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Make Your MLK Day Donations

Donations are urgently needed for the City of Troy and Troy Schools MLK Day of service, being held this year on Monday, January 20 at Athens High School.

In order to have enough materials to do their service projects, they need several items.

Donations of fleece (in increments of 2.5 feet) to make fleece blankets for children, veterans, and cancer patients at local hospitals, are needed.

Care package items like candy (no chocolate), gum, energy bars are needed so they can assemble boxes for troops overseas. Corporate donations for postage would be most welcomed, too.

Plastic grocery bags would be appreciated so they can prepare them for making waterproof mats for homeless people.

Donation boxes are at all Troy Schools, the Library, Troy Community Center and City Hall. Easy online donations can be made at Troy.k12.mi.us/.

On January 20, come for the delicious breakfast, and do a good deed, too.

Recreation Alerts

Beginning Thursday, January 16, Zumba will be offered at 9 a.m. with Dalya in Studio B/C for fitness passport members on Thursdays through the Winter Schedule.

Badminton on Monday-Friday mornings now begins at 5:15 a.m. rather than 6 a.m. at the Community Center.

For questions and more information, call 248-524-3484.



FOR HELPING TO AVOID what might have been a large, and potentially dangerous fire, Somerset Park Resident Jeff Dunstan was awarded a Civilian Citation last Wednesday by the Troy Fire Department. Pictured at the presentation are (left to right) Assistant Fire Chief Chuck Riesterer, Troy Fire Chief Dave Roberts, Jeff Dunstan, and Assistant Fire Chief Pete Hullinger. We are all thankful for Jeff's quick actions. Photo courtesy of Troy Fire Department

Quick Acting Resident Keeps Fire From Spreading

In the early morning hours of November 26, the Troy Fire Department received a call from an occupant at the Somerset Apartments stating that her "vent in the master bedroom was on fire."

While firefighters were being dispatched, the caller stated that her neighbor had used a fire extinguisher, but was not sure if the fire was out.

Firefighters arrived on the scene of a large 2-story, 8-unit apartment building with no smoke or fire showing from the outside. This building is attached to two

similar sized buildings, with a total of 24 occupied units. Further investigation revealed that there had indeed been a fire in the bathroom ceiling fan, and that flames were visible. The occupant, upon being interviewed by investigators, indicated she was awoken by "a popping noise from the bathroom." She also noticed "the reflection of flames from the bathroom ceiling in the closet doors." The occupant told investigators that as she exited the building, and was dialing 911, she made contact with a neighbor, Jeff Dunstan.

Dunstan proceeded to the area of the fire and applied a fire extinguisher to the bathroom fan, containing the fire to the immediate area. This allowed occupants of the building time to be alerted and escape the building. A fire in the fan, which is installed from the attic side, would allow flames to easily spread through the attic and threaten all occupants of this 24-unit apartment building. But quick action by Mr. Dunstan prevented a disastrous loss.

Firefighters opened the ceiling

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Ted Halsey Remembered as Dedicated Member of Troy Community

Troy only became a city in 1955, and by 1957, Ted Halsey was a member of the Troy Police Department. He would be an active member of the community for many years to come.

Lawrence "Ted" Halsey passed away on January 2, 2020 at the age of 92. Ted was a resident of Troy since 1948 and was a retired Troy Police Officer. He also was a volunteer Firefighter at Station 1 and served on the Troy Traffic Committee for 30 years. The quality of life that the City of Troy offers is a result of hard work, planning, sacrifice, and leadership. Ted's being one of Troy's dedicated volunteers, helped to keep the quality services that the city offers and they are key to making Troy the greatest place to live in the State of Michigan.

Ted loved people, nature, farming and traveling, but he especially enjoyed going up to Sault Ste. Marie to camp and watch his beloved freighters go by. But, nothing else surpassed the love Ted had for his family.

Beloved husband of the late Lorraine for 53 years and dearest companion of Gladys Emery for 16 years. Ted was the loving father of Susan Foster (John) and the late Mark Halsey (Debbie). Cherished grandpa of Nathan

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Troy Preschool Expo at Community Center

Don't miss the city's Preschool Expo at the Troy Community Center (Room 304-305) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15.

The City of Troy offers this event to benefit the community by providing a comprehensive forum for parents to help them

determine the best daycare and preschool match for their family.

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Troy Community Remembers Ted Halsey

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Foster (Jaclyn) and Jill Lenaway (Garry). Devoted great grandfather of Aidan Lenaway, Brennan Lenaway, Averie Foster, and Augustin Foster. Brother of the late Norman Halsey and the late Margaret Ryan.

