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Get ready for Gear-Head Get Together Annual car show and much, much more, is August 17th

By Brenda Erdahl

A car show and much, much more, the great Gear-Head Get Together celebrates its ninth birthday in Maple Lake, Saturday, August 17 and a new year brings some new features.

The big change this year is the relocation of the swap meet. Instead of setting up shop at Bolduan Park and the Irish Stadium parking lot as they have in the past, the 100-plus vendors who annually attend this all gear-head sale will display their wares along Birch Ave South starting at second street. Booths will stretch down to Fourth Street then along Fourth Street West and up Maple Ave. all the way into the parking lot behind the Jude Vending warehouse.

Gear-head goes can find everything from car, motorcycle and snowmobile parts to entire cars and full motorcycles for sale at this meet. There are also lots of petroleum related items, vintage signs, artwork and collectables.

The change of venues is due to the Minnesota State Amateur Baseball Tournament being in town the same weekend at Irish Stadium.

Also new and sure to attract a crowd is Everett Jasmer's USA-1 Monster Truck. Jasmer, a Minnesota native, built one of the first generations of Monster Trucks with the original USA-1 back in the early 1970s. His team holds the title of first ever National Champion of Monster Truck Racing and during Gear-Head he'll be putting the USA-1 to work crushing cars in the grassy area between Madigans and The V by HH.

"Members of our committee

have seen him at different shows and thought he would be a good fit. We're excited that he's going to be here," Gear-Head Founder Scott Chantland said.

Like every year, the Gear-Head Get Together is free to both spectators and participants. Last year more than 1,000 vehicles and 100-plus motorcycles were showcased at the event that took over much of the city and featured musical entertainment on multiple stages and lots of food.

The event attracts thousands of people from across Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Iowa for a unique display of mechanical ingenuity that, in the words of its founder, offers "no plaques, no trophies, just a bunch of gear-heads hanging out and looking at machines."

As in years past, streets will be closed surrounding downtown Maple Lake to accommodate the multitude of shiny hot rods, collector cars, rusty remodels still in the works, motorcycles of all eras and intriguing odds and ends. The collection will stretch down to the community park where the blues band Two Dollar Tight will put music to your tour.

Back on the main stage, Pullstart Diesel will perform in the morning and The Rockin' Hollywoods will take over in the afternoon.

The Rockin' Hollywoods will be performing in conjunction with the Class of 1979's 40th reunion celebration, Chantland said.

Along with nearby local restaurants, the Maple Lake

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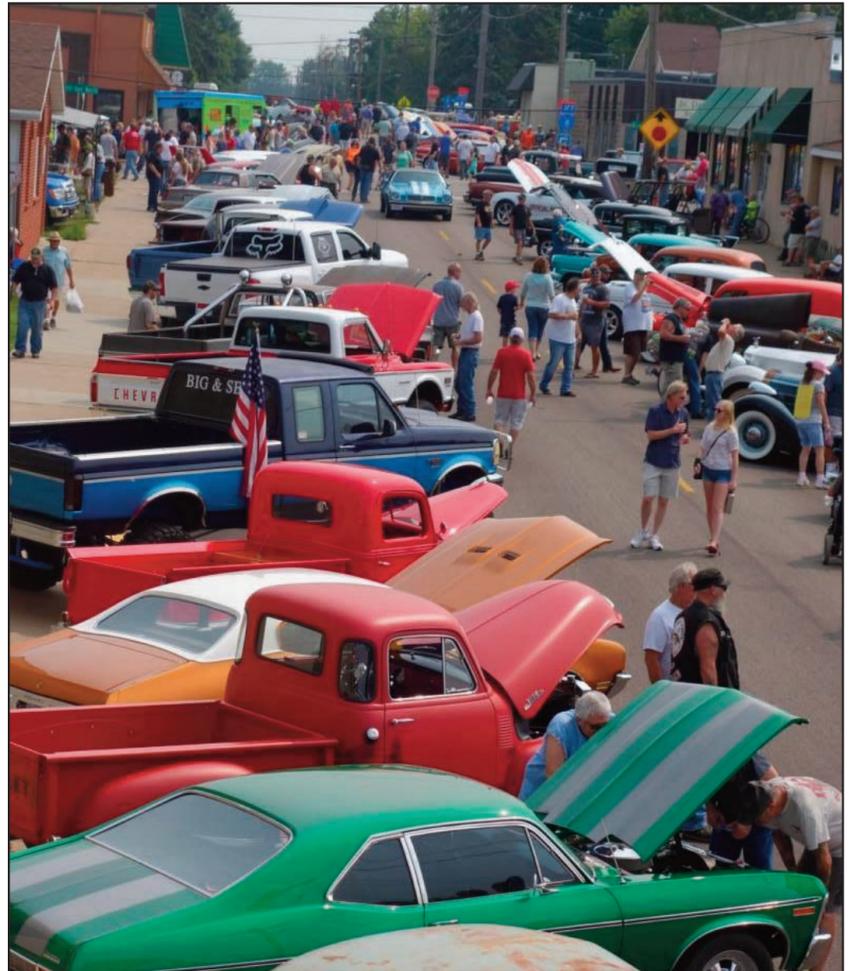
Lions will serve hamburgers, hotdogs and French fries near the main stage, at the swap meet and in the park. Bernatello's Pizza will sell pizzas and the Silver Creek Sportsman Club will be grilling up their famous pork chops. A local woman will also be selling Swedish pancakes at the swap meet.

