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Shelby Township Youth Fishing Derby

Visit Heritage Garden on Saturday, June 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 32nd Annual Shelby Township Youth Fishing Derby. The event is free and open to kids ages 15 and under.

Medals and 1st through 3rd place prizes are awarded for the largest fish in each of the four age groups. A drawing for fishing equipment, tackle, and more will be held at 1 p.m.

Download a form at shelbytwp.org/parks and bring it to Heritage Garden Lake on Derby Day. To learn more, call 586-731-0300. Heritage Garden is located at 52700 Van Dyke Avenue in Shelby Charter Township.

Utica Food Truck Rally June 16

Visit JK Noonan Memorial Park in Downtown Utica on Saturday, June 16 from 5-10 p.m. for the first food truck rally of the summer!

With over 10 Food Trucks, live music, this week starring Cliff Erickson & Mike Tocco Music, come out and enjoy a night downtown with friends and family. The event is free and open to the public.

As Mayor Thom Dionne says, "Bring your cooler, lawn chair, and your favorite people! This is going to be an epic event!!"

Alcohol is permitted within the park. This event is sponsored by Steampunk Tap Room & Bottle Shop & The City of Utica DDA

Veterans Memorial Fundraiser at Coyote Joe's

Visit Coyote Joe's in Shelby Township on Sunday, June 10 at 2 p.m. for a fundraiser benefiting the Shelby Township Veterans Memorial Site. This American and Country-themed show will be hosted by Music Maker Studio, with students of all ages performing classic songs. The event will feature a buffet, raffle prizes, and more. Coyote Joe's is located at 49440 Ryan Rd. To learn more, call Music Maker Studio at 248-652-9604.

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Shelby Garden Club Spruces Up Township Grounds

THE SHELBY GARDEN CLUB was out in full force this week, sprucing up the Municipal Grounds at 24 & Van Dyke in Shelby Township. Supervisor Rick Stathakis posted the above photo to his Facebook page, thanking the group for their hard work. "Thank you Shelby Township Gardeners Club for continuing today to make the Shelby Township grounds beautiful," Stathakis said. The Shelby Community Foundation provided the dedicated gardening club with a grant in spring to help them out. An anonymous donor wished to provide the grant for them and came to SCF to set it up.

Underwater Team Dives Into Regional Tournament

Two UCS teams competed at the 2018 Great Lakes regional Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) competition, held May 12 in Alpena and hosted by the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

The annual event encourages students to learn and apply science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills as they design and build underwater robots to complete missions that simulate real-world challenges from the ocean and Great Lakes workplace.

The MATE competition requires students to think of themselves as "entrepreneurs" and transform their teams into companies that manufacture, market, and sell "products." In addition to engineering their ROVs, the students are required to prepare technical reports, marketing displays, and engineering presentations that are delivered to working professionals who serve as competition judges.

The Eisenhower Seagles took 3rd Place overall in the advanced Ranger Class, 1st place Product Presentation,

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Macomb Township Parks & Rec Celebrates 20 Years of Fun

In commemoration of Macomb Township Parks and Recreation's (MTPR) 20th Anniversary, this year's summer Special Events is set to be even more special! With typically 10 summer events, MTPR is adding a fifth concert to their Music in the Park Concert Series to bring them to a total of 11 events this summer.

Starting this week, MTPR will begin accepting photos for their 20th Anniversary Photo Contest. Submit photos from the last 20 years that show you and your family spending time and making memories with Macomb Township Parks and Recreation throughout the years. The winner will be announced on August 2 at the last summer concert and the top three photos will win a prize. Photos will be used in summer promotional materials, compiled to an album for Facebook, and shown on the big screen August 10 at 'Movie Under the Stars.'

The summer events kick off on June 23, with one of the most popular annual happenings, Tons O' Trucks. This event has evolved into something much bigger than a parking lot full of trucks. Some new things to enjoy this year alongside the classics include a video game trailer, larger than life robotics club demonstrations, petting farm, souped-up Jeeps, and approximately 60 other unique vehicles. This event is free, with the exceptions of Jet's Pizza and El Charro food truck concessions. There will also be free giveaways, such as frozen custard, slushies, popcorn and more.

