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Utica's Park It Movie Night: Peter Rabbit

The City of Utica is hosting another Park It Movie Night on Tuesday, July 24 from 6 - 9 p.m. in Grant Park. Enjoy the movie Peter Rabbit with your neighbors in Utica.

There will be food and ice cream for purchase. Bring your lawn chair, cooler, and the entire family out for a relaxing evening. Alcohol not permitted. The movie starts at promptly at 8:20 p.m. Come early and get a great spot, listen to some music, and relax in beautiful Grant Park, located at 8201 Hahn St in Utica.

Macomb's Pine Tree Acres Landfill Recycling

According to the Macomb Township Supervisor's Office, Pine Tree Acres Landfill offers a recycling drop-off area for local residents who do not have curbside recycling. The landfill is located in Lenox Township and is the only landfill in Macomb County. The Macomb County Solid Waste Plan provided additional decades of disposal capacity at the landfill for Macomb County and Southeast Michigan.

The recycling drop-off area is available during normal business hours. Visit pinetreeacreslandfill.wm.com/index.jsp for more information.

Take A Wagon Ride To Learn About Wildflowers

If you're curious about local flora and fauna, the Stony Creek Nature Center will host a Wildflowers by Wagon event to offer information about some native plant species.

Hop aboard a wagon and see the various plants, pollinators, and other wildflowers, and learn how to use such plants in your garden. The wagon ride is on Saturday, July 28 at 1 p.m. The age requirements are 7 and above, and the cost is \$5. For more information on this event, call 586-781-9113 or go to metroparks.com.



Utica Welcomes Home U.S. Marine Corporal Sawyer

THE CITY OF UTICA is welcoming home one of their own this week. "Welcome home United States Marine Corps Corporal Ashton Sawyer!" the city said on their Facebook page with the above photo. "Thank you for your service!"

35th Annual Shelby Art Fair Celebrates Craft And Community

The Shelby Township Art Fair returns August 11 and 12 to the township's Municipal Campus at 52700 Van Dyke Ave. to display fine arts, crafts, products from Michigan-based businesses, entertainment, and food.

The Shelby Township Art Fair offers guests a chance to see nationally renowned artists as well as a large number of local artists exhibiting their works. Event hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, August 11 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, August 12. Parking and entry are free. A complimentary

shuttle bus will also be available to those wishing to park at the Community Center at 51670 Van Dyke Ave.

"The Shelby Township Art Fair has been one of my favorites for quite a while and one of the few left that I continue to do since I will be arriving at the ripe old age of 80 next year," said artist Shirley Hathaway, who exhibits watercolors at the fair.

In addition to paintings, pottery, jewelry, wood, glass, and other art forms, the Shelby Township Art Fair

places a premium on providing a day full of fun for the entire family.

Highlighting the entertainment is the live music at the township bandshell located in the heart of the fair. There are also crafts and activities in the Kid's Corner, strolling circus performers, and the Art Fair Scavenger Hunt for kids.

The Shelby Township Art Fair is also hosting the DIA Away Mobile Unit August 12. The DIA Away is a 53-foot double-expandable trailer. Inside,

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Macomb Sheriff's New Drone Unit

The Macomb County Sheriff's Office recently launched a new Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Unit. These vehicles, more commonly known as drones, are an additional resource to current investigative techniques and personnel. The UAV unit can be activated when searching for a missing person, performing a rescue, encountering a barricaded gunman or hostage situation, and conducting traffic crash and crime scene investigations.

The Sheriff's Office currently owns four DJI UAVs which are equipped with high-resolution cameras that can capture both aerial photos and video. One of the UAVs has a FLIR thermal imaging camera which is useful in a variety of situations including searching for a missing person in a wooded area or water. The cost for these four UAVs was \$26,053 which was paid for using forfeiture funds.

Operating in compliance with Part 107, all UAV pilots must receive training and pass the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) exam to receive a remote pilot certificate. Currently, two deputies possess an FAA remote pilot certificate, however, fourteen more deputies are scheduled to be trained.

Deputies trained to pilot the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle must keep it within visual line-of-sight, fly at or below 400 feet, fly during daylight or civil twilight, and comply with other Federal Aviation Regulations. If necessary, the department can request a waiver from the FAA if an exception is needed.