Ted's funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 7 at A.J. Desmond and Sons Price Chapel in Troy. A Firefighters memorial service at on Monday evening, with brother Jim Halsey giving the eulogy. Ted's family prefers memorial tributes to Troy Firefighters Community Fund, 500 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy, MI, for the Firefighters Memorial at Firefighters Park.



IT WAS A GATHERING of many long-time members of the Troy community last week as they gathered to recall the life of one of the city's more devoted citizens, Ted Halsey. Pictured here with Tonya Perry (center), the first female Troy firefighter, are Frank Gerstenecker, retired Troy City Manager, and long-time councilwoman and former Troy Mayor Jeanne Stine at A.J. Desmond's Funeral Home's Price Chapel.

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Pinterest Party "Ladies Night In" at the Troy Community Center

Troy Parks and Recreation will host a Pinterest Party on Wednesday, January 22 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Troy Community Center.

Time to get crafty! This "Ladies Night In" event will be full of fun and relaxation. Join in for some winter-themed crafts inspired by Pinterest.

The night will include making winter-themed candle holders, bath bombs, and more. Get ready

to enjoy a relaxing night with old and new friends. All supplies included.

The event is intended for ages 18 and up, and the cost to attend is \$15 for residents, \$20 for non-residents. Register online with Activity # 6006-A at rec.troymi.gov/registration or in person at Troy Community Center.

The Troy Community Center is located at 3179 Livernois Rd.

Resident Recognized for Fire Response

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and checked the immediate area for any extension of fire, but found none. Burnt and smoldering insulation was found and extinguished by firefighters. And although the area is equipped with smoke detectors, these devices were not activated due to most of the smoke being vented into the attic space. The apartment's occupant was relocated to another space by the Somerset Park Apartment Management. No injuries or fatalities were reported.

For his quick thinking and his actions to protect life and property, Jeff Dunstan was presented with the Troy Fire Department's Civilian Citation by Fire Chief Dave Roberts, Assistant Fire Chief Pete Hullinger, and Assistant Fire Chief Chuck Riesterer.

The department extended their sincere appreciation to Jeff for his actions, which unquestionably protected many fellow residents and their property from being damaged or lost by fire.

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School District is Preparing for Kindergarten Enrollment



Current Hill Kindergarten class with teacher Kate Eve. Photo courtesy of Troy Schools

It's time to begin preparing for the 2020-2021 school year and the excitement that comes with new Kindergarten students. Do you have a child in your home or know a child in your neighborhood who is eligible for Kindergarten? To be eligible, your student must be five years old on or before September 1, 2020.

To begin the enrollment

process it is important that a parent or legal guardian call the attendance area school the child will be attending and request that the student be included on the building's prospective Kindergarten list. Starting in January, Kindergarten enrollment packets will be sent via US Mail to each student's home with information that will guide you

through the entire enrollment process and provide in-person enrollment dates and times which will occur in February.

If you reside within an apartment building or are unsure of your attendance area building, call Central Enrollment at 248-823-4002 or 248-823-4004 and they will be happy to assist you with the child's placement.

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Consumers Energy Offers Winter Storm Preparation Information

Consumers Energy is prepared for what is expected to be a devastating winter storm coming soon.

Freezing rain is expected to begin across much of south central Michigan Saturday morning and continue for several hours. Forecasts are still being updated but as much as one-half to one inch of ice accumulation is possible in a general area from I-94 north to U.S. 10. A half inch of ice can add as much as 500 pounds to a span of power lines. Also accompanying the ice will be gusty winds and heavy snow in Northern Michigan.

This storm will likely lead to downed wires and power outages that could last several days. Hazardous road conditions during and immediately after the storm may delay restoration and damage assessment work as we keep safety our top priority.

Consumers Energy reminds the public to stay at least 25 feet away from a downed wire and anything it is touching. Report downed wires by calling 9-1-1 and Consumers Energy at 800-477-5050. Always assume a downed

wire, even if not arcing and sparking, is energized. Our crews are ready to respond as quickly as possible, to make situations safe and restore power.

Consumers Energy encourages the media to visit the Consumers Energy Outage Center at www.ConsumersEnergy.com/OutageCenter for the latest on storm restoration times, tips on what customers can do before, during and after a storm and how customers can sign up for free outage alerts.

In addition to being aware of possible downed wires, the public is reminded, if they lose power, to never use a generator in an attached garage, basement, enclosed patio or near any air intakes. Doing so could cause a generator to produce hazardous levels of carbon monoxide, an odorless, colorless and deadly gas.