In addition to the 11 free events, MTPR is making major improvements to the KidZone play area. KidZone is a interactive area with games and activities for kids of all ages, including a ToddlerZone for younger children as well as a FitnessZone. KidZone will be at all of the concerts, Rosco Picnic Paloozas and Movie Nights.

Find Macomb Township Parks and Recreation on Facebook. There you will find a full schedule of the 2018 summer events.

USPBL Player Makes SportsCenter Top 10

DREW KITSON, #19 of the Westside Wooly Mammoths and member of the United Shore Professional Baseball League, made national sports headlines this week when his miracle catch landed on #5 of ESPN SportsCenter's Top 10 Plays of the Day. He's pictured here with Utica Mayor Thom Dionne who was delighted to hear the ESPN commentators say "Shout out to Utica!"

Free Yoga at Freedom Hill June 9

Bodhi Seed Yoga & Wellness Studio and the Macomb County Board of Commissioners will present a free yoga session at Freedom Hill on Saturday, June 9 from 8–11:15 a.m.

Everyone – regardless of age or experience level – is welcome to come and learn about the practice of yoga and participate in one or more classes.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. An intermediate yoga class (under the pavilion) will begin at 8:30 followed by a basic yoga and pilates demonstration at 9:30. At 10:20 a.m. there will be chair yoga under the pavilion and a family yoga class on the grass.

Local resource providers will be offering information, raffles, and giveaways. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or a beach towel. Register online at YogaAtTheHill.com. Freedom Hill is located at 15000 Metro Pkwy in Sterling Heights.

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UCS "Seagles" and "Flaming Turtles" Make a Splash

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1st place Marketing and won the Innovative Engineering Award – A special recognition award to the team that forwards the use of technology in ROV's.

The team members are from Eisenhower High School - Kyle Weishaar (12th), Nick Krstevski (12th), Tyler Materna (12th), Allister Ho (12th), Nathan Valdenor (12th), Jacob Jensen (12th), Alex Roy (12th) and Paul DeSaele (11th).

The Flaming Turtles from Malow Jr. High, took 2nd place overall in the Navigator Class, 1st place presentation, 1st Place marketing display, and 2nd place robot demonstration (highest robot score).

The team consisted of Malow Jr. High students Angelo Asta (9th), Roger DeSaele(9th), Brady Hannan(9th), Samantha Lewis(9th), Alex McConkie(9th), Zach Pass(9th), Jonas Rizek(9th), and Katie Roy(9th).

Both teams overcame technical challenges to get their ROV's running before the tournament this year," said coach Curtis DeSaele. "From software debugging, water leaking into the electronics, to final assembly, both teams got the job done with minutes to spare. The last minute rush of root causing the problem, developing solutions, solving them under pressure is exciting and rewarding for the team (and the mentors). I think that is a better reward than the trophies."

Macomb Reps Lead Michigan House Plan to Help Kiwanis

The state House this week approved plans from three Macomb County state representatives to expand fundraising options for Kiwanis organizations in Michigan.

Bills sponsored by Reps. Diana Farrington and Steve Marino would allow Michigan residents to voluntarily donate to the Kiwanis when they file their state income taxes. Legislation from Rep. Peter Lucido would create a fundraising license plate for the charitable organization.

"I've been with the Kiwanis for several years, now as a member of the Golden K, which helps seniors," said Lucido, of Shelby Township. "It's been a privilege to see what a positive difference the group makes for kids, families and especially our seniors in our neighborhoods."

"In our part of Macomb County alone, Kiwanis raise money for college scholarships, put together backpacks with school supplies, help feed the hungry and improve the community in many other ways," said Farrington, of Utica, who has worked on Kiwanis holiday food drives. "It's a fantastic mission."

The legislation – House Bills 4495, 5739 and 5740 – advance to the Senate for consideration.

