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A New Year's Eve Night on the Red Carpet

Make plans for Monday, December 31 and experience a night on the red carpet. Sycamore Hills Golf Club and Banquet Center will host a New Year's Eve party from 7:30 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Tickets are \$75 per person and include cocktail hour appetizers, formal plated dinner service, desserts, late night snacks, six-hour premium open bar, champagne toast at midnight, and plenty of dance music throughout the night.

For tickets, call 586-598-9500 ext. 2. Must be 21 years or older to attend. Sycamore Hills Golf Club and Banquet Center is located at 48787 North Ave in Macomb.

Hibernation Station at the Nature Center

It may be the New Year, but the weather definitely looks just as cold as it did last week. So what's happening to the animals that really don't like the cold? Come learn about one of the coolest naps Michigan animals can take.

Visit the Hibernation Station at Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center on Wednesday, January 9 from 1:30-3 p.m.

Homeschool programs are available for any child age 4 and up and cover a variety of natural science, heritage, and outdoor topics. Cost is \$3 per participating child. Younger non-participating siblings are welcome and pre-registration is encouraged.

Register online at shelbytwp.com/parks or call 586-323-2478 using Activity #212845-E1. Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center is located at 4101 River Bends Drive in Shelby Township.



SOON-TO-BE STATE SENATOR and current State Representative Peter Lucido welcomed a group of fifth-grade students from Roberts Elementary School in Shelby Township to the Capitol last Tuesday. The students were accompanied by teachers Kim Giacobbe and Scott Burnham.

Education and Art Collide for UCS Students

The Detroit Institute of Arts is bringing art and culture from around the globe to life for hundreds of Utica Community Schools elementary students.

"The DIA provides an educational opportunity to students you can't find in books or on TV," said Karen Borbolla, UCS K-12 art department chairperson and elementary art educator. "Our students and parents leave the museum amazed after the school field trips to the DIA."

As part of the tri-county millage passed in 2012, the DIA provides free bus transportation and admission for students from Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. In 2017, the DIA provided free field trips and transportation to 14,356 Macomb County students.

"Field trips spark imagination, encourage discovery and allow students to step outside their environment to experience a diversity of cultures and perspectives," said Salvador Salort-Pons, DIA director.

By the end of January, all UCS fifth graders will have attended an experience at the DIA. UCS high school students in the Foundations of Arts also experience the DIA through the program.

"Through this strong partnership, all UCS fifth graders are receiving unparalleled access to art, culture and history offered at the DIA," said Dr. Christine Johns, UCS superintendent. "The DIA works closely with our staff to provide rich academic experiences that spark creativity and help prepare our students for success."

The DIA provides guided and self-guided tours and online teaching resources for schools, including lesson plans that can be incorporated into curriculum.

"The DIA brings learning to life and helps us fuse the educational community with the arts," Borbolla said. "Students might read about something in a book or see it on a computer screen, but when they are able to walk in and see Diego Rivera's

Detroit Industry murals, they are inspired."

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Shelby Board Appoints Casali to Vacated Trustee Seat

Following the resignation of Township Trustee Douglas Wozniak, who was elected to serve as a local state representative in the 36th district, the Shelby Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved a motion to place Republican Lisa Casali on the Board to serve the remainder of Wozniak's term through 2020.

Casali has served the township for the past 10 years on the Planning Commission. She has a degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan State University and has worked as an engineer for General Motors as well as Collision Protection Sciences.

Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said Casali's experience raising a family with three children in the township was just as important.

"Lisa has lived in Shelby Township with her husband for more than 30 years, and her three children have all gone through the Utica Community Schools system," Stathakis said. "She understands that the most important service we offer our residents and families in Shelby Township is safety, and the peace of mind that tomorrow will be an even

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UTICA HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCED this week that three of their student-athletes declared to colleges or universities where they will continue to play their sport. Pictured left to right: Caitlin Mauser will be playing softball at the University of Michigan-Dearborn; Marko Matovski will be playing soccer at Lawrence Technological University; and Lindsey Michol will be playing softball at Oakland Community College. Photo courtesy of Diann Bailey O'Connor



ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, a swearing-in ceremony was held for Utica Mayor Thom Dionne, Mayor Pro Tem Ken Sikora, Councilman Gus Calandrino, and Councilman Brad O'Donnell, by State Supreme Court Justice David Viviano.