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OFFICERS KNOBELSDORF AND LUKAS of the Shelby Township Police Department completed Police Mountain Bike Training with the fastest times in their class. They hit the streets of Shelby Township starting this week. They will be in the parks and at community events, and residents are encouraged to give them a friendly hello if they see them riding.

Don't Miss The 35th Annual Shelby Art Fair

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patrons will discover some of the ways artists think and then have the opportunity to try out creative thinking skills at digital and hands-on stations.

Another interactive way for patrons to enjoy the art fair is through the township's Solid Waste and Recycling Committee's Trashy Treasures Art Competition. This contest is a chance to turn trash into something beautiful and submit it to be displayed at the art fair.

Entries are voted on by art fair patrons, and the winner can take home up to \$75 in prizes, all while helping keep our community green. Entries are due August 7 and can be submitted via email to shelbyprm@shelbytpw.org or by visiting the PRM offices at 52700 Van Dyke Ave. Entry forms are available at shelbytpw.org/recycling and at the Shelby Township Library.

"My favorite part of the art fair is the way it brings the community together for a celebration of all things

Shelby Township," Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. "Whether it's a local artist in the fair, an amateur artist with a design in the Recycled Art Competition, or a family meeting our firefighters and police officers, it's great to see everyone out enjoying the campus and each other."

For the entertainment schedule and more information, follow the Shelby Township Art Fair on Facebook, visit shelbyartfair.org, or call 586-731-0300.

National Storage Center Shelby Comes On Board As U-Haul Dealer

U-Haul Company of Michigan has announced that National Storage Center Shelby has signed on as a U-Haul neighborhood dealer to serve the Shelby Township community.

National Storage Center Shelby at 6625 23 Mile Road will offer U-Haul trucks, moving supplies, and in-store pick up for boxes.

The arrival of U-Haul Truck Share 24/7 is revolutionizing the moving industry through its more convenient,

more secure way to pick up and return a truck. U-Haul live verification technology allows rental transactions to be carried out entirely on a smartphone at any hour – day or night. There are no membership fees. Visit uhaul.com to create an online account.

Normal business hours are 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. Reserve U-Haul products at this dealer location by calling 586-580-8232 or visiting uhaul.com.



CDS Computer Moves, Stays In Shelby Township

SUPERVISOR RICK STATHAKIS was on hand for this week's ribbon cutting of the new CDS Computer Sales & Service location in Shelby Township. "Congratulations to CDS Computer Sales & Service for relocating and keeping its business in Shelby Township," Stathakis said on his Facebook page along with the above photo. "Our community wishes the owner and employees the very best." CDS is now located at 45971 Hayes Rd.

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FUTURE SCHOLARS DAYCARE stopped by the Macomb County Sheriff's Office Mt. Clemens substation last week to deliver homemade cards and treats to the deputies. The kids were able to look at the police cars and were given stuffed animals by the deputies.

Rock The Plank In Macomb Township

On Saturday, August 4 from 2 to 10 p.m., St. Peter Lutheran Church and St. Isidore Church are co-hosting Rock the Plank, an outdoor concert event. The event will be taking place at St. Peter Lutheran Church.

Country artist Josh Gracin will be headlining the event to help support the New Day Foundation for Families and the ChadTough Foundation, two Michigan-based cancer foundations. To start the day's festivities, food, an arts and crafts market, and local performers on a side stage will begin at 2 p.m. The concert on the main stage will begin at 7 p.m.

St. Peter Lutheran Church and School is located at 17051 24 Mile Road in Macomb Township. For more information about the event, contact St. Peter Lutheran Church at 586-781-9296 or churchoffice@splcs.net.

MCC's Community Leadership Certificate Program

Macomb Community College's Community Leadership Certificate Program (CLP) is preparing graduates to identify and address challenges in their community and make a positive change.

Created in conjunction with the Community Learning Partnership of Southeast Michigan, Macomb's program prepares students interested in making a positive impact in their communities through careers in fields such as community and economic development, community organizing, social services, city and county government, community health, policy advocacy, and arts and cultural organizations.

The CLP is an opportunity for students to develop a variety of leadership, organizational and conflict resolution skills through courses in sociology, psychology and business management. The program curricula has been

shaped through focus group input from community partners and refined by community organization feedback. The goal is to train graduates to make a positive impact in their communities through personal intervention. The CLP certificate can be pursued individually or in conjunction with any Macomb associate degree.

Christina Young, 33 of New Baltimore, is a single mom with two kids who completed the certificate program and is putting those skills to work at the Macomb County Community Mental Health Crisis Center.

