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Easter Egg Scramble at River Bends Park March 24

River Bends Park will host an Easter Egg Scramble on Saturday, March 24 at 2 p.m.

Children will have the opportunity to scramble for candy eggs at the park and receive a visit from the Easter bunny. The event will be held rain or shine. Attendants must bring their own basket.

In order to attend, those interested must register prior to the event, as IDs are required at the park entrance. The event is free for Shelby and Utica residents. For non-residents, the event fee is \$10 per child.

To register, call 586-731-0300.

— Rose Chehrazi

Rep. Lucido to Host Tele-Town Hall Meeting

State Rep. Peter Lucido will host a tele-town hall meeting Tuesday, March 13 at 7 p.m. for residents to ask questions about state government.

"I look forward to hosting this event where I can directly hear the thoughts and questions that are important in our community," Rep. Lucido said. "This is a chance for me to hear from those who might not otherwise be able to make it to my regularly scheduled local office hours. As your legislator, I believe it is essential for me to be accessible."

Those wishing to participate may call 1-855-756-7520 Ext. 38682# toll-free. For more information, contact Rep. Lucido's office by calling 888-MICH-REP or by email at PeterLucido@house.mi.gov.

Don't Forget To
 Spring Forward
 Sunday, March 11th



Lucido Takes Polar Plunge as Ray of Sunshine for Special Olympics

STATE REP. PETER LUCIDO, of Shelby Township, dressed as a ray of sunshine before jumping into a frigid pool of water in front of the state Capitol last Thursday. "It was a chilly afternoon here in Lansing but I took the Plunge," Lucido said on his Facebook page. "Thank you to all of those who showed your support for this great cause!" On average, over 23,000 athletes participate in Special Olympics Michigan with programs provided at no cost to athletes or their families. The 2018 legislative Polar Plunge raised over \$30,000 in support of Michigan Special Olympics.

UCS Student Earns Top Key Club Leadership Position

For junior Sam Saba, earning the top leadership position in a statewide service organization is a natural extension of the commitment to service that he developed in Utica Community Schools.

"I think that service is the most meaningful act a person can do — whether that is a small thank you note or money to children across the world," Saba said. "Service is the largest thing a human can do."

This mindset has led him to be elected as Governor of the Michigan Key Club, a national student organization that promotes character building, inclusiveness, caring and leadership.

Saba, a junior at Utica Academy for International Studies, will coordinate activities for the state's student key clubs and work with each group to promote the group's mission.

"The goal of Key Club is to empower youth," he said. "I think that

youth are the leaders of the country now and leaders of the country in the future. My purpose is to better youth through service."

UAIS advisor Justin Spear called the state leadership office "the perfect position" for Saba.

"All of us in Key Club are very proud of Sam," Spear said. "He is as caring, principled and hardworking as any student in our program, and his

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Utica High School Student Charged with Terrorist Threat

by ANDREW NEAL

Authorities say an 18-year-old senior at Utica High School this week made threats to his school through a video posted to social media. His fellow students quickly reported him to the police and he now faces up to 20 years behind bars.

Detectives from the Shelby Township Police Department immediately began working with Utica Community Schools to investigate the issue. A news release from STPD said, "We appreciate the actions of students to bring this issue forward. Yesterday evening our officers and detectives conducted a search warrant at the home of the suspect; recovered were various firearms and replicas, along with ammunition."

Utica Mayor Thom Dionne, an alumnus of Utica High School and active law enforcement officer, commended STPD for their quick response to the threat.

"I'm really impressed with the response. Shelby Police were exceptionally proactive and ensured safety above all, wasting no time to respond to this credible threat and make an appropriate arrest," Dionne told the Gazette.

"In the city of Utica, we've been in meetings with our fire chief, our police chief, and our emergency manager to ensure readiness in the event of an active shooter or emergency response situation," he said, adding that their close partnership with surrounding law enforcement puts the community and its schools in good position for a rapid response should an emergency occur.

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UTICA MAYOR THOM DIONNE snapped a selfie with Detroit Red Wings legend Mickey Redmond at this week's Skate for Sobriety hockey game at Fraser Hockeyland. The event helped raised funds for Hope Not Handcuffs, a non-profit that coordinates care for addicts who enter police stations in search of help. Former Red Wings star Darren McCarty also participated in the friendly game. "A fun time for a really great cause!" Mayor Dionne said.

Blessings in a Backpack Benefit Night

For students to succeed in school, their nutritional needs have to be met. Blessings in a Backpack is a neighborhood-to-neighborhood program that provides food for the weekend to children who need it.

On Wednesday, March 14, MOD Pizza in Shelby Township is partnering with Blessings in a Backpack of Utica to raise money to support the 8,500

children eligible for the program in the Utica School District. From 5-9 p.m., 20 percent of each dining bill will be donated to help Blessings in a Backpack provide food for local kids.

MOD Pizza is located on 23 Mile Rd. in Shelby Township. To learn more about Blessings in a Backpack, visit blessingsinabackpackmi.org.

— Elena Dumbaugh

Utica Student Faces 20 Years Behind Bars for Threat

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Mayor Dionne also has a message for students. "If you see something, say something. Even if it's to a teacher, let the teacher escalate it up the chain if necessary. Or if it's an immediate and credible threat, call the police. They'll come out and investigate because these things aren't taken lightly."

The Macomb County Prosecutor's Office has charged Utica High School senior Timothy Evans with making a terrorist threat or false report of terrorism.

Prosecutor Eric Smith stated, "Any threats made against our schools will be taken seriously and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Calling a threat a prank or a joke is not a valid defense. I urge parents and educators to continue to have these hard conversations with our youth, explaining to them the long-term ramifications of making a



threat in this day and age."

Timothy was arraigned this week in the 41A District Court. Judge Sheppard set his bond at \$75,000 (no 10%).