Unanimous Approval for Lisa Casali as Trustee

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better day than today."

Stathakis continued: "I'm very excited to have Lisa Casali on board as the newest member of our team, and I know she will continue the great work of Doug Wozniak leading the way for positive change in the community while maintaining strong conservative values."

Casali said she was drawn to the position because of a desire to serve and give back to the community that supported her family throughout its growth.

"All of our three kids are grown so I have more time, and I really wanted to do more to support the community," Casali said. "The most important thing about Shelby Township is that it is a safe community with a strong

sense of pride. I want to help make sure we stay safe and continue to have a lot to be proud about."



Specifically, Casali expressed a desire to help serve as a member of the township's Sidewalk Committee and enhance the community's walkability to bolster its place on the regional trail systems.

"I am an avid cyclist, and I have a lot of input for the Sidewalk Committee from my experiences biking around the township and on our trails," Casali said. "We have a great

system here, but we have some key gaps that need to be addressed to make sure we are connected throughout the township."

Along with serving on the Planning Commission, Casali was active in the community at her children's school and at St. John Vianney Catholic Church.

"It is important to work to support your neighbors, which is why I am very humbled to have the opportunity to do that as part of the Shelby Township Board of Trustees."

Casali was sworn into her new role as township trustee December 20 by Shelby Township Clerk Stanley Grot, and she will take part in her first meeting as a member of the Board of Trustees at its January 15, 2019 meeting.

"I've been on the Planning Commission, but it is exciting to take part in something like serving on our Board," Casali said. "I'm very impressed with our Board's constructive dialog and how it puts the good of the community ahead of everything else. I am very grateful for the opportunity to be a part of that."

Did you know 109,190 of your Macomb County neighbors have limited or uncertain access to adequate food to sustain a healthy lifestyle?

Children, seniors, veterans, working families, and people who are disabled or homeless are all among those who are "food insecure."

Forgotten Harvest focuses on delivering healthy food to these vulnerable individuals by partnering with 26 Macomb County food distribution partners.

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Proposal Set in Motion in Wake of Nassar Scandal Signed into Law

Legislation proposed by state Rep. Diana Farrington enacting sentencing guidelines within new penalties for possession, production and distribution of child pornography was recently signed by the governor.

Under previous law, an individual who knowingly possessed or sought to gain possession of sexual material involving children could be guilty of a felony punishable by up to four years in prison. House Bill 5661, now Public Act 374 of 2018, imposes a 10-year maximum sentence for the new crime of aggravated possession of child sexually abusive material.

The proposal also has a 15-year maximum for distributing, promoting or financing the distribution of the material and a 25-year maximum for producing the material.

"**The heinous acts** of Larry Nassar pressed us into action. We needed to work quickly and effectively to keep our children safe," said Farrington, of Utica.

"I'm pleased we were able to come together and roll out solutions that will harshly penalize individuals who engage in this awful behavior and hopefully prevent such incidents from occurring again."

In addition to Nassar's sexual abuse while working in a variety of different medical capacities, one of his lesser publicized offenses was his vast collection of child pornography. An FBI raid revealed that Nassar was in possession of at least 37,000 images and videos of child pornography. This material allegedly depicted children as young as infants, as well as personal videos of himself sexually assaulting girls under the age of 12. Nassar pleaded guilty to three federal charges related to child pornography in federal court.

Farrington's bill was one of five signed as part of ongoing, bipartisan Nassar-related efforts that have taken place during the 2018-19 legislative term.

Advanced Manufacturing Information Session

Macomb Community College is offering three advanced manufacturing programs in early 2019. The programs – controls technician, maintenance technician, and robot technician – are designed to give participating students the training needed to enter the manufacturing industry with no previous experience necessary.

An information session for the maintenance technician and robot technician programs will be held on January 17 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Macomb Community College's M-TEC,

7900 Tank Avenue in Warren. Those interested in the controls technician program should contact 586-498-4100 in advance of the information session.

The controls technician program begins January 28, maintenance technician February 18, and robot technician March 11. Those who are unemployed may qualify for funding to assist with a portion or all of the cost of tuition. For more information and to register for the information session, go to Macomb.edu/infosession/.

Police Patrol 2018 Year in Review

POLICE PATROL



During the past year, Police Patrol brought readers accounts of

hit-and-runs and homicides, but not everything was so serious. Although crime is never a good thing, some of these years' incidents deserved a second look. Here are some of the more interesting police reports the Gazette covered in 2018.

