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Liedel added to Michigan's Fallen Heroes Memorial

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Joseph Liedel, a Monroe Township Fire Captain who died Aug. 23, has received another special honor with the placing of his name at the Fallen Heroes Memorial in Oakland County.

That presentation took place Friday.

The delegation from Monroe County for the ceremony included Monroe Township Fire Chief Mark Cherney and Monroe Township Fire Capt. Dave Nadeau. Local friends Dave and Anne Noland also attended.

"It was really an awesome thing," Cherney said later. "It was very, very neat. I am so glad that I went."

The master of ceremonies for the program was Frank Beckman from WJR News Talk 760 in Detroit; the guest speaker was Detroit Police Chief James Craig. Cherney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cherney said the department only recently learned about the memorial; and Liedel was among nine people added this year.

The Fallen Heroes Memorial is a privately funded project on the Oakland County Government Campus in Pontiac; and honors both police officers and firefighters who died in the line of duty in Michigan. The first piece of this project was a statue dedicated in 2002 depicting both a police officer and a firefighter; a wall of names was added in 2005. The dedication ceremony for new names takes place each year on Sept. 11.

"It was awesome to be able to see his name on the wall," Nadeau said about his colleague.

Liedel, age 48, collapsed in his driveway as a result of a brain bleed on July 31. He was on his way to respond to an emergency call in Monroe Township. He was taken to ProMedica Toledo Hospital, and died later of complications to his medical condition

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Joseph Liedel's name has been added to the Michigan Fallen Heroes Memorial in Oakland County. [PHOTO COURTESY DAVID NADEAU]

MCCC seeking millage renewal



Monroe County Community College is seeking to renew its fiveyear maintenance and replacement millage for further safety, accessibility and efficiency upgrades to its campus. [MONROE **NEWS FILE PHOTO]**

By Caitlin Taylor

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Monroe County Community College is seeking to renew its fiveyear maintenance and replacement millage for further safety, accessibility and efficiency upgrades to its campus.

The "Zero-increase Millage Renewal for Maintenance and Replacement" will go before voters during the Nov. 3 general election. If approved, it would renew the college's .85 mill levy for five years to implement Phase 2 of its planned infrastructure and facilities improvements at its main campus and the Whitman Center in Temperance.

"The projects covered by the Zero-increase Millage for Maintenance and Replacement fall into five categories: Updating the student services and learning environments, safety, accessibility, efficiency and deferred maintenance," officials explained.

In 2016, Monroe County voters passed MCCC's 5-Year Maintenance and Improvement Millage, allowing the college to implement Phase 1 of its plan to meet critical facility and technology needs.

By renewing, the levy would not be a new tax. If approved, the college would continue to collect .85 mills - \$0.85 per \$1,000 of taxable value – through 2025.

For a \$100,000 home, the cost would be less than about \$4 per month.

Should the proposal pass, MCCC aims to renovate collaboration spaces, classrooms, labs, offices, dining areas and other commonlyused spaces. It also plans to enhance safety and security across campus, including creating a door access control system and installing fire suppression equipment.

Another goal, officials explained, is to ensure all facilities are accessible to

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- Janice Irene Bruck, 63, of Monroe
- Viola Eleanor Condron, 91, of Monroe Racheal J. Friar, 91, of Newport
- William Edward Houser, 68, of Ida
- Christine Darnell Keck, 79, of Monroe Juanita Elizabeth Knapp, 95, of Ida
- Judith Ann Soleau, 77, of Monroe
- **Sister Margaret Sweeney,** 80, of Canton Nora L. Wilson, 70, of Carleton

Remember when...



The LaSalle Dreamland Gardens, circa 1937. Was about one-quarter mile south of Yargerville Road It actually had an early motel attached to it. [PHOTOS COURTESY THE MICHAEL HUGGINS COLLECTION]

Roller rinks brought Stevie Wonder, The Supremes, Neil Diamond and others to Monroe County

By Dave Eby

Special to The Monroe News

Roller skating was invented in Belgium in 1735 and has long been a popular pastime among residents in Monroe County. Quite a number of roller skating rinks have come and gone around the county over the

last 100-plus years. The earliest known rinks locally existed at the Monroe Piers in Monroe and at the Toledo Beach Amusement Park in LaSalle. Both were circa 1910. There was an outdoor roller rink at Toledo Beach in later years that was made of concrete and used only in the summer months. It was advertised as the world's largest outdoor rink. Some rinks started out as dance halls then became roller rinks, and others started out as roller rinks and became dance halls. Some were both simultaneously. One started as a roller rink then became a country market.



The Floral City Roller Rink in 1950 in LaSalle. This became "The Club" in the 1960s, a teen dance club.