Police are reminding parents, stu-

dents and staff that they, along with Utica Community Schools and the prosecutor's office, take a zero tolerance stance on the issue of threatening students, teachers, and the community. They say the necessary steps are in place to ensure the safety of the students and staff in the Utica Community Schools.

In related news, on Thursday morning, Shelby Police responded to Eisenhower High School on reports that a student made threatening comments during lunch on Wednesday. According to a statement from Ike officials sent to parents Thursday, "The student was brought to the main office immediately this morning and has been removed by the Shelby Township Police. The police department will continue its investigation working closely with Eisenhower administration."

UAIS Junior Named Governor of Michigan Key Club

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passion toward service and ability to be inclusive shows that he has the leadership it takes to be successful."

UAIS has been a leader in the Key Club, having the state's largest club with nearly a third of the school's student body serving as members.

Saba is the third UAIS student to serve as the state's Key Club Governor over the past ten years.

On the day of his election at the Service Leadership Conference in Kalamazoo last month, the school also earned five top group competition awards.

"The UAIS key club does so well because the mindset of our students," he said. "Our mindset is always to help those in need of it and to work on our character."

The UAIS club this year has embraced the state's focus on education by providing direct academic assistance to elementary schools throughout UCS.

After he finishes his year-long term as governor and graduates from



UTICA ACADEMY for International Studies Key Club advisor Justin Spear (left) pictured with Sam Saba (right), a junior at UAIS who was just elected as Governor of the Michigan Key Club.

UAIS, Sabo said he plans to pursue a career in international rights as an immigrant lawyer.

It is a career path that has paved through his service activities in Utica Community Schools and his Key Club

experiences.

"Key Club is about family, it's about friends, it's about mentors, it's about diversity – it's what every student wants from their high school experience," he said.

Soup Luncheon for MCREST at Trinity Lutheran Utica

Trinity Lutheran Church in Utica is hosting a Soup Luncheon on Sunday, March 11, from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Proceeds from the fundraiser will help support hosting The Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team on the Trinity campus this summer, from July 22-29.

Working with local churches,

MCREST helps shelter 60 people each night of the year. Meals, transportation, safety, clothing needs and laundry are also provided.

At the luncheon, people will be able to sample a variety of soups and purchase mixes from Motown Soup. Motown Soup is a charity organization made up of volunteers, which allows it

to donate all profits to soup kitchens, homeless shelters, food banks and free clinics.

Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 45160 Van Dyke in Utica. To learn more about Trinity's partnership with MCREST and Motown Soup, visit trinityutica.com.

— Elena Dumbaugh

Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center Maple Syrup Festival

How is maple syrup made? At the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center Maple Syrup Festival, guests will discover and discuss the creation of the tasty topping from tree to table.

People will learn to use traditional equipment for the collection process and get a close-up look at the nature

center's maple trees. There will also be a chance to taste warm maple syrup on ice cream and try maple candy.

Four tours are scheduled for March 17 and are suitable for ages 4 and up. Tours begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$3

per person.

To register, stop by the nature center at 4101 River Bends Drive in Shelby, or call the center at 586-323-2478. Spots fill up fast, so be sure to sign-up early.

— Elena Dumbaugh

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Boy Scout Troop 1973 Visits Shelby Board of Trustees

Shelby Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis posted the above photo to his Facebook page this week, thanking this group of scouts for exercising their civic duties. "Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 1973 for joining us at last evening's Board of Trustees meeting and leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and calling the meeting to order," Stathakis said.

MCC Opens Registration for Spring Semester of SOAR Macomb

Registration is open for the spring semester of the Society of Active Retirees (SOAR) Macomb, a Macomb Community College lifelong learning initiative.

From April 10 through May 17, SOAR Macomb will present more than 50 non-credit courses, typically two hours in length, spanning topics such as current events, local history, art and literature, and mental fitness. Since its introduction in fall 2014, the program has attracted nearly 1,700 learners. It is expected to draw another 300 participants this spring.

"SOAR Macomb offers the opportunity for participants to delve into topics they've always wanted to explore," said William Wood, director of cultural affairs and community engagement for Macomb Community College. "We know that continual learning helps keep us engaged and vibrant. SOAR Macomb provides the opportunity to connect to the world in

new and thought-provoking ways."

Participants choose up to 10 classes for a registration fee of \$75 for the five-week program. Courses are taught by current and retired Macomb Community College staff as well as other expert professionals in their respective fields.

Wondering what has happened to reading the newspaper with your morning coffee? In the class, *Death of the Gatekeepers*, Ron Fournier, veteran journalist and publisher/editor of *Crain's Detroit Business*, discusses the state and future of print journalism. During the course, *In Shock: A Doctor's Own Story*, Dr. Rana Awdish, director of the Pulmonary Hypertension Program at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, explores issues that create barriers to ideal medical care and the importance of compassion in medicine. And in *One Man's Journey to Every Country & Land in the World*, Rufus McLaugh, retired

Grosse Pointe social studies teacher, will take you on a journey around the world, sharing the stories of his extensive travels and adventures.

New this semester are two film presentations. Both *Primary Colors* and *Out of Africa* will be shown followed by in-depth discussions of the films' themes and impacts. These two classes run from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break.

Most of SOAR Macomb's classes are held at the Macomb University Center on the college's Center Campus at 44575 Garfield Road in Clinton Township. Off-campus classes are noted in the course listing.

The catalog of spring SOAR Macomb offerings is available by calling 586-286-2106 or by email at SOARMacomb@macomb.edu. To view the catalog online and for more information, visit macomb.edu/SOAR.

