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Eisenhower Jazz Ensemble Concert

On Wednesday, January 9 at 7 p.m., check out a list performance by the Eisenhower Jazz Ensemble at their annual Winter Concert.

The performance will feature a variety of jazz selections performed by Ike's Big Band, as well a few by the talented students from Malow Junior High School.

A small admittance charge goes directly towards the students of the Malow and Eisenhower High School Instrumental Music Program. The concert runs from 7-8:45 p.m. and will be held at Eisenhower High School, 6500 25 Mile Rd in Shelby Township.

UAIS Information Night

Prospective students and their families are invited to UAIS Information Night at the Utica Academy for International Studies.

The event will be held on Tuesday, January 15, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

During Information Night, people will learn about the UAIS educational environment, the International Baccalaureate Organization, UAIS application process, and have a chance to go on a building tour.

Registration is not required, but the program will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. Attendees are advised to arrive early to ensure seating.

Utica Academy for International Studies is at 37400 Dodge Park Rd. in Sterling Heights.

Eat BBQ to Support Neighbors United

Dickey's BBQ Dine Out, located at 20755 Hall Rd. in Macomb, will host a fundraiser in support of Neighbors United on Wednesday, January 16 from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. To learn more, visit Dickeys.com/.



MODERN CABINETS AND TRIM held a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new facility in Shelby Township in late December with the help of the Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce and supervisor Rick Stathakis. Located at 51754 Van Dyke just north of 23 Mile, Modern cabinets provides home decor products from vintage to modern at affordable prices. To learn more, visit moderncabinetsandtrim.com or call 586-884-4818.

Student Inventor Making International Business Deals

Chroma Robotics founder and inventor Devendra Tambat, a senior at the Utica Academy for International Studies (UAIS), created Blocko - a customizable 3D-printed robot that can be used with the Arduino or Lego platform.

Being a 17-year-old student at UAIS, Devendra has been creating things his entire life.

With his 3D printer, knowledge in CAD design, and three years of foreign language classes in Japanese, he has become a self-starting entrepreneur who recently visited a major Japanese toy manufacturer, unannounced, to

pitch his concepts. The result was the start of a relationship that may result in the manufacturer using his ideas to build an American market.

With all things good, failure leads to success. After spending an entire school year learning CAD and sitting through Crevolution meetings picking up on what was thought, Devendra launched his first product on Kickstarter. "It failed miserably," he says. "Trying to figure out what I could have done better, I showed it off at Maker Faire Detroit. People loved it, but the main issue was the robot being big, bulky, and costly at \$60.

Taking this into account, I slimmed it down, rebuilt it, and relaunched it on Kickstarter—this time being successfully funded."

Devendra says the best thing about this process is seeing where his inventions have gone. From Luxemburg, Norway, Sweden, all the way to China, people from all over the world have purchased his robots. Since the Kickstarter and consequent sales after did well, he was then able to travel to Maker Faire Japan.

"I stayed there for a week. For the first two days I went to Maker Faire

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Macomb Recognized as Veteran-Friendly School

The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) named Macomb Community College as a certified Veteran-Friendly School, awarding the college gold-level recognition for the fourth consecutive year.

The Veteran-Friendly School program recognizes institutions of higher learning for their commitment to support student veterans and their dependents in utilizing their G.I. Bill and navigating other educational resources. It awards gold, silver, and bronze status to institutions that offer veteran-centric services and programs.

"Offering assistance to veterans, active-duty military and family members, all of whom have been willing to sacrifice for our freedoms, is very rewarding," said Kara Fields, director, Veteran Services, Macomb Community College. "Through collaboration with the Veterans Administration (VA), the State of Michigan, Macomb County and numerous other organizations, we help our students get the help they need and deserve with dedicated, hands-on support."

Macomb's Office of Veteran and Military Services help find assistance for student veterans and active military personnel for resources that transcend their educational needs through a network of veteran service organizations.

MVAA is a Michigan state government agency within the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. It serves as the central coordinating point for Michigan veterans, connecting those who have served to services and benefits throughout the state.

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Refuge For Nations Seeking Donations for New Facility

Recognizing a great need in the community, Refuge For Nations helps provide a means of employment for a segment of the community that does not fit into the mainstream workforce due to different language and cultural barriers.