Portable generators should be operated 25 feet outside of any building, away from windows, doors and vents.



Athens Unified Basketball Team Tops Lake Orion Dragons

The Troy Athens Unified Basketball Team won their first game against the Lake Orion Dragons, 27 to 12. Both teams played their best in the friendly but spirited competition, but Troy came out on top. See the two teams play again on a Tuesday, January 14. The game will take place at Athens between the Lady Red Hawks JVA and Varsity games. To stay up to date with all of the scores and upcoming games, follow the Troy Athens Unified Basketball Team on Twitter at [Twitter.com/unified_ahs/](https://twitter.com/unified_ahs/).

Free Screening of "When Hate Happens Here"

On Monday, January 20 from 7-8:30 p.m., Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, join Troy-area Interfaith Group and co-sponsors Know Your Neighbor Daily (KYND) and Troy Police Department, for a video screening and discussion of Not in Our Town: "When Hate Happens Here" at the Troy Police Department's Emergency Operations Center (500 W. Big Beaver Road).

The documentary recounts five stories of hate crimes motivated by racism, anti-Semitism, gender, and sexual orientation that occurred over a five-year period in Northern California. See how these community members took action

to help prevent future persecution, and the creative ways they came together to build community.

All are invited to hear reflections from our local leaders, including Troy Police Chief Frank Nastasi, and share ideas for actively reducing intolerance and promoting peace. Moderated by Cathy Russ, Director of Troy Public Library. Program suitable for ages 12 and up, as sensitive material is depicted in the film. This event is free to attend.

Contact Ruth Turner at Troy.Interfaith@gmail.com for additional information on this and other KYND programs happening in the City of Troy.



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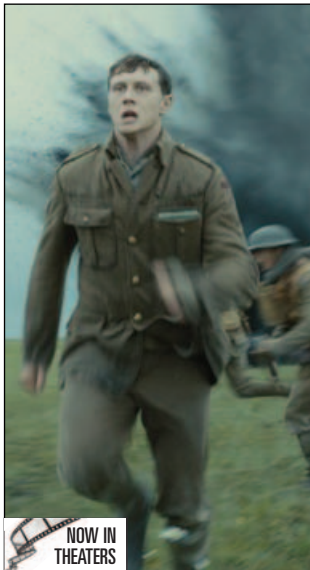
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Josh Young to Perform Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber



nominated for the Tony Award for Best Featured Actor in a Musical.

Young has also appeared in The Grapes of Wrath, Evita (for which he won the Broadway World Toronto Award for Best Actor in a Musical), and Kiss Me, Kate at Stratford, as well as a national tour of Les Misérables and an international tour of West Side Story. In 2015, he starred in the musical Amazing Grace on Broadway where he originated the role of John Newton.

"Andrew's music is what inspired my career," Young said. "Andrew gave me my Broadway debut. I love getting to tell that story to music in my show."

Among other works by Andrew Lloyd Webber, the performance will include one of Young's favorite pieces, "Heaven On Their Minds," from Jesus Christ Superstar.

"It's the first song in Jesus Christ Superstar and, as such, it was the first song I ever sang on a Broadway stage," Young said. "I'm especially fond of it because it's one of the most vocally and dramatically difficult of any song in musical theatre. I worked endless hours to make it work and once I finally did, it was a great feeling of accomplishment. It was and continues to be an absolute pleasure to perform the piece."

Tickets to the performance are \$12 for students and \$22 for the general public. To purchase tickets, visit Etix.com/.

Tony Award-nominated Broadway star Josh Young, an assistant professor at Oakland University's School of Music, Theatre and Dance, will perform show tunes from the catalog of Andrew Lloyd Webber at 8 p.m. on Friday, January 24 in Varner Recital Hall.

"My show celebrates the work of Andrew Lloyd Webber

chronologically and, while doing so, I discuss my relationship with the man and his music through my own life and stories," Young said.

Young made his Broadway debut as Judas in Jesus Christ Superstar, which transferred to New York after an acclaimed run at the Stratford Shakespeare Festival in Ontario, Canada. For his role as Judas, he was

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Enjoy Music and Food at the Upcoming Troy High Gala Concert Fundraiser

Troy High School Orchestras will host its 28th Annual Gala Concert Fundraiser on Saturday, February 1. The elegant evening features the Freshman, Concert, Philharmonic, and Symphony Orchestras along with the ever-popular Troy High Country Fiddlers. The Gala Concert begins at 7 p.m. at Troy High School auditorium at 4777 Northfield Parkway, south of Long Lake in Troy.