Economist to Discuss National Policy and its Local Impact at MCC

American economist Lawrence H. Summers will discuss the global economy, changes in national economic policy and the resulting impacts on



the local economy to kick off the first program in the James Jacobs Civic Engagement Project, on Monday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

Summers will be joined by David Wessel, a senior fellow in economic studies at Brookings Institute, for the presentation *Economic Globalism vs. Nationalism and Its Effect on Macomb County*.

Summers served as the 71st secretary of the U.S. Department of Treasury under President Bill Clinton and as the director of the White House National Economic Council in the Obama administration. He was president of Harvard University from 2001 - 2006 and chief economist of the World Bank 1991 - 1993. Currently, Summers is president emeritus and the Charles W. Eliot University Professor at

Harvard University, where he directs the university's Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government.

As well as being a senior fellow at Brookings Institute, Wessel also serves as the director of Brookings' Hutchins Center on Fiscal and Monetary Policy. Prior to that, Wessel spent 30 years on staff at the *Wall Street Journal*, most recently serving as economics editor. He remains a contributing correspondent to the *Wall Street Journal* and appears frequently on NPR's *Morning Edition*.

Tickets for the presentation are complimentary but limited to four tickets per person. To reserve tickets, call 586-286-2222. The Macomb Center for the Performing Arts is located on the Macomb Community College's Center Campus at 44575 Garfield Road in Clinton Township.

Macomb County Habitat for Humanity Seeks Spring Cleaning Furniture Donations

As people start to spring clean, Macomb County Habitat for Humanity, is seeking furniture and home goods for its two Restores. All items must be in very good condition (or new) and Macomb Habitat will pick these items up from your home or business in Macomb County at no cost to you.

Some of the items that seem to sell best include: kitchen cabinets, kitchenware, appliances, couches, vanities, dining room sets, power tools, patio sets, lawn and garden tools, side tables, lamps, flooring, doors, windows, and tile. They do not accept clothing, toys, dishwashers or any broken or torn items.

Helen Hicks, President and CEO of Macomb County Habitat for Humanity said, "This is the time of year when folks

start to sort through closets, basements, and garages. If that is you, then please don't toss those items. Give us a call and we will pick them up free of charge."

Call Macomb Habitat at 586-263-1540, ext. 101. Give the receptionist your address and the item description. Within a week or two, your tax-deductible donation will be picked up, delivered, and placed on the floor. The revenue from your donation will be used to build homes that are then sold to families who express a need.

The two ReStores are located at 46660 Van Dyke in Shelby Township, and 23211 Van Dyke in Warren. For a complete list of items the ReStore will accept, visit macombhabitat.org/restore or call 586-263-1540 to schedule your pick up.

Auction at Peace Lutheran Church and School

The Peace Lutheran Church and School will host its 5th Annual Silent and Live Auction at the Palazzo Grande in Shelby Township on Friday, March 16.

Tickets are on sale in the school and church office and after worship services. Tickets are \$45 each, and includes dinner, dancing, and an open bar.

Those looking for exposure for their businesses can purchase an ad space in

their program, donate an item, or sponsor the event.

Proceeds are aimed to improve the church's education and enrichment programs. These include the athletic, drama, and after school enrichment programs, and updating technologies for students.

To learn more about Peace Lutheran's 5th Annual Silent and Live Auction, visit peaceshelby.org.

Women's Self Defense Class March 24

Close Quarters Tactical will be hosting a women's basic self defense class on Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The course will teach students how to break the initial contact, overcome the attacker, choke and bear hug defenses from the front and behind, along with basic reflexive strikes.

Close Quarters Tactical is an indoor

firearms training center that provides a wide variety of classes relating to combat.

The course requires comfortable clothing, socks, sneakers and a water bottle. A mouth guard is optional. The cost of the class is \$50.

For tickets, visit cqtusa.com.

— Rose Chehrizi

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS



DAKOTA VARSITY HOCKEY was defeated by Saginaw Heritage 2-1 in the MHSAA State Quarterfinals held at Dort Federal Event Center in Flint, on March 7. The Cougars finished 19-11 on the season.



EISENHOWER VARSITY DANCE will represent the United States at the International Cheer Union World Championship April 25-27. Best of luck ladies!

— Sports page curated by Jacob Rogers

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SHELBY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES and township employees participated in an active shooter training program this week. Supervisor Rick Stathakis said, "Thank you to Chief Shelide and the Shelby Township Police Department for a very successful and enlightening Active Shooter Response Training program for our Municipal Building employees. Trustee John Vermeulen said, "I would like to thank our highly professional Senior Command Staff Police Officers for putting on an excellent Active Shooter Training program to benefit our Township Employees and Residents."



Macomb County Firefighters of the Year Awarded

FRIENDS OF WASHINGTON TWP. Professional Fire Fighters L-3299 posted the above photo to their Facebook page this week. "Congratulations to Lt. Barn Chandler, FF/Medic John Skelly III from Washington Township Fire, FF/Medic Justin Malburg and Lt. Tom Kuhn from Armada Township Fire for receiving the award of Macomb County Firefighter of Year," they posted. "This was achieved by developing and implementing the County Advanced Rapid Intervention Team Training. Also, congratulations to Chief Brian Tyrell for completing his term as president of Macomb County Fire Chiefs Association."

Law Enforcement Academy for Seniors Citizens

Registrations are being accepted for the next "Law Enforcement Academy for Seniors," a four-week series of classes to educate seniors about the operations of the Macomb County Sheriff's Office and its different divisions.

The course is presented by Sheriff Anthony Wickersham and will conclude with a graduation ceremony and certificate. Classes will be held at the Macomb Intermediate School District, 44001 Garfield (north entrance) in Clinton Township.