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Torches Unveiled for Macomb County's Bicentennial Relay

On June 21, when County Executive Mark Hackel hoists the torch and kicks off the Macomb County Bicentennial Relay from the county administrative building in downtown Mount Clemens, he will not only be carrying a torch bearing symbols of Macomb County's distinguishing characteristics, but also a symbol of learning, partnership and collaboration.

The specially designed bicentennial torches represent nearly eight months of collaboration and work by Macomb Community College faculty, staff and students representing three program areas: media & communication arts, machining and climate control.

"We were honored to be asked to contribute in such a meaningful way to Macomb County's Bicentennial Celebration," said James O. Sawyer IV, president, Macomb Community College. "To us, it spoke of a great trust and pride in Macomb Community College's faculty, staff and students, as well as confidence in the quality of our programs. We knew it would be a great learning experience for the students involved, but the cross disciplinary project also led to deep learning and appreciation of each other's challenges and triumphs for the faculty and staff involved."

The project involved working in teams organized by expertise and engaging in group communications and meetings across the disciplines that took the project to a much higher level. The process for creating what will be eight commemorative torches for use during the two-day relay started with research on the history of Macomb County and on designs of commemorative torches, including previous designs of Olympic torches.

"The faculty, students and staff at MCC have created a spectacular and functional work of art," said County Executive Mark A. Hackel. "Not only am I looking forward to carrying this but also placing one on permanent display at the Macomb County Administration Building. I hope to see lots of residents along the route cheering our torch bearers on."

Safeguards Long Overdue for Asian Carp Threat

PERSPECTIVES

OP-ED
by
NATHAN INKS

The Great Lakes are a major source of environmental and economic benefits to the state of Michigan, but Asian carp are posing an increasing threat to the lakes, which could have disastrous consequences for the state.

Asian carp would outcompete native species for food, leading to significant decline in the populations of native fish species. Because of their large size, Asian carp have few natural marine predators, and their population could rapidly increase if they began reproducing in the Great Lakes.

Although lawmakers and regulators have focused increased attention on the risk Asian carp pose, implementation of proposed safeguards has been slow, and conflicts between Great Lakes states has been an additional source of delay. Significant federal action is long overdue, and as the state with arguably the most to lose, Michigan lawmakers need to be at the forefront of pushing for such action.

Posing the most immediate threat to the Great Lakes is the risk of Asian carp migrating to Lake Michigan from various tributaries of the Mississippi River in Illinois, and Asian carp have already been found within a few miles of Lake Michigan. The Army Corps of Engineers has developed a plan to implement additional protections to keep Asian carp from migrating into Lake Michigan, but current federal law requires the participation of Illinois in order to implement the plan.

Of the eight states (plus Ontario) that border the Great Lakes, Illinois arguably has the least skin in the game, as much of Illinois's waters have already been affected by Asian carp. When one state is acting in a way that will cause detrimental harm to its neighboring states, it is the duty of the federal government to step in and either protect the neighboring states or allow them to protect themselves.

If Illinois is unwilling to cooperate to ensure that the overall environmental and economic concerns of the entire Great Lakes region is protected, the other states and Ontario need to push forward to find a solution. As the state with the most to lose, Michigan needs to be at the forefront of pushing the federal government and other states to act.

The Great Lakes have already seen the disastrous consequences of invasive species; zebra mussels and sea lamprey are just a couple examples. Asian carp pose a significant threat to the environment and economy of the Great Lakes states – especially Michigan – and too much time has gone by with too little action. State lawmakers need to increase the pressure on the federal government and other states to begin implementing additional safeguards to keep Asian carp out of the Great Lakes.

Corruption is Legal, if You Do it the Right Way

PERSPECTIVES

OP-ED
by
BRAD O'DONNELL

Bribery of public officials is completely legal – as long as you do it right. That's the biggest irony of the sweeping corruption charges centered in Macomb County.

Former Clinton Township Trustee Dean Reynolds is facing 18 felony counts related to alleged bribes he received from Chuck Rizzo. Rizzo was trying to secure contracts for his company, Rizzo Environmental Services. And Former Chesterfield Township Supervisor Michael Lovelock also accepted bribes from a company in exchange for preferential treatment, according to WXYZ Detroit.