Refuge For Nations provides industrial sewing opportunities for immigrant and refugee women as they

they have found a place to lease in Detroit to expand their local manufacturing unit. They are in need of immediate funds to pay at least three months of the lease and purchase Juki Industrial sewing machines. The lease is near \$1200 a month including utilities and the Juki machines are \$800 new, \$500 used. To start the unit, they are looking to purchase 10 machines.



come from war-torn areas and working with hands seems to be the best-suited job for them as they have gone through a lot in their lives.

Refuge For Nations leaders say

You will get a tax-exempt receipt from Refuge for Nations for every dollar that you donate. For more information, or to donate, email Cynthia Khan at ifcentersusa@gmail.com.

Teenage Robotics Engineer Takes Inventions to Japan

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Tokyo and got a bunch of information from everyone on their projects," Devendra says of the trip. "Seeing the variation and differences in thought and innovation amazed me, so much so that I began a partnership with one of the companies I met, PCN. Some of their motherboards and microcontrollers are only sold in Japan, so I wanted to see about importing them to the US. After that I visited a myriad of other companies such as Sony, Toshiba, and Mitsubishi, their ventures into robotics and such are so cool, at least to me."

Because of an active non-disclosure agreement, Devendra is unable to say what specific company he's working with now, but he adds he ended up going to a major Japanese conglomerate's headquarters to pitch his idea.

"Upon entering I went up to the receptionist and said I wanted to meet their Vice President, who at the time, I had no idea was their vice president. She then told me to write down my company's name, address, and phone number and that she'll call him down," Devendra says of the pitch. "While on the phone with him she asked if he had a meeting planned with me, his immediate response was no. Obviously I didn't have a meeting with him and came in unannounced, but I still began to panic wondering if I'd be kicked out by security. Thankfully however, he did infect come down

after a grueling 20-minute wait. After bowing to him I immediately asked him if he spoke English, immediately

that goal attached to it," he says. "For example, one of the robots I made is called Nugget. It's just a simple head



he said, in Japanese, 'not at all.'"

While he has three years of experience in Japanese language classes, Devendra was scared to try and have a business meeting without speaking any English whatsoever, but was able to talk to him in only Japanese for an hour and a half. Devendra adds, "After the meeting ended, I got his business card and he told me that he liked my idea and that their company was looking for companies to invest in, preferably American ones. Thus as we concluded, a partnership was formed."

So what started him on this entrepreneurial path? "What makes me happy is seeing other people happy. Because of that, anything I create has

that spins on three wheels. I've let it roam the school hallways before and seeing the joy Nugget brings to not only my friends, but the staff as well, is what fills me with joy."

Next year, Devendra hopes to attend the University of Michigan, with an interest in Japanese and the Ross School of Business. "I hope to use these programs as a stepping stone to create things that'll not only help the campus out tremendously but the greater world as a whole."

You can find Devendra's robots and creations on his website at ChromaRobotics.com/.

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YOUNG READERS CAN GET PRACTICE reading with a gentle audience during the Utica Public Library's PAWS For Reading Program. Every other Wednesday, January 23 through March 13, beginning readers can enjoy reading to Aizlyn, a golden retriever, who is certified therapy dog. The event is held at the library and begins at 6:30 p.m. No registration is required, and readers can drop in anytime between 6:30-7:30 p.m. To learn more about the program, call the Utica Public Library at 586-731-4141.

Residents Paying for Their Own Roads at Excessive Rates

PERSPECTIVES



Op-Ed by
BRAD O'DONNELL

Imagine you are purchasing a new home. You find a perfect fit, one that satisfies all of your needs. According to Realtor.com, it probably costs somewhere around \$175,000, since that is the median home price in Macomb County.

You have your funding, and you are ready to sign. Your chest swells in excitement, but your real estate agent gives you a piece of alarming news: your new town makes all residents pay for their own roads.

"It's a brand new house," says the real estate agent. "Which means you won't have to pay for the road for at least 25 more years. At that point though, the bill will be \$50,000 in today's dollars."

Like a cartoon character or a cheesy sitcom cast member, you dramatically spit your drink everywhere. \$50,000 against a \$175,000 home? The entire investment would be wiped out!