January 5- NOT YOUR AVERAGE ICE BREAKER. Macomb County Sheriff's Deputies and the Ray Township Fire Department responded to a residence in Ray Township for a horse that had fallen into an ice-covered pond. Deputies attempted to guide the horse out with ropes, only to find that the horse could not get its legs above the ice. During the rescue, a deputy fell through the ice trying to attach a rope to the horse's bridle. He was quickly pulled from the pond and continued to help the horse. Police and fire worked together to break up the ice and guide the horse out. The owners were grateful, and the horse was checked out by its veterinarian. Both the horse and the deputy were uninjured.

March 30- GENIUS SHOOTS HIMSELF IN THE FOOT WHILE GROCERY SHOPPING. Macomb County Sheriff's deputies responded to the Kroger store located at 21 Mile Road and Card for a man who shot himself in the foot. No one else was injured. The 23-year-old from Macomb Township was transported to the hospital by his companion and received treatment for his injuries. He was cooperative with deputies and stated that the discharge occurred accidentally while he was adjusting his holster. The man does have a valid CPL license. The Macomb County Prosecutor's Office

authorized a warrant with one count of Weapons-Firearms-Reckless Use, a 90-day misdemeanor.

June 22- EXPENSIVE ICE CREAM ACCIDENT. A driver spilled ice cream, lost control of their vehicle and crashed into a Utica business. Instead of hitting the brake, the driver hit the accelerator and slammed into the Macomb Restaurant Supply on Van Dyke between Hall and 21 Mile. There was significant damage to the store, but luckily no one was injured.

August 3- SUBWAY ROBBERY SUSPECT NOW IN CUSTODY. The suspect, who is believed to have robbed two Oakland County Subway restaurants last week at gunpoint, was arrested Wednesday by Riverview police. Prior to his arrest, the same suspect also allegedly robbed a 7-Eleven store on the 19000 block of Allen Rd. in Brownstown Township around 1:15 a.m. on Wednesday, July 25. In this incident, the suspect pulled out a handgun while purchasing an item and demanded the store clerk give him money from the register. He then fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

September 28- MARINE DIVISION RESCUE. On September 8, the Macomb County Marine Division was alerted of a capsized canoe with a man in the water just south of the Marine Division on Lake St. Clair. Macomb County Sheriff Marine Division deputies located a 49-year-old white male from Royal Oak in the water. The man was hunting when the wind picked up, and, as he attempted to maneuver through the rough water, the waves caused him to capsize. He was not wearing a life jacket and was in approximately eight feet of water. Deputies tossed him a life ring and pulled him into the Sheriff's boat. The man was uninjured and brought safely back to shore. Macomb County Sheriff Anthony Wickersham reminds everyone to wear a life jacket when going out on the lake.

October 5- DRUG RUN GOES UP IN SMOKE. A deputy conducted a traffic stop for excessive speed on a full size

2000 Chevrolet 1500 van in the area of Auburn Road and Primrose Lane. While Deputies had the van stopped, a LEIN inquiry was made. The inquiry revealed that the registration plate had been cancelled by the Michigan Secretary of State, and the vehicle was impounded. While conducting a search, the deputy opened the side door and found several large garbage bags and boxes inside the cargo area. Upon further search, deputies discovered the containers held numerous packages of marijuana. A detective from the Narcotics Enforcement Team responded to the scene to assist deputies with their investigation. The driver, a 53-year-old male resident of Madison Heights, was arrested and transported back to the substation to speak with detectives. The marijuana was confiscated and placed into evidence at a total weight of 88 pounds.

December 21- MAN THREATENS TO SHOOT COPS IF THEY DON'T WISH HIS BROTHERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS. On December 12, a man called the Macomb County Sheriff's Office and made a threat towards deputies, according to an MCSO press release. The man identified himself as Michael Boshell and stated that both of his brothers are incarcerated at the Macomb County Jail. Boshell said that if someone did not tell his brothers Merry Christmas, he would "shoot deputies with a long gun," according to the release. Boshell then hung up the phone, but the call was retrieved and turned over to investigators. Boshell is currently on parole for bank robbery. He was located outside his home in Mt. Clemens and arrested by members of both the Macomb County Sheriff's SET unit, and the U.S. Marshal's Detroit Fugitive Apprehension Team for a parole violation. Boshell spoke with investigators and stated that he did not wish to harm law enforcement and "should have mailed a Christmas card to his brothers."