This year's headliner musicians are Adrienne Rönmark, DSO Violinist and Kris Johnson, Composer, Educator and Jazz Trumpeter, who will bring his own jazz ensemble.

Emmy Award-winning news Fox 2 reporter and Troy High Alumni Roop Raj will act as Master of Ceremonies.

Alan MacNair, Troy High's nationally renowned conductor, observed, "This is always the highlight of the year for me. We have outstanding guest musicians, and the students always find a way to rise to a higher level themselves."

Immediately following the concert, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and refreshments will be served from over 40 local eateries including Pokeworks, Bonefish Grill, Ashoka Indian Restaurant,



Brio Tuscan Grille, Papa Romano's, Escape, Mr. Kabob Xpress, Seasons 52, Kazoku Sushi, Noble Fish, Chik-fil-A, Traders Joe's, Chung Ki Wa, and flowers from Accent Florist.

A Troy High Jazz Ensemble will be providing entertainment as guests relax and mingle with other attendees.

Troy High Orchestra is a non-

profit organization. Proceeds from the concert are used to fund the orchestra's operating expenses throughout the year.

Tickets cost \$25 per person and can be purchased at Troyhighorchestra.seatyourself.biz. For questions, email TroyHighOrchestra@gmail.com.



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Police, Security, and Alliance Mobile Recognized for Lifesaving Response Time

On January 4, Troy officers working at the Somerset Collection were alerted about an unresponsive woman.

Somerset Security and officers responded, determined that the woman was not breathing and had no pulse, and initiated CPR. Paramedics from Alliance Mobile Health arrived and continued CPR, and transported the woman to the hospital.

The woman's family reports that she is now in stable condition.

Thanks to the responding Troy officers, Somerset Security officers, and Alliance Mobile Health this very serious emergency was addressed quickly.

The quick response and action from these first responders may very well have saved a life that day.

Jaws of Life Used in Crash at Crooks & Long Lake



Photo courtesy of Troy Fire Department

The Troy Fire Department was dispatched to a vehicle extrication at the scene of a traffic crash at the intersection of Crooks and Long Lake Roads just after 4 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8.

Upon arrival, firefighters discovered multiple vehicles were involved, including one that had left the roadway. One driver had become entangled inside of his vehicle, and was unable to get out without assistance. At first it was reported there were several patients. But a quick survey of the

scene revealed only one driver needed to be extricated.

Firefighters and paramedics from Alliance Mobile Health further determined that due to the patient's potential injuries, and the way he was entangled, the removal process would be lengthy.

Firefighters used Hurst Hydraulic tools (Jaws of Life) to remove the driver's door. Hydraulic cutters were used to remove the post that separates the front and back doors. This

allowed EMS crews full access to the patient. Firefighters were at the scene for approximately 45 minutes.

Once removed, the patient was treated by Alliance Mobile Health. His condition is not known. There were two minor patients in the car as well. Their condition is not known, but is not believed to be serious. All patients were transported by Alliance Mobile Health to a local hospital. Troy Police are investigating the accident and its cause.

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Now it's time to welcome the new Kroger Marketplace, an expanded version of the Kroger presently on the south side of 18 Mile (the street we in Troy call Long Lake).

That store will officially close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday and the Grand Opening of the new store is at 8 a.m. on Wednesday.

The first 600 shoppers will get a \$10 Kroger gift card and a reusable shopping bag. Regular hours for the store will be 6 a.m. to midnight.

The Miracle Worker Promotes Awareness for Two Non-Profits Helping Deaf/Blind

The Village Players of Birmingham (BVP) begins the new decade with the William Gibson classic drama *The Miracle Worker* the weekends of January 17 through February 2, 2020. Through this production, BVP will promote awareness for two area non-profits who help those who are deaf and/or blind.

William Gibson's Pulitzer Prize-winning classic American drama *The Miracle Worker*, the

gems that reaches audiences on both an epic yet personal level, telling a very important story about chaos and redemption. This cast is so exciting to work with – the wide range of ages, talents, experience, and input gives the company such a lush path to create a wonderful and emotional story."

Show dates and times are January 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 and February 1, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. and



powerful yet poignant story of Annie Sullivan, the idealistic and headstrong woman who would become the mentor and teacher to a young Helen Keller, a child struck deaf and blind by an illness in her infancy.

Birmingham Village Players production of *The Miracle Worker* dramatizes the volatile relationship between the lonely teacher and her charge. Trapped in a secret, silent world, unable to communicate, Helen is violent, spoiled, almost sub-human and treated by her family as such. Only Annie realizes that there is a mind and spirit waiting to be rescued from the dark, tortured silence. With scenes of intense physical and emotional dynamism, Annie's success with Helen finally comes with the utterance of a single, glorious word: "water."