"The thing is," continues the real estate agent, "do you plan on living in this same house in 25 years? Sell the house in 24 years, and it won't be your problem anymore."

"Brilliant!" you exclaim as you towel off your dining room table.

Let's see if we can draw some parallels to this scenario with some recent

decisions made by Macomb County officials.

\$97.8 million was awarded to Macomb County in the form of a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, to partially fund a rebuild and expansion of Mound Road between I-696 and M-59. The whole project, which includes the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), will cost \$217 million.

(Author disclaimer: I live adjacent to Mound Road and as such I stand to benefit greatly from its rebuild and expansion.)

Free money! The federal government bailed us out! Nothing could go wrong! Right?

Roads in Michigan are expected by so-called experts to last approximately 25 years. (I know, laugh along with me.) This figure does not account for the very heavy truck traffic that uses Mound Road, but we are just having fun here, so we will pretend Mound Road will last the full 25 years.

In 25 years, each one-mile stretch of Mound Road businesses would owe over \$24 million to rebuild this road. If your business takes up even 250 feet, you would owe almost \$1.2 million.

I feel your skepticism. "That's cute, but it isn't how taxes work. You would be paying that off over the course of 25 years, not all at once."

Excellent point. If we take that \$1.2 million and divide it by 25, we come to \$48,000 per year for a parcel that takes up 250 feet of Mound Road frontage. Mound Road is heavily industrial, so maybe we can make the big guys pony up while sparing the mom and pop shops?

The GM Tech Center in 2018 paid a property tax liability of a whopping \$6.5 million – but that includes city, school, and county taxes. Adding up city road taxes and Macomb County operating taxes, we get to \$650,000 per year. The Tech Center spans two-thirds of a mile, which means they would need to pay \$804,000 per year to pay off just Mound Road.

We could be more generous with the numbers, but in the absolute best-case scenario, we would need GM Tech Centers all up and down Mound Road. No diners, no strip malls – only corporate high-rise buildings.

"So we can't afford it," I hear you say as you scratch your chin. "But the federal government can. Every 25 years or so, we can simply wait on them to give us a bailout. More free money."

Welcome to Plan A for Macomb County government. In fact, it's Plan A for tens of thousands of local governments, all across the country. In 25 years, it will be someone else's problem. We have come full circle from our metaphor above.

It's the equivalent of running up tens of thousands of dollars in credit card debt while working minimum wage, and assuming you can pay it off with an inheritance. It might work, but then you have destroyed any wealth your future generations might get.

Our elected officials owe us proof that they have done the math on these expenses. I look forward to being refuted, but I am not counting on it.

Send a Letter to the Editor at andrew@gazettemediagroup.com.



Shelby Crews Respond to Assist with Christmas Day Apartment Fire

Shelby Township firefighters were called to assist with a devastating apartment fire that occurred on Christmas day in Sterling Heights. What should have been a peaceful Christmas morning quickly turned into a nightmare for the families affected by this tragedy.

"If not for the quick response, decision-making and actions by

Sterling Heights Fire Fighters Local 1557, this fire could have been much worse than it was," Friends of Shelby Township Firefighters IAFF Local 1338 posted to their Facebook page with the above photo. "We are proud to call them our brothers and sisters and will always be ready to assist when they call for help."

Photo credit: Joyce Patricia Tye

Macomb Foster Closet Volunteer Orientation

January is a time for resolutions. This year, consider helping the community by becoming a volunteer at the Macomb Foster Closet.

The organization is hosting a volunteer orientation on Monday, January 14 at 6 p.m.

The Macomb Foster Closet helps reduce the financial strain a new foster placement can place on a family by fulfilling immediate needs not supported by the State. The organization provides clothing, underwear, toys, baby equipment, and other gear to

children placed in homes by the system to help kids and families adjust to their new home life.

The Macomb Foster Closet is looking for adults or minors accompanied by a parent or guardian to sort and accept donations and support foster parents while they shop. Attending one of the orientation sessions is required to become a volunteer. Additional dates are available in February and March. During the two and a half hour orientation, volunteers will learn more about the

process and get a taste of the work by helping the center open that night. People who participate in orientation are not obligated to continue volunteer work.

Those interested should send a message to the Macomb Foster Closet on Facebook, so that organizers can communicate with them directly. Be sure to include your phone number and email address in your message.