Four comprehensive workshops will be held Mondays on April 2, April 9, April 16, and April 23. All workshops run from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Topics will include: Detective Bureau, Evidence Technician, Youth Bureau, Firearms, Corrections, Special Enforcement Team (S.E.T), Macomb Area Computer Enforcement Unit (M.A.C.E.), Macomb Auto Theft Squad (M.A.T.S.), K-9 Unit, Traffic, and the Marine Division. The series ends with a graduation ceremony.

"I am pleased to support this program. We are always looking for ways to keep our seniors safe," says Sheriff Anthony M. Wickersham.

This is a free program but registration is required. To register, call the Macomb County Sheriff's Office at 586-307-9311.

Bills Introduced to Establish Better Protocol for Pawned Items

A pair of bills proposed by state Rep. Peter Lucido helping police work with pawnbrokers or secondhand dealers in potential instances of stolen property this week were approved in bipartisan fashion through a Michigan House vote.

"Stolen property sometimes ends up at pawn shops, junk dealers or other secondhand sellers and when this occurs, we need a system with direction where both parties know their rights and know what to do," said Lucido, of Shelby Township.

Following reported thefts, police will monitor activity at area pawn shops or junk dealers in case items in question turn up. House Bill 4887 allows law enforcement to put a written hold on an

item in possession of a pawnbroker if evidence suggests it was stolen, or if a police report was filed regarding the item. House Bill 5256 creates the same directive in regard to junk and secondhand dealers.

Within Lucido's plan, the property in question must be released when hold orders are in effect for the purposes of a criminal investigation or ownership claim. The hold will not exceed 90 days unless extended by court order.

Law enforcement may only have one hold order at a time per business, limiting the regulation on businesses while working to uphold the law. Current law allows for a 15-day hold order, which can be too short in more complex investigations. Secondhand sellers are also

hampered without clearer standards in place and are left to decide what to do with goods in question after the 15-day period expires.

"I look at this legislation as a help, not a hindrance," Lucido said. "The current model is not fair to owners who have businesses to run that are completely sales-driven. At the same time, this period is too short for officers and detectives. They are trying to do their jobs and deal with investigations related to stolen property on top of other law enforcement responsibilities. My bill protects interests of both of these parties by offering a clearer model with set guidelines."

Both bills now move to the Senate for further consideration.

Liquor Ruling Prompts New Veterans Bill in State House



STATE REP. DIANA FARRINGTON

State Rep. Diana Farrington this week joined her House colleagues in voting for a bill allowing members of national veterans clubs and other service clubs to buy alcoholic drinks in any affiliated out-of-town club.

Farrington, of Utica, co-sponsored the legislation, which was prompted by a recent Liquor Control Commission ruling that brought an end to the tradition.

"Our veterans have made enormous sacrifices for their country, and members of the American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars are entitled to

share a toast in other communities with veterans who are members of the same club," Farrington said. "The same goes for members of the Kiwanis, Elks or Eagles, which have clubhouses in many communities. It is a tradition we must keep."

The bill was introduced after the Liquor Control Commission interpreted a law by ruling only members of the local club could buy drinks at that location. The measure now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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Shelby Township Fire Department Improves ISO Rating Through Service, Training, Education

The Shelby Township Fire Department's recent confirmation that its steps to improve operations, facilities, training and community education are paying dividends, and those dividends will help to lower insurance premiums for residents and business owners.

Following a review of the township's fire department, emergency communications and water supply, the Insurance Services Office (ISO) improved the community's Public Protection Classification (PPC) from a 5/9, which was established after a review in 1994, to 3/3x. Nationally, the new classification moves the STFD into the 90th percentile of departments studied by the ISO.

"I know how hard Chief Jim Swinkowski, and the men and women of the Shelby Township Fire Department, work to serve our residents, so it was very gratifying to see them recognized with this rating," Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. "While the rating is a nice distinction, what is really important, though, is the service our firefighters provide the community.

"Any of our residents or visitors that have needed the services of the Shelby Township Fire Department know that they are some of the best trained and equipped public safety professionals in the nation."

The townships' PPC is impactful beyond confirming the best practices employed the fire department. The

PPC is the official rating used by many insurance providers during the process of underwriting coverage for personal and commercial property.

"ISO's Public Protection Classification (PPC) plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies," ISO National Processing Center Manager Alex Shubert said in a letter reviewing the STFD's rating. "In fact, most U.S. insurers use PPC information as part of their decision-making when deciding what businesses to write, coverages to offer or prices to charge for personal and commercial property insurance."

Based on the two-grade improvement in Shelby Township's most recent PPC, township homeowners could see a savings of \$15 to \$50 per year.

"Obviously \$15 to \$50 is not a large sum of money, but it is some benefit," Shelby Township Fire Chief Jim Swinkowski said. "The way I like to look at that savings, though, is that our residents are saving \$15 to \$50 to have the peace of mind of knowing they have a first-rate fire department protecting their families."

Contributing to the townships' improved PPC were near perfect scores in seven of the 16 criteria reviewed by the ISO. The top-rated criteria included credits for emergency reporting, engine companies, pump capacity, ladder service, training, operational considerations,

hydrants and an award of 5.27 out of 5.5 bonus points for the department's efforts in "community risk reduction."

"Community risk reduction is a bonus that takes into account a department's efforts in fire prevention and public education," Swinkowski said. "This is judged by looking at how we get the message out, our various platforms for education and the number of people our department is able to educate about fire prevention activities."

Swinkowski said that, in addition to positive confirmation of his department's and firefighters' efforts, he is proud that the improved rating came without a concentrated effort to change department policy for the sole sake of improving the rating.

"After I became chief in 2013, I met with the board and we made the decision not to spend tax dollars just to improve the ISO rating," Swinkowski said. "We operate the department with a mindset that we do what is necessary and financially responsible to serve the taxpayers and act in their best interests.

"We're not here to open 12 new fire stations and hire 100 new firefighters just to improve a number. We're here to make sure our residents are safe and to serve their needs at the best possible value to the community."