In addition to local vendors, there will be a pulled pork stand, hotdogs in the park, sandwiches and wraps and an ice cream truck, organizer Becky Hance said.

Gear-Head committee members meet throughout the year to lift the get-together off the ground each summer. More volunteers are needed the big day, but there never seems to be a shortage as people step forward to make the day a success. Chantland emphasized that the Gear-Head Get Togethers' success, both past and future, is due to the diligent work of many capable hands including The Chamber of Commerce and the Community of Maple Lake as a whole.

"What makes it all possible is a very dedicated group of Gear-Head volunteers and an incredible group of sponsors," Chantland said.

Sponsoring this year's event are: Bernatello's Foods, Morries Ford, Veit Automotive



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Secrets to making your home look like you hired a design pro

Photo spreads in home design magazines can be awe-inspiring. Quite often homeowners wish they could lift the looks right off the pages of magazines and transform their own homes into picture-perfect retreats.

It takes an eye for design to pull a room together — even with inspiration — and make it both functional and attractive. While hiring an interior designer is one way to go, homeowners can use some of the tricks and techniques the designers employ to do a remarkably good job of improving the interiors of their homes without such help.

Embrace texture

The colors used in a home can add impact, but designers

often utilize various textures to create aesthetic appeal. A single color scheme can be enhanced by various fabrics. Consider a leather sofa made more cozy with chenille pillows next to a rustic side table. Figure out ways to incorporate a few different textures to add depth to the room.

Be careful with color

Many high-end homes showcase neutral shades that are enhanced by pops of color. If you like a rich, royal purple, leave room for other colors as well. Add touches of purple in vases, throw pillows and other accessories.

Also, many designers work in shades of three for room colors. There may be one main

color for walls, another color for larger accents, such as couches and chairs, and then a third color that pops in accessories such as flowers, pillows and collectibles. These can be any colors, but the most muted tends to be the more abundant shade.

Add a bit of bling

Glittery items and metallics can add a touch of luxury feel to any space. A shiny table lamp, mirrors, a sparkling chandelier, and the like are easy ways to produce a high-end feel. Reflective surfaces also will cast light around the room, giving the illusion of a larger space.