"I feel like this is the role for me, to be a voice for those who don't have one for themselves," said Young "I wanted to be able to be out in the community, to be a leader and to be able to help others who can't help themselves."

Incorporated in Macomb's CLP program is a 45-hour, three-credit practicum during which students put their education to work at community partner organizations such as Matrix Social Services, Michigan Legal Services and Muslim Family Services. Young completed her practicum at the HarborChase Memory Care Facility.

"During the practicum, our students are required to keep a daily journal and meet regularly with an advisor to reflect on how what they have learned in the classroom can be applied in their host organization," said Rochelle Zaranek, professor, Arts and Sciences and CLP certificate coordinator.

Learn more about the Community Leadership Certificate Program at macomb.edu.



State Of Shelby Township "Stronger Than Ever"

SHELBY TOWNSHIP'S STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP ADDRESS was held this week at the Packard Proving Grounds, hosted by the Macomb County Chamber. "The focus of today's State of Shelby Township Address was to express how proud and grateful the community is for the dedication and professionalism of our Police Officers and Firefighters," said Shelby Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis. "The State of Shelby Township is stronger than its ever been, because our community and its residents are safer than they have ever been. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and all of the residents of Shelby Township, thank you to all of our public safety personnel."

Plan To Improve State Disaster Funding Signed Into Law

New laws sponsored by two Macomb County representatives are designed to help Michigan communities secure state funds to deal with disasters.

Bills sponsored by state Reps. Steve Marino and Diana Farrington were recently signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder. The new laws increase the minimum balance of the state disaster fund to \$2.5 million – up from \$1 million. The maximum allowable

grants to local governments are also increased, based on population.

"We can't afford delays in assistance when a catastrophe like the Fraser sinkhole develops," said Marino, of Harrison Township. "By increasing the amount of money readily available in this fund, communities should receive the money they need when they need it."

Farrington, of Utica, sponsored the new tier system that bases the

maximum allowable amount of aid on a community's population.

"The previous limits on assistance were simply insufficient, particularly for larger communities facing greater expenses in the immediate aftermath of a disaster," Farrington said. "Our new laws provide more flexibility so sufficient assistance can be delivered without needless delays."

House Bills 4609 and 4610 are now Public Acts 263 and 264 of 2018.

Kids Interactive And Musical Storytelling

No matter the culture or time, stories have been a constant form of entertainment for people. The public library in Shelby Township is giving kids of all ages a chance to experience interactive and musical stories from around the world.

The World Music and Stories event will have storytellers introduc-

ing musical stories and musical instruments from around the world. Children will see instruments such as the didgeridoo, steel drums, and maracas. The storytelling session is on Wednesday, August 8 at 1:30 p.m.

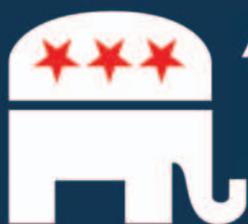
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- I've worked with Doug for a decade and he is extremely knowledgeable when it comes to working with our residents. He looks out for the greater good of everyone. His knowledge on senior issues and elder law has been an asset to our community. He has my full endorsement and support to be our State Representative.



Shelby Township Treasurer Michael Flynn

- Doug Wozniak has a great conservative financial mind and has been a vital part in building a positive financial balance sheet and saving tax payers money. He will be a great Representative and will be the financial watch dog we all need in Lansing.

Doug is an expert in elder law as an attorney and understands and relates to senior issues better than any candidate in this race.

(Doug with Supervisor Rick Stathakis & Treasurer Michael Flynn)

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The Obesity Odds: Avoid The Epidemic



by Nicole Lynn
Martin
Wellness Director,
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If you've checked the stats lately, you already know how grim the obesity epidemic has gotten, even over the last decade.

According to data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), 70.2% of Americans are either overweight or obese. 37.7% of us are obese, including a whopping 40.4% of women. Almost 8% of the population is considered extremely obese. Even worse? One in six children ages two through nineteen are considered obese.

That's not good, at all, because obesity leads to all sorts of major health problems. Heart disease, type 2 diabetes, cancer, strokes – and hundreds of other maladies are direct consequences of obesity. So, how did we get here? Well, while it's easy to oversimplify the causes of obesity, here are some factors that, in combination, can lead to obesity.