The only one that currently exists in the county and is in operation is Dixie Skateland in Newport. It was created by Chester and Gladys Berns in 1958 and is still owned and operated by the Berns family. The Dixie used to also have sock hop dances in the 1950s and 60s and they brought in up-and-coming

music talents. The list of who played there included singers such as Bobbie Vinton, Stevie Wonder, Brenda Lee, The Supremes, The American Beetles, Neil Diamond and Fabian who jammed the floor with dancers. Another earlier rink once existed in

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people with disabilities and other special needs by upgrading restrooms and entryways.

Plans are rounded out with additional technological and maintenance updates throughout the campus.

The following is an overview of projects expected to be covered by the Zero-increase Renewal for Maintenance and Replacement, from 2021-2025:

Audrey M. Warrick Student Services Building

- Creating a space designed as a one-stop, highly accessible experience for career/major exploration, admissions, counseling/advising,
- financial aid, registration and student financial services.
- Installing an elevator that's accessible to students and visitors with physical disabilities.
- Renovating the bookstore and administrative suite for safety and security reasons, as well as improved student service.
- Renovating the dining room, including an upgrade to the A/V system.
- Physical and technological improvements to classrooms and conference rooms.
- Renovating culinary arts program facilities.
- Replacing exterior ramps and steps at all entrances.
- Replacing flooring.
- Painting. Replacing exterior
- sealants.
 Retrofitting door hardware to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards.
- Installing fire suppression equipment.

Campbell Learning Resources Center

- Renovating the library, including an expansion for student study rooms.
- Physical and technological improvements to lower-level classrooms.
- Replacing exterior sealants.
- Waterproofing and louver replacement in the basement.
- Replacing exterior sealants.
- Retrofitting door hardware to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards.
- Installing fire suppression equipment.

Campus-wide

- Renovating parking lots 3 and 7 and the parking lot at the Whitman Center in Temperance.
- Completing installation of a keycard door security system in all buildings.
- Connecting the remaining facilities to the geothermal HVAC system.
 Installing additional
- security cameras.
 Additional sidewalk
- repairs.
- Replacing/upgrading campus sound systems.

• Implementing cam-

- pus-wide paperlessscanning.Refreshing power
- supply for guaranteed protection for connected electronics.
- Transitioning ocampus lighting systems to LED lights.Completing the
- replacemen/upgrades to network electronics.
- Completing of the replacement/upgrades to wireless network.
- Completing performance of fiber optic loop redundancy work.

Career Technology Center

• Upgrades to classroom technology.

Gerald Welch Health Education Building

- Expanding and renovating to meet programming demands and health care program expansion opportunities.
- Replacing exterior metal cladding system.
- Replacing exterior door/window framing system.
- Renovating atrium for improved student collaboration and learning.
- Renovating office suite for improved efficiency and security.

La-Z-Boy Center

• Upgrading technology in classrooms and the atrium.

Life Sciences Building

• Upgrading faculty and student work spaces.

Physical Plant Building

- Renovating grounds/ maintenance facilities.
- Constructing maintenance garage/salt storage facility.
- Coating existing galvanized domestic cold water piping.
- Replacing doors.Replacing exterior
- sealants.
- Restoring the roof.

Whitman Center – Temperance

- Performing structural remediation work.
- Renovating interior to improve the learning environment, including classrooms and labs.
- Replacing flooring.
- Renovating parking lot and sidewalks.
- Cleaning and sealing exterior masonry.Replacing exterior
- sealants.
 Replacing window sills
- and sealants.

 Upgrading HVAC

• Upgrading HVAC system to geothermal.

Detroit hotels suffer, some suburban hotels doing OK amid COVID-19

By JC ReindlDetroit Free Press

With a new June date for the auto show and a massive international conference planned for July with more than 50,000 anticipated visitors, summer 2020 was supposed to be a recordsetting season for hotels in Detroit and across the metro region.

Then COVID-19 hit, and some hotels did find themselves setting records — for slow business and empty rooms.

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The pandemic and related cancellations of sporting events, festivals, large private gatherings and a lot of business and leisure travel have been a massive disruption for metro Detroit's hotel industry, especially for high-end hotels in downtown Detroit.

Prior to coronavirus, the city was experiencing a construction mini-boom of new "boutique" hotels aimed at upscale guests.

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While no prominent hotels in the region have permanently shut their doors, many properties temporarily closed during the height of the pandemic and laid off or furloughed hundreds of employees as their



Upscale hotels in downtown Detroit, such as the Shinola Hotel, are said to be suffering a significant loss of business because of the pandemic. [DETROIT FREE PRESS PHOTO BY JUNFU HAN]

occupancy rates stayed low through the spring and summer.

The big question that no one can yet answer is when Detroit's hotel business will regain its pre-pandemic momentum.

Larry Alexander, president and CEO of the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau, said suburban hotels and budget hotels have generally fared better during the pandemic than upscale downtown hotels, which are operating at a roughly 20% occupancy rate.

