a U.S. sub in distress when he discovers a secret Russian coup threatening to dismantle the world order. He must now assemble an elite group of Navy SEALs to rescue the kidnapped Russian president.

GOOSEBUMPS 2: HAUNTED HALLOWEEN

While collecting junk one day, best friends Sonny and Sam meet Slappy, a mischievous talking dummy from an unpublished "Goosebumps" book by R.L. Stine. Slappy kidnaps Sonny's mother and brings all of his ghoulish friends back to life, just in time for Halloween.

Cirque de la Symphonie Returns to Orchestra Hall November 2-4

Back by popular demand, Cirque de la Symphonie and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) will reunite on the Orchestra Hall stage for four PNC Pops Series performances this November.

Cirque de la Symphonie features high-flying acrobatics, juggling, strongmen, contortionists, and other jaw-dropping feats, all set to live orchestral music performed by the DSO and conducted by Sean O'Loughlin.

The concerts will take place Friday, November 2 at 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Saturday, November 3 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, November 4 at 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, within Midtown Detroit's Max M. and Marjorie S. Fisher Music Center.

Sean O'Loughlin is the Principal Pops Conductor of Symphoria, the exciting new symphony in Syracuse, NY, and the newly appointed Principal Pops Conductor of the Victoria Symphony in Victoria, British Columbia. Also a composer and arranger, O'Loughlin is celebrated for his fresh voice and colorful scoring. His work has been commissioned by the Boston Pops, Los Angeles Philharmonic, and Hollywood Bowl Orchestra.

O'Loughlin has conducted top orchestras across North America, including the Boston Pops, San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Hollywood Bowl Orchestra,

Vancouver Symphony, among others. He served as assistant conductor and arranger for a production of Sgt. Pepper Live in Las Vegas featuring the band Cheap Trick, and he has conducted national and international

winner, O'Loughlin was a composition fellow at the Henry Mancini Institute in Los Angeles and holds composition degrees from New England Conservatory and Syracuse University.



tours with Josh Groban, Sarah McLaughlin, and the Jerry Garcia Symphonic Celebration.

O'Loughlin has also collaborated with Adele, Pentatonix, Diana Ross, Blue Man Group, The Decemberists, Gloria Gaynor, and many others.

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Cirque de la Symphonie is an exciting production designed to bring the magic of cirque to the music hall. For more than 10 years, it has thrilled and bedazzled veteran concertgoers and new patrons as they see accomplished aerial flyers, acrobats, contortionists, dancers, jugglers, balancers,

and strongmen perform to live symphony music.

Cirque de la Symphonie performers include world record-holders, gold-medal winners of international competitions, Olympians, and some of the most experienced cirque talent ever seen. Their performances are uniquely adapted to stage accommodations shared with the symphony, and each artist's performance is choreographed to the music arranged in collaboration with the maestro.

When the artists of Cirque de la Symphonie perform with the full orchestra, an incredible fusion of these two great art forms takes place. The aerialists and acrobats turn the concert into a three-dimensional entertainment extravaganza.

Tickets begin at \$24 and can be purchased at dso.org, by calling the Box Office at 313-576-5111, or in-person at the Max M. and Marjorie S. Fisher Music Center (3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit).

Groups of 10 or more can save up to 30% on the price of a single ticket for most DSO concerts. For more information, contact Group Sales Manager Jim Sabatella at 313-576-5130 or jsabatella@dso.org.

Veterans, active military, and their families may use the code HEROES1819 to unlock \$10 tickets for the concert on Friday, November 2 at 8 p.m. The code can be used at dso.org or by calling the Box Office.

All the Classroom's a Stage for Students in Stratford Program

Stevenson High School students recently had the opportunities to learn how the writing of William Shakespeare relates to their world today, thanks to professional directors and performers from Stratford, Ontario.

Members of the festival's education program spent time with 90 Stevenson students to discuss the language and themes of Shakespeare.

English teacher Annette Christiansen said the program's visit allowed students to explore Shakespearean themes before they began their study of Hamlet – a piece read by UCS students in 11th grade.

to support learning," he said. "We find – especially in the age of technology – that students feel less connections with Shakespeare and may block it out. We show them how Shakespeare is one of the writers that has transcended time and that the stories are universal."

In a span of about 60 minutes, the directors and actors worked with students on the rhythms of Shakespeare's language and what it means when characters fall in and out of it. They also had students role play the themes of Hamlet.

"Your students are extremely smart," Daranyi said. "As soon as they

Dickens' Great Expectations Adapted for the Stage

Rochester College's theatre department will present "Great Expectations," throughout November. The play was adapted by Barbara Field from the Charles Dickens classic and is directed by Robert Arbaugh, RC associate professor of theatre.

"Great Expectations" conveys all the energy and warmth of Dickens' richly human story with cinematic quickness and fluidity. Beginning with his humble boyhood at the home of his long-suffering sister and her husband, the play follows Pip through his encounter with the escaped convict, Magwitch; his experiences with the bizarre Miss Havisham and her haughty ward Estella; and on to his removal to London where, after his "expectations" are mysteriously made known, Pip aspires to become a gentleman.

Moving deftly from scene to scene and place to place, the play involves the audience at every step—building steadily to the exciting climax

where Pip gives moving evidence that, in growing up, he has also come of age as a compassionate and altogether admirable human being.

are \$5 for students and \$12 in advance (\$15 at the door).

To purchase tickets online, visit rc.edu/rctheatre/. For group sales or



RC students Sam Wright and Alex Link perform in "Great Expectations."