MacDonald Named DSM Best of the Best

Scott MacDonald, Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations for the United Shore Professional Baseball League, has been named as the Kathy Best "DSM Best of the Best" Award recipient.

"I am very humbled to be recognized for this prestigious award," said MacDonald. "Thank you to the Detroit Sports Media organization for this great honor, and thanks to USPBL Owner and Founder Andy Appleby, COO Dana Schmitt and the entire staff at the USPBL that helped make this possible."

MacDonald grew up in Bloomfield

Hills and graduated from Lahser High School in 1994. He earned a baseball scholarship at Henry Ford Community College and then played baseball and golf at St. Andrews University in Laurinburg, N.C. After graduation, he went on to earn a master's degree in public administration from Oakland University in 2002. MacDonald worked in Athletic Communications at Oakland (1999-2002), North Carolina (2002-03), Georgia Tech (2003-07), Oakland University (2007-17) and now serves as the VP of Marketing and Public Relations at the USPBL.

Inmate Dies of Suspected Overdose at Macomb County Jail

On December 19, two Macomb County Jail inmates were transported to a nearby hospital for a possible overdose. One of the inmates, Nicholas DiFranco, died at the hospital. The second inmate is still receiving treatment at the hospital.

At approximately 4:55 p.m., Macomb County Jail staff were alerted by an inmate that his cellmate (DiFranco) was having some type of reaction. Jail deputies and medical staff were tending to DiFranco when Deputies learned that both inmates had ingested a substance. Deputies administered two doses of Narcan to DiFranco. Both inmates were transported to the hospital by ambulance. DiFranco died at the hospital and the second inmate continues to be treated.

Preliminary investigations show that both inmates obtained the med-

ication improperly from another inmate. Both inmates crushed up and then snorted the substance. Both inmates went to the sleep and when the second inmate woke up he heard DiFranco having some type of medical issue. The second inmate alerted deputies.

"The drug epidemic in Macomb County continues to be on the rise. Unfortunately, this epidemic does not cease at the walls of the Macomb County Jail," said Macomb County Sheriff Anthony Wickersham. "On a daily basis, 60-65% of our inmate population receives some type of medication, 30-60 inmates are on a detoxification protocol, and 35- 50% of our inmate population have a history of drug use. A large percentage of the inmates continue to seek out narcotics under any means necessary while

incarcerated. My staff and I are constantly reviewing and updating policies and increasing technology in the fight to eliminate contraband entering into our facility."

The investigation continues as to what the substance was and how it was obtained.

Nicholas DiFranco, a 28-year-old from St. Clair Shores was housed at the Macomb County Jail since November 7. He was housed for Embezzlement and Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia charges. The second inmate is a 30-year-old who has been housed at the Macomb County Jail since October 24. His charges include Possession of Analogues, Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile, and several Retail Frauds.

The Macomb County Jail currently houses 1042 inmates with 21% of those having drug charges.



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Macomb County Genealogy Group Meetings

The Macomb County Genealogy Group will meet on Friday, January 4, at 1 p.m. in the Mount Clemens Library auditorium. Genealogist Lisa Eschenburg will present "Exploring My Heritage Library Edition on MeL.org."

On **Wednesday**, January 9, at 7 p.m. in the Mount Clemens Library Local History & Genealogy Room, there will be a "Let's Talk...Genealogy"

meeting. The subject for discussion will be "Where Do I Go from Here?" Bring research questions, brick walls, or new finds to share with the group.

These programs are free and all are welcome. To learn more, call the library at 586-469-6200 or go to mcggletstalkgenealogy.blogspot.com/. The Mount Clemens Library is at 150 Cass Ave in Mount Clemens.

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State Must Maintain Control of Wetlands

PERSPECTIVES



Op-Ed by
NATHAN INKS

Michigan has roughly 5.5 million acres of wetlands, comprising about 15% of the land area of the state. Compared to the landscape prior to European settlement, Michigan has lost about half of its wetlands. Fortunately, the rate of wetland loss has been declining due to Michigan's unique wetland protection law.