Genetics: While your genes do play a part, they don't play nearly as large a role as you might think. Genes, according to a recent Harvard study, only influence who might become obese. Environment and lifestyle choices determine how many people actually become obese.

Diet: Not surprisingly, diet is one of the biggest factors in obesity. Consuming large amounts of simple carbs like sugar, drinking sodas, and ingesting the massive amount of non-food chemicals and preservatives in processed food. All of these contribute to the obesity epidemic in profound ways.

Lifestyle: We work in offices. We spend the evening on the couch in front of multiple screens. But as humans, we evolved to move; To chase down our food; To escape lions. Now that we no longer have to move, we don't, so our hormones slip out of balance.

The Skinny on Obesity: The moral of the story here: The obesity epidemic isn't going to go away on its own. Honestly, even trying to tackle the problem at a macro level is probably a fool's errand. But if you educate yourself, and then take action on that information, we can reverse obesity.

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Questions and Answers About Assisted Living

SENIOR LIVING ADVISOR



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

Question: I am looking for a senior assisted living apartment for my mother who has significant needs. How will the staff know if she needs help?

A: When looking for an assisted living apartment for a loved-one with many needs you should do your research. Look for a branch that has resident call and other security systems that can keep them safe. The branch should have every entrance monitored and secured from the outside in. Some have state-of-the-art monitoring systems designed specif-

ically for their branch and utilize wearable pendants which immediately notifies the staff with the press of a button. Many also have multiple pull cords in the apartment to notify the caregiver that their assistance is needed. Specially designed watches have also been developed for those who need even more supervision. Talking with an experienced branch representative to inform you of their security systems and if they are proactive with their approach can help with your choice of a secure assisted living apartment for your loved-one.

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.

All Seasons VA Benefits Presentation

All Seasons of Rochester Hills Independent Senior Living invites you to attend a special "VA Benefits Presentation" on Wednesday, July 25 at 1 p.m. The featured speaker is Belinda S. Duggan, Veterans Benefits Claims Supervisor for Oakland County

Veterans Services a Division of the Bureau of Veterans Affairs.

Seating is limited, please RSVP by July 23 at 248-260-2869. All Seasons of Rochester Hills is located at 175 E. Nawakwa Rd., at M-59 in Rochester Hills.

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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.

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Emerald Theatre, Mt. Clemens

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Ringwald Theatre, Ferndale

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THU, JULY 26 - 9 p.m.
Go Comedy! Theatre, Ferndale

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Shelby Township Library

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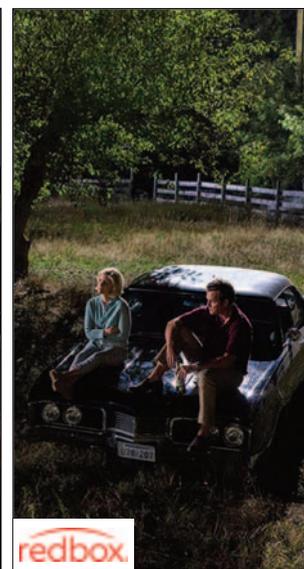
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Former FBI Hostage Rescue Team leader and U.S. war veteran Will Ford now assesses security for skyscrapers. He's on assignment in China when he finds the tallest, safest building in the world suddenly ablaze, and he's been framed for it. A wanted man on the run, Will must find those responsible to clear his name.

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3: SUMMER VACATION

Join your favorite monster family as they embark on a vacation on a luxury monster cruise ship so Drac can take a summer vacation from providing everyone else's vacation at the hotel. The dream vacation turns into a nightmare when Mavis realizes Drac has fallen for the mysterious captain of the ship, Ericka, who hides a dangerous secret.

Disney's Beauty And The Beast Jr Presented By Stagecrafters

Reviewed by SUZANNE ANGIO (member, American Theatre Critics Association) and GREG ANGIO (Member Emeritus, San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle)

What's not to love about magic, singing teapots and a happy ending? Stagecrafters Youth Theatre presents "Beauty and the Beast Jr," a shorter, student-production version of the Broadway musical based on Disney's Oscar-winning 1991 movie. The film, in turn, was based on a beloved 18th-century French fairy tale. The "Junior" version has most of the familiar songs, and an abbreviated running time. The original Broadway musical was a big hit with audiences, beginning its 13-year run on Broadway in April 1994.