Choose a big statement piece

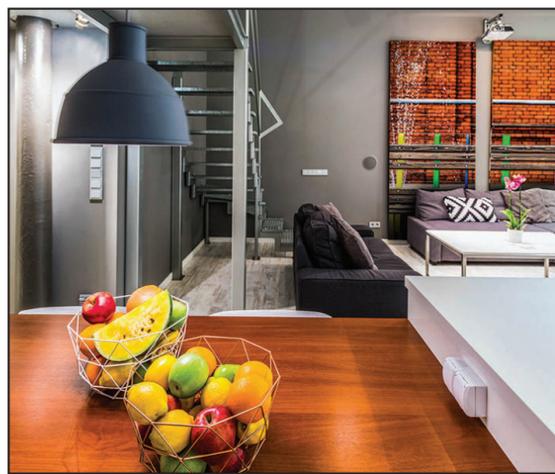
Many homeowners make the mistake of filling a room with

several small pieces of furniture that only contribute to clutter. Instead, look for a statement piece, which can be a cabinet, armoire or chaise. Mix and match large and small elements for a sense of balance.

Accessorize

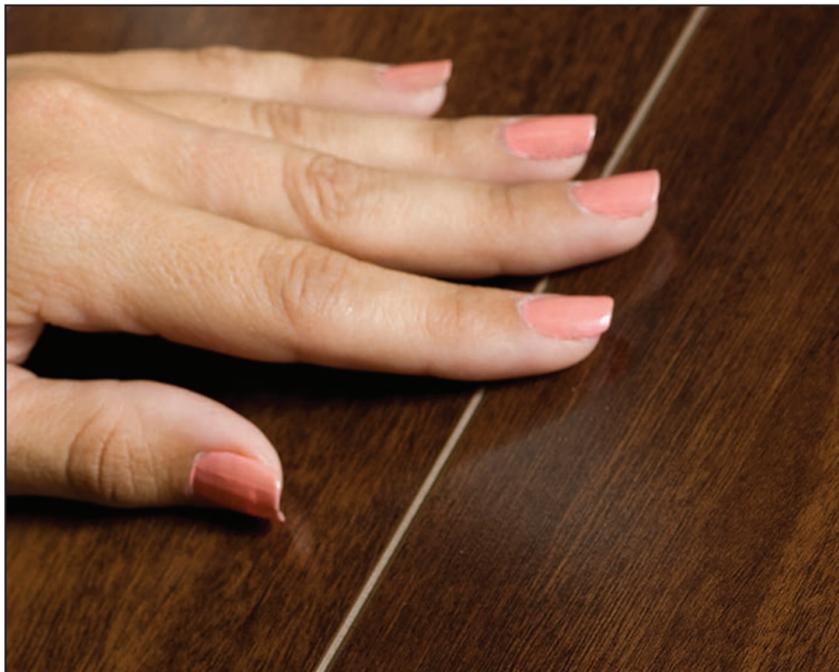
Finish the room with accessories and flowers. When placing and hanging knickknacks and wall art, odd-numbered groupings often look the most cohesive and interesting. Experiment with different scales and heights for even more dimension.

When inspiration hits, take some cues from interior design pros to make spaces look like they belong on the pages of your favorite magazines.



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How to protect wood floors from inclement weather



Homeowners need not give up on hardwood if they live in an area that sees all four seasons. They just need to take a few steps to keep floors looking beautiful.

(Photo submitted)

Wood floors are a worthwhile investment that can improve the beauty and function of just about any room in a home. Even though wood floors are durable, and new protective treatments help seal out many of the things that may have dam-

aged floors in the past, homeowners still need to prioritize protecting their hardwood floors.

Certain seasons of the year can be more harsh on wood floors than others. For example, seasons characterized by mois-

ture and precipitation, particularly the early spring, winter and fall, can be hard on wood floors. The experts at ServiceMaster Clean say that cold, snowy days can damage wood floors, and Lumber Liquidators agrees that winter weather can be harsh on

flooring.

Homeowners need not give up on hardwood if they live in an area that sees all four seasons. They just need to take a few steps to keep floors looking beautiful.

- Clean up the salt. Salt that keeps sidewalks and streets clear of snow and ice inadvertently gets tracked inside a home. Hard chunks of salt can scratch wood floors, and, if left to sit, that salt can eventually cause white marks and other stains. Routinely vacuuming and sweeping up salt is necessary to protect wood floors.