For the vast majority of the country, the applicable statutes and regulations related to wetlands are found only at the federal level – specifically Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. States are allowed to administer their own Section 404 permit programs as long as they comply with federal law; In general, this means that a state's laws must be at least as restrictive as the federal law. Only two states, Michigan and New Jersey, have assumed the duties of Section 404 permitting.

In response to the confusion created by a 2006 Supreme Court case addressing when the federal government has jurisdiction over wetlands, in 2015 the Obama administration prom-

ulgated regulations to clarify when wetlands are considered "waters of the United States." The regulation, which became known as the WOTUS rule, extended federal protection to streams that flow only after rainfall or snowmelt and wetlands without a surface water connection to a larger body of water. The regulation was controversial and faced criticism from farmers, landowners, and industries who would be negatively impacted by the new regulation.

During his 2016 presidential campaign, then-candidate Donald Trump promised to revisit and relax the rules promulgated by the Obama administration, arguing that wetlands covered by the expanded definition should be regulated at the state level rather than the federal level. Earlier this year President Trump fulfilled that promise by proposing a new rule that would roll back the Obama-era regulation.

With increased uncertainty regarding wetland regulation at the federal level, it is more important than ever that Michigan maintains its ability to administer Section 404 permitting. Over the past 10 years, the EPA and the state have gone back and forth regarding Michigan's noncompliance with federal law. The state has taken steps to rectify concerns raised by the EPA, but legislation awaiting Governor Snyder's review could move the state further out of compliance, jeopardizing Michigan's ability to oversee Section 404 permitting.

Regardless of whether Governor Snyder signs or vetoes this recent legislation, changes to federal wetland regulations will likely mean that Michigan lawmakers will revisit wetland issues sooner rather than later. Incoming Governor Whitmer will have to work with Republicans in the legislature, and lawmakers in both parties must be committed to ensuring Michigan's compliance with the EPA's requirements.

Michigan's wetland program has been a model for the nation, and local officials have a significantly more vested interest in protecting the state's wetlands than the federal government does. It would be a shame to lose local control over wetland permitting.

Additionally, in light of the Trump administration's plan to roll back the WOTUS rule, Michigan needs to go beyond mere compliance with federal law. The main reason President Trump and other Republicans pushed for a rollback of the regulation was because they felt that the proper place for regulation of some wetlands is at the state level. If the responsibility of regulating some wetlands is pushed back on the states, Michigan lawmakers cannot sit idly by. Our wetlands play a vital role in the welfare of our state and its environment; lawmakers must ensure that sufficient legislation and regulations are in place to protect them.

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



Theatre Students Earn Scholarships, Top Awards at Festival

Utica Community Schools students earned approximately \$750,000 in scholarship offers and more than 80 top awards at the 2018 Michigan Thespian Festival.

Nearly 100 theatre students from Eisenhower, Henry Ford II, Stevenson, and Utica high schools attended the annual festival in Grand Rapids, held December 13-15. Approximately 1,400 students from across Michigan attend-

ed the festival.

Students had the opportunity to attend professional workshops, meet with college representatives, view performances and compete in events that were judged by college and industry professionals.

UCS students auditioning for college programs received a combined total of \$748,000 in scholarship offers.

Students from all four high

schools collectively earned 23 Superior awards, 54 Excellent ratings, and five good rankings.

UCS theatre students are under the direction of teachers Eric Wells of Eisenhower High School, Kirstin Carolin of Henry Ford II, Cheryl Jackson of Stevenson High School and Joel Kaczmarczyk of Utica High School.

Experience Excellence at Margot European Day Spa

BRIDAL SHOW PREVIEW

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

It's a place of sophisticated elegance and refined relaxation.

Margot European Day Spa encompasses owner and founder Margot Kohler's love for cosmetology by offering clients pampering and high-quality spa and medical spa treatments.

"She started off really, really simple," said Ursula Froehlich, president of Margot European Day Spa and Kohler's daughter. "She just did what she was good at, and it just grew and grew."

The spa offers services including massages, facials, manicure and pedicures, and body treatments. Hydrotherapy is one of the treatments offered that Ursula said sets the spa apart.

"No other spa that I'm aware of offers hydrotherapy," she said. "In Europe, no spa is considered a true spa unless they offer [it]."

Every year, Kohler tours the facilities in Europe where the spa gets its products to meet the chemists and stay up-to-date with the industry.