The fairy story's enduring message: Judging someone for their outward looks is a mistake; you must wait and see who they really are inside. A nasty but handsome prince learns this the hard way when he is transformed into an ugly Beast by an enchantress. Love must break the spell, but who can love him now? Surely not Belle, the most beautiful (and quirky) girl in the village?

This presentation at the Baldwin is a student effort, with the cast and crew drawn from local K-12 schools, so it's easy to overlook technical mishaps and other performance blips that happen along the way.



Lulu Bushman steals the show in the lead role of Belle, with a lovely voice and commanding stage presence. Other standouts include Liam Ferris offering a sincere and sympathetic Beast, Nick Easterling as the charming villain Gaston, and Rocco Morrow as his pint-sized sidekick LeFou. There's raw talent on display here, with some of these kids surely going on to professional stage careers. And they should all be proud of their remarkable achievement in creating

the formidable costumes and set. Not to mention the ensemble cast of 37, who harmonizes beautifully together.

There are some rough spots in staging (especially crowd scenes) but director Jody Florkowski's work with the young cast is very commendable as he harnesses that infectious youthful energy into a cohesive form.

Stagecrafters Youth Theatre was founded in 1972 to offer children from 8 to 18 the experience of working and training in a real, working theatre.

Anyone who was involved in the class play in school will envy this cast and crew for the wonderful venue they have at their disposal. The Baldwin's professional lighting, sound and stage are a great training ground for young students of the theatre arts.

The air fairly crackles with anticipation just before the show begins, as the many small children in the audience are eager to see what, for many, is their first live performance. There's hearty applause and squeals of delight after each musical number, as testament to their appreciation.

Stagecrafters Youth Theatre "Beauty and the Beast Jr" runs now through July 22, 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$8 to \$14. Baldwin Theatre is located at 415 S. Lafayette in Royal Oak. For more information, call 248-541-6430 or visit stagecrafters.org.

Stagecrafters Youth Theatre creates opportunities for young people through live theatrical plays by youth for youth, with the goal of fostering teamwork, self-esteem and an enthusiasm for the arts. The program provides all aspects of theatre, including acting, lights, sound, choreography, hair and makeup, props, set, stage management, direction, and more. The Youth Theatre program is open to ages of 8 through 18.

Take Root Dance Co. Debuts An Evening Of Movement & Music

Enjoy an evening of movement and live music with Detroit-based modern dance company Take Root. Known for their intricate partnering, thought provoking details, and unre-

stricted vision, Take Root makes its debut in The Cube with a unique program featuring live music, their underwater dance film Ripples from the Skin We Shed, and the premiere of their newest work Airplanes and Elevators inspired by the company's recent tour



of Berlin, Germany. The evening features Jon Anderson, composer, piano, electronics; Daniel DeRose, viola; Thayer Jonutz, choreographer; Ali Woerner, choreographer.

The performance will take place on Saturday, July 21, at 7 p.m. at the Max M. & Marjorie S. Fisher Music Center, located at 3711 Woodward Avenue in Detroit. Tickets are \$15 for general admission. For more information, visit DSO.org.

Summer Music Theatre Celebrates 45 Years With Newsies

The Rochester Community Schools Summer Music Theatre program is celebrating its 45th season with the 2018 production of Disney's "Newsies."

Local students in grades 4-12 comprise the SMT cast and crew of "Newsies," which was inspired by the real-life newsboy's strike of 1899 in New York City. The story was released as a Disney film in 1992 and became a Broadway musical in 2012.

SMT "Newsies" will run nightly at 7 p.m. from July 25 - July 28, with a 1 p.m. matinee on July 28. All performances will be held in the Rochester High School Performing Arts Auditorium, located at 180 S. Livernois Rd. in Rochester Hills. Tickets are available online at showtix4u.com.

"**Summer Music Theatre** is operated as a professional production from audition through staging and presentation," said JoAnna Pillsbury, SMT coordinator and Rochester Adams High School theatre director. "We invite all community members to join us for this entertaining production."

This longstanding community tra-

dition began in 1973, with SMT's inaugural production of "The Sound of Music," under the direction of its founder, Timothy Lentz, Ph.D. Lentz taught for 35 years at RCS and served as the Adams High School vocal music director and theatre coordinator for three decades. He is now an archivist for Michigan Opera Theatre and director of the Dance and Opera Resource Library at the Detroit Opera House.

Since its inception, the SMT program has helped train many noteworthy professionals for music, theatre, and other performing arts careers.