Evening performances of "Great Expectations" will be November 8-10 and November 15-17 at 7:30 p.m., while matinee performances will be November 11 and 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets

more information, call 248-218-2149 or e-mail theatre@rc.edu. All productions take place on the campus of Rochester College at 800 W. Avon Road, in Rochester Hills.

Try Writing a Novel Because November is NaNoWriMo

Have you ever thought of writing a novel, but haven't done it? Now is your chance. November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), and the Clinton-Macomb Public Library is kicking it off with an informational event on

Thursday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Visit the library's main branch to learn more about NaNoWriMo and get tips and tricks for completing the challenge. No registration is required, just come with your desire to write a novel.

The Clinton-Macomb Public Library Main Branch is located at 40900 Romeo Plank in Clinton Township.

Learn more about the programs they offer at cimpl.org/.



"It makes Hamlet feel more accessible," Christiansen said. "Students learn how this play is written for people their age. The program shows them how the play speaks to them and how they can approach it."

The Stratford program is presented to less than 20 schools each year, according to Edward Daranyi, associate director for education at Stratford.

"We want to partner with teachers

start making connections they get Shakespeare.

Stevenson junior Troy Otis said the program has provided him a better understanding of what Shakespeare was trying to do with his work.

"This was a lot of fun. It really showed how he is current and timeless," he said. "It has helped me to understand what Shakespeare was trying to do."



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A DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION at Lorenzo Cultural Center will feature a variety of free events November 1-3. Check out the colorful and festive exhibits, presentations, and workshops at the Cultural Center's community hall, adjacent to the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts on MCC's south campus in Clinton Township.

Judicial Elections Deserve More Attention

PERSPECTIVES



Op-Ed by
NATHAN INKS

Michiganders will soon be heading to the polls—or mailing in their absentee ballots. While significant attention is often given to the partisan section of the ballot, the nonpartisan section, which includes statewide and local judicial races, often does not receive the attention it deserves. Drop-off rates for these down-ballot races are unfortunately high, despite the fact that results of judicial elections can have just as much impact on residents as results for executive and legislative branch races.

In looking at data from recent Oakland and Macomb county general elections, nearly all voters cast a vote in top-of-the-ticket races like governor or president, with the exact percentage hovering right around 99%. When it comes to county-wide judicial races, this percentage is much lower. Macomb county voters seem a bit

more interested in judicial races, with between 66–76% of voters voting in contested county-wide judicial races going back to 2008. The figures are a bit lower for Oakland County, with the percentage ranging from 58–64% during the same time period.

A significant reason for this high drop-off is that voters simply lack knowledge about judicial candidates to make a decision, often times deciding to skip that portion of the ballot instead of taking the time to research the candidates. Given the huge impact judges can have on our everyday lives, this is an unfortunate mistake. Some of this lack of knowledge is a byproduct of the restrictions on judicial candidates. Because judges are meant to serve in an impartial and independent manner, judicial candidates cannot discuss how they would rule on specific issues or advocate for or against political positions. This contrasts with what most Americans probably think of when they think of campaigning—discussions of how candidates feel about certain issues and pledges related to how they will vote on those issues.

These restrictions on judicial candidates—although they limit the information available to voters—are ultimately a good thing. How a judicial can-

didate would rule on one specific issue is less important than whether the judge will rule based on what he or she believes is an impartial and independent interpretation of the law.

While these restrictions serve an important purpose, one of the byproducts is that voters need to do a bit more of their own research to determine who the best candidates are. Fortunately, there are ways to perform this research without having to spend too much time. Organizations like the League of Women Voters and many county bar associations publish candidate questionnaires that provide a means for voters to learn about the candidates on a neutral platform.

Judicial races are incredibly important, and with voter participation in America already lower than most of the industrialized world, drop-off in down-ballot races means even fewer people are giving their input on Election Day. Take the time to research judicial candidates and make an informed decision; the sustainability of our democracy depends on an informed and engaged electorate.

Send a letter to the editor for publication at Andrew@GazetteMediaGroup.com.

Computer Club Monthly Meeting Notice

The Sterling Heights Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 6 at 7 p.m. at Baker College, located at 34950 Little Mack Avenue, at the corner of Little Mack and

15 Mile Road, in Clinton Township. Park near the Little Mack entrance, and enter the front door. More information is available at SterlingHeightsComputerClub.org/.

Holiday Card Program to Help Fight Local Hunger

Forgotten Harvest has unveiled its 2018 festive holiday card program, sponsored by BASF. Holiday cards help to fight hunger in metro Detroit by providing 112 meals per card pack and 20 meals for each tribute card.

Proceeds from 2017's holiday cards provided over 100,000 meals to families facing hunger in metro Detroit.

This year, there are five creative

holiday card designs to choose from: "Love, Peace, Joy;" "Happy, Healthy Christmas" that reinforces Forgotten Harvest's focus on fresh food rescue; the popular "Michigan Mitten" and "Motor City" cards, designed by Matt LeBarre Illustration; and "Detroit Holiday Spirit," designed by Detroit Free Press cartoonist Mike Thompson.

Holiday cards with envelopes are available in packs of 20 for a suggest-

ed donation of \$18 or \$28 (varies per card selected), which includes shipping and handling. Special tribute cards are also available for a donation of \$5 each, which can be inserted into a holiday card as a wonderful gift.

Cards and tributes are available online at squareup.com/store/forgotten-harvest/ or by calling Nicky Heins at 248-268-7521. Orders will begin shipping in early November.



UTICA GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY this week finished third in the MAC Red Championships led by All Conference runners Ella Fullmer and Hailee Fluent. This is the team's highest finish in the MAC Red since 2006.