"We have a number of higher-end luxury hotels in downtown, and that's the category that's doing the worst," he said.

Overall, the hotel occupancy rate in the metro region of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties was just under 55% near the end of August, down from the "high 60s" a year ago, Alexander said.

"What we see is that the budget hotels and the economy hotels in the tricounty area are the ones that are doing very well," he said. "The budget hotels are running 70% occupancy, the economy hotels are running 61% occupancy, and if you just look at downtown, downtown is running about 20%."

One category that also appears to be doing well is extended-stay hotels.

LIEDEL

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Other honors since his death included a fire-fighters' procession and ceremonial walk-through as part of his funeral services on Aug. 31. The State of Michigan flags were flown at half-staff in his memory that day.

In addition, Rep. Jason Sheppard, R-Temperance, read a tribute to Liedel Thursday in Lansing as part of the Michigan House of Representatives' annual 9/11 service.

Liedel had been part of the Monroe Township Fire Department for 28 years, starting as a Fire Department Explorer and moving his way up the ranks. He became a captain in 2019.

He was part of the Monroe Township Fire Department contingent to New York City in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001; a detail that Nadeau noted in his remarks at Friday's ceremony.

"Without hesitation, he and several others from Monroe County headed to NY; arriving Sept. 12th to help our brothers and sisters in the fire service and all other first responders," Nadeau said. "We knoew what we were heading into ... We helped retrieve the remains of the dead."

Even after his death, Liedel helped others. He was an organ donor with dozens of people benefiting from that decision. For information

about the state memorial, go to www. michiganfallenheroes. com.

A video of this year's ceremony can be found at https://youtu.be/Ub7zq6hrLZw or go to YouTube and search for "Michigan Fallen Heroes Memorial."

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- "Points North: Discover Hidden Campgrounds, Natural Wonders, and Waterways of the Upper Peninsula" by Mikel B. Classen (Modern History Press). Classen includes maps, natural resources and recreational opportunities in his book.
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 Book Private Printing: "A Constant State of Emergency: Paul de Kruif, Microbe Hunter and Health Activist" by Jan Peter Verhave (Van Raalte Press). This is a biography of a University of Michigan graduate.
- Book Private
 Printing: "World
 War II Conscientious
 Objectors: Germfask,
 Michigan the
 Alcatraz Camp" by
 Jane Kopecky (Jane
 Kopecky). During
 World War II, some
 objectors refused
 to do any service
 and ended up in
 Michigan, Kopecky
 explains what happened to them.
- Book Private Printing: "Lansing's Young Architects: William Appleyard, R. Arthur Bailey and Frederick Thoman" by James V. MacLean (SoloVerso Press). The history of the buildings and their architectural forms are featured in this book.

- Book Children & Youth: "Cady and the Bear Necklace" by Ann Dallman (Three Towers Press/Henschel Haus Books). Dallman has taught on the Hannahville Indian Reservation and wrote this book to reflect the culture of the Three Fire Confederation of Michigan tribes.
- Michigan tribes.
 Communications Printed Periodicals:
 "Michigan Jewish
 History" published by the Jewish
 Historical Society of
 Michigan. The publication reached its
 60th anniversary in
 2020, and the staff
 made a number of
 updates with the
 intention of being
 even more useful to
 scholars, students
 and the public.
- E d u c a t i o n
 Educational
 Programs: Michigan
 Council for History
 Education for its
 ongoing projects such
 as hosting an annual
 conference for history teachers.
- Media: "The Detroit History Podcast."
 This project started in 2017 and has taken on topics such as the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the 1943 Detroit Riots and the 1919 Influenza Pandemic.
- Restoration/ Preservation: Tony and Tom Fahoome of Dryden for their renovation and restoration of the Liberty Building in New Baltimore. The

- Liberty Building was expected to be demolished in 2016; but has now been renovated into retail and residential space.
 - Local societies:
 Allendale Historical
 Society, whose work
 includes opening
 the Knowlton House
 Museum, developing
 a community history
 book and hosting
 tours.
- Institutions: Marine Historical Society of Detroit. Although the society has no building of its own, it assists in the acquisition of items for the Historical Collections of the Great Lakes at Bowling Green State
- University.

 Best Article in

 Michigan History

 Magazine:
 - "Contaminated Michigan: The PBB Crisis" by Claire Parish. Parish's article details the story of how a fire-retardant chemical ended up in cattle feed.
- Best Article in Chronicle Magazine: "Hopes, Half-Measures, and Hypocrisies: Desegregating

Kalamazoo Schools" by Mclevy Strong-Morse. This article details the impact of a 1971 desegregation ruling and the racial segregation that returned two decades later.

Conference registration details and session descriptions are available on HSM's website: hsmichigan.org.

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