The Miracle Worker is directed by theatre veteran Edmond Guay from Royal Oak. Edmond is a retired theatre teacher and local actor; *The Miracle Worker* marks Guay's first Village Players production and couldn't be more delighted. "The *Miracle Worker* is one of those wonderful theatrical

January 19, 26 and February 2 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$19.00 with a special student ticket price of \$15.00 (up to age 18) plus a \$1.00 processing fee for each ticket order and are available online at www.birminghamvillageplayers.com or by calling the theater box office at 248-644-2075. The Village Players playhouse is located at 34660 Woodward Avenue in Birmingham.

As part of BVP's community outreach, they are providing support to two area non-profits that aid those who are deaf and/or blind like Helen Keller. On Sunday, January 26 from 1:30-2:30 p.m., Village Players is holding a fundraiser in its lobby for Leader Dogs for the Blind, an organization that trains assistance dogs for those with vision difficulties, including people who are both deaf and blind. The second non-profit, Deaf Community Advocacy Network (Deaf C.A.N.), provides in-state service for a national program called iCanConnect which makes equipment and training available to people with significant combined hearing and vision loss so they can stay connected.

Statewide "Strive for a Safer Drive Campaign" Comes to Troy Athens High School

Students at 57 Michigan high schools, including Troy Athens, will benefit from efforts to make teenagers better drivers by participating in the Strive for a Safer Drive (S4SD) program.

S4SD is a public-private partnership between Ford Driving Skills for Life and the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. The peer-led traffic safety campaign seeks to reduce traffic crashes, which are the leading cause of death for teens nationwide.

In Michigan, teens and young adults age 15-20 years old, accounted for 7.6% of all traffic fatalities in 2018, with 55.4% of

those deaths being the teen driver. In addition, 9,637 teenagers and young adults were injured in motor vehicle crashes in the same year, representing 12.7% of all people injured in a crash.

As part of the S4SD program, each school receives \$1,000 for students to create a teen-led traffic safety campaign to educate their fellow classmates and the community about various topics including distracted driving, seat belt use, speeding, underage drinking/impaired driving, and winter driving. Schools will submit a video or PowerPoint outlining their campaign. Those schools with the top five winning

campaigns will receive a cash prize ranging from \$500-\$1,500.

Following their activities, all schools that participated in the S4SD program will have the opportunity to send students to a free hands-on driving clinic with professional driving instructors sponsored by Ford Driving Skills for Life in the spring.

For more information about S4SD, visit Michigan.gov/s4sd/.



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Downtown Rochester Readies for Annual Fire & Ice Festival

The Fire & Ice Festival in Downtown Rochester will be the inaugural event to commemorate Oakland County's bicentennial year, County Executive David Coulter announced last week.

The fireworks pre-show will honor Oakland County's 200 years and the event stage will have a bicentennial ice sculpture. It all kicks off this weekend, January 17-19 and is among the premier winter events in Michigan. There is no charge for any of the winter activities.

"We can't think of a better way to kick off celebrating Oakland County's 200th year than with the Fire & Ice Festival in Downtown Rochester," Coulter said. "We welcome everyone to attend our free winter festival to take part in the winter fun."

Oakland County's actual 200th birthday is March 28. A birthday celebration is in the planning stages as well as other events throughout the year. Stay tuned to Oakgov.com/bicentennial/ for additional details as they emerge.

Activities include dog sled rides, a tube sledding hill, ice skating, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing, ice carvings, face



painting, marshmallow roasting, food trucks, and a taste fest/beer tent. For detailed event schedules and more information, go to OakGov.com/FireAndIce/ or Facebook.com/FireAndIceRochester/.

Returning this year is a collegiate ice carving competition, which begins Saturday morning. Oakland Community College and Macomb Community College are among those expected to compete in the competition, which is

sponsored by Consumers Energy.

The Big, Bright Light Show illuminates downtown Rochester each night in a rainbow of colors.

A firework display lights up the sky Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and the seventh running of

The Brookside Way "Chill at the Mills" 5k race happens Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Registration is available at Thebrooksieway.com/. The race typically attracts more than 700 participants.

The Rochester Fire Department spaghetti dinners on Friday and Saturday night and a pancake breakfast Sunday morning to support Rochester Area Youth Assistance;

Oakland County Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center's tent where festival-goers may adopt dogs or renew or purchase dog licenses.