SHELBY TOWNSHIP'S newest Fire Station 5 pictured above. This week it was announced that the Insurance Services Office (ISO) improved the community's Public Protection Classification (PPC) from a 5/9, which was established after a review in 1994, to 3/3x. Nationally, the new classification moves the Shelby Township Fire Department into the 90th percentile of departments studied by the ISO.

CMU Police Release Details Related to Shooter

Central Michigan University Police Chief Bill Yeagley has released initial details related to the shooting incident that occurred on campus the morning of Friday, March 2. The chief notes that while this is an active, ongoing criminal investigation, the CMU Police Department can release the following details:

On the evening of Thursday, March 1, the CMU Police Department first interacted with the suspect, James Eric Davis, Jr., when he approached the community policing officer located in his residence hall complex, claiming that someone was trying to kill him. After a thorough investigation, CMUPD determined there was no immediate threat to Davis, Jr. or anyone else on campus. Davis, Jr. said his cousin was picking him up the next morning for spring break and that he would go back to his room to sleep.

The next day, Friday, March 2, Davis, Jr. was seen sitting in the lobby of his residence hall complex at 1:30 a.m. with luggage. Staff and the officers approached him. He appeared disoriented and during a conversation with officers, he made statements that he was under the influence of drugs. CMUPD transported him to a local emergency room for monitoring and treatment. He was released from the emergency room later in the morning to his parents, James Eric Davis, Sr., and Diva Jeneen Davis. The three traveled to the Towers residence hall com-

munity and entered Davis, Jr.'s residence hall room.

The Police investigation determined through review of surveillance and witness interviews that Davis Jr. left the residence hall, went to the family vehicle and returned — using his CMU ID — to the residence hall with a handgun.

Police responded to calls of shots fired. After an investigation, they determined two individuals had been fatally shot at Campbell Hall. The victims were identified as James Eric Davis, Sr., and Diva Jeneen Davis.

A gun was recovered at the scene; registered to James Eric Davis, Sr., a police officer from Illinois. Davis, Jr. fled the scene on foot and was seen running north along the railroad tracks on the west side of campus. More than 100 officers from multiple police agencies searched for the suspect throughout the day and into the night.

At midnight, CMU police responded to a tip from a passing train after an employee noticed a suspicious subject standing near the railroad tracks near the northwest corner of campus. CMU police officers were on scene within two minutes and the suspect, identified as Davis, Jr., was taken into custody without incident.

The suspect remains in police custody, in the hospital. He is charged with 2 counts of Homicide-open murder and one count of Weapons-felony firearm.

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TBI Recovery at Oxford Recovery Center

WHERE HEALING BEGINS



by
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Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) is a major problem in the United States with over 200,000 TBIs occurring every year. There are different types of TBIs and severity, from a mild concussion to auto accidents, to a bullet wound to the head.

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Neurofeedback is a therapy which utilizes an FDA-approved Brainmaster Neurofeedback device. Through a series of chemical reactions, the brain creates "waves" that influence how we behave. In the case of TBI, the neurological system can become unbalanced leading to many of the symptoms associated with TBI. Neurofeedback works by providing positive feedback to the brain to retrain different segments of the brain back into balance.

In the cases of a severe TBI, physical therapy may be needed. Suit Therapy is an intensive neuro-physical therapy combining both conventional and non-conventional techniques to help with the rehabilitation of neurological damage. This approach concentrates on retraining the body from a neurological standpoint compared to the traditional muscular approach.

Nutrition is the foundation of the structure that is required for one to be able to build a healthy body. When

you correctly know what foods are best for healing, you can expect better results from your recovery journey. Not fixing your diet is similar to not changing the oil of a car. The car may run but the performance will continue to suffer and the pieces will continue to need to be replaced until one day the engine freezes and the car is rendered useless. This applies to TBI recovery due to the difficulties of recovering a brain that is not receiving the proper nutrients. Someone with brain trauma has the inability of

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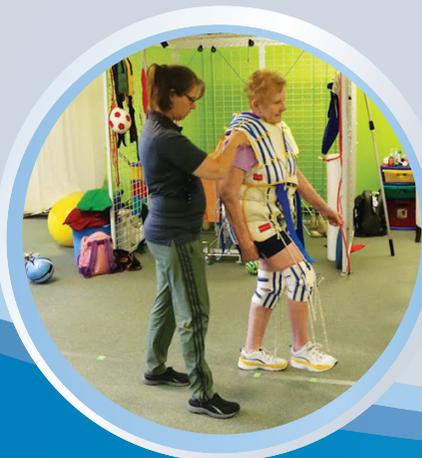
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Seven Tips to Get You Back into Running for Spring



by AMY FORTUNE

Let's face it, a lot of runners lose their stride (so to speak) during the winter months. So, if this has happened to you, don't worry. You can always get back in the game. Even if you've ran little – or not



at all – for a month or two, reclaiming your runner status is perfectly doable. However, in order to get back into your routine safely and successfully, you should take a few precautions.

Here are a few tips on how to protect your muscles and joints, and to keep up your motivation as you ease back into your favorite fitness routine.

Keep your goals realistic.

According to RunnersWorld.com, most runners who fall out of their rou-

tines need to give themselves two weeks of training time for every week they missed. So, don't expect to perform at your previous level right at first. But if you set good goals and follow a schedule, you'll get there before you know it.

Evaluate any injuries that you've sustained.

If, during your absence, you've strained your back, injured a knee, or pulled any muscles, keep this injury in mind when you plan your running goals. After all, the last thing you want to do is aggravate an injury, even if it is a minor one. Also, if you're even a little unsure of how your body will react to vigorous exercise, see your doctor. It's always better to play it safe.

If necessary, make a few changes to your diet.