Prosecutors are requesting that Clifford Freitas, a former Macomb Township Trustee, spend 20 months in prison for corruption-related charges, according to The Detroit News. The News reports that federal prosecutors are likely to ensnare even more public officials across metro Detroit.

Why didn't the politicians just have these companies donate the money to their political campaigns?

For these local political offices, candidates can receive contributions of up to $1,000. However, independent PACs, or Political Action Committees, can receive contributions of up to $10,000 for township-level local races. These companies and their owners, chiefly Rizzo, handed Reynolds, Lovelock, and Freitas fistfuls of cash as if this were a mobster movie. But if Rizzo had simply cut a check to their political campaigns, and donated to a PAC that was friendly to them, it would all be above-board and legal.

Of course, the quid pro quo aspect is still illegal. No public figure is permitted to exchange their vote or influence for financial gain. But if the money was given as a campaign contribution, then they would have plausible deniability – the corruption could be chalked up to "Hey, Mr. Rizzo agrees with my political positions; what can you do?"

The legal aspects of campaign contributions are more complicated, but the point stands: corruption is absolutely legal, as long as you do it a certain way. This is true in all levels of government.

In 2001, then-Senator Hillary Clinton was adamantly opposed to a bankruptcy reform bill that would make it harder for middle class families to renegotiate their debts. After receiving $140,000 from banking industry executives, she changed her tune and voted in favor of the bill, according to The Washington Post. Her critics assert the contributions influenced her vote.

For Donald Trump's presidential inauguration in 2017, he raised nearly $11 million from oil, gas and coal interests, according to The Center for Public Integrity. Once in office, President Trump nominated Exxon Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson to be his Secretary of State, a shocking move that his critics say was influenced by the industry money.

For both Clinton and Trump, there has been no federal probe, no investigations, no FBI intervention relating to bribery. How could there be? Accepting bribes is legal, as long as its for a political campaign.

To be fair, politicians can't spend their campaign contributions on just anything. If the expense isn't campaign-related, they can be fined and in rare cases, jailed. However, the definition of what constitutes inappropriate usages of funds is very much up to interpretation, and things like food or transportation are often not considered inappropriate. How much money could you save if someone was paying for your food and gas?

If this system of legal bribery has you angry, you aren't alone. According to a poll from The Washington Post, Americans cite "money in politics" as the number one cause of dysfunction in the political system, with 91% saying money in politics is to blame either "a lot" or "some." The second biggest cause? "Wealthy political donors." Turns out most people don't have tens of thousands of dollars with which they can buy politicians.

This doesn't let Freitas, Lovelock or Reynolds off the hook. What they did is an unconscionable violation of the public trust. We may not agree with everything our elected officials do, but we should at least be able to count on them to not take under-the-table cash bribes from government contractors. Federal prosecutors ought to make an example of them, and weed out any other corrupt government officials. At the same time, let's take this opportunity to shine light not just on the illegal bribes our elected representatives take, but also on the legal ones.

