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Mark's Message



On Wednesday, Dec. 2, we held our fifth annual State of the County Address. Every year, this event continues to grow and gives us a great opportunity to talk about Macomb County. If you attended, thank you for doing so. Your support means a lot. If you were unable to make it, let me provide you with a recap of what we talked about.

One of the first things I wanted to focus on in the State of the County Address was President Barack Obama's visit to Macomb Community College. I was proud that the 44th President of the United States came here. He could have gone anywhere in the world, but instead, he visited a local college of ours to talk about opportunity and promise. That's a big deal. While here, President Obama said "everybody deserves a chance to make it," and that is how I like to see Macomb County, as a place where everybody can make it.

[Click here to read more Mark's Message.](#)

Macomb's Memories

Teddy Bernard Wahby

By Cynthia S. Donahue, Macomb County Facilities and Operations

On Jan. 25, 1950 at 10:30 a.m., Canadian-born Ted Wahby arrived in the United States via the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Born on a farm in Leamington, Ontario, Wahby was the son of Joseph Assad and Hesni Khalil (Abraham) Wahby. His grandparents,

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State of the County available for viewing online



If you weren't able to attend the 5th Annual State of the County Address, don't fret. You can watch by [clicking here](#).

You can also read all about the State of the County's afterglow Taste of Macomb event on our Make Macomb Your Home blog:

[Taste of Macomb adds to State of County celebration](#)

For Your Benefit

By Macomb County Human Resources and Labor Relations

The New Year is often filled with celebration and resolutions. As you make your resolutions, consider adding "organizing your employee benefits" to the list. Human Resources has some advice to help you complete this task.

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Joseph and Sultana, immigrated to Canada from Zouk, Mikale, Syria.

In 1952, Wahby met his wife, Yvonne, at a dance in Windsor, and the couple were wed on April 25, 1953. Initially they resided in Windsor and Detroit, and then settled in St. Clair Shores in 1964 where they raised their family of six children.

Wahby served as vice president of Comerica Bank for 31 years. He began his political career in 1980, when he served on the Lake Shore School District Board of Education. He was elected to the St. Clair Shores City Council in 1983 where he served for two years, and then served as the mayor of St. Clair Shores from 1983 until 1995. From 1995 until his death, Wahby served as the treasurer of Macomb County.

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Macomb County government has many successes in 2015

Compiled by Sarah Cormier, Macomb County Executive Office

Macomb County departments have done a lot of great things in 2015. Each completed item has helped the county in some way; whether it allowed county operations to run more smoothly or provided better services to Macomb County residents, no task was unimportant. Here is a list of some of the department highlights for 2015. This list is not exhaustive, but it can provide you with a good idea of the value Macomb County government provides to its constituents.

[Click here to read more Macomb County government has many successes in 2015.](#)

MCCSA recognizes its best in 2015

By Kevin Sadaj, Macomb County Community Services Agency

On Dec. 1, Macomb County Community Services Agency (MCCSA) recognized customers, volunteers, employees and a partner organization for their unique contributions to diminish poverty and promote independence in Macomb County.



The awards reception at University Center on the campus of Macomb Community College honored several recipients who demonstrate the good things that are happening in Macomb County.

Job Perks

There are many benefits to working for Macomb County, including some of the great discounts offered to employees on certain services.

[Click to get connected to these benefits.](#)

October New Hires/Retirees

[Click for a list of October 2015's new hires and retirees.](#)

Calendar of Events

[Click here for a calendar of events for December 2015/January 2016.](#)

CARE Worklife Solutions

The county's employee assistance provider shares [some tips on how to deal with personality differences in the workplace.](#)

Tastefully Simple consultant to be at Verikuilen in Jan.

And the awards went to ...

[Click here to read more MCCSA recognizes its best in 2015.](#)

Employee Focus

Human Resources and Labor Relations -

Brian Jacks

By Sarah Cormier, Macomb County Executive Office

Brian Jacks didn't realize it when he was in high school, but he was meant for a career in human resources. It just took him, like most people, a few more years to figure it out.



As a student at Dakota High School (he was a member of the first graduating class), Jacks began working at the Macomb County Library at the front desk answering questions and taking phone calls. Upon graduation, he attended Macomb Community College with the full intention of becoming an accountant. A few classes in, however, he realized that the accountant life was not for him. He switched gears and began going to school for business administration, the field he now has a bachelor's degree in.

"I was ready to hit the real world," said Jacks.

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Arts, culture and community in 2015

By Pam Lavers, Assistant Macomb County Executive



2015 was a year focused on arts, culture and community.

I had the honor of convening a group of passionate female business leaders to create the Red Hot Macomb Committee. On a cold day in February, we painted Partridge Creek red to support the American Heart Association. It was a fabulous event raising over \$10,000 and, this year, we are planning something else unique to raise funds to support our community.

This past April, I accompanied a group on a trip to China. Traveling to another country so different from mine is an experience I'll never forget. I met new friends, learned so much about China and am grateful to my alma mater, Lake Shore Public Schools, for providing me the opportunity. The trip was educational, enlightening and inspiring. You can read more about the trip at <https://mmyh.wordpress.com/2015/04/30/assistant-county-executive-represents->



Recipe Corner



[Click for this yummy Crumbly Cran-Apple Crisp recipe provided by Michigan State University Extension.](#)

Did you know?

Mount Clemens was recently featured in a new series launched by Comcast that uncovers the unique histories of cities in Michigan. [Click to watch the program and learn more about the county seat.](#)

Blog Log

Check out our recent Make Macomb Your Home blogs to stay current on the most important happenings around Macomb County. If you have something you'd like to contribute, e-mail Sarah Cormier at cormier@macombgov.org.

Macomb Food Program hungry for more donations as holiday season approaches

macomb-county-in-china/.

[Click here to read more Arts, culture and community in 2015.](#)

Planning Department launches MacombBusiness.com blog

The Department of Planning and Economic Development has launched a new business blog on its website www.MacombBusiness.com. Featuring economic news and trends in the county, the blog will draw on the expertise of staff as well as business and community partners. Be sure to check it out!

Paw Print

News from Macomb County Animal Control



The amazing staff at Pet Supplies Plus on Garfield Road in Clinton Township worked tirelessly this holiday season to bring over \$4,500 in donations for Macomb County Animal Control. In addition to the amazing donations, Pet Supplies Plus has made itself available as an off-site adoption location for homeless cats. This has been an invaluable partnership, and everyone at

[Macomb County offers lots of holiday fun options for those on college break](#)

[How to keep kids happy over winter break](#)

[Michigan By The Bottle Tasting Room serves up local wine, snacks and fun](#)

[Rediscover a great shopping tradition at Macomb Mall](#)



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