If you haven't been hitting the road or trail, but you've still maintained your healthy runner's diet – great! Keep up the good work. On the other hand, if lack of exercise has led to a little more junk food and a little less healthy proteins, veggies, and fruits, you may want to make a few adjustments. After all, your body needs the right fuel before hitting the road, track, or trail.

Make time for stretching exercises every day.

As you get back into your running routine, stretching out the right muscles on a daily basis will help tremendously. Namely, you should target your glutes, calves and thighs. So, in the mornings, in the evenings, or even on your lunch breaks, make time for a few lunges, squats, and toe-touching. If possible, take a few yoga classes to get in some targeted and intense stretching.

Get in a few good walks before your first run.

Again, according to RunnersWorld.com, you should be able

to walk briskly for about 45 minutes before attempting your first run. Ideally, you should repeat these 45-minute walks a few times before running a significant distance.

Go easy at first, and gradually work up to your old pace.

When the big day finally arrives, and you're officially ready to rejoin the running world, take it slowly. If possible, find a running buddy who's fairly new to running, and let them set the pace. Remember, if you try to do too much too quickly, you might get discouraged – or worse – injure yourself.

Don't give up.

Getting into – or back into – running isn't easy for most people. However, as you may know, the rewards are immense. So, even if you get frustrated and impatient with your progress, stick to your goals and schedule. Again, if you can, find a running partner with similar goals, and hold each other accountable. Exercise is always more fun with a friend. Or, in none of your friends or loved ones count themselves as runners, at least find some great music that motivates and inspires you. If you need a suggestion, try Eye of the Tiger from the Rocky soundtrack. If that doesn't get you going, nothing will.

Questions and Answers about Assisted Living

SENIOR LIVING ADVISOR



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

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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.



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THE HURRICANE HEIST

The rural town of New Hope, Ala., has a pair of super-sized problems heading its way: There's a hurricane bearing down on the Gulf coastline, and there's a team of 30 well-armed mercenaries intent on looting the local treasury facility. The film is directed by Rob Cohen and stars Toby Kebbell, Maggie Grace, Ryan Kwanten, and Ralph Ineson.

A WRINKLE IN TIME

Meg Murry and her little brother, Charles Wallace, have been without their scientist father, Mr. Murry, for five years, ever since he discovered a new planet and used the concept known as a tesseract to travel there. Joined by Meg's classmate Calvin O'Keefe and guided by the three mysterious travelers, the children brave a dangerous journey.

Pride Month at OU Expands LGBTQIA Awareness

Oakland University's Pride Week is expanding this year to include a full month of events and activities developed to raise awareness, promote education and foster a sense of community on campus. Pride Month activities will kick off on Monday, March 12 and continue through Thursday, April 12.

"The Gender and Sexuality Center is excited to expand Pride Week into Pride Month to offer students, staff and faculty more opportunities for learning about and celebrating the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, questioning and asexual (LGBTQIA) community at Oakland University," said Grace Wojcik, coordinator of the GSC.

"The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that LGBTQIA individuals have had on history on local, national, and international levels," Wojcik said.

At Oakland University, Pride Month activities and events include Pride Month Kickoff on Monday, March 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Oakland Room at the Oakland Center. The Gender and Sexuality Center will kick off Pride Month 2018 with a tribute to LGBTQIA art and music. Light refreshments will be provided.

A **Pride 'Zine-Making Party** will take place Monday, March 19 at 6 p.m. in the Lake Superior B room at the Oakland Center. Feminists of OU will provide craft and collage materials for



attendees to make their own zine page. The individual pages will then be compiled for campus distribution.

Jen Kober's Comedy show on March 22 at 7 p.m. in the Gold Room at the Oakland Center will be powerful performance that weaves together a southern-style tale of love lost at the buffet, road trip adventures at The Waffle House and midnight mishaps at Wal-Mart. Originally from Lake Charles, Louisiana, Kober has taken her southern-style sassiness to Los Angeles, where she has quickly become a nationally-recognized headliner who has appeared TV on "HBO,"

"Showtime" and "FX," on the shows "The Real Husbands of Hollywood" with Kevin Hart and "The Middle," and in movies including "Grudge Match," "Paranoia" and "American Pie Reunion."

On **March 23** from 6-9 p.m., join the Gay-Straight Alliance for their Poetry Slam in room 1050 of the Human Health Building. Poetry Slam allows students to perform their own poetry pieces, or those of another author, in a private setting. Poetry Slam consists of sign-up and open-mic portions.

Join the Gay-Straight Alliance for

Pride Prom at 7 p.m. on March 31 in the Gold Rooms at the Oakland Center. This event is positioned to be a fun and meaningful event for all, whether one wants to relive the prom experience or just join in on the fun. Pride Prom consists of a buffet-style dinner, dancing and games, such as a lip-sync battle.

The **15th Annual Drag Show** is a major aspect of Pride Month. The drag show is the Gay-Straight Alliance's largest event, with hundreds of spectators each year. Consisting of both professional and student-auditioned performers, this year's drag show will take place at 7 p.m. on April 5 in the Banquet Rooms at the Oakland Center.

Hosted by the GSC, the 6th Annual Lavender Graduation Celebration serves to congratulate and celebrate the achievements of Oakland University's LGBTQIA and ally graduates of all levels. If you are a 2018 graduate and wish to be recognized, please complete this form. All are welcome to attend the celebration, which will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 8 in 110 O'Dowd Hall. Lunch will be provided.

The **Pride Month** 2018 planning committee has compiled a variety of resources and recommended works to advance the knowledge of LGBTQIA culture and contributions to academia, arts, and pop culture. View the syllabus online, March 12-April 12, at oakland.edu/gsc/pride-month.