Academy of the Arts Spring Recital June 9

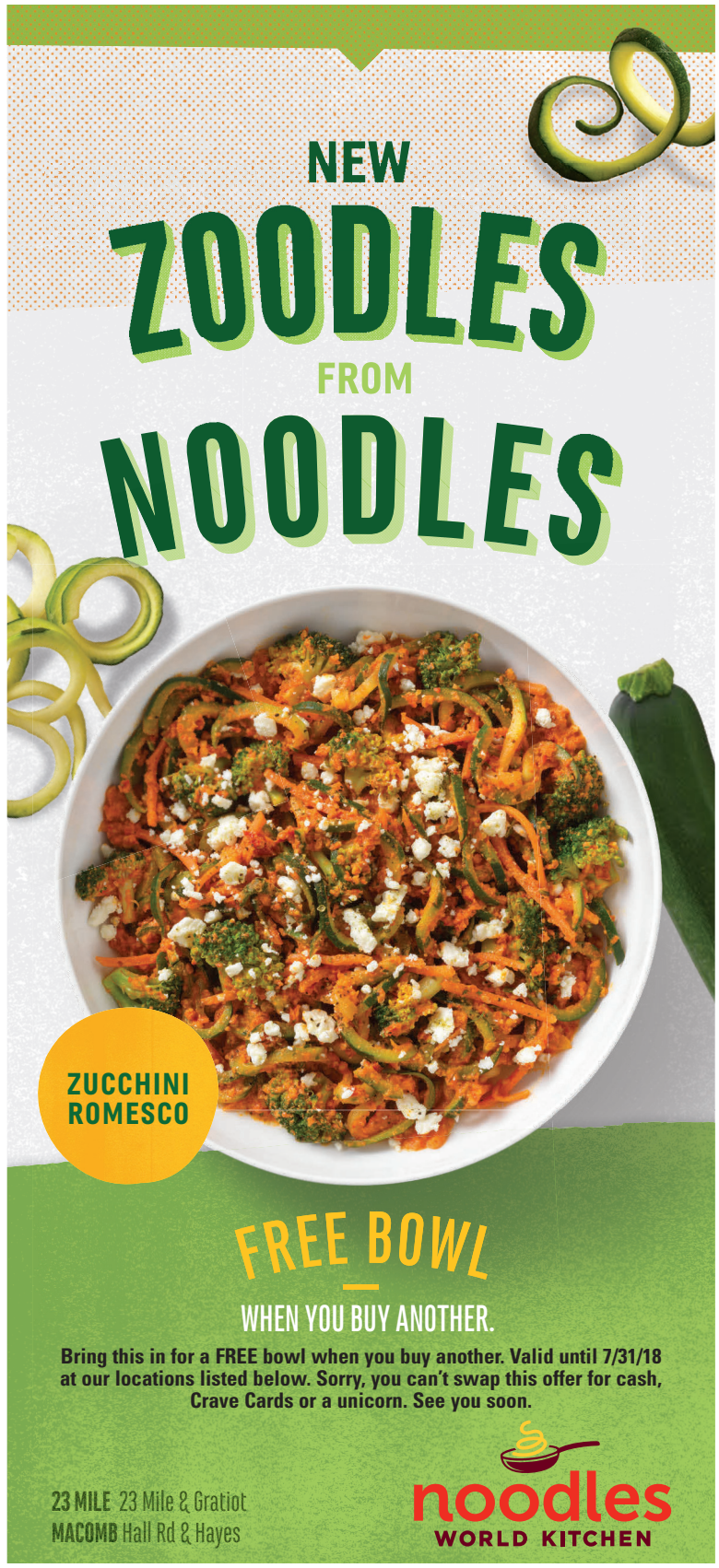
The Academy of the Arts will be holding their Spring Recital Saturday, June 9 at Shepherd's Gate Church in Shelby Township.

The Academy will have more than 95 performances, including accomplished pianist Danny McGarry, who recently received a scholarship opportunity at Albion College.

Julie Desrosiers, the music director at the Academy of the Arts, is excited about what's happening there. "Our students have received many honors this year," said Desrosiers. "One student received the honor of winning a full tuition scholarship for piano playing, two students have received college scholarships for their playing. Many students received trophies and awards at various competitions, Guild Auditions and SAT performances."

The Academy is located inside Shepherd's Gate Church off of 23 Mile Road in Shelby Township.

Performance times are 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. To learn more, email arts@sgatechurch.org or call 586-731-4544.



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Music

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SUN, JUNE 3 - 9 p.m.
Garden Bowl, Detroit

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND
WED, JUNE 6 - 8 p.m.
DTE Music Theatre, Clarkston

PIANOS BECOME THE TEETH
THU, JUNE 7 - 7 p.m.
Loving Touch, Ferndale

PRIMUS AND MASTODON
SAT, JUNE 9 - 7 p.m.
Freedom Hill Amphitheatre, Sterling Heights