The Fire & Ice Festival runs from 5-9 p.m. Friday, January 17; 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday, January 18; and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, January 19. The fireworks are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The festival site is at East Second and Mill streets in downtown Rochester. Parking is available at Buffalo Wild Wings at 1234 Walton in Rochester. There will be a free shuttle running between the restaurant and the festival.

The Student Debt Crisis with Susan Tompor

Visit the Troy Public Library on Monday, January 13 at 7 p.m. for a presentation on the student debt crisis.

Detroit Free Press personal finance columnist Susan Tompor has written extensively about the impact of student loans on everyone from college students to retirees.

Join her for a discussion of how this crisis happened, as well as smart strategies for paying for college, controlling college debt, and the best way to pay off student loans.

Troy Public Library is located at 510 W Big Beaver Rd. For more information, visit Troypl.org/.

A Tribute to Tony Bennett

On Saturday, February 8 at 2 p.m., the Troy Public Library will host "Tony By Tony."

Detroit jazz singer Tony Camilletti's "Tony By Tony" is a 90-minute tribute to Tony Bennett, one of America's greatest living jazz treasures. Backed by the impeccable trio of Harvey Reed (piano), Rich Kowalewski (bass) and Steve Wood (winds), this homage includes anecdotes about Mr. Bennett's career and his most famous songs.

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Ross Mortgage Giving Back Initiative Helps Five Local Charities

Ross Mortgage Corporation, a residential mortgage lender headquartered in Troy, announced this week the company volunteered 375 man-hours of service, donated more than 820 items to organizations in need, and raised more than \$5,000 for charity in honor of the company's 70th anniversary in 2019.

to give back to the local communities we serve," Ross said. "I'm so proud of our team at Ross Mortgage for stepping up to help five local charities focused on causes that are near and dear to our company."

Ross Mortgage's 70th anniversary kicked off in August with a day of volunteering at Life Remodeled cleaning up blight in

Gleaner's Community Food Bank and The Salvation Army.

The company attended the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Detroit in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month in October, raising over \$5,000 for The American Cancer Society. Ross Mortgage also spent a day volunteering in November at Gleaner's Community Food Bank packaging 24,513 pounds of food and creating 19,425 meals for community members in need. Finally, the company donated more than 100 coats, hats and mittens to The Salvation Army in December.

For more information, visit Rossmortgage.com or call 877-775-7088.



THE ROSS MORTGAGE TEAM celebrated the company's 70th anniversary by giving back to five local charities in 2019, including Gleaner's Community Food Bank, where the team spent a day packaging 24,513 pounds of food and creating 19,425 meals for community members in need.

Tim Ross, CEO of Ross Mortgage Corporation, made the announcement.

"There is no better way to celebrate 70 years of success than

downtown Detroit. Local organizations supported by Ross Mortgage included Detroit Public Schools Community District, The American Cancer Society,

Troy Youth Assistance Nominations

This is a great opportunity for parents, teachers, and adults in the Troy community to give special recognition to middle and high school age youth who reside in Troy (or attend Troy Schools as a school of choice student) and have made exemplary contributions to the community through service to others, personal success or heroic action.

Individual nomination categories include: Exceptional service to others; Achievement by an individual who has overcome personal challenges and/or set an example for others; Heroism or an outstanding humanitarian act; Exceptional service by an individual within an organization.

Group nominations recognize exceptional service by a club or organization.

Honorees will be recognized at a special Youth Recognition Awards Event sponsored by Troy Youth Assistance on Wednesday evening, April 29 at Troy High School.

Submit nomination form by February 12, 2020 to TroyYouthAssistance@troy.k12.mi.us.

Nomination forms can be found Troyyouthassistance.org/youth-recognition/.

For additional information, call the Troy Youth Assistance office at 248-823-5095.



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more. This is a great way to explore fascinating places by your charming Polska guide Rose. There will be plenty of opportunities for shopping. Best of all... the food – everywhere! Cost to attend is \$68 per person.

March 13 – Dance Theatre of Harlem

Join us for a Dress Rehearsal of this fabulous group the day before they perform at the Michigan Opera Theatre. Celebrating its golden anniversary, Dance Theatre of Harlem returns to the Detroit Opera House with a program showcasing 50 years of excellence. Using the language of ballet they celebrate African-American culture and bring new life to the art form. Audiences have come to love their thrilling performances that empower and inspire. Afterwards enjoy a hearty Italian lunch at La Dolce Vita's Detroit location, which has extraordinary ambiance. Cost to

attend is \$115 per person.