Shelby Township Art Fair Committee Offers 2018 Sponsor Opportunities

The Shelby Township Art Fair Committee members are making plans to host the 35th annual Art Fair. The committee is seeking local, regional, and national businesses and organizations to sponsor the event to be held on August 11 & 12, on the Shelby Township Municipal Grounds. Support from sponsors allows the committee, along with the Shelby Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department to continue to host this great family friendly event that brings upwards of 12,000-15,000 visitors from all over the metro-Detroit area.

The Art Fair Committee is offering a variety of marketing opportunities to fit almost any budget. Sponsors may

choose to man a sponsor booth, provide flyers or promotional items for the tote bag giveaway, place a display ad in the art fair guide, sponsor the free shuttle bus, donate funds to purchase supplies for the kid's craft area or to hire entertainment, and more.

The fair, which was founded in 1983 by Committee Chair Barbara Gasparski, has evolved from a venue for a handful of local artists to showcase their work, to a community event featuring over 100 exhibitors from near and far, musical entertainment, performers, and more. The focus is on offering a variety of art mediums in a fun, festive atmosphere.

Shelby Township Art Fair

Committee Secretary Pam Marshall encourages anyone interested in learning more about the fair to visit shelbyartfair.org to see photos from the 2017 fair and check out the entertainment line-up for 2018. Applications for artists, crafters, and Michigan Made Market vendors can also be obtained on the website until the April 1 deadline. Mrs. Marshall is available to discuss sponsor options or to work out any special arrangements or requests that potential sponsors may seek. She can be reached at marshallp@shelbywp.org or by phone weekdays at the Shelby Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department at 586-731-0300.

WWI Era Drama The Snow Geese at Meadow Brook Theatre

Set in 1917, *The Snow Geese* follows the Gaesling family to their annual shooting party to kick off the hunting season in upstate New York. As war looms and family secrets are revealed, they try to cling to normalcy.

Mother Elizabeth is determined to keep things normal for her family, but her husband has passed away as World War I rages in the distance. Oldest son, Duncan, is coming to terms with his upcoming deployment overseas. Meanwhile, younger son, Arnold, discovers that his father, revered by the family, has left them deeply in debt.

The Snow Geese by Sharr White runs March 21 through April 15 at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester.

"This drama is set 100 years ago, but the themes will resonate with our audiences today," says Travis Walter, MBT artistic director. "We frequently struggle to come to terms with our lives and our families, just like the Gaeslings."

The cast of *The Snow Geese* includes many familiar faces to Meadow Brook audiences. The



Geslings are played by Debbie Williams (Elizabeth), Ricky Gee (Arnold), Tim Stone (Duncan) and Ron Williams (Theodore). The remainder of the cast consists of Julie Glander (Clarissa Hohmann), David Wolber (Max Hohmann), and Sara Kmiec (Viktorya Gryaznoy).

The Snow Geese is directed by Travis W. Walter. Terry W. Carpenter is the stage manager with scenic design by Jen Price Fick, costume design by Corey Collins, lighting design by Reid G. Johnson and sound design by Mike Duncan.

Tickets range from \$28 to \$43 and are available by calling the Meadow Brook Theatre box office at 248-377-3300, or online at ticketmaster.com. Student discounts are available at the box office. Groups of eight or more should call 248-370-3316 for group pricing.

Meadow Brook Theatre is located 378 Meadow Brook Road, on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. Visit mbtheatre.com to learn more.

Anton Art Center Announces 37th Annual Macomb County Secondary Student Show March 10 to April 13

The Anton Art Center presents the 37th Annual Macomb County Secondary Student Show opening in mid-March. This annual exhibition is open to all students in Macomb County currently enrolled in grades 7-12, either homeschooled or in private, parochial, or public schools.

This year, the Anton Art Center received 1,243 artwork submissions to be juried. Of those, 370 artworks by 228 students presented by 41 teachers from 27 schools were selected for the show.

An opening reception will be held at the Anton Art Center on Saturday, March 10, from 1-3 p.m. Awards for grades 7-9 will be announced at 1:30 p.m. and awards for grades 10-12 will be announced at 2:30 p.m.

Phil Gilchrist, Executive Director of the Anton Art Center, is looking forward to the show. "Supporting children in creative endeavors is one of the most important things we can do for our community, and this show is no exception. Rarely do students at this level have an opportunity to show art they have created, and this show is an incredible opportunity for them to experience the pride and self-esteem that comes with showing off a job well done," says Gilchrist.

The 37th Annual Macomb County Secondary Student Show will be on display through April 13th.

"The Anton Art Center's 7-12 and K-6 student art shows are exciting community celebrations of the outstanding creativity offered by

Macomb County's schools, teachers, and students. The students' artwork fills our open gallery spaces with a special kind of energy unique to our county's young people that inspires visitors of all ages", adds Stephanie Hazzard, Exhibition Manager of the Anton Art Center, "It's an experience you don't want to miss!"

For more information about the Anton Art Center, visit www.theartcenter.org or call 586-469-8666. The Anton Art Center is a registered nonprofit organization located in Mount Clemens, Michigan, with a mission to enrich and inspire people of all ages through the arts. The Anton Art Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. admission is free.

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Shelby Fine Art Society Meeting March 14

The Shelby Township Fine Art Society will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 14 at the Community Center / Library located on Van Dyke at 23 1/2 Mile Road, at 7 p.m.

Artist Pam Diegel will demonstrate working on Yupo.

For more information please contact president Ann Priebe at 586-803-4115.

Junior Actors of Ridgedale Presents "Aladdin"

Ridgedale Players Theatre presents the first performance of 2018 by the Junior Actors of Ridgedale with their performance of "Aladdin," running March 24-25.