On Stage

CHICKEN LITTLE
SAT, JUNE 2 - 1 p.m.
Meadow Brook Theatre

THE MOTH
TUE, JUNE 5 - 7 p.m.
Marble Bar, Detroit

REPRESENT! DIVERSITY JAM
WED, JUNE 6 - 9 p.m.
Go Comedy! Improv, Ferndale

THREE LITTLE PIGS
FRI, JUNE 8 - 7 p.m.
Varner Recital Hall, OU

Library

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
SAT, JUNE 9 - 10:30 a.m.
Shelby Township Library

BACKYARD BIRDING
THU, JUNE 14 - 7 p.m.
Clinton-Macomb North Branch

YOUR DIA: A (R)EVOLUTION
THU, JUNE 7 - 2 p.m.
Clinton-Macomb Main Branch

Kids & Teens

CANDY BAR CREATIONS
WED, JUNE 13 - 7 p.m.
Clinton-Macomb Main Branch

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD
THU, JUNE 14 - 6 p.m.
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ACTION POINT
Comedy, R

THE BREAK WITH MICHELLE WOLF
Comedy, NR

COCO
Adventure, PG

GAME NIGHT
Comedy, R

ADRIFT
Drama, PG-13

ACTION POINT
D.C. is the crackpot owner of Action Point – a cheap amusement park where the rides are designed with minimum safety for maximum fun. Just as his estranged daughter Boogie comes to visit, a corporate mega-park opens nearby and jeopardizes the future of the park.

ADRIFT
Tami Oldham and Richard Sharp couldn't anticipate that they would be sailing directly into one of the most catastrophic hurricanes in recorded history. In the aftermath of the storm, Tami awakens to find Richard badly injured and their boat in ruins.

Avon Players: Over 70 Years of Local Community Theatre

By ALEXANDRA LOYD

If you're from the greater Rochester area, you've surely heard of Avon Players. A local theatre group founded in 1947 by enthusiasts who share a common love for the thrill of drama and performing live, Avon Players is a nonprofit community theatre group located in the Historic District of Rochester Hills, only two miles from the heart of downtown Rochester.

A typical season for the Avon Players includes five full-scale productions, made possible by the troupe's volunteers and annually elected e-board committee. From Titanic, A Christmas Story, Boeing Boeing, and Dial M for Murder, Avon Players has done it all, covering a multitude of different ranges of genres and audience tastes.

Currently, the group is running the adaption of the wildly popular novel, The Bridges of Madison County. "Although it's the book that made the story famous, what audiences should be most excited for is the brilliant score by composer Jason Robert Brown and the amazingly talented singers in our cast who will just wow you!" says John Deierlein, current president of the organization.

Since its founding, Avon Players' seasons have included award-winning dramas, British farces, Broadway musicals, and more, and for sometimes less than half the price of one ticket for the same show at a "downtown venue."

"What many folks can't believe after seeing a show at Avon Players is that the entire cast and production team is made up of community members," says Deierlein. "The level of talent in the greater Rochester area just blows my mind and it is evident every night on stage at Avon! We have heard comments time after time from patrons who were used to paying top dollar seeing theatre productions at larger venues and can't believe they are just as entertained by our local talent for a fraction of the cost."

Avon Players continually supports and gives back to our community. Aside from offering high-quality, professional, theatrical entertainment for a very affordable price while offering community members an outlet to show off their talents, the group also hosts a smaller sixth production each season, made up of local youth in grades six through 12, where youngsters gain experience and training in the performing arts through youth theatre workshops and a summer camp. A lot of the main productions need child actors, and those children are chosen from the talented group of kids in the youth theatre programs.

A lot of Avon's students have gone on the appear in local commercials, and some have even moved to New York City to pursue their acting dreams that were born at Avon. "As a kid, I was a part of the youth theatre program at Avon, appearing on stage in several kids' shows, and have been an adult member of the group for almost 30 years," explains Deierlein. Aside from just acting, the students also get to learn how to build scenery, make costumes, work the lights and sound, and even direct shows.

Avon Players is an important part of Rochester's past and present communal history, and is here to stay for many years to come! To learn more, visit Avonplayers.org, and be sure to catch their performances of The Bridges of Madison County this Friday and Saturday, June 1-2, at 8 p.m at the Avon Playhouse, located at 1185 Washington Rd.

