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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The Detroit News: Oakland County high-school students get glimpse into how local government operates

"About 100 area high school students got an up-close view of government Monday as they met with Oakland County officials, including County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, for the 33rd annual Youth in Government Day.... Besides Patterson, students met Circuit Court Chief Judge Nanci J. Grant, Sheriff Michael Bouchard, Clerk/Register of Deeds Lisa Brown and Oakland County Board of Commissioners' chairman Michael J. Gingell."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Oakland Press: Oakland County's Youth in Government Day teaches ins and outs of local political process

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Macomb eyes tougher outdoor smoking law

"The Macomb Board of Commissioners' Health and Human Services Committee voted Monday to recommend adoption of a county ordinance that would prohibit smoking within 100 feet of entryways at county buildings and courts."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Suspended underwear bomber lawyer will need to exit Ferguson retrial

"A Detroit attorney who represented the underwear bomber has been suspended from practicing law for six months. The Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission had accused Anthony Chambers of mishandling approximately \$40,000 in clients' money and committing other violations of professional conduct."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Underwear bomber lawyer suspended for 6 months

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Defense lawyer in 'Underwear Bomber' case gets six-month suspension

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Macomb judge addresses ADTC gathering

"The Association of Defense Trial Counsel (ADTC) presented guest speaker Macomb County Circuit Court Judge Mark Switalski at its recent meeting at Gowanie Golf and Country Club in Harrison Township. 'I'm newly returned to the civil/criminal docket this year, 2013, from the Family Division,' noted Switalski."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.

The Macomb Daily: Drunken driving charge maintained against judge's girlfriend

"A judge has denied a Macomb County judge's girlfriend's request to suppress evidence in her Oakland County drunken driving case. Brenda Conway, Judge Richard Caretti's girlfriend, lost her motion to toss out some or all of the evidence against her regarding the allegation she drove intoxicated with Caretti's two minor children in her vehicle in January, a misdemeanor punishable by a minimum of five days up to one year in jail."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune and the Oakland Press.

The Macomb Daily: New, temporary phone numbers at Macomb court

“Macomb County Circuit Court has established temporary telephone numbers for judges and court staff to maintain communication with the public. Circuit and Probate courts’ phone and computer systems – including the Courtview public access site -- were knocked out by last Wednesday’s fire at the old County Building in downtown Mount Clemens.”

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Macomb Daily: Hackel blames computer breakdown on longtime ‘lack of leadership’

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland Press.

The MiLW Blog: Cart before the horse: Can’t get summary disposition from a motion to strike

“ ‘Cleaning up the pleadings at the outset of a case constitutes a laudable undertaking, but the Court’s ability to do so is circumscribed by the Michigan Court Rules.’ So said Kent County Judge Christopher Yates, sitting as a business court judge. He was remarking about an early state of pleading affairs in Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance v Varnum, Riddering.”

[Full story](#)

Muskegon Chronicle: Sex with dogs lands Muskegon man in prison as judge exceeds sentencing guidelines

“A Muskegon County judge went above state sentencing guidelines to order Kurtis Peter Peterson to state prison for between one and 15 years for repeatedly having sex with dogs.... A sentence to the Michigan Department of Corrections – even though Peterson will be eligible for his first parole consideration soon – makes it likelier he’ll be kept in a controlled setting, which 14th Circuit Judge Timothy G. Hicks considers essential.”

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Removing mysteries

“On Tuesday, April 9, the Citizens Alliance for the Oakland County Probate and Circuit Courts offered a free seminar titled ‘Removing the Mysteries of Probate Court’ at the Troy Community Center. Panelists for the program included Jill Koney Daly, probate register for the Oakland County Probate Court, and attorney Michael Fraleigh of The Fraleigh Law Firm.”

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Appeals court won't revive lawsuit over 2010 oil spill

“The owners of a Marshall child care center who claim an oil spill killed their business can no longer sue Enbridge Energy. The Michigan appeals court says a Calhoun County judge was right to dismiss the lawsuit by Clyde and JoAnn Griffin.”

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press Blog: Michigan Supreme Court Considers Family Court Judge's Lack of Candor

“Truly, divorce is Hell. No one can attest to this more directly than embattled Wayne County Family Court Judge Deborah Ross Adams. After 3-years of her own grueling divorce proceeding [understandably transferred from Wayne County to the Oakland County Family Court] during which Judge Adams ducked

media-scrutiny of the disintegration of her 30-plus year marriage, the good Judge really hit the jackpot when her attempts to 'right a wrong' at the midnight hour of her divorce went totally awry."

[Full story](#)

Sturgis Journal: Court: Child welfare workers cannot be sued in Springer case

"Child welfare workers cannot be sued in the death of a Centreville teen who died in a 2008 fire, even if they knew she was regularly tied to her bed by her parents, a federal appeals court said. A three-judge panel said the Department of Human Services clearly had contact with the girl and her parents long before the 'undeniably tragic' death."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Court: Workers can't be sued in girl's death

[Full story](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Grand jury to probe cause of fungal infections

"The Michigan Court of Appeals approved a request for a grand jury to investigate whether the New England Compounding Center, a Massachusetts company, broke any state laws when it allegedly distributed tainted steroid injections to four Michigan clinics."

[Full story](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Grand Traverse to survey public about courthouse bell

"Grand Traverse County commissioners will gather public input about restoration of the bell atop the county's circuit courthouse. The bell used to ring every hour and half-hour, but it fell silent in 2008 because of budget and safety concerns."

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