The Junior Actors include children ages 7-18 from the area. Show times are March 24 at 10:30 a.m. with breakfast or 1:30 p.m. with lunch, and March 25 at 1 p.m. with lunch or 3:30 p.m. with ice cream social. Each performance will also conclude with an appearance by The Easter Bunny.

This is the classic story of Aladdin and his magic lamp. Aladdin discovers a magic lamp and, with the aid of the Genie, wins the hand of the lovely Princess Celestia. But the evil Turkish Magician gains control of the lamp and instructs the Genie to bring the Princess to him in his palace.

Tickets are \$11 and available online at ridgedaleplayers.com. Tickets at the door are \$12. Ridgedale Players Theatre is located at 205 W. Long Lake Road in Troy.

Sergei Babayan to Perform at Chamber Music Society of Detroit March 24

Armenian-born piano virtuoso Sergei Babayan will make his Chamber Music Society of Detroit series debut with a recital on Saturday, March 24 at 8 p.m. The concert takes place at Seligman Performing Arts Center, located at 22305 West 13 Mile Road (at Lahser Road) in Beverly Hills.

Mr. Babayan's program features music by 19th- and 20th-century composers who were also virtuoso pianists, including works by Liszt, Chopin, Debussy, Ryabov and Rachmaninoff.

Sergei Babayan studied at the Moscow Conservatory and was the first pianist from the former USSR to compete and study in the West after the collapse of the Soviet system. In short order, he took first prizes at several major international competitions, including the Robert Casadesus (now Cleveland), Hamamatsu, and Scottish International Competitions, and was among the top finishers at the Busoni,



Queen Elisabeth, and Honens Competitions. Hailed for his emotional intensity, bold energy and remarkable levels of color, Sergei Babayan brings a deep understanding and insight to a stylistically diverse repertoire, adhering to his conviction that "artists must live and work at a fever-pitch in the incessant pursuit of ideal beauty and the highest degree of artistry."

Tickets for this concert are priced at \$25 - \$65 (\$12.50 - \$32.50 for students) and are available by phone at 313-335-3300 or online at CMSDetroit.org.

Gun Control: It's Time Both Sides Come to the Table

PERSPECTIVES



Op-Ed by
NATHAN INKS

In the wake of the tragic school shooting in Parkland, Fla., there has been a lot of talk about what should be done to prevent similar tragedies. This debate is not new; the nation seems to have the same debate after every mass shooting, but despite these increasingly frequent debates, little action has been taken to actually curb gun violence.

Individuals on the extremes of both sides of the gun control issue are guilty of misleading the public. For example, a common theme on the right is to focus on the words "shall not be infringed" in the Second Amendment, as if those words clearly mean the government is precluded from enacting any form of gun control. Surely the government has some ability to restrict gun ownership and possession; to argue otherwise would lead to absurd situations—incarcerated individuals would have a right to possess firearms while in prison if "shall not be infringed" is interpreted 100% literally. Clearly there is some room for regulation under the Constitution.

Meanwhile, many on the left have latched onto the ambiguous term "assault weapon" as a label for guns that they think should be banned or more strictly regulated. The problem is that the lay definition of the term has changed over the years, while the legal definition varies by jurisdiction. Additionally, it is frequently confused with the term "assault rifle," which refers to guns capable of fully automatic firing; assault rifles have been strictly regulated for decades.

Perhaps one of the biggest problems plaguing the debate is that we as a nation tend to talk about gun control most after a mass shooting despite the fact that mass shootings account for a very small percentage of gun deaths and homicides. The focus should not

be on how to avoid mass shootings; it should be on reducing gun violence and the homicide rate overall.

The obvious low-hanging fruit to achieve this goal is to better enforce the laws already on the books, and one of the best ways to ensure that those who should not have guns do not have them is through universal background checks. Polls have repeatedly shown that support for universal background checks among Americans is as high as 90%, with even a majority of National Rifle Association (NRA) members supporting expanding background checks to private gun sales. The NRA itself supported universal background checks as late as the 1990s but has since reversed course despite the overwhelming public support.

There are likely other proposals to curb gun violence that gun proponents and opponents can agree on, but they need to be based on research and evidence, not fear and hype. The AR-15, which was used in the Parkland shooting, and other semi-automatic rifles, have drawn the ire of gun opponents, who are quick to point out the AR-15's popularity among perpetrators of mass shootings; however, it is also one of America's most popular rifles, so this correlation is not unexpected. Handguns account for a significant majority of weapons used in homicides; targeting semi-automatic rifles misses the overall problem and would waste a lot of political capital.

On the other hand, gun advocates need to be willing to seriously come to the table. Enough of the line that gun control will not stop a determined killer. Locking the front door will not keep out a determined burglar, but it is still a good idea to lock one's door at night.

Common-sense gun control that respects the Constitution is possible if advocates on both sides of the issue come to the table with a desire to genuinely discuss the real issues.

The views expressed in the Op-Ed Perspectives column are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the Gazette. We encourage readers to submit a Letter to the Editor to Andrew@Gazettegroup.com.

MJR Digital Cinemas Free Spring Children's Film Festival

MJR Digital Cinemas will offer their Free Spring Children's Film Festival running every Saturday and Sunday through March 25.

This is totally free to children 12 and under and parents are just \$1. Advance tickets are not available, and tickets are distributed on a first-come, first served basis until theatre capacity.

This program will only be offered in select MJR locations, including the Troy Grand Digital Cinema (100 E.

Maple Rd.) and the Marketplace Sterling Heights Digital Cinema (35400 Van Dyke), as well as their Westland, Adrian, and Allen Park locations.

The film line-up is as follows: 3/3-4 Wonder (PG), 3/10-11 Ferdinand (PG), 3/17-18 Paddington 2 (PG), and 3/24-25 Lego Ninjago (PG).

Call theatre for show times or check online the Tuesday prior to the show at mjrtheatres.com.

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