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Home & Garden *Digest*

Native Plant Sale at Stage Nature Center

The community is invited to a Native Plant Sale Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the grounds of the Stage Nature Center. Brendan Nolan of Plants for Ecology, a producer of locally sourced native plants is hosting the event and will have a wide variety of trees, shrubs, and plants available for purchase. 25% of the proceeds will be donated back to the Troy Nature Society.

Trees for sale will include Serviceberry, Redbud, Sugar Maple, Sycamore and Oak. Shrubs for sale will include Sumac, Hazelnut, Choke Cherry, Dogwood, Honeysuckle, Viburnum and Prairie Rose. Plants for sale will include Milkweed, Aster, Strawberry, Goldenrod, prairie grasses, Cinquefoil, Purple Coneflower, and Clematis.

The sale will be rain or shine and parking will be available. Accepted payments include Visa/MC/Cash/Check. Visit plantsforecology.com for more information.

Why Plant native? Michigan residents are encouraged to plant native to support our local ecosystems. Planting a diverse collection of native flora in suburban and urban landscapes create a mini native habitat that creates a strong ecosystem that requires minimal maintenance once established. Native gardens also attract birds, butterflies, and other beneficial insects that help create a balanced garden ecosystem.

Native plants are those plants that have evolved in concert with other species over a long period of time (millions of years) in a given ecological region. Since they have coevolved, native plants work in historic relationships with other species in their ecological region. Milkweed is a great example, as it is the host plant for the Monarch butterfly and also performs a host of other services for many other species (the provision of nectar and pollen for example). They evolved together. The same could not be said if Milkweed were planted in Dublin, Ireland.

The nature center interpretive building is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., excluding holidays.

Trails are open from dawn until dusk daily (including Holidays). The Troy Nature Society is a nonprofit organization operating educational nature programs at the Stage Nature Center, a 100-acre preserve located in Troy. The society's mission is to provide resources and education to inspire the appreciation and preservation of nature.

For further information on programs or events, visit stagenaturecenter.org or call 248-688-9703.

Shelby Farmers Market Now Open for the Season

Variety is not only the spice of life but it's also the key word for this year's Shelby Farmers Market (SFM) at the Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site (PPG) on Van Dyke, between 22 and 23 Mile Rds.

"There will be several new faces with interesting products joining favorite market vendors from last year" announced Mary Anne Demo, who serves as the Market Master and also is the Event Coordinator for the PPG. The Saturday market which runs from May 26 through October 27, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., is expanding to include vintage and retro items, and more.

Demo is very excited about the wide range of vendors with diverse merchandise and services.

"There are openings for both dealers and the people who just have some 'good stuff' to sell, either weekly or by the season," mentioned Demo. "This new market is a win-win; it will provide

even more buying opportunities for the market-goers and it will encourage a new demographic to visit the market; cross-marketing for all our vendors. It really complements our original farmers market," said Demo.

Additionally, some special events and programs will round-out the market this year. Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center will be exhibiting again this year. And four different decades will be represented and celebrated each month. On June 23, the Terrific Twenties; on July 28, Totally Thirties; on August 18, Fantastic Forties, and September 22 will be the Fabulous Fifties. This special decades tribute is a nod to the PPG's 2018 Honoring History theme, plus part of the Macomb County Bicentennial this year.

"The market will have different offerings each week so it will always be a fresh, new adventure each Saturday. Come for a hour or stay until the market closes at two!" encourages Demo.

Cupola Raising Ceremony at Bickford Assisted Living

SENIOR LIVING ADVISOR

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

The Cupola Raising Ceremony symbolizes the near opening of our Shelby Township Branch. By placing a cupola on top of the roof we remember that our Branch is an extension of our residents' home – we're simply the guests.

Over 100 community members attended this event on May 7th and enjoyed gourmet hot d'oeuvres and refreshments.

There are 44 assisted living apartments and 16 advanced memory care apartments-half have already been reserved! Models are now open! The opening is mid-September and offers varies levels of care... and is welcoming pets as well!