The Macomb Foster Closet is at 196 N. Rose St. in Mount Clemens.

Snowflake Social with Shelby Community Foundation

Celebrate winter and support a good cause this January at the Shelby Community Foundation Snowflake Social.

The annual event is happening Friday, January 25, from 6-10 p.m. at the Palazzo Grande in Shelby Township.

The theme will be "Black and White," and attendees are encouraged to dress in black white attire.

New this year, the event will feature live entertainment by pop violin

group Nuclassica. The group has been nominated for "Best Entertainment" by Michigan Meetings + Events Magazine for the past five years.

Attendees will enjoy an elegant strolling dinner with craft beer and cider tasting and an open bar. The event will feature chances to win raffle prizes, as well as a special raffle grand prize.

Proceeds from the event will benefit scholarships for local students and community enhancement grants.

Tickets cost \$75 per person and are available online at shelbycommunityfoundation.org. People can also purchase tickets by sending a check for the desired number of tickets to the Shelby Community Foundation at P.O. Box 183181, Shelby Twp. MI 48318.

The Palazzo Grande is at 54660 Van Dyke Ave. Sponsorships for the event are still available and raffle prizes are welcomed. Call 586-909-5305 to learn more.



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Capricorn: Challenge the Boundaries of Your Comfort Zone

YOUR JANUARY HOROSCOPE

by
PAULA LYNDE

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): Right now, you likely have a strong and curious desire to take risks – not necessarily jumping out of airplanes, but risks, nevertheless. You may find yourself jumping onto the dance floor first at a party. If so, just roll with it. There's a time and place for playing it safe as well as the occasional need to give into the unexpected and somewhat

risky. And this is your month to test a few boundaries.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): Get ready to meet interesting new people throughout January, Aquarius. There is a great chance that you will broaden your social circle in very positive ways with individuals who may slightly alter your world view and challenge you to look at life a little differently. Yet, combined with these opportunities to socialize will come a need to have some downtime and recharge your batteries every now and then. And this is a good thing. You need to take care of you.

♓ PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20): Pisces, it is very likely that a friend of yours

will experience a life-changing event, and you will need to offer this person more support than usual. And, down the road, you can expect your friend to return the favor several times over. You may also feel inspired to update your wardrobe, change your hair, or take a trip to the spa for a day of pampering. Why not? You should not feel guilty for these once in a while indulges – you deserve them.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19): It is likely that you have project due soon that you have been putting off. Well, right now, your energy is high, so hop to it! In the end, your efforts will pay off by giving you an enormous amount of satisfaction. Or, if the project is for

work, there is a great chance that you will impress your boss. Finally, if you are single, this positive energy that you are experiencing may inspire you to look for romance. Those in committed relationships will likely find them stable and happy right now.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are feeling very ambitious right now, Taurus, which is great – but you must remember to pace yourself. After all, you do not want to put a ton of effort into your reaching your goals only to burn out in the end. However, with the beginning of a new year comes new opportunities. So, take a class that will help you advance yourself at work or pick up a new hobby. The sky is the limit. However, no one expects you to reach the finish line overnight. This is a marathon, not a sprint.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20): There is an overused saying that goes, “teamwork makes the dream work.” But sometimes this saying is true. For example, this month, you will find it easier to meet your goals – and more gratifying if you have a partner. It could be a best friend, a romantic partner, a family member, or even a coworker. Whoever you decide to collaborate with, focus on each other's unique strengths and the two of you will achieve amazing things. Also, travel may be in your near future.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may experience some difficulties with a friend this month, Cancer, creating a difficult situation. After all, as one of the friendliest signs in the Zodiac, you value friendship and the people who come into your life. However, you must remember that not everyone who seemingly seeks your friendship has the best intention. So, if a person seems toxic, it is okay to establish boundaries or remove them from your life. A better, truer friend is likely waiting just around the corner.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug 22): It is likely that you feel an incredible urge to get healthy this month, Leo, and it is the perfect time of year for making and following through with resolutions. You are also finding it easier right now to throw caution to the wind and be yourself. So, go ahead and sign up for that spin or yoga class – and show up wearing very non-subtle exercise attire! You may inspire others to embrace life, get

healthier, and be the best themselves possible. And if you are single and looking, get ready to catch someone's eye.