- Invest in shoe storage. Wet or snowy boots can create puddles around the house. Have a special mat or tray by the front door where wet shoes can be kept. A nice bench in the entryway makes it easy for residents and guests to remove their shoes until it's time to go back outside.

- Use water-wicking mats. Homeowners will probably need a few extra mats around to tame errant drips and wipe shoes. Any entrance that might be used by people or pets should be protected. Try to avoid petroleum-based, rubber-backed mats, as they could discolor the wood floor.

- Control humidity indoors. Cold, dry air in a home can be

problematic because the moisture in the wood can eventually evaporate into the air. The heat will suck that moisture from the flooring, causing it to shrink, creak and splinter and become more brittle. Think about investing in an in-line humidifier for the home's HVAC system that can keep a moderate amount of humidity in the home. Hardwood floorboards are installed to accommodate minor temperature and humidity fluctuations. This is typically a range of be-

tween 60 and 80 degrees F with a relative humidity range of 35 to 55 percent, advises ServiceMaster.

- Use the right cleaning products. Avoid excessive water to clean wood floors, and select soaps that are specially designed for wood flooring. Consult with the flooring manufacturer for a list of detergents that are safe to use.

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This design trend is coming back

Design trends come and go, but some have a funny way of resurfacing years after they first became popular. Homeowners who may have been considering renovating their home to remove a design element they believe to be passé might want to see if that feature has experienced a resurgence in popularity. In fact, one of the more derided home decor trends of yesteryear has slowly crept back into style, albeit in moderation.

Wood paneling is back and better than ever, advise many design professionals. It's the former ugly duckling that filled homes starting in the 1950s, creating drab dens

and faux-wood family rooms.

Paneling had long been an element of choice because it is relatively easy to install and can camouflage problem walls in a home, like those covered in boisterous wallpaper prints.

Wood paneling reached the peak of its popularity in the 1970s, and since then homeowners have been tearing down these faux-fenders for years or masking them in paint to brighten up spaces. However, the experts at Apartment Therapy report that wood paneling in shades of brown are making a comeback in cozy spots such as dens or studies. The warm tones of

wood paneling elicit a retro vibe. But unlike their fake predecessors, today's paneled walls are being outfitted in real wood, making them more eco-friendly and stylish than ever before.

Designers have flocked to reclaimed wood and veneer panelings to incorporate them into design elements. And while wood paneling used to be hung vertically, designers now experiment with hanging paneling.

Many people no longer use paneling to cover an entire space. Paneling is used sparingly as an accent wall or another feature for character. Wood walls can be

stained in a rich mahogany to look upscale or be weathered and rustic.

Homeowners ready to re-embrace wood paneling can choose to enhance one wall in a room. Think about the space above a fireplace or a strip of wall behind a sitting chair and side table. Paneling also can serve as a headboard behind a bed in a master suite. Painted horizontally, paneling can add dimension and texture to walls, even in a bathroom.

Wood paneling is slowly making a comeback, proving that no design trend every truly goes away.



Wood paneling can add a rustic feel to a bathroom. (Photo submitted)

Prevent growth of mold/mildew in colder months



It is essential to address mold before it becomes problematic. (Photo submitted)

Mold and mildew are not only unsightly, but unhealthy. These fungi grow readily in damp areas and are found in the air breathed both indoors and outside. If left unaddressed, the mold and mildew can threaten the health of a home's inhabitants.

Mildew is a type of mold that remains relatively flush with the surface it grows on. Other molds can grow puffy in appearance. Molds serve the purpose of destroying organic materials, but in high amounts, these microorganisms can cause respiratory problems, sinus congestion, throat irritation, headaches, and other issues, particularly when mold grows unchecked indoors, says Better Homes and Gardens.

As a result, it is essential to address mold before it becomes problematic.

According to Polygon, a drying technology and temporary climate solutions company, the wet season in winter is when molds often grow and expand. Mold can break down the integrity and strength of the surfaces where it grows.