2018 Detroit performances; Lauren Zarkin, Stoney Creek Class of 2007, who served as the understudy for the role of Elle Woods in the national tour of "Legally Blonde," played the lead, Sherrie, in the Broadway production of "Rock of Ages," and most recently was an ensemble soloist in NBC's television production of "Jesus Christ Superstar;" and Gabe Gibbs, Rochester High Class of 2011, who starred as the lead, Elder Price, in the national tour of "Book of Mormon." Other noteworthy Adams graduates include Brian Cheney who performs with major



Talented SMT alumni include: Nicole Arnold, Rochester Class of 2011, who recently starred as Mary Poppins in the Chicago national tour; Steve Czarnecki, Adams Class of 2005, who toured nationally with "Les Miserables" as the understudy for Jean Valjean and played the lead during the

opera companies; Leslie Henstock who played Cosette in the National Tour of Les Miserables; and Eric Jackson who played Young Frankenstein on Broadway.

For more information about the Summer Music Theatre program, visit adamstheatre.com.

Anton Art Center 'Motherhood' Reception July 28

The Anton Art Center will host an opening reception for Motherhood, a juried visual art exhibition featuring works on the complexity of motherhood, presented by McLaren Macomb. The exhibition showcases artists responses to how mothering affects a person's body, mind, and identity, how motherhood influences creative work or vice versa, or to generally address the topic of motherhood as it pertains to them.

Motherhood features 42 selected artworks by 25 artists from near and far, including regional artists from southeast Michigan, out-of-state artists from Texas, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio, New York, and Missouri, and international artists from Singapore and Canada. Works cross a variety of media including photography, ink, graphite, colored pencil, charcoal, felt, oil paint, watercolor, mixed media, sterling silver, breast milk, nursing pads, mohair, acrylic, etc.

Juried by the Anton Art Center exhibition committee, Motherhood artists have been awarded with nearly \$1,000 in cash prizes and additional honorable mention awards. Accepted artwork will be on display in the first floor gallery.

An opening reception will be held at the Anton Art Center on Saturday, July 28, from 2 - 4 p.m., with awards to be announced at 3 p.m., and refreshments provided by SisterFriends Detroit.

"Motherhood is a collaborative effort that celebrates vast and multidimensional elements, from the very personal and physical, to the ever-changing demand for development of skill, strength, and intuition. Becoming a mother is a wonderfully uniting and

simultaneously humbling experience. The challenges in motherhood may be endless, but the occasional triumphs can be the most empowering moments in life. This show aims to ignite conversation and appreciation for mothering in many forms," says Stephanie Hazzard, Exhibition Manager.

Motherhood will be on display at the Anton Art Center July 28 to September 5.

The second floor gallery will feature the Tuesday Printmakers artist group exhibition through August 30, including a variety of printmaking styles by ten artists. The reception for

this exhibit is scheduled for Saturday, July 21 from 1-3 p.m., with refreshments provided by the exhibiting artist group.

For more information about the Anton Art Center, visit theartcenter.org or call 586-469-8666. The Anton Art Center is a registered nonprofit organization located in Mount Clemens, with a mission to enrich and inspire people of all ages through the arts and a vision to build an open community around creative expression.

The Anton Art Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and admission is free.

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PERSPECTIVES



Op-Ed by
PETE MAURER

A little more than a decade ago, Michigan lawmakers embarked on an ambitious program to prepare our high school students for the reality of additional learning after graduation. The Michigan Merit Curriculum was an ambitious, but very short-sighted idea. But who listens to teachers, then or now?

With a heavy emphasis on math and science, not to mention social studies and English, it soon became apparent to schools that in order to complete the very academically-oriented classwork, students would be limited in their opportunities to take elective classes.

Many districts responded by greatly reducing or eliminating many classes that involved skilled trades, such as wood, metal, and auto shop. If schools were being forced to prepare virtually every student for college, there just wouldn't be room in their schedule for these types of classes.

Teachers immediately saw this approach as foolhardy. Although all teachers want nothing but the best for their students, many also know that

not every student, even in advantaged suburban districts, is destined for four-year colleges with advanced degrees.

Teachers know that a sizeable number of students, despite being intelligent and articulate, love to work with their hands. Other students, despite working to the limits of their abilities, just do not have the cognitive ability to perform at a college-readiness level.