♍ VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22): It is mostly about work, work, work right now for you, Virgo, but things are not all bad – quite the opposite. It is likely that you find your work gratifying (both inside and outside of the home), and there is a very good chance that you will find a nice balance between things that must get done and leisure activities toward the end of the month. Also, if you given the opportunity to travel (even on a short trip), take it – getting away for a bit will do you a world of good.

♎ LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22): Bye-bye, 2018! It is time to embrace everything new and fresh, so ditch any bad habits you may have and spring forth into a better tomorrow. Now, because your creativity is high, is the perfect time to sign up for a pottery lesson or a writing class. You may also feel inspired to go out and make new friends – including a new romantic interest (if you are single). Or, if you are married or in a committed relationship, invite your partner to join you in finding new activities.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21): Do you have any hidden talents, Scorpio? If so, now is a great time to explore them and show them off. You will take gratification in displaying your skills and your friends and family members will likely delight in seeing this new, creative side of your personality. Unfortunately, you may have a friend or two who will show some signs of jealousy over the extra attention you will receive. However, there is a good chance that any negativity you experience will be very short-lived.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21): Sure, money can buy you neither love nor true happiness, but it is safe to say that most people do not mind when a little extra money comes their way. And this is likely your month for seeing a boost in your finances, Sagittarius. So, do not be afraid to splurge on something that you have wanted for a while. Also, while things are going mostly well at work, you may experience a communication problem with a coworker. But the issue should work itself if you are patient.

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“Faygo: A Taste of History” at the Library

Faygo pop is a Detroit and Michigan soda icon. The Faygo Book, by Joe Grimm, is the story of a pop, a people, and a place.

The **Shelby Township Library** is hosting “Faygo: A Taste of History” on Wednesday, January 23 at 7-8:30 p.m. in the library atrium.

The Faygo narrative tells how one

family forged a bond of more than 100 years with a city and its residents, and it will tickle the taste buds of Detroiters and Faygo lovers alike.

Event attendees will have the chance to taste some of the brand's iconic flavors and participate in a pop quiz. No registration is required. To learn more, visit shelbytwplib.org/.

Building Confidence and Community at Orangetheory Fitness

BRIDAL SHOW PREVIEW

Great Oaks Country Club Bridal Show
Sunday, January 20
Gazetteevents.com

Looking to get in shape before your big day? Orangetheory Fitness, located at the corner of Rochester and Tienken, has the perfect workout program to get you looking and feeling your best.

Orangetheory Fitness provides a one-hour, full-body group workout. Each workout focuses on improving endurance, strength, and power (ESP).

The practice of heart-rate-based interval training helps gym-goers burn more calories post-workout. Orangetheory trains their members in five key heart-rate zones and a fitness coach is always in the room making sure members are not over or under-training.

Orangetheory opened its doors three years ago in Rochester Hills and currently boasts an active client list of nearly 800. Studio manager and fitness coach Leigh Bravender – who is getting married herself in August – says it's important for brides and grooms to give themselves enough time to get in shape before their wedding day.

"Especially with a big event like a wedding, you want to look and feel

good. With our one-hour total-body workouts, people will see results pretty quickly. Within a couple months, people start seeing big results," says Leigh.

The class-based workout environment offered at Orangetheory also allows members to interact with each other and their coaches, building a true sense of community.

"I love our gym because it's for all ages. We have people that are 20, peo-

ple that are 75, and they all get the same workout, which they can take at their own pace," says Leigh. "It's not just a gym for a lot of our members, it really feels like family."



And members seem to agree. One reviewer said of the fitness center, "This location has created a community for those that are members here. The trainers/coaches know how to get

visit rochester-hills.orangetheoryfitness.com/.

Orangetheory Fitness will be at the Great Oaks Country Club Bridal Show, presented by the Gazette, on Sunday, January 20. Register at gazetteevents.com and get free admission for your entire bridal party.

Making Connections with Michigan History

Third graders at Flickinger Elementary connected with the Three Fires of Michigan in a new way

through a great Native American presentation by Mr. Gary Ghareeb.

After reading expository texts and



a historical fiction about what life was like for Native Americans in Michigan in the days before statehood and creating an explorer board on Discovery Education, students had the unique opportunity to interact in a hands on way with artifacts.