"Margot has always been extremely diligent about understanding the

products that we use," Ursula said. "We're always learning."

In fact, the spa budgets money for staff education every year, and they are trained to know what ingredients are used and why treatments work.

"The technology is amazing," spa manager Mary Alice Stotler said. "The type of treatments we do... We make a difference in people's lives."

Excellence has always been important to Margot Kohler. Before moving to the U.S., she attended cosmetic school in Europe and graduated at the top of her class. In the 1970s, she pursued her dream of owning a spa by renting out space in local



salons. Even when her business was small, her expertise and passion for the industry were clear to clients.

"I don't know that a lot of women could do that in the 70s," Ursula said.

Eventually, Margot found a place of her own, and in 1980, Margot

European Day Spa was established. It will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2020.

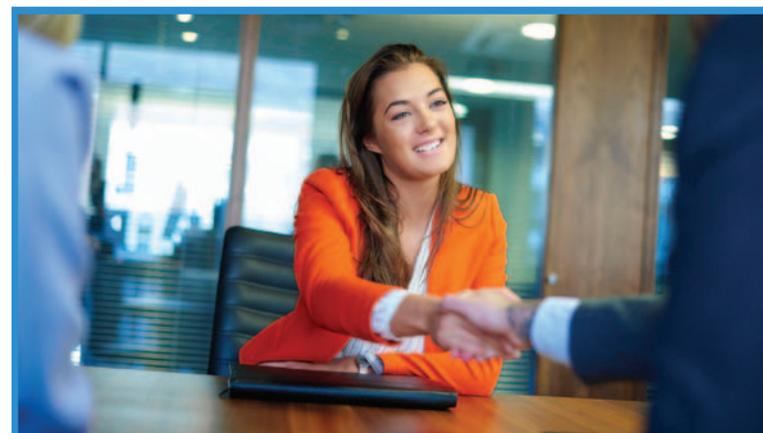
Looking toward that milestone, the spa will continue catering to multiple generations while still providing quality services. The spa aims to teach people to use skin care "as a lifestyle and not just a luxury."

For brides-to-be, the spa has a private event space perfect for bachelorette parties. People can enjoy sipping champagne while relaxing in an elegant space. To help brides look their best, the spa offers facials and full body regimens. Margot and her team have customized treatments designed to prevent breakouts and unexpected reactions, but for best results, Ursula recommends booking services at least a month in advance of the wedding date.

"We combine them and make a custom package," she said. "It really makes a difference to help prepare them for their wedding day."

Margot European Day Spa is located at 101 Townsend Street in Birmingham. To learn more or to schedule a consultation, call 248-642-3770 or email dayspa@margots.com.

Margot European Day Spa 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.



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Governor-Elect Whitmer Announces Cabinet Members, Leadership

Governor-elect Gretchen Whitmer has announced key members of her cabinet and executive office leadership.

"We have assembled a highly skilled and deeply experienced team ready to get to work moving Michigan forward, starting January 1," said Whitmer. "Putting forth a budget reflective of the issues that matter most to Michigan residents will be one of my first and most important charges as Governor."

Rachael Eubanks has been named to serve as state treasurer. Most recently, Eubanks was appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to serve on the Michigan Public Service Commission as a utility regulatory commissioner and was unanimously confirmed by the Michigan Senate Energy & Technology Committee.

Former state representative Chris Kolb will serve as budget director. Kolb is currently president of the Michigan Environmental Council and served as co-chair of the Flint Water Advisory Task Force, which investigated the city's drinking water crisis, found state-appointed emergency managers and the DEQ chiefly responsible, and provided recommendations to prevent similar disasters statewide.

The Office of the State Employer

will be headed by Liza Estlund Olson. Estlund Olson most recently served as executive director for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 517M. Estlund Olson has also served as deputy director of the Workforce Development Agency, Direct Talent Strategies, and has held positions with the Bureau of Workforce Transformation and the Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth.

Governor-elect Whitmer also named key leadership positions in her executive office, including Chief of Staff JoAnne Huls, Chief Strategist Mark A. Burton, Chief Legal Counsel Mark Totten, Cabinet Secretary Jay B. Rising, Communications Director Zack Pohl, Public Affairs Director Jen Flood, and Community Affairs Director Melanie Brown.