April 15 – Vera Bradley

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April 21 – Kiss Me I'm Russian

Look forward to lunch. Paprikash – Shredded chicken stew with sweet bell peppers, paprika, and onions in a white-wine cream sauce, served over egg noodles. Or Russian Placek (potato pancake) with sour cream, red caviar, and dill and other specialties taste delicious. Of course, there's a stop at a Russian Market. Visit an absolutely stunning Russian Orthodox Church with our very knowledgeable docent. Listen to a wonderful short talk about Russian today and a stop at the Bookstore and other fascinating places. Not in Detroit. Cost to attend is \$68 per person.

Fun Activities to Try with Your Grandchildren

Arts and Crafts

Believe it or not, a good arts and crafts session does not need to be messy – unless you want it to be. Instead, you can pull out some coloring books and crayons (or, print out free coloring pages from online). If you have a hobby such as knitting or crocheting, you can teach your children the basic steps and let them practice with some inexpensive yarn. Or, if you have a collection of buttons, your grandkids will likely enjoy going through them, sorting them, or stringing them.

Family Photo Albums

Most kids enjoy seeing photographs of their parents and other relatives as younger people – especially if you have some pictures that are less than flattering – or downright funny! So, pull out those family photo albums and take your grandchildren on a guided tour down memory lane.

A Nature Walk

Children are usually curious about the world around them. So, when the weather is nice, take them to a local park (or your own

back yard if you are close to a wooded area) and explore nature. You can get in some exercise while discovering opportunities to teach your grandkids about flowers, trees, birds, insects, and rocks.

Gardening

Again, when the weather turns warm, let your grandchildren help you in the garden. Even if you only grow a few things within a small space, most kids are fascinated by growing things. And they will likely draw a great deal of satisfaction from seeing their seeds or bulbs turn into flowers or vegetables.

A Puppet Show

It is easy to create fun puppets with socks or brown paper bags. You can also use felt, glue and popsicle sticks. Or, to get even more creative, visit your local library and pick up a book on puppet making. Then, once you have your cast of puppet characters, use them to act out your favorite story. Inexpensive puppet theaters are available, or you can simply get behind a sofa or chair.

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April 15 - Vera Bradley \$85 pp	June 8-12 Mackinac Island and Sault Sainte Marie \$585/pp/DbI occupancy
April 17 - Bingo Mania \$45 pp	July 10-11 Wright Patterson Air Force Base \$250/pp
April 21 - Kiss Me I'm Russian \$68 pp	
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Exercises to Keep You in Shape After 50

Balance: This becomes increasingly more important as you age, says Chris Clough, an elite trainer based in Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Anyone over the age of 50 should practice balancing daily - and there's a super easy way to do it. When you're using the microwave, practice standing on one foot for 10-30 seconds, Clough says. Make sure you're within safe reach of the counter. Don't microwave often? Try balancing while brushing your teeth within reach of the sink.

Cardio: It's crucial to keep your heart healthy and strong to prevent heart disease, says Michael Kuang, CEO of Syphon Fitness, a holistic fitness company specializing in personal training, corrective exercise and yoga. When you do cardio, make sure you find exercises that are low impact so you won't place undue pressure on your joints. Rowing is a great option for adults over 40 who are hoping to improve their cardio endurance, looking to torch calories, strengthen their muscles and eliminate high impact on their joints, says Caley Crawford, director of education for Row House, a national boutique rowing concept. "Recruiting over 80 percent of muscles in the body, rowing is a surefire way to spike the heart rate, and one's pace is easily modifiable if he or she wants to dial down the intensity," Crawford says.

Weights: These keep your muscles toned and strong, and they help with arthritis or osteoporosis, Kuang says. Weights will also help with posture. Try bent over rows: Take some light dumbbells or a barbell (5-10 pounds to start) and stand with your feet slightly apart, says Cary Williams, CEO of Boxing & Barbells in California. Bring your hips back as you lower your torso. Lower the weights while keeping a straight back, keeping your knees slightly bent. Then pull the weights up to the side of your body near your hips. Do three sets of 8-10 reps.

Kneeling lunge: If you've been sitting all day, then your hips will start to get tight. This exercise will help, Kuang says. Sit on your knees on a supportive mat, bringing one leg forward and keeping the foot flat. Make sure your ankle and your knee are lined up. Bring the kneeling leg back a few inches so your knee is behind your hip. Bend into the front knee just a bit, and you should feel a stretch of the hip with the knee that's behind your body. Hold the stretch for 30 seconds. Do each side 2-3 times.