And in a state where the lawmakers forced a rigorous, college-ready curriculum upon the schools and students, many of those students were left floundering, caught in a system which rewarded those headed for college, and consequences for those whose path in life was different.

Although some recent updates in the Michigan Merit Curriculum reflect the realities of high school students and their chosen career paths, there are over a decade's worth of high school graduates who were not destined for college, but whose district failed to provide them with an alternate education more suited for future carpenters, auto service technicians, welders, plumbers, electricians, and other skilled trades.

And now, in the midst of another election cycle, it is especially aggravating to see Republican gubernatorial candidates talk about the need to provide more skilled trade classes for our high school students. These are the very same people whose stringent high

school graduation requirements caused the mess in the first place!

And if that wasn't enough, recent billboards around the state brag about how the Michigan Lottery has pumped \$924 million into our schools in the past year, and over \$20 billion since the games began decades ago.

This is a lie, and a big one at that! The Lottery does not provide additional money to our schools. It is a very clever shell game, designed to provide a backdoor conduit through which lottery 'profits' are put into the state's general budget. How?

Let's say the state decides to set aside \$20 billion on schools for the year, and the lottery provides \$1 billion in 'profit.' That sounds like \$21 billion for our schools, right? Wrong.

What the state actually does is wait to see how much the lottery will provide, and then kick in the rest out of the school aid fund. In other words, in the example above, the state would only spend \$19 billion, relying on the Lottery to provide the other \$1 billion.

The 'extra' billion is then kept in the general budget to be spent on other services the state provides. Mind me, I truly don't care that lottery 'profits' are used in the state budget, but, please, quit bragging about how it 'helps' our schools.

It never did, and was never designed to do that.

Send a Letter to the Editor: Andrew@gazettegroup.com.

Sterling Heights Library's Signature Book Sale And Signing

The Sterling Heights Public Library's signature book sale and signing is returning for its fourth year. On Saturday, July 28, over 50 talented Michigan authors and six local and national writers groups will take part in the library's Local Author Book Sale. The sale is a prominent feature of the City of Sterling Heights' annual festival, Sterlingfest.

adult books, fiction, and non-fiction with just about every genre represented. It's quite the variety," adds Groth.

The Local Author Book Sale will take place at the Richard Notte City Center on Saturday, July 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The authors will occupy tables along the covered walkway between the library and police department.

national writing groups we've invited," said Groth. "They'll be bringing many top-notch authors, including Kelly DiPucchio, the New York Times best-selling author of Grace for President and The Sandwich Swap." DiPucchio will be at the SCBWI's table from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rochester Writers, one of the local authors' groups represented, will be bringing a handful of authors, including award-winning R.L. Herron, Joan Dee Wilson, Devon Drake, Nora Cook Smith, and Gem Cano. "Southeast Michigan is home to many wonderful writers," said Michael Dwyer, Founder of Rochester Writers. "We appreciate the opportunity to showcase authors in conjunction with Sterlingfest."

The library's own writing group, the Creative Writers Workshop, has been working closely with the library to ensure the event's success. "The Local Author Book Sale is a fantastic opportunity for local authors to bring their creativity to the community," said Terry Hojnacki, the group's facilitator. "What better place than a library to bring writers and readers together."

Other groups at the event include Detroit Working Writers, Great Lakes Association of Horror Writers, and Romance Authors.

Visit sterling-heights.net or call the Sterling Heights Public Library at 586-446-2640 for more information.



"This is our biggest sale yet," said Jason Groth, the library's Public Relations and Programs Coordinator. "With so many authors this year, everyone can walk away with a great read. We'll have children's books,

Most of the authors will be on site throughout the entire event, but some of the writing groups will rotate in their members at different times. "The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) is one of the

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In reference to Peter Maurer's op-ed titled "Same Old Gang And Story" published July 13, 2018.

Sounds like the old Socialist Maurer is up to it again. Does he bother to look at who has the wealth? Those who have had the ideas, drive, skills, and are willing to put their capital at

risk are those that are garnering the wealth just as they always have. Should they feel guilty for being successful?

Well there's always that saying that holds true to this very day for people like this author. "Those who can, do, those who can't, teach".

Signed,
Henry Ford, Elon Musk, Mark Zuckerberg, Thomas Edison, and on and on.

PS – By the way, unions did not create the middle class, entrepreneurs risking their capital did.

– Gary Golasa, Shelby Township

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