"From day one, I've made it clear I intend to surround myself with individuals who are reflective of our state and encompass the broad range of skills needed to chart the path forward," Whitmer said. "The team we have assembled to lead the Executive Office is a direct reflection of that commitment, and I am thrilled to hit the ground running with them on January 1."

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20 Front Street, Lake Orion

LIBBY DECAMP

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

ON STAGE

AMERICAN GIRL LIVE

SUN, JAN 6 - 2 p.m.
Macomb Center for the
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ALADDIN

SUN, JAN 6 - 6:30 p.m.
Detroit Opera House

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

LIBRARY

BOOK DISCUSSION

FRI, JAN 4 - 11 a.m.
Ulica Public Library

THE LIFE OF A FEMALE P.I.

THU, JAN 10 - 7 p.m.
Graubner Library, Washington

KIDS & TEENS

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

WED, JAN 2 - 6:30 p.m.
Graubner Library, Washington

MARSHMALLOW LAUNCH

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

TEEN HANGOUT

WED, JAN 9 - 3 p.m.
Shelby Township, Library



VICE
Biography/Drama, R



A TWELVE-YEAR NIGHT
(LA NOCHE DE 12 AÑOS)
Crime/Drama, NR



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Action, PG-13



SMALLFOOT
Adventure, PG



AQUAMAN
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VICE

Dick Cheney, played by Christian Bale, seethes with power as vice president of the United States. From the director of the Big Short, Andrew McKay delivers the sort of rage-induced reflection that will win over liberal audiences and likely upset more conservative viewers.

AQUAMAN

Explore the origin of the half-human, half-Atlantean Arthur Curry – Aquaman – as he embarks on a journey of self-discovery. Played by actor Jason Momoa, known for his role as Khal Drogo in Game of Thrones, Aquaman chronicles the life of the superhero character and his quest to be king.

A Fox On the Fairway Swings into Meadow Brook Theatre

The uptight members and staff of a private country club have life, and golf, all figured out. But when a friend-

ly wager turns cutthroat and sides are switched, it's time to roll up their sleeves and come out swinging.



A throwback to the great English farces of the 1930s and 40s, A Fox On the Fairway has everything: Mistaken identities, slamming doors, romantic shenanigans...and golf!

A Fox On the Fairway by Ken Ludwig is running January 9 through February 3, 2019, at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester.

The cast includes some of Meadow Brook audiences' favorite funny people. Lucas Wells is Justin Hicks. Phil Powers and Wayne David Parker are Dickie Bell and Henry Bingham respectively. Cheryl Turski plays Pamela Peabody, Stephanie Nichols is Muriel Bingham, and Olivia

Ursu is Louise Heinbedder.

"This will be a great way to lighten up the winter blues," says Travis Walter. "Whether you love or hate golf, we've teed up a hilarious show just for our audiences."

A Fox On the Fairway is directed by Travis W. Walter. Terry W. Carpenter is the stage manager with scenic design by Brian Kessler, costume design by Leslie Littell, lighting design by Reid G. Johnson and sound design by Mike Duncan.

Meadow Brook Theatre is located on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. For additional information, visit mbtheatre.com or call 248-377-3300.

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 shelbytwp.lib.org/.

American Girl Musical at Macomb Center

An all-new American Girl musical is coming to the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Experience American Girl Live on Sunday, January 6.

The musical, inspired by American Girl's most iconic characters and stories, will feature all-original songs and special experiences to tell stories of friendship and bravery in a journey across time.

The Macomb Center will have a show at 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.

The Macomb Center for the Performing Arts is at 44575 Garfield Rd in Clinton Township.

Ridgedale Players Auditions for "The 39 Steps"

Open auditions for Ridgedale Players upcoming production "The 39 Steps" will be held on Monday, January 7. Registration starts at 6:30 p.m. and auditions will begin at 7 p.m.

Cuts and a list of roles are avail-

able online at RidgedalePlayers.com/.

The production will be directed by Shaun Pittman and runs March 8-24, 2019. Ridgedale Players is located at 205 W. Long Lake in Troy.

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A person struggling with any drug addiction can come to any of the participating police agencies and ask for help. They will be greeted with support, compassion and respect. Hope Not Handcuffs volunteer 'Angels' help with paperwork and provide compassionate support until a treatment option is found. Angel's can choose their own time slot by signing up to be on call for just 2 four hour blocks per month.

To sign up and learn more, visit familiesagainstnarcotics.org/volunteer

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

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