Mr. Ghareeb discussed Native American life and history with explorers including settlements and culture. Students especially enjoyed wearing furs and jewelry as well as exploring Native American toys and tools.

"We played a Native American game where you swing a stick on a string and try to catch the bones," commented Max Skrabut.

"I liked that we could touch the furs, blankets, and other artifacts," said third grader Charrie Shufford.

This unique learning experience was provided in thanks to the generosity of the Flickinger Parent Group. uticak12.org/

Ford: Advancing Mobility and Amazon Presentation at Macomb Chamber

Ford Detroit Engagement Manager Bryan Barnhill will speak at the Macomb County Chamber Annual Meeting and Board Induction on Friday, January 18.

Barnhill will give a presentation on advancing smart mobility and the

future of transportation. Amazon will also give a special presentation at the event.

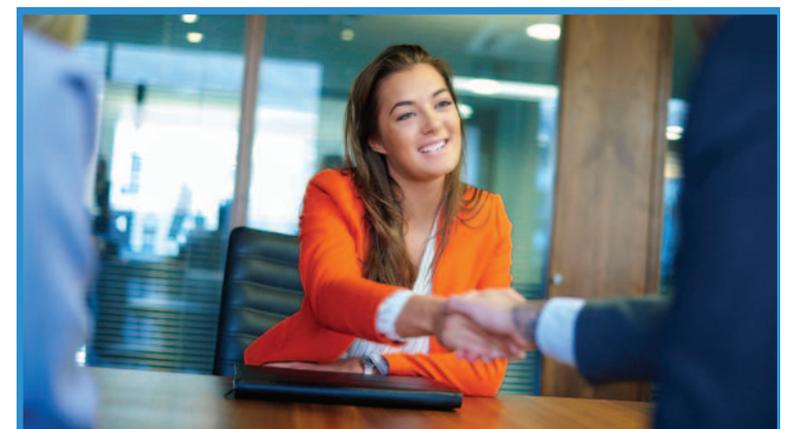
The talk will be held at Mirage Banquet Facility in Clinton Township. Doors will open at 11 a.m. Tickets cost \$50 for members and \$65 for the gen-

eral public. Registration includes lunch.

To learn more, call Charnita Linley at 586-493-7600. Register online at macombcountychamber.com/.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE JEFF YAROCH (right) took to social media this week to congratulate Assistant Chief Schoenherr of the Ray Township Fire Department on his retirement. Schoenherr is retiring with over 30 years of service. "Wishing you all the best in retirement," Yaroch said in a Facebook post with the above photo, "and thank you for your service to our community!"



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Arts & Entertainment

Music

SCOTT GWINNELL JAZZ ORCHESTRA
THU, JAN 10 - 7 p.m.
Cliff Bells, Detroit

LIBBY DECAMP
FRI, JAN 11 - 8 p.m.
Younger's Showroom, Romeo

JAPANESE BREAKFAST
SAT, JAN 12 - 6 p.m.
The Crofoot, Pontiac

COUNTRY NIGHT:
WHISKEY FIXX
FRI, JAN 18 - 8 p.m.
Coyote Joes, Shelby Twp

ON STAGE

RENT
THU, JAN 10 - 8 p.m.
Fisher Theatre, Detroit

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL CORTEO
SAT, JAN 12 - 3:30 p.m.
Little Caesars Arena, Detroit

GIRL WITH NO JOB
SAT, JAN 12 - 7 p.m.
Royal Oak Music Theatre

LIBRARY

THE LIFE OF A FEMALE P.I.
THU, JAN 10 - 7 p.m.
Graubner Library, Washington

KNIT & CROCHET MEET UP
THU, JAN 10 - 6 p.m.
Clinton-Macomb, Main Branch

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
SAT, JAN 12 - 10:30 a.m.
Shelby Township Library

KIDS & TEENS

MARSHMALLOW LAUNCH
MON, JAN 7 - 6 p.m.
Clinton-Macomb, North Branch

BABY BEARS
FRI, JAN 11 - 10 a.m.
Shelby Township Library

LITTLE EXPLORERS
FRI, JAN 11 - 10:30 a.m.
Graubner Library, Washington



HOLMES & WATSON
Adventure, PG-13



HAPPY FEET
Comedy, PG



WATCHMEN
Action, R



VENOM
Action, PG-13



ESCAPE ROOM
Drama, PG-13

HOLMES & WATSON

Garnering mixed reviews, with some movie-goers even opting to walk out, detective Sherlock Holmes (Will Ferrell) and his trusted assistant John Watson (John C. Riley), join forces to investigate a murder at Buckingham Palace. They have only four days to solve the case, or the queen will become the next victim.