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Many older adults who need to modify their homes don't know where to turn for advice or assistance—or even what modifications they may need. That's where the Eldercare Locator, a public service of the U.S. Administration for Community Living, comes in. It connects older adults and caregivers across the country to Area Agencies on Aging and other resources—that can help determine what needs to be done, how to find a contractor to do it and look for ways to pay for it all—that can help ensure their homes meet their evolving needs.

To that end, the Eldercare locator created a brochure, "Modifying Your Home for Healthy Aging." For a free copy and further advice, call (800) 677-1116 or visit the Eldercare Locator at eldercare.acl.gov/.

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(NAPSI) Whether you run a part-time business, do freelance work, or own your own business, you're in good company. About 16 million adults in America work for themselves, and nearly half that number are baby boomers.

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Instead of the familiar W-2 from a single full-time job, self-employed adults may find themselves juggling multiple 1099s, wrestling with the time-consuming work of tracking expenses.

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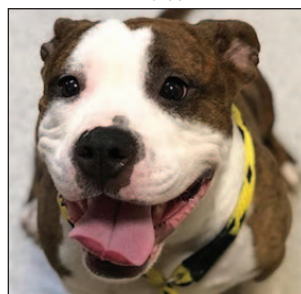
Oakland and Macomb area. Donating blood is a simple way to make a lifesaving impact in your community. The American Red Cross regularly hosts blood drives.

To view the latest blood drives in your area, or to make an appointment to donate, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

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Rep. Stevens Issues Statement on War Powers Resolution

On Thursday, Congresswoman Haley Stevens (MI-11) released the following statement after the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution to assert Congressional authority over military actions that could lead to war with Iran.

"The American people do not want a war with Iran, and I strongly believe such a war would be disastrous. This precarious

situation has reaffirmed my belief that Congress must play a central role in the decision to go to war. That is why I voted to support this resolution."

"Our top priorities must be protecting American lives, preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon, and de-escalating the situation in the Middle East to avoid a disastrous war. This resolution does not stop the

United States from acting in self-defense, preventing an imminent threat, or supporting our allies around the world. However, if President Trump decides to take military actions that could spark a major conflict and endanger U.S. service members and diplomats, he must first consult with Congress, as intended by our Founders."

Kuppa Urges Reauthorization of Older Americans Act

State Rep. Padma Kuppa (D-Troy) introduced House Resolution 208 yesterday to urge the President and the United States Senate to reauthorize the bipartisan Older Americans Act (OAA) and restore funding to Fiscal Year 2010 levels adjusted for inflation. OAA provides for meal programs, home assistance, support for family caregivers, transportation, protection from abuse and much more. In Michigan, the Office of Services to the Aging operates under the authority of the OAA and serves

nearly half a million older adults by providing leadership, resources and support for statewide programming.

"The services and funding provided by the Older Americans Act is absolutely paramount to ensuring the elders in our community have the ability to live independently and age with dignity," said Kuppa. "After a lifetime of contributions to our state and nation, we cannot let the needs of our aging citizens fall below the radar. I'm proud to stand up and fight for the

reauthorization of legislation that has had such a positive impact on our state and nation."

After it was first enacted in 1965, the OAA has been reauthorized numerous times, but recently expired at the end of September 2019. Although the U.S. House of Representatives passed its reauthorization through the Dignity in Aging Act of 2019, the legislation is still being considered by the Senate and remains unadopted.

Last Chance to Participate in Oakland County Survey

Oakland County residents have until Friday to let County Executive David Coulter know just what the priorities for his administration should be for 2020.

The 10-question online Citizen Survey asks residents to rank what is important to them in terms of jobs and the economy, public health, neighborhoods and housing, roads and transportation, among other items. Coulter has made it a priority to meet with residents and businesses to hear from those who want a voice in county government.

To take the survey, go to OakGov.com and click on the "Citizen Survey 2020" button. The survey is open until Friday. Coulter's administration will use the survey results to help the county be responsive to those who live in Oakland County and ensure the policies and strategies of county government are inclusive of all residents.

Coulter began hosting "Your County with David Coulter" meet and greets in October to hear from and engage with Oakland County residents. To date, he has visited 10 communities including Royal Oak, Clarkston, Wixom, Oxford and Novi. He has three more scheduled in January:

Holly Township Library, 1116 N. Saginaw St., Jan. 9 at 6 p.m.

White Lake Township Library, 11005 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Jan. 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Brandon Township Public Library, 304 South St., Jan. 22 at 10 a.m.

Those who wish to register for a meet and greet should visit OakGov.com and click on the "Meet & Greet with David Coulter" button.

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