Bickford of Shelby Township is located at 48251 Schoenherr Rd in Shelby Township. To learn more or to arrange a tour, call 586-685-5800, visit enrichinghappiness.com/shelbytownship, or send Laura an email at laura.smigielski@enrichinghappiness.com

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Alcohol and Accidents on Memorial Day Weekend

POLICE PATROL

■ **SEVERE MOTORCYCLE CRASH IN SHELBY.** On May 26 at approximately 11 p.m., the Shelby Township Police and Fire Departments responded to a reported serious injury accident on Ryan Road north of Hamlin Road. A 2008 Harley Davidson Motorcycle, driven by a 52 year old male from Shelby Township, was travelling southbound Ryan Road when it collided with a gray 2018 Jeep Cherokee which was also travelling southbound. The driver of the Jeep, a 66 year old female out of Shelby Township, complained of minor injuries and refused transportation to the hospital by the fire department. The male half was transported to Troy Beaumont Hospital for life threatening injuries. Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the accident. The investigation into the accident is continuing. Witnesses are asked to contact Traffic Investigator Stansbury at the Shelby Township Police Department at (586)731-2121 ext. 482.

■ **SOFTBALL COACH CHARGED WITH ACCOSTING A MINOR.** On May 12, Macomb County Sheriff's deputies took a report regarding inappropriate sexual messages being sent from a male coach to a female player. It was reported the 15 year old female played softball and was part of a team group chat on a social messaging application. The male coach, Jared Harris, 23 of Fraser, was the female's softball coach and was also part of the social messaging group. Harris began private messaging the female approximately one month ago making sexual comments and sending photographs of himself. Macomb County Detectives investigated this information which included searches of several social media accounts. The case was forwarded to the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office and a warrant was issued for Harris; one count of Accosting a Child for Immoral Purposes (4 year felony) and one count of Using a Computer to Commit a Crime (10 year felony). Harris was removed from coaching at the Anchor Bay High School where he coached JV Softball at the beginning of this investigation. Harris was arraigned and was given a $100,000 bond (10%) with conditions. Harris is scheduled to be back in court on June 11 for a probable cause conference.

■ **ALCOHOL THIEF REALLY STOCKED UP.** On May 22 at approximately 11:15 a.m., a man stole $600 worth of alcohol from a business on 26 Mile Rd in Macomb Township. The white male is described as 50-55 years old, approximately 6 feet tall, wearing a

white ball cap, a dark blue or black short sleeve shirt, tan khaki type pants, white tennis shoes, and possible polarizing eye glasses. The male left the business as the passenger in an older mid-size light blue or gray SUV. If you can identify the man or have any information on this incident, contact Detective Edringer at 586-307-9363.

■ **MACOMB TWP REACHES OVER REGISTER TO STEAL CASH.** On May 28 at approximately 3:30 p.m., a man robbed a business on 21 Mile Rd in Macomb Township. Luckily nobody was hurt, however, Macomb Sheriff's would still like to speak with him. He is described as a white male in his 50's with gray hair. If you can identify this man or have any additional information on this incident, contact Detective Fraser at 586-307-9435.

■ **SCAM ALERT** - A friendly reminder that the Macomb County Sheriff's Office will not call you and demand money or gift cards over the phone for any reason. Recently, MCSO has taken reports of scams where victims are receiving phones calls from persons identifying themselves as employees of the Sheriff's Office. These persons are demanding money and/or gifts cards from the victim, usually to take care of some type of "warrant." Any monies accepted towards any type of warrant will only be accepted in person at the Macomb County Jail. If you receive a call and you are unsure, you should physically come to the Macomb County Sheriff's Office and inquire about the information.

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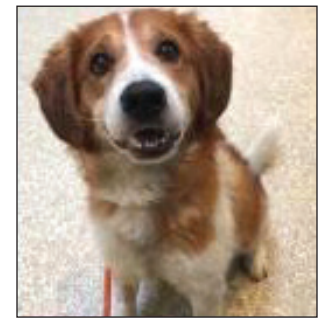

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