ESCAPE ROOM

Six strangers visit a mysterious building to experience the escape room, a game where players compete to solve a series of puzzles. Terror strikes when they soon learn each room is an elaborate trap that's part of a sadistic game of life or death. Directed by Adam Robitel, the drama is in theatres Friday.

“A Season of Love” Benefit Concert Featuring Touring Cast of Rent

Cast members of the 20th anniversary touring production of Rent (coming to Detroit January 8–20 at the Fisher Theatre) will perform in a special concert to benefit The Marfan Foundation. “A Season of Love” takes place on Monday, January 14 at Five15 in Royal Oak. Doors open at 6 p.m. for the 18+ event.

The evening, hosted by metro-Detroit’s own SABIN, will feature

cabaret-style performances by cast members of Rent, live and silent auctions, raffle, and cash bar followed by an after-party with cast members at Pronto.

Admission for the event is \$30 in advance or at the door. A limited number of \$50 VIP tickets will be available. All funds raised at the event will benefit The Marfan Foundation. Tickets are available service-fee-free at Five15.net/.

located at 600 South Washington Avenue in Royal Oak, or at five15.net/.

Marfan syndrome is a life-threatening genetic disorder of the body’s connective tissue. It affects the heart and blood vessels, the bones, and the eyes.

The Marfan Foundation works to advance research, serve as a resource for families and healthcare providers, and raise public awareness. Learn more and get involved at marfan.org/.

In 1996, an original rock musical by a little-known composer opened on Broadway and forever changed the landscape of American theatre. Two decades later, Jonathan Larson’s Rent continues to speak loudly and defiantly to audiences across generations and all

over the world. This Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning masterpiece returns to the stage in a vibrant 20th anniversary touring production.

A re-imagining of Puccini’s La Bohème, Rent follows an unforgettable year in the lives of seven artists struggling to follow their dreams without selling out. With its inspiring message of joy and hope in the face of fear, this timeless celebration of friendship and creativity reminds us to measure our lives with the only thing that truly matters—love.

Tickets for Rent are available by calling the Fisher Theatre at 313-872-1000 or online at broadwayindetroit.com/.



The Company of the RENT 20th Anniversary Tour RENT 20th Anniversary Tour. Credit: Carol Rosegg, 2018.

Trivia Night at the Shelby Township Library

Test your trivia knowledge at the Shelby Township Library on Wednesday, January 16 from 7-9 p.m.

Feel free to bring a team or drop in on your own and connect with others. Participants compete for prizes

by answering a challenging range of questions on pop culture, sports, science, and history. Light refreshments will be provided.

To register or to learn more, visit shelbytuplib.org/.

American Girl Musical at Macomb Center

American Girl Live, a musical inspired by American Girl’s most iconic characters and stories, is coming to the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, January 6.

Show times are 2 p.m. and at 5 p.m.

Tickets for children 12 and under are \$20, and adult tickets start at \$35. They can be purchased in person, online, or by phone. Call the box office at 586-286-2222 or go to macombcenter.com to learn more.

Shelby Music Society Open Mic and Meeting

Start the new year off with a song. The Shelby Music Society will have its first meeting of 2019 on Saturday, January 12 at the Shelby Township Community Center.

Open Mic will begin at 7 p.m. and participants are asked to bring a song that fits the theme “songs that mention a family member.”

Pay the \$3 donation at the door to

enjoy a night of music, fun, and drawings. Those who have questions can call Carlene at 586-262-4061 or email shelbymusicsociety@yahoo.com. If you call, be sure to leave your name and phone number in your message.

The Shelby Township Community Center is located at 51670 Van Dyke Ave. and 23 1/2 Mile Road.

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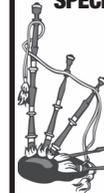
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