Homeowners can employ the following strategies to prevent mold growth.

- Keep all surfaces clean, using proper cleaning products. Diluted bleach solutions are highly effective at killing microscopic fungi, viruses and bacteria.
- Reduce moisture and humidity by ensuring sufficient air

circulation in rooms, particularly bathrooms and kitchens. An exhaust fan will help remove moisture quickly.

Fabrics covered in mildew that can be laundered should be carefully removed and washed in chlorine bleach and hot water. An oxygen bleach product also can be effective.

Invest in a dehumidifier that can reduce moisture in the home in problem areas, such as damp basements or garages.

Fix plumbing leaks as soon as possible.

Remove damp leaves and snow from areas around the foundation of the home. Ensure that gutters and downspouts are clear of debris and can shuttle water away from the house ef-

fectively.

Replace cracked or defective mortar in basements.

Make sure all seals on windows and doors are not compromised and are in good working condition.

Be sure an HVAC in-line humidifier is adjusted to the right setting and isn't pumping too much moisture into the heated air; otherwise, the added humidity can contribute to mold.

If there is a flood or water infiltrates a home in other ways, hire a professional service to help clean and dry the home effectively.

Mold and mildew are problematic, but with diligence they can be kept at bay.

How to keep a pet-friendly home clean

Sixty-eight percent of American households, or about 85 million families, own a pet, according to the 2017-2018 National Pet Owners Survey conducted by the American Pet Products Association. Canada's Pet Wellness report indicates that approximately 35 percent of Canadian households have a dog, while 38 percent have a cat.

Dogs, cats and other companion animals can be wonderful to have around, breathing energy into a family. Despite all of the advantages pets can bring, they tend to be a little messy. However, that doesn't mean it's impossible to have a pet and maintain a clean home. Homeowners just need to take a few extra steps to help things along.

Manage pet fur. One of the persistent issues pet parents face is fur. Grooming the pet regularly (preferably outdoors) will help tame some of its fur. Covering sofas and other places where pets like to lounge with an old sheet can contain some of the fur where it can be shaken off outdoors and laundered frequently.

Upgrade your vacuum. You'll need a vacuum with strong suction to pick up fur, dirt, dander, feathers, birdseed, and any of the other debris that can accumulate thanks to pets. A vacuum with a good brush action also can dig in deep to carpets and upholstery to really clean thoroughly, say the experts at House Beautiful.

Pause for paws at the door.

Keep a small container of water by the front door. When returning from walks, dip the dog's paws into the water and dry before entering the house. This keeps dirt (and salt in the winter) from being a nuisance.

Get the right cleanser. Pet owners must contend with accidents. Look for an enzymatic cleanser that will treat stains and odors so that pets do not return to the soiled area again and again thinking this is an acceptable potty location, says Modern Dog magazine. Test an area of the carpet or floor being treated for colorfastness before applying. Address accidents promptly.

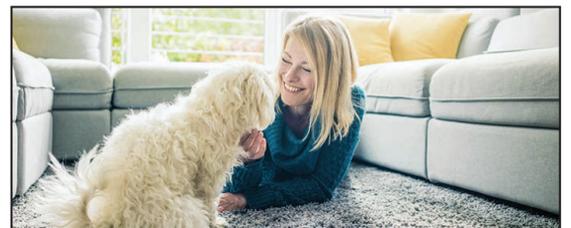
Choose the right upholstery. According to Martha Stewart Liv-

ing, look for top-grain, semi-aniline leathers, as scratches are disguised on such pieces. In terms of fabric, microfiber or microsuede are better suited to pets because the fabric is tightly woven and may be more resistant to fur and soiling.

Launder pet items. Regularly wash bedding and other belongings that pets use. This will help tame indoor odors.

Keep nails neat. Clipping dog and cat and other small animals' nails may help avoid scratches on furniture and floors. If you do not feel comfortable doing it, take the animal to a groomer.

Pet owners can keep their homes clean regardless of how much dirt their pets track into the house.



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